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From the desk of the State Deputy, Mike Kassouf

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EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Full Knighthood Degree

- ONLINE

- Sep 26 - 3:00pm (English)
- Sep 26 - 4:00pm (Spanish)
- Sep 29 - 7:00pm (English)
- Oct 4 - Flowood

Patriotic Degree

- Oct 4 - online

TRAINING SCHEDULE

School of Columbianism

- Sep 26

MORE DETAILS TO COME

REPORTS DUE

- Semi-annual audit Aug 15
- Order Essay Kit Sep 1
- Order Christmas Cards



Brother Knights,

As we approach the final quarter of 2020, both our blessings and challenges brought to us by the Coronavirus Pandemic continue.

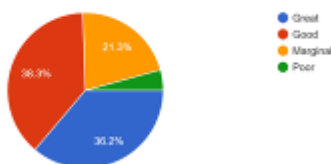
While the challenges are obvious, I truly appreciate all who attended the two Schools of Columbianism. We will continue to hold meetings virtually until circumstances allow us to return to in-person meetings. With that being said, please see the results of a survey that was completed by members of councils around the state.

According to the survey, while two-thirds of our councils are back to holding in-person meetings, there are still about 15% of our councils who are not meeting. Please contact your District Deputy if you need assistance with technology or need help with a plan to resume either virtual or in-person meetings. During challenging times is when we need the support of one another the most. The survey participants were also asked to rate their meetings. Three out of four participants rated their meetings as either "Good" or "Great".

3. What kind of meeting is your home Council Meeting holding?
47 responses



9. How would you rate the meeting as a whole?
47 responses



Our next School of Columbianism is scheduled for September 26, 2020 and will be tailored to Mississippi local programs. More details will follow.

Thanks to those councils who participated in the first part of the Father McGivney contest. The first ten councils to set up a display will each get \$50. The District Deputy with the most councils in their district will also get \$50.

With a glimmer of hope for the coming months, recruitment in September has started out much better than our July and August. With fewer distractions being available to people in our Community, this may be a good time to invite friends, families, and neighbors to join the Knights of Columbus. Sometimes people just need the invitation. Also, since there is no per capita assessed by Supreme of the State this year, suspensions should be reconsidered. Since the State and Supreme have waived their "dues", perhaps councils should consider doing the same for this year. A Knight may be experiencing challenges of which we are not even aware. A letter from their council offering to waive their 2020 dues may be appreciated and will shine a positive light on your council and its intent to keep the spirit of Father McGivney alive.

Finally, I would like to thank Father Scott, our State Chaplain, and Father Mark, assistant pastor of St Mary's as well as Council 1034 in Natchez for their collaboration in organizing the necrology Mass for our Brother Knights and Ladies of our Auxiliary their wives who have died.

Thank you all for your continued support. With you, I prayerfully look forward to our ability to be together in person, for the risks associated with this pandemic to end, for the Grace of God through the Intercession of the Blessed Father Michael McGivney, to lead us in fulfilling His will in our lives, our councils, our State, and our Order.

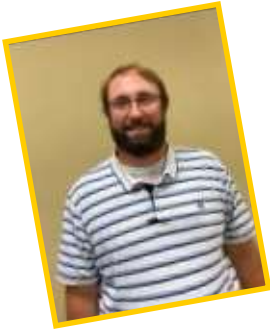
Vivat Jesus,

Mike

Mike Kassouf
State Deputy
Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Deputy, Mike Kassouf has asked his State Directors to write a brief Bio and message to you each issue so that you may get to know them better

Robby Parman Life Director



Robby has been a member of St. James for 13 years and is currently teaching the First Communion class with his wife Colleen . They are blessed with a 6-year-old son Caleb. Moreover, Robby serves as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus at St. James. Robby is also the Executive Director of the Regional Rehabilitation Center in Tupelo.

Toan Hoang Faith Director

Toan Hoang lives in Pearl, MS. He graduated from Jones College with an Associates of Arts Degree, University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administrations, and the University of Phoenix with a Masters of Business Administration. Toan an US Army veteran doing tours in Iraq. He works at the Sonny Montgomery Veteran Affairs Medical center in Jackson, MS. Toan is a member of Fr. Emil Kapuan Assembly 3826 in Pearl, MS. and St. Paul KOC council 10216 in Flowood, MS.



