

# The Magnolia Knight

## A Word from the State Deputy

### HONORING OUR CHAPLAINS



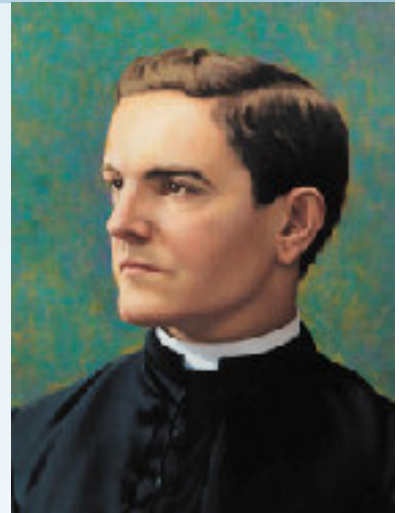
I would like each council to embrace the theme, "Honoring our Chaplains" for this fraternal year. As you plan your activities throughout the year, find ways to involve your chaplain. Your chaplain/pastor should know that the council stands ready to assist him in his priestly duties. In this time when the number of priests that serve Mississippi Catholics has continued to decline, we, as Knights of Columbus, need to do everything in our power to reverse this trend. We need to foster an atmosphere where young men (and women) are open to the possibility of a religious life. We also need to remember that promoting vocations does not consist only

of monetary support of seminarian education. It is true that the cost to send a man to the seminary is high and fundraising for this cause is vitally important, however, the need for prayers and words of encouragement cannot be overlooked. I encourage every council to participate in the RSVP program. Contact the diocesan vocations director to see what your council can do to assist him.

Supporting vocations also means supporting the chosen vocation of our current priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. Let these people know that we appreciate their vocation and service to the Catholic community of Mississippi. A birthday card, an appreciation dinner or a prayer service honoring the work they do for your parishes are excellent ways to show them that their vocation makes a difference in our lives.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge my personal gratitude to Fr. Bob Higginbotham from Council 9094, who has agreed to serve as State Chaplain again this year. His spiritual guidance to the state officers and all members of our jurisdiction is sincerely appreciated. I believe that Fr. Bob epitomizes the role model of Fr. McGivney, as a parish priest, that our Order espouses. Our jurisdiction is lucky to have him as State Chaplain.

Vivat Jesus!



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Council 5654 GK Carl Brochard with Gabrielle and Jacqueline Aultman

## Council 5654 Awards Scholarships

On Sunday, June 30th, Council 5654 in Ocean Springs awarded a \$500 scholarship to Gabrielle and Jacqueline Aultman (left photo) and Catherine Lynn (right photo). Since 1998, the council has awarded at least two scholarships each year in the name of Chris Nielsen, one of its members who died while serving in the U. S. Air Force. His Parents Jean and Henry Nielsen asked that the scholarships be given to the squires, which Joe Niezgoda did while they had a Squires Circle.

After that the council decided to give the scholarships to a senior or seniors from St. Alphonsus Parish in Ocean Springs, who had applied for it.

The Scholarship is now called Chris Nielsen Scholarship.



Jean Nielsen, GK Carl Brochard and Catherine Lynn

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## Supreme Council Families of the Month

The following are the Mississippi winners of the Supreme Council's Family of the Month contest for the month of June, 2013. They are obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among the many nominees submitted by local councils.

Mathias & Gwen Zelenka  
Council 1605—Pascagoula

Schuyler & Ginny Philo  
Council 9094—Biloxi

Joseph & Jennifer Liberto  
Council 10443—Grenada

Charles & Ann Monoit  
Council 10901—Oxford

James & Christina Ghents  
Council 15382—Hattiesburg

Councils are encouraged to submit their Family of the Month reports in a timely fashion in order for their submissions to be eligible.

