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*From the desk of the State Deputy, Philip Jabour*

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## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

### Admission's Degree

- Nov 19 - Meridian
- Dec 1 - Flowood
- Dec 2 - Southaven
- Dec 17 - Meridian

### Formation Degree

### Knighthood Degree

### Patriotic Degree

### Mississippi Webinar

- Dec 19 - 7:00 & 8:00 pm

## REPORTS/ORDERS DUE

- Soccer Challenge Participation Form Dec 15
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Participation Form Dec 31



Brother Knights,

We are closing in on six months since our Fraternal year began 7/01/19. As of today, we are at about 25% of our yearly membership goal of 361. I know there have been new brothers join, but they are not showing up yet. If you have new members, please get the form 100 as soon as possible. We need to be at 45 to 50% by the end of December. I know there is a lot going on during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. But, keep on giving new Brothers the opportunity to join our Brotherhood.

I will be going to Orlando on 11/22 for the midyear State Deputies meeting. We meet once a year in June at Supreme and the midyear meeting in November moves from place to place. Last year it was in Houston. We are supposed to see the proposed changes to Ceremonials at the meeting. PSD, Peter Sukanek will be coming in the Sunday that we are leaving for the State Ceremonials directors meeting.

I will discuss what we learn at our December organizational meeting for the State Officers and DDs. We will discuss this with everyone during our January Midwinter meetings. Mark your Calendars, we will have the South MW meeting on 1/11/20, the Central MW meeting on 1/12/20 and the North MW meeting on 1/18/20. We have not firmed up the host Councils yet, but go ahead and put the date on your calendar.

Thank you for what all your Councils have done already this year. Keep up the good work. I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe if you are traveling during the holidays.

Vivat Jesus,

*Philip*

Philip Jabour  
State Deputy

**In Loving Memory of  
Bishop  
Roger Morin**

**Shepherd and Friend  
of the Knights**







# *Featured State Officer*

## State Warden, Bryan Cassagne



Here's Brother Bryan Cassagne's story in his own words....

I retired in 2010 after 33 years at Murphy Oil Refinery, Meraux, La. I had for many years wanted to work for a non-profit. I wanted to do something better with my time and make a difference in people's lives. I worked for United Way of SELA in New Orleans part-time for about 6 years. Part of that time was spent as the Community Services Liaison. My favorite activity was a Christmas Toy drive that I started with the Unions in the Greater New Orleans Area. Hundreds of toys were collected and delivered to some of our Partner Agencies which always included Catholic Charities. My first year as GK (2013) we did the same for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. My wife and I pulled a U-Hall trailer to Memphis full of toys and \$1,700 cash. We got a private tour of the hospital and it remains my most rewarding program! If you were to ask me about my passions, my answer would be St. Jude, PID, working with our Religious and Catholic Education. My fondest achievements as GK would be providing an ultrasound machine (2016) for the pregnancy center in Picayune and receiving the Civic Club of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce in 2014. I joined the Knights on August 16, 1992 and made Fourth Degree February 16, 2002. The Knights have shaped my life, sharpened my focus. I certainly would not be the same person. I love the Knights and I am very thankful of the opportunity you have given me to serve our State Council.

Today I work part-time for St. Francis Ministries in Picayune with PID as a Job Trainer. I met these people through my work with the Knights. I so much appreciate what we do that I volunteer almost as much time as I get paid for. Some say; "Special needs kids are Angel's sent by God to help us become better people!" It is as rewarding as it gets!

Vivat Jesus,  
Bryan V. Cassagne



### Duties of a State

The responsibilities of a State Warden are, as you may suspect, very similar to a Council Warden except on a much larger scale. The State Warden must insure that the State meeting venues are set up properly for the event. He is responsible for all sign in sheets, checking travel cards and orderly assembly of the attendees. He is responsible for setting up any presentation equipment and the distribution of all meeting materials. He assigns task to District Deputies during the meetings. The State Warden is also responsible for maintaining the inventory of State Property.





