

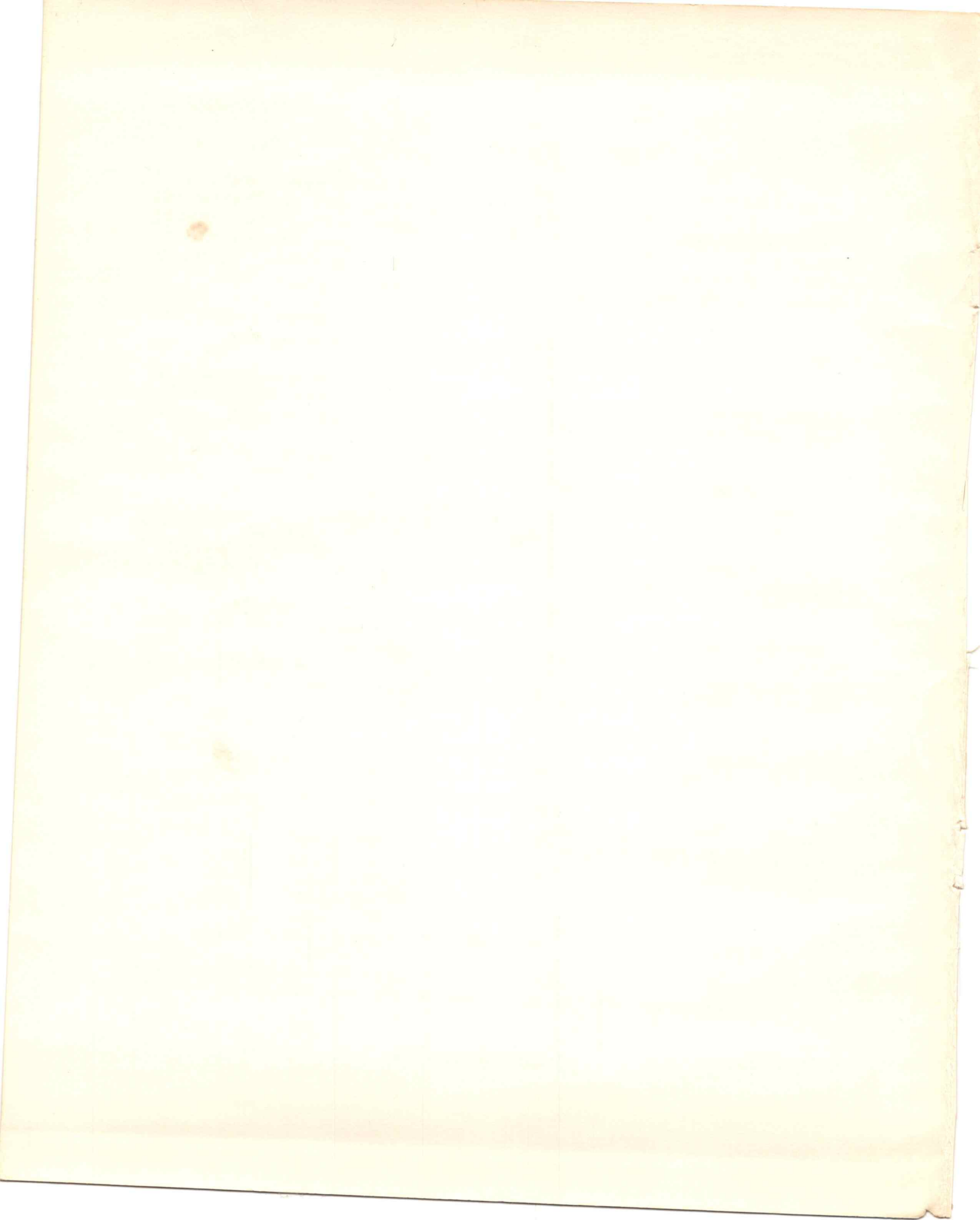
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BISHOP JOSEPH BERNARD BRUNINI

During the 1984 State Convention a presentation was made to Bishop Brunini and the State Convention was dedicated to him. The reading for the presentation went as follows;

This Special award is presented to a very dedicated person to the Knights of Columbus. A man who has proven himself many times in support of our order.

He was born in Vicksburg, Ms. on July 24, 1909 where he attended school at St. Francis Xavier Academy and St Aloysius High School. He received his A.B. Degree at Georgetown University in 1930 and studied at the North American College in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on December 5, 1933.

He has earned the degree of Doctor of Cannon Law from Catholic University and Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Georgetown University.

He has served as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral in Natchez, Ms. Chancellor of the Diocese, Pastor of St. Peters Parish in Jackson and Vicar General of the Diocese.

He was concecrated a Bishop on January 29, 1957 where he served as Apostolic Administrator to the Diocese.

On December 2, 1967 he was named by Pope Paul VI as the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Natchez, Jackson.

