

# THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

VOL. 12, No. 6

JUNE-JULY



## STATE DEPUTY

Gerald E. 'Jerry' Schmuck, Gulfport

## STATE SECRETARY

David Scott, Madison

## STATE TREASURER

Jim McCraw, Jackson

## STATE ADVOCATE

Noel Aucoin, D'Iberville

## STATE WARDEN

Philip Jabour, Flowood

## IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY

Dr. Peter C. Sukanek, Oxford

## STATE CHAPLAIN

Father Bob Higginbotham, D'Iberville

Send Council, Assembly and Circle news and announcements by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to:

Fred Middleton  
4322 Bloombury St.  
Southaven, MS 38672  
fredmiddleton@comcast.net  
901-218-2393

## THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT

On the Web  
www.kofc-ms.org

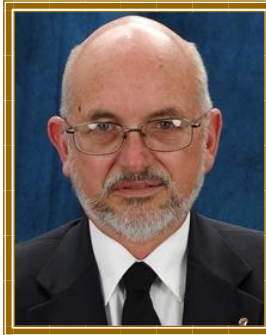
## A WORD FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

### PROGRAMS ARE THE KEY TO SUCCESS

BY GERALD E. 'JERRY' SCHMUCK

The end of the Fraternal Year is almost here, and many of you have done exceptionally well. Congratulations to all who have helped make this a very successful year.

Some of you however, have not done so well. Now is the time to review past practices and see what you can do to improve next year. Remember, the key to a successful year is PROGRAMS. An active Council will keep its members happy, will help recruit new members and will help reduce suspensions and withdrawals. Your members all want to do more than just go to meetings. If you have nothing scheduled for next year in the way of programs, I guarantee you will have problems with recruitment and retention.



GERALD SCHMUCK

Some of you may be wondering how we did as a State this year. As of June 15, we were still 76 members short of our goal. At our convention, I mentioned that nothing would please me more than representing Mississippi as we accept the Circle of Honor award at the Supreme convention this year. That will happen only if

each of you "digs a little deeper" to get those new members in by the end of June. Remember that a reinstatement also counts as a new member. Whatever happens, we can all be proud of our accomplishments and know that we have done our best to make Mississippi shine.

While this year is winding down, we still have some paperwork that needs to be done. According to Supreme records, only 19 Mississippi Councils have submitted their Columbian Award applications. It only takes a minute or two to complete the form and send it in. District Deputies, I'm counting on you to ensure that your Councils submit the required forms.

In closing, I would like to once again congratulate and personally thank all you Grand Knights who have had a successful year this year. Your guidance and leadership has helped make the difference. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus!

## 40 AGENCIES RECEIVE \$38,000 IN PID FUNDS

BY LARRY TABOR, CIPD STATE CHAIR

The 2011 Campaign to Support Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities ended April 30, with the total amount reported to the Foundation approaching \$50,000. Only 27 Councils participated in the campaign, which is far fewer than in past years. The Foundation distributed \$38,000 to 40 agencies across the state.

The 2012 Campaign is now underway, and congratulations are due Laurel Immaculate Conception Council 2180 for being the first to submit 2012-13 funds. The Council

completed its campaign with a collection of \$1,800 and forwarded a request for funds distribution within two weeks of the collection drive.

Councils that have staged collection drives are urged to conduct their audits and submit their requests for distribution as soon as possible. That will speed the delivery of money that is urgently needed by agencies that support individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(PLEASE SEE CIPD, PAGE 2)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JULY 7 - STATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.** Sacred Heart Church, D'Iberville, 9 a.m.

**INSTALLATION OF STATE OFFICERS.** Sacred Heart Parish Hall, D'Iberville, 5 p.m.

**JULY 8 - DISTRICT DEPUTY TRAINING AND ORIENTATION.** Sacred Heart Church, D'Iberville, 8:30 a.m.

**JULY 8 - SOUTHERN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF COLUMBIANISM.** Van-cleave Fr. Denis J. Harlow Council 15155, 12:30 p.m.

