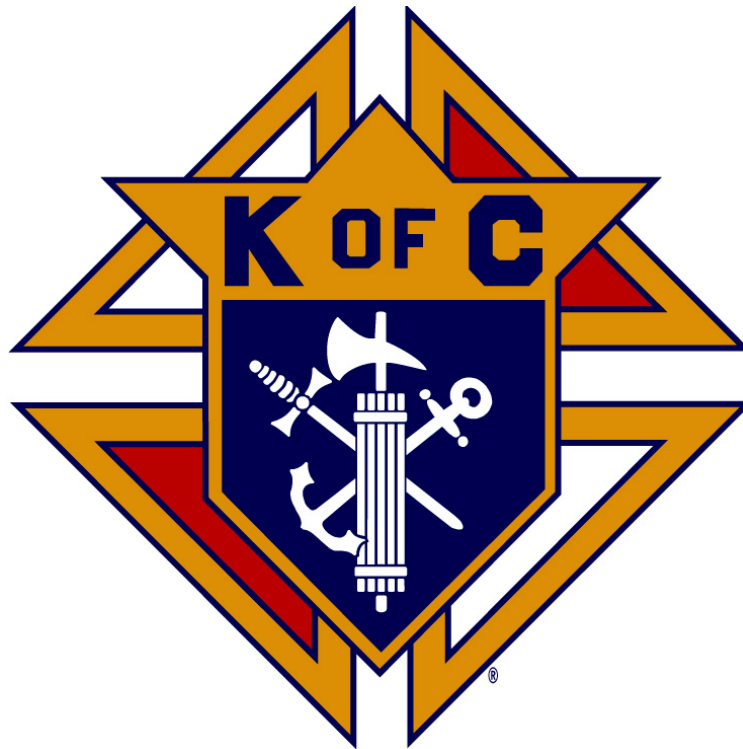


**Dr. Peter Sukanek  
State Deputy  
Mississippi State Council**

**2010 Convention Minute Book**



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# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Mississippi State Council  
106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting  
23, 24, 25 April 2010  
Natchez, Miss.

## **CONVENTION AGENDA**

### **Thursday, 22 April 2010**

2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Convention Registration – **Eola Hotel Lobby**  
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. State Officers Hospitality Room (Sponsored by Convention  
Committee) – **Pretiss Club**

### **Friday, 23 April 2010**

8:00 - a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney – State Chaplain,  
Father Al Camp, **St. Mary's Basilica**

8:30 - a.m. Golf Tournament – **Duncan Park**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Memphis Room, Convention Center**

11:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration – **Entrance Lobby, Convention Center**

11:00 - 4:30 p.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Entrance Lobby,  
Convention Center**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **Memphis Room, Convention Center**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting – **St. Francisville Room,  
Convention Center**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Suite, Convention Center  
(Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked - State Warden, **Noel Aucoin and Assistants**
2. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
5. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2009 Convention Minutes
6. Welcome from Supreme Knight
7. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received - State Secretary, **Gerald  
Schmuck**  
(District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Directors and Chairmen)
8. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates - State Warden, **Noel Aucoin**
9. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report - Fourth Degree Master,  
**Larry Tabor**
10. State Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report – **James Farris**
11. Distribution of Resolutions - State Advocate, **M. James McCraw**
12. Committee Assignments - State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
  - a. Announcements Hospitality Rooms **MUST BE CLOSED** during Business  
Sessions
  - b. Ladies Activities
  - c. Youth Activities

**Friday, 23 April 2010 (continued)**

- d. Credentials Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – **Memphis Room, Convention Center**
- e. Resolution Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – **Greenville Room, Convention Center**
- f. Mileage and Per Diem Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – **Concordia Room, Convention Center**

***NOTE: These meetings will start as soon as possible after “Friday Night Dinner Social”***

- g. Other Announcements
- h. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL**

- 7:00 - p.m. Cash Bar Opens – **Front Lobby, Convention Center**
- 7:30 - p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social – **Nashville Room, Convention Center**
  - 1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
  - 2. Presentation of Colors – **Fourth Degree Color Corp**
  - 3. National Anthem – **John A. Hicks**
  - 4. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
  - 5. Welcome – **Darrel Grinnel, President Board of Supervisors and Bob Pollard, Mayor Pro Tem**
  - 6. Response – State Secretary, **Gerald Schmuck**
  - 7. Introduction of the Supreme Representative -- State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
  - 8. Prayer – **Bishop Roger Morin**
  - 9. Meal Served
  - 10. Introduction of Visiting Priest and Seminarians – **Daniel Lechner**
  - 11. Awards Presentation: (**Only 1<sup>st</sup> place awards will be presented.**)
    - a. State Bowling Tournament Awards – Meridian, **Robert Leo**
    - b. Keep Christ in Christmas Awards – **Nat Zummo**
    - c. Family of the Month Awards – **Carl Brochard**
    - d. State “Persons with Intellectual Disabilities” Program Awards – **James Farris.**
    - e. Insurance Agency Awards – **Jerry Woods**
    - f. Top Proposer Awards – **Noel Aucoin**
    - g. Membership Awards – **Noel Aucoin**
    - h. Top Gun Council Awards – State Membership Director, **Noel Aucoin**
    - i. Honor Council Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - j.** Council of Excellence Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - k. Distinguished Council Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - l. Stellar Council Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - m. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
- 10:00 - p.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Gerald Schmuck** – **Memphis Room, Convention Center**
- 10:00 - p.m. Resolutions Committee – State Advocate, **M. James McCraw** – **Greenville Room, Convention Center**
- 10:00 - p.m. Mileage and Per Diem Meeting – State Treasurer, **David Scott** – **Concordia Room, Convention Center**

**Saturday, 24 April 2010**

- 8:00 - a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives.  
Concelebrated Mass with  
Bishop Morin as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State Warden, M.  
James McCraw – **St. Mary's Basilica**
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration – **Mezzanine South, Convention Center**
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Mississippi Suite, Convention Center**
- 9:30 - 12:00 a.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Suite, Convention Center (Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Noel Aucoin and Assistants**
  2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
  3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**
  4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
  5. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary, **Gerald Schmuck**
  6. Address to the Delegates – Bishop of Biloxi Diocese, **Most Reverend Roger Morin**
  7. Address to the Delegates – Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Latino**
  8. Address to the Delegates – Supreme Director, **Daniel Baker**
  9. State Chaplain's Report - **Father Al Camp**
  10. State Deputy's Report – **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
  11. State Secretary's Report – **Gerald Schmuck**
  12. State Treasurer's Report – **David Scott**
  13. State Advocate's Report - **M. James McCraw**
  14. State Warden's Report – **Noel Aucoin**
  15. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Daniel Lechner**
  16. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - **Thomas Zettler, PSD**
  17. General Agent's Report – **Jerry Woods**
  18. State Vocations Report – **Deacon Larry Campbell/Geoff O'Neil**
  19. Columbian Squires Report – **Thomas Chady, PSD**
  20. State Directory – **Mike Kassouf**
  21. Assignment of Meeting Rooms
  22. Announcements
    - a. Tables and chairs that are re-arranged for committee meetings need to be moved back.
  23. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**
- 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Louisiana Suites, Convention Center**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Vicksburg Room, Convention Center**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Concordia Room, Convention Center**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Eola Hotel**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (All others are on their own)

**Saturday, 24 April 2010 (continued)**

**1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS –**

1. Audit – Thomas Chady, PSD, **Concordia Room, Convention Center**
2. Good of the Order – Dr. Paul Gospodarski, **New Orleans Room, Convention Center**
3. Ceremonials – Richard Lieding, PSD, **Greenville Room, Convention Center**
4. Public Relations – Fred Middleton, **New Orleans Room , Convention Center**
5. State Convention – Walter Brown/Larry Gardner, **Baton Rouge Room, Convention Center**
6. Financial Secretaries – James Farris, **Vicksburg Room, Convention Center**
7. Membership – Noel Aucoin, **Memphis Room, Convention Center**
8. Council Activities – Michael Brechtel, **St. Francisville Room, Convention Center**
9. Community Activities – Frank Oliverio, **Mississippi Suite , Convention Center, North Side**
10. Church Activities – Paul Leidig, **St. Francisville Room, Convention Center**
11. Family Life Activities – Carl Brochard, **Mississippi Suite, Convention Center, North Side**
12. Youth Activities – Joseph Jones – **Mississippi Suite, Convention Center, South Side**
13. Pro-Life Activities – Dennis Riecke, **Mississippi Suite, Convention Center, South Side**
14. Vocation Activities – Deacon Larry Campbell/Geoff O’Neil, **Baton Rouge Room, Convention Center**

**2:30 - 5:00 p.m. THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Suite, Convention Center**  
**(Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Noel Aucoin and Assistants**
2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
5. Convention Committee Reports
  - a. Pro-Life – State Chairmen, **Dennis Riecke**
  - b. Public Relations – **Fred Middleton**
  - c. Membership – State Director, **Noel Aucoin**
  - d. Ceremonials – PSD, **Richard Lieding**
  - e. K of C Audit – PSD, **Thomas Chady**
  - f. Mileage and Per Diem – State Treasurer, **Gerald Schmuck**
  - g. Financial Secretaries – **James Farris**
  - h. State Convention – **Walter Brown**
  - i. Good of the Order – **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
  - j. State Program Activities – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
6. Resolutions presented to the Delegates – State Advocate, **M. James McCraw**
7. Announcements – **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
8. Closing Prayer – State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**

**Saturday, 24 April 2010 (continued)**

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**

- 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar Open - **Front Lobby, Convention Center**
- 6:30 p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Greenville and Concordia Rooms, Convention Center**
- 6:30 p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **Memphis Room, Convention Center**
- 7:00 p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Nashville Room, Convention Center**
1. Procession of the Dignitaries
  2. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
  3. National Anthem – **John A. Hicks**
  4. Pledge of Allegiance -- Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
  5. Prayer – Bishop Joseph Latino
  6. Meal Served
  7. Keynote Address by **Daniel Baker**, Supreme Director
  8. Awards Presentation: (**Only 1<sup>st</sup> Place awards will be presented**)
    - a. Special Presentations – State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
    - b. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - c. Squires Awards – Columbian Squires Chairman, **Thomas Chady, PSD**
    - d. Fourth Degree Awards -- Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
    - e. Poster Contest – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - f. Best Newsletter Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - g. Best Scrapbook Awards – State Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - h. Best Pro-Life Project Award – **Elvis Gates**
    - i. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards – **Elvis Gates**
    - j. Best Vocations Project Awards – **Elvis Gates**
    - k. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **Donald Cox**
    - l. Best Church Activity Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - m. Best Community Activity Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - n. Best Council Activity Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - o. Best Family Activity Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - p. Best Youth Activity Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - q. Best Council Awards - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - r. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award – **Robert Fratesi, PSD**
    - s. Mississippi State Council, Knight of the Year Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**
    - t. Mississippi State Council, Family of the Year Award - Program Director, **Elvis Gates**

**Sunday, 25 April 2010**

- 8:00 - a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Latino as Principal Celebrant – **St. Mary's Basilica**
- 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. **FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Suite, Convention Center (Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Noel Aucoin and Assistants**
  2. Opening of Fourth Business Session - State Deputy, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**

**Sunday, 25 April 2010 (continued)**

3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
5. Remarks
  - a. Bishop Roger Morin
  - b. Bishop Joseph Latino
  - c. Supreme Director, **Daniel Baker**
  - d. Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
  - e. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report – **Donald Cox**
6. State Convention Report: 2010 – State Convention Chairman, **Walter Brown/Larry Gardner**
7. Position Election Tellers
8. Election of State Officers
  - a. State Deputy
  - b. State Secretary
  - c. State Treasurer
  - d. State Advocate
  - e. State Warden
9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Convention – Washington. D.C., 2 – 5 August 2010
10. Sites for State Convention
  - a. 2011 – Tupelo
  - b. 2012 – Long Beach
  - c. 2013 – Vicksburg
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Closing Remarks
14. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Al Camp**



5. AUDIT COMMITTEE      **Concordia Room**  
**Thomas Chady, PSD**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman**
- David Scott, State Treasurer  
Michael Arguelles      # 1244  
Richard Sowers      # 6765  
Kenneth N. Simon      # 7974  
Kevin O'Donnell      # 10216
6. CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE      **Greenville Room**  
**Richard Lieding, PSD**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman**
- Philip Jabour      DD #6  
Benito Velasquez      DD #8  
Manfred Carr      # 1034  
O. D. Landrum      # 1908  
Robert Vargass      # 5556  
Richard Penick      # 8054  
Billy Johnson      # 11956
7. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE      **New Orleans Room**  
**James L. Everett**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman**
- Buck Hill      DD #3  
James Everett      DD #10  
Robert Barr      DD #12  
Ivan Lambert      # 848  
Rodney Malburg      # 4472  
William Mann      # 7910  
James Leatherwood      # 8912  
Charles Wilkerson      # 9543
8. GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE      **New Orleans Room**  
**Dr. Paul Gospodarski**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman**
- Robert Leo      # 802  
Andrew Hurst      # 1583  
John Young      # 5267  
Terry Crow      # 9124  
Greg Lovelady      # 9534  
John W. Cruso, Jr      # 9673  
Emmitt Landry      # 9094
9. FINANCIAL SECRETARIES      **Vicksburg Room**  
**Mike Kassouf**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman**
- Ralph W. Gatzman      # 2180  
J. Leonard Tarrant      # 5654

Patrick S. Burns	# 6592
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Marvin W. Ladner, Jr.	# 7211
Richard Zdziemborski	# 7910
Ben Mokry	# 8285
Thomas Moran	# 9958
Sherwood Beckham, Jr.	# 11654
James Henderson	# 11904
William Heath	# 12331

ALL Financial Secretaries in attendance that are NOT assigned to a committee.

**10. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE      **Memphis Room**  
**Noel Aucoin, State Warden/**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Membership Director**  
**Chairman****

Jerry Woods	General Agent
William Sonnemann	DD #2
Philip Jabour	DD #6
John Bennett	# 802
Richard D. Benton	# 1244
Robert Hubbard	# 1522
Richard Sowers	# 6872
Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	# 8760

**11. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE      **Baton Rouge Room**  
**Walter Brown/Larry Gardner, DD #7**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Co-Chairman****

Raymond Ball	DD #1
Michael Spencer	DD #9
Thomas Setser	# 848
Mark Dye	# 8848
George Reed	# 10901
Jimmie Hoda	# 7087

**12. CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE      **St. Francisville Room**  
**Paul Leidig, Church Director**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman****

Guy Heying	# 848
Jimmy Sherman	# 2945
James Bradham	# 5556
Bobby J. Lewis	# 11541
Kenneth Valentine	# 8848
Harvey Caldwell	# 10443
Michael Butler	# 10499
Pete Weisonberger	# 11934
Mills Haire	# 13502

- 13. COUNCIL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE      **St. Francisville Room**  
**Michael Brechtel, Council Director**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman****
- Charles Hahn      # 898  
Lynn Landrum      # 1908  
Daniel Setaro      # 6765  
William J. Singletary # 7211  
Ellis A. Geer      # 8912  
Joseph Goellner      # 10499  
Robert Theriot      # 11654  
A. P. Altenaler      # 11956  
William A. Roberts      # 9409
- 14. YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE      **Mississippi Suite**  
**Joesph Jones, Youth Director**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
**Chairman****
- Kenneth Tooley      # 1522  
Joe Niezgoda      # 1908  
Richert Mahoney      # 6765  
Dennis Hilbert      # 7974  
David Seymour      # 9094  
Bernard Chevalier      # 11541  
George Holetz      # 11995  
Brian Adams      # 12331  
Pascual Cruz, Jr .      # 13502
- 15. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE      **Mississippi Suite**  
**Carl Brochard, State Family Director**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00pm  
**Chairman****
- Karl Koberger      # 1583  
Mike P. Columbus      # 2945  
Owen S. Junkin      # 7915  
Franklin Tinney      # 8038  
Ron Knight      # 9124  
Indianola      # 9234  
Michael Liberto      # 10443  
Rhett Maynard      # 11995  
Ronald DiPalma      # 13471
- 16. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE      **Mississippi Suite**  
**Frank Oliverio, State Community**      Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00pm  
**Chairman****
- Dr. M. Wayne Ebelher      # 2134  
Raul Gamez      # 4472  
Richard Sowers      # 6765  
Danny Smith      # 7915  
Lonnie L White      # 9409

Harvey B.Caldwell, III # 10443  
Robert Zeller # 12271  
Henry Snell # 13936  
Joseph J. Suhanin # 14051

**17. PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Mississippi Suite**

**Dennis Riecke, State Pro-Life  
Chairmen**

Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00pm

Louis D Schwartz # 2180  
Michael W. Morgan # 4898  
William Kuue # 7211  
Sam Thomas # 8054  
Indianola # 9234  
Patrick Chubb # 9673  
Ted Gray # 10216  
Ben Tindall # 11904  
Lynwood Ridge # 13936

**18. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**

**Baton Rouge Room**

**Deacon Larry Campbell,  
Vocations Co-Chairman**

Saturday, 24 April 2010, 1:00pm

Roger Fetters DD #11  
Deacon Mike Gilly # 1605  
Thomas Cusker, Jr. # 7120  
Eddie Dixon # 8760  
Kenneth Mayfield # 9958  
Joseph Best # 11934  
Joseph Tullos # 13471  
John Chiumento # 14051

## CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee met on Friday 23 April 2010 to review the delegates present.

The members of the Credentials Committee were:

Gerald Schmuck, Chairman  
Richard Greenwold  
John Piazza DD #5  
Steve Overman # 1605  
Richard Acy # 5267  
Heath Skinner # 6592  
Thomas Logue # 8038

The delegates are as follows:

### STATE OFFICERS:

State Chaplain	Father Al Camp
State Deputy	Dr. Peter Sukanek
State Secretary	Gerald Schmuck
State Treasurer	David Scott
State Advocate	M. James McCraw
State Warden	Noel Aucoin
Immediate Past State Deputy	Daniel Lechner

### COUNCIL DELEGATES:

# of DEL	COUNCIL NO.	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO1	DELEGATE NO2
2	802	Meridian	John Bennett	Robert Leo
2	848	Jackson	Guy Heying	Mike Macke
2	898	Vicksburg	Thomas Setser	Charles Hahn
2	1034	Natchez	Fred Voss	Manfred Carr
2	1244	Biloxi	Michael Arguelles	John Schaefer
2	1522	Bay St. Louis	Kenneth Tooley	Robert Hubbard III
2	1583	Gulfport	Andrew T. Hurst	Karl E. Koberger
2	1605	Pascagoula	Steven K. Overman	Deacon Michael G. Gilly
2	1908	Hattiesburg	OD Landrum	Joseph Niezgoda
2	2134	Greenville	Bernard J. Brown	Dr. M. Wayne Ebelhar
2	2180	Laurel	Louis D. Schwartz	Ralph W. Gatzman
2	2945	Leland	Jimmy Sherman	Mike P. Columbus
0	2969	Clarksdale	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	4472	Pass Christian	Raul Gamez	Rodney Malburg
2	4898	Long Beach	Michael W. Morgan	Benjamin DiLorenzo
2	5267	Greenwood	Richard B. Acy	Howard Hill
2	5556	Cleveland	James W. Bradham	Robert Vargass
2	5654	Ocean Springs	Carl Brochard, Sr.	J. Leonard Tarrant
2	6592	Bassfield	Heath Skinner	Patrick S. Burns
2	6765	Starkville	Daniel Setaro	Richard Sowers
2	6872	Picayune	Richert Mahoney	James Saunders
2	7087	Kiln	Jimmie R. Hoda	Richard Hoda
1	7120	Southaven	Thomas J. Cusker, Jr.	No Delegate

<b># of DEL</b>	<b>COUNCIL NO.</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>DELEGATE NO1</b>	<b>DELEGATE NO2</b>
2	7211	Lumberton	William A. Knue	Marvin W. Ladner, Jr.
1	7854	Clinton	William O'Conner	No Delegate
2	7910	Orange Grove	William Mann	Richard P. Zdziemborski
2	7915	Brookhaven	Danny G. Smith	Earl J. Westfall
2	7974	Columbus	Dennis J. Hilbert	Kenneth N. Simon
2	8038	Pearl	Franklin D. Tinney	Thomas Logue
2	8054	McComb	Sam Thomas	Richard Penick
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	William J. Singletary	Ben Mokry FS
1	8760	Holly Springs	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	No Delegate
2	8848	Tupelo	Christopher M. Dye	Kenneth H. Valentine
2	8912	Corinth	Ellis A. Geer	James Leatherwood
2	9094	D'Iberville	Emmitt Landry	David A. Seymour
2	9124	Gautier	Terry Crow	Ron Knight
0	9234	Indianola	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	9409	West Biloxi	Lonnie L. White	William A. Roberts
2	9543	Madison	Charles Wilkerson	Gerry Clark
2	9673	Woolmarket	Patrick Chubb	John W. Cruso, Jr.
2	9958	Lizana	Kenneth Mayfield	Thomas Moran
2	10216	Brandon	Kevin M. O'Donnell	Ted Gray
2	10443	Grenada	Joseph Liberto	Michael Liberto
2	10499	Ocean Springs	Michael A. Butler	Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.
1	10901	Oxford	George Read	No Delegate
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	Bobby J. Lewis	Bernard Chevalier
2	11654	Wiggins	Robert Theriot	Sherwood Beckham, Jr.
2	11904	Lucedale	James E. Henderson	Raymond C. Shields, Sr.
2	11934	Gluckstadt	Joseph R. Jones, Jr.	Joesph M. Best
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	Billy Johnson	A. P. Altentaler
2	11995	West Harrison	George Holetz	Rhett Maynard
0	12166	Pascagoula-SH	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	Robert Zeller	William McClellan
2	12331	Dedeaux	Thomas Ward	William Heath
2	13471	Philadelphia/Tucker	Joseph B. Tullos	Ronald DiPalma
2	13502	Batesville/Sardis	Mills Haire	John Stonecipher
2	13936	Columbia	Lynwood Ridge	Henry Snell
2	14051	Olive Branch	Joseph J. Suhanin	John F. Chiumento

<b>TOTAL DELEGATES AUTHORIZED</b>		<b>123</b>
STATE OFFICER DELEGATES	7	
COUNCIL DELEGATES	116	

<b>TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED</b>		<b>113</b>
STATE OFFICER DELEGATES	7	
COUNCIL DELEGATES	106	

**DISTRICT DEPUTIES:**

District 1	Raymond Ball
District 2	William Sonnemann
District 3	Howard Hill
District 4	Michael Kassouf
District 5	John Piazza
District 6	Philip Jabour
District 7	Larry Gardner
District 8	Dr. Benito Velasquez
District 9	Michael Spencer
District 10	James Everett
District 11	Roger Fetters
District 12	Robert Barr

**DIRECTORS:**

Membership	W - Noel Aucoin
Programs	Elvis B. Gates Jr.
Church	Paul Leidig
Community	Frank Olivero
Council	Michael Brechtel
Family	<b>D</b> - Carl Brouchard
Youth	<b>D</b> - Joseph R. Jones Jr.

NOTE: W = Warden  
D = Delegate

**PAST STATE DEPUTIES:**

John P Myers	Thomas F. Chady
Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.	Richard Lieding
Robert Fratesi	Larry Tabor
Thomas Zettler	

**HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS:**

Bishop Joseph Latino  
Bishop Roger Morin  
Bishop William J. Houck

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Schmuck  
State Secretary

**Resolutions Committee Report**

The resolutions committee met on Friday 23 April 2010 at 10:00 PM. All members were present. The resolutions with the committee recommendations follow.

Jim McCraw  
State Advocate

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 1**

***Whereas,***

The 2010 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 106th Annual convention, and

***Whereas,***

The 2010 Convention Committee was comprised of the Bishop R.O. Gerow Council 1034, and

***Whereas,***

The officers, members, and their wives have arranged to host such an outstanding convention, and,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance, be extended to the host council for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 01.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by Mississippi State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 2**

***Whereas,***

Brother Daniel J. Baker and his lovely wife, Donna, have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

***Whereas,***

Brother Daniel J. Baker, is a Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, and Past State Deputy of the Georgia Jurisdiction, and

***Whereas,***

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that Brother Baker's address at the Convention Banquet will be extremely informative and well received by all,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Brother Daniel J. Baker and his wife, Donna, and extends to them a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 02.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 3**

***Whereas,***

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, is celebrating his fifth anniversary as head of the Catholic Church, and his eighty-third birthday, and

***Whereas,***

Pope Benedict XVI has been an inspiration to us all and has led the Catholic Church with exemplary spiritual guidance, humility and compassion,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus reaffirms its loyalty and allegiance to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI, and passionately prays for his continued good health and continued guidance to the Holy Catholic Church.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 03.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 4**

***Whereas,***

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order and considered as the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, and

***Whereas,***

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council provides superb guidance and service to its more than 1.7 million members,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus sincerely appreciates the efforts of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, his fellow Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, and Supreme Office Staff, and expresses its gratitude for their leadership and inspiration in furthering the cause of Columbianism, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That we pledge our loyalty and appreciation to our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for all he has done in the name of our Order, and pray for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater successes.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 04.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 5**

*Whereas,*

The Mississippi Legislature created a specialty car tag promoting the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds from the sales of such car tags going to the treasury of the State Council, and

*Whereas,*

The use of the proceeds from the sales of such car tags should be decided by resolution at the State Convention,

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,*

That the proceeds received by the State Council from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags during the 2010/2011 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

- 40% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund
- 10% to the Culture of Life Fund
- 15% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Fund (Biloxi Diocese)
- 15% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Fund (Jackson Diocese)
- 20% to the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi

*Be It Further Resolved,*

That each member of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction is encouraged to support the above listed causes and to promote the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a Knights of Columbus specialty car tag.

**After consideration and discussion with proposer, the Committee felt the car tag revenue would be more effective if the number of recipients was reduced. Therefore it recommends the resolution be amended to read:**

*Whereas,*

The Mississippi Legislature created a specialty car tag promoting the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds from the sales of such car tags going to the treasury of the State Council, and

*Whereas,*

The use of the proceeds from the sales of such car tags should be decided by resolution at the State Convention,

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,*

That the proceeds received by the State Council from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags during the 2010/2011 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

40% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund

30% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund (Biloxi Diocese)

30% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund (Jackson Diocese)

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That each member of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction is encouraged to support the above listed causes and to promote the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a Knights of Columbus specialty car tag.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move adoption of the amended Resolution 05.

***Action:*** Approved by the State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**Resolution No. 6**

***Whereas,***

At the 2010 Supreme Convention, our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, announced Pro-Life as a sixth service program area, and

***Whereas,***

The Supreme Convention unanimously adopted this action, and

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi State Council has a strong commitment to the Culture of Life as demonstrated by the many beautiful and outstanding projects carried out by our members throughout the year, and

***Whereas,***

All Jurisdictions are required to adopt this expansion of the Surge Committee,

***Therefore be it resolved,***

The Mississippi State Council formally elevates its Pro-Life Committee to be part of the Surge Program with equal benefits and expectations.

