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**Coming Events**

**Thursday, Oct. 7, Biloxi Diocese Rosary Rally, 6 p.m., Gulfport St. James Church.**

**Sunday, Oct. 10, Major Exemplification, Brandon St. Paul Council 10216, Hwy. 25 and Lakeland Blvd. Registration 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Church Family Life Center. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 11:30 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree 12:30 p.m.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to follow.**

**Saturday, Oct. 16, Major Exemplification, Gulfport Bishop Gunn Council 1583, Council Home, 733 34<sup>th</sup> St. Registration 8 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 9:30 a.m., followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees.**

**Saturday, Nov. 13, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Cleveland William F. LaForge Assembly 1503, Fr. Rotondo Council Hall, 3401 Hwy. 8 West. Registration 12:30 - 2 p.m. Exemplification begins at 2:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victories Church, Reception at 6:30 p.m., Banquet at 7 p.m. for Members, Candidates, Spouses and Guests.**

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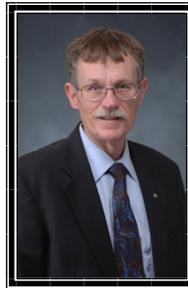
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**From the State Deputy**

## **A New Recruit Honors the Legacy of a Devoted Knight**

**By Peter J. Sukanek**

My intention this month was to talk mostly about membership and about some of the good things happening in the Mississippi Jurisdiction in the areas of new Councils and in growing the Order. However, like most of you, I was saddened by the recent news of the death of Past State Deputy Tom Chady, and my thoughts took a turn.



Tom had a great influence on the Mississippi Knights. He was active in his community, a devoted Catholic and family man, and, as you well know, a devoted Knight. He was always active in his Council as well as the on the state level, working for many years as the State Squires chair and the co-ceremonials chair with Past State Deputy Rich Lieding. He was instrumental in encouraging me to run for state office and always offered an encouraging word, but never gave advice unless I asked for it. Tom always had a positive attitude and outlook. We will all miss him.

Tom was the most active recruiter in Mississippi. With over 300 new members to his credit, Tom was "Mr. Membership" for Mississippi. He was enthusiastic and passionate about the Knights of Columbus. One of the last times we talked, Tom was happy to hear about our two newest Councils, 15121 in Poplarville and 15131 in Jackson. He was very pleased with the potential for several new Councils in other areas of the state, a potential that may become a reality in the next few months.

The family has asked for donations

in Tom's memory to the Carol Chady Foundation in Vicksburg. This Foundation, run through the Vicksburg Council, will benefit young people in Vicksburg. I know that several Councils, as well as the State Council, have made donations to this worthwhile cause.

I would like to suggest one other way to honor Tom Chady's memory, a way that would certainly make him pleased, but one that requires a bit more effort than writing a check. Recruit a new member to the Order. Tell him about Tom, about his devotion to the Church and his commitment to the principles of the Order. When your Council has a degree, do it in honor of Tom Chady. Give these new members a certificate indicating that the exemplification was in Tom's honor. Tom will be happy to know that his legacy as a Knight will continue.

Vivat Jesus!

### **Leadership Workshop**



**State Officers and Directors convened in Madison to review several key issues facing the Jurisdiction including leadership succession, tax issues and membership recruitment. See Page 2 for a report on the meeting from State Program Director Elvis Gates.**

## **Leadership Addresses Key Issues in Madison Workshop**

**By Elvis Gates, State Program Director**

The Mississippi Jurisdiction leadership team met recently at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Madison to discuss several issues facing the state organization. Among the most pressing topics addressed were:

### **Leadership Succession Planning -**

The loss of PSD Tom Chady increased awareness of how the loss of key leadership can cause an organization to re-shuffle responsibilities. An emphasis will be placed on adding depth to the Jurisdiction's non-elected leadership positions throughout the state so in the event of another loss due to death, relocation, etc., the organization will continue to operate smoothly.

**Tax Issues** - Several items require attention by various Councils and Assemblies. Several do not have Federal Identification Numbers (Tax ID numbers) on file with Supreme and therefore are not covered by the charitable organization status "umbrella" that the Knights of Colum-

bus as an organization provides. Also, the Form 990 needs to be filed annually and some Councils and Assemblies are late in doing so. The instructions for filing this report with the IRS are located on the Supreme web site in the Officers Online section. All Council and Assembly leaders are urged to become familiar with these requirements and see that they are met. (This issue of *The Magnolia Knight* includes an article addressing this issue.)