Joseph Haaf Family Director

Joseph T. Haaf. I am 38 years old. He is a MS State graduate and works at Huntington Ingalls Industries in Pascagoula, MS as a mechanical engineer. Joseph is married to Kayla Haaf. She is a second grade teacher at Gautier Elementary. They have two beautiful children that we just recently adopted. Joseph and Kayla are parishioners of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Ocean Springs, MS.



He is a 3rd and 4th degree Knight and joined the KofC because he wanted to be part of a world wide brotherhood, united in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic faith, helping others in need. Joseph has been asked to be the new Family Director for the state of MS KofC. His Catholic faith is very important to him as well as his family. They both go hand and hand together. As the new Family Director, he wants to promote the importance of families united in faith through Christ Jesus. "We are at a pivotal time in this world where the Christian family is under attack. We must be united in the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity to overcome the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Viva Cristo Rey!"



FAITH



FAMILY



COMMUNITY



LIFE



FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Carl Brochard - State Family Director

I would like to congratulate Jimmy Worrell Family Council 11934 for being picked by Supreme for the Month of July 2020.

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

Council 848, 15683, 5654, 7915, 8054, 9124, 10443, 11934*, 14051, 15155, 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** or **Joe Haaf** (haafusn25@yahoo.com) and we'll 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 #
Mr James P Conway	5164404	Utica	7/27/2020	898
Mr Al Eiselen	5166061	Gulfport	8/11/2020	1522
Mr Jeffrey D Lesage	5165892	Waveland	8/4/2020	1522
Mr John M Mahoney	5165679	Bay Saint Louis	8/11/2020	1522
Mr John P Baxter	5165844	Bay Saint Louis	8/3/2020	1522
Mr Emmeett A Holder	5083079	Moss Point	7/1/2019	1605
Mr Derrick Fauchaux	5164416	Clarksdale	7/27/2020	2969
Marco A Izquierdo	5110038	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Michael L Barner	5032604	Greenwood	9/20/2018	5267
Henry D Clay	5165121	Jackson	7/30/2020	8285
Mr Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada	7/6/2018	10443
Mr Chris Spear	5122957	Gulfport	11/16/2019	11541
MR John A Mangialardi	5167521	Gluckstadt	8/14/2020	11934
Pete Flood	5135462	Jackson	1/16/2020	15131
Cody J Smith	5163673	Pearlington	7/27/2020	16433



Why Do I Need Training

Why does a Knights of Columbus member need training? Doesn't he get all the training he needs as he grows up in his faith and in his church? Doesn't all those years of school (Catholic and other), and the other learning experiences during his youth, give him the knowledge he needs to be a strong leader in his council? The short answer is NO. To all grand knights out there who see no need for training, you are leading what is in essence a small company. Look at the audit (Form 1295) that was recently submitted and see how much money goes through your council. Look at last year's Fraternal Survey (Form 1728). Look at how many dollars your council gives to various charities in the community. Look at all of the volunteer hours your council members provide in the community. Multiply those hours by the prevailing wage to see what payroll your "company" provides. Now ask yourself again; do you have all the training you need to help your "company"

be successful and to help it grow its mission and its employees?

Fortunately, Supreme realizes the need for training and provides many opportunities to learn the skill necessary to be a successful fraternal leader. The webinar portal provides a wealth of training on how to move your council forward in these trying times.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/our-webinars.html>

In addition to the webinars, Supreme also provides additional training and resources on the training portal:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/fraternal-training.html>

Here you can find information on the Faith in Action program and how to use it to grow your council outreach as well as other resources to help you successfully lead your council.

