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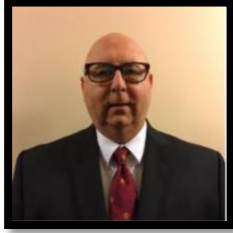
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## EXEMPLIFICATIONS:

Admissions degree  
\*All cancelled  
Formation  
\*All cancelled  
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\*All cancelled  
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\*All cancelled  
New Full Degree  
\*All cancelled

## REPORTS DUE:

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## From the desk of State Deputy, Philip Jabour

Brothers,

We are in uncharted waters. The Biloxi and Jackson Dioceses have shut down Stations and all Masses. Businesses are shutting down or only doing business through the takeout window, and all collegiate spring sports have been cancelled for now. We do not have any prior experience navigating through these trying times. We will make decisions and do the best we can.

The Southeast State Deputies had a call-in meeting Tuesday and they strongly suggest that we cancel our annual State Convention. The State Officers had a call-in meeting Wednesday. I recommended that we cancel the State Convention and the Officers unanimously agreed. The State Bylaws call for the current State Officers to continue until they are replaced. So, I guess you are stuck with us for now. It also says all resolutions will carry forward.

Ted and I have been dealing with the hotel concerning a cancellation. They agreed to let us cancel without penalty. They will be refunding the hotel reservations that had come in. Ted and his committee are working on refunding the PayPal reservations for the Dinners and should start that next week. If you mailed them a check, they will refund the amount that you paid. If you bought an ad for the convention book, they will give you the option of applying it to an ad for next year or getting a refund.

We voted to move the convention in Tunica back to next year. Which in turn, will push Starkville and Meridian back a year also. Please adjust your calendars to reflect this. The June State Deputies meeting in New Haven is being decided. The Supreme Convention in August is also being looked at.

As you can see there is a lot we do not know right now. We have to make decisions on the local level with the best information that we have. Supreme is recommending the cancellation of Council meetings until further notice. They are also suggesting we limit initiation ceremonies for the time being. They strongly suggest we use the online membership for now. They are okay with one on one ceremonies with the initiate, using the video of the new Degree. Please let Peter or I know if you schedule a Degree.

We are still collecting checks for our normal donations that we usually give out at the Convention. SS, Mike Kassouf, will get you the information about this. Please mail your donations to him as soon as possible. We will still write checks and present them to the Bishops after the donations come in. We will also make a donation to the Retired Priests fund when they have their annual meeting in May. We will still give out State awards, so get your information in to Kenny. Please also submit the information to qualify for Supreme awards. Supreme is working on an Adobe program where we can do on line voting with the Council Delegates. If this works out, we will probably do a few votes that need to be taken.

Keep on doing as much as possible for our Parishes and communities, with the restrictions we have to work with.

I appreciate all that you do for the Knights, the Church and communities. We will get through this.

Vivat Jesus

*Philip*

Philip Jabour  
State Deputy  
Mississippi Jurisdiction  
Knights of Columbus

# Update from State Secretary

## Necrology

- Please continue to enter you deceased members of your Councils and Ladies Auxiliaries.
- How to enter Instructions.
- We will honor our deceased Brothers and Sisters in an appropriate manner.
- Below are names entered so far:



<u>Council</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Name</u>
802	SK (Thomas) Beeman	7120	Jo Ann Latimer
802	SK Dewayne Klutz	7211	JUDSON MAYES
802	SK Edward Thomas	7854	Duane Andrews
848	Joseph Murphy	7854	Joe Stewart, Jr.
848	Robert Miller	7854	Mary Rita Haselhorst
1034	Charles C. Burns	7854	Robert Lariccia
1034	Irby Gascon Jr.	8054	O'Neil Amedee
1522	Malcolm Veazey	8848	William "Bill" Tapscott
1522	Theodore Morel	9094	Rev. John Izral
1522	Vincent Mikelonis	9094	William Knox
1583	Col Bernard Podlin	9124	Gerard Shuster
1583	Hugo Nieves	9124	Kenneth Peden
1583	Kenneth Saxon	9409	Dong Phan
1583	Raymond Sinopoli	9409	Roger Houle
1583	William Mount	9673	Joseph Toche
1605	Paul Hines	9673	Leo Richard
1605	Robert Coakley	9673	Noel Denoux
2134	William Koeppe	11904	John Marvin McDonald
2180	Bob Coffin	11934	Fr. Paul Canonici
4472	David Payse	11934	John Davis
4472	Gene Rogers	11934	Michael Boyle
4472	Lawrence Yarborough	11995	Edward Grotkowski
4472	Patrick McDonald	13471	Billie Halford
5654	August Brune	14051	GERALD JACKSON
5654	Glen (General ret) Ryan		
7087	ALAN NECAISE		
7087	RICHARD CLIFVAS		

