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Brother Knights,

I am finishing up my first month as State Deputy and it has been a whirlwind month. We had our State Installation of Officers, our organizational meeting and three Schools of Columbianism in Biloxi, Starkville and Jackson. I have been to a couple of Council award steak dinners and a couple of Council Installation of Officers. Flowood hosted a Degree Sunday and I installed the Gluckstadt officers that evening. I have also had several big reports to fill out and send to Supreme. Our Supreme annual convention is in Baltimore, August 6 through the 9. Father Scott, Noel, Mike, Roy, Bryan and I will represent all of you at the Convention.

We made Circle of Honor again this year, so Noel will get to walk across the stage at the Convention. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to help us achieve this honor.

I have enjoyed getting to some of the steak dinners to visit with the Councils that won the dinner. Bryan Casagne has headed up the dinners for about a year now and he has done an outstanding job. Thanks Bryan. He has had a lot of help, so thanks to all that pitched in. Remember, your Council can win the steak dinner this year, if you qualify for Star Council this fall. Let's get off to a good start so we are not sweating it out at the end of the year. I do not have much hair left to pull out.

Now a few reminders, please have all that are required to take the kids safe course have it completed as soon as possible. Supreme is dead serious about this, as they should be. We need to protect our kids as best we can. The report of officers chosen was due 7/1 and the report of chairmen is due 8/1. Please get these in to Supreme. That is what they use to send the information and communications out to. Also update your listing on the State Directory, that is what the Officers use to get contact information. Even is nothing changed you need to go in and update it. Speaking of the State web site, Ben and Mike K. have worked out a program where you can go there and get your State Per Capita Bill. The GK or FS can go there and print it out. So, you can get a copy anytime you want one. Thanks to Ben and Mike. The July bill includes the Insurance bill for those Councils that participate in the GL policy through the State. We only bill for insurance in July, so it will not be on your January bill, unless you do not pay it. The policy renews 8/01 each year. If you have the policy you are automatically renewed, unless you contact the State Secretary in writing, saying you want to discontinue the policy. We send a copy of the Binder to the Biloxi and Jackson Diocese that shows the Councils that are covered.

This is getting a little long so I am going to finish up. Thanks to all the DD's that are serving and working with the Councils. We added three new Districts this year. Thanks to Art Dunn, Brady Pate, and John Barnes who stepped up to work with us in the new Districts. And thanks to all of you on the State and Council level that work so hard to achieve all the good things that we do.

Vivat Jesus,

Philip

Philip Jabour

State Deputy

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## A WISE, LOVING AND COURAGEOUS PASTOR

7/1/2018

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

### DESPITE OPPOSITION, POPE PAUL VI HUMBLY PROMOTED THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ON MARRIAGE AND HUMAN LIFE



ON OCT. 14, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Pope Paul VI. Pope Paul was elected to the Chair of Peter in 1963, during the Second Vatican Council, and served until his death in 1978. He was responsible for advancing the teachings and reforms of the council, a daunting task which he implemented with wisdom, love and courage.

This saintly pontiff was first and foremost a follower of Jesus. He was a man of deep prayer and rigorous penitence. Steeped in culture, he was an intellectual who followed closely 20th-century developments in philosophy, theology and contemporary debates that helped pave the way for the council. He showed us a pastor's heart in his profound encyclicals on authentic human and economic development and on the spread of the Gospel in today's world.

When he issued the landmark encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life, On the Regulation of Birth) in July 1968, Blessed Paul VI addressed the contemporary issue of birth control with the same wisdom, love and courage that characterized his entire life and ministry. Unfortunately, his prophetic teaching was greeted by many with hostility and today remains widely ignored. However, the time has come for people everywhere to discover what many faithful

married couples have already discovered — namely, Pope Paul's wise and loving teaching on the dignity of human life and on God's plan for human love.

