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**Bill Waggoner Resigns;  
Aucoin Elected Warden**

Bill Waggoner of Moss Point Msgr. P.J. Carey Council 1605 resigned as State Warden effective Nov. 1 to accept a job promotion with the U.S. Marshals Service that will relocate him to Washington, DC.

State officers elected Noel Aucoin of D'Iberville Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 to complete Bill's remaining term. Noel also will continue his duties as State Membership Chair.

Bill served the Mississippi Jurisdiction as State Program Director for two years and then as State Membership Director for four years prior to being elected State Warden at the 2009 State Convention. He also served one year as the Southern Region Membership Coordinator.

"His leadership in these positions contributed to our success in recent years," said State Deputy Peter Sukanek in announcing the changes.

"Bill will be missed in Mississippi. We wish him all the best as he takes on his new role in the nation's capitol."

# The Magnolia Knight

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**A Word from the State Deputy**

**Giving Thanks - Notably for What We Often Take for Granted**

*By Peter Sukanek*

One of my students stuck his head in my office to let me know that he finally got the solution to a problem he had been working on for several days. He was happy. He was thankful. He just wanted to let someone know, and I happened to be the closest one around at the time.

Unlike my student, who had this one-time windfall, I have numerous things I should be thankful for each day. These are, however, not one-time occurrences, but happen continuously, so I have become used to them. I don't treat them as "special" anymore.

At this Thanksgiving season, it is probably good to take a few minutes to remind ourselves of some of the aspects of our lives for which we should give thanks, especially those we often take for granted each day. Here are some I can think of fairly quickly:

- my wife, who has put up with me for 40 years;
- my children who, although they don't always do what I think they should, are all good, loving people;
- my grandchildren, healthy and not old enough to ignore what I say;
- my Catholic faith;
- my parish priest, and indeed all priests, who says Mass each day for all of us. We should remember them all especially during this Year of the Priest;
- my country, and the liberty and standard of living it affords me;
- the men and women of the armed services who put their lives on the line to defend that liberty
- the men and women of the local po-

lice and fire services, who also put their lives on the line for me and who do their duty according to the rule of law;

- my job. Not only does it provide me with the ability to care for my family, it's interesting, different every day and lets me meet new people all the time;
- the Knights of Columbus, which has given me the opportunity to get involved with my church and my community, and which has given me the chance to meet a number of great people throughout the state;
- the State program directors and District Deputies, who have volunteered their time to help insure a successful year for Mississippi
- Fred Middleton, who does a great job on this Magnolia Knight each month;
- my fellow State officers, for their continued support and teamwork; and
- all the Knights of Mississippi who elected me as State Deputy and put their trust in me to do a good job on their behalf.

