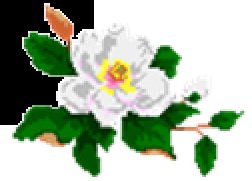




# THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION

## BISHOP HOUCK NAMED EXTENSION PRESIDENT

Cardinal Angelo Soldano, Vatican Secretary of State, had named Most Reverend William R. Houck, Bishop of the Jackson diocese, President of the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States. Archbishop Gabriel Montalvano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, made the announcement in late September. Bishop Houck sees his new position as "an additional job for now," as Pope John Paul II has not yet accepted his resignation (required following any ordinary's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday). For the present, Bishop Houck will handle Extension duties by telephone and by monthly visits to the headquarters in Chicago. Once a successor has been named for the Jackson diocese, he plans to move to Chicago, returning to Jackson after his retirement.

Extension was established in 1905 to serve churches in rural and isolated parts of the United States and its territories through home mission work, seminarian education, and mission subsidies. There is a staff of 65 on the twentieth floor of a building across from Sears Tower. Bishop Houck said "our own experience in the Diocese of Jackson verifies so fully what Catholic Extension means to the church. I am very happy to be associated with helping to continue that kind of ministry." *Ed. Note: The Extension website is at [www.catholic-extension.org](http://www.catholic-extension.org).*

## From the State Deputy's Pen...

Thomas F. (Tom) Chady

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas season. We should thank God thanks for our health, families, and friends.

We have reached the midpoint of our fraternal year. Mississippi has moved into third place in our division in both net gain and percentage gain, and we are currently seventh overall in percentage gain and are ahead of pace in meeting our Supreme goal.

We have submitted all Form 185s and lack just a few 365s and semiannual audits. Welcome back



Indianola, which returned to active status in November.

Congratulations to Jerry Woods, who was appointed General Agent, effective January 1. I am sure that Jerry will

Continued on page 3 ...

### Inside this issue:

In Need of Our Prayers, Roundtables	2
Exemplifications, "To Be a Patriot"	3
State Convention 2002	4
Mississippi Memorial Pro-life Fund	4
Squires, Families, Movies, Membership	5
Websites, Civic Awards	6
New General Agent, Your Editor	6
News from Supreme	7
Knights of Columbus Insurance	8

## From the Chaplain's Point of View...

Rev. Robert Dore

### Advent

Recently, a friend said the following to me, "Normally, I don't stay up late on New Year's Eve, but this year, I intend to stay up well past midnight to be sure this year is really gone." Her comment spoke volumes about the kind of year 2001 had been for her. She had experienced the death of loved ones, illness in her family, financial disappointment,

and simply put, more stress than anyone deserves. Perhaps many can relate to her feelings, especially in light of the devastating events of September 11. And yet, here we are in the holy season of Advent when the Church calls on us to wait, prepare, believe, and hope. We wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and for Him to come in His glory. We are called to prepare our hearts, our lives, our homes, and our com-

munities for the coming of our Savior. In faith, we believe He will come. Our hope is that His coming will make a difference in our lives and in the world. Yes, life can be overwhelming at times or even devastating.

Continued on page 7 ...





**IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS ...**

**Deceased**

Bro. Luke Cardillo, Council 12271, Seabee Base, Gulfport

Sonny Dore, father of Father Robert Dore, State Chaplain

Father of Bro. Bill Eaton, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Darrel Forrester, Council 7974, Columbus

Bro. John H. "Bully" Lauderdale, Jr., Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Abe Mansour, Council 2134, Greenville