**Membership** – Can we ever TRULY say enough about this subject? The ebb and flow of new memberships contrasted with suspensions continues to be an uphill battle for our state. More attention needs to be directed toward RETENTION of our brother Knights. If they thought enough of our organization to join, then something has happened if they don't see the value in remaining a member. We need to find out WHY and rekindling the interest in our worthy organization.

## **Tom Chady: In Loving Memory**

**By Deacon Lawrence M. Campbell, Ret., Diocese of Jackson**

Knights throughout the Mississippi Jurisdiction were saddened at the news of the sudden death of Past State Deputy Tom Chady on Sept. 12. After the numbness of the news wore off, many of us began to look upon the great example of Catholic life lived by Brother Tom.

Those of us who knew Tom knew of his continuing love for his late wife, Carol, and his dedication to their only daughter, Carrie; his son-in-law, Robin; his dad; and other family members. Tom was a Knight who was totally committed to the Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. At his visitation, hundreds of people came to pay their final respects to their friend and for those who were Knights, their Brother. A 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard was present throughout the visitation, which was followed by Knights of Columbus prayers led by mem-

bers of Vicksburg Council 898.

At the funeral service and with St. Michael Catholic Church in Vicksburg filled with mourners, Tom's coffin was guided down the center aisle to the hymn of *Amazing Grace*. Among those in attendance were Tom's daughter and son-in-law, his father, other family members, Brother Knights, all of our state officers and five Past State Deputies, Boy Scout leaders and Boy Scouts. Included in the entrance procession were pallbearers, followed by altar servers; two lectors; the Deacon carrying the *Book of the Gospels*; seven priests; Bishop Emeritus the Most Rev. William R. Houck; and Bishop the Most Rev. Joseph N. Latino, Bishop of the Jackson Diocese. Father P. J. Curley, Tom's pastor, was the principal Celebrant of the Funeral Mass.

In his homily, Fr. Curley stated that

## **Larry Roberts Is New State Master**

Larry Roberts of Madison Bishop Brunini Assembly 2249 is the new State Master succeeding Larry Tabor.

Sir Knight Roberts was appointed to the post by Supreme following Master Tabor's resignation because of expanded job responsibilities.

SK Roberts currently serves as Faithful Captain and Color Corps Commander for Bishop Brunini Assembly and as Captain and Historian of the Hank Kajdan 4th Degree Exemplification Team for central and north Mississippi.

Since becoming a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight in 1982 and being initiated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in 1985, Roberts has served a total of five years as a Grand Knight and two years as a Faithful Navigator.

Retired from a career as an accountant and financial officer, Roberts serves in a number of ministries at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Madison.

Tom's relationship with Jesus and his dedication to his family, his faith community, the Boy Scouts of America, the Knights of Columbus and his Diocese was the best homily that could be given. Fr. Curley stated that Tom's life in itself was a homily. Following the recessional hymn, *On Eagle's Wings*, the funeral procession was led by a police escort to the cemetery where final interment prayers were said. Tom was laid to rest next to his dear wife.

Everyone present recognized the significance of Tom's passing. All could truly say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Let me close by saying, eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Vivat Jesus!



### State Auxiliary Awards Scholarship

*Christina Bennett, a 2010 graduate of Greenville St. Joseph High School, received the State Ladies Auxiliary John and Mary Cabibi Memorial Scholarship. Christina, who is attending Mississippi College in Clinton, was presented a certificate and a \$500 check by JoAnne Brown (right), president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Greenville Fr. Korstenbroek Council 2134 as parents Cindy and Steve Bennett share the moment. (Submitted by Annetta C. Ebelhar.)*



### Knights Cook for Biloxi Balloon Bash

*The Diocese of Biloxi staged its annual Balloon Bash for approximately 350 Catholic Youth Organization members earlier this month at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi. Ocean Springs Fred L. Westbrook, Sr., Council 5654 cooked and served hamburgers and hot dogs to participants attending the event. (Submitted by Carl Brochard.)*

### IRS Tax Exemption Deadline Is Oct. 15

*By Jim McCraw, State Advocate*

After six months of advertising, promotion and communication, the Oct. 15 extended deadline for all non-profits to file their 2009 990 with the IRS is just around the corner.

Twelve Councils and Assemblies with EINs on file at Supreme have not filed a 990 for three years. They have been contacted and advised to submit their 990. Any of those who have not already done so have until Oct 15 to file. After that date, they will lose their 501C8 income tax exemption.