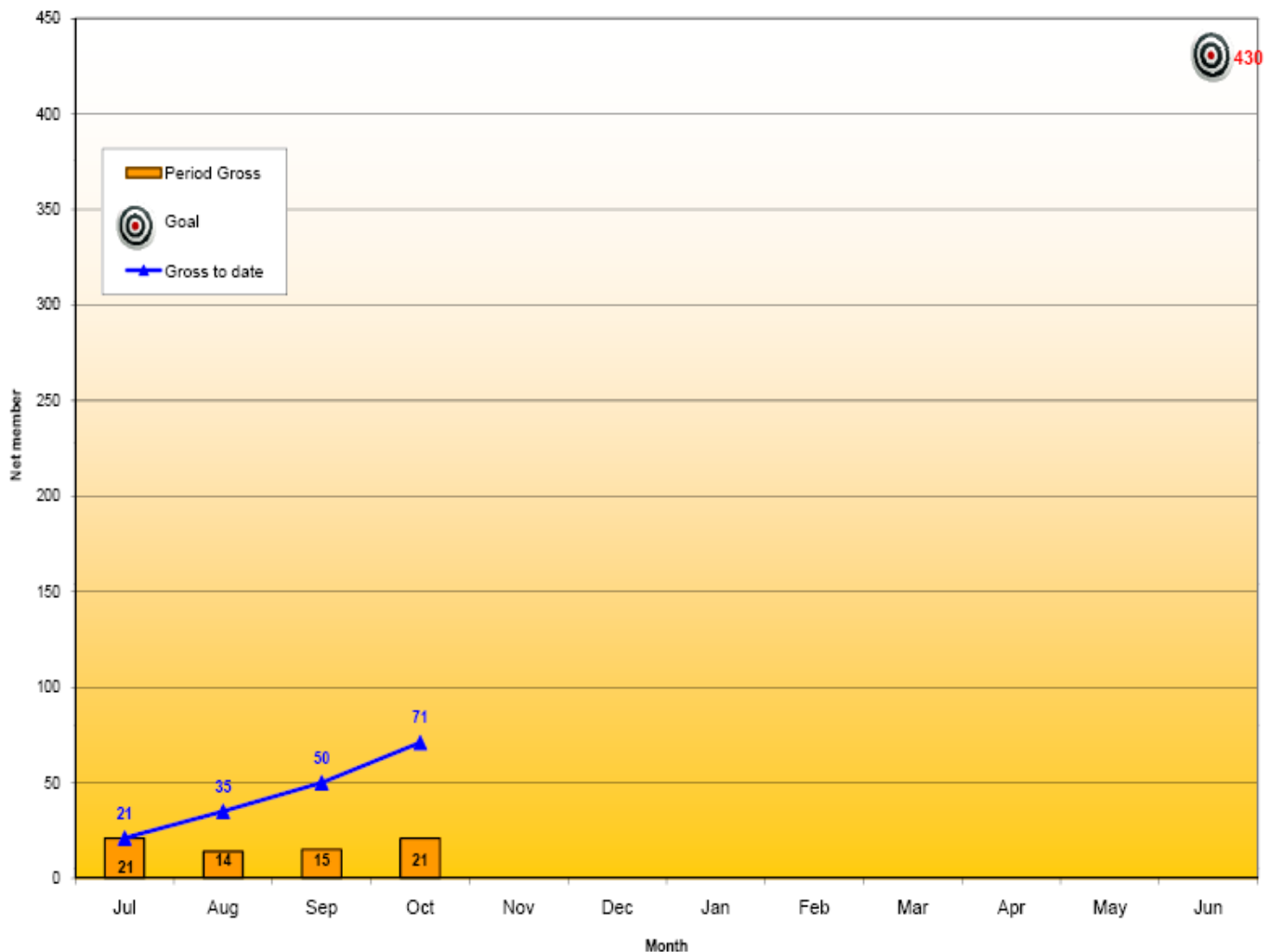
There are probably many others that I cannot thank of right now.

Thank you - all of you. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.





### Mississippi Jurisdiction 2009 Membership Tracker Gross Membership



### ***A Round Table Releases A Council's Recruiting Power***

*By Danny Lechner, Immediate Past State Deputy*

In order for the Knights of Columbus to have an impact on the entire Catholic population in Mississippi, it is imperative for us to have representation in every church. To accomplish this, we must either have a Council or a K of C Round Table in every Parish church, large or small.

Where there are Councils that have multi-church members, a Round Table is desirable.

A Round Table allows members to fulfill the desires of their particular pastor by using the manpower of their Council.

For additional information on establish-

ing or maintaining a Round Table, see the brochure entitled "Knights of Columbus Round Table Program," item No. 2632.

By establishing a Round Table, not only do we help the church and the pastor,

### ***3 Families Receive Supreme's September Award***

The families of Mark and Jennie Dibiase of Greenville Fr. Korstenbroek Council 2134, Ronald and Suzanne Meyers of Gautier St. Mary's Council 9124 and Ryan and Loren Pratt of Gluckstadt at St. Joseph Council 11934 were recipients of Supreme's September Family of the Month award.

Other Council's which submitted entries for the drawing included: 802,1034, 1244, 2180, 4898, 5654, 6765, 6872, 7120, 7211, 9094, 9543, 9673, 10216, 10443, 10499, 10901, 11956, 14051.



**Boatswain Mate Master Chief Petty Officer James Jackson passes under the arched swords of a 4th Degree Honor Guard on his way to lay the wreath honoring the nation's veterans during the Msgr. P.J. Carey Assembly's annual Veterans/Memorial Day program. Deacon Mike Gilly (from left), Michael Meehan and Past Faithful Navigators John Albano, Robert Barr, James Jackson, Benny French and Lee Chandler participated in the program that this year honored the victims of the recent Ft. Hood shootings.**



### **Ft. Hood Victims Honored in Pascagoula Assembly Program**

**By Deacon Mike Gilley**

The Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly of the Pascagoula area held its annual Veterans/Memorial Day program at the I-10 Welcome Center at the Mississippi-Alabama State line.