# Membership Message

Congratulations to Richard Manieri, Sr of Waveland Council 16433 for being the top recruiter for October. His council brought in 3 new members in October. Mugs will be sent to him and Kelvin Schulz II, Charles Gautreaux, Patrick Chubb, and Thad Anderson of Woolmarket Council 9673. Richard Hazen and John Leonhard of Most Holy Trinity Council 11995 in Pass Christian, Keigh Knight of John P Myers Council 2180 in Laurel, and Thomas Reyes of Hernando Desoto Council 7120 in Southaven will also receive mugs. The state had slightly better numbers in October, bringing in 24 new members state wide, however we are still behind our projected numbers. To be on track for circle of honor the state should have recruited 120 new members, but we are only at 80. I know the standard story that “we have no new men in our parish to recruit” or “we have asked every man in the parish” or “we can’t get the young men to commit.” To that I say it is time for the council to ask itself three very important questions:

1. What does your council do? What programs does it do to benefit the parish, the community, and the members? If you cannot point to specific areas where your council benefits the parish and the community, many men with limited time don’t want to join another group just to go to meetings.
2. Does the council make a difference in the community? Men, especially young men want to make a difference in their community and your council should be demonstrating that it can help those men make a difference.
3. If the council did not exist, who would take over their programs? If your council is not closely connected to your parish, you may already know the answer. If your pastor is not coming to the council when he needs help or has a special need, he has already found an alternative to your Council.

I know this sounds like it should be coming from the program director, but programs drive recruiting and new members bring new programs. I urge your council to take a hard look at these questions and come up with honest answers. If your council isn’t growing, it is dying. It is that simple. Supreme is offering a new members bring new programs. I urge your council to take a hard look at these questions and come 30-minute training webinar to help address these issues. It was offered as in-person training in early November, but many councils did not attend either of the two sessions. That is why it is being offered again as a online webinar. These are the dates and times for the webinar.

Thursday December 19th 8:00 pm  
Friday December 20th 7:00 pm  
Saturday December 21st 11:00 am and 2:00 pm

For access information, contact Darryl Barrios, Regional Training Director at [Darryl.barrios@kofc.org](mailto:Darryl.barrios@kofc.org). Connections are limited and Supreme is asking all Grand Knights to view this training at a minimum. I would recommend the Grand Knight, Deputy, Program Director, Membership Director and any other interested members to meet together to view the training. Afterwards they can discuss how best to apply the lessons learned to their council situation.

I am available to help with any membership issues. My cell phone is 601-831-1057 and my state email is [membership@kofc-ms.org](mailto:membership@kofc-ms.org)



## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Carl Brochard - State Family Director

### AUGUST FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

I would like to congratulate the (3) Families that were picked by Supreme for September, 2019.

Chad Sonnek  
Craig Womack  
Glen Bryant

Council 898  
Council 7915  
Council 14051

#### PURPOSE OF FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Stimulate and support the development of strong vibrant families. Local councils will establish a committee to recognize a deserving Family of the Month and Family of the Year with potential for recognition on the international level.

Thanks to the Councils that took the time to pick a Family. Like I say every month if your Council needs help filling out the form you can call me **228-327-0066** and I will be glad to help, it only takes about 5 to 10 minutes to fill out the form. If you have turned in a Family and they are not listed please send me the name and Council no.



## CURRENT eMEMBERS

CONTACT STATE eMEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR, GUY HEYING FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Member #	City	Date Assigned	Assigned Council #
Andy Thaggard	5047354	Clinton	12/7/2018	7854
Billy Dunn	5029498	Greenwood	7/31/2018	5267
Clinton H Brown	5036627	Biloxi	7/25/2019	9409
Dr William P Berlin	5093222	Jackson	7/1/2019	15131
Jack Williams	5072700	Gulfport	3/6/2019	11541
Marco A Izquierdo	5110038	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Martin Kreckner	5086218	Ocean Springs	7/1/2019	1244
Marvin M Estrada	5017067	Columbus	5/23/2018	7974
Michael L Barner	5032604	Greenwood	9/20/2018	5267
Mr Brent Duncan	5086315	Flowood	5/6/2019	8285
Mr David A Rueff	5024655	Madison	6/27/2018	15131
Mr Emmeett A Holder	5083079	Moss Point	7/1/2019	1605
Mr Jeremy Bermond	5061848	Gulfport	7/1/2019	1583
Mr Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada	7/6/2018	10443