He has served as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus from 1967 until 1976. At that time he was named as Honorary State Chaplain where he has since remained in that capacity.

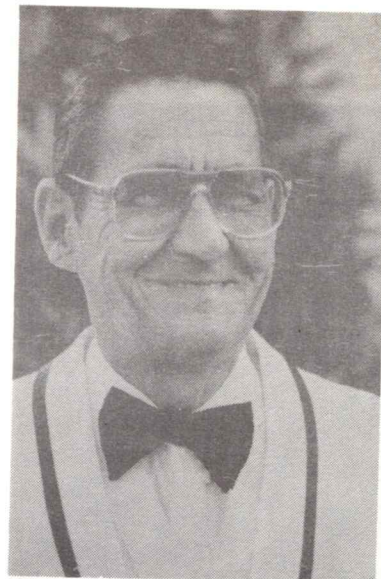
His face is familiar at our Supreme Conventions. He has served all of his priestly life in the State of Mississippi. Not only has he served his flock long and well, he has also been a strong friend and supporter of Columbianism during that period. To mark our appreciation of his loyal service to our Church and this Order, WE, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN MISSISSIPPI ARE DEDICATING THIS 1984 STATE CONVENTION TO HIM.



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State Secretary



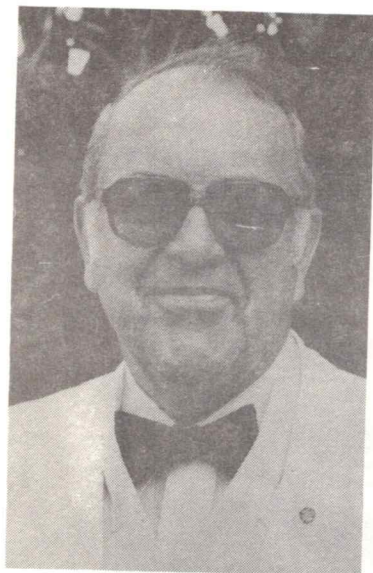
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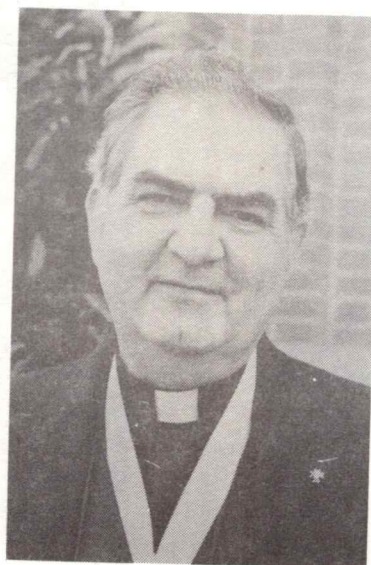
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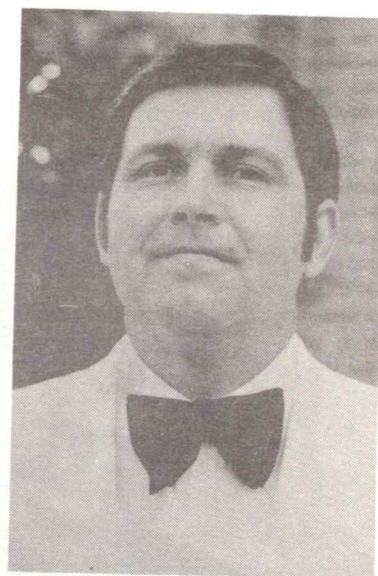
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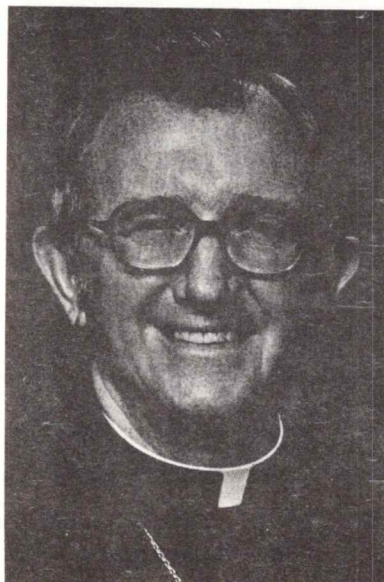
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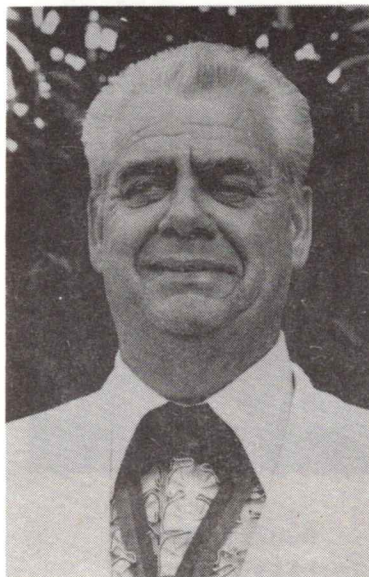
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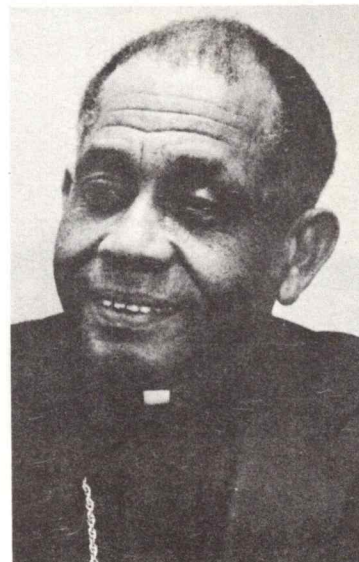
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State Advocate