Finally, Supreme also provides various programs led in real time by the Regional Training Director (RTD). Our RTD is Darryl Barrios and he lives in Louisiana. Darryl offers several live training sessions that are repeated at various times. Those training programs are:

[District Deputy Basic Training](#)

[Council Officer Roles & Responsibilities](#)

[Making a Lasting Difference In Your Community](#)

[Enhancing Member Experience by Building a Culture of Engagement](#)

[You Are Your Programs](#)

[Effective Council Operations](#)

[The Delta Church Drive](#)

[New Officer Orientation](#)

Each of these training opportunities presents many ideas that can be used by your council to grow and to improve its effectiveness in your community. Please don't say Supreme doesn't know how things work in the South until you have learned what they are presenting.

Charles Hahn

State Training Director

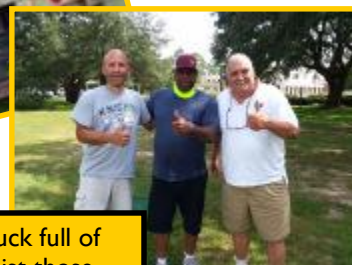




MS Knights in Action

Please submit all MS Knights in action articles to noel.aucoin@gmail.com

**SOUTHERN
REGION**



Council 4472 and the Pass Christian Firefighters loaded a truck full of supplies (water, cleaning supplies, baby diapers, et .) To assist those affected by Hurricane Laura. The donations were being delivered to the Catholic Charities in Lake Charles



St. Mary Gautier KC Member and their wives donated, prepared, and served the Sunday 6 September Labor Day weekend meal at the Our Daily Bread food pantry in Pascagoula



Knights Council 16433 / Assembly 3837 had the blessing to escort St. Clare Catholic Church for her Corpus Christi Sunday procession. The knights and parishioners gathered after mass and we walked for our church, to the beach, down the beach and back to the church. We escorted our Lord for all to see. The Knights organized this by getting members to carry the flags/banner, carry the canopy, set up an outside altar, monitored traffic and most of all provided escort for our Lord Jesus. It was a true blessing and we felt the presence of our Lord through it all



Fr. Ryan receiving check for Parish Center Floor from St. James Council 11541



St. James Council 11541, GK Bob Pyle receiving plaque for recruitment from DD John

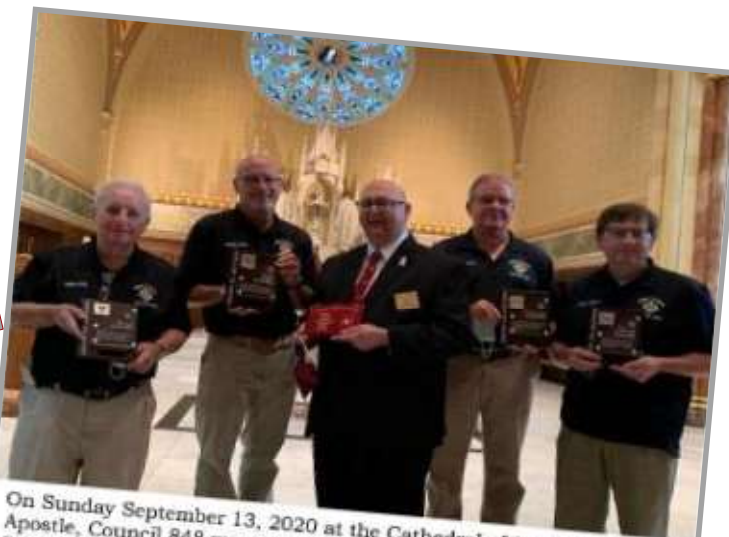


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**CENTRAL
REGION**

**COUNCIL 848
SWEEPS BEST
COUNCIL ACTIVITY
AWARDS**



On Sunday September 13, 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, Council 848 was awarded the Historic (4) 1st Place "Best Program" Plaques for Faith, Family, Community, and Life by immediate State Deputy Phillip Jabour. This great Council achievement had never been done by any Knights of Columbus Council in Mississippi until this year at the 2020 State of Mississippi Knights of Columbus Convention. Pictured L-R is PGK Hollis Felts, Grand Knight Charlie Sims, Immediate Past State Deputy Phillip Jabour, Noel Machost, and Randy Jansen.