The Committee felt since this change was already instituted by Supreme, this resolution is not needed.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move No Action on Resolution 06.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**Resolution No. 7**

***Whereas,***

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that the expenses of the State Officers, State Membership Director, State Program Director, the six Service Program Directors, Delegates, District Deputies, and past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

***Whereas***

Tupelo Council 8848 has graciously accepted the responsibility of hosting the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus,

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the six Service Program Directors to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.30 per mile one-way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$75.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

After review, the Committee determined the reference to Article IV, Section 5 should be clarified and there is a question about the proposed convention location. Therefore it has amended the resolution to read:

***Whereas,***

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that the expenses of the State Officers, Delegates, District Deputies, and past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

***Whereas,***

Expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director and the six State Program Chairmen are determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting,

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That pursuant to Article IV, of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws; per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies to the State Council Meeting are

hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.30 per mile one-way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$75.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That, per diem expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the six Service Program Directors to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.30 per mile one-way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of the amended Resolution 07.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 8**

***Whereas,***

The members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus desire to participate in an annual golf tournament to foster fraternity and sportsmanship, and

***Whereas,***

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participate in the tournament,

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council sponsors, at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Annual Golf Tournament for its membership. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. The chairman of the golf tournament will give a report at the State Convention, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That this State Golf Tournament is not to be confused with nor take the place of the annual golf tournament held in conjunction with State Conventions, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council presents, at no expense to itself and as provided by the appropriate golf association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 08.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 9**

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Forty-Fifth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 105<sup>th</sup> State Convention held in Jackson, and

***Whereas,***

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in the tournament, and

***Whereas,***

It is the express desire by vote of the participants to hold this activity again during the 2010 - 2011 fraternal year,

***Now, Therefore be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council sponsors, at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament for its membership, said tournament to carry the official sanction of the United States Bowling Congress. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. The chairman of the bowling tournament will give a report at the State convention, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council presents, at no expense to itself and as provided by the bowling association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 09.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 10**

***Whereas,***

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the men and women in the armed forces of the United States, and

***Whereas,***

Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been members of these armed forces, and

***Whereas,***

Members of the armed forces place their lives at risk to insure the safety and freedom of the residents of the United States,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving and those who served in the armed forces of the United States, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving in said armed forces.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 01.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 11**

***Whereas***

The Knights of Columbus have always supported priests and seminarians, and

***Whereas***

A priest who is more familiar with the Knights of Columbus will be a stronger promoter of our order, and

***Whereas***

Seminarians are the source of future priests our dioceses, and

***Whereas***

Seminarians usually do not have outside employment for a source of income, and

***Whereas***

It would be mutually advantageous for seminarians to attend the State Convention,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus establish a fund to cover the expenses of any qualified seminarian in the Mississippi Jurisdiction who wishes to attend the State Convention, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That this fund be established and maintained solely by voluntary contributions of members and councils, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That the State Officers have the authority to disburse the necessary funds upon a request by any qualified seminarian.

***Submitted By:***

Fr. John Egan Council 6765, Starkville

While the Resolutions Committee agrees with the intent, it felt this is best handled at the council level.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Resolution 11 be Rejected.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 12**

***Whereas,***

The State Convention provides a wonderful opportunity for knights and their families to share fraternity, renew friendships and meet state and religious leaders, and

***Whereas,***

Some members do not attend the convention even when it is in easy driving distance because of financial or time concerns, and

***Whereas,***

Many of these members are up and coming leaders, new to the Order who could be energized by the convention atmosphere, widows or seniors who wish to come for the day, attend a mass, visit friends and go home before the evening activities, and

***Whereas,***

Some ladies attend the Memorial Mass and the Ladies Luncheon but would like to be official convention attendees and receive packets, and

***Whereas,***

The Convention Committee wishes to make all these individuals welcome and attract them to the Convention, even if it's for the day, particularly in the more densely populated areas of the State,

***Now Therefore, Be It Resolved,***

The Convention Committee will include an option for a non-delegate registration fee of \$10 that entitles the person to be a registered convention attendee, receive a name tag, gift and the same benefits as other registered attendees,

***Be it Further Resolved,***

This fee does not apply to delegates or non-delegates who select the full package to include both dinners.

***Recommendation:*** The committee felt this would be charging members for something they are entitled to, and were unable to find merit. Therefore, at the recommendation of the committee, I move rejection.

***Action:*** Recommendation Approved by the State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 13**

***Whereas,***

Article X, Section 1 provides for Amendments to the Bylaws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and

***Whereas,***

Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus provides:

Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be the amount per member per year approved at the last State Council meeting on which a Per Capita Tax Resolution was adopted, payable one-half on August 1 each year based upon the membership figures of July 1 and the other one-half payable on February 1 each year based upon the membership figures of January 1 in accord with Section 118(c) and (d) of the Supreme Council by-laws, provided. Inactive insurance members as described in Section 69(b) of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus will be assessed and credited State Per Capita Tax using the same procedure as does the Supreme Council with their per capita assessments and credits. However, the Per Capita Tax may be changed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Council Meeting or as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

***Whereas,***

It is not feasible for the State Council to assess inactive insurance members using the same procedure as does the Supreme Council with their per capita assessments and credits,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

Article VI, Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council Bylaws is hereby amended as follows:

Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be the amount per member per year approved at the last State Council meeting on which a Per Capita Tax Resolution was adopted, payable one-half on August 1 each year based upon the membership figures of July 1 and the other one-half payable on February 1 each year based upon the membership figures of January 1 in accord with Section 118(c) and (d) of the Supreme Council Bylaws. However, the per capita tax may be changed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Council Meeting or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

***Recommendation:*** On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 13.

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No 14**

***Whereas,***

Article VI, Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws provides in part that the per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be the amount per member per year approved at the last State Council meeting on which a Per Capita Tax Resolution was adopted, and

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That pursuant to Article VI, Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, the per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council for regular Insurance and Associate members shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per member per year, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That per capita tax on Honorary members shall be Two Dollars and Seventy cents (\$2.70) per member per year, both payable on half (1/2) on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, based on the membership totals of July 1 and the other on half (1/2) payable on February 1 each year based on the membership totals of January 1, in accordance with Section 118 (c) and (d) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order.

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That each council shall not be assessed the state per capita tax for any of its Honorary Life, Disabled and Inactive members.

***Recommendation:*** *The committee agreed with the intent to have these figures restated, therefore, on recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move Adoption of Resolution 14.*

***Action:*** Recommendation approved by State Council.

## Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee

### Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee

The committee met on the evening of April 23, 2010 and reviewed the mileage and per diem figures for this year's convention as per the resolution at the State Convention held in Jackson in April 2009. Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.30 per mile one way. Per diem is awarded at \$75.00 for all State Officers, Delegates and certain Committee Chairmen for two days. Past State Deputies and Honorary State Chaplains are reimbursed at the rate of \$75.00 per diem for two days.

Details of the payments follow:

<u>State Officers</u>		Miles to	At \$0.30	Per	
Name	Office	Natchez	per mile	Diem	Total
Peter Sukanek	State Deputy	287	\$86.10	\$150.00	\$236.10
Gerald Schmuck	State Secretary	212	\$63.60	\$150.00	\$213.60
David Scott	State Treasurer	129	\$38.70	\$150.00	\$188.70
Jim McCraw	State Advocate	115	\$34.50	\$150.00	\$184.50
Noel Aucoin	State Warden	221	\$66.30	\$150.00	\$216.30
Danny Lechner	IPSD	225	\$67.50	\$150.00	\$217.50
Rev. All Camp	State Chaplain	129	\$38.70	\$150.00	\$188.70
				Total	<u>\$1,445.40</u>
<u>Past State Deputies</u>				Per	
Name				Diem	Total
Most Rev. Roger Morin	Honorary State Chaplain			\$150.00	\$150.00
Most Rev. Joseph Latino	Honorary State Chaplain			\$150.00	\$150.00
Most Rev. William Houck	Honorary State Chaplain			\$150.00	\$150.00
John Pat Meyers				\$150.00	\$150.00
Jesse J. Quinn Jr.				\$150.00	\$150.00
Robert Fratesi				\$150.00	\$150.00

Name	Office	Miles to Natchez	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Thomas Zettler				\$150.00	\$150.00
Thomas Chady				\$150.00	\$150.00
Richard Lieding				\$150.00	\$150.00
Larry Tabor				\$150.00	\$150.00
				Total	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

District Deputies

Name	District	Miles to Natchez	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Ray Ball	DD 1	379	\$113.70	\$150.00	\$263.70
Bill Sonneman	DD 2	311	\$93.30	\$150.00	\$243.30
Buck Hill - Delegate	DD 3		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Michael Kassouf	DD 4	244	\$73.20	\$150.00	\$223.20
John Piazza	DD 5	72	\$21.60	\$150.00	\$171.60
Philip Jabour	DD 6	126	\$37.80	\$150.00	\$187.80
Larry Gardner	DD 7		\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Ben Velasquez	DD 8	143	\$42.90	\$150.00	\$192.90
Michael Spencer	DD 9	184	\$55.20	\$150.00	\$205.20
James Everett	DD 10	212	\$63.60	\$150.00	\$213.60
Roger Fetters	DD 11	221	\$66.30	\$150.00	\$216.30
Robert Barr	DD 12	239	\$71.70	\$150.00	\$221.70
				Total	<u>\$2,289.30</u>

State Chairmen

Activity	Name	Miles to Natchez	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Membership Program	Noel Aucoin (State Warden)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Council	Elvis Gates	209	\$62.70	\$150.00	\$212.70
Church	Mike Brechtel	126	\$37.80	\$150.00	\$187.80
	Paul Leidig	221	\$66.30	\$150.00	\$216.30

Activity	Name	Miles to Natchez	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Community	Frank Oliverio	379	\$113.70	\$150.00	\$263.70
	Carl Brochard				
Family	(delegate)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Joe Jones				
Youth	(delegate)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pro-Life	Dennis Riecke	129	\$38.70	\$150.00	\$188.70
				Total	\$1,069.20

Delegates

Council	City	Delegates	Miles to Natchez	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
802	Meridian	2	204	\$61.20	\$150.00	\$422.40
848	Jackson	2	115	\$34.50	\$150.00	\$369.00
898	Vicksburg	2	72	\$21.60	\$150.00	\$343.20
1034	Natchez	2	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
1244	Biloxi	2	225	\$67.50	\$150.00	\$435.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	2	192	\$57.60	\$150.00	\$415.20
1583	Gulfport	2	212	\$63.60	\$150.00	\$427.20
1605	Pascagoula	2	245	\$73.50	\$150.00	\$447.00
1908	Hattiesburg	2	143	\$42.90	\$150.00	\$385.80
2134	Greenville	2	164	\$49.20	\$150.00	\$398.40
2180	Laurel	2	144	\$43.20	\$150.00	\$386.40
2945	Leland	2	156	\$46.80	\$150.00	\$393.60
2969	Clarksdale	0	216	\$64.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
4472	Pass Christian	2	201	\$60.30	\$150.00	\$420.60
4898	Long Beach	2	209	\$62.70	\$150.00	\$425.40
5267	Greenwood	2	172	\$51.60	\$150.00	\$403.20
5556	Cleveland	2	180	\$54.00	\$150.00	\$408.00
5654	Ocean Springs	2	228	\$68.40	\$150.00	\$436.80
6555	Shelby	0	195	\$58.50	\$150.00	\$0.00
6592	Bassfield	2	106	\$31.80	\$150.00	\$363.60
6765	Starkville	2	244	\$73.20	\$150.00	\$446.40
6872	Picayune	2	184	\$55.20	\$150.00	\$410.40
7087	Kiln	2	192	\$57.60	\$150.00	\$415.20
7120	Southaven	1	311	\$93.30	\$150.00	\$243.30
7211	Lumberton	2	168	\$50.40	\$150.00	\$400.80
7854	Clinton	1	105	\$31.50	\$150.00	\$181.50
7910	Gulfport	2	212	\$63.60	\$150.00	\$427.20
7915	Brookhaven	2	63	\$18.90	\$150.00	\$337.80
7974	Columbus	2	288	\$86.40	\$150.00	\$472.80
8038	Pearl	2	118	\$35.40	\$150.00	\$370.80
8054	McComb	2	68	\$20.40	\$150.00	\$340.80
8285	Jackson	2	115	\$34.50	\$150.00	\$369.00

Council	City	Delegates	Miles to Natchez	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
8760	Holly Springs	1	317	\$95.10	\$150.00	\$245.10
8848	Tupelo	2	330	\$99.00	\$150.00	\$498.00
8912	Corinth	2	379	\$113.70	\$150.00	\$527.40
9094	D'Iberville	2	221	\$66.30	\$150.00	\$432.60
9124	Gautier	2	239	\$71.70	\$150.00	\$443.40
9234	Indianola	0	168	\$50.40	\$150.00	\$0.00
9409	Biloxi	2	225	\$67.50	\$150.00	\$435.00
9543	Madison	2	129	\$38.70	\$150.00	\$377.40
9673	Woolmarket	2	221	\$66.30	\$150.00	\$432.60
9958	Lizana	2	213	\$63.90	\$150.00	\$427.80
10216	Brandon	2	126	\$37.80	\$150.00	\$375.60
10443	Grenada	2	228	\$68.40	\$150.00	\$436.80
10499	Ocean Springs	2	228	\$68.40	\$150.00	\$436.80
10901	Oxford	1	287	\$86.10	\$150.00	\$236.10
11541	Gulfport	2	212	\$63.60	\$150.00	\$427.20
11654	Wiggins	2	177	\$53.10	\$150.00	\$406.20
11904	Lucedale	2	201	\$60.30	\$150.00	\$420.60
11934	Gluckstadt	2	137	\$41.10	\$150.00	\$382.20
11956	Tylertown	2	92	\$27.60	\$150.00	\$355.20
11995	Pass Christian	2	201	\$60.30	\$150.00	\$420.60
12166	Pascagoula	0	245	\$73.50	\$150.00	\$0.00
12271	Gulfport	2	212	\$63.60	\$150.00	\$427.20
12331	Pass Christian	2	201	\$60.30	\$150.00	\$420.60
13471	Philadelphia	2	210	\$63.00	\$150.00	\$426.00
13502	Batesville/Sardis	2	266	\$79.80	\$150.00	\$459.60
13936	Columbia	2	113	\$33.90	\$150.00	\$367.80
14501	Olive Branch	2	319	\$95.70	\$150.00	\$491.40
Total						\$21,906.00
Grand Total						\$28,209.90

Respectfully submitted,  
Mileage and Per Diem Committee:  
Fred Voss Council  
1034  
Bernard Brown Council 2134  
Ben DiLorenzo Council 4898  
Bill O'Conner Council 7854  
George Read Council 10901  
Bill McClellan Council 12271  
David K. Scott, State Treasurer,  
Chairman

### **Audit Committee Report**

The audit committee reviewed the Treasurer's statements and reports. Chairman Chady notified the committee that state records are being audited on an annual basis and operations continue to be operated under proper accounting procedures. A brief discussion occurred as to some categories of expenses which were clarified by Treasurer David Scott. The committee was thoroughly convinced that all records were in proper order and correctly reflected the current financial picture for the state council.

Submitted by

Michael Arguelles 1244  
Richard Sowers 6765  
Kenneth Simon 7974  
Kevin O'Donnell 10216  
Tom Chady PSD Chairman

### **Ceremonials Committee Report**

The Ceremonials Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on April 24, 2010.

The following members were present:

Philip Jabour, DD#6  
Benito Velasquez, DD#8  
Manfred Carr, Council 1034  
O.D. Landrum, Council 1908  
Richard Penick, Council 8054  
Billy Johnson, Council 11956

After an overview of the current status of ceremonials in MS. from the ceremonial co-chair, the committee made the following recommendations:

- ❖ Each district should have a 1<sup>st</sup> degree team.
- ❖ A district can recruit degree team members from different councils.
- ❖ For each degree, a candidate should receive a certificate acknowledging receipt of the degree.
- ❖ Members and candidates should wear church clothes to all degrees.
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> degree teams should use the CD provided from Supreme instead of the cassette tape if not already doing so.
- ❖ A candidate's proposer should be present at each degree the candidate goes through.
- ❖ The Grand Knight and/or the Deputy Grand Knight should attend each degree that a candidate from his council is taking.
- ❖ Refreshments should be served after a 1<sup>st</sup> degree to allow the members to socialize with the new members.
- ❖ All degree teams need back up members.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Lieding, PSD; Tom Chady, PSD  
Ceremonial Co-Chairs

**Public Relations Committee Report**  
**NO REPORT**

**Financial Secretaries Committee Report**

The following 18 Financial Secretary's were present.

802	John Graupman	Meridian	7087	Richard Hoda	Kiln
848	Hollis Felts	Jackson	7211	Marvin Ladner	Lumberton
				Richard	
1034	Ron Brumfield	Natchez	7910	Zdziemborski	Gulfport
1908	Ted Heintz	Hattiesburg	8285	Ben Mokry	Jackson
2180	Bill Gatzman	Laurel	9094	John Poelma	D'Iberville
	Charles				
4472	Erickson	Pass Christian	9958	Thomas Moran	Lizana
	Leonard	Ocean			
5654	Tarrant	Springs	11654	Sherwood Beckham	Wiggins
6592	Sean Burns	Bassfield	11904	James Henderson	Lucedale
					Pass
6765	Mike Kassouf	Starkville	12331	Bill Heath	Christian

The following new systems that were developed by Supreme were discussed and about third of present were using them

- Member Management
- Member Billing

All had received the new and updated Financial Secretary Handbook. It was agreed that the back had an excellent Frequently asked Question section and that handbook was well written and full of good information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Kassouf

**Membership Committee Report**

Committee Members

Noel Aucoin – Chairman – (State Membership Director)

William “Bill” Sonnemann – District Deputy #2

Jerry Wood – General Agent

John Bennett – Grand Knight #802

Claude Vinson – Grand Knight #8760

James Saunders – Deputy Grand Knight #6872

Jack Schaefer - Delegate #1244

Robert Hubbard - Delegate #1522

We discussed three major areas concerning membership recruitment and retention. Those areas were problems faced by councils, successful practices of councils and the needs of all councils.

### **Problems**

1) The cyclical cleansing of Council Members, behind on dues – This seems to happen every so often, especially when new Financial Secretaries take over. The committee was in total agreement that this was one of those years. Trustee involvement is essential in curving these cycles. In councils that do not have these purging cycle, Trustees monitor the rolls and recommend timely contact of delinquent members. This is done annually and not put off for down years. This gives the council a chance to offset the drop in membership with new recruiting.

2) The lack of participation by current members – This is a problem faced by councils of all sizes. Many times new members are brought into the council and then left to basically fend for themselves. Councils have got to develop more programs for the families of these new members. The most successful councils get the families involved in activities and this gives the new members and even a lot of the older members a reason to get involved with the council and parish.

3) Lack of a full time priest – When councils are served by a priest that has several parishes or mission churches to serve it makes it more difficult to get the continuous support that the council needs to flourish. This can be particularly a problem when the priest is a military priest and so much time is spent serving the needs of our troops.

### **Successes**

1) Recruiting Family Members – councils reported on the success they have had with recruiting family members of new members. This was a target area stressed by these councils. A new member was asked to give names of fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, etc. and that may be interested in joining. The member was then involved in recruiting these people.

2) Hispanic Recruiting – The growing Hispanic community has opened up recruiting possibilities for many councils. This year's successful councils have tapped into this resource. There are obstacles such as language, the unwillingness to fill out the paperwork, but these can be overcome.

### **Retention**

1) Shining Armor Award – More councils need to stress the Shining Armor award to their new members. Some of the greatest recruitment successes have been from councils that have pushed the program. It is a great way to get the new members involved in the council and therefore make them better knights. Involved Knights “STAY KNIGHTS”.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noel A. Aucoin Jr.  
State Membership Director

### **State Convention Committee Report** **NO REPORT**

### **Church Activities Report**

The church program committee met with the following brother Knights of Columbus in attendance:

Michael Butler  
Guy Heying  
Kenny Valentine  
BJ Lewis  
Jimmy Sherman  
Mills Haire  
Joe Liberto

Following grading the Church Program, Family of the Year and Knight of the Year entries the committee discussed the following:

1. A suggestion was made to include the award packages in the delegates envelopes upon arrival. This would provide the delegate ample time to grade each entry. The time provided during the committee meeting is barely adequate to do a thorough evaluation. Including the packages in the delegate packet gives the Knight more time to complete his evaluation.
2. The committee suggested more crossfeed of program activities through the state newsletter: The Magnolia Knight. This would provide councils more ideas for successful programs throughout the year.
3. Councils should include prospects in council program activities. This would show recruits how the Knights of Columbus impacts all activity areas, especially those outside the church where the KofC is most visible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Leidig  
State Church Director

### **Council Activities Committee Report**

The Council Committee met today at 1 pm with nine brothers in attendance.

The team read thru and voted on various council activites. All activities were very detailed and diverse projects.

Also discussed were topics keeping activites fresh and new with the entire family involved.

Council activities such a parish roundtable and offering advice of implementing and starting was discussed.

The discussions also ranged from incorporating non knights into roles within the council work crews hoping to become members.

In conclusion a very spirited discussion with everyone having valuable input and offering advice to some council delegates that matt have been unfamiliar with a certain activity

Mike Brechtel  
State Council Director

### **Youth Activities Committee Report**

Worthies,

The Youth Committee met at the 2010 Convention in Natchez. All members were present for the meeting. We voted on the best Youth Activity and on the Knight and Family of the Year. We also voted on the Poster Contest Winners. It was discussed that there will be changes coming from Supreme on the Poster Contest and that we were planning on making some minor changes to the State Free Throw contest (with approval of the State Deputy.) When the poster contest changes are made they will be put into the Magnolia Knight for all to see. We are still trying to get more councils involved in soccer and the poster contest. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in recent years, a trophy was awarded in all groups in the free throw. 5 boys and 5 girls.

Submitted,

Joe Jones

State Youth Committee Director

### **Family Activities Report**

As Family Director I sent out monthly messages congratulating each Family and council that were picked by Supreme as the Family of the month. I also sent a message asking all of the councils to try and turn in a family.

I had several conversations and correspondence with various councils during the year on not getting credit from Supreme, for turning in a Family, which I had Supreme correct the problem.

We did have more councils this year then the previous year that turned in a Family.

Respectively

Carl Brochard

State Family Director

### **Community Activities Committee Report**

Community Activities Committee  
Report

The community committee met on 25 April 2010 at the annual State Convention Natchez, Ms The committee reviewed and voted on Best Community Activity project, Best Medium Council, Knight of the Year.,and Family of the year.

Members present:

Lynwood Ridge

William Mann

Francis Barrett

James Holland

Donald Ulrey

Michael Arguelles

William Mann

Kurt Dobbel

The committee had no other concerns so the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank S. Oliverio

Community Director

## **Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund Report**

### **Fund Establishment and Function**

Delegates assembled at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council in Robinsonville, MS in April 2000 voted to establish a Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund. This fund does not require any funds from the Mississippi State Council. This fund functions the same way the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund for Priest Education does. Councils can contribute money to the fund throughout the year for presentation to the Bishop of Jackson and the Bishop of Biloxi at our annual state convention. Our bishops will distribute the funds to prolife organizations selected by their respective Diocesan offices.

### **How to Donate**

Councils should always make their checks payable to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus. These donations should be sent to the State Treasurer or given to him or Memorial Prolife Fund Chairman for recording purposes. All donations will be deposited in the Mississippi State Council checking account and the State Treasurer will write checks to the Diocese of Biloxi and the Diocese of Jackson. Each year all donations will be listed and acknowledged in the Memorial Prolife Fund Chairman's report in our annual convention minute book and the council and assembly making the largest donation will be awarded a certificate at the Convention Banquet. There are plenty of councils that have not donated to this fund yet, so there is much room for improvement and increased donations to this worthy cause.

The fund provides an excellent way for councils, Knights and others to donate memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased Knights, family members, relatives, and friends.

### **2009 Statistics**

11 Councils, 4 Assemblies, 22 Ladies Auxiliaries and 3 individuals donated to the fund in 2009.

Total statewide donations increased to \$6,166.80 from \$5,226.43 in 2008.

Total donations to the Diocese of Biloxi were \$1,345.00.

Total donations to the Diocese of Jackson were \$4,821.80.

### **2010 Statistics**

26 Councils, 8 Assemblies, 1 Ladies Auxiliary and 1 individual donated to the fund in 2010.

Total statewide donations increased to \$10,728.60 from \$6,166.80 in 2009.

Total donations to the Diocese of Biloxi were \$3,798.80.

Total donations to the Diocese of Jackson were \$6,929.80.

More councils and assemblies donated to the fund in 2010 than any previous year and amount donated was the highest ever for each Diocese and overall statewide.

At the State Convention a collection was taken at the Ladies Luncheon and \$712.00 was collected which was divided equally between the two Dioceses in Mississippi. The Mississippi State Council donated \$873.60 from the KC car tag receipts and this was divided equally between the two Dioceses in Mississippi. At the Sunday Mass during the

State Convention the offertory collection was donated to the Mississippi Memorial ProLife Fund. The \$1,372.00 collected was divided equally between the two Dioceses in Mississippi.

**Total funds donated since fund inception in 2000-----\$47,846.47**

**Fund Goals**

1. For each council, assembly and ladies auxiliary in the state to make an annual donation to the fund.
2. Fund donations will increase each year.

Dennis Riecke  
Mississippi Memorial ProLife Fund Chairman

<b>Diocese of Jackson - Councils</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
Mississippi State Council - Car Tags Income	\$436.80	\$0.00	\$436.80
802 Meridian	\$200.00	\$720.80	\$1420.80
848 Jackson	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
898 Vicksburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
1034 Natchez	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2969 Clarksdale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2134 Greenville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
2945 Leland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5267 Greenwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5556 Cleveland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6555 Shelby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6765 Starkville	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
7120 Southaven	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
7854 Clinton	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
7915 Brookhaven	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
7974 Columbus	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
8038 Pearl	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
8054 McComb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
8285 Jackson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
8760 Holly Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8848 Tupelo	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
8912 Corinth	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
9234 Indianola	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
9543 Madison	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$10,698.13
10216 Brandon	\$1,001.00	\$1,216.00	\$7,934.00
10443 Grenada	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
10901 Oxford	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
11934 Gluckstadt	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,180.00
13471 Philadelphia	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
13502 Batesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14051 Olive Branch	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

<b>Diocese of Jackson – Assemblies</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
0544 Bishop Gerow – Jackson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0555 Msgr. J. I. Igoe - Greenville	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
0558 Vicksburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0559 August J. Stone – Natchez	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1251 Msgr. John J. Burns – Meridian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1503 Dr. William F. LaForge – Cleveland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1569 Msgr. John F. Clerico – Greenwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
2131 Fr. Clarence J. Meyer – Tupelo	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
2195 Fr. Gregory Bezy – Southhaven	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
2269 Bishop Joseph B. Brunini – Brandon/Madison	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$3,500.94
2734 Starkville/Columbus	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,750.00
2913 Pope John Paul II	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$350.00
2916 Fr. Clifford Meador – Grenada	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3001 Our Lady Queen of Peace – Olive Branch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Diocese of Jackson - Ladies Auxiliary</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
802 Meridian	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
848 Jackson	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$80.00
898 Vicksburg	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
1034 Natchez	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2134 Greenville	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
6765 Starkville	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
7120 Southhaven	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
7854 Clinton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7974 Columbus	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
10216 Brandon	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
10443 Grenada	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13502 Batesville	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
State Ladies Auxiliary	\$356.00	\$0.00	\$356.00

<b>Diocese of Jackson – Individuals</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
Charles Wilkerson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Nat Zummo	\$0.00	\$0.00	450.00
Brian Engelland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Wade & Cathy Ditcharo	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$700.00
Greg & Suzanne Rottman	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Anonymous	\$0.00	\$ 20.00	\$20.00
State Convention Mass Collection	\$686.00	\$0.00	\$686.00

<b>Diocese of Jackson - Totals</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
	<b>\$6,929.80</b>	<b>\$4,821.80</b>	<b>\$34,507.67</b>

<b>Diocese of Biloxi - Councils</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
Mississippi State Council - Car Tag Income	\$436.80	\$0.00	\$436.80
1244 Biloxi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1522 Bay St. Louis	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
1583 Gulfport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1605 Pascagoula	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$350.00
1908 Hattiesburg	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
2180 Laurel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
4472 Pass Christian	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
4898 Long Beach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
5654 Ocean Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6592 Bassfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
6872 Picayune	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
7087 Kiln	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7211 Poplarville/Lumberton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7910 Orange Grove	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
9094 North Biloxi	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$2,950.00
9124 Gautier	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9409 West Biloxi	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
9543 Madison	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
9673 Woolmarket	\$200.00	\$35.00	\$235.00
9958 Lizana	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10499 East Ocean Springs	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
11541 St. James - Gulfport	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
11654 Wiggins	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
11904 Lucedale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11956 Columbia/Tylertown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
11995 West Harrison	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
12166 Sacred Heart - Pascagoula	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,275.00
12271 Gulfport -Seabee Base	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$450.00
12331 Dedeaux	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
13936 Columbia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Diocese of Biloxi - Assemblies</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
0556 Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0561 Msgr. P. J. Carey-Gautier	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0562 Bishop Fahey-Hattiesburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0563 Arthur F. Axton-Laurel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1719 Msgr. John P. O'Connor-Long Beach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2059 Fr. Francis Deignan-Ocean Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2227 Fr. Michael Leane-Picayune	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2284 St. Ann-Lizana/Gulfport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2347 Paul R. Depew-Orange Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2558 St.James-Gulfport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2759 Fr. Vincent Cappodanno-Gulfport	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
3007 Biloxi	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

<b>Diocese of Biloxi – Ladies Auxiliaries</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
1522 Bay St. Louis	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
1583 Gulfport	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
1908 Hattiesburg	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
4898 Long Beach	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
6872 Picayune	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
5654 Ocean Springs	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
7211 Poplarville/Lumberton	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
9094 North Biloxi	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
9409 West Biloxi	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
9673 Woolmarket	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
10499 East Ocean Springs	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
11956 Tylertown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11995 West Harrison	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
12331 Dedeaux	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
13936 Columbia	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
State Ladies Auxiliary	\$356.00	\$0.00	\$356.00

<b>Diocese of Biloxi – Individuals</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
Larry Tabor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Bill Kane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Anonymous	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
State Convention Mass Collection	\$686.00	\$0.00	\$686.00
<b>Diocese of Biloxi - Totals</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
	<b>\$3,798.80</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>	<b>\$13,338.80</b>
<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>
	<b>10,728.60</b>	<b>\$6,166.80</b>	<b>\$47,846.47</b>

### **Vocations Committee Report**

As we begin this report, we do so with an “attitude of gratitude”. On behalf of Bishop Latino, the people of our diocese and our seminarians, we must thank you greatly for supporting our vocations program as all of our councils are doing. Special thanks go to those councils who support our seminarians through the RSVP program. Currently, there are 7 councils participating; and all of the seminarians who need support are covered.