# Update from State Secretary

## **State Per Capita**

We've received state per capita from all but three councils.

- Biloxi Diocese – 1 council
- Jackson Diocese – 2 councils

## **Donations**

- Mail all check for donations to State Secretary listed on form.
- Link to donation form <https://www.kofc-ms.org/programs/forms/Mississippi%20State%20Council%20Donation%20Form.pdf>
- Mail a copy of form with check.
- Email a copy of form to chairman responsible.
- Donations to the Gary Sinise should be made directly to Gary Sinise Foundation using the gary sinise donation form  
[https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/static/gsf\\_donationform-f465d7e4446879de8aaca1d988fcc9fc.pdf](https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/static/gsf_donationform-f465d7e4446879de8aaca1d988fcc9fc.pdf)

## **Delegates**

- Continue to select delegates and enter data base
- Council with no delegate entry.

898 1034 1244 1522 1583 1908 2945 2969 4472 4898 5267 5556 6592  
6765 6872 7087 7120 7211 7854 7910 7915 7974 8038 8054 8760 8848  
8912 9094 9234 9409 9543 9958 10216 10499 10901 11541 11654 11904  
11934 11956 11995 12166 12271 12331 13502 15121 15155 15382  
16433 16763 16992 17364

# PROGRAMS UPDATE



## **Brothers;**

Although this year's convention has now been cancelled, March 31 is fast approaching. Yes, we will continue with our Program Awards as usual. This day is the cutoff for all updates to the State Program Reports Database to be input to the system. The database will be closed at the end of the day and a report will be pulled down to be used to determine all State Awards to be given out a later date. All individual reports for Best Activities (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) must also be submitted to [Programs@kofc-ms.org](mailto:Programs@kofc-ms.org) to be eligible for those awards. Best Vocations submittals, Best Councils, and Knight of the Year and Family of the Year must also be submitted by March 31. In regards to the Program Awards, nothing has changed. Business as usual.

To be eligible for the State Awards, your council must also be in good standing with Supreme and State (no outstanding fees), must have submitted all necessary reports during the year, must have attended both the July School of Columbianism and the January Mid-winter meetings. Your council must also meet all Safe Environment Training requirements.

If you have not yet submitted any Essay Contest winners, Free Throw Championship winners (North, Mid and South), please get them to me ASAP. I need to determine winners and get plaques ordered. If you have any Substance Abuse Poster Contest winners that you have not yet turned in, get them in ASAP. Also, if there were any Soccer Contest winners, send them in also to or mail them to me at 1024 Pelican Cove; Ocean Springs, MS 39564. I can be reached at 504-722-5957 if you have any questions.

If you have funds that you are donating for any of the charitable causes that are usually brought to the convention, please mail them to the State Secretary. The forms are on the State Website. Directions and mailing addresses are on the form.

Thanks for all of your support and good luck to all councils in recognition of all of your hard work in all of our many Programs.

***Kenny Gonzales***  
***State Program Director***

## **March Membership Message**



The last travel mug went to Chuck Weiss of Holy Savior Council 7854 in Clinton. As of March 14, statewide, 162 men have become knights in the state of Mississippi. 73 have withdrawn or been dropped. The state still needs 199 new members to make circle of honor. Again is each council recruits one new member each month (including March), the state can make its goal. Two council have reached the new state incentive. Holy Savior (7854) and St. Alphonsus (5654) have recruited four or more new members since February 1st and will receive reimbursement for one of their delegates banquet fees. Five councils have met their membership goal for the supreme year. Four councils need only one or 2 members to reach their membership goal. If each council recruits four new members before the end of June, 23 more councils will have met their membership goals. For the state year, seven councils have met their state membership goal, and two of those have met their Top Gun goal.