FRI, OCT 9 AT 6:30 PM CDT
2020 Homegrown Harvest Virtual Gala

Seminarian Fund Raiser Hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Jackson See more details on the State Facebook page



Fr. Michael McGivney display from St. Joseph, Gluckstadt - Council 11934



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**NORTHERN
REGION**



Council 14051's Grand Knight, Clinton P. Hegwood Jr. setup this display. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch honoring Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who will be beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT.



Council 8848 Tupelo put a picture of Fr McGivney with information at the back entrance of the St James Parish church

Saint Joseph Starkville Council
6765 Fr. McGivney picture





Sir Knights in Action

Worthy Sirs,

Effective September 1, 2020, my term began as the newly appointed District Master of Mississippi. I'd like to thank Former Master Jerry Schmuck for all he did the last 4 years to strengthen the Patriotic Degree in our State by encouraging our Assemblies to promote those values that align with the 4th Principle of our Order, Patriotism, through programs and activities.

I had the honor to witness great leadership in the Patriotic Degree by serving as a Sir Knight, a Color Corp Commander, and a District Marshal under 3 Former Masters – Larry Roberts, Bill O'Connor, and Jerry Schmuck. I learned a great deal from all 3 of them and by participating in 4th degree exemplifications and activities throughout the State. In doing so, it made me more confident in my responsibilities as I progressed within the Patriotic Degree. I made some everlasting friendships along the way as well.

My vision is to continue the success that we have enjoyed under the leadership of our Former Masters. The challenges will come, and I will do my best to serve honorably as the Master of Mississippi.

I want to thank the Marshal's of Mississippi who will be maintaining the visible presence of the Patriotic Degree through their leadership in Color Corps activities with the Honor Guard and Color Guard in addition to sharing important news and alerts with the Assemblies assigned to them.

DM Bill Clark, District 4-Moss Point, MS

DM Chuck Nannery, District 5-Ocean Springs, MS

DM Sal Moreno, District 7-Meridian, MS

Charles Heim, District 8-Diamondhead,

DM Steve Miller, District 9-Jackson, MS

DM Eddie Stutzman, District 11-Natchez, MS

DM Leonard Temple, District 12-Olive Branch, MS

MS DM Lonnie Treadaway District 13-Southaven, MS

There are 5 Marshal positions open in the State.

District 1 – Assemblies 560 and 2227 - Bay St. Louis, Picayune

District 2 – Assemblies 1719 and 3281 – Long Beach, Pass Christian-Deslisle

District 3 – Assemblies 556 and 2347 – Gulfport

District 6 – Assemblies 562 and 2971 – Hattiesburg, Wiggins

District 10 – Assemblies 555, 1503, 1569 – Greenville, Cleveland, Greenwood

I have 3 main goals that I hope to be able to be successful with.

One is to appoint Marshals in the Districts where there are none. A requirement to being appointed as Marshal is you must have the uniform of the Patriotic Degree. If you have served in the Color Corps before, that is a plus and it is also good to have good communication skills. If you think you would like to be appointed as a Marshal, you may contact me by phone or email, and we will discuss it. It is a very rewarding position to have!

Secondly is to reestablish the inactive Assemblies as active Assemblies. I will rely heavily on my Marshal's to help with this.

Thirdly is to work with the District Deputies to encourage all 3rd Degree members to join the 4th Degree. This one is probably the most important to me. If you are not already a 4th degree member, why? What is holding you back? Remember, everything we do is voluntary. Please, I would like for you to seriously consider joining the Patriotic Degree. Help us continue the growth we have encountered over the years.

We NEED you. Help us support Color Corp activity requests and Patriotic activities throughout the State. Become as active as your time allows. Please keep me in your daily prayers that I may serve as a leader of men who honor and respect all virtues of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus, those virtues which align us with the teachings of our Catholic faith. Remember, we serve an Almighty God. We are truly blessed!