A deeper look at *Humanae Vitae* reveals that Paul VI did not merely reassert a ban on contraception — rather, he offered a teaching that opens the way for a virtuous respect for the gift of human life and the meaning of human sexuality. Writing in an era of rapid change and social upheaval, he acknowledged that people were grappling with new attitudes toward sexuality and that new methods of birth control had raised questions about the Church's teaching. In fact, many urged the pope to change the Church's teaching out of compassion for married couples. Many also said that relaxing this teaching would strengthen family life and make the Church's mission of spreading the Good News more credible — empty claims that subsequent history has disproved.

Blessed Paul VI knew that shortcuts in matters such as human love, life, marriage and family lead to profound unhappiness and to terrible social consequences. He foresaw an increase in infidelity, the lowering of moral standards, lack of respect for life, lack of respect for women, and the breakdown of the family — all of which and more have come to pass. By contrast, the Church's teaching respects the gift of human life and shows married couples how to relate to one another in a respectful, loving manner.

In *Humanae Vitae*, the Holy Father called upon married couples to form a loving union in the sight of God, a union that is open to the gift of new human life, a love that is total and faithful, a love that is ordered toward the procreation and formation of children in the loving setting of a family. He reminded Catholics and all people of goodwill of the God-given link between the unitive and procreative dimensions of human sexuality. He invited couples to consider morally licit ways to exercise responsible parenthood, rejecting unnatural forms of birth control that do not invite dialogue and cooperation.

Today, many people have awakened to the negative social consequences of the sexual revolution. But awareness is not enough. Evils such as the breakdown of the family cannot be overcome without a renewed appreciation for and practice of the virtues of chastity, modesty and self-control, together with deep respect for others. Pope Paul has shown us the way of wisdom, love and courage. Let us follow his lead.

## Culture of Life: Prophecy

Words are powerful. A single word can recapture a long-lost image, even a time of life. A word like Berkeley. If the student free speech movement of the '60s had a birthplace, it was in that California town. And it was from Berkeley that the forces of social dissent and change began to galvanize and reverberate through the country.

The '60s was one of the most turbulent domestic times in our country's history. The civil rights movement was in full swing. At times rioting erupted, and major cities went up in flames. Disenchantment with the escalating Viet Nam war was itself escalating to a fever pitch. A drug culture was taking hold. In Berkeley, Timothy Leary became a cult hero with his push of psychedelic drugs and his mantra to "tune in, turn on, and drop out." He urged youth to question all authority, particularly about the war. Many did.

There was one more element to the perfect storm of social turmoil. With the protests came the call to "make love, not war." For some, "free love" became a way of life. "Love-ins" became a thing. In 1960, the FDA approved a pill—the pill—designed to prevent unwanted pregnancies. It made the "love," or at least the sex, so much more tempting, like the thought of eating sugar without adding calories. By 1970, an estimated two-thirds of Catholic women were using contraceptives, about 28% on the pill.

Over 6,000 miles away, Giovanni Montini was watching these happenings with great interest. In 1963, Pope John XXIII established a commission to examine the subject of married life, particularly as it pertained to the regulation of birth. The members' disagreements on the subject were troubling because some of the commission's proposed norms were inconsistent with the moral doctrine on marriage. So Montini, then Pope Paul VI, wrote a reply—his July 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life). It caused an immediate firestorm. Clergy and religious left the Church over what it said. Without ever reading it, Catholics in droves rejected it out of hand. But if *Humanae Vitae* can lay claim as one of the most controversial documents in Church history, it must also be viewed as one of the most prophetic writings since the Book of Isaiah. We are now paying the price for ignoring it.

*Humanae Vitae* is beautifully written, relatively short, and easily readable. It speaks of a way of living, a way of love and sacrifice—really two sides of the same coin. The love has its origin in God, Who instituted marriage to accomplish His plan to fill the earth with His greatest creations. Through marriage, man and woman cooperate with God in creating and raising the next generation. Marital love is intended to be a total act of free will, not a mere drive of nature or emotion. In that total love, spouses give everything of themselves for the other, forsaking all others. Love that is total and faithful becomes creative. Children become the gifts of marriage to the world. They are God's lifelong gifts to the spouses.