**JULY 14, NORTHERN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF COLUMBIANISM.** Oxford St. John Council 10901, 12:30 p.m.

**JULY 15, CENTRAL DISTRICT SCHOOL OF COLUMBIANISM.** Jackson St. Richard of Chichester Council, 12:30 p.m.

**PASSWORD NOT REQUIRED****BY ELVIS GATES, STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

For the last several years one of the most common excuses I have heard for why a report wasn't filed with Supreme is, "I forgot my password and couldn't get to the forms to send it in."

This is a common misconception that I have tried to correct again and again. Since it's time for Council leadership to apply for the Columbian Award for this fraternal year, it's time for me to correct this misconception once again.

No password is required for ANYONE in the Council, or outside the Council for that matter, to access the online reporting forms on the Supreme website. Anyone who knows how to use an internet web browser and a keyboard can complete the forms and press the button marked SUBMIT. Here are the steps once again:

- 1) On your web browser navigate to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org);
- 2) On the right side of the screen, look for the section labeled Activities and click on **For Officers**;
- 3) Now in the center of the screen click on the word **FORMS**;
- 4) On the left of the screen select either **Council** or **Assembly**, depending on what you need;
- 5) You will now see all of the forms and their deadlines. Select the one you need to complete and, preferably, click on the link for the form in the **ONLINE** column so you can complete the form and transmit it electronically to Supreme. This is the **QUICKEST AND SUREST** way to confirm that the form was transmitted and Supreme got it. If you have to

print a form, complete it, then fax or mail it, someone has to take the document (if they receive it and it is not lost in transit or elsewhere) and manually enter the data and give your Council credit for the submission. As you may expect, there is a lot of room for delays and mistakes in this process when not done electronically.

After completing the form, make sure you add the appropriate email addresses at the bottom of the form. You should enter your District Deputy's email address, the State Deputy's forms email address which is [sdreport@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdreport@bellsouth.net) and, finally, enter your own email address so you receive a copy of what you submitted as assurance it was transmitted successfully. Then, click **SUBMIT**.

If you follow the steps as outlined, or hand it over to someone to submit the reports for you, there should be no reason to be late on these reports that are so important to Supreme and to the state. As always, your state leadership is available to help you with this process if you need assistance.

**MEMBERSHIP****KNIGHT OF THE ROUND TABLE  
CONTINUED FOR 2012-13****BY MIKE KASSOUF****STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Great news!

We are continuing the Knight of the Round Table program for an additional year.

Members must earn the award each year by meeting these requirements:

- A Knight for at least one year; work on three Council service programs; attend at least three Council Business Meetings during the year; be a Third Degree member; and meet with the District Field Agent if not already a K of C insurance member.
- The Grand Knight submits the form qualifying the member for the award as each requirement is met.
- The Council with the highest number of members earning the award and the Council with the highest percentage of members earning the award in each category size also will be recognized.
- All requirements must be met before March 31, 2013.

**CIPD (FROM PAGE 1)**

Refer to the information on the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State website ([www.kofc-ms.org](http://www.kofc-ms.org)) for information regarding the campaign. Please contact me with questions at 228-365-6515 or at [LNDtabor@cableone.net](mailto:LNDtabor@cableone.net).

**LAUREL SETS EARLY PID PACE**

**Laurel Immaculate Conception 2180 became the first Council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction to submit funds for a 2012-13 People with Intellectual Disabilities drive. The fund raiser, coordinated by Don Schwartz, raised \$1,800 despite being limited to a five-hour window because of severe thunderstorms. (Submitted by GK Ronnie Morales, Laurel Council 2180.)**



### NATCHEZ KNIGHTS REINSTATE PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



**Members of August J. Stone Assembly 559 and the Knights of Peter Claver from Natchez carry the canopy in the Procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi from St. Mary Basilica to Holy Family Church. This was the first such procession in Natchez since the late 1960s. (Photos by Ruth McWilliams.)**



#### GAUTIER SCHOLARSHIP

**Gautier St. Mary's Council 9124 Grand Knight Ron Knight (left) and Deputy Grand Knight Rusty Anderson present the annual \$500 scholarship to Adam Gaudet, a graduate of Gautier High School. The Council has made this presentation to a graduating senior for several years. (Submitted by Robert Barr.)**

#### FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Mississippi had three families chosen as Supreme's Family of the Month in March and April.

