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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

JURISDICTION ADDS A COUNCIL IN HATTIESBURG, AND SIX OTHER COUNCILS EXCEED THEIR SUPREME MEMBERSHIP GOALS FOR THE YEAR

BY GERALD E. 'JERRY' SCHMUCK

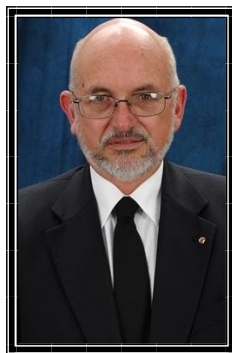
We have a new Council!

Earlier this year Father Tommy Conway mentioned that he would like to see St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Hattiesburg have its own K of C Council. Through the efforts of District Deputy OD Landrum and the Knights of Hattiesburg Sacred Heart Council 1908, St. Thomas Aquinas Council 15382 was established last month.

We look forward to extending a formal welcome to this new Council and its leadership at our next convention. Congratulations to OD and all the men who made that happen.

We are now slightly over half way through the State Fraternal year and

one-third of the way through our Supreme Fraternal year. How has your Council been doing? At this point in time, you should have submitted your mid-year reports to our State Programs Chair so you should have a good idea of where you stand. While we have received only half of the reports so far, it appears that everyone is busy and active. On the membership side of the house, we have six Councils that have already exceeded their Supreme membership goals. Congratulations to Councils 15155 Vancleave (233 percent), 7087 Kiln (150 percent), 15131 Jackson (133 percent), 12331 Dedeaux (125 percent), 8054 McComb (120 percent) and 11934 Gluckstadt (114 percent). Several Councils are close to reaching their goals. They are 7915 Brookhaven, 4472 Pass Christian, 13502 Batesville and 15121 Poplarville. The rest of you still have time to catch up. Make your plans now for your membership drives. Remember, recruiting new members is a 365 days a year process. Do not wait for a membership drive or a blitz; get your new prospects in now.



Gerald Schmuck

At the beginning of this fraternal year, Supreme told everyone that every Jurisdiction that reaches 45 percent of its membership goal by Dec. 31 will receive a \$2,000 donation into the Jurisdiction's Christopher Fund. We are currently at 33.75 percent. To reach that 45 percent mark, we need another 50 new Knights by the end of December. Can we do it? December has histori-

cally been a slow recruitment month for the State, but with your help, yes we can! To quote State Secretary David Scott, we can do it if every Council will bring a "Knight before Christmas."

I will be going to Nashville for the Supreme mid-year meeting. Hopefully, when I come back there will be some new ideas to bring up at our regional mid-winter meetings. One that is already on the table is a project to help our Military Archdiocese through Seminarian education. We'll have more information on that one soon. For your planning purposes, mid-winter regional meetings are scheduled as follows:

- South – Sunday Jan. 8 at Council 5654, Ocean Springs
- North – Saturday Jan. 14 at Council 13502, Batesville
- Central – Sunday Jan. 15 at Council 15131, Jackson St. Richard

All meetings will be in the afternoon. Your District Deputy will have more information for you soon.

This month is the start of a new holiday season. It's the month in which we remember our Veterans and celebrate Thanksgiving. I hope you all will be able to spend the holidays with your families and loved ones this year. Remember to thank God for the many blessings he has given us as we prepare for this Advent season and the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

That's all of my ramblings for this month: Until next time,

Vivat Jesus!



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SUPREME ADDS NEW ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM

BY MICHAEL KASSOUF

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

A new training area for Member Management and Member Billing, which provides an opportunity for a hands-on demonstration of the functionality of these applications, is now available to Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights, Faithful Comptrollers and Faithful Navigators.

To access this new training area, when in Member Management or Member Billing, click on the "Expert Help" logo located in the upper right hand corner of any screen (logo is the same image displayed in this pop-up) to go to "Expert Help" (the support site for Member Management and Member Billing). When in "Expert Help," click on the sign-in (Officer Training) link in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Or go to www.kofc.org/officers_training and sign in using your officer's online user name and password.

Note that this training area is separate from the live Member Management and Billing applications and that updates made in training will not be reflected in live applications or be reported to the Supreme Council office for changes and updates. Additionally, training data will be refreshed from live data on a monthly basis. The goal of the Supreme Council is to eventually have a single sign-on process, whereby signing on to Officers Online from the Order's web site (www.kofc.org) will provide the option of selecting the option to go to either live or training Member Management and Member Billing from this point.