The call of *Humanae Vitae* is to recognize our responsibility to follow God's Will in marriage. Responsible parenthood means that reason and will must control innate drives and emotions, but control them in ways that recognize a couple's duties to God, themselves, their families, and society. Controlling the number of births is permissible, so long as the marital act leaves a couple open to God's will as to children. The problem with artificial birth control is that it treats children as enemies of couples and of society. So *Humanae Vitae* reiterated the Church's condemnation of it and called for abstinence—at times a real sacrifice—during fertile times as the moral way of controlling or spacing births. With *Humanae Vitae* came the Pope's four prophecies. Artificial birth control will lower moral standards generally. It will increase the temptation to marital infidelity. It will erode the reverence to be given to women and turn them into mere objects of men's pleasure. Finally, it will create "the danger of this power passing into the hands of those public authorities who care little for the precepts of the moral law."

Now 50 years after *Humanae Vitae*, what's the scorecard on those prophecies? Are our moral standards better or worse? Are spouses more faithful or less? Have women—and men—become the objects of pleasure even more than they were? Well, just listen to people talk. Turn on the television. Go to a movie. Read a newspaper. Surf the net. Today, we are so far off our moral center that we kill unborn babies by the millions as a so-called matter of fundamental right. So unfortunately, the first three have been proven. What about that last one?

Back over 6,000 miles from Rome is Berkeley. This past June, its city council passed a resolution in advance of "climate emergency." Avoiding mass extinction will take "an effort to preserve and restore half Earth's biodiversity in interconnected wildlife corridors and to humanely stabilize population." The council even cited Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology, ironic given that he has condemned population control. So unless the council plans mass suicides, it will need to find some "volunteers." Who better than the unborn? After all, the contraception mentality has made them enemies, so if the unborn escape contraception, they won't get any further. One less person to take what we have. Humane? Our laws don't protect the unborn, and some elected officials say that they're merely "clumps of cells." In their minds, how inhumane can it be? For years it's been done in China, where families are fined for a third child. A Chinese official put it quite simply: if a third pregnancy is reported, "We'll definitely find you and persuade you to do an abortion." That persuasion won't be friendly.

Turns out that Pope Paul VI was spot-on with those prophecies. That's how God works. He sends us people we don't want to see to tell us what we don't want to hear. He does it for our own good. We ought to listen—and fast.

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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

On the fifteenth day of each month — from August through July — 100 “Family of the Month reporting forms will be drawn at random from among all entries received at the Supreme Council office for the previous month. Each of the 100 families selected will receive a Holy Family gift along with a letter of congratulations from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. The following factors should be considered in the search for the “Family of the Month:”

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Does the family enjoy one another?
- Does the family share experiences?
- Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
- Does the family spend its time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?

The family of Brother: Allen Kruger  
(Member's Name - Please Print)

has been selected as “Family of the Month” for Council: 5654  
in MS  
(State or Province)

Please enter our nominee in the Supreme Council “Family of the Month” Contest. We have listed the nominee’s qualifications below.

The names of the family members are:

Member: Allen Kruger

Membership Number: 1938170

Spouse: Barbara

Children/Ages:

Adults  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

3617 Ling St.  
Gautier, Ms. 39553  
\_\_\_\_\_

Our Council’s “Family of the Month” was elected for the following reasons:

**Al and Barbara are very active in the Knights. They support all of the different projects and help out with the breakfast by weekly. Al is a retired Sea Bee 83 years old. He built a handy cap ramp for our meeting room. They are also very active with many different Community projects in Gautier, Ms. and Ocean Springs**

Grand Knight: Gordon Mathieu

### SELECT ONE

- JULY  
Due August 15
- AUGUST  
Due September 15
- SEPTEMBER  
Due October 15
- OCTOBER  
Due November 15
- NOVEMBER  
Due December 15
- DECEMBER  
Due January 15
- JANUARY  
Due February 15
- FEBRUARY  
Due March 15
- MARCH  
Due April 15
- APRIL  
Due May 15
- MAY  
Due June 15
- JUNE  
Due July 15