The event paid special tribute to those killed and wounded in the recent shooting incident at Fort Hood, TX. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus, and the Assembly honors the nation's veterans and others for their service.

Past Faithful Navigator John Albano served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. The wreath was laid by Boatswain Mate Master Chief Petty Officer James Jackson, a 27-year Navy veteran. During his years in the Navy, he saw service twice in Korea, attached to both amphibious and mine warfare forces. John also served as an advisor to the Vietnamese 3<sup>rd</sup> Riverine Force as a member of River Assault Group 24. During his time in Vietnam, Jackson received the Purple Heart for wounds received in October 1967.

Sir Knight Jackson retired in July 1994 after 17 years with Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp. Since his retirement, he has continued to reside in Gautier with his wife, Jean, and is active in the local Purple Heart League, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fleet Reserve Association. He is a member of St. Mary's Council 9124 and a Past Faithful Navigator of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

The Interstate 10 Welcome Center houses a display of the USS Cole, DDG-67 and the "To Be a Patriot" award that Supreme presented the Assembly in 2001 for its programs to honor those distinguished Americans.

### **Let Us Hear From You!**

**Send photos and coverage of activities in which your Council, Assembly and Auxiliary are involved to:**

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### **Keep the Gerow Fund On Fund-Raising Radar**

**By Don Cox, Chair  
Gerow Priest Fund**

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop Gerow's ordination as a priest and the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his appointment as the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Natchez. At that time, the Diocese included the entire state of Mississippi.

He was a strong supporter of various programs that raised funds for seminarians. He was also a supporter of the Knights of Columbus, which included serving as State Chaplain and as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight.

This brief account of his priestly life provides background for his selection as the namesake for our priest education program.

As we approach the Christmas season, let us remember to promote program activities that raise funds to make donations to this important State Convention function. Once again, we request that you make your donations prior to April 15. This will assist us in the record-keeping process. Remember to use the designated transmittal form with your donation to David Scott and a copy of the transmittal to me. Additional copies of the transmittal for will be distributed at the mid-year meetings.

Vivat Jesus.

### **Pro-Life Corner**

Put a baby bed in the vestibule of your church and use it to collect baby items for those families in need of baby bed linens, clothing and diapers for their new babies.

Have your Financial Secretary contact a billboard company about putting up a "Keep Christ In Christmas" billboard for December. There is no better way to promote life than by stressing the most important reason for this time of joy.

If your Council does not have the resources for such a project, prepare a bulletin board or poster for your church. Materials are available free of charge from Supreme.



## Seven K of C Teams Compete in Grillin' for Life Event



Seven Knights of Columbus teams participated in all four meat categories of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Grillin' For Life BBQ Cook-off last month at Madison. The K of C Division placements are as follows:

1. Madison St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543.
2. Jackson St. Therese Council 8285.
3. Batesville Fr. Thomas M. Boyce Council 13502.
4. Brandon St. Paul Council 10216.
5. Starkville Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765.
6. Pearl St. Jude Centennial Council 8038.
7. Jackson John T. Savage Council 848.

Those Councils also participated in the pro division of the contest.

Two K of C teams participated in the Backyard division, with Holly Springs St. Joseph Council 8760 capturing first place and Vicksburg Council 898 placing second. *(Submitted by Gerry Clark.)*

## Honoring the Clergy with New 1st Degree Certificates

### Be it known that

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**First Degree**  
during the

**Year for Priests**  
proclaimed by

**His Holiness**

**Pope Benedict XVI**

Date

**Carl H. Anderson**  
Supreme Knight



**KNIGHTS  
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**In Solidarity With Our Priests**

**Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has requested that all 1st Degree Exemplifications from now until the end of the Fraternal Year honor a member of the clergy. New Knights can be presented with a reminder of their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, noting they were exemplified during the Year of the Priest. These certificates are available from Supreme.**

## Jackson Vocation Report By Deacon Lawrence Campbell

Scott Thomas, one of the Diocese of Jackson's 10 seminarians, was ordained a Transitional Deacon on Nov. 14 at St. Peter the Apostle Cathedral by Bishop William R. Houck. Deacon Thomas is returning to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans to continue his studies. His ordination to the priesthood is scheduled for next summer.