New Date

2nd and 3rd Degree

Exemplification Hosted by

Starkville Council 6765

**Has Been Rescheduled
for March 24**

'WE CAN'T DO THAT...' (AND OTHER QUOTES THAT DOOM NEW IDEAS)

BY ELVIS GATES, STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

One of the more rewarding parts of my position as the State Program Director is seeing all the different activities that are being performed by our great organization across the state. It is simply amazing the way some of our councils LEAP at opportunities to fulfill our missions of Charity-Fraternity-Unity-Patriotism! Of course, I also wonder about how many "missed opportunities" were lost because someone said "we cant do that," or "that won't work," or "nobody wants to do that" when an original and fresh idea was brought up at a Council meeting.

There are ALWAYS naysayers in every organization. That's part of life. These people are sometimes past leaders who want to still show they matter to the organization. Or they are members of one organization while being a leader in another organization and assume nobody knows better than they do. They may also have been part of an organization that actually DID the very project you are discussing and for whatever reason, it failed for them. There are even those people who for whatever reason think no project or idea is valuable unless it came from them first. (Luckily, these are the rarest of the group!)

Now having described this group of "innovation killers," you need to know that they (all but the last group anyway) have something of value to add if you know how to use their negativity to your advantage. First off, if they are a leader in another group it is probably because somebody recognized their leadership and reasoning abilities so you should bear that in mind. Discuss with them their reasons for saying something won't work to see if they may be true. The second group of folks that might have actually done this project offer valuable insight, and you can listen to them to find out what didn't work for them and discuss with them ways they may have changed what they did to have a better result. The third group can teach you a valuable lesson as well – what NOT to be like as a leader.

In short, don't let ANYONE keep you and your council from uncovering new and innovative ways to do more of the good deeds our order represents. You just need to develop the "no's" into "maybe so's" and the rest will work its way out.

EIGHT RECEIVE SUPREME'S 'FAMILY OF THE MONTH' AWARD

Supreme conferred Family of the Month designation on eight Mississippi families for the months of August, September and October, according to State Family Director Carl Brochard/

Three families selected in August and September and two families were honored in October.

The families selected in August were Will and Lisa Bradham of Cleveland Council 5556; Larry and Angie Gann of Corinth Council 8912; and Walter and Carol King of Pass Christian Council 11995.

Selected for September honors were Larry and Pamela Miller of Greenville Council 2134; Ron and Caroline

Knight of Gautier Council 9124; and Matt and Michelle Zerangue of Oxford Council 10901.

The October families selected were Leroy and Kimberly Rider of Hattiesburg Council 1908 and Michael and Lorie Brechtel of Brandon Council 10216.

Carl also expressed his thanks to Councils that submitted a family for consideration for this recognition. Councils submitting families in August totaled 24, with 23 submitting nominations in September and 27 in October.

THE VALUE OF A MEMBER

Ten little members standing in a line;
One disliked the president then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late;
One forgot his promise then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven;
One lost enthusiasm and then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix; they quarreled over
programs, and then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive;
One moved away, and there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more;
One became indifferent, and then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree until
one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members, what will they do?
One got discouraged and then there were two.

Two earnest members, each enrolled one more
Doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members just could not wait
Until each one enrolled another, then there were eight.

OCTOBER RECRUITMENT

Council District		Location	Gain
848	5	Jackson	1
1908	8	Hattiesburg	1
6872	9	Picayune	2
7087	9	Kiln	2
8054	7	McComb	3
8848	1	Tupelo	1
9094	11	D'Iberville	3
9673	11	Woolmarket	1
11956	8	Tylertown	1
12271	10	Gulfport	1
13502	2	Batesville	2
15155	11	Vancleave	1
15382	8	Hattiesburg	2

Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.
In another six verses there will be
A thousand twenty-four.