Brothers,

Greetings to you all. As we start another Fraternal Year, I would like to take this time to reflect on the last few years. I began my two year term, as State Deputy, just as we ended the first Circle of Honor year in the State of Mississippi since Danny Lechner was State Deputy. State Deputy Jim McCraw had just led the State to Circle of Honor status. During his term, he had established a new council in Waveland, set a record for Star Councils, approached the 7000 member mark and had a ultrasound machine placed in Picayune. He left some huge shoes to fill. I have heard for years (as I worked my way through the State Chairs) that all you State guys care about are the numbers. So, I began my term with the mantra "It IS about the numbers". It's about the number of Knights we get in the Order to do Fr. McGivney's work. It's about the number of Councils we put in Parishes to support our Priest. The number of Catholic families that get the insurance protection that they need. The number of dollars we donate to help People with Intellectual Disabilities. The number of young lives that were saved because of Ultrasound machines placed. You get the picture. How did you respond? You all accepted the challenge and ran with it.

In the two years I served as State Deputy we:

- Set a new record for the number of Star Councils
- Eclipsed the 7000 member mark
- Establish 1 new Council each year "16763, Hattiesburg & 16992, Biloxi"
- Donated a record amount of money to Special Olympics
- Back to back Circle of Honor (not done since Danny Lechner) making us threepeat recipients
- Ultra sound machines place in various locations each of the last 2 years (making the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year of placement in Mississippi)

You answered my every challenge. Thank you! Now I ask you to work just as hard for State Deputy, Philip Jabour. Let's keep this train rolling.

God Bless,  
Vivat Jesus,

Immediate Past State Deputy  
Noel Aucoin

## In Case You Missed It: Fast Start Recruiter Promotion



### July 1 - September 30

It's a new fraternal year and that means a new opportunity to ask men to join our councils. The earlier in the fraternal year men join us, the sooner they and their families can contribute ideas and support council activities and programs.

Between July 1 and September 30, every Knight who recruits five brother Knights will receive \$50 and free shipping to [KnightsGear](#).

To receive credit for recruiting a member, simply include your membership number as proposer on a Form 100 and you'll get credit for that new Brother Knight. This works with [Online Membership](#) too! All applications must be processed by September 30.

For more information, please visit our [Membership Incentives and Awards](#) page.



The Order's new Online Membership initiative is live throughout the United States and Canada!

Now you can invite eligible Catholic men to take their first step toward committed, lifelong and council-based membership in the Order by signing up online. And, any member who recruits 5 members between now and Sept. 30 will receive a \$50 gift card for KnightsGear, along with free shipping!

How does online membership work? What does it mean for degrees? Who can sign up?

Watch this brief video that explains what the program is and how it can be used as a powerful tool to help your council recruit.



Visit our For Members page for even more information.

We are uniquely positioned to help other men lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values. It's now even easier to invite them to become Knights of Columbus so that they too can enjoy the same life-changing benefits and experiences that we have. Not sure how to invite men to join? Personal invitations always work best. Talk to them. Text them. Email them. You can use the sample email below as a guide.

So, what do you say? How many men will you invite to join today?

To be eligible for the \$50 gift card, the recruiting member must be listed as the proposer on either the Form 100 or the Online Membership application.

Online Membership is meant for new members only. Current members of the Knights of Columbus should not sign up as online members. Signing up online will cause you to be transferred out of your council. You cannot hold dual memberships.

#### SAMPLE EMAIL:

Dear [NAME],

[X] years ago I joined the Knights of Columbus, and it's one of the best decisions I've ever made.

Being a member has helped me to grow and to give back. It's given me great opportunities, lifelong friends, and a host of memories that will stick with me. It's allowed me to put my faith in action, and do my small part to help those in need.



We do a ton of great things, but my favorite is our [NAME OF PROGRAM (example: Coats for Kids program)] which [EXPLAIN WHAT IT DOES (example: gives new, free winter coats to underprivileged children)]. It's amazing how [EXPLAIN HOW IT HELPS (example: happy the children are with their new coats, and how grateful the parents are for the help)].