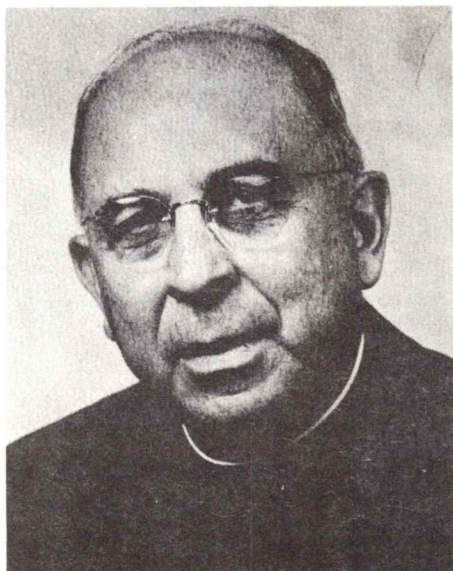
WILLIAM R. HOUCK
Bishop of Jackson
Honorary State Chaplain



DONALD H. OLDMIXON
Immediate Past
State Deputy



JOSEPH L. HOWZE
Bishop of Biloxi
Honorary State Chaplain



JOSEPH B. BRUNINI
Bishop of Jackson, Retired
State Chaplain Emeritus



VIRGIL C. DECHANT
Supreme Knight

MILESTONES

1970

State Deputy Norman Kiehm Instituted the Inter-Council Competition to bring more interest and activity to the state.

1971

Council No. 4472, Pass Christian council was dissolved on March 14.

1972

State Per Capita Increased from 75¢ to \$1.25 per member.

1973

Bishop Joseph L. Howze ordained as Bishop and assigned as Auxiliary Bishop of the Natchez-Jackson Diocese.

1974

Shelby Council No. 6555 received their charter as a new council.

Bassfield Council No. 6592 received their charter as a new council.

First two day organizational meeting held in conjunction with the installation of state officers.

1975

State Deputy George Scheiderman was awarded a trip to Rome as this jurisdiction finished No. 1 in membership in our division.

The International Service Program Award was introduced into the order of the K of C.

This jurisdiction was chosen as one of five to hold a Pilot Free Throw Contest, Then called the big shoot off.

1976

Starkville Council No. 6765 recieved their charter as a new council.

The first Mental Retardation Drive, then called Tootsie Roll Drive, was carried out under the administration of State Deputy Jesse Quinn, Jr.

Per Capita Tax was increased to \$2.25 per member

Total State membership reached the 3000 mark for the first time.

Picayune council No. 6872 received their charter as a new council.

Bishop Richard O. Gerow passed to his eternal reward on December 20, He was appointed Bishop of the Natchez-Jackson Diocese in 1924 and retired in 1967. He served as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus from 1925 until 1967.

1977

The Diocese of Biloxi was established. Bishop Joseph L. Howze was appointed Bishop of that Diocese.

The Priest Education Fund was changed to the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund.

1978

The Mississippi Special Olympics Knights of Columbus Internship in Recreation was initiated.

Family of the Month was introduced by the Supreme Council.

Kiln Council No. 7087 received their charter as a new council.

Per Capita Tax increased to \$3.00 per member.

Southaven Council No. 7120 received their charter as a new council.

Lumberton Council No 7211 received their charter as a new council.

1979

Bishop William R. Houck was appointed as auxiliary Bishop in the Jackson Diocese.

Philadelphia Council No. 7440 received their charter as a new council.

1980

Per Capita Tax increased to \$4.00 per member.

Pass Christian Council No. 4472 charter was reactivated.

Family of the Year Program was initiated in the State.

1981

School of Columbianism was held in various regions of the State for the first time under the administration of State Deputy Don Oldmixon.

Clinton Council No. 7854 received their charter as a new council.

Gulfport Council No. 7910 (Orange Grove) received their charter as a new council.

Brookhaven Council No. 7915 received their charter as a new council.

Columbus Council No. 7974 received their charter as a new council.

1982

Pearl Council No. 8038 received their charter as a new council.