We are grateful, too, to those councils who have supported the seminarians who are leaving formation – Greg Davidson and Rusty Vincent – and we want those councils to know that their support was not wasted. Both men are simply engaged in the intense discernment that seminary entails, and neither of them could say that a lack of support from the parishioners of our diocese has influenced their decision. I hope that one or both of them will return to us. (And already those councils who were supporting these men have asked us about picking up someone else.) And if other councils want to get involved, that is always possible, since we try to spread the support around evenly, as far as amount; and sometimes this takes more than one council to support one seminarian.

Our main goal, lately, has been to identify a “Parish Vocation Contact” in every single parish in the diocese – a lay person who will be assisting the pastors and pastoral ministers in three ways concerning vocations: promoting awareness, giving their fellow parishioners opportunities to pray for vocations, and inviting specific men and women to consider a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Even better, some of those “PVC’s” have formed small committees to help them (such as St. Alphonsus in McComb). We really think these PVC’s and their committees will become the strongest way to promote vocations, other than the priests inviting men to the priesthood themselves. The PVC’s enable us to get the word out more quickly than going through the pastors, since the pastors already have so much on their plates. But we always encourage the PVC’s to work closely with their pastors and pastoral ministers. Most of the parishes have a PVC, but we would like to have one for every parish. The Knights of Columbus could help this effort by simply teaming up with the parish PVC. (In some cases the Knights of Columbus Vocation representative is already the parish PVC). This way, when we send out information concerning vocations to all of the parishes, whatever those PVC’s receive will also come to the awareness of the Knights of Columbus, who are already interested in promoting vocations.

Please keep praying earnestly for vocations! Take it to Jesus the next time you make a visit to Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. If we truly believe that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life,” as our catechism states, then we still have an absolutely vital need for priests, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist and to assist Bishop Latino as fellow shepherds, even with the many good lay people who are coming forward to be trained for leadership in our parishes.

The cost of seminary formation for these men is a tremendous challenge. It can cost our diocese over \$12,000 each year to educate one seminary college student (he or his family pays an additional \$12,000) and well over \$30,000 to educate one theology student (the diocese funds the entire cost of graduate theology studies and provides a monthly stipend and health insurance). The contribution made each year from the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund provides much needed assistance in funding our seminarian education.

We currently have 9 seminarians. After Deacon Scott Thomas is ordained to the priesthood this June, it will be at least 2 years before we have another ordination. Next fall after Deacon Thomas’ ordination, we will have 8 seminarians. We are currently in the discussion phase with several young men who are interested in applying, though at this time, we are not sure if any of them will be ready to enter by this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Kent Bowlds  
Vocation Director  
Catholic Diocese of Jackson

Deacon Lawrence Campbell  
Knights of Columbus Vocation Chairman  
Catholic Diocese of Jackson

## **GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS**

### **Council 802 Meridian**

These are some of the projects of Meridian Council 802, Knights of Columbus. This is our history.

#### **Church Activities**

The following Church Activities were done on an ongoing basis for the Council Year from July, 2009 through May 2010:

- Quarterly Communions were held in June, September, December and February. Members and their families sit in the front pews of the church and receive Communion as a body.
- On the second Thursday of each month during the year, members of Council 802 and some spouses spend an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Knights are available and do perform Pall Bearer service for members of our parish as needed whether they are K C members or not. This function was performed a total of eight times during the year, and on one occasion members led the Rosary for one deceased widow of a knight.
- On November 2, 2009 Knights set up the chairs and altar for our annual Cemetery Mass in honor of deceased parishioners of St. Patrick Church
- On Thanksgiving Day 2009, our council coffee and donuts after Mass at St. Joseph Church.
- On January 30th, 2010, the council organized a Gumbo supper to raise funds for Priest Education. Tickets were sold in advance for this function.
- On February 19, 2010 our council joined with the Knights of Peter Claver at St. Joseph Church to lead the Stations of the Cross for lent.
- On Holy Thursday members of our council were involved in the Gethsemane Watch from after Mass until the Eucharist was retired at 12 Midnight.
- On April 3, our council sponsored a Brunch for the RCIA program for all incoming members and their families.
- On April 8, several members of our council help to set up tables and chairs at St. Patrick Family Life Center in preparation for the St. Patrick School Drawdown.
- On April 22, our council hosted a Cookie and Cake reception for our Confirmation class and their families.
- On May 1, our council prepared and served approximately 240 lunches for our First Communion members and their families and friends.
- During the month of May, members of the council lead the Rosary before each Mass at both St. Patrick and St Joseph churches.
- On May 23, our council will help with the Pentecost Mass to be held at one of our local lakes.

#### **Council Activities**

We had several projects scheduled for the 2009-2010 year. The first was the Memorial Day Picnic on May 24th. We had twelve people sign up for the horseshoe tournament. John Maloney Jr. took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Jim Romano took second. Thanks to all the guys who took part. I want to thank Richard Fleming and Tommy Beeman for making the hamburger patties. I would also like to thank Ed Shamp for pressure washing the slab. I cannot forget the cooks John Bennett, Ed Shamp and Jim Romano for their great culinary powers. They also handmade the jalapeno bites. There

were around 79 people there. Labor Day Picnic was our second event. I counted 125 *people*, but I probably missed a few. This is the *largest* crowd I have seen at an outdoor picnic since I have been in Meridian (2000). It was nice to see all of the little ones running around and playing. We can't put on something like this without a lot of helping hands in the back ground. I would like to thank the following people: Tom Beaman and Doctor Fleming (food preparation), Ed Shamp, Tau Iosia, and Jim Romano (the cooks), John Kasper for pressure washing the picnic area, Bob Leo and Chris Foster (picnic area prep), the CYM, there was a lot of them who came to set up games and play with the children. I can't forget those who helped with cleanup: Doc, Bob Leo, and Jan and John Kasper washed all the utensils. I would be remising if I didn't thank Tripp Ward for bringing the Moon Bounce, which the children really seemed to enjoy. Then we on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Pool Tournament. We started at 7:30 and had 10 entries. There was Bob Leo, Chris Foster, Tripp Ward, Ed Shamp, Pete Vining, Mouise Richards, John Maloney Sr., John Bennett, Joe Gomez and me P. J. Carter. A good time was had by all. The winner for the second year in a row was Tripp Ward. Second place was shared by Mouise Richards and John Maloney Sr. After our Labor Day Picnic it was decided that we could use some new playground equipment targeted for 7 year olds and younger. We purchased one for around \$5,000. The playground equipment construction was held on Saturday March 20th. Several Knights (Tripp Ward, Brad Parsons, Bob Leo, John Graupman and John Kasper) We also had 5 of the Sr. CYM members showed up to help (Sara and William Billups, Samantha Colyer and Brittany Johnson, John Joseph Maloney).

### **Pro-Life Activities**

During the 2009-2010 fraternal year, pro-life activities were conducted throughout the year. These activities were tied to important dates in the pro-life movement and were public events conducted by the Knights. We displayed a pro-life billboard on one of the busiest highways in our area during the months of January and February. During the months of October (the month of the Holy Rosary) and January (to commemorate the Roe v Wade decision) the Knights led the rosary before all of the weekend Masses at our two churches. We financially support and physically participate in the fund raising drives for the Center for Pregnancy Choices in Meridian. We actively participate in the State pro-life rally at the Capitol in Jackson. We continue to support and donate to the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Pro-Life Statewide Fund. At all of our Council meetings, we remember the unborn in our prayers.

### **Community Activities**

The Community Activities Program operates every month during our Council year. Beginning in July we continue with our monthly East Mississippi State Hospital Nursing Center Visitations. With a mere \$50.00 budgeted for this particular activity we gather at the Nursing Center with anywhere from six to twelve Knights to spend an hour, or so, with patients at this facility one night each month. During our December visit we provide gifts, entertainment and, who else but, good old Saint Nick himself. In September we started our support for the Kairos prison ministries program with a donation of \$200.00, to be followed by two other similar donation throughout the year for a total of \$600.00. A group of men who visit the local state prison, along with the leadership of a Brother Knight, bring the word of God through Christian outreach through this program. In November we supported Operation Reindeer with a gift of \$100.00, a local group in conjunction with the Lauderdale County Mental Health Association, which provided gifts for needy children of prison inmates. In the spirit of Christmas we donated \$100.00 to the Wesley House and \$100.00 to the Salvation Army Angel Tree program to help with gifts

for needy children and families. Our Knights manned two Salvation Army Kettles at a local WalMart for a total of 30 hours for this worth charity. In May our Knights once again answered the call for charity by collecting \$640.00 for the Knights of Columbus annual Mental Health fund raiser by conducting a Tootsie-Roll drive at the local WalMart. Our Council donated \$100 to the Childhood Leukemia Foundation and another \$100 to the Mississippi Make a Wish Foundation. We ended our fiscal year by awarding our annual Msgr. John J. Burns Award to Dr. Ronnie Purvis for his commitment to several charitable community programs in Meridian during the 2009 calendar year. Many of our Knights are involved within the community in everything from Boy Scouts of America to prison ministries to the arts with countless hours of involvement. Council 802 doesn't just believe in charity, we practice it, through our community.

### **Youth Activities**

As Knights of Columbus members, we influence the youth of our community by becoming involved with them through supporting St. Patrick School, Catholic Youth Organizations, and Boy Scouts, and also by creating Knights of Columbus activities in which the youth of our community can participate. Every month, during our Council year, the Youth Activities Program operates with activities beginning with the newborn to the high scholar. We start with our Santa Visit to the three main hospitals. Santa brings toys and Christmas cards from the Knights of Columbus to those newly born and those little tots who are stuck in the hospital on Christmas Eve. For the slightly older tots we have our resident Easter Bunny hide hundreds of plastic eggs (over 1000) filled with goodies and prizes for an afternoon of fun and games searching for hidden eggs. The golden egg gets a grand prize. St. Patrick School tots are involved with a Columbus Day Poster contest on Columbus Day. In fact we support our local Saint Patrick Catholic School with this and many other activities. We have a Creative Contraption Contest for the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Here each child is given an identical bag of gadgets, screws, sticks, string, clips, cotton, etc. The students use their creativity to make a contraption using the gadgets supplied. A prize is awarded to the top three winners who show creativity without any obvious parental control. We support the school with a \$10,000 scholarship fund and other funds that may be needed throughout the year.

We assist the school with their fundraisers: the Haunted House and the Irish Festival. We, also, maintain the School's web site.

As our youth become older they join the CYM (Catholic Youth of Meridian organization). We support them going to Search and the State CYO Conventions by donations and by placing ads in the Convention's Program Guide. We have a matching fund of \$500. We match funds they raise to fund their own budget. This is by no means a one-way street. To foster their growth and leadership, we have our CYM youths participate with us. They help us with many functions such as Santa's Visit, the Easter Egg Hunt, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, etc.

Our Knights and their families have helped serve over 3800 five-dollar dinners during the year to raise money for PSR (Parish School of Religion) education. We also support our local Scouts with donations to the Pinewood Derby Race, camping trips, and Scout Blue and Gold Banquets. Six of our Brother Knights work with the Scouts as Cub and Boy Scout Leaders. We hire the Scouts to help us at various functions to foster a good work ethic. We also sponsor a Free Throw Contest, promote World Youth Day, participate in

Special Olympics, and sponsor Drug Awareness through a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest.

As Grand Knight I am proud to have served my fellow man and Catholic Community. I want to thank all my Directors who have contributed to our continuing success in the oldest council in the state of Mississippi. They have supported me and all that we do as a council. We have attempted to include the widows of our deceased members in all that we do as Knights. Fr. McGivney would approve. Thanks to all the State Officers that have given great guidance and inspiration to all the Councils in the state. God, Family, Country. Need I say more?

Respectfully Submitted,

John Bennett  
Council 802, Meridian,MS.

**Council 848 Jackson**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 898 Vicksburg**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 1034 Natchez**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 1244 Biloxi**

Council Officers

Rev. John McGrath	Chaplain
Michael Arguelles	Grand Knight
Randy Trahan	Deputy Grand Knight
Harry Steinwinder, FDD	Financial Secretary
Paul Arguelles	Chancellor
Charles Harrison	Treasurer
Jerry Rose,FDD,PGK	Advocate
Lee Helton	Recorder
Gerald Lamey ,PGK	Lecturer
John Higginbotham	Warden
Eves Vincent	Guard
Joe Ravita	Guard
Pete Hebert	Trustee
Dick Benton ,FDD,PGK	Trustee
Frank Tarrant,PGK,FDD	Trustee

One of the charms of the Biloxi Council is its age. The council has over 300 members and 11 Past Grand Knights that are still very active. We meet weekly and have an average of 25 members present at each meeting. We host quarterly awards banquets.

Frank Tarrant (PGK) is the degree team captain of our certified 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree team. We schedule our own 1<sup>st</sup> degree initiations at the hall. State officer's call on us to put on 2<sup>nd</sup> degree exemplifications as needed in the coastal area. We hosted a 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree initiation on 14 Jun 2009.

Church Activities - Our council draws its members from several parishes. We are closest geographically to Nativity BVM, the Cathedral of the Biloxi Diocese. Our church activities director Joe Ravita keeps members informed of all parishes' activities. He also organizes Corporate Communion to each parish.

Council Activities - Our council attended the state bowling tournament Mar 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2010. We participated in the National Tootsie Roll drive by collecting donations at our churches and at 3 stores on the weekend. We had key members attend the regional Mid Winter meeting and the School of Columbianism. We hosted a going away dinner for Fr. Tony our chaplain for 20 years, who was reassigned to OL V parish in Pascagoula.

Community Activities - Our council hosted a blood drive for the Red Cross on a Saturday. We manned a food booth at Nativity School Carnival in. The Hall was the collection point for the Asgard's toy run. The motorcycle club sponsors the drive and drew some 500 participants in the event, which benefit under privileged children at Christmas time. The Biloxi Diocese handled the distribution.

Youth Activities - Our council sponsors Boy Scout Troop 213. The members also volunteer at a week long summer camp at Camp Wilkes in June. We have also hosted a Halloween party at the hall for member's children and guest and a Christmas party.

Family Activities - Our Family Director, Pete Hebert, with input from our parish pastors, selects Family of the month recipients for each month. The individual and their families are invited to the awards banquet for the official presentation.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of the Biloxi Council this year. With all the experienced and active members taking bits of responsibility, it has truly been a pleasure to serve. I look forward to continuing my term however long it may be and then joining the long list of active Past Grand Knights.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael "Mike" Arguelles, Grand Knight

**Council 1522 Bay St. Louis**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 1583 Gulfport**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 1605 Pascagoula**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 1908 Hattiesburg**

The duly elected officers for Fraternal year 2009-2010 were installed by Ben Velasquez at Sacred Heart Church. A reception for Brother Knights and their wives was held at a local restaurant.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry
Grand Knight	OD Landrum
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Jarrett
Chancellor	Brian McCrory
Recorder	Rob Eddy
Financial Secretary	Ted Heintz
Advocate	Quincy St. Pierre
Treasurer	John Snead
Lecturer	Joe Niezgoda
Warden	Hank Johnnsey
Inside Guard	Leroy Rider
Outside Guard	Young Yu
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Lee Fink
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Ben Velasquez, DD, PGK
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Robert Lawson
Membership Director	Drew Porrier
Program Director	OD Landrum
Family of the Year	Drew and Donna Porrier

Listed below are some of the activities we conducted during this past year:

**Church Activities:**

Brother Knights participated in the life of the parish  
We conducted a Vocations program  
We participated in Supreme's RSVP program  
Made a donation of \$1500 to the Christopher Fund  
Catered a reception for the Parish mission during Lent  
Sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" program  
Held a Rosary before every business meeting.  
Distributed prayer cards at all masses for Mother and Father's Day  
Cooked food for St. Thomas CCD classes

**Pro-Life Activities:**

Provided volunteer officers and board directors for Birthright of Hattiesburg  
Donated \$100 to Mississippi Pro-Life fund  
Donated diapers and baby bottles to Birthright fundraiser  
Paid for a Knight and a CSA student to participate in the March for Life in Washington,  
Laid a wreath at the tomb of the unborn  
Members participated in a silent vigil for Pro-Life on Hardy Street in Hattiesburg  
Members participated in All Souls Day at Sacred Heart's cemetery  
Donated \$6000 to the start-up of Birthright of Hattiesburg  
Dr. Carolyn Knight of Pro-Life Mississippi was invited to speak at our business meeting  
Put out leaflets in the church in support of life

**Youth Activities:**

Supported the CSA at St. Thomas  
Recognized the altar servers for their dedication to the church



Grand Knight	Bernard Brown Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Dr. Michael Mael
Financial Secretary	Robert Fratesi, PSD, PGK
Chancellor	Mark Di Biase
Recorder	Mark Briscoe
Treasurer	Richard T Clark
Advocate	Patrick Smith
Warden	Dan Robertshaw
Inside Guard	Tom Xerri
Outside Guard	Kenny Perialisi
1 Yr. Trustee	John Bernardi, PGK
2 Yr. Trustee	Hugh Rester, PGK
3 Yr. Trustee	James Hill, PGK

The following Ladies Auxiliary were installed:

President	Joanne Brown
Vice President	Anna Fratesi
Chaplain	Shirley Wuestenhofer
Treasurer	Liz Brooks
Parliamentarian	Janette Garner
Secretary	Annetta Ebelhar

On August 29, 2009, duly elected and appointed sir knights of the Fourth Degree Assembly Msgr. J. J. Igoe were installed by Sir Knight District Marshal Wayne Ebelhar at a social for Brother Knights and their wives/guests at the parish Hall.

The following fourth degree officers were installed:

Faithful Friar	Fr. Richard Somers
Faithful Navigator	Sir Richard Clark
Faithful Comptroller	Sir William Koeppe
Faithful Captain	Sir Robert Fratesi
Faithful Admiral	Sir James Hill
Faithful Pilot	Sir Michael Mael
Faithful Purser	Sir Wayne Ebelhar
Faithful Scribe	Sir Mike Columbus Sr.
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Sir John Welch
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Sir Hugh Rester
Faithful Trustee 1Yr.	Sir Maynard Chandler
Faithful Trustee 2Yr.	Sir John Bernardi
Faithful Trustee 3Yr.	Sir Bernard Brown Jr.

During the calendar year our council and auxiliary were involved in the following activities.

- Monthly Sunday Parish Breakfasts
- Monthly First Monday Men's Breakfast
- Raised money for People with Intellectual Disabilities Program
- Hosted two Horseshoe Tournaments
- Cooked for Parish Pentecost Sunday Lunch for parishioners
- Cooked for Parish School Fundraising Catfish Dinner

Cooked for St. Rosa of Lima School Reunion Dinner  
 Cooked spaghetti for Parish Fair School Fundraiser  
 Presented Flag at Saint Joseph's Homecoming Game  
 Hosted two blood drives for Mississippi Blood Services  
 Held two Rosaries for Life at the KC Hall  
 Hosted Halloween Party for Parish children  
 Held Thanksgiving Social for Brothers and their wives/guests  
 Held Christmas Social for Brothers and their wives/guests  
 Visited and presented gift baskets to infirmed members of the parish in nursing homes  
 Held a Spaghetti Dinner for benefit of Priest Education Fund  
 Cooked Pancakes for parish at fat Tuesday celebration  
 Held Lenten Dinners every Friday for parishioners.  
 Helped at the Regional Special Olympics  
 Refurbished Boy Scout Hut for both boy scouts and girl scouts.  
 Through these and other activities that our council was involved in we built a stronger  
 bond between the members of our parish community.

Respectively  
 Bernie Brown

### **Council 2180 Laurel**

On July 25, 2009, the duly elected and appointed officers for the 2009-2010 Fraternal year were installed by our District Deputy (#8) Benito Velasquez(Council Officers) and our State Master District of Mississippi Larry Tabor(Assembly Officers) in the Parish Hall. A reception for Brother Knights, their wives and guests was held at a local restaurant.

The following officers installed are:

#### **LAUREL COUNCIL 2180**

Chaplain	Father Mike Thornton
Grand Knight	Joseph A. Harvey
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Styles
Chancellor	Dan Nelson
Recorder	Ronnie Morales
Treasurer	Robert D. Webb
Financial Secretary	Bill Gatzman
Advocate	Frank Dechert
Warden	Bob Bergin
Inside Guard	Michael Maily
Outside Guard	Bud Herring
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Joe Flick
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Pat Myers
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Don Schwartz
Program Director	Joe Harvey
Membership Director	Bill Gatzman
Pro-Life Chairpersons	Larry & Linda Pressly

Knight of the Year 2007	Robert (Bob) D. Webb
Family of the Year 2007	Clifford (Cliff) and Sue Hess
Knight of the Year 2008	Father Michael Thornton
Family of the Year 2008	Joseph and Maria Harvey

**ARTHUR F. AXTON ASSEMBLY 563**

Faithful Friar	Deacon Rich Hollingsworth
Faithful Navigator	Don Schwartz
Faithful Admiral	Bud Herring
Faithful Captain	Daniel B. Nelson
Faithful Pilot	William (Bill) Gully Jr.
Faithful Scribe	Joe A, Harvey
Faithful Comptroller	Ralph (Bill) Gatzman
Faithful Purser	Bob Webb
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Mike Maily
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Vacant
Faithful Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Mike Styles
Faithful Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Joe Flick
Faithful Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Mike Williams

**SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOSEPH HARVEY**

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES: RICHARD HOLLINGSWORTH**

1. PARTICIPATED IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH, I.E., MEMBERS SERVE AS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, USHERS, PARISH COUNCIL, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ETC. CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
2. SPONSORED A PARISH ROUNDTABLE (2)
3. MAKE A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$100 TO THE CHRISTOPHER FUND
4. ASSISTED THE PEOPLE OF A CATHOLIC MISSION, I.E., SALTILLO, HISPANIC MINISTRIES, ETC. AS REQUESTED
5. SPONSORED A KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC
6. SPONSORED A PARISH PRAYER SERVICE (I.E., STATIONS OF THE CROSS, RECONCILIATION SERVICE, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION) DAY OF ADORATION EVERY MONDAY
7. ROSARY DEVOTION, I.E., PARISH ROSARY SERVICE, COUNCIL SAYING THE ROSARY AT MEETINGS
8. COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS BASKET DEC
9. GUMBO SALE FOR PRIEST EDUCATION FUND JAN
10. LEAD ROSARY BEFORE MASS-MONTHS OF MAY 2009 & OCTOBER 2009
11. REPAIRED & IMPROVE PARISH FACILITIES AS NEEDED
12. QUARTERLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASSES
13. MONTHLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASSES 1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: DON SCHWARTZ CHAIRMAN**

1. SPONSORED AND PROMOTED A PRO-LIFE PROJECT (LIFE-CHAIN)  
1st SUNDAY IN OCT
2. PARTICIPATED IN SUPREME'S DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD  
MARCH 25 2009
3. PARTICIPATED IN THE DRIVE FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED  
(TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE). MAY
4. PARTICIPATE AS A COUNCIL IN VISITING THE SICK OR ELDERLY  
SHUT-INS OR HOSPITAL VISITS WEEKLY
5. PARTICIPATED IN A FOOD OR CLOTHING DRIVE TO ASSIST THE  
NEEDY AND VOLUNTEERED (4 MEMBERS) AS A COUNCIL TO ASSIST  
AT A SOUP KITCHEN THREE TIMES A WEEK
6. PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES, I.E., CIVIC,  
HISTORIC SOCIETIES, ETC.
7. PARTICIPATED IN SOME FORM OF PRISON MINISTRY
8. KEEP UP PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN
9. MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE  
PRIEST EDUCATION FUND 1st SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
10. PARTICIPATE IN SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVES (3) FEBRUARY, JUNE  
AND DECEMBER
11. POT LUCK SUPPER/ COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE  
SHELTER FEB
12. PRO LIFE ROSARY & MASS, PARTICIPATE IN PRO LIFE CHAIN  
1st SUNDAY IN OCT
13. SPONSOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
14. VOLUNTEER IN ST. VINCENT'S DE PAUL'S STORE

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: DANIEL B. NELSON CHAIRMAN**

1. CONDUCTED 32 MEMBERSHIP BLITZS (MAY AND OCTOBER 09 AND  
MARCH 10)
2. PUBLISHED MONTHLY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
3. MAINTAINS AN E- MAIL MEMBER LIST (FURNISHES GOOD OF THE  
ORDER, FYI, ETC)
4. COUNCIL HAS 4 MEMBERS ON A CERTIFIED DEGREE TEAM  
(CERTIFIED TEAM)
5. CONDUCT A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED BROTHER  
KNIGHTS NOV
6. RECOGNIZE KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH
7. SUBMITTED KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRIES TO STATE  
CONVENTION) MARCH
8. APPOINTED AN ELECTRONIC FORMS SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR  
AND/OR INTERNET CONTACT. SUBMITTED NAME TO STATE  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
9. 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE TEAM
10. CONDUCTED A 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION AS NEEDED
11. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JULY
12. BI-MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

13. MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
14. PIG ROAST & AWARDS DINNER MARCH

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES: ROBERT D. WEBB, CHAIRMAN**

1. PARTICIPATED IN THE SUPREME FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM (SUBMITTED 12 ENTRIES TO THE SUPREME DURING THE FRATERNAL YEAR)
2. SUBMIT FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRY AT STATE CONVENTION MARCH
3. HOLD A MEMORIAL MASS PARTICIPATED IN THE MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS NOVEMBER
4. PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK
5. EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 23, 2008
6. PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PARISH MEMBER AND THE INTELLECTULLY CHALLENGED ADULTS DECEMBER
7. ANNUAL FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET MARCH
8. PARISH/CYO MARDI GRAS PARTY. INVITED ELLISVILLE STATE SCHOOL CLIENTS FEBRUARY
9. QUARTERLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASS
10. PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK AUGUST
11. COORDINATED FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES: RONNIE MORALES, CHAIRMAN**

1. SUPPORTED THE PARISH CYO OR OTHER CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP
2. SUPPORTED SCOUTING (BOYS, CUB SCOUTS, BROWNIES, ETC.) COUNSELOR
3. CONDUCT A PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AND/OR ENCOURAGE YOUTH LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION (ALTER SERVERS, YOUTH CHOIR, YOUTH COMMENTATORS OR LECTORS)
4. ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS (COACHING YOUTH ATHLETICS, CUB SCOUTS, DONATED TOYS (OR OTHER ITEMS) TO NEEDY CHILDREN (CHRISTMAS BASKETS)
5. PROVIDES SUPPORT TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL
6. ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
7. SUPPORT PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES
8. SUPPORT CCD PROGRAM (MEMBERS TAUGHT CLASSES)

**PROLIFE ACTIVITIES: LARRY AND LINDA PRESSLY, PRO-LIFE COUPLE**

1. PRO-LIFE ROSARY MASSES MAY AND OCT
2. LIFE CHAIN 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN OCT
3. PRO-LIFE DISPLAY
4. ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER MONTHLY

**MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES: RALPH W. (BILL) GATZMAN, CHAIRMAN**

1. RECRUITMENT
2. RETENTION
3. INSURANCE PROMOTION

As another fraternal year comes to an end, I would like to thank the members of Council 2180 for the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Knight. It has been a great experience for me; I am also humbled by the loyalty, dedication, kindness and generosity demonstrated by my Brother Knights. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for a job well done!

