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Coming Events

Corpus Christi Vocations Weekend

June 3, Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, 12:05 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Benediction, 6 p.m.

June 4, Adoration, followed by 5 p.m. Vespers and Benediction. Bishop's Ball, 6:30 p.m., The Country Club of Jackson.

June 5, Ordination Mass of Scott Thomas to the priesthood, 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Cathedral.

June 6, Corpus Christi procession following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, St. Peter Cathedral, with other parishes invited to hold processions as well.

July 10, State Organizational Meeting and installation of 2010-11 officers, St. John's Church, Oxford.

July 11, Northern District School of Columbianism, St. John's Church, Oxford.

The Magnolia Knight



A Word from the State Deputy

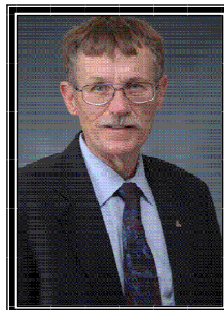
Let's Make These Final Months of the Year Our Best

By Peter J. Sukanek

Those of you who attended our State Convention in Natchez a few weeks ago can attest to what a good experience that was. I would like to thank once again the Natchez Council for their hard work in putting on a successful convention. We all appreciate your effort and dedication.

Another thank you goes to the convention delegates who reelected me as State Deputy for my second term. It is truly an honor for me to represent Mississippi and all the many important programs you do for the Church, your communities and the world. Let me mention a few here.

The primary principle of our Order is Charity, and we have done an outstanding job in that area. In September 2009, a typhoon hit the Philippines. Later, in January 2010, a devastating earthquake struck Haiti. Both countries were, and still are, in severe distress. Many Mississippi Councils provided financial support for both of these disasters. We are called to assist the poor and the most vulnerable in our society. You have done that with programs to raise money and materials for local food pantries and supplied the manpower to work there. You have held numerous fundraisers and collected materials to support local pregnancy crisis centers. You have sponsored programs to pray for an end to abortion. Several Councils sponsored pro-life programs for the parish and the local community with invited speakers from statewide pro-life organizations. This past year, our Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PID Program or "Tootsie



Roll Drive") brought in about \$71,000 which was distributed to organizations throughout the state to help people with physical and mental disabilities. This year's Bishop Gerow fund raised \$91,813 to assist in the education of our seminarians.

Councils have sponsored many excellent programs in the six activity areas of the Knights. You have visited local hospitals and held Christmas parties for the children there. You visited veterans' homes and retirement homes, and prepared a special meal for the residents, or just spent some time with them talking and sharing stories. You distributed Christmas baskets, helping make a happy time for many families that would otherwise have had little to eat and no presents for the children. You helped homeless veterans on the coast by collecting and distributing personal hygiene products. You celebrated family life with cookouts and campouts. You supported your parishes by raising money for the building projects, or by doing the building yourselves. You helped the widows of departed brother Knights by fixing up their homes.

You did all these and many more activities not because you had to, not because you were looking for some reward, but because they were the right thing to do, because if you did not do them, no one else would. I congratulate you.

We are now moving into the last months of our fraternal year. Let's make certain they are the best of the year.

Vivat Jesus!

Bishop Gerow Fund Contributes \$91,813

The Bishop Gerow Fund for priest education netted \$91,813 during the 2009-10 Fraternal Year, with checks presented to the Diocese of Jackson for \$48,341 and to the Diocese of Biloxi for \$43,472 during the State Convention in Natchez.

"It was another successful year for the Bishop Gerow Fund," said Chair Don Cox in his report to delegates. "My sincere thanks goes to all who worked so hard to provide funds to support the education of our seminarians."

Leading the way in the collection of funds in the Jackson Diocese were Meridian Council 802 with \$11,380; Greenville/Leland Assembly 555 with \$1,500; and Ladies Auxiliaries Greenville/Leland 2134 and Clinton 7854 with \$500.

The leading contributors in the Biloxi Diocese were Picayune Council 6872 and Assembly 2227 with \$6,010 and \$2,734, respectively; and D'Iberville Ladies Auxiliary 9094 with \$500.

