



# Magnolia Knight

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## From the desk of State Deputy, Philip Jabour



Brothers,

We are going through trying times right now. And the virus is causing us to do things we have never done before. We have cancelled our planned convention in Tunica. I do not know for sure, but I cannot recall that happening before. Maybe during WWII. We are not able to go to Mass, even on Easter. We have had dangerous tornadoes back to back weekends. And we cannot have our Council meetings in person.

We will have our annual State convention on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 4 to 6 pm. If you are a delegate or alternate, please go to the State Website and register. We have to turn our delegates in to Supreme a week in advance, so we can get you set up to call in. Please also update the Necrology. We will not have a Mass to read the names, but we will send out a list about a week in advance and SS, Mike Kassouf will read them during our meeting.

We had a successful online ceremonial degree last Thursday. 26 new brothers joined us. Great work! Remember they are not counted until the FS puts the form 100 in through member management. Mike has sent out information on how to do this to all the Councils. It also has to be done for the Brothers that went from First or Second to Third degree. We had over 100 participating from Mississippi. You did a great job. There is another online Degree Thursday night for those that could not make last Thursday and there will be another one next Thursday. We found out tonight on a State Deputies call-in, that they now have an online Spanish version of the new Degree. If you have members that want to take the Degree in Spanish, get in touch with Charles Hahn.

These are trying times, but with you help and hard work, we have continued to serve, the Church, our members and the community. We will persevere. The State Officers and DDs are here to help you in any way that we can. Hopefully we have the worst behind us. With your help we will get through all of this.

Vivat Jesus

*Philip*

Philip Jabour

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### EXEMPLIFICATIONS:

- Virtual Full Degrees
- \*Every Thursday night for the next several weeks
- Patriotic Degree
- \*Virtual Degree planned. Be looking for more information

### REPORTS DUE:

- \*Annual Report KofC Round Table 6/30/2020
- \*Columbian Award Application 6/30/2020
- \*Food For Families Report Form 6/30/2020

# Update from State Secretary



## Grand Knights and Financially Secretaries

The is now up and ready for you to enter all Delegate and Alternate Delegate for our State Convention. You will need phone number they will be calling from and their membership number. Please enter as soon as possible,

Make sure that your treasurer knows that all donation checks need to be made out to . Mail a copy of with check to State Secretary. Email a copy of donation form to fund director listed on donation page Donation Chairman.

Donations to the are sent directly to the foundation.

Continue to enter necrology into date base as we will recognize these deceased Brothers and Sisters.

# RESOLUTION for CANDIDACY



SUBJECT: Resolution for Brother Kenny Gonzales

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus for over 35 years, being an active member and serving on numerous committees, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has also served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and most other elected Council positions, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has also been an active member of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus for over 15 years, serving various offices, including Faithful Navigator, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has also served as District Deputy for four years, leading multiples Councils to earn Star Council, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has also served as Area Coordinator (guidance of multiple Districts in Louisiana) for four years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has also served as State Youth Expansion Program (YEP) Director, overseeing all Youth Programs in the jurisdiction of Louisiana for two years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has been an active part of Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654 since transferring to Mississippi in 2014, holding elected office in each year, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales has been selected Knight of the Year on multiple occasions in two different Councils and Family of the Year multiple times in two different councils, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kenny Gonzales was appointed Bishop Houck Chairman by the State Deputy of Mississippi for the 2016/2017 Columbian Year, and

Whereas: Brother Kenny Gonzales was appointed State Program Director by the State Deputy of Mississippi for the 2017/2018 Columbian Year and then reappointed by the new State Deputy for both the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 Columbian Years, and currently serves in that position, and

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: That the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council # 5654 of Ocean Springs, Mississippi proudly endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Kenny Gonzales for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2020/2021 Columbian Year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council # 5654 of Ocean Springs, Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Kenny Gonzales for State Warden for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus for the 2020/2021 Columbian Year.

ADOPTED: 3/4/2020

## **April Membership Message**



First let me express my support for our brother in Bassfield, and others parts of the state that were affected by the Easter tornados. I urge those members in those communities (and nearby communities) to reach out to your friends and neighbors and offer help. I am sure Jerry Schmuck will be putting out requests for help in those areas.