Other seminarians are Rusty Vincent and Binh Nguyen at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans; Greg Davidson, now on Pastoral Internship at St. Francis Church in Brookhaven through next summer; and Juan Chavajay and Jose de Jesus Sanchez at St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, LA. We also have Adam Nobles who is currently a sophomore at Mississippi State University in Starkville. He probably will enter St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict in the fall of 2010. We have three Mexican seminarians studying in Morelia, MX. They are Candido Alvarez, Adolfo Suarez and Cesar Sanchez.

We are not now assisting the seminarians studying in Mexico through the RSVP Program. Getting money into Mexico at this time is very difficult. Currently, Adam Nobles and Binh Nguyen are not being assisted through RSVP. Please contact Fr. Kent Bowlds if your Council/Assembly wishes to assist these two men. Very recently, seven Councils raised \$550 for seminarian Binh Nguyen for the purchase of a laptop computer.

A one-time donation of money, from any group, can always be added to a fund Fr. Kent has for unexpected seminarian needs. Of course, one of the best means of support does not cost a dime - just the time to write a letter with an expression of prayer and support. Most of all, we need the Knights' prayers for all vocations, and for Knights to react with encouragement when a son or grandson says, "Dad, Granddad, I'm thinking about becoming a priest."

**Biloxi Council Presents Quarterly Awards, PID Check**

**Family Affairs Director Pete Hebert presents award to Bro. Matthew, Erica, Dylan and Sydney Busby, July's Family of the Month.**

**By Joe Ravita**

Quarterly Family of the Month and Knight of the Quarter awards were presented by Biloxi Council 1244 during a program that also included the presentation of a check to ARC of the Gulf Coast.

Chaplain Rev. Anthony Arguelles, Rector of Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, opened the dinner with a special prayer of blessing and thanksgiving.

Special guests included members of ASGARD Motorcycle Club. The club's spokesperson, Tommy 'Joe' Wiltz, Council 1244 Past Grand Knight, expressed gratitude for the Council's support of the club's annual Christmas Toy Run for needy children and the many other community involvement efforts.



**Members of the ASGARD Motorcycle Club, whose annual Christmas Toy Run for needy children draws support from Council 1244, were special guests at the Council's Quarterly Awards Dinner. Tommy 'Joe' Wiltz (center), a Past Grand Knight of the Council, expressed his appreciation for the Council's support.**



**Brother and sister Gerald and Norma Jean Lamey were recipients of the August Family of the Month award.**

Bro. Pete Hebert, the Council's Director of Family Affairs, presented Family of the Month awards to Matthew, Erica, Dylan and Sydney Busby (July), brother and sister Gerald and Norma Jean Lamey (August) and Albert and Ruby D'Orville (September).

The Knight of the Quarter Award was presented to Bro. Jim Higginbotham. A member of the Knights of Columbus since 1944, Bro. Jim has been a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member for several years and has held a variety of K of C positions through the years.

Bro. Jim Rigby, who chairs the Council's People with Intellectual Disabilities drive, presented a \$1,723.24 check to Robert Locke, Executive Director of The Arc of the Gulf Coast, a humanitarian organization

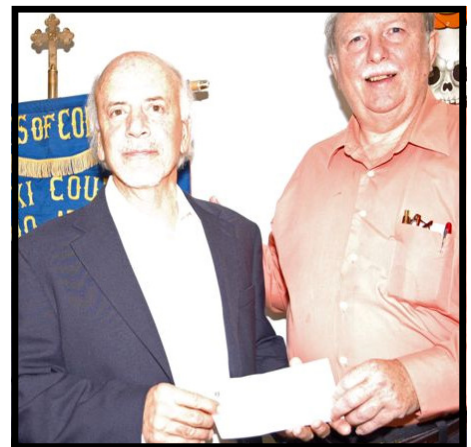


**The September Family of the Month award went to Albert and Ruby D'Orville.**

tion concerned with the special needs of intellectually challenged citizens.



**Bro. Jim Higginbotham receives the Knight of the Quarter award from Director Hebert.**



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