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I know that you would have the same great experience too. That's why I'm inviting you to join online today.

Joining takes only five minutes. It's a great way to get started and learn more about what we do. Check it out at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus). You'll like what you see. We're the largest Catholic men's organization in the world, and we'll be better with you on our side.

So what do you think?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

P.S. If you do join, be sure to put in our council number [NUMBER] so we can have you join our local group.

TO JOIN: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

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## ASSEMBLY 3007 Diberville, Ms.

Today, we honored and remembered Sir Knight Thomas Bassett Jr. I presented a chalice to Mr. Bassett's daughter Mary Meyers and her daughter at the 9 am Mass, at St. Alphonsus in Ocean Springs. She in-turn presented it to Fr. Chinnappa R. Mark. Father Mark was very appreciative and thanked the family and KC's.



## Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville Ms.

On July 8, the Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville held their annual Blue Mass to honor those men and women in blue who sacrifice themselves daily to protect and serve. Agencies from across the coast came to be recognized. Those include: D'Iberville Fire Department, D'Iberville Police Department, Biloxi Fire Department, Biloxi Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Harrison County Sheriff's Department, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Department of Marine Resources, and Ocean Springs Fire Department. Many thanks also goes out to those who prepared the meal.



## Vicksburg Council Hosts Crossroads Walkers

On Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Vicksburg Council 898 welcomed the group of nine walkers from Crossroads who were walking the southern route. Crossroads is an organization that sponsors walks across the United States and Canada during the summer break from college to bring attention to pro-life issues. There are three routes in the United States and one in Canada. The southern route began in Los Angeles on May 18<sup>th</sup> and ends in Washington DC on August 11<sup>th</sup>, where it meets the walkers from the central and northern routes. On Friday evening, the walkers were treated to hamburgers and hotdogs and given the opportunity to cool off in the council pool. At the end of the evening, the walkers divided up went to stay in the homes of four council members who had volunteered to host the walkers.



*One of the walkers presents their story and mission*

On Saturday morning, the host members returned the walkers to the council home so they could go as a group to Jackson to pray in front of the abortion clinic. A few of the walkers stayed in Jackson to speak at Jackson area churches for their vigil mass. The rest returned to Vicksburg and were reunited with their host families and went to speak at the Vicksburg churches Vigil mass. After masses, all walkers returned to the council home, where the council provide spaghetti and meatballs for the evening dinner. At the end of the evening the walkers again were guest of their host families for the night.



One Sunday morning, some of the walkers went back to Jackson speak at the Jackson churches and the remainder spoke at Vicksburg churches. After mass, the group in Vicksburg were given a short tour of Vicksburg by their host families.

Walkers at the Monument to the Unborn



This tour began at the council Monument to the Unborn at the city cemetery. They then went through the Vicksburg Military park and toured the Vicksburg historic district. The group of walkers that went to Jackson stayed in Jackson to speak at the Sunday evening masses. At the end of the day all of the walkers returned to the council home for a meal of Bar-B-Q chicken and fixings with their host families.



*Walkers enjoying Sunday evening meal with host families*



*Crossroads walkers with their host families*

The council would like to thank Joe and Philomena Zelasko, John and Launo Moore, Mike Ruggles, and John and Beverly Piazza for host the walkers. It would also like to Jamie Vines, Will Halpin, Paul Donovan, Bryan Brabston, III, and John Moore for preparing the meals for the walkers

## Council 8285 St. Therese, Jackson

Alex Bufkin, Council 8285 St. Therese, Jackson, received his Eagle rank in a ceremony held at Scout Troop 7, St. Paul Catholic Church, Vicksburg on July 8. Alex, who lives in Crystal Springs, joined the Knights of Columbus in April 2018 and completed his Formation and Knighthood Degrees in May. Alex currently serves as Warden of Council 8285. He attends Hinds Community College and plans to complete studies in commercial aviation. Alex's Eagle project was construction of a storage cabinet for art supplies at a children's shelter in Vicksburg.