March wasn't the best month for recruiting this year, but it also wasn't the worst. I know it is hard to recruit new members when you can't go to Mass, you can't meet, and you can't have functions. I still urge you to seek out new members from those you know at Mass. I encourage council exemplification teams to meet via Zoom, or Facebook Life, or whatever online meeting software your council is doing to practice doing an exemplification online. We don't yet know when the COVID 19 restrictions will be lifted, but we can't put our councils and fellow Catholic men on hold until they do. There are still several councils who need 4 or fewer members to meet their Supreme membership goals. If every council in the state recruited one member each month between now and the end of the fraternal year plus one extra member, the state would regain it's place in the circle of honor.

On April 16th, the order held it first order-wide online exemplification. At this point, I don't know how many councils took advantage of this to not only bring e-members and potential members in to the council, but also to advance any first or second degree knights to full knighthood. I hope all councils in the state participated – if they had no participants, I hope they observed. Again I don't know when we will be able to meet in person again, and we may be able to use this exemplification as a tool to learn how to bring men into our councils and the order during an incredibly trying time.

## **Membership Update For the Order Wide Only Exemplification**

On April 16th, the Order held its first ever online initiation exemplification. Order wide over 2,000 men joined the Knights with over 7,000 advancing from First or Second Degree to full knighthood in the Third Degree. In Mississippi, 25 men joined the order or transitioned from online membership to a council (1 knight did that), and 76 advanced to full knighthood. 52 members observed the exemplification as spectators. 30 councils around the state had men participating or observing. Financial secretaries should be receiving a list of new and advancing members in their councils with instructions on how to properly record those new and advancing members. Let us welcome these new members and recognize those who have advanced to full knighthood.

Supreme is currently planning 4 more online exemplifications with two on April 23 at 7:00 and 9:00pm CDT and two more on April 30 at 6:00 and 9:00pm CDT. I will make sure that grand knights and financial secretaries are notified on how to register candidates.

### **Announcing the Candidacy Of Charles Hahn For State Warden**



Charles Hahn would like to announce his desire to serve the state as state warden in the upcoming fraternal year. He has served council 898 as Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee, and currently as council program director and membership director. He has served the state as District Deputy for 4 years earning star district one year. He has also served as state youth director for several years, and more recently as state membership director for the last 2 years. He has also served as state retention chairman during that period. He would like to continue to help the state as state warden.

## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Carl Brochard - State Family Director

I would like to congratulate the **Ronny Morales** Family, Council **2180**, chosen by Supreme as Family of the Month February 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	7/1/2019	1244
Anthony Saracusa	2586549	Olive Branch	4/20/2020	7120
Fr. Alfred Ayern	5141114	Jackson	2/10/2020	10216
Jason L Kirschenheuter	5134381	Pass Christian	1/14/2020	1583
Chris Spear	5122957	Gulfport	11/16/2019	
Emmett A Holder	5083079	Moss Point	7/1/2019	1605
Charlie E Breithaupt	5126462	Petal	1/6/2020	1908
Marco A Izquierdo	5110038	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Michael L Barner	5032604	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Lawrence J Hubacek	5122593	Flowood	11/14/2019	10216
James V Mathews	5126036	Brandon	11/14/2019	10216
Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada	7/6/2019	10443
Pete Flood	5135462	Jackson	1/16/2020	15131

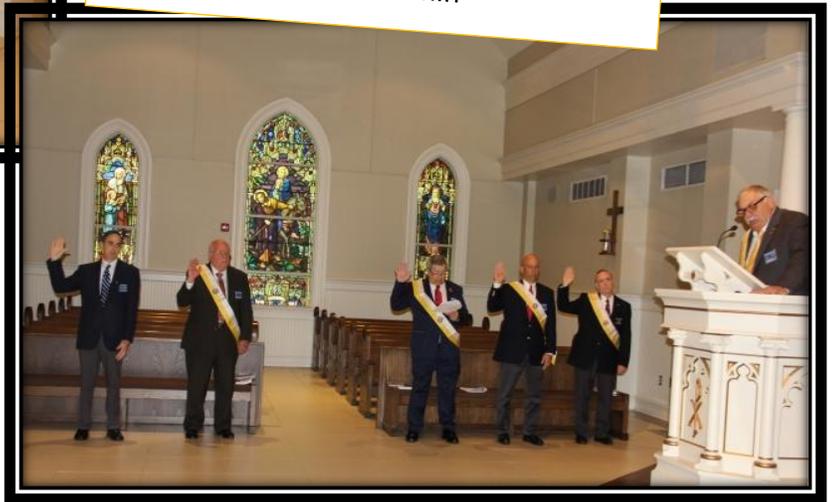
# Knights in ACTION

Southern Region



Council 4472, Pass Christian elevate 4 first degree members to full Knighthood, utilizing the newly update and open Exemplification program.

