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Coming Events

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

Sunday, July 11, Northern District School of Columbianism, Oxford Council 10901, St. John's Church, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 17, Southern District School of Columbianism, D'Iberville Council 9094, 12 Noon..

Sunday, July 18, Central District School of Columbianism, Jackson St. Richard's Council 848, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14, 4th Degree Exemplification, Madison.

Saturday, Aug. 28, 4th Degree Exemplification, D'Iberville Mark Landry Assembly 307,

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A Word from the State Deputy

'Charity Communicates Our Essence'

By Peter J. Sukanek

Since many in Mississippi were unable to attend the 2010 State Convention in Natchez, I wanted to share with you some of the thoughts of our Supreme representative, Dan Baker, PSD and Supreme Director. Here are some of the things Dan had to say at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Supreme Knight Anderson mentioned in his video greetings to this convention that while we Knights donate more than \$150 million to charity each year, and that is no small accomplishment, what sets us apart is that we also "roll up our sleeves and give of ourselves." Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, is said to be worth at least \$55 billion dollars, more than enough to write a check for millions of dollars to charity. But neither Bill Gates, nor Warren Buffet, nor anyone else, no matter how rich they are, could provide the 68 million hours of volunteer time that we Knights donated to charitable work last year. That is charity that comes straight from the heart, the kind of charity we are known for.

In his video message to this convention, the Supreme Knight offered some examples of volunteer work by Knights over the past year: helping a wounded police officer, providing a special van for amputee veterans of military service, giving a big boost to a cancer research project, establishing a school for their children, helping their neighbors recover from a devastating typhoon and putting after-school programs for at-risk youngsters.

Moreover, in the Knights of Colum-

bus, we approach these acts of charity *together—our second principle—unity*. Pope Benedict calls this the "practice of love . . . as a community."

Our charitable work is important for many reasons. First, it fulfills Father McGivney's vision of a Catholic society dedicated to serving those

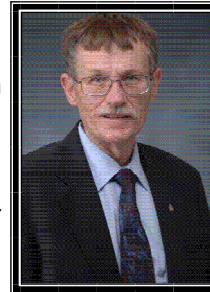
in need. There's a very good reason why charity is the **first** principle of the Order. The Venerable Michael McGivney knew that if we put charitable work at the top of our priority list, if charity is our focus and vision, then everything else we do will support that vision. Father McGivney wanted to remind

each of us that being a faithful Catholic Christian must always involve giving a very high priority to loving our neighbor, and all that that implies. Charity is important to us as Knights because that is who we are, and what we do, and it communicates our essence to people outside the Church who may not know much about us. It must always be a central part of our identity.

Another very huge effect of our charitable activity is a powerful inducement to men and families to join us. We all know that an active Council is a healthy and growing Council. Men don't join the Knights of Columbus because we contribute lots of money to worthy causes. They join because they see local Councils doing what local Councils do best—the good, charitable works of the Order. This is especially true as we seek to attract new members.