This past year has been a productive and rewarding year for Council 2180 as our Brothers were visible in all areas of parish and community life. We worked hard, accomplished a great deal and had fun along the way as we strived to strengthen our dedication and service to our Church, Community, Youth, Council and Family. I would like to thank all the officers and chairmen of the council and their families for their help and support during the year. I would like to especially thank our Past Grand Knight Dan Nelson, and Financial Secretary, Bill Gatzman for their leadership and guidance. Without them, we would not have achieved our many goals. With God as our inspiration, may the coming year bring even greater achievements for our council and Brother Knights everywhere.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph A. Harvey

### **Council 2945 Leland**

As of April 2010, we have a total of 44 members in our council, 40 active and 4 inactive members.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Donated \$500.00 to the Priest Fund.
2. Purchased a \$100.00 raffle ticket for the Annual Parish Bazaar.
3. Has Masses offered for the Deceased Parish members.
4. Provided Liturgy Team, which includes Lector, Commentator, Ushers, Alter Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Gift Bearers for Sunday.
5. Sponsored a pancake supper for the parish.
6. Sponsored a Marion Hour of Prayer.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Supplied the Christmas stockings at the annual parish Christmas Social.
2. Sponsored a community Halloween Carnival.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored a Delegate to the State K.C. Convention.
2. Held a drawing for a cash prize at some of our meeting to encourage attendance at meetings.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Held Honorary Dinner for Graduating Catholic High School Seniors of our Parish.
2. Presented Catechism of the Catholic Church Books to our Graduating Seniors.
3. Presented the C.G. Shapley Sportsmanship Award to a High School Senior.
4. Sponsored Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our parish.
5. Help sponsored a Halloween Party for children and parents, candy, hay ride, haunted house, and supper,

#### FAMILY LIFE:

1. Held Memorial Services for the Deceased Members.
2. Held a Christmas Party and quarterly Socials for members and wives.

## CONCLUSION:

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of C. G. Shapley Council 2945. I would like to thank all the officers, Chairman and all the members of the council who worked hard to make this a very successful year.

Jimmy Sherman  
Grand Knight

## **Council 2969 Clarksdale** **NO REPORT**

### **Council 4472 Pass Christian**

I am proud to submit this report of activities of the Msgr. Leech Council 4472 in Pass Christian for the fraternal year 2009-2010. As this was my first year as Grand Knight, I was very fortunate and honored to have the support of a very talented and dedicated group of officers.

Elected this past term with me were: Rod Malburg, Deputy Grand Knight; Charles Erickson, Financial Secretary; Gene Rogers, Chancellor; Rodney Keel, Recorder; Michael Burch, Treasurer; Jim Wilkinson, Advocate; Lee Ayuso, Warden; Bodie Michell, Inside Guard; Jack Lang, Outside Guard; Bobby Blackman, Outside Guard; Charlie Niolet, Three Year Trustee; Joe Spence, Two Year Trustee; and, Skip Barrett, One Year Trustee.

The Grand Knight appointments were as follows: Father Dennis Carver, Chaplain; Rod Malburg, Program Director; Patrick Burke, Membership Director; and, Paul Guichet, Lecturer.

With an enormous amount of help from these leaders, and the avid support of our member Knights, our Council has become the most visible of the ministries in Holy Family Parish. The Parish now often looks to us as the "Go to" group, and the organization that "gets things done".

For this fraternal year we were able to complete projects and initiatives in all phases of our duties and responsibilities as Knights, as follows:

### **CHURCH**

- Council members served as choir members, lecturers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and greeters at Mass
- Council members served in the Youth Ministry and as Boy Scout Leaders
- Council members served on the Parish Council and on church committees in various capacities
- Donated funds for the benefit of OUT Seminarians
- Donated funds to the Sisters of Mercy
- Assisted with the Hispanic Community Mass
- Assisted with the Vietnamese New Year's celebration
- Participated in Supreme's Marian Hour of Prayer
- Sponsored and supported the All Souls Day Cemetery Service and Mass
- Participated in the Parish Clean-Up Day

- Supported Seminarian Thanksgiving Day Dinner
- Repaired/lined Church and Rectory parking lots
- Worked with the Vietnamese community to sell egg rolls after masses in support of the Parish Building Fund
- Supported the St. Vincent de Paul Society and participated in their efforts
- Council members individually accepted the Elijah Cup for a week and their families prayed for new priests and other religious vocations
- Provided a weekly "KC Bulletin Insert" to inform parishioners of KC activities and encourage catholic men to become Knights.
- Provided a Fourth-Degree Honor Guard at Christmas and Easter Masses
- Sponsored a spaghetti dinner for the benefit of the Church Building Fund and St. Vincent de Paul school
- Sponsored Lenten Dinners for 6 Fridays during lent for the benefit of the Church Building Fund and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic school

### **COMMUNITY**

- Donated funds for the benefit of Persons with Intelligential Disabilities
- Sponsored 3 local Blood Drives with the Red Cross
- Sponsored a Pro-Life Project
- Visited the sick in hospitals and in their homes
- Visited the elderly in their homes
- Participated in distributing food to the needy
- Participated in the rebuilding effort in Pass Christian
- Provided Volunteer Assistance to a Pro-Life Organization
- Provided funnel cakes and sausages for the "Christmas in the Pass" celebration
- Sponsored an effort to collect contributions of clothing, cash, etc. for unwed mothers
- Sponsored an effort to collect cash, food, clothing and furniture to assist a Pass Christian patrolman whose family lost everything in a house fire.
- Participated in Habitat for Humanity
- Donated leftover meals to the Fire and Law Enforcement officers

### **FAMILY**

- Sponsored KC Corporate Communion every month; provided donuts, coffee and juice to the parishioners after Mass
- Held a KC Family Crawfish Boil
- Held Family Pot Luck Socials
- Held a Memorial Mass for deceased members
- Supported the widows of deceased members
- Presented "Family of the Month" awards/plaques to "non-Knight" families at Mass

### **YOUTH**

- Assisted in providing a landscaped garden for the Parish Youth Center
- Supported Boy Scouting; council members served as leaders
- Sponsored/funded a Parish Easter Egg Hunt

- Provided cash donations in support of the Parish Youth Center
- Council members served as chaperones at the Cookout on the Beach for the Parish youth
- Provided Youth Scholarships to a male and female student "graduating" from the 6th grade at St. Vincent de Paul to assist them in their Catholic education at St. St. Stanislaus
- Supported St. Vincent de Paul Elementary by cooking hamburgers for Family Day
- Provided recognition for the liturgical youth as altar servers and choir members
- Sponsored, coordinated with the Marines, and contributed toys for "Toys For Tots" at our Christmas Social
- Purchased and donated tables to St. Vincent de Paul School
- Made/sold funnel cakes in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Seafood Festival

## **COUNCIL**

- Conducted Membership Drives and solicited eligible Catholic men through weekly "KC Bulletin Inserts"
- Held a monthly meeting social/meal every month
- Presented Knight of the Month and Family of the Month awards/plaques
- Memorialized KC activities in a scrapbook
- Support and assist the Ladies Auxiliary
- Published a monthly Council Newsletter and distributed via e-mail (snail mail for those with electronic disabilities)
- Held a Fraternal Benefit Information program
- Sponsored a Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights
- Offered support/condolence to a Brother Knight who lost a daughter to heart disease; attended services at the Funeral Home and at the Funeral Mass and provided the food for the family/friends gathering afterward

I am humbled and honored to have served this past year as the Grand Knight for a Council that has truly done so much for so many. I am indebted to, and sincerely thank, all of the officers and members of our Council, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary, for making this a very successful and memorable year. Additionally, I am most grateful for the support and guidance that Father Dennis Carver, Sister Jackie Tarrant, and the whole staff at Holy Family Parish has provided to ensure that we focus on the "important stuff".

Vivat Jesus!

Roy Gamez J  
 Grand Knight  
 Msgr. Leech Council 4472  
 Pass Christian

## **Council 4898 Long Beach**

As the Fraternal year comes to a close, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the Members of Council 4898 for their faith and trust in electing me as Grand Knight. I am truly honored that they have extended this trust and humbled on a daily basis by the

dedication, kindness and generosity they exude. It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight and I look forward to the future.

While we had a difficult year in regards to Membership I feel that next year we can “turn the corner” and bring our council back to the top. We did have a very successful year in our service programs and fielded the only First Degree Exemplification team in the District.

**Council Officers:**

Grand Knight-Mike Morgan  
Deputy Grand Knight-Dominick Fimiano  
Financial Secretary-Rodney Sandoz  
Treasurer-Norman McDonald  
Recorder-Darren Mayer  
Chancellor-Ennis Johnson  
Warden-Jim Delinski  
Lecturer-Andy Kovacs  
Inside Guard – Les Duciong  
Outside Guard – Joe Brown  
3rd Year Trustee–Elvis Gates  
2nd Year Trustee-Chuck Mink  
1st Year Trustee-Doc Holliday  
Advocate-John Irwin  
Chaplains-Father Jim Julius, Father Louis Lohan

Specific Activities include:

**Church Activities:**

- Almost all of our Council Officers and many of our Brother Knights serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, RCIA and RCIC teachers, CCD Teachers, Lifeteen Leaders, Parish and Pastoral Council members, School Board Members and lay leaders in the Church.
- We gave generously to the Christopher Fund.
- We had a very successful “Keep Christ in Christmas” card program in the parish.
- Led the Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season.
- Led The Rosary before all Masses during the Month of Mary.
- Conducted several Corporate Masses where KCs and Ladies Aux. filled all Mass positions.
- Maintained our tradition of conducting fish fries in lent to raise money for seminarian education.
- Gave to the Bishop Gerow fund.
- Supported 5 seminarians through the RSVP program.

**Community Activities:**

- Erected small crosses and a billboard supporting prolife during the week of Roe v. Wade.
- Provided donations to the Morning Star Pregnancy Center.
- Provided land for the Long Beach Food Pantry to conduct their good works.

- Many Brother Knights serve on civic and community boards.
- Held a food drive for the local food pantry.
- Held a Blue Mass in honor of Police, Fire, EMS and Military.

**Council Activities:**

- Held a membership drive that while not resulting in immediate new members it did lay the ground work for future growth.
- Met with RCIA Candidates to discuss the Knights of Columbus and tell them what we do.
- Host a Council website.
- Use new technology to conduct phone tree notifications.
- Held several council socials and hosted an Insurance night as well as hosted a speaker from Pro-life Mississippi.
- Have the only active first degree team in the District and regularly conduct ceremonies for other councils.

**Family Activities:**

- Donated food on a regular basis to the Life Teen for their meeting nights.
- Several Family socials and gatherings including a Christmas Party.
- Conducted a Mass in honor of deceased members of our council.
- Cooked for Fall Festival and Carnival Association events.
- Submitted an exemplary family for Family of the Month.
- Hosted a life chain on US 90

**Youth Activities:**

- Supported a local Boy Scout Troop with funds and manpower.
- Sponsored a local baseball team.
- Had several Knights help as coach's and umpires for local sports leagues.
- Conducted a Parish wide Easter Egg Hunt.
- Held a contest for scholarships to continue Catholic Education to two winners.
- Cooked for the Opening and Closing day of School at our Catholic Elementary school.

Worthy Sirs, it has been my distinct pleasure and honor to be associated with this amazing group of men and I hope that I was a worthy leader for their efforts. I look forward to the future in whatever position the Council feels I can best serve.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Morgan  
Grand Knight

**Council 5267 Greenwood**

The following officers were elected and appointed for council 5261 for the 2009~2010 fraternal year and were installed during a formal ceremony by District 3 Deputy Howard Hill:

Chaplain- Unassigned  
Grand Knight-Richard Acy

Deputy Grand Knight-Ben Harper  
Financial Secretary- Robert Ritchey  
Lecturer- David Bugg  
Treasurer- Paul Correro  
Chancellor- Gary Daves  
Recorder- Britton Thomas {Dec} Interim Recorder Paul Correro.  
Advocate- Jesse Quinn  
Warden- Ronald Ola  
Inside Guard- Lee Hamrick IV  
Outside Guard- John David Young Jr  
Trustee- Johnny Young  
Trustee- Raymond Acy  
Trustee- Howard Hill

**Church Activities:**

Held Mass for deceased brother Knights.  
Sponsored and cooked *BBQ* for Parish.  
Members participate as Lectors, GiftBearers, Commentators, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Parish Council.  
Cooked spaghetti supper for parish.

**Council Activities:**

Sponsored Delegates and Alternates to state convention.  
Sponsored and cooked Lenten fish fry for Priest Education Fund every Friday during Lent.  
One of two 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd degree teams in state, with the best DM (Jessie Quinn, Jr.) in nation,  
Worked Tootsie Roll drive every year from its start.  
Sponsored six shoe boxes for seminarians.

**Youth Activities:**

Cook breakfast for Sunday school every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.  
Support the Parish CYO.  
Cooked spaghetti supper and built Haunted House for Halloween carnival.  
Sponsored youth baseball and softball.  
Funded Annual Scholarship for graduating Senior of Council's children.

**Family Life:**

Held Christmas party for members and wives.  
Held Steak supper for Life and Honorary Knights, their wives and widows.  
Held Memorial Service for Deceased members .

**Community Activities:**

Sponsored Pro Life Project  
Participated in visiting the sick and elderly.

**Council 5556 Cleveland**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 5654 Ocean Springs**

Grand Knight Report for Council 5654.

- Grand Knight ----- Carl Brochard
- Deputy Grand Knight----- Carney “Skip” Murphy
- Chancellor ----- Jason Cooper
- Warden ----- Leeward Danise
- Treasure----- James Starnes
- Financial Secretary----- Leonard Tarrant
- Recorder----- Dennis Van Acker
- Inside Guard----- Benny Canton
- Out Side Guard----- Pat Mitchell
- Advocate ----- Walter Ryan
- Lecturer ----- Robert Boney
- Trustee ----- David Morano
- Trustee ----- Douglas Denehie
- Trustee ----- Joseph Langlinais

We got off to a good start at the beginning of the year in 2009. We are back up and running and the main hall and the meeting room are finished. We have had numerous Functions and Fund raising projects for the needy. We had a meal at Thanksgiving for our senior citizens of Ocean Springs.

We hosted the Southern State Free Throw champion ship, which went well. We hosted (1) 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree. We put on a District 1st Degree each month.

We have picked up our membership attendance, by having the Ladies meet on the same night as we meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

We have a Monthly Breakfast for St. Alphonsus church members starting in September, to show them how we appreciate them helping us with their support.

We assisted Fr. Henry in recognizing members of the Parish that have been married 50 years or more with a meal.

We had a draw down to raise money for the seminarians raising around \$2000.

Respectively  
Carl Brochard

**Council 6592 Bassfield**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 6765 Starkville**  
**Membership**

- As of 12/31/2009, our membership total was at 130

**Church Activities**

- Purchased catechisms and rosaries for record RCIA class of 31 candidates
- Donated to the Christopher Fund
- Continued with monthly pancake breakfasts for vocation support.

- Provided financial assistance to seminarians through RSVP program
- Participated in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” program
- Made substantial donation to the Bishop Gerow priest education fund.
- Assisted the assembly with Cross Display on key Pro-Life days.
- Remained active in parish activities.
- Remained active in many parish activities.
- Marian Hour of Prayer service
- “Running of the Rose” participation

### **Community Activities**

- Organized and participated in three blood drives
- Donated \$100 to Mississippi Pro-Life Fund
- Participated in pro-life activities --- rosaries and cross display installations
- Made donation to the Drive for Mentally Challenged.

### **Council Activities**

- Increased council participation in Grillin for Life by 50%
- Continued monthly participation in FOM program
- Hosted Major Exemplification in February.
- Maintained First Degree Team.
- Held periodic socials
- Supported Dwelling Place via annual grill raffle that netted <\$2700.
- Birthday cards sent to all council members.
- Maintained council e-mail list.

### **Family Activities**

- Participated in Dwelling Place OctoberFest
- Provided BBQ for Family Social in August
- Cooking team provided Fish Dinners after Stations of the Cross.
- Participated in FOM

### **Youth Activities**

- Cooked for CSA Tuesday nite dinners, HOMEWORK group and Altar Servers
- Provided a \$250 scholarship
- Council members serve as leaders in the Scout programs.
- Purchased AD in State CYO program book.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Setaro  
Grand Knight

### **Council 6872 Picayune**

The fraternal year started out with a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive. Our brothers collected \$4575.00.

Our Monday night Bingo, held in our hall, continues to be a successful fundraiser for our Council. Profits from our Bingo games enabled us to donate over \$40,000.00 to the

following charities: St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, the Boys scouts, Save-A-Life, Priest Education Fund, Our Seminarians, The Christopher Fund, A Scholarship Fund, Habitat for Humanity, The Special Olympics, and other organizations in Picayune and Pearl River County. This past Thanksgiving and Christmas we gave away 185 food baskets which included turkeys with all the trimmings.

Each October St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church has a free picnic for the parishioners. Our pastor Father Michael Synder, says this is the church's way of saying thanks for the support given all year long. Our Brothers help set up three large tents and we supply and cook the hot dogs, hamburgers, smoked sausage and chicken. Two of our Brothers cook their special jambalaya using his own special recipe.

We continue our monthly socials sponsored by the ladies Auxiliary, at which a Family of the Month is honored. Our Corporate Communion, which precedes our Saturday night social, includes the ladies Auxiliary, the Knight's wives, family and guests.

The first of the year we erected 3600 white crosses in the field adjacent to the St. Charles Borromeo Church. This is done in connection with the Right-to-life March held every year in Washington D C.

Each February, our Council hosts a Blue Mass at St Charles Borromeo Church to honor the local "First Responders", police, fire fighters and EMT's from Pearl River County. The community has enthusiastically responded to this annual event, donating various "gift certificates" given to each of the honored guests.

In summary, even in these economically challenging times, this has been a very great year for our Council.

The duly elected Officer for the Fraternal Year 2009-2010:

Chaplain	Father Michael Synder
Grand Knight	Richert Mahony
Deputy Grand Knight	James Saunders
Chancellor	Jules Defourneaux
Treasurer	Reece Gay
Financial Secretary	Michael Spencer
Recorder	Richert Mahony, Jr
Warden	Joseph Wilder
Advocate	AI Lunn
Lecturer	Ted Barze'
Inside Guard	Frank West
Outside Guard	Bryan Cassagne
1st Year Trustee	Charles Cavalier
2nd Year Trustee	Fred Jordan
3rd Year Trustee	Alfred Chrisman

Fraternally,

Richert P, Mahony  
Grand Knight

**Council 7087 Kiln**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 7120 Southaven**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 7211 Lumberton**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 7854 Clinton**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our officers, without whose help this year would not have been such a success. The officers are as follows:

Chaplain Reverend Thomas McGing  
Grand Knight Bill O'Connor  
Deputy Grand Knight Charles Weiss  
Financial Secretary Charlie Collins, PGK  
Chancellor Kelly Cummins  
Recorder Mike Weisenberger  
Treasurer Max Holland  
Advocate Buck Butkowski  
Warden Mike Harkins  
Inside Guard Joe Mraz  
Outside Guard Chris Halliwell  
First Year Trustee William Hetrick, PGK  
Second Year Trustee Anthony Weisenberger  
Third Year Trustee Duane Andrews

We had a busy year in our council in each category and some of the activities are listed, as follows:

**CHURCH:**

We participated in the Church Council, lay ministries and ushers. We also were instrumental in the Council to welcome new parishioners into our Church. Our Knights were also present at all times for Holy Thursday Adoration, with four of our 4th degree members dressing in regalia and leading the procession around the church. One of our members taught bible study to adults each Sunday morning. One of our members facilitated the course on "Why Catholic." Our council also aided in the cooking at the parish's annual Bar-B-Que. Our council also prayed the Rosary before several masses this year.

**COMMUNITY:**

Our council had a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive, with proceeds going to aid the Clinton Jr. High Life Skills program and the "Buddy Walk" for the Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society. We also continued the collection of bicycles and clothing and delivered them to needy in at St. Michael's in Forest, Mississippi, where the proceeds were directed to paying the expenses for the Sisters from Mexico. We were also represented in the St. Patrick's Day by several of our 4th degree knights bearing flags and presenting prayer cards along the route.

**COUNCIL:**

Our council sponsored a softball team, with players being comprised of knights as well as church members. We conducted a blood drive. On the first Sunday of each month, our council provided sausage and biscuits to raise money for priest education and other charities. This was a great way to meet parishioners new and old in our parish.

**YOUTH:**

We supported our CYO and the Boy Scouts financially. We also sponsored the annual Bowling Day during Halloween weekend for the children of the parish. We participated with money and labor to install new windows in Sr. Bowman school to bring them in current fire code.

**FAMILY:**

We contributed to a needy Knights family who required medical assistance. We also had a family outing around St. Valentine’s Day at a local restaurant.

These were some of our council’s activities during our very active past year. Hopefully, we will add more activities in this following year.

I would like to personally thank our members, especially Tony Weisenberger for collecting, repairing and delivering bicycles to St. Michael’s in Forest, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill O’Connor  
Grand Knight

**Council 7910 Gulfport**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 7915 Brookhaven**

Council 7915. Gk. Danny G.. Smith, FS. Thomas Corkern, DGK. James Craig. 2500.00 in community disbursements, 1500 volunteer hours, youth group sponsors such as fishing rodeos, swim parties, hayrides, and free throw. We held monthly meetings, several corporate communions along with many different parish socials. We participate in the tootsie roll drive yearly, we support our priest and all other church groups at St. Francis.

**Council 7974 Columbus**

Officers

Grand Knight	Leland Reichelt *
Grand Knight	Dennis Hilbert**
Deputy Grand Knight	Tim Beatty
Financial Secretary	Michael Thomas
Chancellor	Kenneth Simon
Recorder	Dennis Hilbert
Treasurer	Thomas Kuhn
Advocate	Estanislado Torrez
Warden	Frank Zaiontz
Inside Guard	Jose Miguel Zamora
Outside Guard	Robert Borden

Trustee One Year	Gino Conti
Trustee Two Years	Joseph Haftek
Trustee Three Years	Gregory Jones

\*Deceased December 2009

\*\* Completed Term

**Council 8038 Pearl**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 8054 McComb**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 8285 Jackson**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 8760 Holly Springs**

The officer listed below were duly elected and installed in ceremony by Worthy District One Deputy, Raymond Ball.

Grand Knight	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Walter F. Walls
Financial Secretary	Claude L. Vinson, Jr.
Chancellor	James Rayford, Sr.
Recorder	Albert Jones
Treasurer	Victor Beard
Advocate	Jabbari Oliver
Warden	Leon Moore
Inside Guard	James Rayford, Jr.
Outside Guard	Charlie Farris
Trustee	Eddie Dixon (1)
Trustee	Ralph Howard (2)
Trustee	Derrick Richmond (3)

The following Service Program Personnel appointments were made:

Chaplin	Fr. Leonard Elder
Program Director	Walter Walls
Church Director	Larry Scott
Vocations Chairman	James Rayford, Sr
Community Director	Charles Farris
Pro-Life Couple	Larry and Susan Scott
Health Services	Leon Moore
Council Director	Albert Jones
Public Relations	Claude Vinson, Sr.
Family Director	Eddie Dixon
Youth Director	Ralph Howard
Membership Director	Claude Vinson, Jr.

**Membership Activities**

Council #8760 continues to address membership. We have been moderately successful in obtaining new life blood for the council, we are hopeful that we can recruit more Hispanics.

**Church Activities:**

Members assist at Mass as ushers, lectors, Acolytes, EM's and choir members. They also assist with Liturgy planning.

They serve on the Pastoral Council Members assist in the planning of the Parish Picnic.

They participate in the annual Rice Bowl campaign.

**Community Activities:**

One member serves on the County Board of Supervisors

One member prepared cook out for parents and students in the Workforce Investment Act Program. Members participate in various civic organizations in city/county. One member participated in the Relay for Life annual campaign. Members participate in the Annual Angel Tree Project .

**Council Activities:**

Held installation brunch for newly elected officers/guests

Held annual raffle to help defray costs of council programs

Held 20th Annual Red/White Awards Banquet

Selected Citizen of the Year (Ret. Army Sgt Calvin James)

Selected Knight of Year (Victor Beard)

Held Pancake breakfast for Palm Sunday & Mother's Day

**Family Activities:**

Selected Family of Year (James Vinson Family)

Adopted needy family

One member serves on Homeless Shelter Board which assists homeless families

**Youth Activities:**

One member leads the Life Teen Formation of Parish

Held Free Throw Championship

One member played Santa Claus for area school

One member assists the Director of the Workforce Investment Act in finding students for the program

**Summary:**

We will continue to make recruitment one of our main goals in Council #8760. We feel that nothing is more rewarding than the spreading of the principles of Columbianism.

We are proud and humble that we have been given such a capable and progressive District Deputy in Raymond Ball.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claude L. Vinson, Sr

Grand Knight

**Council 8848 Tupelo**

**NO REPORT**

**Council 8912 Corinth**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 9094 D'Iberville**

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9094 for the 2009-2010 fraternal years and were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District Deputy #11, Roger Fetters:

Chaplain	Fr. Robert Higginbotham
Grand Knight	Emmett (Lee) Landry
Deputy Grand Knight	Joey Paffe
Chancellor	John Quave
Financial Secretary	John Poelma
Advocate	Julius Chostttnt
Treasurer	Mark Creech
Recorder	Larry Tabor
Warden	Stephen Dunn
Inside Guard	Mike Kusch
Outside Guard	Shawn Thrower
Trustee One Year	Sonny Fountain
Trustee TwoYear	Roger Fetters
Trustee Three Year	David Seymour

The proud and energetic members of Council 9094 continued with its successful programs to better serve our parish and community during this fraternal year. I was blessed and honored to have been elected and installed as the Grand Knight of our Council and promise my support to uphold the high ideals and goals our Council strives to achieve each year. We continue the tireless recruitment efforts of our members and work diligently toward retention of our members through communication and support. We are blessed with tremendous support and spiritual guidance provided by our Worthy Chaplain, Father Bob Higginbotham.

