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EXEMPLIFICATIONS:

Virtual Full Degrees
*English
June 23 – 6:00 & 9:00 CDT
June 25 – 6:00 & 9:00 CDT
*Spanish
June 24 – 8:00 CDT
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

Final Address, State Deputy, Philip Jabour



Brothers,

Noel is doing a combined issue of the Magnolia Knight for June and July. Therefore, there will be two columns, my last and Mike's first.

I have enjoyed working with all the Knights in Mississippi the last two years. I want to especially thank the State Officers and the Program and Membership Knights that have worked with us.

We have gone through very trying times with so much being changed because of the virus. We did our first online State Convention this April. We introduced a new Degree that combined the former three degrees into one new one that takes about 30 minutes. We started using online degrees. We dealt with a lot of change. Change is always a challenge, but we worked through it and I think we will be better in the long run for having gone through all the changes.

When I took over as State Deputy two years ago, and went to Supreme to be installed as State Deputy, I was not prepared for it being a life changing step. I was installed in Saint Mary's Cathedral where the Knights of Columbus were formed in the basement. Father McGivney's resting place is in the back of the Church. As I stood by his casket and prayed, it really moved me. It was also breath taking to have Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, place the Red State Deputy Jewel around my neck. I got to know many of our other State Deputies and developed lasting friendships. The State Deputy from Guam and I hit it off instantly.

I want to thank all of you for supporting me as I moved up the ranks from Warden to State Deputy. KC leaders cannot succeed without all the Councils working so hard for our communities and Parishes. We have done some wonderful things the last two years. I thank you for that. I have really enjoyed visiting with so many great Knights at meetings, and when I visited Councils. The Knights in Mississippi have many great Catholic men.

The State Officers become very close as they work together 10 to 12 years. I want to especially thank IPSD Noel Aucoin and his wife Patty. Noel was ahead of me and always stepped up when I asked for help. Mike Kassouf followed me and worked very hard to help us succeed. I want to thank Patty and Kim for allowing their husbands to devote time to the Knights. I also want to thank my wife Linda and my Son Philip for supporting me when I was away taking care of Knights business. I also want to thank my home Council, 10216, in Flowood for supporting me when I was GK many years ago, and during my four years as DD 6. They were also behind me when I started on the State level. They have had my back. Thank you.

I am not going away as I will serve two years as IPSD, so I will be seeing you going forward. Thank you and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

Philip

Philip Jabour
State Deputy
Mississippi Jurisdiction
Knights of Columbus



Initial Address, State Deputy Elect, Mike Kassouf

My Brother Knights,

it is with great pleasure that I thank all the Past State Deputies before me for keeping the order alive and healthy in Mississippi. By electing me to this honorable position you challenged me to continue leading the good Catholic Men of Mississippi. In just a few days we start a new year, learn from the past and move forward.

Thanks to all that have had faith in my leadership abilities to continue the programs in Mississippi.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike

Mike Kassouf
State Deputy Elect
Mississippi Jurisdiction
Knights of Columbus

Final Address, Immediate Past State Deputy, Noel Aucoin



My Brother Knights,

It has been over a decade since Patty and I started this journey with you as part of the State Family. It has been my pleasure to serve you in every capacity as we worked our way through the State Officer's chairs. Your confidence in my abilities to lead has helped me, more than you will know, and has carried me through times when I doubted myself and some of the decisions that come with these individual offices. You have welcomed both Patty and I with open arms to your Councils and Parishes. We have made life long friends and have many cherished memories. Your believe in us has given us the opportunity to travel from California to Connecticut and from Toronto to San Antonio representing you at Supreme Conventions. For this, we thank you. Your hard work and dedication has enabled us to walked the award's stage two Fraternal years in a row to accept Circle of Honor Awards. Again, Thank You.

I have had the privilege to work with an amazing slate of State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen. You, my Brothers, have carried me on your backs and I will always be eternally grateful. Special thanks to Jim McCraw, whom I followed throughout this journey and has always been someone to aspire to and to Philip Jabour who follow behind me but was always able to speak his mind and gave me pause to consider decisions.