March winners were Bradford and Teresa Smith, Brookhaven 7915; Richard and Billy Jean Greenwold, Ocean Springs 10499; and Roger

Usually, I use this space to talk about our safe, secure life insurance, retirement and long-term care products. This time, however, I want to address the growth of the Order. For all of us, growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the Council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for Councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentle-

man to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

and Cristel Hudson, Gulfport 12271. April winners were Brian and Katherine Evans, Starkville 6765; Matt and Michelle Zerangue, Oxford 10901; and John and Elaine Leonhard, Pass Christian 11995.

#### ASK ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN

BY JACK LEGUIN, FIELD AGENT

man to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one has asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are hooked.

As your professional Knights of Columbus field agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can. Contact me at 601-917-1881 or [jack.leguin@kofc.org](mailto:jack.leguin@kofc.org) if I can assist.



**MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS SALUTE THE FALLEN AND ALL WHO HAVE SERVED**

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly 3081 sponsored the first Memorial Day ceremony at Blocker Cemetery in Olive Branch, with Sen. Roger Wicker (top right) as guest speaker. Reps. Tommy Woods and Forrest Hamilton, Alderwoman Pat Hamilton and police and fire officials were in attendance. Deacon Hank Babin gave the invocation. Members of the Memphis Marine Corps League provided the three-volley gun salute; Horn Lake High School Marine Corps JROTC provided the colors; and Juan Aldana and Hannah Simpson performed Taps. The event was organized by Sir Knight David Szymanski and was attended by over 200 citizens. An abbreviated ceremony was held at Payne cemetery, which the Knights have adopted as a community project.**

**A few miles to the West, Southaven Father Gregory Bezy Assembly 2195 provided an Honor Guard for the annual Memorial Day service conducted by Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. The ceremony included a tribute by 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Allen Clark, an Iraq War veteran with the Mississippi Army National Guard, and remarks by House District 40 Representative Pat Nelson and Horn Lake Mayor Nat Baker. Following the ceremony, members of the Horn Lake High School Marine Corps ROTC unit led the Knights to the burial sites of their fellow deceased brothers. Bagpiper James Connelly played Amazing Grace and Assembly member Deacon Larry Campbell offered a prayer and blessing of the gravesites.**



**STATE CHAPLAIN CELEBRATES MASS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS***By Ed Guardanapo, Assembly 3004*

**Past State Master Larry Tabor and D'Iberville Assembly 3007 Sir Knight Rickey Pelanne present a Certificate of Appreciation to D'Iberville Police Chief Wayne Payne following a Mass recognizing First Responders of D'Iberville and Biloxi and Gulf Coast paramedics.**

State Chaplain Rev. Robert Higginbotham, pastor of D'Iberville Sacred Heart Church, provided a special welcome to First Responders of Biloxi and D'Iberville police and fire departments and Gulf Coast paramedics to a special Mass given in their honor.

"We want to take this opportunity to pay special tribute and thanksgiving to each of you for the efforts you provide, each and every day, in protecting our communities," Father Higginbotham said in his opening remarks. "We . . . recognize each of you on behalf of the sacrifices you make, not only for our communities

but for your families as well."

Following the Mass, Past State Master Larry Tabor read a proclamation which exemplified the selfless and dedicated service each honoree makes each day on behalf of those they serve. Assisted by Rickey Pelanne, member of D'Iberville Assembly 3007, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the First Responders.

The recipients, their families and members of the color guard were treated to a meal prepared by Wallace Freeman, Ed Creech and Butch Philio of Assembly 3007.