"There were only seven Councils in each Diocese who did not make a donation," Chairman Cox noted. "To these Councils, I suggest one function to raise funds for this worthwhile cause in the coming year. To those Councils who made donations, I encourage you to keep up the good work of the past."

4 State Families Honored

Mississippi had four winners in Supreme's random drawing "Family of the Month" contest. They are Robert and Anna Fratesi, 2134 Greenville; Robert and Barbara Illanne, 9124 Gautier; Dominic and Maribelle Barberi, 10499 Ocean Springs; and William and Carolyn McClellan of 12271 Gulfport.

Other Councils participating in March were 802, 2180, 5654, 6765, 6872, 7120, 7211, 7915, 9543, 10216, 10443, 10901, 11934, 11956, 13936 and 14051.

2009-10 Top State Awards

Family of the Month

100 Percent Participation Awards - Councils 802, 898, 1908, 2134, 2180, 5654, 6765, 6872, 7120, 7915, 9094, 9124, 9543, 9673, 10216, 10443, 10499, 10901, 11956, 12271, 14051

Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Awards

Most Money Raised - Council 8848 Father Robert Reitmeier Council, Tupelo

Most Raised Per Capita - Council 8912 St James the Lesser Council, Corinth

Insurance Agency Awards

Agent of the Year - Paul Byrne

Seminarian Education Trust Fund Largest Donors - Jackson Diocese, Council 9543 Madison; Biloxi Diocese, Council 4472 Pass Christian

Top Proposer Awards

Individual North - Mike Kassouf

Individual Central - Charles Wilkerson

Individual South - Larry Necaise, Roger Fettes

Membership Awards

Highest Net Small Council - 8054 Charles R. Brill Council, McComb

Highest Net Medium Council - 4472 Monsignor Leech Council, Pass Christian

Highest Net Large Council - 1908 Bishop Fahey Council, Hattiesburg

Highest Net Extra Large Council - 10216 St Paul Council, Brandon

Highest Percentage Small Council - 14051 Father Leo John Dehon Council Olive Branch

Highest Percentage Medium Council - 4472 Monsignor Leech Council, Pass Christian

Highest Percentage Large Council - 6765 Father John P Egan Council, Starkville

Highest Percentage Extra Large Council - 10216 St Paul Council, Brandon

Council Awards

Top Gun Council Awards - 4472 Monsignor Leech Council Pass Christian, 8760 St. Joseph's Council Holly Springs, 10216 St Paul Council Brandon, 10901 St John Council Oxford, 12331 Sacred Heart Council Dedeaux, 14051 Father Leo John Dehon Council Olive Branch

Honor Council Awards - 802 Monsignor John J Burns Council Meridian, 848 John T. Savage Council Jackson, 1522 Pere Le Duc Council, Bay St Louis, 2134 Father Korstenbroek, Greenville, 2180 Laurel Council Laurel, 4472 Monsignor Leech Council Pass Christian, 4898 St. Vincent de Paul Council Long Beach, 5267 Monsignor John F Clerico Council Greenwood, 5556 Father Rotondo Council Cleveland, 5654 Fred L Westbrook Sr Council, Ocean Springs, 7915 Joseph Bonfiglio Council Brookhaven, 8285 St Therese Council Jackson, 9673 James D Hart Council Woolmarket, 11541 St James Council Gulfport, 11956 Father Patrick Quinn Council Tylertown, 12271 St Joseph the Worker Council, C.B. Base

Council of Excellence Awards - 1034 R.O. Gerow Council Natchez, 1908 Bishop Fahey Council Hattiesburg, 6765 Father John P Egan Council Starkville, 7910 Father Harry Wade Council Gulfport, 13471 Father Raphael Toner Council, Philadelphia, 8760 St. Joseph's Council Holly Springs, 9094 Father Patrick McAlpine Council D'Iberville, 9409 Reinhart Schroeder Council West Biloxi, 11934 Gluckstadt Council Gluckstadt

Distinguished Council Awards - 6872 Oscar J. Gelphi Council Picayune, 8760 St. Joseph's Council Holly Springs, 9094 Father Patrick McAlpine Council D'Iberville, 9409 Reinhart Schroeder Council, West Biloxi, 11834 Gluckstadt Council Gluckstadt.

