



# The Magnolia Knight

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

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## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

### Admission's Degree

- Dec 17 - Meridian
- Jan 5 - Flowood
- Jan 6 - Southaven
- Jan 21 - Meridian

### Formation Degree

### Knighthood Degree

### Patriotic Degree

- Jan 25 - Olive Branch

## TRAINING SCHEDULE

### Mississippi Webinar

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

### Southern Mid-Winter

- Jan 11 - Ocean Springs

### Central Mid-Winter

- Jan 12 - Clinton

### Northern Mid-Winter

- Jan 18 - Grenada

## REPORTS DUE

- Soccer Challenge Participation Form Dec 15
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Participation Form Dec 31
- District Deputy Semi-annual report Dec 31
- Fraternal Activity Report (1728) Jan 31
- Special Olympics Form (4584) Jan 31



Brother Knights,

As we approach our celebration of the Birth of Jesus, I want to wish you and your families a very Blessed Christmas. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the great things that you have done for our Community and Church during 2019. We have accomplished a lot, but we are only half way through the Fraternal year. We have the State Convention coming up in April and we need to make sure that the Councils earn the recognition that they deserve. So, take stock of where your Council is and prepare a plan to get to your goal.

There are significant changes coming from Supreme. At the SD meeting in Houston in November of 2018 we were told that they were looking at changes in the Degrees. At the SD meeting in Orlando in November 2019 we saw what the changes were. The First, Second and Third Degree have been combined into one Ceremony lasting about thirty minutes. Going forward the new Degrees will be open to our families. We will have a video of the new Degree at our Midwinter meetings. It is very important that you attend. For now, we can still use the old Degrees if we so choose. They will eventually be phased out, but they have not given us a date yet for that to happen.

The South Midwinter meeting is January 11th at Ocean Springs. The Central meeting is January 12th at Clinton and the North is January 18th at Grenada. Please go to the State website and register for the meeting you plan to attend. You should strive to get the GK, FS, DGK, Program Director, Membership Director, and if you have a ceremonial team, try to get someone from your team there. Happy New Year and drive safely coming to the meetings.

Vivat Jesus,

*Philip*

Philip Jabour  
State Deputy  
Mississippi Jurisdiction  
Knights of Columbus

# *Featured State Officer*

## Immediate Past State Deputy, Noel Aucoin



### Duties of a IPSD

The responsibilities of a Immediate Past State Deputy is somewhat similar to that of a Council Trustee without the responsibility of an semi-annual audit. State audit must be done by a Certified Public Accountant. The Immediate Past State Deputy is a voting member of the Officers' team and is chief advisor to the State Deputy. Although an important voice, the IPSD's activities is much less than his previous offices. The position is not an elected position (as is the Trustee) but an office earned by virtue of completed term(s) at State Deputy.

Immediate Past State Deputy, Noel Aucoin has been a Knight for 22 years. He has been married to his lovely wife, Patty, for 39 years and they have two children. A daughter, Jessica and son, Drew. They currently have one grandson, Gunner. Brother Noel has held every office in his original Council, 9094, D'Iberville and is currently the Financial Secretary for his new Council 16992, Biloxi. Noel was the Charter Faithful Navigator for his Assembly 3007, D'Iberville. He started his state involvement under his friend and mentor, Larry Tabor, as State Council Director. Brother Noel also served as State Public Relations Chairman, State Program Director and State Membership Director before starting his journey through the State Officers' Chairs. Another of one the earlier post Noel served as was Editor of the Magnolia Knight. This assignment he has happily excepted again and is currently producing it monthly.

Noel has been employed at Ingalls Shipbuilding for 34 years and currently manages the Scheduling team for large deck amphibious ships. He represents the shipyard on the advisory board of the South Mississippi United Way. Noel and Patty are members of St. Michael's parish in Biloxi and serves there as an Extraordinary Minister and on the Parish Advisory Board. He is also a board member of the Mississippi Special Olympics. Noel was selected as a 2019 inductee into the Society of the Fleur de Lis.

Noel notes that the highlights of his term as State Deputy was back to back Circle of Honor awards, the placement of two ultrasound machines and the establishment of two new Councils. He acknowledges that none of these accomplishments would be possible without the hard work and support of his team of Officers, District Deputies and the Councils.

