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A WORD FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

IT'S THE TIME OF THE YEAR FOR YOUR COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CHECKUP

BY GERALD E. 'JERRY' SCHMUCK

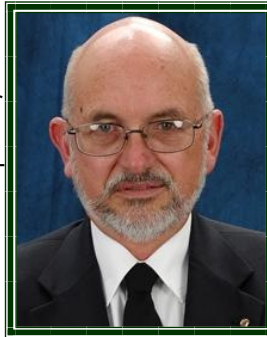
We are now slightly over half way through the State Fraternal year and one-third of the way through our Supreme Fraternal year. How is your Council doing?

At this point, you should have submitted your mid-year reports to our State Programs Chairman, so you should have a good idea of where you stand. While we have only received a few of the reports so far, it appears that everyone is busy and active. Remember, a successful Council is one that is active in programs within all six of our program areas.

On the membership side of the house, we have two Councils that have already exceeded their Supreme membership goals. Last year at this time we had six. That tells me we need to push a little harder to make our Council and State goals. Congratulations to Councils 13471 Philadelphia (200 percent) and 15155 Vancleave (150 percent). We also have 13 Councils that are currently on track to reaching their goals at the end of the year or earlier. They are 1908 Hattiesburg (45 percent), 6765 Starkville (40 percent), 7087 Kiln (40 percent), 7120 Southaven (56 percent), 7974 Columbus (33 percent), 8054 McComb (60 percent), 9409 W. Biloxi (67 percent), 10216 Brandon (71 percent), 10901 Oxford (83 percent), 11541 Gulfport (40 percent), 13502 Batesville (67 percent), 15121 Poplarville (33 percent) and 15382 Hattiesburg (60 percent). Congratulations to all of you on a job well done. 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. Bringing in one new member per

Council per month will go a long way to help all of you reach your Supreme membership goals.

A couple of weekends ago I was called to Atlanta for a Second Responders meeting. I'm sure most of you remember that Supreme has been looking at getting this new program started in the near future. Well, the near future is here, and Mississippi, along with seven other Southern Region states, has been selected to get the program "off the ground." Brian 'Hooty' Adams, the Grand Knight from Dedeaux Council 12331, has agreed to take over as our State Program Chair. He's going to need some help, so be ready if he (or I) come and talk with you about the program. We will be looking for regional directors and men willing to join Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTS) to manage the program. After they are all trained, they will be responsible for compiling a list of volunteers throughout the state and categorize them by what the volunteers will be able to do such as security, cooks,



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general assistants and other skills. When this program is up and running, we will be able to provide assistance, when requested, to emergency first responders throughout the state and region within the state or elsewhere. We'll have more information for all of you as this important program develops.

For your planning purposes, Mid-winter Regional meetings are scheduled as follows:

- South – Sunday, Jan. 6, at Council 4898, Long Beach
- Central – Saturday, Jan. 12, at Council 848, Jackson
- North – Sunday, Jan. 12, at Council 6765, Starkville

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. Let's all remember our Veterans on Nov. 11, and may you all have a wonderful 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.

Until next time,
Vivat Jesus!

COUNCIL 12331 SCHEDULES FIRST DEGREE FOR DEC. 5

Pass Christian Sacred Heart Dedeaux Council 12331 will host a First Degree Exemplification Dec. 5. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony at 7.

The event will be held at Sacred Heart Dedeaux, the old school better known in the Diocese of Biloxi as "Dedeaux Hilton."

Contact Grand Knight Brian Adam at 228-216-0738 or hcema1@att.net for more information.

SUPREME RECOGNIZES 37 STATE COUNCILS FOR 2012 ACHIEVEMENTS

Fourteen Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction achieved Star Council status in the 2011-12 Fraternal Year, four rising to Double Star Council for attaining 200 percent of their membership recruitment quota.

The Columbian Award also was bestowed on 14 Councils, with five receiving the Fr. McGivney Award and four receiving the Founder's Award.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program and sponsorship of service-oriented activities. To earn the Star Council Award, a Council must qualify for all three other awards.

Councils conducting and reporting four major programs in each of the Service Program categories qualify for the Columbian Award. The Fr. McGivney Award is presented to Councils achieving their associate member quota; and the Founder's Award recognizes Councils achieving their insurance member quota.

Councils receiving the Supreme recognition are:

Star Council: Jackson 848, Pass Christian 4472, Long Beach 4898, Starkville 6765, Kiln 7087, Southaven 7120 (Double), Brookhaven 7915; Rienzi 8912; Brandon 10216, Madison 11934, Pass Christian 11995, Jackson 15131 (Double), Vancleave 15155 (Double) and Hattiesburg 15382 (Double).

Columbian Award: Meridian 802, Laurel 2180, Ocean Springs 5654, Clinton 7854, Pearl 8038, McComb 8054, D'Iberville 9094, Gautier 9124, West Biloxi 9409, Madison 9543, Biloxi 9673, Oxford 10901, Lucedale 11904 and Pass Christian 12331.

Fr. McGivney Award: McComb 8054, D'Iberville 9094, Wiggins 11654, Tyler-town 11956, Batesville 13502.

Founder's Award: Meridian 802, Picayune 6872, West Biloxi 9409, Gulfport 11541.



State Deputy Gerald Schmuck presents the 2012 Double Star Council Award to Southaven Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 Grand Knight Fred Middleton following a Fourth Degree Exemplification at Southaven Christ the King Church. The Council joined Jackson Council 15131, Vancleave Council 15165 and Hattiesburg Council 15382 as Double Star Councils recognized by Supreme for accomplishments in the 2011-12 Fraternal Year. (Photo by Daniel Bicknell.)