God as our inspiration, we undertook the following activities:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES - Nick Martino Chairman**

We have many knights in several capacities in the church activities area. Our church Parish Council consists of 12 members; 6 of our Brothers arc on the Council, one Brother Knight serves as the president. Twelve of our Brother Knights serve as Eucharistic Ministers and ten Brother Knights are Lectors. Several Brother Knights volunteer their time to count the parish collections. Our Council hosts coffee and donuts after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday once a month. Our church activities Include, but not limited to:

- Provides financial support to one seminarian under the RSVP program
- Supported a parish Rosary program in October
- Led efforts to set up the ehurch for Christmas and Easter Masses
- Held Lenten Fish Dinners to raise funds tor the Priest Education Fun
- Participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer
- Sponsored a parish Christmas Dance
- Provided donations to the Christopher Fund
- Assisted and supported St. Vinent De Paul Society

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Ken Guardanpo Chairman

Our Community activities had far reaching successes this year. We had several Brother Knights in community leadership roles. One Brother Knight is a city Councilman and several members are board or committee chairman of Legal organizations. One program with significant impact was our intellectual disabled which raised over four thousand dollars in donations for special education purposes to two public schools and our parish's elementary school. Other community activities include but, not limited to:

- Co-Sponsored with Assembly 3007 two very successful blood drives
- Sponsored a fish fry fund raiser for Harrison County Senior Citizen Center
- Assisted Assembly 3007 on Veterans Day by cooking and feeding over 250 veterans and service personnel.
- Assisted Harrison County by cooking to benefit children of incarcerated inmates for Christmas
- Donated to the Morning Star Pregnancy Care Center
- Assisted in cleaning up a local cemetery for ALL Saints Day in our community

### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Ed Guardanpo Chairman

Our members are very proud of their council activities. Our average attendance for monthly council meetings is 30 or more members. At our monthly' social the crowds really swell to 60 or more because of the good food and fraternity. We recognize our family and knight of the month at each social. Our Council has a quarterly newsletter and maintains an active website. Our new member recruitment drive has been very successful with our new members becoming very active and participating in the Shining Armor Award program. Also included is the following:

- Conducted an Installation of Officers and Dinner
- Council has one member on degree team
- Officers attended Mid Winter/Summer Meetings
- New members recognized by Grand Knight at monthly meetings
- Council had a very successful membership drive in November

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Steve Dunn Chairman

We have a very robust youth activity program within our council. We have had at least one of our young contestants place in the State's Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest for the past several years. A brother Knight and his wife are seen as the adult leaders for our parish CYO as others have served as chairmen during the CYO convention. Other youth activities include but not limited to:

- Several members coach various youth leagues
- Youth Program Leadership (CCD, CYO, Alter Servers)
- Provide support as needed to CYO
- Provide financial support to CYO to attend State Convention
- Purchased CYO Convention Ad
- Sponsored a soccer kick off
- Conducted Essay Contest
- Sponsored a chicken dinner for the CYO to raise money for CYO convention
- Participated in the city's Trunk or Treat for Halloween

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES – David Whitman Chairman

Our family activities program is very important to our council's strength. The success of our council can be directly attributed to programs we conduct that involve our families.

Our council sponsors monthly Pot luck dinners and spearheads the annual Supper and Substance for our parish families. We are strong believers in honoring our family of the month (submitted nomination forms to Supreme every month) and have submitted our best to the State for Family of the Year convention. Our council proudly sponsors a bi-monthly family corporate communion mass.

Other activities include but not limited to:

- Families participated in the parish annual fall festival as a group
- Families participated in the summer annual parish picnic as a group
- Held Wine & Cheese Social
- Sponsored a Mother's Day Program
- Sponsored a Father's Day Program

#### PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES – Mark Fontenot Chairman

Our members have a total commitment to Pro-Life and work very hard in supporting Morning Star Pregnancy Center. Our council has maintained our Pro- Life monument with fresh flower arrangements (seasonal) and a frequent scrub down. We hold Respect for Life Mass programs and promote prayer for the unborn. Our Pro-Life activities include but not limited to:

- Held a pro-life golf tournament and contributed the funds to Morning Star Pregnancy Center
- Three Brother Knights bartended for Diocese functions and donated all funds to Morning Star Pregnancy Center
- Donated to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund
- Sponsored a diaper and formula drive through our Parish and donated all funds to Morning Star Pregnancy Center
- Set crosses in memory of the unborn

We are very blessed with a council that is still growing and have not lost sight of our purpose or our commitment to our Order's core values. We believe in Father McGivney's dream and try to cultivate his vision with those around us. I am proud to be a part Knights of Columbus Council 9094. These men are dedicated to serving our parish, Church, families, youth and community

In closing, it is indeed an honor and a blessing to have served as Grand Knight of Council 9094. I sincerely enjoyed working toward a common goal; serving our church, parish, community, families and Youth. VIVAT JESUS!

Emmett (Lee) Landry  
Grand Knight

**Council 9124 Gautier**  
Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2009-2010 State Fraternal Year, Council 9124 has continued to be an extremely active council. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. We have continued to be visible in parish life through youth, family, community, church and council activities. Synopses of our activities for this past year are listed below.

### **Church Activities:**

1. Council Sponsored Money Raiser for Priest Education Fund
2. Passed out Rosary Bouquet Cards at St Mary's
3. Participated in Altar Server Training at St Mary's
4. Participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Program
5. Participation in the Life of the Parish
6. Participation in Lenten Stations of the Cross Program
7. Sponsored Friday Night Lenten Fish Dinners

### **Community Activities:**

1. Sponsored a local blood drive
2. Church Ground and Facilities Cleanup and Repairs
3. Visit to Sick Member of our Church and Community
4. Food Donations to Local Food Banks and Shelter Facilities
5. Participation in Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Challenged
6. Participation in Local Civic and Church Groups
7. Participated in the Pro-Life Chain

### **Council Activities:**

1. Council Newsletter
2. Council Members participate in various 1st and 3rd Degree Initiation Teams
3. Council Socials
4. Conducted a Fall Membership Drive
5. Council Christmas Party
6. Conducted a Spring Membership Drive
7. Visited sick and elderly members
8. Submitted KC Knight of the year Nomination

### **Family Activities:**

1. Quarterly Corporate Communion
2. Conducted a Local Family of the Month Program
3. Participation in Diocesan Rosary Rally
4. Mass for Deceased Council Member
5. Respect for Life Rosary
6. Submission of Council Family of the Year
7. Flowers for Mothers on Mother's Day
8. Prayer Cards for Fathers on Father's Day
9. Assisted with the Parish Picnic
10. Assisted Widows of Former Members

### **Youth Activities:**

1. Financial Support to Local CYO Groups
2. Conducted Altar Server Training
3. Participation in various Community Youth Programs
4. Council Free Throw Tournament
5. Sponsored District Twelve Free Throw Tournament
6. Easter Egg Hunt

7. Graduating Senior Luncheon
8. Youth Scholarship Program
9. Sponsored a local KC Soccer Competition

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Crow, Grand Knight

**Council 9234 Indianola**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 9409 West Biloxi**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 9543 Madison**

At the beginning of the 2009-2010 fraternal years I approached the council with this statement, "Brothers, we have had many programs for church, family, council, youth and community and spent many man hours in accomplishing their success, but in my opinion, we are going in the wrong direction." I received some very odd looks, and some open mouth gasps. I went on to say, "When you joined the Knights of Columbus, what was the first degree based on? CHARITY!! Charity is not by money alone but by good deeds and caring. This is the way I want our Council to go." I then proceeded to set up our goal for Charity and Pro-Life for the coming year and asked my brothers to spent their many hours working in this direction along with the other activities for the year. I established a Charity and a Pro Life Committee.

With great thanks to my Brother Knights, here are some of the things our Council accomplished this year:

*Charity*

Father Rick Phipps, Pastor of Christ the King Church in Jackson, called and asked if our Council could help with some windows for the Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School. The fire department and the education department of the City would not allow him to open the school because the windows in the classrooms did not pass inspection. If there was a fire or other disaster, no one could escape from the windows. Neither the Church, nor the school could afford to replace the old windows, without new windows, the school could not open. An email went out to our Knights and they responded whole-heartily to this project. They showed up at the school on a Saturday morning with all their power tools and muscle ready to work. In one day's time we had the windows replaced. The next day we painted the new window frames. The school could open on schedule.

While we were at the school, we discovered that the school needed school supplies and their funds were limited. We then set up a drive for school supplies and/or donations for this school. We collected two truck loads of supplies plus \$3,110.00 in funds for the school to buy whatever else they needed.

The Council obtained a motorized wheel chair to be used by handicapped individuals. The first person to use this chair was the widow of a Brother Knight.

We sat up a hot line for our deceased Knight's widows, families of Knights in the military service and our elderly Knights. So far, our Knights have able to respond to their calls in a matter of minutes. We have repaired electrical problems, moved heavy

furniture, repaired a refrigerator, repaired a computer, cut trees, and cut, trimmed and removed tree limbs and branches after a snow storm. The best part is there was no cost or hardship to these ladies and our Brother Knights.

Brother Mark Beyea is stationed in Afghanistan. He asked if our Council could help get 12 children in Afghanistan some soccer uniforms. Our Knights went to work, obtained the needed uniforms and got them mailed to Afghanistan.

We took 800 hamburger buns to Our Daily Bread to help feed their needy. Our Daily Bread is part of Sacred Heart Church in Canton where Fr. Kevin Slattery is the priest. Through this we learned of the Hispanic Center of Canton, also a ministry of the Sacred Heart Church. Our Council installed metal shelving for the pantry area of The Hispanic Center and labeled each section in order to organize the food. We then divided the Council into various food groups and sent out a request to our Knights. Once again our Knights responded. We filled the shelves with food for the poor. Other donations from our Knights were clothes, shoes and suits.

At Thanksgiving we took 22 baskets of food to the poor. Ten turkeys were also delivered to other needy families. A refrigerator was given to the Hispanic Center.

Our Council gave \$490.00 to the relief effort in the Philippines.

December brought on the Christ In Christmas with the selling of Religious Christmas Cards and collecting book and money for gift cards for Saint Anne's children in Carthage, MS. Food and Clothing were also sent to Saint Anne's to help the needy families.

Our Council adopted a family of seven for Christmas. Each member of the family was adopted by a Knight.

We are happy to report that 1,057 children were adopted for the holiday season. What a charity effort our Knights accomplished.

Dr. Paul's computer went out. Our Council had it repaired for him.

A man came to the Church asking for clothes. Our Council collected shirts, pants, socks and underwear for him.

### ***Pro Life***

Our next goal was to donate funds to Pro Life organizations in the Jackson - Madison area. Grillin' for Life, or now as it is called Sanctity for Life, is a Kansas City Barbeque competition between the Knights of Columbus councils, professional teams and backyard grillers. All proceeds were distributed to Pro Life & the Special Olympics.

A cross committee was set up to make 154 crosses. A banner was made that says, "The 154 crosses represent the number of unborn deaths per hour in this great nation, United States of America. May God have mercy on us." The crosses were placed on the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Madison.

A candlelight human rosary in the shape of the rosary was formed. Everyone received a candle and stood in the shape of the rosary. As the Rosary was said, the candles were lit, one by one until the whole rosary was lit. The Rosary was led by our Council Warden, preceded by a prayer from our Parish Priest.

***Other Activities***

Our Council was responsible for the two largest fundraises for our Parish, The Cajun Fest and the Starry Night Gala. We raised a total of \$97,000.00 for the new St. Anthony Elementary School from these two events.

We work in Prison Ministries. We collected underwear, t shirts and toiletry items for the Hinds County Detention Center.

We conducted a blood drive for our Parish.

During Lent we led a Rosary every Friday and served a meatless meal to the Parish.

We organized a golf tournament. The proceeds from this tournament went to Seminarian Education.

For the youth of the Parish we held, kite flying contests, pumpkin carving contests, swim parties, picnics, back to school parties, soccer and basketball contests.

We cooked and served the food for the St. Joe High School Drawdown.

None of the above would have been possible without the ideas, devotion and hard work of the individual Knights of Council 9543. This Grand Knight cannot give enough praise and recognition to these Knights. They made it all possible.

Thanks to you 9543  
Charles Wilkerson  
Grand Knight

**Council 9673 Woolmarket**

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Very Rev. Dominick Fullam, VG	Chaplin
Patrick Chubb	Grand Knight
Paul Mitchell	Deputy Grand Knight
Tony Damiano	Chancellor
William Carter	Warden
Mike Brown	Recorder
Cory Peterson	Treasurer
William Plummer	Inside Guard
Terry Cannette	Outside Guard
Darnell Lepre	Advocate
Jack Harrison	Lecturer
Paul Leidig	Trustee 1 Year
Darrell Diaz	Trustee 2 Year
John Cruso	Trustee 3 Year
Bill Fessler	Financial Secretary

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

**Church**

- Prepared and served breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Proceeds contributed to Seminarian Education Fund -- \$714.31 for this fraternal year to the Fund.
- Several members serve in church ministries including extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lector, ushers, and choir.

- Led Stations of Cross prayer service.
- Led Rosary devotion before mass on several occasions.
- Participated in supreme's "Keep Christ in Christmas" program.
- Participated in Corporal Communion on quarterly basis.
- Several project to beautify the St. Mary Parish grounds and buildings.

### **Youth**

- Actively supports Parish LIFETEEN/EDGE programs.
- Active participants and supporters of Vacation Bible School program.
- Prepared and served meal following children's Christmas program rehearsal.
- Sponsored youth basketball free throw tournament.

### **Community**

- Participated in community recycling program.
- Cooperated with Lion's Club eye-glass collection project.
- Worked with the Harrison County Youth Shelter to provide Christmas gifts to children.
- Submitted nomination for Best Council Activity at State convention.
- Tootsie Roll Drive netted \$637 for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.
- Assisted elderly Brother Knight with exterior home makeover.
- Assisted Deacon Al with prison ministry project providing rosaries and pray cards.

### **Family**

- Submitted nomination for Family of the Year at state convention.
- Recognized council's Family of the Month with certificate.
- Recognized parish mothers with a long stem carnation during Mother's Day weekend masses.
- Held a parish Family Fun Day. Provided food, games, and entertainment for parish families
- Several members teach in parish CCD program.

### **Council**

- Active Council First Degree Team.
- Submitted Knight of Year Nomination at State Convention.
- Three new council members exemplified this year.
- Several knights are members of the Father McGivney Guild
- Chancellor leads formal "Prayer for Vocations" during monthly business meetings
- Actively participated in state-wide raffle raising funds for seminarian education
- Seven members are 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights.
- Held council fish-fry social/fraternal benefits night.
- Held fraternal benefits night with Field Agent.

"Many hands make for light work". I would like to thank the dedicated Brothers of Council 9673 who give so much of their time and effort to make Council 9673 the

success that it is. We are grateful to Fr. Dominick for his continuous support and prayers. I look forward serving this Council in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Chubb  
Grand Knight

**Council 9958 Lizana**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 10216 Brandon**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 10443 Grenada**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 10499 Ocean Springs**

<b>ANNUAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - 2009-2010</b>	<b>31 March 10</b>
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The following requirements are submitted so as to qualify for such State/National awards as deemed appropriate.

1.   X   File Form 185, Report of Council Officers  
(Due date - July 1) - (Supreme)
2.   X   File Form 365, Service Program Personnel Report  
(Due date - August 1) - (Supreme)
3.   X   File Form 1295, Semi-Annual Audit Report  
(Due date - August 15) - (Supreme)
4.   X   File Semi-Annual Council Program Report  
(Due date - November 1) - (State)
5.   X   File Form 4584 Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics  
(Due date - January 31) - (Supreme)
6.   X   File Form 1728, Annual Fraternal Activity Report  
(Due date - January 31) - (Supreme)
7.   X   File Form 1295, Semi-Annual Audit Report  
(Due date - February 15) - (Supreme)
8.   X   File Final Council Program Report  
(Due date - March 31) - (State)
9.   X   At least one council member attend the School of Columbianism
10.   X   At least one council member attend the Mid-Winter Meeting

<b>CHURCH ACTIVITIES</b>
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Honor Council - Must conduct at least four (4) church activities from the list below.

Council of Excellence - Must conduct at least five (5) church activities from the list below.

Distinguished Council - Must conduct at least six (6) church activities from the list below.

Stellar Council - Must conduct at least eight (8) church activities from the list below.

1.   X   Organized, Assisted in and Participated in the life of the Parish ( *i.e., members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, Sunday School Teachers, RCIA Sponsors, etc.*)
2.        Sponsor a Parish Roundtable
3.   X   Conduct and Executed a meaningful Vocations Program in association with the Parish Vocations Committee & Serra Committee
4.        Participate in Supreme’s R.S.V.P. Program.
5.   X   Recognition or Assistance of local Clergy or Religious, (i.e., *Conduct a Religious Appreciation Activity or assist a local Religious Community*)
6.   X   Make a minimum donation of \$100 to the Christopher Fund
7.        Participate in Supreme’s Marian Hour of Prayer
8.   X   Sponsor and Assisted in the Annual Parish retreat / mission
9.   X   Provided Material and Financial and Manpower assistance the people of a Catholic Mission, ( *i.e., Saltillo, Hispanic Ministries, and Support to the South Mississippi Catholic Cursillo Movement* )
10.   X   Sponsored, Directed and Participated in the Parish Annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” Program
11.   X   Sponsored and Participated a the weekly Parish prayer service (i.e., *Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation Service, Eucharistic Adoration*)
12.   X   Rosary Devotion, (i.e., *Weekly Parish Rosary Service, Council saying the Rosary at meetings, Lenten Friday Rosary*)
13.   X   Other Church Activity (describe) – Donated replacement chairs for the Parish Hall and CCD Classrooms
14.   X   Other Church Activity (describe) – Assisted in Planning, Coordination with the Parish Project Committee to Fund, Purchase, and Install new Stations of the Cross in the Church.
15.   X   Other Church Activity (describe) - Promoted Family Rosary/Prayer Time at home.
16.   X   Other Church Activity (describe) – Assisted in the Sponsorship and Planning for the Parish “Steve Ray Biblical Presentation” Program.

<b>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b>
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Honor Council - Must conduct at least four (4) community activities from the list below.

Council of Excellence - Must conduct at least five (5) community activities from the list below.

Distinguished Council - Must conduct at least six (6) community activities from the list below.

Stellar Council - Must conduct at least eight (8) community activities from the list below.

1.   X   Sponsored or Promoted a Pro-Life Project – Donation of \$100 to Gulf Pine Catholic Pro Life Ad.
2.        Provide Volunteer Assistance to a Pro-Life Organization, i.e., Birthright, Right to Life, Pregnancy Crisis Center (Does *not* include monetary donations)
3.   X   Donation made of \$100 to Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund cause.
4.        Participate in Supreme’s Day of the Unborn Child (March)
5.   X   Participated in the Drive for Mentally Challenged ( Tootsie Roll Drive ), and make at least a \$50 donation to the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Foundation.
6.   X   Organized, Planned and Directed the Annual Parish blood drive
7.   X   Participated in the Ocean Springs community beautification project (*adopt-a-highway, recycling program, etc*)
8.   X   Participated in the Parish Liturgy Committee as a council ( with 8 members ) in the weekly visits to sick or elderly shut-ins and/or hospital visits
9.   X   Participated as a council in Habitat for Humanity or some other community assistance project ( *disaster relief, meals on wheels, etc.* )
10.   X   Participated in the Parish semi-annual food or clothing drive to assist the needy And volunteered as a council to assist at a soup kitchen
11.   X   Participated in community leadership roles, ( *i.e., civic, historic societies, etc.* ) such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Civitan, City of Ocean Springs Church Council
12.   X   Participated in the Kairos Prison Ministry
13.        Honor or Recognize Fire and Law Enforcement Officers or Emergency Response Personnel, i.e. Blue Mass or some other program
14.   X   Other Community Activity (describe) - Organized, Directed and Participated in Monthly First Friday as well as Weekly Lenten Fish Fries to promote increased social interaction of the Parish Families and community; and perform one on one contact to potential KC members.
15.   X   Other Community Activity (describe) – Supported monetarily and assisted manning a neighboring parish’s drawdown activities

<b>COUNCIL ACTIVITIES</b>
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Honor Council - Must conduct at least four (4) council activities from the list below.

Council of Excellence - Must conduct at least five (5) council activities from the list below.

Distinguished Council - Must conduct at least six (6) council activities from the list below.

Stellar Council - Must conduct at least eight (8) council activities from the list below.

1.  Organized and Conducted Semi-Annual Membership drives
2.  Published a quarterly Council Newsletter
3.  Maintained a Council Website and linked it off the Parish Website
4.  Held a Fraternal Benefits Information program for membership
5.  Council has one member on the District Certified Degree Team
6.  Participate in State sanctioned KC athletic event (bowling, golf, softball)
7.  Sponsor a KC team in a local Recreation League, i.e., softball, volleyball, basketball leagues
8.  Organized and Conducted on-going Socials, quarterly, in association with the Ladies Auxiliary
9.  Organized and Conducted a Memorial Service for Deceased Knights
10.  Conducted Recognition of Knight of the Month the Year Program for the Council (*submit Knight of the Year entry to State Convention*)
11.  Compile and Submit a Council Scrapbook at State Convention
12.  Sponsor a Columbus Day Celebration ( *October* ) or Founder's Day Celebration ( *March 29* ) or Council Anniversary Celebration
13.  Appointed Electronic Forms Submissions Coordinator and/or Internet Contact. Submit name to State Program Director
14.  Other Council Activity (describe) Organized and Conducted Council Christmas Party in association with the Ladies Auxiliary

<b>FAMILY ACTIVITIES</b>
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Honor Council - Must conduct at least four (4) family activities from the list below.

Council of Excellence - Must conduct at least five (5) family activities from the list below.

Distinguished Council - Must conduct at least six (6) family activities from the list below.

Stellar Council - Must conduct at least eight (8) family activities from the list below.

1.  Sponsor a KC Family Corporate Communion at least quarterly
2.  Participated in the Supreme Family of the Month program (*have submitted more than 6 entries to Supreme during the fraternal year*)
3.  Submitted Family of the Year entry at State Convention
4.  Sponsored, Organized and Conducted a program to assist widows and families of deceased Council members
5.  Sponsored and Assisted in a Family fun event, (i.e., *party, picnic, canoe trip, bowling, etc.*) Parish Fun Day with Picnic, games and Bingo

6.   X   Sponsored a Family Social, (*i.e., burger night, pot luck dinner, etc.*)
7.   X   Held a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of the Parish
8.   X   Assisted / Adopted a needy Family not just for the Holiday Periods but through the entire year.
9.   X   Sponsored a Marriage Vow Renewal Program or Recognize Milestone Marriage Anniversaries, *i.e., 10, 25 or 50 year anniversaries*
10.   X   Participated in National Family Week
11.   X   Other Family Activity (describe) Assisted in the Organization and execution of the Annual Parish Night in Bethlehem
12.   X   Other Family Activity (describe) Assisted in the Organization and Execution of the Annual Parish Family Mission Redemptorist Mission Program

<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>
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Honor Council - Must conduct at least four (4) youth activities from the list below.  
Council of Excellence - Must conduct at least five (5) youth activities from the list below.  
Distinguished Council - Must conduct at least six (6) youth activities from the list below.  
Stellar Council - Must conduct at least eight (8) youth activities from the list below.

1.      Sponsor a Columbian Squires Circle
2.   X   Support the parish CYO or other Catholic Youth Group
3.   X   Sponsor or support Scouting (*Boys or Girls or Cub Scouts, Brownies, etc.*)
4.   X   Conduct a program to recognize and/or encourage youth liturgical participation (*altar servers, youth choir, youth Lectors*)
5.   X   Actively participate in community youth programs (*coaching youth athletics, 4-H club, Explorers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, mentoring, etc.*)
6.   X   Sponsor a Drug Awareness Poster Contest program in Ocean Springs District Schools
7.   X   Sponsor (or co-sponsor) a local KC Free Throw Contest
8.      Sponsor (or co-sponsor) a local KC Soccer Competition
9.   X   Sponsor Knights of Columbus Essay Contest
10.      Plan and sponsor a youth retreat
11.      Participate as a council in a Special Olympics program (*not* just financial assistance)
12.   X   Sponsor a Toys for Tots or similar project to donate toys (*or other items*) to needy children
13.   X   Sponsor and Assisted in program for the youth of the parish, (*i.e., Easter egg hunt, Christmas party, teenage dance, etc.*) – Annual Parish Vacation Bible School

14.   X   Awareness/Promote World Youth Day or host a Local Youth Day program
15.        Establish a Youth Scholarship Program
16.   X   Provide support to a local school, (*i.e., Adopt St Alphonus Elem. School*)
17.   X   Other Youth Activity (describe) - Provide Age Appropriate Mass Missals for younger children to use during Parish Mass.
18.   X   Other Youth Activity (describe) – Purchased and donated First Communion Books for Youth First Communion Class
19.   X   Other Youth Activity (describe) – Supported Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser conducted during the scheduled KC Fish Fry’s during Lent.

**Council 10901 Oxford**

**Council Officers**

Chaplain	Rev. Theodore Kligen
Grand Knight	George Read
Deputy Grand Knight	Basil Richmond
Financial Secretary	Bill Panlener
Chancellor	Jacob Eftink, PGK
Recorder	James Reid, PGK
Treasurer	Dennis Ott
Advocate	Ron Rychlak
Warden	Brian Posey
Inside Guard	Larry Agostinelli
Outside Guard	Ryan Kuklinski
Trustees	Tom Stottman
	Jacob Eftink, PGK
	Rev. Theodore Kligen

**Program Activities**

Church Activities: Brian Posey Chairman

- Held Lenten fish fries every Friday during Lent
- Gave money and support to a seminarian
- Donated money to the Bishop Gerow Fund
- Members of our council serve on Parish’s finance council and liturgy committee
- Members of our council serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers during the Mass
- Members are active in our Parish’s choir
- Organized and participated in Parish’s Adoration service after Holy Thursday Mass
- Members were active in Parish’s RCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs
- Served as RCIA Confirmation sponsor and purchased Catechisms for RCIA initiates
- Prayed Rosary before every business meeting and early Sunday morning Masses
- Served as team leaders for Parish’s *Why Catholic?* program
- Served dinner for Parish’s *Why Catholic?* groups
- Participated in Knights of Columbus Year of the Priest program

- Conducted a Silver Rose Run Rosary and Mass
- Cleaned and maintained Parish facility's kitchen

Community Activities: Ryan Kuklinski Chairman

- Participated in Scott Center (Tootsie Roll) drive
- Members of our council serve as leaders at the University of Mississippi
- Donated diners to participants in Parish's blood drive
- Served food and spoke at local university's Catholic Student Association
- Members distributed the Eucharist to sick, shut-ins and elderly in the community
- Purchased tickets for community's pro-life dinner
- Cooked spaghetti for local college students
- Sponsored Marti Gras fundraiser for a local SaveALife organization
- Members served as liaisons for the Vatican in the United Nations
- Hosted dinner for the annual meeting of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists
- Participated in Breast Cancer fundraiser
- Donated to local Pantry
- Members were active in the Parish's Social Concern Committee
- Donated money to the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Fund and Philippines Disaster Relief Fund

Family Activities: Ron Rychlak Chairman

- Recognized the mothers of our Parish with roses on Mother's Day
- Recognized one family as the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year
- Provided food and drinks for the Parish swim party
- Gave \$200 Wal Mart gift cards to needy families during Advent
- Sponsored Corporate Communion quarterly
- Organized, setup booths and worked the St. John's Parish fair
- Served Thanksgiving dinner for local college students and families of the Parish
- Celebrated a Brother Knight's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Council Activities: James Reid PGK Chairman

- Hosted Mass and dinner for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus officer installation
- Hosted School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter meeting
- Publish a quarterly newsletter
- Our Council has a certified 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team
- Council officers served as mentors to our newly initiated Brother Knights
- Recognize a Knight for Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year
- Parked cars at Ole Miss football games to raise funds for the council
- Sold funnel cakes at several local events as a council fundraiser
- Published a monthly newsletter
- Held quarterly socials, including Christmas potluck and Awards Banquet
- Supported a Brother Knight becoming a United States citizen
- Held a Columbus Day Mass
- Helped an ailing Brother Knight with house labor
- Did fundraiser for the family of a recently deceased member of our council

Youth Activities: Matt Zerangue Chairman

- Knights coached youth soccer, softball and basketball teams
- Member served as a leader in our Parish's Cub Scout troop
- Supported several local Boy Scouts in earning their Emblems of Faith and Porvuli Dei badges
- Honored two local Boy Scouts whom earned Eagle Scout
- Cooked dinner for Parish's youth group
- Participated in pancake breakfast youth fundraiser
- Gave Rosaries to children of our Parish who their First Communion
- Honored Parish's Alter servers with Christmas card and free catfish dinner

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Read, Grand Knight Council 10901

**Council 11541 Gulfport**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 11654 Wiggins**

Following are some of the things we have done during the past year:

1. Cooked Breakfast Pancakes Sausage Coffee Milk Orange Juice every 3rd Sunday of the month.
2. Provided Soup and Sandwiches after the Penance Service.
3. Held a fund raiser by operating a food booth at the Stone County Fair the some of the proceeds going to CYO, St Vincent De Paul. Play Program .
4. Held our annual Antique Car Show fund raiser to benefit the Priest Education Fund and other activities.
5. Conducted a St Patrick Day Dinner for the Parish.
6. Conducted the PID Drive at the local Wal Mart.
7. Members teaching RCIA and CCD.
8. Involved with the Marine Corps Toy for Tots in our Parish and Local Community.
9. Regularly take Communion to the nursing home.
10. We take turns leading the Way of The Cross each Thursday of Lent.
11. Some members of our Council are involved, serving at every Mass on weekends.
12. We installed the Manger in front of our Church at Christmas.