Special thanks , also, to the Past State Deputies that I served in and learned so much: Larry Tabor, Danny Lechner, Peter Sukanek, Jerry Schmuck and David Scott. Thank you all for your guidance. Thanks also to PSD, Robert Fratesi. I never served under him but his advice to me has proven invaluable.

Lastly and certainly not least I thank my lovely wife Patty. Wives of State Officers, my Brothers, give up an awful lot in support of their husbands. She has welcomed you to our parties and has worked many hours making them successful. Thank you my Love.

Gentlemen, you are in good hands. State Deputy Elect, Mike Kassouf and his fellow officers will do you proud and know that I will always be available for advice and council.

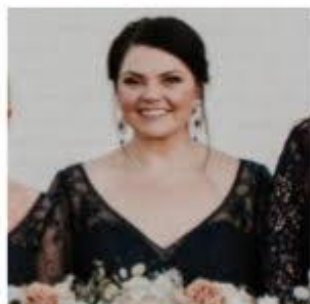
VIVAT JESUS, let's not be strangers!!

Noel Aucoin, IPSD

JOIN FR. SCOTT THOMAS & ERICA UNZ, LHS ON PILGRIMAGE



HOLY LAND



MAY 3-12, 2021

\$4,399 PER PERSON FROM MIA, JAN & JFK

OPTIONAL PRE TOUR TO JORDAN \$899

Price is Per Person Based on Double Occupancy



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206 Tours group overlooking Jerusalem



Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem

Membership Update



As we reach the end of the fraternal year, we look back on a year that could have been much better for recruiting. Several councils decided to purge their rolls during the fraternal year to eliminate non-paying members. While it is important to drop members who don't pay their dues, it should be an on-going process and not a massive dump every few years. Overall the state lost 92 members last year. We only brought in 198 new members. So as a state, we dropped one member for every two we brought in. At a council level that can be a good thing, but many of those council who purged their rolls, decided not to recruit this year and make a bigger effort in the coming year. Seventeen councils in the state did not recruit a single new member during the year. This is critical because new members bring in new ideas, new energy, and new blood to a council. Councils that are not recruiting are slowly dying.

I have enjoyed being membership director for these last two years, but I feel bad that I wasn't able to do more to encourage recruiting and membership growth. I hope that this next year will be better for the new membership director.

Charles Hahn

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Carl Brochard - State Family Director

I would like to congratulate the **Brian Sanderson** Family, Council **5654**, chosen by Supreme as Family of the Month April 2020

Thanks to the Councils that took time to pick Families of the Month: 848, 1034, 1583, 5654, 7120, 8054, 9124, 11934, 14051, 15155, 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
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
Marco A Izquierdo	5110038	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Michael L Barner	5032604	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada	7/6/2019	10443
Pete Flood	5135462	Jackson	1/16/2020	15131

**THIS LIST HAS GOTTEN SMALLER!!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. LET'S GET THEM ALL A
COUNCIL HOME**

Knights in ACTION

Southern Region



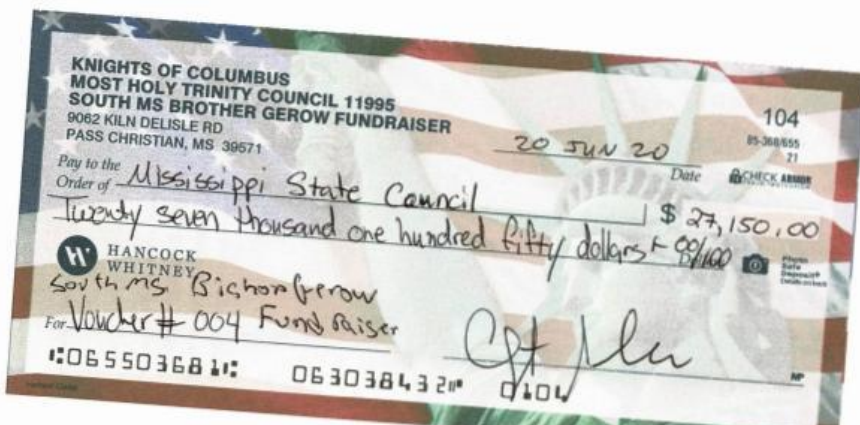
Holy Family Assembly 3281 and Monsignor Leech Council 4472 combined with VFW Post 1532 to place Flags on the Graves of Veterans in seven cemeteries in Pass Christian. The group placed 550 flags on the graves.