KNIGHTS, V.A., RED CROSS JOIN FORCES TO HONOR VETERANS

BY ED GUARDANAPO

An estimated 300 hospitalized veterans, their medical staff and other support groups were treated to a fish fry as part of a salute to veterans sponsored by D'Iberville Assembly 3007, the American Red Cross and the Veterans Administration Health Care System at the Biloxi VA recreation center.

Brigadier General Bradley D. Spacy, Commander of the 81st Training

Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, was guest speaker for the fourth version of the event.

The organizing committee for the event included Ed Guardanapo and Larry Tabor, representing, Assembly 3007; Robert Davis, Voluntary Services Director; Chris Gable, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services; and Silva Royer, Disabled American Veterans Representative

of the VA Health Care System; and Leslie Pitre, Veterans Representative for the American Red Cross.

Additional support came from Knights representing Vancleave Fr. Denis J. Harlow Council 15155, D'Iberville Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094, Woolmarket James D. Hart Council 9673 and Hattiesburg Bishop Fahey Assembly 562.



SILVER ROSE TRANSFERRED IN PICAYUNE CEREMONY

The transfer of the Silver Rose from the Mississippi jurisdiction to the state of Louisiana was completed following Mass at St. Charles-Borromeo in Picayune before 600 parishioners. The Silver Rose was brought into and out of the church by Picayune Oscar J. Gelphi Council 6872 member Oscar Arias. The transfer was facilitated by District Deputy #9 Bill Heath. (Submitted by Bill Heath)

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

JOIN THE CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION OF OUR FOUNDER

By Tom Zettler, PSD, McGivney Guild Chairman

Are you a member of the McGivney Guild? If you are I say thank you for your membership. If you are not I can't help but wonder why.

There is no cost to become a member and the sole function of the Guild is to serve as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of our Founder. At the present time, the Cause for Canonization of our Founder proceeds. The Supreme Knight revealed at the recent Supreme Convention that a possible miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney is being reviewed and gives good hope that it may well be accepted as the miracle needed for his beatification. Should this happen, our Founder will be one miracle away from canonization and sainthood. Can you imagine having a Saint as our Founder?

The more Knights who join the Guild, the more prayers that will be going forth on his behalf and the more this saintly man will be acknowledged by those outside our Order.

Remember your membership in the Knights DOES NOT automatically make you a member of the Guild. Rather, you must apply for membership, and I am asking you to do so. After you have joined, you will receive a bimonthly newsletter keeping you apprised of the progress of his case. This newsletter is also sent to Guild members free of charge.

So take just a couple of minutes and submit your application for membership in the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. You can do so on-line or use the application in each issue of *Columbia* magazine. You will never regret doing so.

Venerable Father McGivney, pray for us.

FOUR PARTS OF RETIREMENT: PHASE TWO

By Jack LeGuin, Field Agent

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate.

After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70 percent of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90 percent range.

Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30 percent of your income? You still have to eat; you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren); taxes need to be paid; and on and on. Be careful of that 70 percent arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more.

(Jack LeGuin is Field Agent for the region including Meridian, Pearl, Philadelphia, Laurel and Vicksburg and can be reached at 601-917-1881 or jack.leguin@kofc.org.)

Family of the Month

Congratulations to Jesse and Wendy Barrileaux of Madison St. Francis Council 9543 who were the Mississippi winners of the September 2012 "Family of the Month" drawing from among nominees submitted by Council's throughout the Order:

CORINTH WELCOMES FALL WITH FUNDRAISER AND HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

**By Becky Thompson
Corinth Auxiliary 8912**

Corinth St. James the Less Council 8912 welcomed Fall with its annual pork shoulder roast fundraiser in September followed by the annual Halloween Celebration in October featuring a wide array of food and carnival games.

The Council raised more than \$2,100 from the sale of pre-ordered pork shoulders. Preparation of the shoulders began Friday afternoon with the grills manned to have the food available for pickup Saturday morning. Great Council participation made it all possible.

Next came the Halloween Celebra-



tion with more than 90 persons, including a large representation of Knights and their families turning out for the food and fun. Council members participated in the "mummy" toilet paper wrap activity and closed the afternoon with a cake walk. Cos-



tume prizes for all ages, from youth to adult, and prizes for the best pumpkins drawn with eyes closed were provided to cap a very successful and well-attended event.

SOUTHAVEN COUNCIL DELIVERS FOR SACRED HEART CLIENTS



Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 in Southaven, MS, is providing the manpower in a Food for Families project with Kroger and the Mid-South Food Bank to benefit clients of Sacred Heart Southern Missions in Walls, MS. Knights are collecting excess produce, bakery and deli items each weekday morning for delivery to the SHSM food pantry. The project is producing approximately 1,200 pounds of food per week for the pantry. Ted Lander is among Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 Knights contributing their time one morning per week to deliver the food.

NEW CORINTH AUXILIARY



Corinth St. James the Less Council 8912 Grand Knight Mark Griesler presents the charter for the newly formed Corinth Auxiliary 8912 to President Mary Frelichowski. State Auxiliary President Bobi Frey of Jackson presided over the installation of Auxiliary officers. In attendance for this special occasion were District Deputy #1 Mark Dye and Knights of Columbus Council 8912 members. (Submitted by Becky Thompson)