Pictured: (standing l-r) Scout Master Jose Mattei-Sosa, Amy Stewart, mother, Alex Bufkin, David Bufkin, father. (Seated) David Osburn, member of Troop 7.

## Council 8285, Jackson

Council 8285, Jackson, achieved a milestone in the life of its Parish Roundtable, St. John Crystal Springs, when Council Officers were installed after mass, Sunday July 8. Five Council Officers call St. John their home parish, Bill Addie, Grand Knight, Scott Waller, Deputy Grand Knight, Warren Brooks, Advocate, Alex Bufkin, Warden, and Lorenzo Delcid, Inside Guard. Jack Daugherty, Honorary Life member of 8285, and member of St. John, served as Cantor and Lector during mass. Alex Bufkin, the Council's newest member, served as acolyte. Other officers installed included Marvin Cannon, Financial Secretary, Leo Luke Jr., Chancellor, Chris Luke, Recorder, Ben Mokry, Treasurer, and Doug Simmons, Lecturer. Assembly 554 provided an Honor Guard consisting of Bill O'Connor, John Wren, Mike Kirby, and Steve Miller. A meal and social followed in the parish hall.



Pictured Front (l-r) Lorenzo Delcid, Warren Brooks, Bill Addie, Marvin Cannon, Scott Waller. Middle (l-r) DD Craig Harrel, Doug Simmons, Ben Mokry, Chris Luke, Leo Luke Jr. Back (l-r) John Wren, Bill O'Connor, Alex Bufkin, Rev. Thomas Delaney, Pastor, Steve Miller, Mike Kirby.

## THE DESOTO KNIGHT COUNCIL 7120

The following pictures show the help our Knights gave the Bishop Houch New Hope Village Homeless Shelter on July 7, 14, and 28. They built and painted new facilities to house individuals in need. Thanks for all the hard work put in this month! Go Knights!



## Council 10901, St. John the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus Council 10901, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Oxford, celebrated a smorgasboard of activities on July 1st. Besides celebrating the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, a gathering of the Council members and their families welcomed potential new members to the Council ranks and inducted new officers for the coming year. Approximately 90 people attended the annual Summer Social at the home of Marge and Forrest Hinton.

It was truly a family day, with lots of visiting, good food, swimming in the Hinton's beautiful pool, and of course, Knights of Columbus business which included swearing in of the new Council 10901 Officers for the coming year.

The home was gaily decorated with red, white and blue ribbons and flowers. The Hinton's grandchildren served as co-hosts taking care of serving drinks, picking up trash, emptying trash, and almost any other assistance they could provide their guests.

Several prospective Knights attended the function and were able to observe the fellowship and brotherhood shared by the Council members. They also observed the solemn induction of the new officers and understood that we all share in the satisfaction serving others, and recognize the Knight's giving of themselves for the good of the Council, the Catholic Church, and those we serve.

Photo 1. Tom Hinton, a member of Council 10901, manned the grill and was kept busy for most of the party. Although his "post" was physically separate from the main party, his mission, grilling great food, kept visitors coming to view the progress and to make sure he was kept well-supplied with cool adult beverages. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

Photo 2. District Deputy Jacob Eftink read the charges to the new Council 10901 officers as social attendees watch and listen. A solemn occasion, the new officers and observers understood the seriousness of their responsibilities as Council officers. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

Photo 3. Knights of Columbus members stop by and introduce themselves to guests of the Knights who might be considering joining the Council. Guests are always invited to Council family events to introduce them to the values and fellowship felt by Knights who work and worship together. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

Photo 4. One of the main purposes of the Summer Social was the induction of the new officers for Council 10901. The new inductees are: (l to r) Albert Ruiz, Grand Knight; Dennis Lucker, Deputy Grand Knight; Jacob Eftink, District Deputy and Chancellor; Buddy Seely, Recorder; Jorge Torres, Warden; Ron Rychlak, Lecturer and Advocate; Andy Reynolds, Past Grand Knight and 1st Year Trustee; Forrest Hinton, Inside Guard; David Barkett, Outside Guard. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)



## St. Richard Council 15131

Brothers of St. Richard Knights of Columbus Council 15131 getting ready for the annual 4th of July Family Picnic which was held on Sunday, July 1st after the 5 P.M. Mass. Family fun for all, follow by a fireworks display.