On March 10th, Supreme offered a training webinar for the new “Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.” The webinar offered many good ideas for the exemplification team and for council developing their team. I urge grand knights to view this training with interested members who are interested in forming a team. and

On retention, many councils are purging their rolls and dropping several members. The state understands the need to clean up the rolls and remove those members who are not paying their dues, but at the same time, the council retention committee needs to actively attempt to contact those members to determine why they are not paying their dues. If a members is unable to pay his dues because of hardship, the council should work with member to help him through the hardship and forgive the unpaid dues. If a member has become disabled or has health problems, if the member can get a statement from his doctor stating his level of disability, the council can file form 1831, “Relief from Council Dues and Per Capita Taxes” and that member can be exempt from council dues and the council will not be required to pay per capita dues on that member. I would also urge the council to look at a member’s years of service and age before deciding to drop that member. I would consider bad form to drop a member who was only a year or two away from life or honorary life membership if he was only a year or two behind on his dues and had been a very active member in the past. Again the financial secretary shouldn’t be part of the retention committee. He should provide the committee with the information they need to reach out to members who are in arrears.

## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Carl Brochard - State Family Director

I would like to congratulate the Robert Perry Family, Council 10901, chosen by Supreme as Family of the Month January 2020

Thanks to the Councils that took time to pick Families of the Month: 802, 848, 898, 1034, 1583, 1908, 4472, 5654, 7120, 8054, 9124, 9543, 10443, 10901, 11934, 11995, 14051, 15382

*As always, I will be glad to assist anyone having trouble filling out the report or if your Council has submitted but is not getting credit. Call me at **228-327-0066**.*

## CURRENT eMEMBERS

NAME	MEMBERSHIP #	CITY	DATE ASSIGNED	COUNCIL
Martin Krecker	50866218	Ocean Springs		
David A Garcia	5126422	Bay St. Louis		
Larry J Smith	5126993	Bay St. Louis		
Jason L Kirschenheuter	5134381	Pass Christian		
Jeremy Bermond	5061848	Gulfport		
Emmett A Holder	5083079			
Charlie E Breithaupt	5126462			
Marco A Izquierdo				
Michael L Ba		Flowood		
Brent Duncan		Flowood		
Lawrence J Hubacek	5122593	Flowood		
James V Mathews	5126036	Brandon		
Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada		
Chris Spear	5122957	Gulfport		
Morgan Ladner	5130175	Diamondhead		
Nick J Ladner	5134804	Pass Christian		
Pete Flood	5135462	Jackson		

NOT UPDATED THIS MONTH



# ***Knights in ACTION***

## **Southern Region**



To our Sponsors, many thanks! The tournament was held on February 18, 2020 at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead, MS. We had 91 athletes compete from 9 different schools/Adult Day Services. They bowled 2 games each, enjoyed lunch and received a new T-shirt. First place through 4th place also received ribbons. Your donation of \$400 to the Arc of Pearl River County made it all possible!



Council 5654 hosted the (Regional) Southern State Free Throw contest Saturday March 7th, at St. Alphonsus School GYM.

Back row Left to Right: Kahliyah Chapman, Franco Richburg, Davis Voelkel, Parker Davis

Front Row left to Right: Aiden French, Olivia Karcher, Gabriella Sinopoli, Germain Lindsey, Greg McKenna

On March 1, 2020 Council 5654 held a Blood Drive under the direction of Dr. Blake Elkins, Health Director for the Council. Thanks to his great coordination of setting up the drive and maintaining orderly during the donation of the blood. The red Cross asked for us to have at least 25 pints, and Dr. Blakes surpassed it to 37 pints due to his great advertising of the drive.