In addition, 10 Councils and 16 Assemblies did not have an EIN on file with Supreme. Those Councils are 2180, 7087, 8760, 9234, 9409, 9673, 10499, 11995, 12331, 13936. Assemblies not having an EIN on file with Supreme are 556, 560, 563, 564, 1503, 1719, 2131, 2195, 2227, 2269, 2284, 2347, 2495, 2558, 2969 and 2971. As of this date, some have submitted the information to Supreme but not all. Supreme adds these Councils and Assemblies to a master list provided to the IRS verifying they are legitimate "sub-units" and entitled to be covered under

their 501C8 umbrella. Not on the list? You're not covered.

In addition, those same Councils and Assemblies must submit their 990 for 2009.

Although a report has not been filed for three years, IRS requires only the 2009 filing to be in good standing. Remember, it must be completed no later than Oct. 15, 2010. Any not filed by that date will have to petition for the exemption, pay a fine and file for previous years.

To assist you, your District Deputy, District Marshal or other designated person will contact you to verify this has been taken care of.

Information to file the 990 is available on the state website - [www.kofc-ms.org](http://www.kofc-ms.org); the IRS website - [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov); and the Supreme website - [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) under the Officers Online section.

You may also contact the State Advocate for more information.

### Coast Councils, Assemblies Offer 911 Memorial Mass

Long Beach St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898, Gulfport St. Joseph the Worker Seabee Base Council 12271, Long Beach Fr. John P. O'Conner Assembly 1719 and Gulfport St. Vincent Capodanno Assembly 2759 offered a 911 Memorial Mass at St. Thomas Church in Long Beach.

In addition to dedicating the Mass to the memories of those lost in the World Trade Center attack, representatives of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, Long Beach police and fire departments and American Medical Response were honored.

#### **Biloxi Rosary Rally Oct. 7**

The Diocese of Biloxi has requested a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rosary Rally scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at St. James Church in Gulfport.

The Honor Guard/Color Corps will form the ARCH while the statue of the Blessed Mother is brought up to the altar. In addition, they will provide the honors for Bishop Roger Morin as he celebrates Mass with other priests and deacons from the Biloxi Diocese.

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### D'Iberville Council Cooks for Keesler Airmen

D'Iberville Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 joined with the 81<sup>st</sup> Air Base Wing's Chaplain Services to provide a shrimp spaghetti dinner for approximately 45 airmen at The Haven, a non-denominational program at Keesler Air Force Base. The kitchen crew included Butch Philio and Fr. Mitchell Zygadlo, a brother Knight from Rochester, NY, who coordinates many of the activities at The Haven (center), surrounded by (from left) Teddy Harder, Roger Fetters, Larry Tabor, Ed Guardanapo, Ed Creech and Lee Landry. (Submitted by Ed Guardanapo.)



### Happy 90th to Gino Conti

Past Grand Knight Gino Conti of Columbus W.H. Jolly Council 7974 slices into a cake presented to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Brother Knights added ice cream and a rousing version of "Happy Birthday" to commemorate the occasion. .

### FS Quick Tips By Mike Kassouf

The initiation of new members should be reported to the Supreme Council office within 24 hours of the degree ceremony, using the Form 100 Membership Document. **Do not delay submission of a Form 100, awaiting reception of the higher degrees of the Order.**

It is the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree that establishes membership, and the recording of that degree is required to continue new insurance applications in force. However, it is your responsibility to report 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree dates to the Supreme Council office as these degrees are received. They may be reported via any of the methods listed below.

If an Annuity is being purchased, you must mail a check and the top two copies of Form 100 to General Agent Jerry Woods.

You have several options when submitting completed Form 100's to Supreme.

- 1) Mail to Membership Records, PO Box 1480, New Haven, CT 06506-1480.
- 2) Fax to 203-752-4113 and then **you must mail original** to the above address.
- 3) You can scan and email Form 100 to membership@kofc.org.

### Corinth Council Salutes A Faithful Knight



Matthew Czarnecki, a charter member of Corinth St. James the Less Council 8912, was presented two awards prior to his recent move to Jackson to be closer to his daughter. Chancellor Jack Hora (from left), District 1 Deputy Ray Ball and Pope John Paul II Assembly 2913 Faithful Navigator Wyvil Sartain presented Matt with a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding devotion to duty for 17 years as Financial Secretary of Council 8912 and the Patriotic Service Award for his unwavering service.

### Starkville Leadership Workshop



A well-attended leadership workshop hosted by Starkville Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765 produced lively discussion. Dannie Harris, a Past State Deputy of Kentucky and the Mississippi Jurisdiction's Program Consultant, led the workshop.