## Bishop Fahey Council #1908

Bishop Fahey Council #1908 Knights of Columbus recently re-furbished the Mary Rock, located in Marian Park, across the street from Sacred Heart Church. Brother John Dryman performed a much needed pressure-wash to the Mary Rock, after years of being exposed to the elements. The "BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER" lettering has been replaced with a new distinctive lettering. Sacred Heart Church can be proud of the work Bishop Fahey Council #1908 has done to pay homage to the unborn.



On 8 March 2018, John Dryman presented two \$200 checks to Dr. Linda Vasquez, Director of DREAM of Hattiesburg, Inc. The first \$200 check is from Sacred Heart Catholic Church Knights of Columbus (KC) Council #1908.

The second \$200 check is from St. Thomas Catholic Church KC Council #15382.

Both councils are indebted for the positive work DREAM plays in our day to day lives.

Both Councils assisted with DREAM's drug and alcohol prevention, after-school tutoring program, and curricula-based programs to teach young people about the negative effect of how harmful drugs are to their lives.

DREAM has been an integral player in keeping drugs and alcohol out of the reach of children, their siblings, and their families in the Hattiesburg area.





Next Exemplifications:

September 8, 2019 Van Buren, AR

# Bienville Province Newsletter

REPORT FROM VICE SUPREME MASTER MICHAEL J. PORTER

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Dear Worthy District Masters,

Welcome to the new fraternal year. We start anew with all our paperwork and planning for this new year.

Now is the time to work with Assemblies who are struggling with membership and activities, so we should offer them program suggestions. The only way to grow is through active members in active Assemblies. Here are some suggestions that Jerry and I discussed.

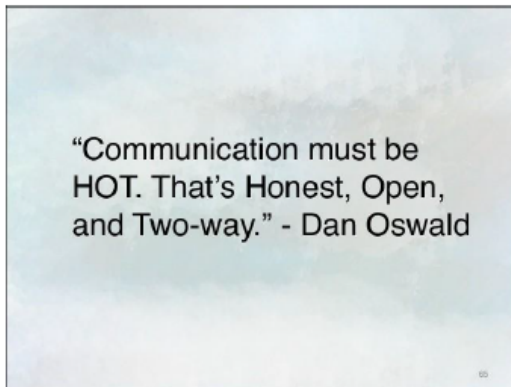
Start a District-sponsored annual event. A corporate communion for all Assemblies on a certain weekend would be a great event. You set the weekend at the beginning of the year and they can plan to make it happen. The Assembly can select the church from one of the Councils that is attached to the Assembly, put together an honor guard for mass, invite all the members, do a rosary before the mass, sit together at mass, and do a pitch-in dinner afterward.

Another example: Adopt a vet for Christmas. There are a number of homeless Vets, Vets in nursing homes, and elderly Vets in all our communities and parishes. Ask the FNs to find a Vet or Vet's family to sponsor for Christmas. The VA hospital is a great place to get names or your parish Priest (I'm sure he knows folks in need that are Veterans of our country). They can collect clothing, food, gift cards, etc. Invite the Vets to a party at church or visit them in their home to give them what you've collected.

Let me know what your ideas are on an annual District event.

Fraternally,

Mike







## **What's Happening Around the Province** **Mississippi District -Assembly # 561**

Jerry Schmuck District Master

### **MONSIGNOR P.J. CAREY ASSEMBLY #561 PASCAGOULS HOSTS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE BILOXI PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL**

This year many of our Assemblies in Mississippi will give honor to our Military Past, Present, and Future as they celebrate Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day this year.