We are also known for our pro-life activities, and we want to increase

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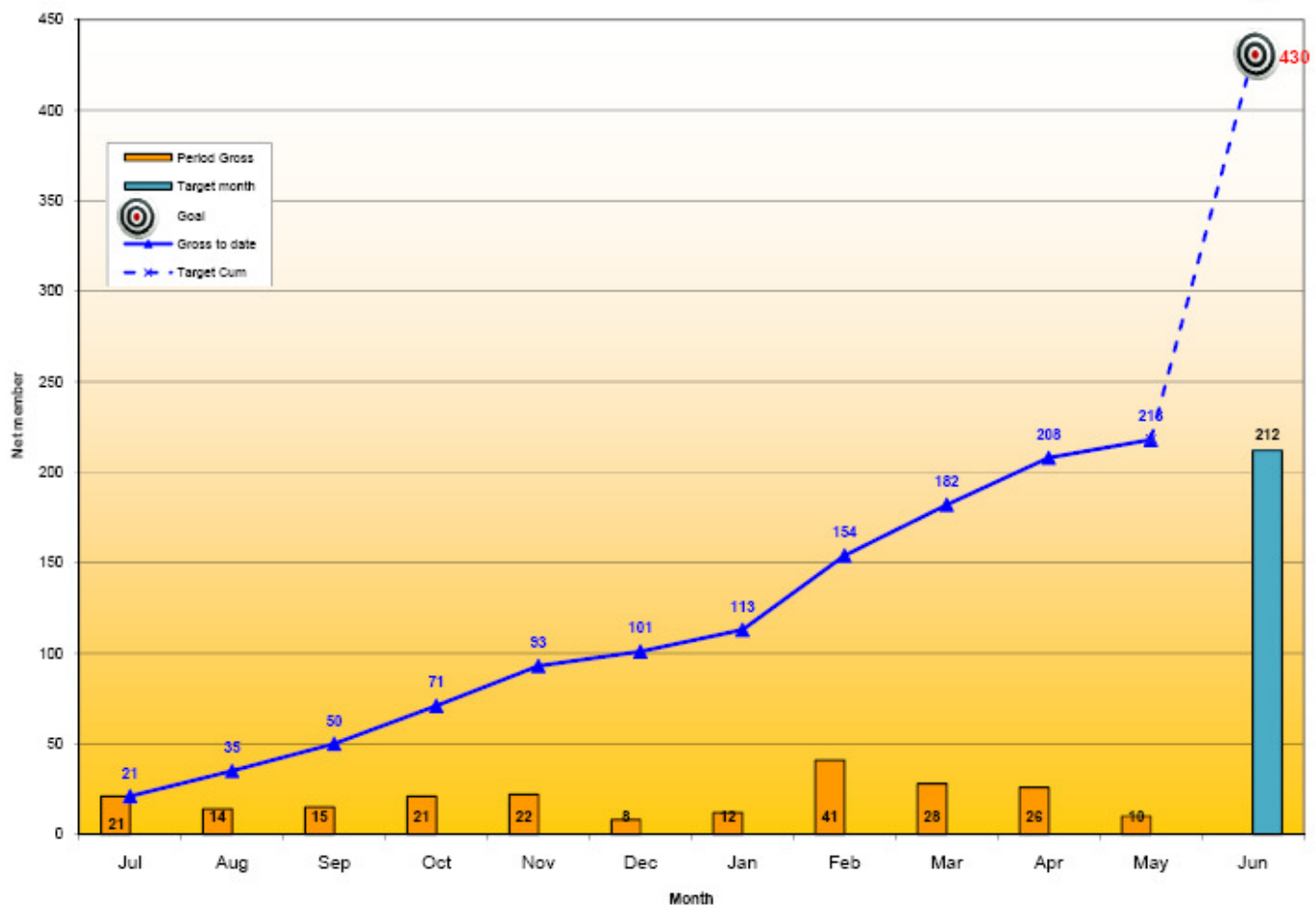
Memorial Day 'Placing of Flags' Honors Veterans



More than 800 participants from throughout South Mississippi, including members of D'Iberville Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094, participated in the annual Veterans Day "Placing of the Flags" on the gravesites of 16,248 veterans buried at the Veterans Administration Cemetery in Biloxi. Mark Fontenot and Jeff Riopelle (left), place flags; Bill Feisler, Noel Aucoin, Patrick Chubb, Mark Landry Assembly 3007 Faithful Navigator Roger Fetters, Stephen Dunn, Lee Landry, Ed Guardanapo and Rex D. Fetters, Sr., a veteran of the Korean War who is retired from the Air Force and the father of Roger Fetters, were among participants; and Grand Knight Lee Landry stands before a unit raising the American flag on 'Flag Row.' (Photos by Ed Guardanapo, Council 9094 Service Committee Chair.)