McComb Council No. 8054 received their charter as a new council.

Past State Deputy John S. Cabibi after attending 54 straight State Convention passed on to his eternal reward shortly before the start of what would have been his 55th consecutive State Convention.

1983

St. Therese Council No. 8285 (Jackson) received their charter as a new council.

A Panel of Past State Deputies were appointed by the State Deputy to update the State By-Laws. As a result the entire By-Laws were re-written and approved by the delegates at the State Convention.

1984

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini retires as Bishop of the Jackson Diocese. He served from 1967 until this year.

Bishop William R. Houck was appointed as Bishop of the Jackson Diocese.

Holly Springs Council No. 8760 received their charter as a new council.

Tupelo Council No. 8848 received their charter as a new council.

Philadelphia Council No. 7440 was placed in a state of moratorium by State Deputy Robert Fratesi.

Mississippi is divided into two districts in the ranks of the Fourth Degree. District One consist of the Jackson Diocese and District Two is the Biloxi Diocese, with a Master appointed in each district.

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNES COUNCIL 802

Meridian, MS

The early 1970's started on a low key, membership was low and attendance to the meetings was down, still the activities continued and during this time the office was built.

By 1973 things started to pick up membership increased. The State convention was held in Meridian in 1974, in addition of the Supreme Council Awards, Meridian recieved two special Trophy and Plaque. During this time many of the present active members became Knights.

In May 1976 the council had a temporary economical crisis because the Bank where accounts were placed went Bankrupt. The money was recuperated. In 1979 the Note for the council hall and property was paid off and celebrated with a note burning ceremony.

During 1979 the Council initiated members of the Black race into the Knights of Columbus. It was probably Our greatest effort, as we were the first council in the State to intergrate.

Hurricane Frederick struck in 1979 and the Council hall was used as a relief shelter.

During this decade many programs that still are carried on were implemented, to name a few: East Miss. State Hospital Visitation, First Communion Breakfast, Scholarship Fund, Clergy Night, The Monsignor J.J. Burns Award for Community Service, and many more. The officers and members who worked on the programs for this decade have given the 1980's a firm basis on which to continue to build for the future of the Order.

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL 848

Jackson, MS

Membership - Our membership has shown a steady decline beginning with the year 1969. In 1971 our membership total stood at 165 and as of January 1 1985 it numbers 133. Of this number, 36 are classified as inactive, 4 are Honorary and 30 are Honorary Life members.

Since 1980, three new councils have been chartered in the Jackson area resulting in a further decline in membership. Despite this decline, the future looks encouraging. In the past year we have enrolled three new members and the prospect for approximately ten more looks very good.

Grand Knights - The following is a list of Grand Knights who have served our Council since 1971:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Reynolds Ridgley | 1971 - 72 |
| Robert Lambert | 1972 - 74 |
| Conrad J. Richard, Sr. | 1974 - 75 |
| George J. Saab | 1975 - 76 |
| Gerald G. Graham | 1976 - 77 |
| Earl Dimitry | 1977 - 78 |
| Henry A. Kajdan | 1978 - 79 |
| Basil Moots | 1979 - 81 |
| Henry C. Wilson | 1981 - 83 |
| Henry A. Kajdan | 1983 - 85 |

Noteworthy Events

September 30, 1971 - Julius Radowick, a member of Council 848, died of burns recieved in a fire which destroyed his house trailer located on Council property.

November 1971 - First Knights of Columbus Bowl football game.

March 1972 - The C. Medric Warren Scholarship Fund was established in memory of this outstanding member. Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus

Bowl games are used for the purpose of awarding a \$500 scholarship to a son or daughter of a member, and a \$500 scholarship to a seminarian. The first of such scholarships was awarded to Anthony Daniels in 1972, a graduate of St. Joseph High School in Jackson.

September 2, 1979 - Our Council celebrated its Diamond Jubilee and the burning of its mortgage. Past State Hilton A. Seymour was the guest speaker at the banquet. A plaque was presented to the Honorable Dale Danks, Mayor of Jackson, for his outstanding contrabution to the community during and after the Easter Flood.

Continuing Community Projects

1. Mental Retardation Program
2. Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing
3. Community Service for Senior Citizens
4. Invitational Basketball Tournament

Awards - Council 848 was the recipient of the 1980 Hilton A. Seymour Award for outstanding Columbian Activity.

Ladies Auxiliary - Council 848 is blessed with one of the outstanding ladies auxiliary in the state. It not only continues to render super services to this council, but has been instrumental in the formation of other auxiliaries within the state. We are proud of our ladies and we love them.

In Memoriam - During the period 1971-84, Our Council lost some of its most outstanding leaders through death. Among them were:

Bishop R. O. Gerow
Cornelius B. Boone
Max Payment, Sr.
James C. Maloney
C. Medric Warren
General Henry J. Dolton
John Rietti

VICKSBURG COUNCIL 898

Vicksburg, MS

It is True;

Vicksburg Council 898 did pass the 65 year "retirement" age in the year 1970 but the members of the council were having a dream at that time and could not think about retirement.