## New Sir Knights Exemplified in Meridian



Council 802 Meridian (M), hosted a 4th Degree Exemplification Saturday June 22, 2013 at Meridian St. Patricks Church Parish Center installing 5 members from their council and 5 members from Philadelphia (P) Council 13471. The new 4th degree members standing from left to right are; Ed Heidorn (P), Richard Moody (M), Doug Prosen and Thomas Pou (P), Tau Iosa and Tom Minniece (M), Don Wroble (P), Ken Woodward and Greg Stephens (M). One new member not in photo was Fr. Augustine Palimattam (P) who had to leave to celebrate Mass. The other two standing on the right are Tom Zettler, Faithful Navigator for the Meridian Assembly, and Bob Leo, Color Guard (M). Seated in the front row are District Master, Bill O'Connor, Color Guards, Larry Kovach DGK (P), P.J. Carter GK (M), Howard McCarty, Roland Stewart, and Larry Birtzer (M).





*Council 7120 in Southaven participated in a Jail 'n Bail event to help raise funds for the Care Pregnancy Resource Center. Stephen Shahan (from left) Knight Francis Miller, Kathy Fink and 7120 PGK Tom Cusker were jailed until their bail was raised.*

## Supreme Provides Grant for Southaven Care Center's Ultrasound Machine

A community-wide effort that included two Knights of Columbus councils and an interdenominational array of churches in DeSoto County (MS) and Shelby County (TN) resulted in a new ultrasound machine purchased with assistance of the Supreme Council for the Care Pregnancy Resource Center in Southaven.

The local effort raised \$22,500, half the cost of the machine, qualifying for a matching grant from Supreme to complete the purchase. Council 5062 in Memphis recruited Council 7120 in Southaven to participate in the campaign. Dioceses in Memphis and Jackson were involved in approving and monitoring the project.

The largest fundraising event in the effort to purchase the 3/4D ultrasound machine was the first ever Pro-Life Day held at Southaven Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Participating churches included several Catholic churches in DeSoto County and Shelby County and three Baptist churches and one Presbyterian church in Southaven.

"The opportunity to have several churches come together to support a community-wide fundraising effort for the Care Center shows how the K of C truly helps people of all faiths and walks of life," said Jim White of Council 5062, who spearheaded the campaign.

At the Pro-Life Day, the Care Center displayed life models of child development in the womb. A Jail and Bail event helped raise more than \$10,000.

## 4th Degree Exemplification Scheduled

Bishop Brunini Assembly 2269 will host an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of the Order on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Family Life Center of St. Paul Catholic Church in Flowood. Third Degree Knights in good standing are eligible and are encouraged to take this next step in their knighthood.

The schedule of events is as follows:

12:30 PM—Registration begins  
2:30 PM—Exemplification  
5:50 PM—Mass  
6:30 PM—Reception  
7:00 PM—Banquet

The fee is \$70.00, which includes the 4th Degree social baldric and label pin as well as the banquet for the candidate. Another \$20.00 fee is required for each additional guest at the banquet.

All candidates and Fourth Degree members observing the ceremony must wear a black tuxedo, pleated white tuxedo shirt with lay-down collar, black bow tie, black cummerbund, and black shoes. Military personnel may wear dress uniforms, and priests may wear dress clerics.

If interested, you should be able to obtain the requisite Form 4 from the Membership Director of your council. The Form must be completed and mailed in with a check no later than Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Of course, sooner would be better.

Mail completed Form 4 and check to:

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Clinton, MS 39056

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## Council 4472 in Action



Council 4472 GK Rod Malburg and Ladies Auxiliary President Marcia Malburg present Fr. Mike Austin a check for \$9,995 for the new Holy Family state to be placed in the new church.



Council 4472 GK Rod Malburg congratulates Aubrey Warner for being the overall winner of the St. Vincent De Paul science fair.

## Sir Knights Go Cruising

Members of Bishop Brunini Assembly 2269 and their spouses and guests boarded Fr. Edward Balser's *Friendship II* for an evening of food, fun and fellowship while cruising the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Organized by soon-to-be Past Faithful Navigator Johnny Biggert and his wife Donna, event was a celebration of the recently completed fraternal year and a kick-off of the one just beginning.

All four of the councils from which the assem-

bly draws its membership were well-represented among the many who attended. The proceedings were blessed by some of the coolest, fairest weather to grace a July evening in anyone's memory.

The festivities were so enjoyed by all that there is already talk of doing it again very soon.