Mississippi Jurisdiction 2009 Membership Tracker
Gross Membership





7120 Adds Three Knights

Three new Knights were added by Southaven Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 at an Exemplification June 13. They are (from left with Grand Knight Tom Cusker) Ariel David of Southaven, a civil engineer with PSI in Memphis; Michael D. Holden of Southaven, a combustion engineer who serves as president and chief executive officer of BTU Corporation; and Francis A. Braniff of Hernando Holy Spirit Parish, an accountant with the Jones Clinic in Germantown which specializes in oncology and hematology

Membership Tournament In Final Round

Eight teams remain in the four brackets of the membership tournament, with one month remaining in the event which began with the current Fraternal Year.

D'Iberville Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 and Brandon St. Paul Council 10216 square off for the Extra Large Council championship.

Gluckstadt St. Joseph Council 11934 and Picayune Oscar J. Gelphi Council 6872 meet for the Large Council title.

Lumberton Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211 and Gulfport St. Joseph Council 7910 compete for the Medium Council title.

Dedaux Sacred Heart Council 12331 and McComb Charles R. Brill Council 8054 compete for the Small Council championship.

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those activities and our leadership to grow the Culture of Life. We are needed more today than ever to lead the fight against those who seek every opportunity to attack our Church and our faith. We must stand for those who cannot stand for themselves, fight for those who cannot fight for themselves, and defend those who are defenseless.

I have one remaining request of you. Today, there are thousands of men and women in harm's way defending our way of life on the frontlines of Freedom. I ask that you pray to St Michael the Archangel, the patron Saint of Soldiers and of Knights, for their protections and success in their hazardous duties. We owe them a great debt, and they deserve every bit of our support.

Vivat Jesus!

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On the Web at

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



Biloxi 1244 Knight Gerard Darnell collects a contribution from a young Biloxi St. Michael parishioner during the People with Intellectual Disabilities drive.

Biloxi Council 1244 PID Drive Passes \$2,600

Biloxi Council 1244 held its annual People with Intellectual Disabilities campaign during May and June, selling Tootsie Rolls to generous parishioners at Nativity B.V.M Cathedral, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Church and St. Michael's Church in Biloxi and Christ The King Church in Latimer, as well as to customers at local stores.

The Council raised over \$2,600, which will be donated to the ARC of the Gulf Coast, a work center for people with disabilities, and to the residents of Biloxi Community Homes and Cheshire Homes in Gulfport, to help fund these live-in facilities for people with disabilities.

From the State Master

Upcoming 4th Degree Exemplifications: **Saturday, Aug. 14, Madison; Saturday, Aug. 28, D'Iberville**

Assemblies wishing to host Exemplifications this year or next, please contact the State Master so he can put them on the calendar.

Faithful Navigators: Please complete and distribute your Form 186, Report of Officers Chosen for the Term, to State Master Larry Tabor, YC-02, DAF, Chief, Wing Plans and Programs, 81 TRW/XP, Keesler AFB, MS 39534, with copies to the Vice Supreme Master and Supreme Master. Form distribution addresses are located on the State Web Page.

FS Quick Clicks

Completing the Semiannual Audit Report

All three sections of the Audit Report (#1295) are to be completed, *with the exception of Councils using the on-line Member Billing application. Those users need not complete Schedule A, since there can be no discrepancies between local Council and Supreme Council records.* The audit must be signed by the Grand Knight and at least two Trustees. If an entry is not applicable, the word "none" should be inserted on the line.

Knight of the Year**Greg Lovelady, Madison Council 9543**

Greg Lovelady is an extraordinarily talented and hard-working individual. He is an officer of the Council and has coordinated and worked on most of the Council activities during the past year.

The pastor of a local Catholic school in an impoverished area of town called and asked if our Council could help him. His school could not open for the school year due to the fact it did not meet fire code because some windows in the school did not pass inspection. Neither the school nor the pastor's church could afford to pay for the new windows. This Knight arranged, coordinated and got a crew of Knights together to install new windows and to have them painted so the doors of this Catholic school could open. Our Council covered the actual cost of these windows.