Vivat Jesus,

Fraternally,

Craig S. Harrell

Mississippi District Master



Mississippi Necrology Mass was held by State Chaplain, Fr. Scott Thomas, August 31 at the Basilica in Natchez. The Mass was streamed live on Facebook and can be viewed via a link on the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Facebook Page. The names of 2019/2020 departed Knights and Ladies are listed below

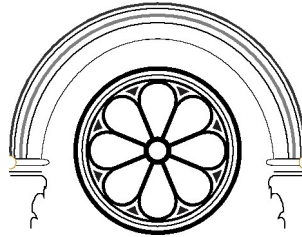
Mississippi Jurisdiction Necrology April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

Council	Name	Title
802	Thomas Beeman	
802	Dewayne Klutz	
802	Edward Thomas	
848	Joseph Murphy	
848	Robert Miller	
1034	Charles C. Burns	
1034	Irby Gascon Jr.	
1244	Freddie Steinwinder	Financial Secretary
1244	Gerald Rose	Past Grand Knight, Former District Deputy And Former Financial Secretary
1522	Malcolm Veazey	
1522	Theodore Morel	Past Grand Knight
1583	Bernard Podlin	
1583	Hugo Nievas	
1583	Kenneth Saxon	
1583	Raymond Sinopoli	
1583	Thomas Hewes	
1583	William Kirschenheuter	
1583	William Mount	
2134	Robert Fratesi	Past State Deputy, Past Grand Knight, Former Financial Secretary and Former Faithful Navigator
2134	William Koeppe	Past Grand Knight
2180	Bob Coffin	
4472	David Paysse	
4472	Gene Rogers	Past Grand Knight
4472	Lawrence Yarborough	
4472	Patrick McDonald	
5654	August Brune	
5654	Glen Ryan	
6872	Joann Flous	Ladies Auxillary
6872	Fred Jordan	
7087	Alan Necaie	
7087	Michael Radzyniak	
7087	Richard Cuevas	
7120	Anthony Pangelina	
7211	JUDSON MAYES	
7854	Duane Andrews	
7854	Joe Stewart, Jr.	
7854	Mary Rita Haselhorst	Ladies Auxillary, Past President
7854	Robert Lariccia	
8054	O'Neil Amedee	Past Grand Knight
8054	Raymond Burke	
8848	Mark Bullock	
8848	Terry Jarzen	
9094	John Izral	Reverend
9094	William Knox	
9124	Gerard Shuster	
9124	Kenneth Peden	
9124	Lee Chandler	Faithful Navigator
9409	Dong Phan	
9409	Roger Houle	Past Grand Knight
9673	Joseph Toche	
9673	Leo Richard	
9673	Noel Denoux	
10443	John Daly	
11654	Larry Higginbotham	
11904	John Marvin McDonald	

St Joseph Abbey

Recently, State Advocate, Bryan Cassagne visited St Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, LA. Brother Bryan was extremely impressed with its President Rector Father Gregory Boquet. He interviewed one of the seminarians and put together a brief write-up for may publishing in our State Newsletter. Below is that write-up.

Any Council or Assembly interested assisting the Abbey can contact Brother Bryan or Fr. Gregory directly.



SAINT JOSEPH SEMINARY COLLEGE

Office of the President-Rector | 75376 River Road Saint Benedict, LA 70457 | 985-867-2286 | fax: 985-867-2270

Brothers,

I took the opportunity to interview Jesse Schmitt, PGK of Fr. Joseph Lafleur Council 17205 at St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary College. I thought you might appreciate more information on our Seminarians and their journey to the Priesthood.

Schmitt has just completed work on his undergraduate degree in minor seminary studies at St. Ben's in St. Benedict, La. After four years of major seminary studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans he looks forward to serving the Diocese of Biloxi.

Schmitt said he first began to discern the priesthood during his sophomore year in 2017. While reading 'Discerning the Will of God' by Fr. Timothy Gallagher; "I remember feeling like a lightbulb had been turned on in my head, and I began to feel like God might be calling me to the priesthood." After several months of discernment and a come and see retreat at St. Ben's he realized the Lord was indeed calling. Schmitt applied for the Diocese of Biloxi, in May of 2018 was accepted and entered St. Ben's that fall.