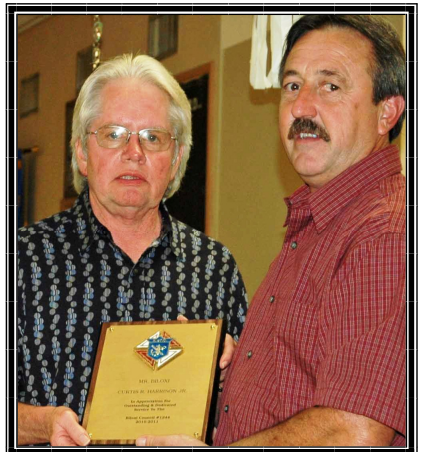
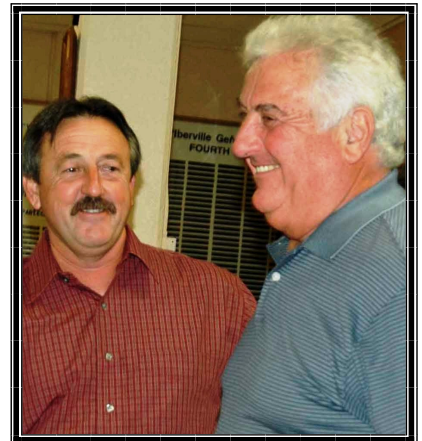
(Submitted by Michael Kassouf, State Membership Director)

Biloxi Council 1244 Presents Quarterly Awards

By Joe Ravita, Publicity Chair



Biloxi Council 1244 held its third quarterly awards dinner, with Grand Knight Randy Trahan presenting Family of the Month awards to Curtis and Martha Dartez (July), Wayne and Angie Meaut (August, lower left) and Jimmy and Jennifer Lamas (September). Deputy Grand Knight Paul Arguelles presented a check for \$3,237 to Mark Barhanovich, the K of C Doll and Toy Fund director (top left). The Knight of the Quarter Award was presented to Br. George W. Lawrence (top right), active in the Biloxi community, in St. Michael's Catholic Church and in Council 1244. George chaired the Biloxi Shrimp Bowl Classic for many years; serves as a St. Michael's usher; directs the People with Intellectual Disabilities fund raising effort; and serves as Membership Director. Financial Secretary Harry Steinwinder presented the 2010-11 Mr. Biloxi K of C Award to Curtis R. Harrison Jr. (lower right), who has served the Council for more than 20 years. Curtis served as the Council's 51st Grand Knight.





Flowood Council 10216, Madison 9543 and Gluckstadt 11934 purchased 48 coats through Supreme's Coats for Kids project for Catholic Charities' Battered Families program. Madison Grand Knight Rene Bodin (from left), Flowood GK Dennis Antici, State Deputy Jerry Schmuck, State Warden Philip Jabour and Gluckstadt GK Duane Stevens presented the coats to Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes of Domestic Violence Services and Arteria Puckett of Battered Families.



District Deputy 4 Richard Sowers (seated center) presided over the installation of officers ceremony for Philadelphia Raphael Toner Council 13471. The ceremony and reception following were held at Holy Rosary Church, whose pastor, Fr. Bob Goodyear (seated left), serves as Council Chaplain. (Submitted by Grand Knight Ron DiPalma)

DON'T DELAY PID PAPERWORK

By Larry Tabor, State PID Director

Did your Council sponsor a People with Intellectual Disabilities fund raising drive this year?

If so, have you completed the Council Audit form and the Council Disbursement Request form? Did you file these forms with the Mississippi Foundation, Inc., so a check can be written to the local agency so designated by your Council?

The reason these questions are raised is that only 17 of 60 Councils have supported this program thus far. In my opinion, that is a poor showing. However, these 17 Councils have done a great job participating in this program as they collected \$30,500. Imagine if just half of the Councils participated at the same success rate of these 17 - that would have doubled the amount raised.

If your Council sponsored a PID drive and has not sent in the required forms and proceeds from the drive, please do so as soon as possible. If your Council did not sponsor a drive, please consider making a contribution of \$50, \$100 or even \$250 for this very worthwhile cause.

PASCAGOULA, PICAYUNE ASSEMBLIES SALUTE VETERANS



Members of Assemblies 561 of Pascagoula and 2227 of Picayune placed a wreath at Assembly 561's Veteran's Memorial at the Alabama Stateline I-10 Welcome Center for Veterans Day.

SUBIACO ABBEY - A QUIET PLACE, A PRAYERFUL PLACE

ISN'T IT TIME YOU FOUND YOUR PLACE?