A 14 acre tract of land had already been purchased on Fisher Ferry Road to get this dream started. Council members young and old worked together and in February 1972 plans were presented for a new council home and swimming pool.

Plans for the swimming pool were approved by the council in March and construction began in May. The pool was completed and dedicated in September 1972. The dream now consisted of 14 acres of land and a beautiful swimming pool for members and their families to enjoy.

The Council was busy with all kinds of activities going on. Some members were looking into finances, some keeping regular council business going, some studying home plans and the Ladies Auxiliary staying active with social, religious and civic affairs.

It was decided to build a new council home in two phases. Plans and contracts for Phase One were approved and signed in May 1973 and construction started immediately. Phase One included restrooms, combination meeting and recreation room, lounge and bar facilities and a kitchen. All of this totaled approximately 3900 square feet of building. Dedication and open house was held in January 1974 for Phase One.

Things were humming in Vicksburg

Council 898. It formed its own band made up of Council members. The old Council home on Cherry Street was sold. Plans were being drawn and studied for Phase Two of the Council home. Interest was at a high point in the Council and many members were working.

At the 1975 State Convention in Biloxi, Vicksburg Council 898 bid on the 1977 State Convention. Council 898 got the bid to have the convention in Vicksburg. A committee was formed and plans were initiated.

This pushed the Council to complete Phase Two of the Council home. The Council approved the plans which included an office, game room, storage, rest rooms and a very large meeting room. This totaled approximately 4300 square feet of building.

Contracts were signed in October 1975 and Phase Two was completed and dedicated with an open house in July 1976.

The 1977 State Convention was held in Vicksburg with over 100 Council members and their wives working to have one of the finest conventions the State has ever had.

Just after the State Convention in April of 1977 tragedy strikes. In July the Catholic High School, St. Aloysius burns. Vicksburg Council 898 members busy themselves assisting the school and offering Council facilities for school activities. Council 898 donates \$10,000 to the building of a new school.

In September 1977 Sunday afternoon Bingo is started in the Council home. In October 1977 the Council completes the sale of some downtown property and

the monies are invested for the future of the Council. In November 1977 the Council reactivates its Columbian Squire Circle. The Council is still busy with fund raising projects for the Priest Education Fund and many other programs.

In October 1979 Council 898 put on the "dog" when it celebrated its 75th anniversary. Formal invitations were sent out and over 400 people were wine and dined for the occasion.

In June 1980 Vicksburg Council

898 started a large Bar-B-Que pit and smoker. The shelter is 20 ft by 20 ft. and has all the accessories. This is a great asset to the Council for future programs.

Vicksburg Council 898 will continue to pass by the "Retirement" ages but it cannot retire. There are members and their families that the council will serve. The Council will tend to religious, civic and social activities as it has over the years. It will continue to be a part of Vicksburg and the Catholic Community and it will serve well, as it has through the year 1084.

BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL 1034

Natchez, Ms.

No Report Submitted

BILOXI COUNCIL 1244

Biloxi, MS

Camile, the most deadly of all hurricanes to ever touch down on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, had just passed through and everyone was digging out from the complete destruction of hundred's of buildings and mourning the loss of several hundred people.

Edward Kersh had just been elected to serve his first term as Grand Knight. He was later elected to serve a second term which was completed in 1972. During Ed's term, the first principle of our order, Charity was amply demonstrated. On several occasions, assistance was rendered to a large family who had lost their home through fire. A truckload of furniture was donated to St. Michael's C.Y.O., so that they might be able to furnish their meeting hall.

In 1973, Clarence Theriot became Grand Knight of the council. During this tenure, assistance was also granted to a family who also had lost their home through fire. Clarence instituted the "Keep Christ in Christmas" bumper sticker program which was very successful. The Biloxi Knighthood team performed for the first time. The Ladies Auxiliary was reorganized and Biloxi council hosted the 71st State Convention at the Buena Vista Hotel. Supreme Knight John McDevitt was a guest and principal speaker for the convention banquet. Clarence also originated the "Mr. Biloxi, Knights of Columbus" award. This program is still continued by Clarence.

After two years of service by Clarence, Gerald Lamey advanced to the chair of grand knight. His service in this office lasted for two years, 1975-77. Biloxi council mem-

bers participated in the ordination of Rev. Robert Higginbotham, our present Chaplain, to the priesthood. The council hosted the first State Knights of Columbus softball tournament. The council presented a television set and raffle tickets to the C.Y.O. so that they could raise money for their trip to the state convention.