Congratulations to our Newest Third Degree Members Brothers Deacon Bill Vrazel, Stuart Farr, Adison Smyth and Paul Bachmin



Council 4472 Degree Team makes a seamless transition to the updated Exemplification. **Degree Team Brothers Greg Niolet, Elvis Gates, Tony Diaz del Valle, Greg Federico, Grand Knight Rusty Bohn and Rodney Keel.**



Monsignor Leech Council 4472 award March Family of the Month. Congratulations to March Family of the Month **Brother Michael & Jeanine Burch**

# *Knights in ACTION*

Southern/Central  
Region



Fr. Michael O'Brien, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Canton receives over 300 pounds of canned goods from Council 848, Jackson. Grand Knight, Charlie Sims delivered the food as a part of the "40 Cans for Lent" program.



Knights of Columbus Council 1908, Hattiesburg, recently conducted its first new 3rd Degree Exemplification. The ceremony took place in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel.

L to R: Robert Hall, Grand Knight; Dr. William Jarrett, DD8; Charlie Breithaupt (new 3rd Degree); Justin Roberts (new 3rd Degree); Gene Christen, Warden; and Rev. Alwin D.R. Kuzhandai Samy.

## A Message from PID Chairman, Jeff Bell

Good morning,

With everything that's going on in our world today and here at home it's easy to overlook the non-emergency aspects of our lives. Before the shelter my focus was always on Autism Awareness and how Matthew lives in his world while surviving in ours. I began a web page seven years ago that talks about Autism, Matthew's adventures and our camp, Center Ridge Outpost. There are five post in all since 2014 with the most recent shown first. In this time of despair, hard ache, loneliness and depressive moments I hope these pages and stories will bring you joy, insight and a better understanding of what it means to be "One of the Faces of Autism." Thank you for your support and prayers.

[www.team-matthew.com](http://www.team-matthew.com)

Jeff Bell

"Proud father of a young man with Autism"



## A Message from Web Master, Ben Mokry

### **STATE DIRECTORY MAINTENANCE**

Starting May 23, the State Directory will undergo maintenance. The work won't bring exciting changes in how the Directory works, but is necessary so it can work with the current version of the software that supports it. Expect outages. Watch for notice when work is complete.



## **VIRTUAL PATRIOTIC DEGREE PLANNED**



Brothers,

The following is an excerpt from a communication shared by District Master Jerry Schmuck:

We have approval from Supreme Master Stoddard to conduct the degree, but we must take the proper steps in advance with the form 4's and the fee's that should be charged.

Here are some suggestions that you should put into practice if you have candidates for this exemplification.

\*Communicate with your Faithful Navigators and inform them of this plan. Give them a quick deadline to return a list of candidates that would participate in this event. All candidates must have access to a computer with Zoom downloaded on that computer. He should test this prior to the exemplification to make sure it is working properly.

\*Form 4's should be completed by the Faithful Navigator. He should then set up a conference call with the assembly officers to vote on the approval of the candidate. The FN and Comptroller should sign the paperwork after it has been deemed safe to meet after the Covid problem has passed. Or during this time only, the Faithful Navigator can sign the form on behalf of the assembly, scan and email the form 4 to the District Master. Once you receive the completed form, please contact the candidate and review the form 4, and give him all the information on how to connect with the exemplification.

\*Fee's. It will be up to the District Master to decide what to charge for this exemplification. I would suggest no less than \$50.00. You would still purchase the pins and baldrics. You would still produce the exemplification certificate. Once we are able to get back to normal, you can visit the assembly and present the certificate, pin, and baldric to the new members OR mail these to the Faithful Navigator who can make the presentation to the new member.

\*Once you have the numbers, order the pins, baldrics, and prepare the certificates.

\*Dress code; even though this is online, we will all see each other. Please dress in your uniforms and ask your candidates to dress as if they were attending the exemplification in person.

\*After the exemplification, complete the Supreme exemplification report, sent that, copies of the form 4's, and the Supreme fee per candidate to Supreme. The office is closed right now, so please scan all the forms and email these to Justyna as well.

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