Sir Knights Rusty Bohn, Christopher Smyth, Lee Ayuso, Tony Diaz del Valle, and helpers Asa Jones and Leo Jones having Breakfast before heading to the Cemeteries

The Southern Region Bishop Gerow Fund Considered a Success!!

TOTAL COLLECTED	\$37,180.00	District 8 - Bill Jarret		District 9 - Chuck Heim		District 10 - Elvis Gates		District 11 - Nick Martino	
PAYOUT	\$10,000.00	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TOTAL DONATED	\$27,180.00	1908	\$930.00	6872	\$5,000.00	1522	\$1,175.00	1244	\$1,000.00
		2180	\$1,050.00	7087	\$700.00	4472	\$1,950.00	9094	\$5,000.00
		6592		11995	\$4,350.00	4898	\$200.00	9409	\$550.00
		15382	\$1,225.00	12331	\$1,025.00	16433	\$300.00	9673	\$1,550.00
Payout to Fund	\$27,150. 00	16763		total	\$11,075.00	total	\$3,625.00	total	\$8,100.00
		total	\$3,205.00						

District 12 - Joe Furlan		District 13 - Thomas Moran		District 15 - John Barnes		District 16 - James Smith	
<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1605		7211	\$975.00	1583	\$1,325.00	5654	\$700.00
9124	\$375.00	9958	\$225.00	7916		10499	
12166		11654	\$1,125.00	11541	\$5,000.00	16992	\$500.00
15155		11904		12271	\$0.00	total	\$1,200.00
total	\$375.00	15121	\$950.00	total	\$6,325.00		
		total	\$3,275.00				



Even amid Church closings and Council activities being put on hold, the Southern Region was able to surpass \$37K with the region wide cash raffle. After payouts, the team was able to donate over \$27,000 to the Biloxi Diocese for Priest Education, out pacing the Jackson for the first time in many years. Thanks to Brother Richard Hazen and Council 11995 for chairing the event. The Region would like to continue this effort but it will need a new Chairman. Brother Hazen will be moving to South Dakota. Rich, you will be Missed.

Knights in ACTION

Central Region



On Thursday 06/04/20, Council 848 took a truck load of items to support the side walk sale at the Excel Learning Center in Morton MS to raise money for their operational cost during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Pictured is Grand Knight Charlie Sims with Sister Eileen, a Franciscan Sister and Operational Manager. A single bedroom suit, 7 cases of can goods, 6 boxes of clothes and personal items, framed pictures and a beautiful 6'x9' rug was donated by the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in support of Excel Learning Center. Vivat Jesus!



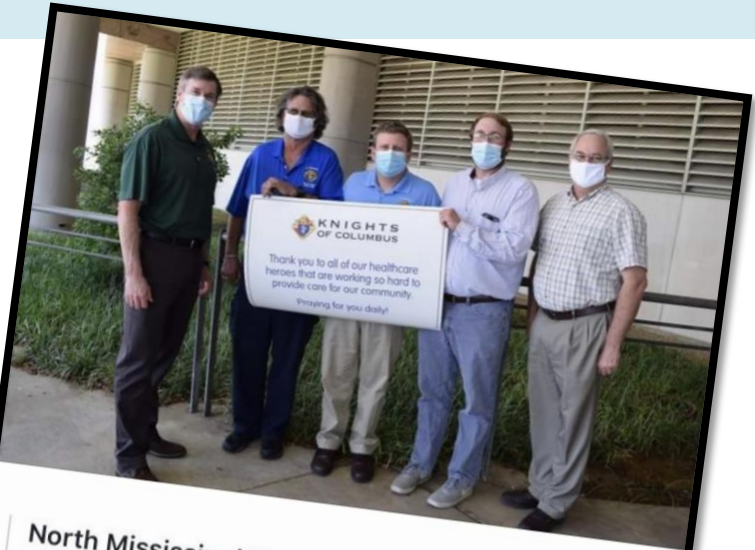
On Wednesday June 17, 2020 Grand Knight Charlie Sims of Council 848 awarded Dunaway Rooks of Revell Ace Hardware in Pearl, MS with a Certificate of Appreciation for helping with the purchase of a DeWalt Tool Set to be used as a fundraiser to support Priest Education & Retirement along with Right to Life Funds at the State Convention. Dunaway is a Knight of Columbus at the Pearl Council. Please support Revell Ace Hardware with all your household needs. Vivat Jesus!