Stellar Council Awards - 10216 St. Paul Council Brandon, 10901 St. John Council Oxford, 14051 Father Leo John Dehon Council Olive Branch

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2009-10 Top State Awards (Continued from Page 2)

State Poster Contest

8-11 Drug Awareness, 802 Meridian,
12-14 Drug Awareness 802 Meridian
8-11 Alcohol Awareness 11 2134 Greenville

Best Newsletter Awards

Small Council 14051 Olive Branch
Large Council 1720 Southaven
Extra Large Council 802 Meridian

Best Scrapbook Awards

Small Council 11956 Tylertown
Medium Council 7211 Lumberton
Large Council 6765-Starkville
Extra Large Council 9543-Madison

Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards

Jackson Diocese Council 9543-Madison
Biloxi Diocese Council 1908-Hattiesburg (tie), Council 9094-D'iberville (tie)

Best Vocations Project Awards

Large Council 2180 Laurel
Extra Large Council 9543 Madison

Bishop Gerow Priest Education Awards

Jackson Diocese Council 802 Meridian, Assembly 555 Greenville/Leland, Ladies Auxiliary 2134 Greenville/Leland, Ladies Auxiliary 7854 Clinton

Biloxi Diocese Council 6872 Picayune, Assembly 2227 Picayune, Ladies Auxiliary 9094 D'Iberville

Best Project Awards

Best Church Activity 5654 Ocean Springs (Refurbishing the Church Pews)
Best Community Activity 12271 C.B. Base (Veterans Helping Veterans)
Best Council Activity 9543 Madison (Installation of School Windows)
Best Family Activity 9543 Madison (Family Campout and Memorial Service)
Best Youth Activity 9543 Madison (Elementary School Fund Raiser)
Best Pro-Life Activity 9543 Madison (Grillin' for Life)

Best Council Awards

Extra Large Council 9543 St. Francis of Assisi Council Madison
Large Council 1908 Bishop Fahey Council Hattiesburg
2180 Laurel Council Laurel
Medium Council 12271 C.B. Base

Other Awards

Best District Deputy Roger Feters, District 11
Knight of the Year Greg Lovelady, 9543 Madison
Family of the Year Ronnie and Traci Morales, 2180 Laurel



Honor Guard takes its place; State Master Larry Tabor (left) and State Warden Noel Aucoin offer their congratulations to Roger Feters, District Deputy 11, who was voted Best District Deputy for the year at the State Convention (top); and State Deputy Peter Sukanek and Co-Ceremonials Director and Past State Deputy Rich Leiding also shared the moment with Roger.

Officer Installation July 10

The state organizational meeting and installation of State Officers is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, at St. John's Church in Oxford.