Bob Theriot  
Grand Knight

**Council 11904 Lucedale**  
**NO REPORT**

## Council 11934 Gluckstadt

### Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Kevin J. Slattery
Grand Knight	Pete Weisenberger
Deputy Grand Knight	Duane Stevens
Chancellor	Craig West
Recorder	Larry Moorehead
Financial Secretary	John C. Minninger
Treasurer	Charles Strong
Warden	Eddie Adkins
Advocate	Jim Word
Inside Guard	Billy Endris
Outside Guard	Mike Hepburn
1st year Trustee	Joe Best
2nd year Trustee	Joe Jones
3rd year Trustee	Buzz Howard
Lecturer	Mark Sciallo

Installation of officers for the 2009 – 2010 fraternal year was conducted by Philip Jabour, Worthy District Deputy. Our council continues to grow in number just as our home parish, St. Joseph – Gluckstadt, continues to grow. At July 1, 2009, our membership number was 87. At July 1, 2010, we were at 95. We are getting new, young men – husbands and fathers – as active members. We are also welcoming men transferring to the area and to our parish from other councils, locally and from out-of-state. We achieved Star Council again for the year and expect to continue to do so each year.

St. Joseph Parish is undertaking the construction of a new sanctuary and associated structures for the growing congregation, reflecting the growing population in Madison County. Our Sunday Masses are generally overcrowded in our small 1970's facility. Fr. Kevin Slattery and Fr. Onwu Akpa provide our community with excellent liturgies, homilies and pastoral care.

Our council participates in numerous activities, focusing on vocation support and on pro-life, family issues. We support, financially and with prayer, seminarian Adam Nobles, who is presently in his third year philosophy curriculum at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana. We provide as much assistance as possible to any family-support issue identified to us. We are convinced that our parish is home to a number (unknown at the moment) of future vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The seeds are planted; we are diligently doing our best to nurture them.

Our parish holds an annual German Fest, highlighting the origins of the community originally settled by German-descendant families from Illinois, Indiana and other Midwestern states at the beginning of the 20th century. KC members take prominent part in the festival planning and work.

We have held pancake breakfasts, Lenten fish suppers, and other activities with the funds going to priest education. Our members participate in various ministries during Mass. We have KC Corporate Mass each quarter and lead the Rosary before each Mass during

April and October. We hosted the Silver Rose Memorial Mass in October, led Stations of the Cross one Wednesday during Lent, and participate in First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. One of our members is the designated altar server trainer for the parish.

We participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive each year, sponsor a Blood Drive each year, assist with fundraisers and other efforts for Holy Child Jesus School in Canton, and assist in an annual pro-life memorial ceremony in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The Tootsie Roll Drive funds have been sent to a team we sponsor in the Challenger League, providing sports-related experiences for developmentally-challenged people.

Several members take time each second Saturday of the month and pray the Rosary in front of the abortion facility in Jackson. Knights placed 154 crosses on the front lawn of the church for a month as a witness to the genocide of abortion in America. We raised money from parishioners for Birthright of Jackson.

We have many military veterans buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Our Memorial Day Mass in the cemetery is explicitly to honor them and all veterans of service to our country. We put American flags on the veteran's graves at that time.

In council activities, we have hosted first degree exemplifications, attended the School of Columbianism and conducted membership drives. We recognize a family of the month each month and have entered a member into the Family of the Year. Council members participate on degree teams with members from other councils. Our council does not presently have a degree team of its own, but several members have expressed interest in hosting one at our council. We appreciate the camaraderie with our neighboring councils in District 6 and the mutual support we share.

Our youth groups are growing. One of our members has been very generous with his time, as has his wife and children, in leading and supporting the youth. We have provided financial support to our confirmation classes and have provided financial support for the groups to go on summer trips. We have sponsored mission trips for individual youths at times.

We have much for which to be thankful at St. Joseph Parish and at our council. We have a strong group of Catholic men who are striving to live by the guiding hand of God. Our parish ranks are growing with wonderful, committed families. We feel the warm winds of a renewal of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, upon our community. Our council continues to grow in size, quality and confidence. We are heartened by the leadership of Pope Benedict XVI, our bishops, priests and religious, and the strong resurgence of authentic Catholic teaching. We take heart in the bold proclamation of our late pontiff, Pope John Paul II, "Be Not Afraid!".

*Vivat Jesus*

Pete Weisenberger

Grand Knight

### **Council 11956 Tylertown**

Council Officers are:

Chaplin	Fr. Martin Gillespie
Grand Knight	Billy Johnson
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Keith
Recorder	Reggie Rink
Treasurer	Aswald Ledet
Financial Secretary	Francis Prattini
Chancellor	Pat Altentaler
Advocate	David Roger
Warden	Larry Reid
Inside Guard	Elroy Badon
Outside Guard	Errol Pierron
3rd Year Trustee	Frank McDonough
2nd Year Trustee	Ronald Forestier
1st Year Trustee	Al Rodrigue

Serving as Grand Knight for Fraternal Year 2009/2010 has been a very rewarding and challenging year. We are a small council in a small mission parish, so membership growth is hard to come by. Two Brother Knights have passed away since December '09 and both were council officers that have been greatly missed.

Our officer installation banquet was a huge success. The theme was a Hawaiian Luau, so everyone dress in their island shirts and the parish hall was decorated with the Hawaiian theme.

Many of our programs have been in place for years and the old saying, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" appropriately applies. We have just finished our annual Friday night Lenten fish fries that are very well supported by our community. The local American Legion is one worthy organization we assist by cooking pulled-pork for their yearly fund-raiser. Our knights prepare fresh beignets the second Sunday of every month with the proceeds donated to the priest education fund. Twice yearly we assist with our church fund-raiser by cooking chicken on our famous "Grand – smoker".

Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month with Rosary beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by a meal (prepared by members) and immediately followed by the meetings of both the knights and ladies auxiliary. Most of our members are active in our parish as either Eucharistic Ministers or ushers.

As a small council we accomplish a great deal of church and community projects. This is possible only with the support of our ladies auxiliary and a dedicated, fun-loving group of knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Billy Johnson  
Grand Knight #11956 Tylertown

### **Council 11995 W. Harrison**

**NO REPORT**

**Council 12166 Pascagoula**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 12271 Gulfport**

Council Officers:

Grand Knight	Robert Zeller
Deputy Grand Knight	Roger Hudson, Sr.
Financial Secretary	Roy Nadeau
Chancellor	Jamie Rodgers
Recorder	Jim Stewart
Treasurer	Roger Hudson, Jr.
Advocate	Johnny Mabanta
Warden	William McClellan
Inside Guard	Alex Mabunay
Outside Guard	Sherril Smith
Trustees	Gerald Schmuck
	Leonard Nahlen
	John Maynard

**Church Activities:**

- Participated in the life of the parish; Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, CCD teachers and members of the choir.
- Sponsored a brother from the Philippines who is studying to become a priest.
- Donated to the Christopher Fund.
- Refurbished Dobler Memorial Garden and Pool.
- Assisted in fellowship each Sunday with coffee and donuts.
- Held a Veteran's Day Mass.

**Council Activities:**

- Held membership drive.
- Held a Fraternal Benefits meeting with Knights of Columbus agent.
- Recognized a Family of the Month and Knight of the Month.
- Held numerous social functions (i.e., Christmas party, Halloween party and pot lucks).
- Have two members who are certified Degree Team members.
- Attended School of Columbianism and Mid winter meeting.

**Community Activities:**

- Held a Pro Life night with guest speaker, Carolyn Knight.
- Donated to Mississippi Pro Life Fund.
- Members visited the sick and shut-ins.
- Sponsored a monthly food drive for St. Therese Parish Food Bank.
- Participated in the Veteran's Day stand down.
- Assisted a widow in our community who needed help with home repairs.
- Family Activities:
- Submitted a Family of the Year entry for the state.

- Sponsored a pancake and sausage breakfast.
- Assisted a widow of a deceased member who needed repairs to her home.
- Held a Valentine's Day Dance.
- Submitted twelve Family's of the Month to Supreme.

**Youth Activities:**

- Supported our parish youth with a retreat to Fling Creek.
- Helped with local High School track meets.
- Sponsored the youth Christmas party.
- Cooked for our First Communion and Confirmation Class.
- Awarded gift certificates for Altar servers.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert E. Zeller

Grand Knight

**Council 12331 Dedeaux**

Larry Necaie - Grand Knight

Bill Heath – Financial Secretary

It is my honor to report on the activities of the Sacred Heart-Dedeaux Council 12331 for the fraternal year of 2009 – 2010. I am in my third year as Grand Knight and have had the privilege of working alongside my brother knights over the course of this year.

Elected for this year's term were:

Grand Knight: Larry Necaie

Deputy Grand Knight: Brian Adam;

Treasurer: Tom Ward;

Recorder: Jerry Leake

Advocate: C.J. Malley

Warden: Winton A. Ladner;

Inside Guard: Robert Lewis

Outside Guard: Andrew J. Ladner

3 year Trustee: Roy J. Savoie

2 year Trustee: Lavern J. Moran

1 year Trustee: Thomas J. Ladner

Chaplain: Deacon Roberto Jimenez

Projects Performed:

**Church Activities**

Parish life functions to include: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, and CCD teachers. Two of our members serve on a special committee formed to oversee the capital fundraising campaign to build a new church.

Sponsored a "Christmas in the Oaks" program for the youth and church members.

Attended a "Right to Life" rally in New Orleans.

Organized and prepared food on Fridays "Lenten Fish Fry"

Organized and prepared special "fundraising dinners" to benefit the Priest Education Fund

Members provided workforce in construction of wheelchair accessible amenities at office and mobile home on church grounds.

Grand Knight and council members served on kitchen staff and teams for Cursillos held at the “Dedeaux Hilton”

Grand Knight and council members served on kitchen staff and team for Boys’ Retreat. Our KC council maintains the grounds for our parish.

### **Community Activities**

Gave out Christmas food baskets for members of our parish and people in surrounding communities.

Conducted a membership drive that earned our council five new members.

Held pot luck socials at least quarterly.

Grand Knight and members worked cooperatively with the Kiln council in preparing the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner.

Members provided the workforce necessary to maintain one of parish member’s yard.

### **Family Activities**

Sponsor a family fun event such as the Fall Festival

Provide workers for church bazaar in kitchen, as well as hamburger and drink booths

### **Youth Activities**

Support the parish CYO

Contribute to the Ladies’ Auxiliary “Susan Starita Madigan” Scholarship; this scholarship benefits anyone in our parish wishing to further their education.

Sponsor “Hallelujah night” as an alternative to trick or treat on Halloween by providing food, drink, and treats for all children in attendance.

### **Council**

We have just completed our Lenten Fish Fry nights and have dedicated \$3,000.00 per year for the next three years to our church building fund. We have six knights and spouses attending the convention in Natchez.

### **Conclusion**

Our council’s success during this year has been a direct result of our membership working together in our various projects. It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of Sacred Heart – Dedeaux Council #12331 this year. A special thanks to the dedicated leadership of the Council Officers and the dedicated members, who provided the support to make it another successful year.

Respectfully submitted

Larry J. Necaise  
Grand Knight

### **Council 13471 Philadelphia**

#### Officers

Grand Knight	Joesph Tullos
Financial Secretary	Byron Tullos
Recorder	Ronald Di Palma

Treasurer	Thomas Kuhn
Warden	Billy Hallford
Inside Guard	Jimmy Gray
Outside Guard	Patrick Gray

**Council 13502 Batesville**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 13936 Columbia**  
**NO REPORT**

**Council 14051 Olive Branch**  
My Brother Knights:

I am proud to report that as a two term G.K. our council will celebrate its 4th anniversary in May. Although we are the last council to be chartered in the state, our council members have over 500 years of service to the order. This year we have met or exceeded all state program requirements, have exceeded our membership goal, and met our insurance goal

We have members who serve the church in every lay ministry, and have two members who are ordained Deacons

Our council participated in the P.I.D. program during the annual Tootsie Roll drive. We helped Fr Kent purchase a computer for one of our seminarians, donated to the Bishop Gerow Fund, supported Catholic Charities at the local and world wide levels. Our members have supported a local food pantry and community thrift shop. Members support a county wide pregnancy crisis center and are raising funds to purchase an ultrasound machine for them. The list goes on and on.

Our 4th degree Knights are very involved with the council, as 1/2 of our members are Sir Knights. They provide an Honor Guard on a quarterly basis at Corporate Communion. Our 1st degree team did 2 exemplifications this year.

I personally want to thank my brother Knights for their trust and support in me as G.K. Thanks to our D.O. Bill Sonnemann, who was always there to guide us. You Catholic gentlemen are what makes the order strong and vibrant. Your dedication will only bring great accomplishments for us as K.C.s in the future.

Respectfully Submitted  
JJ Suhanin GK #14051  
Olive Branch

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS**

### **District Deputy #1,**

As I complete my second year as District Deputy of the first District I must say it has been another exciting and rewarding year. The Councils of the first District consist of 8160 Holly Springs, 8848 Tupelo, 8912 Corinth and 10901 Oxford. It has been a tough year on recruiting new members with Holly Springs being the only Council to meet there membership quota. Way to go Holly Springs. Keep up the good work.

The District held two 1st Degree Exemplifications this year, both in Oxford. Oxford has the only complete 1st Degree Team in the District. We are working to get the teams in Corinth and Tupelo up and going again. I expect both of these teams to be fully manned in the near future.

District One held the Knights of Columbus Free Through Championship in Corinth this year. I presented Medallions to all the winners. I attended the School of Columbianism and the State meeting for the northern District, both meetings were hosted by Council 10901 in Oxford. I installed the new Officers in Councils 8848 Tupelo, 8912 Corinth and 10901 in Oxford. I am looking forward to serving the Knights of Columbus and the First District next year.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raymond G. Ball  
District Deputy #1

### **District Deputy #2, NO REPORT**

### **District Deputy #3, NO REPORT**

### **District Deputy #4, Dear Worthy's,**

District 4 consists of four Councils, 802-Meridian, 6765-Starkville, 7974-Columbus, and 13471-Phildephia

- Each Council was visited at least twice.
- There were 8 First Degrees in the District.
- Major Degree was held in Starkville on February 27th 2010 with 23 advancing to the 3rd Degree from 8 Councils.
- The District has two First Degree Teams – Meridian and Starkville
- Currently 6765 is working on a Second Degree Team
- Council Officers were installed in Columbus, Meridian and Starkville.
- There are four Round tables in District – 802 at St Joseph's, 6765 at Corpus Christi Mission, 7974 Prince of Peace Catholic Community – Columbus Air Force Base and 13471 Holy Rosary in Tucker.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Kassouf

**District Deputy #5,  
NO REPORT**

**District Deputy #6,**

**Philip Jabour  
District Deputy #6**

**2009-2010 Report**

**My District consists of:  
8038 Pearl  
9543 Madison  
10216 Brandon/Flowood  
11934 Gluckstadt**

Worthy State Deputy Peter Sukanek asked me to serve my fourth year as DD #6 and I was happy to do so. I have enjoyed being a District Deputy and will miss it as I come to the close of my fourth year. I am of the opinion that District Deputy is the best office I have ever held as a Knight. I have been welcomed as a if member of all four of councils, and have had the opportunity to attend the functions and programs of all four.

Brandon is on pace to make Star Council and Madison and Brandon will be in the mix for Best Council. Brandon should achieve Top Gun. They have achieved this for at least ten years in a row. I have not done research, but I would think that few if any councils have achieved that in the past.

Madison and Pearl suspended several members and will not earn Star Council this year, but they have been very active and accomplished many good projects for the Church, Knights and the community.

All four Councils ordered Tootsie's Rolls and donated much needed money for the kids.

All four Councils also participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program. I think it is important that Knights help our Parishes remember the real reason for Christmas. There is so much advertising these days trying to convince us that what is important is buying and receiving gifts at Christmas.

Charles Wilkerson is finishing his second year as Grand Knight. Madison has been very active as usual. They continued their golf tournament for Priest Education and they will have another significant donation at the convention. They are also very active in supporting St. Joe, the middle and high school located in Madison and the new elementary school St. Anthony. They have also supported other Catholic churches and schools in the area. They were the lead Council in putting together Grillin for Life this year. Charles has asked the council to be focused on charity this year and they have helped a lot of causes and people

Kevin O'Donnell is finishing his second year as Grand Knight at Brandon. Flowood annexed the church about a year ago, so they are now Brandon/Flowood. Kevin travels a lot but has had good support from DGK Dennis Antici and the other officers and members. Council 10216 is very active, but they keep adding members and that helps

spread the load. They do a monthly breakfast for the Parish that is well received by the congregation. They also cooked again this year for the area Priests on St. Paddy's day and had about 20 Priests and Bishops attend. Father Hurley has come to Brandon from Pearl and I am sure he will be supportive of the Knights, as he was in Pearl.

Frank Tinney continued in his second year as GK in Pearl and has been nominated for a third term. They are in the process of suspending some members that are not paying dues, so their membership will likely not be positive for the Supreme year. They cooked catfish every Friday night during lent, and it was well received by the parish. Father Lenin Vargas has been installed as the Priest at St. Jude. He was very supportive of the Knights when he was at Madison and I am sure he will work well with Frank at Pearl. They have done a lot for the Church and community and I expect that to continue going forward.

Grand Knight Joe Best retired last year and Pete Weisenberger took over.

He followed the lead set by Joe and Joe Jones and keeps the council doing good work. The church is growing after becoming a Parish and I expect St. Joseph at Gluckstadt Council to grow accordingly. They cooked catfish during lent and are very active in the Parish. They established a ladies auxiliary during the year and they have been very helpful. Father Kevin is very supportive and they are accomplishing a lot of good things.

I think every GK will admit that there is always room for improvement, but I think the Councils in District #6 work very hard and do great work. I have enjoyed being a DD and working with the outstanding Councils and Knights in District 6 and will miss working with them.

Respectfully submitted

Philip Jabour  
District Deputy #6

**District Deputy #7,**

Dear Brothers in Christ,

District # 7 consists of four great councils; Bassfield Council 6592 (Grand Knight: Heath Skinner); Brookhaven Council 7915 (Grand Knight: Danny Smith); McComb Council 8054 (Grand Knight: Jim O'Rourke); and Natchez Council 1034 (Grand Knight: Freddie Voss).

During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting each council on several occasions and swore in new officers in two of them.

Ricky Warren (a former District Deputy) and I attended the Drawdown held at the Bassfield Council, and used that format to develop funds for the Natchez Council to be used for the State Convention for 2010.

All of my councils have excellent Grand Knights leading them. The area I would like to work with them on is recruiting new members.

Now that I no longer have to spend all of my spare time working on the state convention, I plan to visit more often and work on a schedule and plan for recruiting.

I would like to thank all of my councils for being patient with me as I learn the duties of my new position.

Vivat Jesus,

*Larry E Gardner*

District Deputy # 7

**District Deputy #8,**

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy of District #8 for the past two year. My district consists of:

Council	Parish	City	Grand Knight
1908	Sacred Heart	Hattiesburg	GK, OD Landrum
2180	Immaculate Conception	Laurel	GK, Joe Harvey
7211	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Lumberton	GK, William A. Kuue
11654	St. Francis	Perkinston/Wiggins	GK, Robert Theriot
11956	St. Paul	Tylertown	GK, Billy Johnson
13936	Holy Trinity	Columbia	GK, Lynwood Ridge

This is the second year of my being a District Deputy. I conducted officers' installations at the various councils in my district. During the past year, I have had the opportunity to visit all councils in my district as well as had several phone conversations with the Grand Knights. I want to thank the Grand Knights, officers and members for welcoming me to their meetings, functions and events.

This past year we had five new Grand Knights in our District. All Councils in my District are in good standing with Supreme. From the reports I've received and visits, our District has been very active in Church, Community, Youth, Council and Family service activities. Each Council in my District continues to demonstrate the principals of the Third Degree (Charity, Unity and Fraternity). Council 1908 has corrected a problem they had with an internal audit and the appointment of a new treasurer. I am proud that Council 1908 has achieved many awards this fraternal year including Net Membership Gain and Large Council of the Year. Council 13936 in Columbia continues to have severe problems which I pray can be solved this next year. This past year we have seen the birth of a new council in Poplarville, this new council will have an installation of officers May 2010.

Although I am convinced every Council did a good job this last year, I feel every Council can strive for improvement in the upcoming fraternal year. I look forward to working with the Grand Knights and Councils this next year.

I will be leaving the State of Mississippi to take a new position of employment. I have enjoyed my two years of being District Deputy and hopefully the district will continue to grow. I wish to thank all of the Grand Knights and the members of their Councils for their continuing work for the good of the order.

Faithfully submitted,

Benito (Ben) Velasquez

District Deputy #8

**District Deputy #9,**

My district consists of six Councils:

Council	Location	Name	Grand Knight
1522	Bay St Louis, MS	Pere Le Duc	John Gleber
6872	Picayune, MS	Oscar J. Gelphi	Al Chrisman
7087	Kiln, MS	Fr. A.C. Dennis	Jimmie Hoda
9958	Lizana, MS	St. Ann	Kenneth Mayfield
11995	Pass Christian, MS	Fr. R.J. Sorin	George Holtz
12331	Pass Christian, MS	Sacred Heart Dedeaux	Larry Neicase

The year has been a very good one. Paperwork seems to be improving within the district and all councils are in compliance with supreme.

I made membership recruitment and the insurance program a top priority within my district again this year and with the exception of two, the councils in the district have brought in at least one new member. One council received Top Gun and another attained twice their insurance goal. Membership is still a big priority within the district.

The work is rewarding and the district continues to grow. If we continue to get all of the councils on the same sheet district cold one day be a star District. What doesn't kill us will only make us stronger.

Fraternally,  
Michael G. Spencer  
District Deputy #9

**District Deputy #10,**

It has been my honor to serve District #10 for the past three years. My district consists of 6 councils.

- #1583-----Bishop Gunn-----Gulfport
- #4472-----Msgr. Leech-----Pass Christian
- #4898-----St. Vincent de Paul-----Long Beach
- #7910-----Fr. Harry Wade-----Gulfport
- #11541-----St. James-----Gulfport
- #12271-----St. Joseph the Worker--Seabee Base Gulfport

As I approach my last year, I have a lot of fond memories. I have had the pleasure to work with, and grow with, a good group of Catholic Gentlemen. A lot of new growth among many of my councils. New Grand Knights in two, and an influx of new faces amongst the other officers. A real chance to grow and an influx of new ideas.

One major problem among my six councils and throughout the state is retention. We need to work as hard keeping our Knights that we have brought into our organization as we do recruiting new members.

We have a great challenge to find out why our Knights no longer want to be part of what I consider the best Christian men's organization in the world. What have we done wrong?

If the problem is finances, we can work with that. If we haven't made them feel welcome then shame on us. We haven't done our jobs.

2010-2011 offer many new challenges. We have great leadership at the state and district levels. We have excellent Grand Knights in place. Let's make this the best year ever.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Everett  
District Deputy #10

**District Deputy #11**

I would like to thank State Deputy Peter Sukanek for the opportunity to serve as District Deputy and thank all the State Officers for their support.

Serving my first year as District Deputy has been an honor and learning experience. I have learned a lot about the responsibilities of the position and I am sure this will help me in the following year. I would like to also thank the four councils in District #11 for their support and hard work. The councils I serve are:

Council	Location	Name	Grand Knight
1244	Biloxi		Michael Arguelles
9094	D'Iberville	Fr. Patrick McAlpine	Lee Landry
9409	West Biloxi	Reinhart Schroeder	Lonnie White
9673	Woolmarket	James D. Hart	Patrick Chubb

After my installation in July, I conducted officer's installations for all four councils. During the past year I have had the opportunity to visit all councils in my district as well as phone conversations with the Grand Knights. I would like to thank the Grand Knights, officers and members for welcoming me to their meetings, socials and other events.

This past year we had two new Grand Knights in our District, Lee Landry Council 9094 (D'Iberville) and Patrick Chubb Council 9673 (Wolmarket). All of the councils in my District are in good standing with Supreme. All of the councils are very active in Church, Youth, Community, Council, Family and Pro-Life activities according to the reports I have received. My district got together with District Deputy #12 Robert Barr to have two District meetings for training of officers in October 2009 and again in February 2010. We combined our Districts for a presentation in officer's responsibilities with Supreme representative Bill Sukel in November 2009.

Currently in District #11 we have 2 certified First Degree teams, 1244 Biloxi and 9673 Woolmarket.

A major degree was held in D'Iberville on January 30th 2010 with 21 advancing to the 3rd Degree. Biloxi 1244 hosted a 1st Degree on October 29th 2009 and Woolmarket hosted a 1st Degree on February 22nd 2010. A 1st Degree is in the plans for April 8th 2010 at Biloxi 1244 at this time.

Under the guidance of each council's Grand Knight, all councils submitted all required reports on time, and they continue to support and are very active in their parish and community activities. All councils are participating in the annual drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities and the Priest /Seminarian Fund.

As members of the Knights of Columbus it is our duty to reach out to all Catholic gentlemen and invite them to join our Order and to experience the joy of being a Knight of Columbus. May God continue to bless us all with His love and mercy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger D. Fetters  
District Deputy #11

**District Deputy #12,**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, My Brother Knights:

I am very grateful and honored to have been given the privilege of serving as District Deputy for District 12 this past year.

This year has been challenging but also a very gratifying experience. Together with my councils 1605, 5654, 9124, 10499, 11904, 12166, and I have faced this year's challenges and through Charity, Unity, and Fraternity have succeeded in having a good year. Although our district's overall membership growth was low this past year, we did conduct six first-degree exemplifications this past fraternal year, which were open to our neighboring districts. As a result of these exemplifications, twenty-one new members have joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus.

District Twelve's Grand Knights and their staffs have worked diligently at being an active part of the life of the Parishes they service. In support of this year's theme "Year of the Priests" the District Twelve Councils provided a dinner for the Priests of the local area. Both active and retired clergy members attended the dinner, and it was enjoyed by all.

I wish to thank the Past District Deputies of District 12 along with Past State Deputy Danny Lechner for their leadership and assistance during my first year as a District Deputy. Finally, I want to thank PSD Danny Lechner and State Deputy Peter Sukanek for trusting me with the job of District Deputy #12 and my profound gratitude to the Grand Knights, Officers and members of District #12 whose combined efforts have made us so successful. VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully submitted  
Robert C. Barr  
District Deputy #12

## STATE OFFICER REPORTS

### State Deputy's Report

Reverend Bishops, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Rep Daniel Baker, Fellow State Officers, Worthy Delegates to the 106<sup>th</sup> State Convention, Brother Knights all:

Happy Easter! I hope that you and your families had a good one.

The Supreme Council has named this the Year of the Volunteer, and our Pope has named it the Year of the Priest. It is appropriate that we observe this Knights of Columbus year with special recognition of the most significant volunteers among us, our priests. Let us once again show our appreciation to the priests among us this morning and thank them for all their efforts on our behalf.

I would also like to say a special thank-you to our district deputies for all their effort during the past year. Your state officers worked as a team. I thank them, and especially IPSD Danny Lechner, for their dedicated work and good counsel.

It has been an honor to serve as your State Deputy for this past year. It has been a year of things good and bad. A physician calls one of his patients and says, "Bob, I've got some good news and some bad news for you." Well, let's have the good news first," says Bob. "Well," the physician says, "those tests we did the other day indicate that you have only 24 hours to live." My God," cries Bob, "that's the good news? What could the bad news possibly be?" "Well," says the physician, "I was supposed to call you yesterday."