One such Assembly is Monsignor P.J. Carey Assembly 561 in Pascagoula. This year Faithful Navigator Benny French and the Worthy Sir Knights of Assembly 561 gathered at the Biloxi Purple Heart Memorial to give honor to those who have served, but especially those who have given their all to protect this great country of ours.

Master of Ceremonies, Sir Knight Will Harvey, gave a presentation of the history of Armed Forces Day and the history of the Order of the Purple Heart. He then said: "In every Generation there have been those who have answered the call to defend freedom, to oppose tyranny, and to free the oppressed. All gave some of their own freedom and many have given it all. They were with us then in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and other conflicts. And they are with us today in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places around the world. They love and are loved, but still they must prepare for the inevitable. They provide comfort to the sick, the lonely, the frightened, and the defenseless. They yearn for the day when they can go home to their family and friends. They fight for our rights and the rights of all who cherish freedom, and they pray not in just one religious voice but in all. But, unfortunately sometimes they are wounded or die for the cause of freedom. Fortunately, these same brave souls are with us today, but what is more important, we are with them today and every day."

He then introduced Sir Knight William "Bill" Clark, USAF Retired, a Vietnam War Veteran and member of the Pascagoula Assembly, who gave a short speech and placed a wreath at the memorial with help from the Assembly Honor Guard. Also assisting were District Marshall Skip Murphy from Assembly 2059 in Ocean Springs and District Master Gerald Schmuck from Assembly 2759 from the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport. In true KC fashion, after the ceremony the men and their families met for a social gathering at a local restaurant and a good time was had by all!







## *What's Happening Around the Province*

### Tennessee District - Priest Ordination - Serra Club

John Park District Master

We held four honor guards in three days at Opryland, the Cathedral, and the Catholic Pastoral Center. The Serra Club held their international convention in Nashville and we had Sir Knights at each of the three masses, and an Honor Guard for the Three (3) new Priests that were ordained on June 30, 2018. Bishop Spalding was very grateful for "Putting in the overtime," as he put it, to help with all the masses.



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- ❖ Prepare for the Provincial Meeting
  - ❖ Update your District Directory
  - ❖ Send me updated State Officer Information for the Provincial Directory
  - ❖ Plan your 2018-2019 Exemplifications and copy me
  - ❖ Send me your District award winners (Sir Knight, Clergy, Family, and Assembly of the year)

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### **DATE TO REMEMBER**

**September 28-29, 2018**  
**Birmingham, AL**  
**Provincial Meeting**  
**(More to Follow)**



## Provincial Membership Goals

Here are the current membership numbers from Supreme as of July 1, 2018.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	163 (86) 47%	77
Arkansas	134 (50) 62%	84
Louisiana	370 (157) 57%	213
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>124 (34) 72%</b>	90
Tennessee	230 (94) 59%	136
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,021 (421) 58.71%</b>	600

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: **58.71%**

**This is how we finished the year. I will send you the new quota in the August newsletter.**

**Congratulations to:**

**DM Warren Deemer for the largest number of new Sir Knights: 213**  
**DM Jerry Schmuck for the largest % of goal for his District: 72%**

**Excellent job!**



## FORMS PAGE

Here is a list of the Supreme- and Province-required forms, and when they are due. When completed, check the box so you know you're on track. Please send all forms to your District Master and copy me at [MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM](mailto:MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM).

<b>FORM</b> <b>Supreme Form - Province Form</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETED?</b> 
Monthly Newsletter (Star Assembly Award)	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
#1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
#TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award	April 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#990 Tax Report EZ - Due Date depends on Year End	May 15 -- November 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
#2321 Civic Award	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#186 Report of Chosen Officers	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sir Knight of the Year Award	July 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Family of the Year Award	July 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assembly of the Year Award	July 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clergy of the Year Award	July 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



## Upcoming Bienville Province Exemplifications

Here is a list of the Exemplifications in the Province coming up for June of this fraternal year.

September 9, 2018	Van Buren, AR

Fraternally,

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