On June 10, 2020 Knights of Columbus Council 848 donated \$300 to help with Operational Cost at the Excel Learning Center in Morton, Ms. This Non Profit Organization has been hit hard by the COVID-19 Pandemic economic shutdown. Pictured are Sister Eileen, Operational Manager and Franciscan Nun of Excel Learning Center and Grand Knight Charlie Sims. Vivat Jesus!

Knights in ACTION

Northern Region



North Mississippi Health Services 2 hrs · 🌐
The local Knights of Columbus chapter, which includes (from left) David Friloux, Rick Honan, Calvin Dotson, Robby Parman and Byron Trahan, recently showed their support for our [#HealthCareHeroes](#) with a \$200 donation to the [Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi's Community Fund](#) and a banner that was placed at the hospital's employee entrance. Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic men's organization dedicated to charitable causes in the community. [#ConnectNMMC](#) [#HometownHeroes](#)



Knights of Columbus Council 10901, had been selling candy favors (Tootsie Rolls) to raise money to donate proceeds to local charities for years. However, the Council decided to change the format, and merged with Run Oxford, a local running planning club, to plan a run to raise more funds than could be raised seeking donations through sales. Planning began in early Fall 2019 to sponsor a 1 mile, and 3 and 5 Kilometer run and donate funds to selected charities in Oxford/Lafayette County.

Since the Tootsie Roll Run was scheduled for late March, and the City and University were shut down early March due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, it was too late to just cancel the run as sponsors and runners had signed up, and t-shirts had been ordered. Matt Zerangue, a member of Knights of Columbus Council 10901, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and a member of the Run Oxford Club in charge of organizing the Tootsie Roll Run, decided to change the run format to a "virtual run". It was decided to hold the virtual run on March 21st as previously scheduled, but with individuals not being required to pay attention to social distancing requirements or wearing masks. Runners would run on their own, at any time during the day and compete in any of the 3 distances. All registered contestants would still receive their t-shirts as well as free registration for the Tootsie Roll Run in 2021. In addition, the 12 sponsors would still get credit for their participation.

27 runners participated in the virtual Tootsie Roll Run. Through registrations, donations and sponsorships, \$2,200 was raised and will be split between Mississippi Special Olympics and local organizations serving people with intellectual disabilities.

The smiles on the runners in the photographs below show how much running "virtually" for fun can be, and, satisfaction their donations will help those with intellectual disabilities.



Sir Knights in ACTION

Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554

Jackson, MS

2018-2019 Bienville Province Assembly of the Year

Over the course of the last 2 years, the Color Corp from your Assembly fulfilled numerous Honor Guard requests as we represented the Visible Arm of the Knights. I would like to recognize all the members of the Color Corp who went above and beyond when requested to serve:

Steve Miller – Color Corp Commander

Bill O'Connor - Former District Master

Worthy Sir Knights:

Bill Addie, Chris Callegan, Lloyd Everhardt, David Fisher, Chris Halliwell, Mike Harkins, Bill Hetrick, Joe Johnson, Mike Kirby, Jim McCraw, Allen Scott, Jim Sharp, Nathan Simon, Charles Sims, Chuck Weiss, and John Wren.



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