Life as Past State Deputy has slowed down quite a bit but Noel plans to continue serving the Mississippi Knights of Columbus in some capacity.





# Membership Message

Travel mugs have been sent out to Kenny Robbins of St. Richards Council 15131, Basil Richmond and Jacob Eftink of Oxford Council 10901, and David Browman of St. Paul Council 10216. They each recruited a new member for their council. Overall the state recruited 21 new members during the month of November with a net gain of 11 for the month. Currently the state has brought 112 new members this fraternal year and that is low. We are at 31% of our goal, and almost halfway through the year. We have a lot of work in the coming months to achieve circle of honor.

Currently 28 councils have not recruited a single member this fraternal year:

848	1034	1605	1908	2945	2969	4472
4898	6592	7211	7915	8038	8760	8848
9234	9409	9958	10443	11654	11904	11956
12166	12271	13471	13502	13936	14051	16763

Council with asterisks next to their number also did not recruit a member in the 2018-19 year. The average Knight in Mississippi is 57 years old and has been a Knight for 16 years. 46% of Mississippi KC members are over the age of 60. The council with the oldest average members is Sacred Heart Council 12166 with an average age of 68. That council is also one of those that hasn't brought in a new member in at least 18 months. Councils that aren't bringing in new members are slowly dying. Two of the councils in the not-recruiting list made Star Council last year, 8038, and 14051. Another two earned the Father McGivney award for membership last year, 8760 and 9409.

Clearly there are men out there who want to become Knights. Where are they? Two groups of men that are underrepresented in the Mississippi Knights of Columbus are young men, and Minority/Ethnic groups. To reach these, councils need to make the Knights relevant to them. Men today are busy with family, work, and church. They want to make a difference in their world. Are councils in this state ready to help them? Do they have programs that build stronger families, families with a volunteer ethic? Do they have programs that help men make a difference in their church, more than ushering or lecturing? Do they have programs that empower men to make a difference in their communities? Do they have members who are willing to mentor younger men to help them in their careers and to become better husbands and fathers? Gone are the days when a council could sit on their laurels and exist as just a men's club. Councils now need to be not only inviting to families but encourage family involvement in their programs. Councils that do these things become inviting to younger men and families



## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Carl Brochard - State Family Director

I would like to congratulate the **Carl Doumit Family, Council 7974** chosen by Supreme for November, 2019.

### THANKS TO THE COUNCILS THAT TOOK THE TIME TO TURN IN A FAMILY

802, 848, 898,, 1583, 4472, 5654, 6765, 6872, 7974, 8285, 9094,  
9124, 10443, 11934, 11995, 14051, 15155, 15382

### 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
Clinton H Brown	5036627	Biloxi	7/25/2019	9409
Lawrence J Hubacek	5122593	Flowood	11/14/2019	10216
Marco A Izquierdo	5110038	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Martin Krecker	5086218	Ocean Springs	7/1/2019	1244
Michael L Barner	5032604	Greenwood	9/20/2018	5267
Brent Duncan	5086315	Flowood	5/6/2019	8285
Chris Spear	5122957	Gulfport	11/16/2019	11541
David A Garcia	5126422	Bay Saint Louis	12/3/2019	1522
Emmett A Holder	5083079	Moss Point	7/1/2019	1605
James V Mathews	5126036	Brandon	11/27/2019	10216
Jeremy Bermond	5061848	Gulfport	7/1/2019	1583
Larry J Smith	5126993	Bay Saint Louis	12/3/2019	1522
Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada	7/6/2018	10443

### CONGRATULATIONS TO eMEMBERS WHO JOINED COUNCILS SINCE LAST MONTH

**BILLY DUNN**

**COUNCIL 5267**

**GREENWOOD**

**WILLIAM BERLIN**

**COUNCIL 15131**

**JACKSON**

**JACK WILLIAMS**

**COUNCIL 11541**

**GULFPORT**





# MS Knights in Action

Please submit all MS Knights in action articles to [noel.aucoin@gmail.com](mailto:noel.aucoin@gmail.com)

**SOUTHERN  
REGION**



Council 12331, Dedeaux, prepared 50 Christmas food baskets and distributed to the community. This is a traditional activity that Grand Knight Tony Perkins, DKG, Larry Necaie and the rest of the Council have been planning for months.