# MS Knights in Action

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**SOUTHERN  
REGION**



Most Holy Trinity Council 11995 and it's Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored the Parish's annual Remembrance Mass on Monday November 4. The names of each parishioner that had passed over the past 5 years was read as a bell tolled along with a lit candle for all. The 4th degree supported the event with an Honor Guard



Most Holy Trinity Assembly 3625 sponsored a Veteran's Day Mass On Nov. 10. Apoximately 40 members of the Parish were recognized. A light meal was provide for the veterans and families after the service

New members, Daniel Lally and Robert Campbell, collect donations during Council 9124's recent drive for People with Intel-lectual Disabilities



Sir Knight Benny French was the wreath layer as Assembly 561, Pascagoula/Gautier placed a wreath at their Veteran's Memorial in Jackson County west bound I-10



Members of Council 9673 were trated to a steak dinner prepared by members of the State Family. The meal was provided as a thank you for the Council's effort to rach STAR COUNCIL. Bishop Kihneman and Msgr. Dominic Fullam joined the festivities.



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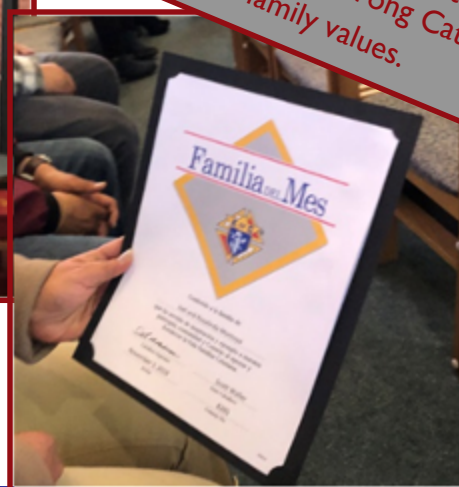
CENTRAL  
REGION



Holy Savior Council 7854, Clinton hosted a Formation/ Knighthood Degree, November 9, 2019. Ten candidates advanced to full Knighthood. The degree teams were lead by Past State Deputy, Peter Sulanek and PSD/District Master, Jerry Schmuck



November 3, 2019 - St. Therese Knights of Columbus Council 8285, Jackson was honored to recognize the Joel and Rosalinda Montoya family as the Council's Family of the Month for October 2019. The Knights present this award to families who represent strong Catholic faith and family values.







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**NORTHERN  
REGION**



John Sherman, Chief Usher at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Oxford, briefs new volunteer ushers on their duties before, during and after Mass. With the addition of 200 new seating positions added last year, the first semester of the 2019 school year is experiencing the first full year of dealing with a larger congregation.

**4TH DEGREE  
NEWS**



## **New Domestic Manufacturer of the Official Uniform**

The Supreme Council has selected our new domestic supplier for the uniform. The Supply Room manufacturing from Oxford, Alabama, who is a world leader in the manufacturing of Military & Law Enforcement uniforms, will now be our domestic supplier of the official uniform. They come to us with over 100 years of experience and a top-notch customer service department to service our members.

**New Uniform  
Orders  
New Price**

During this transition, ordering will be suspended from November 1 - December 1. Please wait to place your order until December 1, 2019. Uniforms can be ordered at: [kofcuniform.com](http://kofcuniform.com) or 833/562-4327. The Supply Room customer service department will be able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.



Mississippi has a long and storied past with the Knights of Columbus. For the next several months, The Magnolia Knight will publish a list of Past State Officers.