Our present state treasurer, Dennis "Doc" Ladnier, succeeded Gerald as grand knight. His term lasted from 1977-79. During this time, the council decided to sponsor a float in the annual Mardi Gras parade. The float won first place in the private float category. The council was honored to have the opportunity to initiate His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Joseph L. Howze into the second and third degree. One of the sad occasions during Doc's term was the loss of past grand knight Reinhart Schroeder. Reinhart died during the exemplification of the third degree in Bassfield, Ms. on January 28, 1979.

Frank Tarrant was elected grand knight in 1979 and served two years, his second year ending in 1981. The second most successful of all Shrimp Bowl games occurred in November 1980. The sum of \$9600 was realized from the game. This money was distributed to the Biloxi Doll and Toy fund and the St. Vincent De Paul Societies within the jurisdiction of Biloxi council. Our bid for the 78th annual state convention to be held in 1982 was accepted. Grand Knight Tarrant appointed Hilton Seymour, PSD, and George Simon to serve as co-chairmen for the affair.

Ross Bertucci was the choice to succeed to the office of grand knight in 1981. He assumed the chair in July and to him went the honor of serving as host grand knight for the 78th State Convention.

His first year was dedicated to the Tri-anniversaries events. In addition to the "Centennial Year", the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Father Michael McGivney, we also celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of Biloxi council No. 1244 and the 50th anniversary of the council' sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 213. The 78th State convention, considered by many as the best state convention ever held, was a tremendous success. Two hundred thirty seven rooms were booked for delegates and guests in the Howand Johnson Motor Lodge and the Admiral Ben Bow Inn. The highlight of the convention was the Saturday night banquet, which was held in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center.

Gerald Rose was elevated to succeed Ross as grand knight in 1983. Grand Knight Rose appointed Hilton Seymour, PSD, to update the history

of the Biloxi council for the period 1971 - 85, to be used in the up-dating of the "History of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi" which covered the period from 1903 to 1971. All of the many and varied programs of Biloxi council has been continued with much success. The most successful of these were two profitable "Mental Retardation" drives for the retarded and handicapped children and the most successful Shrimp Bowl game ever conducted by the Biloxi council. Twelve thousand dollars was realized for the benefit of the Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund and the St. Vincent DePaul Societies in the jurisdiction of Biloxi Council No. 1244. Gerald has instituted the practice of having a First Degree on the last meeting night in each month. Biloxi's council bid for the 1987 state convention has been accepted. Grand Knight Rose has appointed Hilton Seymour, PSD, and George Simon as Co-chairmen to handle the arrangements.

Following is a list of Grand Knights of the Biloxi Council No. 1244:

| | |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 1907 | B. F. Markey |
| 1908 | P. H. Prieur |
| 1909 | E. L. Dukate |
| 1910 | John J. Curtis |
| 1911 | P. H. Prieur |
| 1912 | Albert Austin |
| 1913-1914 | Sparks Vignes |
| 1915-1916 | G. J. Wiltz |
| 1916-1917 | John J. Pearson |
| 1917-1918 | W. H. Hunt |
| 1918-1919 | F. L. Richter |
| 1919-1921 | Ernest Desporte, Jr. |
| 1921-1922 | Eugene A. Peresich |
| 1922-1924 | John E. Breaus, Jr. |
| 1924-1926 | M. L. Michael |
| 1926-1927 | C. M. Lanius |
| 1927-1930 | John Schwenck |
| 1930-1931 | J. Thomas McCaleb |
| 1931-1934 | John A. O'Keefe |
| 1934-1936 | Albert J. Ragusin |
| 1936-1937 | Philip J. Capuano |
| 1937-1938 | Eugene Peresich, Sr. |
| 1938-1939 | Elmore Duvigneaud |
| 1939-1941 | Thomas Wiltz |

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| 1941-1942 | Frank Barhanovich |
| 1942-1946 | John Mavar, Jr. |
| 1946-1947 | Louis A. Tremmel |
| 1947-1948 | Louis Carron |
| 1948-1950 | John Sekul |
| 1950-1951 | Forest Taylor, Jr. |
| 1950-1951 | Dennis Landry |
| 1951-1954 | Hilton A. Seymour |
| 1954-1956 | Fred Westbrook, Jr. |
| 1956-1959 | Charles Simon |
| 1959-1961 | Wesley Toche, Jr. |
| 1961-1962 | John Cruso |
| 1962-1964 | Reinhart Schroeder |
| 1964-1965 | William Lyons |
| 1965-1967 | Ivan Arguelles |
| 1967-1969 | Chester Trahan |
| 1969-1971 | Stearns Pluff |
| 1971-1973 | Ed Kersh |
| 1973-1975 | Clarence Theriot |
| 1975-1977 | Gerald Lamey |
| 1977-1979 | Dennis E. "Doc" Ladnier, Sr. |
| 1979-1981 | Frank Tarrant |
| 1981-1983 | Ross Bertucci |
| 1983-1985 | Gerald Rose |

PERE LE DUC COUNCIL 1522

Bay St. Louis, MS.