SOUTHAVEN COUNCIL 7120 MEN'S RETREAT

FEB. 24-26, SUBIACO ABBEY

IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

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SILVER ROSE, MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER ICON TRAVEL JURISDICTION

The Silver Rose was brought to Fr. Frank Cosgrove at the altar at Meridian St. Joseph by State Deputy Gerald Schmuck and Council 802 Grand Knight Jim Romano, escorted by an Honor Guard comprised of Council members Roland Stewart, Bob Connor, John Kasper, Frank Pollizzi and Bob Leo and State Treasurer Jim McCraw. Also present were Juan Gomez and Santa Moreno with their children Itzel, Arely, Xochitl and Aly. Approximately 70 members of the Parish attended the presentation. State Silver Rose Director Joseph Jones delivered the Rose to Meridian



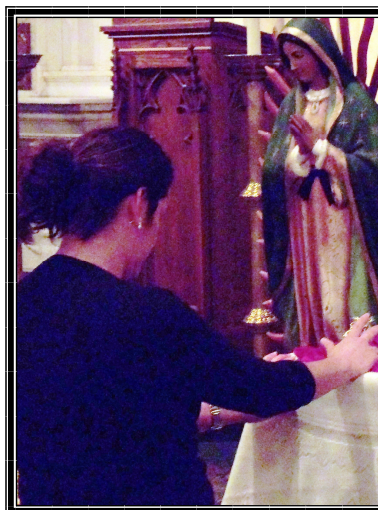
Fr. Ignacio Jimenez (2nd from left) presided at a Silver Rose Mass at Picayune St. Charles that attracted (from left) Assembly 2227 Past Faithful Navigator Alfred Chrisman, District Deputy 9 Bill Heath, PFN Ronnie Sperier and Faithful Navigator Jerry Cortez. (Submitted by Bill Heath)



Fr. Charles Nutter and members of Ocean Springs Council 5654, Gautier 9124 and Ocean Springs 10499 participated in a Silver Rose Mass at St Mary Gautier in memory of the unborn and Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Patroness of the Americas. (Submitted by Robert Barr)



Pascagoula Council 1605 members (from left) Bill Ellis, Cecil Byrd, Bill Clark, Steve Overman, Steve Frederic, Deacon Mike Gilly, Deacon Frank Martin, Deacon David Hughes and Billy George conducted a Marian Hour of Prayer event. (Submitted by Robert Barr)



Angelica Ismay (left photo) was among the faithful attending a Spanish/English Silver Rose and Rosary devotion hosted by Jackson Council 848 at the Cathedral of St. Peter's Parish in Jackson.

FIRST MISSISSIPPI ULTRASOUND MACHINE PLACED UNDER SUPREME INITIATIVE



The Knights of Columbus has placed the first Ultrasound machine in the state of Mississippi under the Supreme Council's Ultrasound Initiative.

Funds for this machine were collected by Council 969 and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. The machine was installed July 8 by Isoate, the vender. The blessing was held Aug. 22.

Fr. Malcolm O'Leary presided at the blessing with a Knights of Columbus

Honor guard provided by Vicksburg Assembly 558. The honor guard consisted of Bob Antwine, John Piazza, Jack Farren, Charles Marshall, and Tony Dardeau. Other K of C members present were Charles Hahn, Tim Derossette and Pat Derossette.

The Center for Pregnancy Choices was represented by board members Michael Jones, Karen Boyd, Lin Cheslek, Dr. Jeff Holland, Dr. Deborah Dent (secretary), Dr. Kevin Abraham (vice president), and Dianna Wolfe (treasurer).

Also present from the Center were Executive Director Stacy Tennison, Client Services Director Beverly White and Client Services Assistant Lois Kuhnert. Also present were Rev. T. J. Tennison, pastor of Bowmar Baptist Church; Rev. Brian Ivey, pastor of Highland Baptist Church; Dr Gordon and Jennifer Sluis; Rebecca Boyd; and Mary Nell McMaster.

(Submitted by Charles Hahn)

VICKSBURG SOCCER CHALLENGE



Vicksburg Council 898 held its first K of C Soccer Challenge. The challenge was held on the soccer fields at the KC home. Participants were Ann Elizabeth and Will Farthing, Jayda and Joshua Rew, Hailey and Meagan Garner, Rebecca Hahn, Anna Marie Agyepong and Ann Wallace Derossette. Winners were Meagan Garner (age 9 and under girls), Will Farthing (age 9 and under boys), Jayda Rew (age 10 girls), Joshua Rew (age 10 boys) and Hailey Garner (age 11 girls). *(Submitted by Charles Hahn)*