He heard of an almost-new motorized wheelchair being given away. He obtained the chair for our Council to loan to disabled individuals in need. Within two days of his obtaining the chair, a very pleased Knight's widow had use of it. Because of him, her world was expanded.

He coordinated a "Cross Committee" to made 154 crosses and saw to their installation on the Parish grounds. He saw that a banner was made noting the 154 crosses represent the number of deaths per hour in the U.S. because of abortion. The bottom of the banner reads "May Christ have Mercy on Us." Besides this, he and his wife participate in anti-abortion rallies and group prayer.

The Council decided to feed 40 Habitat for Humanity workers on a Saturday, but when the weekend rolled around a good number of Knights were out of town or had to work. Our Knight of the Year nominee took it upon himself to prepare the menu, gather the food, organize his very few workers, cook and feed the Habitat for Humanity workers.

We held a nighttime outdoor Mass and Rosary for deceased Knights. This gentleman sat up the entire event. He had special candles made, each displaying the name of a deceased Knight. When that Knight's name was called, his widow would light his candle. It was a very moving event and this Knight is totally responsible for the beautiful occasion.

At Thanksgiving, he took 22 baskets of food to those unable to buy food for the holiday. He saw that four of the baskets of food were delivered to bedridden patients. He also saw that 10 turkeys were delivered to other needy families. Somehow he located a used refrigerator and gave it to the Hispanic Center to help with the storage of food for the needy.

At Christmas, he coordinated the adoption of a family of seven. He helped gather food, clothing, toys, games and electronic devices for this family and then helped with the delivery of the items.

Family of the Year**Ronnie and Traci Morales, Laurel Council 2180**

It has been said that where there is a great man, there is a greater woman and behind every great woman there is a greater man. These statements accurately describe Ronnie and Traci Morales. Both support and are actively involved in many fund raising activities and events which support and provide funds for the church, community, Council, youth and family.

This family became part of the Order when Ronnie obtained his 1st Degree in 2008. He is now a 4th Degree member due to his family's attitude that if they join an organization they want to improve it by becoming actively involved its events and activities. Both are working parents who provide a religious, loving, caring relationship for their children, Raymond Alexander, 6,; Marie Renee, 4; and Amaleah Fe, 10 months. Yet they find time to actively contribute their time and talent to assure the events and activities they are involved in run smoothly.

Ronnie is presently Council Recorder and Youth Service Chair and recently accepted the role of co-chair for the Council's Event Schedule Calendar. He also fills the role of Chancellor on the 1st Degree Team.

Both were actively involved in the organization, management and implementation of the Family/CYO/Intellectually Challenged Adults Halloween/Christmas/Mardi Gras parties which included decorating the Parish Hall, assuring each participant's needs were met and that all parents, youth members and the intellectually challenged adults interacted.

Both were instrumental in organizing the annual Parish Seder Meal, including providing literature at each place-setting explaining the significance of each item on the tables, the assignment of each role-player of the meal and the reparation of the main meal.

Ronnie provided invaluable assistance for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, assisting the preschoolers and assuring that they and their parents were involved. They were active participants in the Lenten Soup Suppers which provide funds to St. Vincent DePaul activities.

Traci is a high school CCD teacher and helps the CYO director and is an active member of the local faith-sharing group. Ronnie is an assistant tee-ball coach for the team on which his son, Raymond, participates.

What is truly remarkable about this family is they accomplish their endeavors as a unit, with their children always with them and often actively lending a hand. This is a family that works, plays and prays together, always setting an example of how a religious family should behave. They are a delight to watch as they meet all the things that a Catholic and a Knights of Columbus family stand for, thus setting a standard for others to follow.

(Excerpted from nominations submitted for State Knight of the Year and Family of the Year judging.)