Mary Messina, mother of Father Sam Messina, Belzoni Roundtable

Bro. James McCoy, Council 2134, Greenville

Bro. Charlie Morlino, Council 2945, Leland

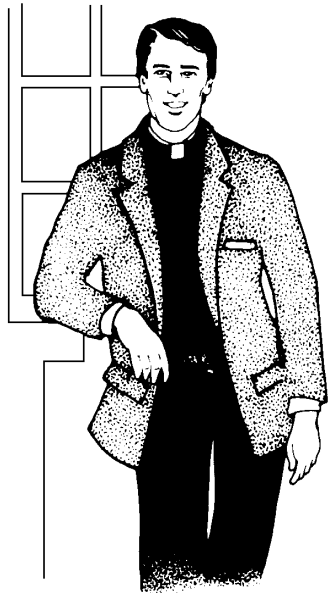
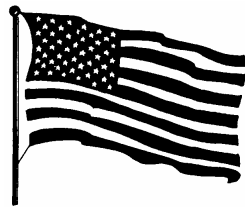
George Nelson, Council 898, Vicksburg

Tom Pokrefke, Sr., father of Bro. Tom Pokrefke, Council 898, Vicksburg

Audrey Vincent Schaff, Council 898, Vicksburg

**III**

Father Al Camp, Council 1034, Natchez



Msgr. Thad Harkins, Port Gibson Roundtable

Father Peter Quinn, Biloxi

Father James O'Riordan, Hon. State Chaplain

Bro. Bob Alvarado, Council 898, Vicksburg

Margaret Campbell, wife of Bro. Larry Campbell, State Priest Ed. Fund Chairman

John Cesare, Council 898, Vicksburg

Carol Chady, Ladies' Aux. State Credentials Chm./wife of Bro. Tom Chady, SD

Emil Chiarito, father of Bro. Vince Chiarito, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Joe Curro, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. George Gibson, Port Gibson Roundtable

Cathy Gospodarski, wife of Bro. Paul Gospodarski, DD5

Bro. Paul Gospodarski, DD5

Kathy Lubbers, wife of Bro. Ken Lubbers, Council 7120, Southaven

Patty Mekus, wife of Bro. Mike Mekus, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Gene Melsheimer, Council 898, Vicksburg

Father Sam Messina, Belzoni

Bro. Chad Sonnek, Council 898, Vicksburg

**Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places**

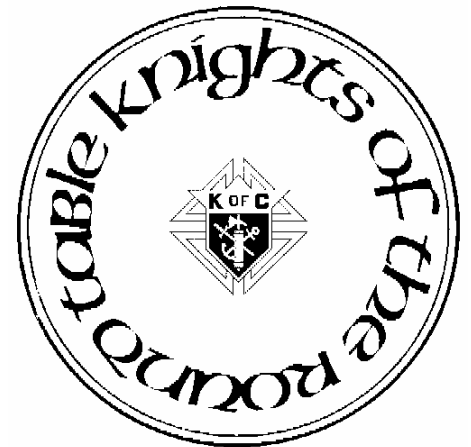
- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**ROUNDTABLE STATUS ...**

**Gerald Schmuck**  
**Membership Director**



Each Council that serves more than one parish can and should have a Roundtable in each of those parishes. Only one member is needed for a Roundtable. As of November 30, 2001, Mississippi has 15 Roundtables:

Dist.	Council	No.
2	7120	1
5	848	4

7	898	4
7	1034	3
9	5654	1
10	4472	2

The Roundtable goal for this fraternal year is 25. Details of Roundtable requirements will be provided in a future issue of the *Magnolia Knight*.

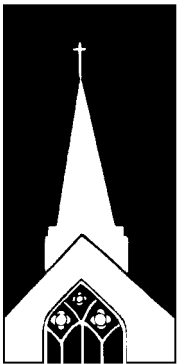
**State Deputy** continued from page 1

work diligently and swiftly to fill current voids with effective Field Agents.

Your State team is excited about our upcoming mid-winter meetings and looks forward to continued work with you to accelerate our positive performance on moving Mississippi even farther up in our division.