### **D'IBERVILLE ASSISTS GULFPORT CARE CENTER**

A special collection taken during Lent at D'Iberville Sacred Heart Church and proceeds of a golf tournament sponsored by D'Iberville Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 added up to a contribution of \$7,296 to the Morning Star Pregnancy Care Center of Gulfport.

Rev. Robert Higginbotham, K of C State Chaplain and Sacred Heart pastor, introduces Judy Cole, Associate Director of the care center, to parishioners after Mass June 9.

In his remarks, Rev. Higginbotham said "It is our goal to support Morning Star each year with the same effort - a special collection during Lent and a golf tournament."

### **MADISON HOSTS ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Madison St. Francis Council 9543 hosted and served the Association of the Priests Retirement Plan of the Dioceses of Biloxi and Jackson at its recent annual meeting. The event attracted 35 priests and Bishops Joseph Latino of the Diocese of Jackson and Bishop Roger Morin of the Diocese of Biloxi. (Submitted by Charles Wilkerson.)**





**JACKSON 15131 HOSTS BIKING-FOR-BABIES RIDERS****BY GUY J. HEYING, GRAND KNIGHT**

The Knights of Jackson St. Richard of Chichester Council 15131 hosted an evening with Biking-for-Babies, a group of 10 young Catholic men and women pedaling their way from New Orleans to Chicago.

The group, which included seminarian Jeremy Winter of the Archdiocese of Mobile and four college-age Knights, were in the early stages of their journey. The ride is focused on raising funds and support for pro-life organizations along the way.

The Council prepared a spaghetti dinner, with all proceeds donated to the Biking-for-Babies cause. In attendance were Parish members, Knights and members of the Jackson community who heard inspiring testimonials from these young Catholics who have dedicated themselves to ride nearly 1,000 miles to raise funds and call attention to the protection of the unborn. Additional speakers dur-



ing the evening were State Pro-Life Chairman Dennis Riecke from the Mississippi State Council and Ms. Beverly McMillan, Vice-President of Pro-Life Mississippi. Pro-Life Mississippi is one of several Pro-Life organizations Biking-for-Babies has designated as their charities.

Anyone wishing to find out more about Biking-for-Babies, or to make

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER****BY MICHAEL KASSOUF****STATE DIRECTORY ADMINISTRATOR**

With the election of officers a primary business item for Council's during the month of June, there are several responsibilities that the Financial Secretary needs to complete by July 1.

1) First Sign on to Officers Online, select "Member Management," select "Council Administration." From the left side of the screen, select "Council Officers Current and Next," and when the option of more selections appears, select "Next Fraternal Year." You will see just to the right of the left side column "Next Fraternal Year 2012-2013," and below that select "Copy Current Year." This feature allows you to copy all your current officers and then you need only to change the names of those new to positions. After making the needed changes at the bottom right hand of the screen, select "Submit." Supreme now has a copy of your newly elected officers that will be effective July 1, 2012.

There is one more step: At the top right of the screen, select "Print Center-MM." Under "Council Reports," select "Next Fraternal Year Officers." You will receive an option to open or to save. I suggest that you open the file and do the following: print a copy for your records and a copy for the Recorder to keep in the Recorder book. The copy for the Recorder book can be used by the Warden when the Recorder calls the roll. At the top of the PDF document, select file and then save as "xxxxx 2012 2013 Council Officers" (x's equal your Council number). I also suggest you save to the desktop. Email as an attachment to the State Deputy - [sdreport@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdreport@bellsouth.net), District Deputy and to your Council officers.

Finally, sign on to State Directory and make changes and select submit. Even if there are no changes, select submit so it will show that the list of officers is current.

**ST. PAUL-FLOWOOD ACCEPTS FLAG FROM AFGHANISTAN BASE**

**Lt. Cory Messer presented an American flag that flew over the base in Gardez, Afghanistan, where he served for 11 months. Fr. Gerry Hurley and a 4th Degree Honor Guard accepted the flag on behalf of Brandon St. Paul Parish, especially those who served and who continue to serve the U.S. in the military. (Submitted by Dennis Antici.)**