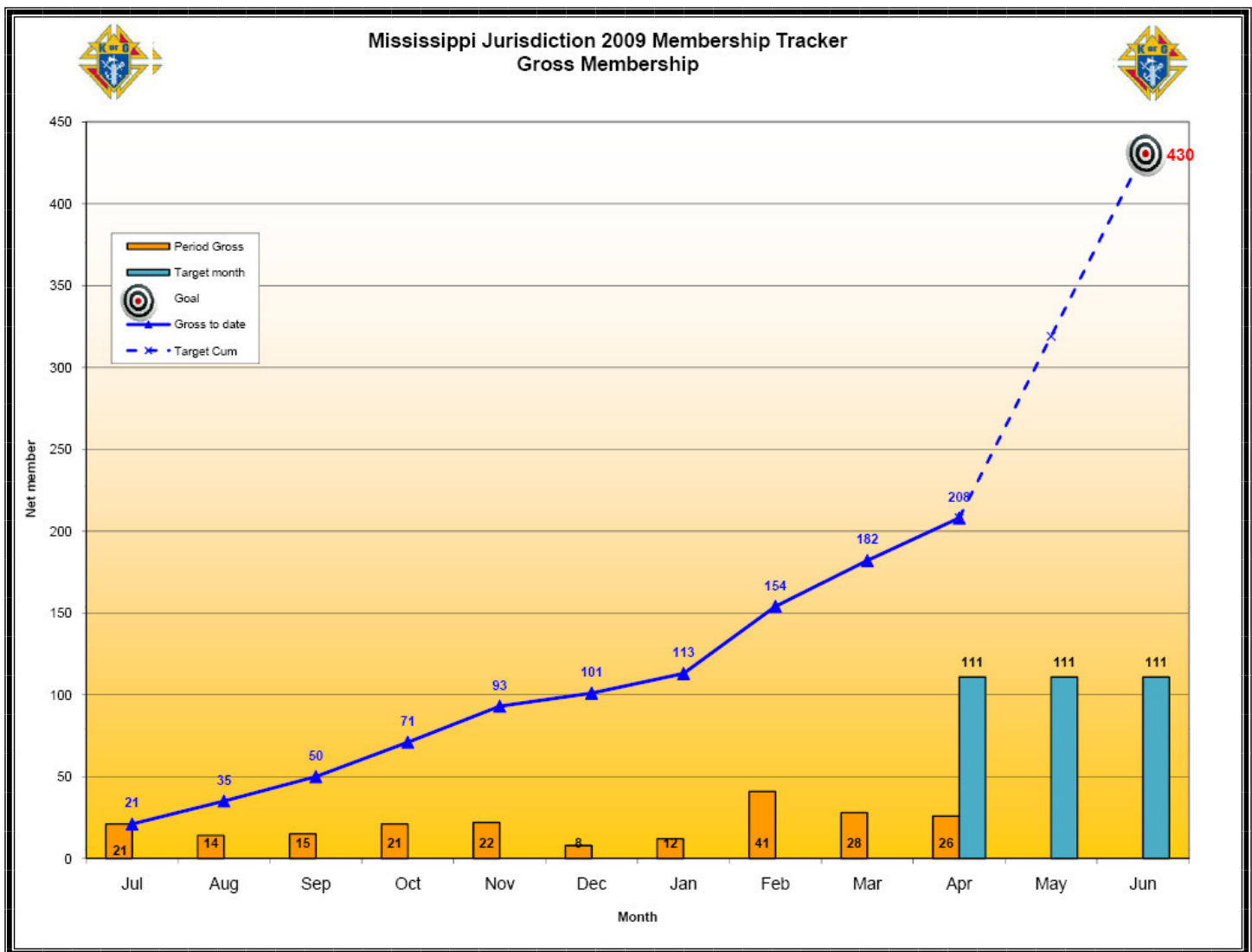
A small block of rooms is available at the Inn at Ole Miss for July 9 and 10. Rates vary - \$79, \$89 and \$139 per night. The "special rates" expire June 18. The number is 888-486-7666. Ask for the Knights rate.

The northern School of Columbianism will be on Sunday, July 11.

1244 Biloxi Honors Families, Knight of the Quarter



1244 Biloxi Grand Knight Michael Arguelles presented quarterly awards to (from left) February Family of the Month Dennis Ladnier and his wife Adele of Blessed Francis Xavier Parish; Deputy Grand Knight. Randy B. Trahan, recipient of the Knight of the Quarter Award; and January Family of the Month John 'Jack', Arleen and John Michael Schaefer of St. Alphonsus Parish. Curtis and Donna Harrison of Nativity BVM Parish were honored as March Family of the Month. District 22 Deputy Roger Feters was a special guest for the event. (Submitted by Joe Ravita.)



Membership Tournament Down to Final 16 Teams

Extra Large Councils: 9094 D'Iberville vs. 802 Meridian; 4898 Long Beach vs. 19216 Brandon. **Large Councils:** 11934

Gluckstadt vs. 1908 Hattiesburg; 7120 Southaven vs. 6872 Picayune. **Medium Councils:** 10901 Oxford vs. 7211 Lum-

berton; 5267 Greenwood vs. 7910 Gulfport. **Small Councils:** 14951 Olive Branch vs. 12331 Dedeaux; 11904 Lucedale vs. 8054 McComb