God Bless you all

Tom Chady  
State Deputy



**EXEMPLIFICATION  
SCHEDULE**

The State Deputy, Membership Director, and Ceremonials Chairman have selected the following upcoming dates and locations for second and third degree exemplifications in our jurisdiction:

Date	Location
January 12	Clarksdale
January 26	Biloxi 9409
February 9	Clinton
March 3	Long Beach
April 20	Oxford
June 15	Jackson 848

Honorees at each will be Pope John Paul II and a local Knight or member of the clergy. Contact the host Grand Knight to make arrangements.



The Master, Mississippi District announces the following fourth degree exemplifications:

Date	Location
February 16	Vicksburg
June 1	Ocean Springs

Please coordinate all Honor Guard activities or other Fourth degree programs with the Master, SK Jim Lambert, 601-798-1915

**"TO BE A PATRIOT" AWARD -USS COLE PROJECT**

Mike Gilly, FM

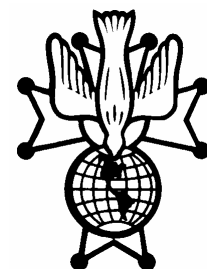
Each year Supreme honors the 16 top provincial finalists in the "To Be A Patriot" awards program, and from these, a panel of judges selects the top three international winner. This year Msgr. P.J. Carey Assembly 561 of Pascagoula, the Bienville Province honoree, was also selected as an international winner, along with assemblies from Utah and Texas. Their 2000-2001 patriotic program honored the 17 deceased crew members of the USS Cole, who died in a terrorist attack in the port of Aden.

Four years ago, Assembly 561, which serves councils in Gautier, Lucedale, and Pascagoula, placed a monument, inscribed "in tribute to those who have served this country

with honor and distinction" on the grounds of the State Welcome Center on I-10 near the Alabama line. Each year on Memorial Day, an outstanding member - often a veteran - was chosen to lay a wreath at the memorial.

For Memorial Day 2001 the assembly decided to honor the 17 sailors killed in the Cole attack, which seemed appropriate, as the Cole was being repaired at Ingalls in Pascagoula. An individual from the Cole, HT-1 Mike Hayes, participated in the wreath laying and patriotic ceremony. On January 16, 2002, the assembly will receive its pres-

tigious award from Sir Knight Bob Peters, VSM, at a banquet to be held at the LaFont Inn in Pascagoula. Details are being finalized; however, the guest list includes Bishop Rodi and Commander Kevin Sweeney of the USS Cole.



# STATE CONVENTION 2002

For the first time in forty years, Hattiesburg will be the site of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Convention. At the time of the last convention here, there were fewer than twenty councils in Mississippi. Pine Belt area councils will serve as hosts for the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, which will be held from April 26-30, 2002, at the Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center. Blocks of rooms at three nearby hotels have been reserved for Mississippi Knights and their families. Be sure to specify "Knights of Columbus Rate." These facilities include:

Comfort Inn, 6595 US Highway 49N, 601-268-2170; single or double rate \$59 plus



tax; each additional person, \$6; complimentary buffet breakfast; **reservation deadline April 4, 2002**

Holiday Inn, 6563 US Highway 49N, 601-268-2850; king or double/double rate \$56 plus tax; **reservation deadline April 12, 2002**

Cabot Lodge, 6541 US Highway 49N, 601-264-1881; king or double/double rate \$58 plus tax; included complimentary breakfast; **reservation deadline April 12, 2002**

Hospitality rooms will be located at the same hotel (to be determined) around a courtyard/pool area. To reserve a hospitality room, contact either John Krumpos (601/794-2819), Hotel Coordinator, or Joe Goellner (601/264-4893 or [jg41344@netdoor.com](mailto:jg41344@netdoor.com)), General Chairman. Do not call the hotels for hospitality room reservations.