Thad Anderson GK, Eunice Hollingsworth (director), Chuck Gautreaux DGK

James D. Hart Council 9673 leads St. Mary, Woolmarket, parishioners in an annual paper product drive. The event was covered by the local TV nws



# ***Knights in ACTION***

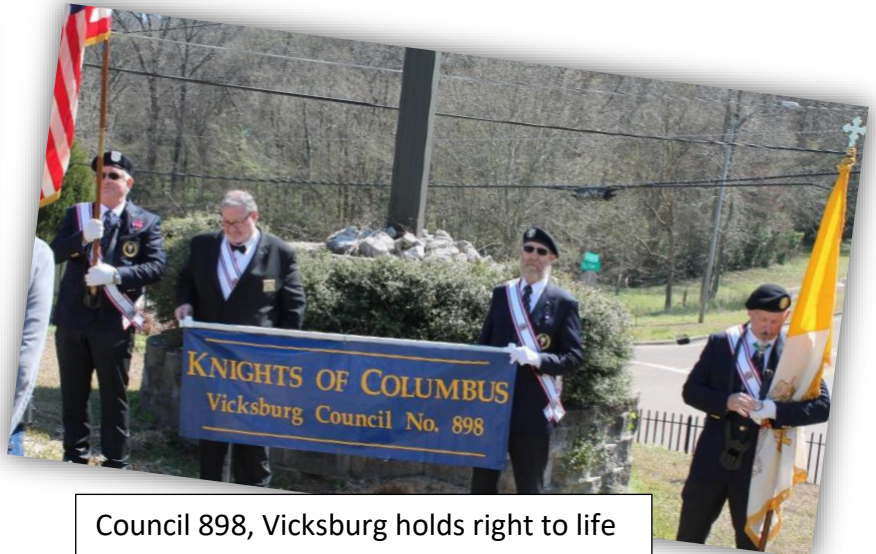
**Central Region**



Council 802 Knights in Action at the 2020 BSA Pinewood Derby



Council 802 Meridian holds a Super Bowl Party



Council 898, Vicksburg holds right to life march





# ***Knights in ACTION***

## **Northern Region**



Jim Wilkerson, Chairman of the Community Committee, Knights of Columbus Council 10901, prepares one of the 4 fish fryers in preparation for the annual Lenten Fish Fry at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Oxford. Catfish dinners are served either dine-in or take-out each Friday evening during Lent starting at 5:30 p.m.. The first Lenten Fish fry is on Friday, February 28th and continues each Friday after that. All proceeds go to St. John the Evangelist Building Fund. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

Michelle Zerangue, wife of Knights of Columbus Treasurer Matt Zerangue, shines the kitchen stove in St. John the Evangelist's food preparation room as Knights of Columbus Council 10901 prepares to serve it's annual Lenten Fish Fry this coming Friday night at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Oxford. Fried catfish with all the trimmings will be served every Friday night during Lent at the Church for a cost of \$8.00 per plate. All proceeds go to the St. John the Evangelist Building Fund. The serving line opens at 5:30 p.m. and meals are dine-in or available for carry-out. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)



Bernie Smith, member of St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 10901, keeps a watchful eye on one of the 4 fish fryers being cleaned during a weekend of preparation for the annual Lenten Fish Fry which starts Friday afternoon, February, at 5:30 p.m. after Stations of the Cross at the Church. Fried catfish with all the trimmings is served every Friday during Lent at the Church. All proceeds support St. John the Evangelists' Building Fund. Meals are dine-in or available for carry-out. (Photo, Ken Bown)

**UPDATE TO THE BILOXI DIOCESE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST**  
**EDUCATION RAFFLE**

Brothers,

We all know that things are being suspended around the nation, the state, and our local area. We want nothing more than for our Brothers, parish members, and community at large to stay safe during these trying times. With all the shut downs, this has made ticket sales impossible.

When we started this endeavor, we picked April 15th as the date we would draw the winning tickets as this would allow appropriate time to process all the activities and get a check written out to be presented to Bishop Kihnemann at the State Convention. Since the State Convention has been cancelled, we are no longer under that time restraint.

After discussion with our Immediate Past State Deputy, Noel, Aucoin, we have decided to EXTEND ticket sales to Sunday May 31, 2020 and will conduct the prize drawing on Jun 15, 2020. This time extension is with the current guidelines that most government agencies are using at this time.

Once, we can start reconvening at our Parishes, please restart the ticket sales and try to sell as many tickets as you can. The more funds we raise, the better we can cover the cost of educating our future Priests!

Please wait until the end of May to send your tickets and checks to me for processing.

We all appreciate your understanding and support with this program. This is nothing like any of us have experienced before.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

District Deputies, please ensure all your council Grand Knights, etc. understand the extension.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich Hazen

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