Council 17205 worked several programs this Fraternal Year. Schmitt said, "Some of us volunteered at the Carmelite monastery near the Abbey and others participated in the March for Life. We also helped to raise funds for some of the needs of our seminary's student government committees."

Schmitt's home parish is St. Charles Borromeo in Picayune where he first joined Council 6872. This fall he will join the new Fr. John Arnone Council 17413 at Notre Dame Seminary. (Fr. Arnone, born and raised in N.O. and known as a "Priest's Priest" died in May of 2017 at only 49 years of age!)

Schmitt said that he had a short assignment at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Pascagoula early this summer and will spend the rest of it at Notre Dame. "I am participating in a special retreat and seminar that they are putting on because of the Caronavirus."

As for the costs of seminary education, tuition and room & board run about \$32,000 per year. Seminarians/family cover 50% while the diocese pays the other 50%. This is why you are asked to help with donations to the Bishop Gerow Fund and the monthly expenses of a seminarian. At Notre Dame Seminary the costs are about the same with the diocese picking up 100% of the tab. This does not include their insurance costs, which is why Bishop Kihneman says total education costs run \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year, per student! In addition, Schmitt said, "the Louisiana State Council helps fund the costs of our mission trips each year and makes a large donation to the Seminary College and Notre Dame Seminary." (Last year \$20,000 each!) These monies were raised through a State Council and Ladies Auxiliary raffle.

Pray for our seminarians Brothers!

Bryan V. Cassagne
State Advocate



2020 Running of the Silver Rose

This year's schedule begins on Sunday, 20 September with two Masses in the northern area of our state. The program ends on Sunday, 11 October with the exchange to our Louisiana Brothers in Picayune. Please see the state website for locations, times and contact information.

This year celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the program, the miracle of the roses and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patron of the Americas). Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego near Monterrey, Mexico in 1531 and asked for a church to be built on that site. As a sign for his local Bishop, Our Lady sent St. Diego to the top of Tepeyac Hill where he found Castilian roses miraculously growing in the stony, frozen ground. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was noticed on the tilma of St. Diego as he dropped the roses at the feet of his Bishop. The tilma, a cactus cloth, normally lasts no more than 30 years. Today, nearly 500 years later you can still see the beautiful image in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. Over the next seven years 9 million people converted to Catholicism. These are just some of the more than 100 miracles that have been attributed to these apparitions.

Knights of Columbus Car Tags

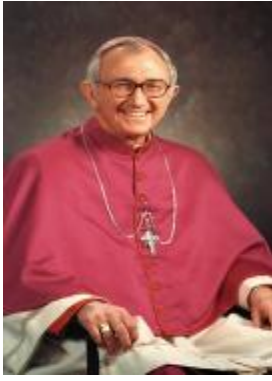


- Tag cost \$33

\$ 24.00 Knights of Columbus of Mississippi

- \$ 3.00 Burn Center Fund
- \$ 2.00 County Tax Collector
- \$ 2.00 Highway Fund
- \$ 1.00 Department of Revenue
- \$ 1.00 Archives and History

The \$24 the state council receives for each car tag purchased or renewed is distributed as follows;
25% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund
25% to the Mississippi Ultrasound Fund
50% to the Bishop William R Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund



Bishop Wm R Houck

Bishop Houck Fund for Retired Religious

Fred Ward, Chairman

The Bishop Houck Fund was established at the 2016 Convention - it was established to help with the retirement needs of Priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters who have spent their careers faithfully serving the needs of Catholic communities in Mississippi.

Since the funds establishment we have contributed, from both dioceses, over \$ 27,093. This fund is now in need of your support. Each year the fund has increased with the exception of last year 2019-2020. I realize the reason for not participating—unable to hold a fundraiser due to Covid-19, however we have to do something to raise money. For example hold spaghetti supper or breakfast that is carryout only. Whatever you and your council decide please do something to help. There are councils that have never contributed any money to this fund. I hope tis year all councils, assemblies, and Auxiliaries will contribute something to this and to those who have donated my thanks and I hope you will continue to contribute even more this year.

In my next article I will post the amounts that each Council, Assembly, and Auxiliary has contributed to this fund for the last 3 years.



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