My news is, perhaps, not as bad as that bad news, and the good is certainly better. First, the bad news. Mid-way into our fraternal year, our State Warden Bill Waggoner took a position out of State and had to resign his office. We will miss him. In accord with the Order's By-Laws, the State Officers appointed our State Membership Director, Noel Aucoin, to fill that position until a new Warden can be duly elected.

This year, our Roundtable quota was 45. As of this week, we had only 18. We can certainly do better than this. Mississippi claimed as many as 46 Roundtables not too many years ago. Those parishes and many others are still here. We can and should reach out to them and establish a Knights of Columbus presence in each parish in the State to assist our priests in every way we can.

Our membership goal for this year is to bring 430 new Knights into the Order. As of this week, we have brought in 189, only 44% of the goal. What is more significant, however, is that we lost 150 through suspensions. When we account for withdrawals and deaths, our membership has shrunk by 110 compared to last year. There are fewer men in the Mississippi Jurisdiction this year than last year. We can do better in membership as well.

Timely submission of forms, especially the important Form 1728, the Report of Fraternal Activities, is a continuing problem. However, I can say that as of today, we are only one council short of 100% submission. Thanks to all you Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies for your efforts in getting these forms submitted.

We started this year with 59 active councils. However, Council 6555 in Shelby was consolidated with Council 5556 in Cleveland. As you might know, the Shelby council

and the surrounding area has been having difficulties for several years, and this merger was not unexpected.

As far as good things in the Jurisdiction, there are many items to report. We are about to start a new council in Poplarville, and it should be underway before the end of June. This will bring us back to 59 councils. In addition, there is work underway in at least one additional area.

One of the strengths of our Jurisdiction is our ceremonials. I would like to give a special thanks to the members of our First, and especially our Second and Third degree teams, and to our ceremonial chairs, PSD's Tom Chady and Rich Lieding, for the time they put in to insure a first-rate experience to our members.

I mentioned above that this is the Year of the Priest. Several councils have held appreciation dinners for their priest and religious. At least one Council made use of the Prayer for Priests distributed by Supreme, distributing these before Mass and leading the prayer after Mass. Many councils participated in the RSVP program and supported one or more seminarians, not only financially, but with their prayers and letters of support. In June, one of the members of the Starkville Council, Deacon Scott Thomas, will be ordained. Mississippi has a history of supporting the education of future priests through the Bishop Gerow Fund. Last year, we gave our bishops almost \$93,000 with 47 of the 59 councils involved. Our Bishop Gerow chairman, Don Cox, will let us know this year's results later.

The primary principle of our Order is Charity, and we have done an outstanding job in that area. In September 2009, a typhoon hit the Philippines. Later, in January 2010, a devastating earthquake struck Haiti. Both countries were, and still are, in severe distress. Many Mississippi councils provided financial support for both of these disasters. We are called to assist the poor and the most vulnerable in our society. You have done that with programs to raise money and materials for local food pantries and supplied the manpower to work there. You have held numerous fundraisers and collected materials to support local pregnancy crisis centers. You have sponsored programs to pray for an end to abortion. Several councils sponsored pro-life programs for the parish and the local community with invited speakers from state-wide pro-life organizations. This past year, our Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PID Program or "Tootsie Roll Drive") brought in about \$71,000 which was distributed to organizations throughout the State to help people with physical and mental disabilities.

Councils have sponsored many excellent programs in the six activity areas of the Knights. You have visited local hospitals and held Christmas parties for the children there. You visited veterans' homes and retirement homes, and prepared a special meal for the residents, or just spent some time with them talking and sharing stories. You distributed Christmas baskets, helping make a happy time for many families that would otherwise have had little to eat and no presents for the children. You helped homeless veterans on the coast by collecting and distributing personal hygiene products. You celebrated family life with cookouts and campouts. You supported your parishes by raising money for the building projects, or by doing the building yourselves. You helped the widows of departed brother Knights by fixing up their homes.

You did all these and many more activities not because you had to, not because you were looking for some reward, but because they were the right thing to do. Because if you did not do them, no one else would. Albert Einstein said, "Try not to become a man of success, but a man of value." You have proven yourselves men of value. I congratulate you.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Sukanek  
State Deputy

*Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing: Keep Focus*

*New Year: Resolutions not to lose weight or read more, but to work at being examples of good men, role models for others; resolve to be better Catholics, true to our vocations in marriage. Primary principle is charity, greatest of all virtues. Keep true to that principle*

## State Secretary's Report

Reverend Bishops, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for giving me the privilege of serving you this past year as State Secretary. As I have progressed through the various positions of office I have found that the duties of serving you as a State Officer get harder and harder every year. We, your State Officers, have done our best to serve you to the best of our abilities this past year and I hope that my small contributions have helped move our State forward.

At the 2009 State Convention the delegates told us they wanted the State to participate in the Supreme sponsored liability insurance provided by R.C. Knox Inc. We accomplished that in July of 2009. The State Secretary was tasked with tracking and billing the participating. When the program started, we had 36 Councils participating with 3 more Councils adding on later in the year. This appears to be a good program and hopefully we will be able to continue offering it in future years.

As I mentioned earlier, the various positions within the State seem to get harder and harder as years go by. This year was no different. However, the hardest part for me this year was preparing the Necrology for the Convention memorial mass. We lost 93 Brother Knights and Ladies this year. They have been good friends to all of us and will be sorely missed. Listed below is a list of our Brothers and Ladies who have gone on to their eternal rewards:

### Council

802	Meridian	Larry McCoy Jack Schons Kathleen Semmes Russell G. Smothers Michael R. Carson
898	Vicksburg	Curtis M. Odom Charles R. Lestage Ralph A. Bendinelli Robert C. King Jr. Paul F. Franco John A. Deviroux Robert K. Foley III
1034	Natchez	Louis H. Denton, PGK Thomas K. Bartley John J. Pitchford Peter T. Burns PGK
1244	Biloxi	Julius D. Broussard, PGK Donald Laughlin Alvah E. Foretich

1522	Bay St Louis	Jack Hasling Edgar Belsom Richard P. Hagen Elroy F. Scott Thomas F. Monti Mark Blackledge Joseph F. Urban William A Staeale Addison Bounds Bradfoed Monroe
1583	Gulfport	Earl Babst Frank Bertucci Slyvian Carver John F. Coyne Pasqual Curro Dominic Denicola, PGK Charles Funk Sr.
1605	Pascagoula	Alvin Huyett Frederick T. Clark, PGK Henry Bullock Wallie W. Cox, PGK Anton B. Kaplan
1908	Hattiesburg	Dr. Larry Bellipanni Frank DiGiovanni
2134	Greenville	Jerry A. Hendrick Carl J. Wuestenhoefer Jr.
2180	Laurel	William B. Sanderson Curtis H. Allen
2945	Leland	Paxton B. Johnson Michael A Koury Sam J, Molino
4898	Long Beach	Charles D. Avery Gerald J. Catalano Rodney L. Fortenberry
5267	Greenwood	Orlando Fratesi, PGK Britton Thomas

5654	Ocean Springs	Bennie DeSantis Donald Graham Donald Benezue Bennett Trenouth
6872	Picayune	Sidney Graf, PFN John L. Guidry Thomas A. Wedig Jr., FDD, PFN Nicholas Wagner Joyce Dupre, Ladies Aux.
7120	Southaven	Jessie Morris Sr.
7211	Lumberton	Wilson J. John GK Robert C. Lepine Margaret Goellner
7854	Clinton	Marbara Averitt
77974 8038	Columbus Pearl	Leland G. Reichelt, PGK Edward J. Powers Gordon R. Cowie John H. Bradley
8054	McComb	Larry W. Faulk, PGK
8760	Holly Springs	Walter F. Walls
8848	Tupelo	Pick Noble FDD Robert McDade
9094	D'Iberville	James "Jimmy" White
9124	Gautier	Diana Gollott
9543	Madison	Francis C. Carey
9673	Woolmarket	MSGR Andrew Murray Janet Stockert Janet Seidule
10216	Brandon	John "Jack" Ramsdell
10499	Ocean Springs	Frank Hilt Bill Quinn

10901	Oxford	Thomas Strottman Graham Heleniak
11541	Gulfport St James	George W. Ewing
11654	Wiggins	John R. Ward, PGK, PFN, FDD William "Bill" Sokolowski
11956	Tylertown	David Roger Ronald Forester Sr.
13502	Batesville	Jimmie Griffen, PGK

May they and all our Brothers and Ladies who have gone before, rest in peace.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Schmuck  
State Secretary

## State Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$43,666.44
INCOME	
Per Capita	\$42,976.03
Insurance Assessments	\$7,780.00
Bishop R.O. Gerow Fund	\$88,535.83
Christopher Fund Donations	\$2,151.00
Car Tag Receipts	\$4,368.00
Christmas Card Proceeds	\$0.00
Pro-Life	\$10,503.60
Exemplification Fees	\$1,624.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,255.47
State Convention	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$160,193.93
EXPENSES	
Bishop Gerow Fund	\$88,035.43
Christopher Fund	\$0.00
Pro-Life	\$9,131.60
State Convention	\$31,080.60
State Officer Expenses	\$4,282.68
Program Expenses	\$3,472.65
Membership Expenses	\$946.27
Bank Charge	\$19.25
Ceremonial Expense	\$3,213.89
Donations	\$3,023.60
License, Permits, Professional Fees	\$550.00
Mass Cards	\$240.00
Misc. Expense (DD's, shirts, nametags)	\$2,168.81
Postage & Shipping	\$89.89
Printing & Publications	\$1,419.76
Subscriptions	\$85.00
Supplies	\$378.42
Insurance Premium	\$8,586.00
Supreme Convention	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$156,723.85
End Balance	\$47,136.52
NET GAIN/LOSS FOR YEAR	\$3,470.08

Respectfully Submitted,

David Scott  
State Treasurer

## **State Advocate's Report**

My Brother Knights,

It has been my privilege to serve as your State Advocate this year. I am pleased to report that we have encountered no major problems that needed to be resolved with this office.

Some of the areas that have been a focus involved assisting Councils with bylaw questions, council assets, and how to register their Employer ID (or EIN) with Supreme, so they will be in compliance and eligible to file their 990 tax report.

On the subject of tax exempt status, all councils who have filed their EIN with Supreme are included on its list of registered Councils and therefore are under its 501C8 Tax Exempt Non-Profit umbrella. This exemption applies only to income tax, not sales tax. .

The most recent initiative from Supreme is in the area of Identity Theft. As a result, all Financial Secretaries and Comptrollers are required to remove or delete social security numbers from paper or electronic files.

I encourage every Grand Knight to request a copy of the latest Financial Secretary's Handbook. It contains excellent tidbits of information, clear and concise procedures and a very helpful FAQs section.

The highlight of the year, outside of this convention of course, was being selected as one of your delegates to the Supreme Convention in Phoenix, It was my second time to go and this one was just as exciting as the first. Two memorable things took place: First our delegation was seated 8 feet from the main speaker's podium so we were looking Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in the eyes and he was doing the same to us. The second was Mississippi being one of the delegations to second the motion to add Pro-Life as the 6<sup>th</sup> Surge Program.

A lighter moment was noticing a Bishop two rows back wearing a cowboy hat during the meeting. I ran into him at lunch and asked about how he got away with it. He looked up, smiled and said.. "Son.. I'm from Texas... We all wear them".....then added.... "Of course I'm a Bishop too".

We wear name tags that say who we are. How we live our faith says what we are.

I thank you again, for this opportunity and look forward to assisting you whenever the need arises.

Vivat Jesus.

Jim McCraw

### **State Warden's Report**

Brothers, last year you elected Brother William "Bill" Waggoner as your State Warden. Unfortunately for us, an opportunity for Bill to improve his employment position came up and he was forced to choose between his elected position and advancement. Bill resigned his position and the State Officers were put in the position to elect his replacement. That weekend, I was humble when they elected me to fill this important position.

As you can imagine, there was quite a difference between this year's Schools of Columbianism and the Mid-winter meetings. Prior to this summer's Schools of Columbianism, it was all about preparing a meaningful "Membership" program for the enlightenment of the classes. In just a few short months, however, in the Mid-winters, I was preparing the Membership program and worrying about the set-up and protocol of the meetings themselves. It was a challenge but one I fully enjoyed.

I want thank all of you who have expressed your support and for the many invitations Patty & I received to attend your functions. Attendance is not always possible because Patty shares in the care of her mother, but the invitation is always appreciated. I would also like to thank my fellow State Officers for their support and tutelage. Thanks go out to Elvis Gates (State Program Director) and Roger Fetters (DD #11) my traveling companions. Thanks to my brothers and biggest supporters, the members of my home council, 9094 D'Iberville. Special thanks go to Larry Tabor (State Master & PSD) and Danny Lechner (IPSD) for their mentorship. Very special thanks to my tolerant wife Patty and to my children Jessica and Drew.

My goal, for the upcoming Fraternal Year, is to be more visible in your councils and activities. I have been humbled once again by your support and by being elected to another year of service for the Mississippi jurisdiction, as Warden. I will do my very best to live up to your expectations and please do not hesitate to contact me, if I can be of assistance. I am in your service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Noel A. Aucoin Jr.  
State Warden

### **Immediate Past State Deputy's Report**

Your Excellencies, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy General Agent, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Delegates, and brother Knights.

It has been an honor to have served as your IPSD this year. My duties began in July, when our Worthy State Deputy appointed me as the State New Council Development chairman and State Round Table chairman.

Under New Council development, due to the hard work of District Deputy Ben Velasquez, we are in process of forming a new council in Poplarville. There are 3 other areas that we are exploring that look promising.

The Supreme Knight and our Worthy State Deputy have stressed the importance of our involvement in all Parishes in the State. The reason for the involvement is to support the Priest in all Parishes. In order to accomplish this goal we must have roundtables or councils established in every parish.

As for Roundtables, we are in better shape than last year, but have a long way to go. Our roundtable goal for this year is 45. As of the latest report, we have 18. It will take strong leadership from Grand Knights to assure the submittal of the required paperwork in order for us to achieve this year's goal by June 30.

In closing, I would like to read a message that I received from a brother Past State Deputy.

Brothers, life is too short to wake up with regrets.

So love the people who treat you right.

Love the ones who don't, just because you can.

Believe everything happens for a reason.

If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands.

If it changes your life, let it.

Kiss slowly.

Forgive quickly.

God never said life would be easy. He just promised it would be worth it.

May God bless you and your families.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Lechner

Immediate Past State Deputy

#### **Fourth Degree Master's Report**

Your Excellencies Bishop Latino and Bishop Morin,  
Reverend Fathers,  
Worthy Supreme Director,  
Worthy State Officers,  
Worthy District Deputies,  
Worthy Delegates to the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus,  
My brothers All:

It is indeed a pleasure to be with you in Natchez this weekend. Many thanks go out to the Natchez Council and the convention committee for their hard work in planning and executing this convention. I know how exciting it is to bid for and be selected as host council for the State convention, but I also know brothers that you all breathe a sigh of relief come Monday morning!

Since my appointment as District Master by then State Deputy Danny Lechner, I have done what I could do to support and uphold the vision and goals of the Fourth Degree in this State. As you all know, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and loyalty of, and loyalty to, our country's democracy through active membership in our Assemblies.

My service as District Master has been more than a title. It has been an honor. During my term, I witnessed a great show of patriotism and outstanding community involvement by our Assemblies, Honor Guard, and Color Corps. Moreover, I see a group of Catholic gentlemen working together towards a common goal.

Together - we stand firm in support of our Order through dedicated personal development and continued honor of our brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance and encouragement.

Together - we proudly serve our country through serving our communities and we are good-citizen Knights -- leading by example.

Together - we uphold unwavering support to our faith by doing what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious freedom.

Together - we honor the legacy of Knighthood through service of our Color Corps and Honor Guard that presents a visible reminder of our service to our community.

I firmly believe the Mississippi Fourth Degree has much more to go before it can reach its fullest potential. Less than 25% of our council members are Fourth Degree Knights and even a lesser number are truly active. If more of our elected Assemblies officers would make it a point to actively carry out their duties and responsibilities, our membership would no doubt flourish. If more Assembly Officers would make it a point to provide an update during the Third Degree monthly business meetings, chances are our Fourth Degree membership would grow.

Just like the Third Degree, it is a proven fact that if the organization has well-planned, interesting activities for their members, they will gladly participate and other Catholic men would be interested in joining. The Assembly is an important part of a council and likewise, the council is a definitely a living part of the Assembly. I encourage you to

work together as a team; coordinate your activities, plan for special occasions, dress out for Corporate Communion Masses, and be active and patriotic Knights.

Everyone would agree with me that our Fourth Degree Exemplifications are absolutely necessary for our membership to grow. I sincerely appreciate every Assembly who has hosted or is planning on hosting an exemplification in the upcoming months. It takes a lot of planning and coordination, as well as a strong recruitment effort by all. Taking into consideration the current economic slump, I understand the difficulty some of our potential candidates may have finding the discretionary funds needed to cover the Fourth Degree exemplification fees. Those fees, coupled with a rental charge or purchase price of a tuxedo, can be expensive especially at a time when the family's needs take priority. Please be mindful of this issue when approaching potential candidates.

In closing, may I thank Past State Deputy Danny Lechner for the opportunity to serve as your District Master and State Deputy Peter Sukanek for his support during my term. I am also grateful for the Sir Knights who serve as District Marshals. Many thanks to the Sir Knights who function as Honor Guards or members of the Color Corps—you serve our Order well. I would be remiss if I did not thank the officers and members of my home council and Assembly in D'Iberville for their outstanding support. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. It has been a pleasure serving you.

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus is a great organization—share our brotherhood with eligible Catholic men—don't be shy to ask a man to join. Continue to pray for and take care of our Bishops, Priests, and religious. Keep Father McGivney's dream alive.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY J. TABOR, PSD  
District Master  
Mississippi Fourth Degree

## STATE PROGRAM CHAIR REPORTS

### **State Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report**

On behalf of the "Persons with Intellectual Disabilities", thank you to all 31 Councils who contributed to the annual fundraiser for their benefit. The money received by the Knights of Columbus PID Fund the past year was \$71,013.23. Of this amount \$10,000.00 was distributed by the State Officers at the annual meeting of the Foundation this past January. \$53,634.95 was returned to the Councils to be given to their local facilities. Expenses this year were \$310.58.

I must remind you that I must receive a "audit" form and a "distribution" form along with your check to complete your transaction. This is for our records in case of a audit by the IRS or other government authority. Please cooperate with us on this.

This year the Council that turned in the largest amount was #8848 in Tupelo. That amount was \$8492.00. Council #8912 Corinth contributed the largest amount per member of \$61.19. Congratulations to these Councils for their hard work on this program.

The date for the 2010-11 campaign will be week of May 16-22. I will have purchased the "special event insurance" for this date.

On behalf of the "Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" in Mississippi, thank you who helped raised funds for the various activities and programs we help support.

Vivat Jesus,

James W (Jim) Farris, Executive Director

### **State Squires Report**

Squire Chairman, Tom Chady PSD, reported that although only one circle was actively operating (Vicksburg), he did note that through G.K. Bill Singletary's help that a circle at St. Therese in Jackson was beginning to re-activate. They even sponsored the council's Free throw contest in February.

Chady also noted that he had been approached by several council leaders which indicated to him the new circles maybe forthcoming fairly quickly.

### **Father Michael McGivney Guild Chairman's report**

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year our Jurisdiction had 874 members of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. What is surprising to me in this day of rising prices is that every member of our Jurisdiction is not a member of the Guild. It is totally free and through your participation you support the ongoing process of making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession. How can we as Knights not do everything in our power to assist the Church and the Order in seeing our Venerable Founder raised to the honor of the Alter? I remind you that membership is free. And you can join via the K of C website ([WWW.KofC.org](http://WWW.KofC.org)) or by "snail mail". I ask you to consider joining the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild as soon as possible! Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Zettler,  
Chairman

P.S. DID I MENTION THAT IT'S FREE??

### **State Church Director's Report**

**NO REPORT**

### **State Family Director's Report**

As Family Director I sent out monthly messages congratulating each Family and council that were picked by Supreme as the Family of the month. I also sent a message asking all of the councils to try and turn in a family.

I had several conversations and correspondence with various councils during the year on not getting credit from Supreme, for turning in a Family, which I had Supreme correct the problem. We did have more Councils this year then the previous year that turned in a Family.

Respectively  
Carl Brochard  
State Family Director

### **State Community Director's Report**

**NO REPORT**

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman Report**

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers:

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was another success. Fifteen Councils took part in selling over 921 boxes of cards and car magnets promoting the true meaning of Christmas. I would like to thank all the participating Councils and their dedicated Chairmen for a job well done. I encourage the rest of the Councils to take part in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. Please help promote the true meaning of Christmas – The Birth of Jesus Christ.

The Mississippi State Council made \$530.50. At this time I would like to present a check to our State Deputy, Peter Sukanek.

The top five producing Council awards go to:

Council 14051	Olive Branch
Council 7910	Orange Grove
Council 4898	Long Beach
Council 10216	Brandon
Council 9543	Madison

Thank you.  
Nat Zummo

### **Bishop R.O. Gerow Fund Report**

2009-2010 WAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE BISHOP GEROW (PRIEST EDUCATION) PROGRAM. MY SINCERE THANKS GO TO ALL OF YOU WHO WORKED SO VERY HARD TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF OUR SEMINIARIANS.

THERE WERE ONLY 7 COUNCILS IN EACH DIOCESE WHO DID NOT MAKE A DONATION. TO THESE COUNCILS I SUGGEST WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES PLAN ONE FUNCTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

TO THOSE COUNCILS WHO MADE DONATIONS I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN TUPELO IN 2011. GOD BLESS YOU.

VIVAT JESUS  
DON COX  
CHAIRMAN  
BISHOP GEROW PROGRAM

Summary of Bishop R.O. Gerow Fund Donations

DIOCESE OF BILOXI  
COUNCILS

District	Number	Council	2008	2009	2010	Total
11	1244	Biloxi	44,837	1,000	1,000	46,837
9	1522	Pere LeDue-Bay St. Louis	33,802			33,802
10	1583	Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	88,064			88,064
12	1605	Msgr. P. J. Carey- Pascagoula	140,077	450	20	140,547
8	1908	Bishop Fahey- Hattiesburg	30,743	4,000	3,000	37,743
8	2180	Laurel	52,530	5,000	5,000	62,530
10	4472	Msgr. Leech-Pass Christian	11,304		800	12,104
10	4898	St. Vincent DePaul- Long Beach	92,390	3,000	1,000	96,390
12	5654	Fred L. Westbrook Sr.- Ocean Springs	31,539	4,100	3,000	38,639
7	6592	Fr. Malachy Burns- Bassfield	2,460			2,460
9	6872	Oscar J. Gelphi- Picayune	71,397	6,960	6,010	84,367
9	7087	Fr. A. C. Denis-Kiln	12,112	1,500	1,500	15,112
8	7211	Our Lady Of Perpetual Help-Lumberton	50,617	500	2,000	53,117
10	7910	Fr. Harry Wade-Orange Grove	2,681	300		2,981
11	9094	Fr. Patrick McAlpine- D'Iberville	17,145	3,000	5,000	25,145
12	9124	St. Mary-Gautier	10,847	500	1,000	12,347
11	9409	Reinhart Schroeder- West Biloxi	22,514	2,000	1,000	25,514
11	9673	James D. Hart- Woolmarket	8,650	1,274	714	10,638
9	9958	St. Ann-Lizana	5,270	200	250	5,720
12	10499	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy-Ocean Springs	7,376	1,000	1,020	9,396
10	11541	St. James-Gulfport	5,954	1,000	500	7,454
8	11654	Fr. Paul Gillis-Wiggins	5,791	700	581	7,072
12	11904	St. Lucy-Lucedale	899	500	500	1,899
8	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn- Tylertown	9,230	419	518	10,167
9	11995	Fr. R.J. Sorin-West Harrison	3,873	1,475		5,348
12	12166	Sacred Heart- Pascagoula	3,607	50		3,657

10	12271	St. Joseph the Worker- See Bee Base	31,371	575	570	32,516
9	12331	Sacred Heart-Dedeaux	871	1,224	1,451	3,546
8	13936	St. Jude-Columbia	3,338	1,300		4,638
	Number		801,289	42,027	36,436	46,837

#### ASSEMBLIES

	Number	Assemblies	2008	2009	2010	Totals
	556	Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	-	3,509	0.00	
	557	Biloxi			0.00	200
	561	Msgr. P. J. Carey- Gautier	-	400	0.00	125
	562	Bishop Fahen- Hattiesburg	-	100	0.00	
	563	Arthur F. Axton-Laurel	100	2,200	100.00	100
	1719	Msgr. John P. O'Connor-Long Beach	-	3,700	0.00	
	2059	Fr. Francis Deignan- Ocean Springs	150	3,306	250.00	
	2227	Fr. Michael Leane- Picayune	3,370	17,042	4,180.37	2,734
	2284	St. Ann-Lizana/Gulfport	-	610	0.00	
	2347	Paul R. Depew-Orange Grove	-	250	0.00	
	2558	St. James-Gulfport	-	500	0.00	
	2759	Gulfport			500.00	550
	2969	Tylertown				125
	2971	Paul Bacon - Wiggins			0.00	
	3007	Mark Landry - D'Iberville			0.00	450
		Assemblies Totals	3,620	31,617	5,030.37	4,284

#### AUXILLIARIES

	Number	Auxiliaries	2008	2009	2010	Totals
	1244	Biloxi	-	0.00		900.00
	1522	Pere LeDue-Bay St. Louis	-	0.00		335.00
	1583	Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	-	0.00		2,925.00
	1605	Msgr. P. J. Carey- Pascagoula	-	0.00		2,050.00
	4472	Msgr. Leech-Pass Christian	-	0.00		775.00
	4898	St. Vincent DePaul- Long Beach	-	0.00	150.00	1,550.00
	5654	Fred L. Westbrook Sr.- Ocean Springs	-	0.00		225.00
	7910	Fr. Harry Wade-Orange Grove	-	0.00		200.00
	9094	Fr. Patrick McAlpine- D'Iberville	500	500.00	500.00	3,513.00

	9409	Reinhart Schroeder- West Biloxi	500	150.00		650.00
	9958	St. Ann-Lizana	-	100.00	100.00	1,100.00
	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn- Tylertown	-	0.00		700.00
	11995	Fr. R. J. Sorin-West Harrison	-	25.00		125.00
	13936	St. Jude-Columbia	200	200.00		800.00
		State Ladies Auxiliary	-	0.00	250.00	3,300.00
		Auxiliary Totals	1,200	975.00	1,000.00	19,148.00

	<i>DIOCESE OF BILOXI TOTALS</i>			48,033.10		
	Christopher Fund Totals			1,184.23	1,639.00	5,921.23
	Automobile Raffle Totals			0.00		38,686.00
	Other Contribution Totals				113.00	13,731.00
	<i>DIOCESE OF BILOXI TOTALS</i> (INCLUDES CHRISTOPER FUND)			49,217.33	43,472.18	998,045.51

**DIOCESE OF JACKSON  
COUNCILS**

District	Number	Council	2008	2009	2010	Totals
4	802	Msgr. John J. Burns- Meridian	2,000	3,010.00	11,380.00	57,313.00
5	848	John T. Savage- Jackson	1,000	2,000.00	1,250.00	42,255.00
5	898	Vicksburg	3,004	3,000.00	2,000.00	107,554.00
7	1034	Bishop R.O. Gerow- Natchez	1,500	3,500.00	3,000.00	66,147.00
3	2134	Fr. Korstenbrock- Greenville	1,200	2,400.00	1,000.00	83,894.00
3	2945	C. G. Shapley-Leland	500	500.00	500.00	27,012.00
2	2969	Msgr. James T. McKenna-Clarksdale	-	0.00		37,070.00
3	5267	Msgr. John F. Clerico- Greenwood	1,005	3,000.00	2,240.00	39,462.00
3	5556	Fr. Rotondo-Cleveland	1,000	1,000.00	1,200.00	25,650.00
2	6555	Shelby	-	0.00		10,160.00
4	6765	Fr. John P. Egan- Starkville	500	1,000.00	2,500.00	9,275.00
2	7120	Hernando DeSoto- Southaven	1,000	1,150.00	800.00	15,188.00
5	7854	Holy Savior-Clinton	500	500.00	500.00	9,411.00
7	7915	Joseph Bonfiglio- Brookhaven	1,500	2,200.00		30,950.00
4	7974	W. H. Jolly-Columbus	100	0.00	100.00	5,025.00
6	8038	St. Jude Centennial- Pearl	100	100.00	100.00	3,604.00