Council record books are missing in the years from 1971 through 1980. Therefore a complete history of our council cannot be reported. We are submitting our history from beginning in 1981.

1981

During this year we held several first degree initiations. We also received a letter of commendation from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce for cleaning up of St. Mary's Cemetary along with the Knights of Peter Cleaver Council No. 6. In September our council received the Contest of Champions Award from the Supreme Knight. Benefit Bingo was held for the St. Stanislaus High School Band.

The ladies Auxiliary of our council was re-activated by Grand Knight Bob Hubbard. It's last meeting was in July 1969. They was suspended because of Hurricane Camille. The ladies in office in 1969 resumed their duties until new officers could be elected.

1982

The Knights of our council began in earnest the renovation of their hall in March. Our council took an active part in the K of C statewide "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the benefit of the mentally retarded children. Our activities included socials after installation of officers, speakers at combined meetings on vocations and Memorial Mass was also held in November. We held a bingo for the benefit of Boy Scout Troop sponsored by Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and another for the St. Stanislaus High School Band.

1983

During this year our council sent cards and letters to senators and congressmen in the U.S. Congress from Mississippi stating our views on Right to life, tuition tax credit and public prayer. Again this year we took an active part in the "Tootsie Roll" Drive. We had joint meetings with the ladies and listened to lectures on wills and endowments.

In August the council Bi-Laws were revised as recommended by the Bi-Laws committee.

The council held a bingo for the benefit of the Diamondhead Fire Department in order to help purchase a new fire engine. We also assisted the St. Stanislaus High School band with another bingo.

In September the Supreme Council reinstated the charter of Pere Le Duc Assembly #560. The assembly includes the councils of Bay St Louis, Kiln and Picayune. After Bishop Joseph L. Howze celebrated our memorial Mass in October the color corps of this Assembly made its's first appearance.

1984

Our council began a program of sending \$25.00 per month to each of 3 young men from Hancock County who were studying for the priesthood away from here.

In February the Pere Le Duc Assembly were joined by the Knights of Peter Claver Assembly in holding a parade followed by a special Mass honoring the Boy Scouts of Hancock County. This was the first occasion that the 4th Degree Knights of Peter Claver joined together in a function outside of the

Cathedral in many years and the intermingled red and yellow capes made quite a display.

In April our council held a banquet honoring the Bay St. Louis and Waveland's Fire and Police Department, the Diamondhead Fire Department and the Hancock County Sheriff Department for their outstanding service to the community.

In May our assembly along with the Peter Claver Assembly joined in the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the first ordination class of St. Augustine's Seminary of the Divine Word in Bay St. Louis.

We sent notices opposing local abortion clinics and had a meeting open to the public showing the horrors of abortion.

In June we approved a contract

to effectively complete to the 90% level of the downstairs portion of the hall renovation project.

During the installation of officers one of our beloved members Lloyd O'Brien suffered a heart attack and was pronounced dead at the Hancock General Hospital.

During this year we hosted a Spaghetti dinner in order to raise the necessary funds to send the Championship Babe Ruth Baseball League team from Bay St. Louis to the region games in Jackson, Ms.

Again this year we conducted memorial services as well as taking an active part in the "Tootsie Roll" drive for the mental retarded.

In December we donated over \$500 worth of clothes as Christmas presents to the foster care children.

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WORDS FROM THE SUPREME PONTIFF

You must have consistency between your faith and your daily life. You cannot be a genuine Christian on Sunday, unless you try to be true to Christ's spirit also in your daily work, your commercial dealings, at your trade union or your employers' or professional meetings.

How can you be a true community in Christ at Mass unless you try to think of the welfare of the whole national community when decisions are being taken by your particular sector or group? How can you be ready to meet Christ in judgment unless you remember how the poor are affected by the behavior of your group or by your personal lifestyle? For Christ will say to us all: "In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me."

JOHN PAUL II

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL 1583

Gulfport, MS

In the following paragraphs are some of the highlights of years between 1972-1984. In such a short summary, it is not possible to cover every item, however, we have tried to mention the main happenings during this period.

In 1973, the cooperation with a Diocesan organization, we sponsored a "Right to Life Program". The well known speakers, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Wilke gave a very interesting program which was well attended by members of the Councils and guests from the parishes along the coast.

The council has been very active in youth programs through the years. For many years, it sponsored a Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack, and as a result, a 1,500 square foot building was constructed in 1973 to be utilized for scout programs. The building was completed and fully paid for by donations and work of the Council. It is also used for other youth activities, namely our Squire Circle.

In 1976 two tennis courts were completed. They are fenced and well lighted, which permits our members and guests to play in the evening.

In the late summer of 1977, Bishop Joseph L. Howze, Bishop of Biloxi dedicated our newly constructed Olympic size pool.