The Convention committee will shortly provide registration packets to each council. These packets will contain a reg-

istration form, a map plus convention, Mass, and hotel information. Registration fees for members are \$60 for either the member or the lady guest or \$120 for both. The Late registrations after April 1, 2002, will be \$70 and \$140, respectively. Tickets to the Ladies, PSD, and DD Luncheons are \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus 2002 Convention." Registration fees should be mailed to

Knights of Columbus  
2002 Convention Registration  
44 Serenity Lane  
Poplarville, MS 39470



**Dennis Riecke, Chairman**

Dennis Riecke, Chairman  
Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund  
605 Acorn Lane  
Brandon, MS 39047-7457

Donations will be recorded in the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Report in the State Convention minute book. For additional information, contact me

H - 601-992-5803; W - 601-432-2207

E-mail: [dennisr@mdwfp.state.ms.us](mailto:dennisr@mdwfp.state.ms.us)

## Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund

THE NATURAL  
CHOICE  
IS LIFE!



Delegates at the 96th Annual State Convention, held at Robinsonville, Mississippi, in April 2000, voted to establish the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund. This fund functions in the same manner as the Bishop R.O. Gerow Priest Education Fund. Councils, assemblies, and individuals can contribute funds during the year for presentation to the Bishops of the Biloxi and Jackson dioceses at each

annual State Convention. The Bishops then make distributions to prolife organizations selected by their respective dioceses. This fund provides an excellent opportunity for remembering deceased Knights, family members, and friends.

Councils, assemblies, and individuals should make checks payable to either the Diocese of Biloxi or the Diocese and not to the Mississippi State Council. Donations should be sent to the following address for recording purposes:

# Our Squires



**The Magnolia Knight**  
*Is a quarterly publication of the Knights of Columbus, Mississippi Jurisdiction. Any change of address should be addressed to*  
**Editor, The Magnolia Knight**  
**1137 Pennock Place**  
**Terry, MS 39170-8670**  
 Thomas F. Chady, State Deputy  
 159 Redbone Rd.  
 Vicksburg, 39180-8901  
 Richard T. Lieding, State Secretary  
 1404 Gloucester  
 Jackson, MS 39212-3830  
 Larry Tabor, State Treasurer  
 9605 Blossman Place  
 North Biloxi, MS 39532-9707  
 Daniel J. Lechner, State Advocate  
 309 Belvedere Drive  
 Biloxi, MS 39531-3103  
 Peter Sukanek, State Warden  
 126 Cedar Hill Drive  
 Oxford, MS 38655-9602  
 C. Bruce Pabon, Immediate Past State Deputy  
 P.O. Box 414  
 Ocean Springs, MS 39564-0414  
 Rev. Robert Dore, State Chaplain  
 P.O. Box 11  
 Chatawa, MS 39632-0011  
 Most Rev. William R. Houck,  
 Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Jackson  
 Honorary State Chaplain  
 P.O. Box 2248  
 Jackson, MS 39225-2248  
 Most Rev. Thomas Rodi,  
 Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Biloxi  
 Honorary State Chaplain  
 P.O. Box 6489  
 Biloxi, MS 39532-6489  
 Most Rev. Joseph L. Howze  
 Bishop Emeritus, Catholic Diocese of Biloxi  
 Honorary State Chaplain  
 P.O. Box 6489  
 Biloxi, MS 39532-6489  
 Rev. James O'Riordan  
 Honorary State Chaplain  
 100 St. Michael Place  
 Vicksburg, MS 39180  
 E.A. (Tony) Dardeau, Jr., Editor  
**The Magnolia Knight**  
 12 Crestwood  
 Vicksburg, MS 39180-6244  
 (601) 638-3702  
 E-mail: DARDEAUEA@aol.com  
 Kenn Rains  
 Contributing Editor  
 1137 Pennock Place  
 Terry, MS 39170 - 8670  
 H - (601) 878-2157 Cell - (601) 260-6503  
 kerains@juno.com

Father Mullin Circle 81 of Vicksburg leads the Mississippi jurisdiction for the period, July 1 through September 1, 2001, with three new squires. Several more investitures have been held by the circle since that date, and the circle looks forward to even more growth during the next few months.