**\* This month lists the State Officers from 1989 – Present\***

Data provided by  
PSD, Jim McCraw

Term	State Deputy/Council #		State Secretary/Council #		State Treasurer/Council #	
1989-1990	Marvin Lott	5556	Stanley Swentkowski	2969	Thomas R. Zettler	802
1990-1991	Marvin Lott	5556	Stanley Swentkowski	2969	Thomas R. Zettler	802
1991-1992	Stanley Swentkowski	2969	Thomas R. Zettler	802	Gregory Niolet	4472
1992-1993	Stanley Swentkowski	2969	Thomas R. Zettler	802	Gregory Niolet	4472
1993-1994	Thomas R. Zettler	802	Gregory Niolet	4472	Jesse J. Quinn, III	5267
1994-1995	Thomas R. Zettler	802	Gregory Niolet	4472	Jesse J. Quinn, III	5267
1995-1996	Jesse J. Quinn, III	5267	Guy S. Todaro, Jr	1605	Keith Merritt	8848
1996-1997	Jesse J. Quinn, III	5267	Guy S. Todaro, Jr	1605	Keith Merritt	8848
1997-1998	Guy S. Todaro, Jr	1605	Bruce Pabon	10499	Ted Knowles	1605
1998-1999	Guy S. Todaro, Jr	1605	Bruce Pabon	10499	Thomas F. Chady	898
1999-2000	Bruce Pabon	10499	Thomas F. Chady	898	Richard T. Lieding	8285
2000-2001	Bruce Pabon	10499	Thomas F. Chady	898	Richard T. Lieding	8285
2001-2002	Thomas F. Chady	898	Richard T. Lieding	8285	Larry J. Tabor	9094
2002-2003	Thomas F. Chady	898	Richard T. Lieding	8285	Larry J. Tabor	9094
2003-2004	Richard T. Lieding	8285	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Daniel J Lechner	9409
2004-2005	Richard T. Lieding	8285	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Daniel J Lechner	9409
2005-2006	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Peter Sukanek	10901
2006-2007	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Peter Sukanek	10901
2007-2008	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Peter Sukanek	10901	Gerald Schmuck	12271
2008-2009	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Peter Sukanek	10901	Gerald Schmuck	12271
2009-2010	Peter Sukanek	10901	Gerald Schmuck	12271	David Scott	9543
2010-2011	Peter Sukanek	10901	Gerald Schmuck	12271	David Scott	9543
2011-2012	Gerald Schmuck	12271	David Scott	9543	Jim McCraw	848
2012-2013	Gerald Schmuck	12271	David Scott	9543	Jim McCraw	848
2013-2014	David Scott	9543	Jim McCraw	848	Noel Aucoin	9094
2014-2015	Jim McCraw	848	Noel Aucoin	9094	Philip Jabour	10216
2015-2016	Jim McCraw	848	Noel Aucoin	9094	Philip Jabour	10216
2016-2017	Noel Aucoin	9094	Philip Jabour	10216	Michael Kassouf	6765
2017-2018	Noel Aucoin	16992	Philip Jabour	10216	Michael Kassouf	6765
2018-2019	Philip Jabour	10216	Michael Kassouf	6765	Roy Gamez	4472
2019-2020	Philip Jabour	10216	Michael Kassouf	6765	Roy Gamez	4472
Term	State Advocate/Council #		State Warden/Council #		State Chaplain	
1989-1990	Gregory Niolet	4472	George L Harrison	2180	Fr. Frank Corcoran	
1990-1991	Gregory Niolet	4472	George L Harrison	2180	Fr. Frank Corcoran	
1991-1992	Jesse J. Quinn, III	5267	Guy S. Todaro	1605	Fr. Brian Carroll	
1992-1993	Jesse J. Quinn, III	5267	Guy S. Todaro	1605	Fr. Brian Carroll	
1993-1994	Guy S. Todaro	1605	Roy Patterson	8285	Fr. Kevin Slattery	