7	8054	Charles R. Brill-McComb	1,600	400.00	500.00	11,320.00
5	8285	St. Therese-Jackson	-	0.00		3,770.00
1	8760	St. Joseph-Holly Springs	-	0.00		2,750.00
1	8848	Fr. Robert Reitmeier-Tupleo	1,000	1,500.00	2,000.00	18,200.00
1	8912	St. James the Less-Corinth	250	250.00	250.00	4,289.00
3	9234	Indianola	-	150.00		4,640.00
6	9543	St. Francis of Assisi-Madison	5,000	7,000.00	5,546.25	56,191.25
6	10216	St. Paul-Brandon	-	1,000.00	1,251.00	18,351.00
2	10443	Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	1,550	1,500.00	2,021.00	15,735.00
1	10901	St. John-Oxford	-	250.00	250.00	2,650.00
6	11934	St. Joseph-Gluckstadt	1,637	1,792.00	2,312.00	11,028.00
4	13471	Fr. Raphael Toner-Philadelphia	-	0.00	100.00	100.00
2	13502	Fr. Thomas Boyce-Batesville	-	0.00		974.00
2	14051	Fr. Leo John Dehon-Olive Branch	100	0.00	300.00	450.00
		Council Totals	26,046	37,202.00	41,100.25	720,418.25

#### ASSEMBLIES

	Number	Council	2008	2009	2010	Totals
	554	Bishop R.O. Gerow-Jackson	-	0.00		3,240.00
	555	Msgr. J. Igoe-Greenville/Leland	1,000	1,200.00	1,500.00	67,709.00
	558	Vicksburg	1,300	900.00	800.00	12,450.00
	559	August J. Stone-Natchez	-	0.00		775.00
	1251	Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	500	500.00		5,550.00
	1503	Dr. William F. LaForge-Cleveland	200	200.00		2,950.00
	1569	Greenwood	-	0.00		1,265.00
	2131	Fr. Clarence J. Meyer-Tupelo	-	50.00	50.00	2,300.00
	2195	Fr. Gregory Bezy-Southaven	200	200.00	200.00	3,670.00
	2269	Bishop Brunini-Brandon/Madison	400	400.00	400.00	7,166.00
	2495	Oxford		0.00		0.00
	2734	Sir Knight Eugene T. Hicks-Starkville	600	200.00	500.00	1,840.00
	2913	Pope John Paul II-Corinth	250	250.00	350.00	1,200.00

	2916	Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	100	100.00	150.00	550.00
	2969	Tylertown		0.00	125.00	125.00
	3081	Our Lady Queen of Peace-Olive Branch	100	150.00	100.00	350.00
		Assemblies Totals	4,650	4,150.00	4,175.00	111,140.00

#### AUXILLIARIES

	Number	Auxiliaries	Totals	2009	2010	Totals
	802	Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	-	0.00		4,100.00
	848	John T. Savage-Jackson	-	0.00		25.00
	898	Vicksburg	-	0.00		60.00
	1034	Bishop R. O. Gerow-Natchez	-	0.00		200.00
	2134	Fr. Korstenbroek-Greenville	400	500.00	500.00	7,600.00
	6765	Fr. John P. Egan-Starkville	-	0.00		90.00
	7120	Hernando DeSoto-Southaven	-	0.00		825.00
	7854	Holy Savior-Clinton	500	600.00	500.00	3,110.00
	10216	St. Paul-Brandon	-	0.00		50.00
	10443	Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	-	0.00		225.00
	11934	Gluckstadt	-	0.00	100.00	100.00
		State Ladies Auxiliary	-	0.00	250.00	3,525.00
		Auxiliaries Totals	900	1,100.00	1,350.00	19,910.00

	<i><u>DIOCESE OF JACKSON TOTALS</u></i>			42,452.00		
	Christopher Fund Totals			1,184.22	1,639.00	11,115.22
	Automobile Raffle Totals			0.00		54,677.00
	Other Contribution Totals			0.00	77.00	11,150.00

	<i><b>DIOCESE OF JACKSON TOTALS</b></i>			43,636.22	48,341.25	928,410.47
	<i>(INCLUDES CHRISTOPER FUND)</i>					

## State Pro-Life Couples Report

Let us express our thanks to State Deputy, Peter Sukanek for asking us to serve our brother Knights and their families for this fraternal year as your Prolife Couple for the Mississippi State Council as we endeavor to develop and foster a greater appreciation for the Culture of Life and all the issues that it entails.

Through the fraternal year have tried to alert our councils to various Prolife activities via E-mail to encourage their active participation. It is my firm belief that faithful Catholic families desire to and will get involve in prolife causes but they stumble on how to do so. With that thought in mind, our focus has been to provide the council leaders with concrete ideas at the three times of the year when all councils are represented - the Schools of Columbianism, the Mid-Year Meetings and at the State Convention.

We encouraged all Councils to use the Respect Life 2009 packets printed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops which are distributed by the Supreme Council to all Financial Secretaries each September for use in October – Respect Life Month. These packets are also sent to each parish. This effort is funded by the Knights of Columbus.

The following is a list of our activities for the July 2008 – June 2009 Fraternal Year

- Participated as a member of the planning team for 2009 Grillin' for Life fundraiser.
- Sent Emails for statewide distribution through our Good of the Order distribution list on prolife matters and issues.
- Member of the new Prolife Committee of Catholic Charities in Jackson. Helped develop a Catholic Charities prolife brochure.
- Vice President of Birthright of Jackson. Quarterly Board of Director's meetings.
- Responded to prolife information request by Roy Guy from Olive Branch Council 14051
- Shipped "Defend Life" KC signs to coastal councils for use in annual Prayer Chain.
- Distributed prolife information and materials at the Mid Winter Meetings in January 2010 and discussed the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund.
- Distributed prolife information at the 2010 State Convention

At the 2009 School of Columbianism we provided each Grand Knight, District Deputy and State Officer with prolife brochures and literature and provided the following ideas:

1. **Encourage your members to pray** for an increased Respect for Life among people.
2. **Contact the nearest Crisis Pregnancy Counseling Center** on the enclosed sheet and ask them what you can do for their organization. Involve your youth minister in any project done to benefit this center.
3. **Make a small donation to the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Statewide Fund.** Surely every council, assembly and ladies auxiliary can afford an annual \$25.00 donation. Since 2001 only 32 councils (58%), 3 assemblies (12%) and 1 ladies auxiliary (5%) have ever donated to this statewide Knights of Columbus fund!
4. **Use the prolife search engine powered by Google** - go to <http://www.prolifeinternet.com/>
5. **Use the 2009 Respect Life information mailed to each Financial Secretary** in September 2009 from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our Supreme Council funded this effort.

6. **Pray for a growing Respect For Life. Pray to end Abortion and the Death Penalty. Start every Rosary you and your council says with those intentions.** Examples of Prolife Rosaries are attached.
7. **Educate your council, assembly and ladies auxiliary members on the Catholic teachings and beliefs on these subjects by asking your pastor to talk at one of your meetings or in your adult education program.**
8. **Express to other that you are prolife by wearing a precious feet lapel pin, or by putting a Prolife Bumper Sticker on your vehicles.**
9. **Hold a fundraiser and donate the money to a local prolife group or the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund.** Since 2001 only 32 councils (58%), 3 assemblies (12%) and 1 ladies auxiliary (5%) have donated to this statewide Knights of Columbus fund. Our goal should be 100% participation. Try to donate at least \$25.00 to this fund annually
10. **Use prolife checks.** Attached are examples of prolife checks - use as a handout to provide to your members your meetings. Prolife checks are at:  
**Order from Heritage House '76**  
Online <http://www.hh76.com/>  
By Phone: 1-**800-858-3040** 8 am to 4:30 pm MST  
By Mail:  
 Heritage House '76  
 919 S. Main Street  
 Snowflake, AZ 85937

**DO NOT ORDER FROM LIFE CHECKS IN JOPPA, MISSOURI - THEY ALSO PRINT FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD.**

11. **Switch to a phone company that donates a portion of your bill to Prolife organizations.**  
 Make your church office aware that Verizon, Bell South, SBC, AT& T and Sprint match employee contributions to Planned Parenthood - the largest abortion provider in the US. These companies also sponsor gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employee groups. In 2003 AT & T and MCI reported over 1 billion dollars in dial-a-porn revenue. Did you know that by doing business with these companies you are helping them support these causes? **Viable, alternative phone service providers do exist.**  
 ProLife Communications 1-877- 878-5433; [www.prolifecomm.com](http://www.prolifecomm.com)
12. **Sponsor a child in a developing nation for \$30.00/month or make a donation.**  
 The Christian Foundation for Children and Aging whose program is grounded in Catholic Social Teaching. Christian Foundation for Children & Aging, 1-800-875-6564; [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org)
13. **Consider applying for a Catholic-affinity credit card** that donates a portion of it's profits to Catholic organizations. Once such card is issued by Catholic University of America Mastercard© issued by Bank of America.
14. **Invest your money in mutual funds that only buy stock in companies that support Catholic values and teachings.** Contact the following companies.

Ave Maria Funds

1-866-AVE-MARIA

[www.avemariafund.com](http://www.avemariafund.com)[http://www.aquinasfunds.com/catholic\\_value\\_investing.php](http://www.aquinasfunds.com/catholic_value_investing.php)

Email: [info@avemariafund.com](mailto:info@avemariafund.com)

Epiphany Funds

1-800-320-2185

<http://www.epiphanyfund.com/Philosophy.htm>

The Catholic Investor Newsletter

Trinity Fiduciary Partners

1-866-716-0077

\$39.99/yr by E-mail

\$49.00/yr by regular mail

Financial Advisors using Catholic Investment Guidelines

[http://www.veritasfinancialministries.com/about\\_veritas.asp](http://www.veritasfinancialministries.com/about_veritas.asp)

<http://www.provitaadvisors.com/>

<http://www.investcatholic.com/>

Investment Guidelines from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

<http://www.usccb.org/finance/srig.shtml>

15. **Become a blood or platelet donor or organ donor. Hold a blood drive at your church.**
16. **Do volunteer work at a hospital or nursing home. Visit nursing home patients.** Ask your local nursing home how you can hold an activity at their location.
17. **Vote for Pro-life candidates. Support Pro-life and Pro-family legislation.**
18. **Order and sell or have your youth group sell “Life is Precious” and “Pro-life” rubber bracelets to show others that you are Pro-life. Donate the money to a Pro-life organization. Heritage House is probably your best source of pro-life items. Request a free catalog or visit their extensive website.**

Heritage House ‘76    1-800-858-3040  
www.hh76.com        Email: [hertiage@hh76.com](mailto:hertiage@hh76.com)
19. **Go to the Supreme website and learn about the KC pro-life activities** and check out the links provided there.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/activities/culture/programs.html>
20. **Learn about the Church’s position on Capital Punishment.**

Catholic United Against Capital Punishment  
[www.cacp.org](http://www.cacp.org)
21. **Boycott companies that either engage in activities that are contrary to Catholic Church teachings or provide donations to organizations that violate the teachings of the Catholic Church.** Life Decisions International has a list of these companies. Go to the following link to learn about economic boycotts:

<http://www.fightpp.org/show.cfm?page=economic>  
To order the Boycott List (\$21.95 for first copy and \$3.95 for additional copies) go to:  
<http://www.fightpp.org/show.cfm?page=creditUS>  
And follow the ordering instructions:

Life Decisions International

P.O. Box 439  
Front Royal, VA 22630-0009  
Tel: 540-631-0380  
[ldi@fightpp.org](mailto:ldi@fightpp.org)

**22. Contact me if I can help in any way:**

Dennis Riecke w. 601-432-2207 h.601-919-2676 c.601-405-2234

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

Let us all remember that we all should pray for an increased respect for all the human life issues from the cradle to natural death among Catholics and all the people in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis & Muna Riecke,  
Statewide Pro-Life Couple

**State Programs Director's report**

TO: Worthy State Deputy Peter Sukanek

FROM: Elvis Gates, State Program Director

RE: 2009-2010 State Program Report

Worthy State Deputy,

It was my honor and privilege to serve as your State Program Director this year. Overall I believe we achieved many accomplishments this year and I hope you are pleased with the results. I know of a few areas that we can still refine for an even smoother 2010-2011 State Fraternal Year and I am looking forward to pursuing these improvements.

In summary fashion, here is what was accomplished this year:

Reports Filed –

All but 1 council filed the required Form 185 Report of Officers Chosen For The Term (9234)

All but 2 councils filed their Form 365 Report of Committee Chairmen (1583, 2969)

All but 3 councils filed Form 1295 Council Audit for 12-31-2009 (1605, 9234, 13502)

All but 1 council filed Form 1728 Survey of Fraternal Activity (2969)

All but 13 councils filed Form 4584 Special Olympics Participation (1583, 1605, 2945, 2969, 7087, 7211, 7854, 8848, 9234, 9958, 11904, 11995, 13936)

All but 5 councils had attendance at the School of Columbianism (2945, 2969, 6592, 9958, 13502)

All but 1 council had attendance at the Mid Winter Meeting (7974)

All but 13 councils filed Mid Year Reports (1583, 1605, 2945, 2969, 7087, 8054, 8848, 8912, 9234, 9958, 10449 13502, 13936)

All but 19 councils filed End of Year Reports (1244, 1583, 1605, 2945, 2969, 6592, 7120, 7211, 7854, 8054, 8848, 8912, 9234, 9958, 11654, 11995, 12166, 13502, 13936)

Even with the lack of end of year activity reports shown above, the state had reported activities as follows:

Church – 352 Council – 333 Community – 343 Family – 286 Youth – 278

As you and I discussed recently, we will examine ways to promote membership more fully through the Activities and Awards areas of our jurisdiction. I will have firmed-up suggestions for our discussion at the state leadership meeting in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elvis Gates*

State Program Director

### **State Membership Director's Report**

After last year's convention, State Deputy elect Peter Sukanek asked if I would consider stepping down as State Program Director and assume the role of State Membership Director. I readily accepted his request and together we began to put together an action plan for the 2008-2009 fraternal year. The bar had been set extremely high with our predecessors achieving "Circle of Honor". So, we knew going in that goals would be stiff, at best. With this in mind, the Worthy State Deputy appointed Immediate Past State Deputy, Danny Lechner, to assist me as Round Table Coordinator and State Retention Chairman. My predecessor, Bill Waggoner, turned over all his electronic and hard copy records to me and we were off and running.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

There were a couple of reports that the councils were used to seeing, so we felt no need to deviate from what had been handed down. However, with population shifts and varied council growth success, we found it necessary to adjust the membership limits for the different "Council Size Categories". Small Councils went to 62 members and below. Medium Councils went to 63-85 members. Large Councils were determined to be 86-160 members and Extra Large 161 and above. These divisions were based on the Supreme headcount as of 07/01/2009 and were subject to change each fraternal year. This move created much more balance within the size categories. It created 15 Small Councils, 15 Medium Councils, 14 Large Councils and 15 Extra Large Council. Supreme quotas were set relatively high this fraternal year and to help offset, Supreme set up a contest called the Membership World Series. To complement this contest and build on the momentum of the idea of March Madness, we set up our own contest. The State Membership Tournament Bracket was established. We pitted, like size, councils together in a monthly head to head membership contest. Winners, in each size division, would receive the winner cup and a place of honor at the state convention.

Our state goal for the year, based on a seven percent net gain, with the caveat for extra large and very small councils, was 430 new Knights. Despite our best effort we fell rather short of our lofty goal. Gross membership was at 251 new members. Of the 59 councils in Mississippi, 16 reached or exceeded their goal. Nine reached goal and 7 achieved top gun. Those 16 councils are listed below:

#### **COUNCILS REACHING STATE GOAL**

District #	Council #	Council Name
4	13471	Fr Raphael Toner
10	7910	Father Harry Wade
8	1908	Bishop Fahey
4	6765	Fr John P Egan
9	6872	Oscar J. Gelphi
1	8848	Fr Robert Reitmeier
11	9409	Reinhart Schroeder
6	11934	Gluckstadt - St. Joseph
11	9094	Fr. McAlpine

**TOP GUN COUNCILS**

District #	Council #	Council Name
1	8760	St Joseph's
7	8054	Charles R Brill
9	12331	Sacred Heart Dedeaux
2	14051	Father Leo John Dehon
10	4472	Monsignor Leech
1	10901	St John
6	10216	St. Paul - Brandon

As in past years, we also recognize councils by size with the highest net gain and the highest net percent gain. Those councils are:

**COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET GAIN**

Small	District 7	8054 McComb	(9)
Medium	District 10	4472 Pass Christian	(14)
Large	District 8	1908 Hattiesburg	(13)
Extra Large	District 6	10216 Brandon	(19)

**COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN**

Small	District 2	14051 Olive Branch	(17%)
Medium	District 10	4472 Pass Christian	(15%)
Large	District 4	6765 Starkville	(8%)
Extra Large	District 6	10216 Brandon	(9%)

**REGIONAL TOP PROPOSERS OF THE YEAR**

State & North	District 4	6765 Starkville	Mike Kassouf
Central	District 6	9543 Madison	Charles Wilkerson
South	District 9 District 11	12331 Dedeaux 9094 D'Iberville	Larry Necaie Roger Fetters

**NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT**

Our goal this year was to bring in two new councils, but we were not able to bring in any this year. However, there were 4 new councils in the works for development shortly after the new fraternal begins. Cities working on new councils are:

1. Poplarville
2. Jackson (St. Richard's)
3. Vanleave
4. Biloxi (Keesler Air Force Base)

**ROUND TABLE DEVELOPMENT**

With the goal in mind to establish a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish, we began a campaign to reach our goal of 45 round tables in the State. The guidelines require that any parish that has a Knight, with the permission and cooperation of the Parish

Priest, can establish a Round Table. With this in mind, our team actively encouraged all councils with affiliations in more than one Parish, to establish Round Tables. Unfortunately, we fell short of this goal also only have achieved 20.

While we struggle to keep our head above water this year, I feel we gave it our best shot. Some councils purged their rosters and are now poised to make a run at the 2010-2011 membership goals. I am encouraged by the efforts to form new councils in growing areas and fully expect next year to be successful. Good luck to the new State Membership Director Philip Jabour and know that you will have my continued support in your efforts Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Noel Aucoin  
State Membership Chairman

## CONVENTION BUSINESS

### **Remarks of Supreme Council Representative Daniel J. Baker**

Your Excellency, Worthy state officers, reverend fathers, delegates, spouses and family members, and my brother Knights: it is an honor and a great pleasure to share in your annual convention this weekend. Donna and I have always enjoyed that the Order has afforded us the opportunity to travel and make new friends. That is surely the case this weekend, and we appreciate the hospitality you have shown us. However, I think you ladies went well above and beyond the call of duty in taking Donna to every antiques store in Natchez. Hospitality should only go so far! Who has the truck going to Atlanta?

Convention time in the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity for local council leaders and their families to come together in community, compare notes, find out what other councils are doing, share successes and, most of all, honor those who have excelled, and of course to socialize. There's nothing like getting together face-to-face, even in this age of social networking!

This is a great opportunity for our wives to get to know one another, and for all of us to gather together as part of our Knights of Columbus family. After all we are a **Family Fraternal Organization**, and I've always thought of that family as a partnership. First, of course are our Brother Knights. The second member of the partnership is the clergy. Our Order was started by a parish priest, and we could not function without the participation and support of our priests and bishops. For that I thank all our clergy for what you do for our Church and our Order. The remaining partner is probably the most important—our wives and families. That we could not begin to accomplish our many goals without the involvement and support of our families goes without question. Sometimes you may be planting a tree or serving a meal with us, or maybe running a raffle or, on occasion, you might even say “go do something with the Knights and get out of my hair!” Whatever it is, we couldn't do it without you, and I thank all you ladies for everything you have been and will be to the Knights of Columbus!

Let's spend a few minutes this evening elaborating on some points that Supreme Knight Anderson mentioned in his video greetings to this convention. He pointed out that while we Knights donate more than \$150 million to charity each year, and that is no small accomplishment, what sets us apart is that we also “roll up our sleeves and give of ourselves.”

Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, is said to be worth at least \$55 billion dollars. Even though his net worth was once over \$100 billion, he still has enough left to be able to write a check for millions of dollars to charity. But neither Bill Gates, nor William Buffet, nor anyone else, no matter how rich they are, could provide the 68 million hours of volunteer time that we Knights donated to charitable work last year. That is charity that comes straight from the heart, the kind of charity we are known for.

In his video message to this convention, the Supreme Knight offered some examples of volunteer work by Knights over the past year: Knights helping a wounded police officer, Knights providing a special van for amputee veterans of military service, Knights giving a big boost to a cancer research project, Knights establishing a school for their children,

Knights helping their neighbors recover from a devastating typhoon and Knights putting after-school programs for at-risk youngsters.

Of course, the response of Mississippi Knights to the devastation of Katrina is legend in the Order. Not only have you responded and recovered from that act of Nature, but you continue to grow and do your charitable works for others. I understand that last year you raised over \$90,000 for seminarian education, and over \$70,000 for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. I have to tell you, I am impressed and want to learn how you do it. I've always had what I call charity fundraising envy. I am always looking for more and for better ways to raise money to support our charities. I'm not leaving town until I get your secrets...

There are literally thousands of stories charity, and they happen every year in nearly every jurisdiction. We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith.

As Pope Benedict wrote in his first encyclical, "Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me."

Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity *together*—our *second principle--unity*. Benedict calls this the "practice of love . . . as a community."

Our charitable work is important for many reasons:

First, it fulfills Father McGivney's vision of a Catholic society dedicated to serving those in need. There's a very good reason why charity is the first principle of the Order. The Venerable Michael McGivney knew that if we put charitable work at the top of our priority list, if charity is our focus and vision, then everything else we do will support that vision.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus elevates love of neighbor to a significance that is second only to loving God. "There is no other commandment greater than these," Jesus says. Father McGivney wanted to remind each of us that being a faithful Catholic Christian must always involve giving a very high priority to loving our neighbor, and all that that implies.

Charity is important to us as Knights because that is who we are, and what we do, and it communicates our essence to people outside the church who may not know much about us. It must always be a central part of our identity.

Another very huge effect of our charitable activity is a powerful inducement to men and families to join us. We all know that an active council is a healthy and growing council. Men don't join the Knights of Columbus because we contribute lots of money to worthy causes. They join because they see local councils doing what local councils do best—the good, charitable works of the Order. This is especially true as we seek to attract new members.

Knights of Columbus are known for many things, our **support of the Catholic Church**, and our Fourth Degree is a very visible presence at both church and civic events. Just the other day I was listening to the Catholic Channel on XM Radio, and they were discussing an informal survey about the best things about the Catholic Church. In the top ten was, you guessed it, the Knights of Columbus!

Remember that you carry on a proud 128 year tradition based upon the vision and holiness of the Venerable Michael McGivney, who we pray will soon be raised to the dignity of the altar. His legion has grown from a little group of a few dozen men at St. Mary's Church to more than 1.8 million Catholic gentlemen spanning the globe from Asia to Europe, and from the Arctic Circle to the Isthmus of Panama. We are bound together by charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, and by the faith of the Holy Catholic Church. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is, for sure, the experience of a lifetime, an experience that we want every eligible Catholic man and family to share. And share it we will.

We are also known for our pro-life activities, and we want to increase those activities and our leadership to grow the Culture of Life. We are needed more today than ever to lead the fight against those who seek every opportunity to attack our Church and our faith. We must stand for those who cannot stand for themselves, fight for those who cannot fight for themselves, and defend those who are defenseless.

I have one remaining request of you. Today, there are thousands of men and women in harm's way defending our way of life on the frontlines of Freedom. I ask that you pray to St Michael the Archangel, the patron Saint of Soldiers and of Knights, for their protections and success in their hazardous duties. We owe them a great debt, and they deserve every bit of our support.

Thank you, again, Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, my Brother Knights, and you ladies and families, for your hospitality, your good will, and for all you continue to do for Our Church, Our Order, and Our Society. We must stand for, fight for, and defend human life in all its stages, from conception to natural death. This is our calling! We are the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

### **Deacon Michael Gilley's Address to the Convention**

Your Excellency, Bishop Latino, Bishop Morin, Distinguished Clergy, Worthy Supreme Representative and State Deputy, my brother Knights and my brothers in Christ,

Thank you for allowing me to address you during this Business Meeting. I come to you humbled and in thanksgiving on behalf of my Deacon Brothers and our wives, for your overwhelming generous support of the 2009 Deaconate Class of the Diocese of Biloxi.

In 2007, I came before the Knights in a School of Columbianism meeting asking for your help with the Saturday evening meal. At that time, my brothers Deacon Aspirants and I were struggling to get that meal prepared and cooked for us. Our wives were under stress to attend our classes with us, cook a meal and attend the Saturday Vigil Mass. In desperation and at the suggestion of Brother Deacon, Dr. David Hughes, a Former District Deputy, we decided to ask the Knights to help us. You graciously accepted to volunteer your services, time and funds to prepare, cook and serve wonderful meals for us.

Words don't adequately express our gratitude that we share towards you. I would also like to say that whenever a date was schedule for a particular Council to cook, you followed through. You never wavered! You told us up-front what the menu would be and you even washed the dishes and put them away. Our wives became more relaxed and we were more able to concentrate on our studies. I might also add as a result of your generosity, one of my brother Deacon Aspirants, at the time, was much impressed with the Knights that he joined. Now each of my Brother Deacons of Class 2009 is a member. Please know that I personally include you in my daily prayers. Many, many Thanks.

May God bless each of you.

### State Secretary's Report on Election of State Officers

Office	Person Nominated	Nominated By	Seconded By
State Deputy	Peter Sukanek	George Reed	William McClellan
State Secretary	Gerald Schmuck	Robert Zeller	Carl Brochard Sr.
State Treasurer	David Scott	Charles Wilkerson	Kevin O'Donnell
State Advocate	Jim McCraw	Guy Heying	Mike Macke
State Warden	Noel Aucoin	David Seymour	Michael Arguelles

All nominees were elected to their nominated position by unanimous vote

### State Secretary's Report of Delegates to the Supreme Convention

#### Insurance Delegate (1)

Person Nominated	Nominated By	Seconded By	Vote Results
Gerald Schmuck	Robert Zeller	Joe Jones	61*
Noel Aucoin	John Cruso	David Seymour	50

#### Associate Delegate (2 elected plus 2 alternate))

Person Nominated	Nominated By	Seconded By	Vote Results
Noel Aucoin	David Seymour	Jack Schaeffer	85*
Jim McCraw	David Seymour	George read	62*
Elvis Gates	Mike Gilley	Anthony Knue	46 (Alt #1)
Philip Jabour	Dennis Antici	Kevin O'Donnell	31 (Alt #2)

#### Alternate to Insurance Delegate (1)

Person Nominated	Nominated By	Seconded By	Vote Results
Wayne Ebelhar	Bernard Brown	Bill O'Conner	Alt #1
Michael Spencer	George Hollis	Jim Sanders	Alt #2
Bill O'Conner	Gerry Clark	Guy Heying	Alt #3

#### \* - Elected Delegate

**Unfinished Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

State Deputy Peter Sukanek suggested that it may be too early to look at a convention site for 2014. Four years is a long time and the situation of the hosting Council could easily change within that period of time. After a short discussion the delegates decided that the 2014 Convention site selection would be held until the 2011 State Convention scheduled for Tupelo. The current 2011 – 13 Convention sites are:

2011 - Tupelo

2012 – Long Beach

2013 - Vicksburg

With no additional new business, the meeting was adjourned by State Deputy Peter Sukanek with a closing prayer by State Chaplain Fr. Camp.

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