We salute these fine young men and their leaders, who work so closely with them. **They are our future Knights!**

## Supreme Families of the Month, August - October



Congratulations to Don and Madonna Walters, Council 4472, Pass Christian, and to Anthony and Renee Fertitta, Council 11934, Gluckstadt, for being selected Supreme Families of the Month for August, to Charles and Beth Rawls, Council 2180, Laurel, and James and Carol Rodgers, Council 12271, Gulfport Seabee Base, September honorees; . For October, the honorees were Lonnie and Delores Lowe of Council 2969, Clarksdale, and Chris and Paula Noeske, Council 10216, Brandon. We salute these fine Catholic families.

## Going to the Movies ...

GK Bill Geer, Council 8912 ,Corinth, and GK Jim McCraw, Council 848, Jackson, were among 100 Grand Knights recruiting at least one Knight during October, and November, respectively, whose names were selected by drawing at Supreme in to receive at a Blockbuster Video Card. Our Congratulations!

# MEMBERSHIP GOALS ACHIEVED

**Gerald Schmuck**  
**Membership Director**

As of November 30, 2001, seventeen Mississippi councils have reached their membership goals, including five who achieved Top Gun Status:

Dist.	Council	Gain	Comment				
1	8912	8	Top Gun	7	6592	8	Top Gun
3	2134	9		7	8054	3	
3	5556	11		8	2180	5	
4	7974	3		9	6872	9	Top Gun
5	848	7		9	11995	3	
6	9543	10		10	4472	2	
6	10216	13	Top Gun	10	12271	3	
6	11934	3		11	1244	15	
7	898	11		11	9094	8	
				11	9409	11	Top Gun
				12	5654	12	
				12	9124	5	
				13	10499	4	

# Recruit a Knight!

Congratulations to Council 8912, Corinth, on having the highest percent gain (19%) thus far.

# Mississippi KofC Websites

The State Council website can be seen at <http://www.ms-kofc.org/>,



while other KofC websites in Mississippi are listed at <http://www.ms-kofc.org/898/counlink.htm#ms>

Councils are encouraged to develop websites, and limited help plus some webspace are available.

Please do not hesitate to contact to the State Council Webmaster, Brother Greg Rottman, [rottman@vicksburg.com](mailto:rottman@vicksburg.com), or to the Editor, Brother Tony Dardeau, [DARDEAUEA@aol.com](mailto:DARDEAUEA@aol.com), who assists Brother Rottman. Also, report any new Mississippi KofC websites or website corrections, so that the directories can be kept current. We plan to continually update the State website, so that it will be useful and user friendly.

## CIVIC AWARDS, 2000-2001

Six Mississippi assemblies were named as 2000-2001 Civic Program Award winners. To qualify, an assembly must conduct at least four varied patriotic programs within the fraternal year. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. Recipients included



- Vicksburg Assembly 558, Vicksburg
- Père Le Duc 560, Bay St. Louis
- Msgr. P.J. Carey 561, Pascagoula
- Msgr. John J. Burns 1251, Meridian
- Father Gregory Bezy 2195, Southaven
- Father Harry Wade 2347, Gulfport



## NEW GENERAL AGENT

We are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2002, the Mississippi jurisdiction will have a new General Agent. He is Jerry Woods, FIC, of Cleveland, who had been a Field Agent for the past 17 years. Please do not hesitate to contact Bro. Woods or one of the Field Agents for information on Knights of Columbus insurance for you and your family. His mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address are shown on page 8 of



## Contacting Your Editor

Remember that the *Magnolia Knight* is your State Council newsletter. You are encouraged to report on your activities so that the rest of us will know about them and profit from what you have accomplished. To contact your editor:

E.A. (Tony) Dardeau, Jr., Editor, *Magnolia Knight*

12 Crestwood

Vicksburg, MS 39180-6244; 601/638-3702; e-mail: [DARDEAUEA@aol.com](mailto:DARDEAUEA@aol.com)

**Note: Deadline for the April 2002 issue is March 15, 2002**

It seems to me that the Advent model is helpful not only during the Advent season but also throughout the year. In whatever situation we find ourselves, we are called to wait, which is not easy when we live in a culture that emphasizes instantaneous everything.