Council 5654, Ocean Springs served 400 senior citizens Thanksgiving meal at the St. Alphonsus Parish Hall and took an additional 100 plates to two area senior citizen homes. The Council would like to thank the following students and adults for their help.

**Students:**

Carlos Cano, Abby Futch, Thomas Owen, Genevieve Persing, Gavriella Persing, Victoria Holley, Briggs Mendoza, Quinn LaGrone, Natalie Harris, Brandon Longoria

**Adults:**

Marie Dugger, Haley Moon, Teresa Moon, Caren Clark, Dr. Persing, Marie Cano



Council 16433 sponsored the first annual St. Clare Parish Veteran's Day Mass and Luncheon, November 10, 2019. Several Vets were honored at a beautiful Mass and then treated to a sit down dinner provided by the Council. Attendees were read a letter of appreciation from Congressman Steven Palazzo.



Council 1908, Hattiesburg held a quilt raffle. Pictured left to right William Clark, Porter Hudson (winner), and Chris Tomlinson. Parishioner took two years to complete the beautiful pro-



Council 16992, Biloxi sets up the Manger Scene to kick off the Advent season.





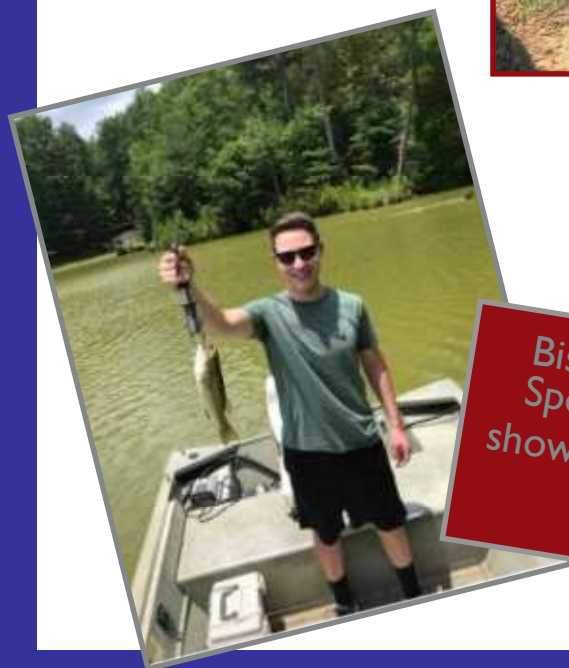
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CENTRAL  
REGION



Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554  
Sponsors a Veterans Day Flag Place-  
ment at Veterans Graves in Clinton  
and Cedar  
Grove Cemeteries



Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554  
Sponsored Seminarian, Ryan Stoer,  
shows his catch of the day. Way to go  
Ryan





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**NORTHERN  
REGION**



Council 8848 from Tupelo, MS had a coat drive through November and December. Pictured is Program Director, Calvin Dotson and Community Director, Travis Hunsicker. All coats collected were donated to an organization called Muteh that helps homeless individuals with finding permanent housing and resources

**4TH DEGREE  
NEWS**



## Star Assemblies Announced

Please help congratulate Assembly 2195 Southaven (3rd award), Assembly 554 (3rd award) and Assembly 559 (1st award) for achieving this special award. Congratulations to all for their hard work. As you can see, the number of Star Assemblies is down from last year. That's somewhat disappointing but that's the way it is. We have many more assemblies out there doing outstanding work but the only way we can get them the recognition they deserve is to get them working on timely report submission and sending out newsletters.

Presentations of the awards will be at this year's mid-winter meetings so please ensure there is a representative at one of the scheduled meetings to accept the award

**Military Chaplain's  
Fund**

As many of you know, we have a goal to reach 2 Million dollars by June 30, 2020. as of November 26 2019, the Order has raised \$1,972, 015.93 leaving \$27, 984.07 short of that goal. Supreme Master, Dennis Stoddard is urging donations of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more per Assembly. Only with individual Assembly support can this goal be met. Please consider

***The  
Magnolia Knight  
and State Officers  
would like to wish  
all Brother Knights  
and their families  
a very  
Blessed Christmas***



***KEEP CHRIST  
IN CHRISTMAS***





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