1994-1995	Guy S. Todaro	1605	Roy Patterson	8285	Fr. Kevin Slattery	
1995-1996	Bruce Pabon	10499	Ted Knowles	1605	Fr. Dennis Carver	
1996-1997	Bruce Pabon	10499	Ted Knowles	1605	Fr. Dennis Carver	
1997-1998	Thomas F. Chady	898	Richard T. Lieding	8285	Fr. Mike Nance	
1998-1999	Richard T. Lieding	8285	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Fr. Mike Nance	
1999-2000	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Fr. Mike Nance	
2000-2001	Larry J. Tabor	9094	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Fr. Mike Nance	
2001-2002	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Peter Sukanek	10901	Fr. Robert Dore	
2002-2003	Daniel J Lechner	9409	Peter Sukanek	10901	Fr. Robert Dore	
2003-2004	Peter Sukanek	10901	Gerald Schmuck	12271	Fr. Brian Kaskie	
2004-2005	Peter Sukanek	10901	Gerald Schmuck	12271	Fr. Brian Kaskie	
2005-2006	Gerald Schmuck	12271	David Scott	9543	Fr. Mike O'Connor	
2006-2007	Gerald Schmuck	12271	David Scott	9543	Fr. Mike O'Connor	
2007-2008	David Scott	9543	Jim McCraw	848	Fr. Charles Nutter	
2008-2009	David Scott	9543	Jim McCraw	848	Fr. Charles Nutter	
2009-2010	Jim McCraw	848	B. Waggoner/ Noel Aucoin	1605/9094	Fr. Al Camp	
2010-2011	Jim McCraw	848	Noel Aucoin	9094	Fr. Al Camp	
2011-2012	Noel Aucoin	9094	Philip Jabour	10216	Fr. Bob Higginbotham	
2012-2013	Noel Aucoin	9094	Philip Jabour	10216	Fr. Bob Higginbotham	
2013-2014	Philip Jabour	10216	Ben Mokry	8285	Fr. Bob Higginbotham	
2014-2015	Ben Mokry	8285	Michael Kassouf	6765	Msgr Elvin Sunds	
2015-2016	Ben Mokry	8285	Michael Kassouf	6765	Msgr Elvin Sunds	
2016-2017	Roy Gamez	4472	Guy Heying	15131	Fr. Scott Thomas	
2017-2018	Roy Gamez	4472	Guy Heying	15131	Fr. Scott Thomas	
2018-2019	Guy Heying	15131	Bryan Cassagne	4472	Fr. Scott Thomas	
2019-2020	Guy Heying	15131	Bryan Cassagne	4472	Fr. Scott Thomas	

# SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND RAFFLE

Sponsored by the Biloxi Diocese Knights of Columbus

Your Knights of Columbus are supporting the education of future priests in our diocese and are asking for your support.

We are holding a raffle to raise funds for the seminarians of the Diocese of Biloxi. The Bishop R.O. Gerow Fund is a fund the Knights of Columbus fund to give money to the bishops of each Diocese in Mississippi to support their efforts to train seminarians. This raffle is to support Bishop Kihneman and the Diocese of Biloxi.



There will be 3 winners:

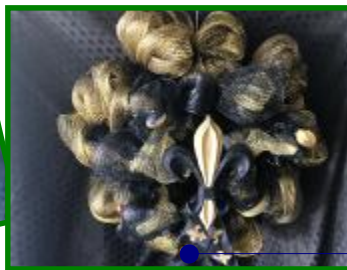
3rd Place will win \$2,000

2nd Place will win \$3,000

1st Place will win \$5,000

Drawing will be held on April 15, 2020—Need not be present to win

Ticket Price: \$25



Fr. Mullin Council 16992 Council, St. Michael, Biloxi is selling Christmas Wreaths with proceeds going to the Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence. Wreaths are valued at \$50 but donations will be accepted. Contact Noel at 228.327.2951



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