We are called to "prepare the way" by lives of ongoing faith and prayer. The Lord will indeed come. The gospels promise it. When he does, our hope is fulfilled. Things are changed for the better.

During this Advent/Christmas season, I hope and pray we are all involved in

these four things: waiting, preparing, believing, and helping. When the Lord comes, may we truly be ready to welcome Him. It is my personal prayer and wish that each of you and your families have a blessed Advent and Christmas season and a new year of refreshed faith, hope, and love.

# NEWS FROM SUPREME ...

Source: Bro. Tim Hickey, Editor, *Columbia*, 203-772-2130, x 303, tim.hickey@kofc-supreme.com, Supreme website: <http://>

September 17, 2001 - **Insurance** - The Knights of Columbus announced that it had \$42 billion of life insurance in force, which represents a growth of \$7 billion since September 1998. "This new milestone proves once again that our members have the utmost confidence in our insurance program and the ability of our products to grow their money without undue worry about the ups and downs of the market," said Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight.

September 24, 2001 - **Synod Auditor** - Pope John Paul named Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson to be an auditor for the month-long World Synod of Bishops. Anderson joined 22 other chosen as auditors, including three from the United States. He was the only U.S. layman so honored. Two hundred bishops participated, with the theme being "The Bishop: Servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Hope of the World."

October 16, 2001 - **Champion of Peace Award** - Archbishop Renato Martino, Apostolic Nuncio and permanent observer of the Holy See at the United Nations and President of the Path to Peace Foundation, announced that the Knights of Columbus would receive the Champion of Peace Award from the Foundation. The Path to Peace Foundation, founded in 1991, in collaboration with the permanent observer mission to the United Nations, helps promote Church teachings on morality, development, human rights and peace. The award was presented at Carnegie Hall on November 26, where Anderson urged "all Catholics to work together with all people of good will to build a global culture of peace."

November 1, 2001 - **Heroes Fund** - The Knights of Columbus has distributed more than \$1 million in direct assistance to New York City firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical personnel killed at the World Trade Center in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Using its network of Field Insurance Agents in New York and New Jersey, the Order distributed checks of \$3000 each to some 334 families to help with immediate needs. Checks were given to survivors whether or not the deceased was a Catholic or a Knight. Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Brooklyn offered the All Saints Day Mass for law enforcement and public health officials at the "ground zero" morgue at the New York City Medical Center. Later Bishop Daily and Supreme Knight Anderson paid their respects at "ground zero."

November 26, 2001 - **Human Cloning** - The Knights of Columbus called on the Senate to ban human cloning in the wake of reports that some scientists were moving ahead in this direction. "The news that some scientists are already

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

### A BLESSED CHRISTMAS FROM THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT





*the Magnolia K night*

A publication of the Mississippi State Council

**Knights of Columbus**

1137 Pennock Place

Terry, MS 39170-8670

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Terry, MS  
Permit # 1



Protect your future with insurance plans that pay you dividends now and guarantee you a source of income when you retire

The future starts tomorrow. Contact me today.

**Jerry Woods – FIC General Agent**

558 Hillcrest

Cleveland, MS 38732-2025

(662) 846-6308; jwoods@cableone.net



Generation after generation, the best protection your family can have

**Knights of Columbus**  
**LIFE INSURANCE**  
Serving Knights and their families for over a century

**Knights of Columbus find strength through their common faith in God and their love of family.**

**The Knights of Columbus insurance program provides Knights and their families affordable financial security.**