In April 1978, the 74th State Convention was held in Biloxi, MS. It was hosted by the St. Vincent DePaul Council No. 4898, Long Beach, and Bishop Gunn Council 1583 in Gulfport. This is one of the first times in

the history of the State Council that this has happened. The Council was awarded the "Hilton A. Seymour" Award and we also received the Distinguished Council Award.

The 78th State Convention was held in Biloxi in April 1982, and also served to honor the Biloxi Council on its 75th anniversary. Just prior to the convention, Bishop Gunn Council was deeply saddened by the loss of one of its most outstanding members, Past State Deputy John S. Cabibi, who had a record that was unsurpassed at that time, by attending over 50 State Conventions. Bishop Gunn Council was also honored at this Convention by receiving three of the Supreme Council's Awards, namely, Church Activity, Youth Activity and Family Activity. The Distinguished Council Award was also awarded this year.

Our Grand Knight, John McWaters (1981-1982) and his wife, Judy, were honored by the Supreme Knight as guest at the Centennial Convention of the Knights of Columbus at Hartford Connecticut in August 1982 in honor of the Council receiving the Supreme Council Award for "International Church Activities".

During the period of this short history, (June 1972-June 1984) we have mentioned only the highlights of this short span of years. However, many programs have been conducted: Tootsie Roll Drive for Retarded Citizens, Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund; "Keep Christ in Christmas", Easter Egg Hunt for children, Annual Family Picnic, Boys and Girls State Vocations, Cler-

gy night, Memorial Services, Enrollment of deceased members in a Purgatorial Society, Established a fund for widows of members, party for senior citizens, and our main continuing project, Catholic Education. In this year alone, we have given St. John High School \$8000, St. John Elementary \$9000 and St. James Elementary \$5000, and in addition, provided numerous other activities for them at no cost to them. Many other programs are being undertaken each year.

We would like to list our Grand Knights and their tenures of office during the period of this short history (1971 - 1984), and to thank them in a special way for their part in the progress made by our council.

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| Hayward J. Ladner | 1971-74 |
| Fritz J. Oberlies | 1974-75 |
| Hayward J. Ladner | 1975-76 |
| Angelia Scalia | 1976 * |
| Henry Lee Rouse | 1976 * |
| Nick DeNicola | 1977-78 |
| Phil Lisotta | 1978-79 |
| Tony Villarreal | 1979 * |
| Charles M. Underwood | 1980 * |
| Nick Pitalo | 1980-81 |
| John McWaters | 1981-82 |
| Ricky Villarreal | 1982 * |
| Nick DeNicola | 1983-84 |

We believe it is only fitting at this time to mention that we are happy to have on our membership rolls one of our "Charter Members", Brother Salvatore J. Bertucci who was initiated into the order on August 27, 1911. He is now 92 years of age.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPREME COUNCIL

The Knights of Columbus printing plant and fulfillment center are located in a separate facility just across Oak Street Connector from the Supreme Office building. The printing plant is the largest commercial printing operation in New Haven. It employs some 60 craftsmen who produce materials for the Order including the monthly magazine, COLUMBIA. The largest Catholic Family magazine in North America, COLUMBIA is printed in this facility in three languages and is mailed monthly to over 1.36 million members of the Order. The plant is equipped with letter presses and sheet-fed offset presses, all with multicolor capability. The recently acquired web press is one of the largest in the United States.

The Order's fulfillment center, located in the same facility as the printing plant, processes some 60,000 requisitions each year for supplies, materials and equipment. The fulfillment center processes more than 30 million individual pieces of mail each year, an average of 13 tons per day.

MSGR. P. J. CAREY COUNCIL 1605

Pascagoula, MS

The Monsignor P. J. Carey Council No. 1650 was instituted and a new charter granted on February 11, 1912, Brother P. H. Rodrigue was the first Grand Knight.

The 1971 fraternal year began with Bro. Matt Zelenka Jr. being elected Grand Knight, which marked our 60th year as a Council. In September Bro. Jack Gray was elected Trustee to replace Bro. Gene St Amant who resigned.

The Council voted to build and display a Nativity scene at the lake of Singing River Hospital during the Christmas holidays.

Bro. Willie J. Scheeler our Financial Secretary was recognized as the first recipient of the Monsignor P.J. Carey Knight of the year, for his many years as the Financial Secretary.

Our Lady of Victories Elementary School league began using the Council home for a Sunday night Bingo. Bro. Jerry Stevens is the Chairman.

Bro. Charles Coakley was King Arthur XIV and Ms. Mercedes Scordino resigned as Queen Guinevere XIV at the annual Carnival Ball.

Bro. Matt Zelenka Jr. was reelected as Grand Knight for the 1972-73 year. The Council presented Father Gregory Johnson a plaque in honor of his 25th year as a Catholic Priest.

The Council bought two wheelchairs and donated them to the Jackson County Exceptional School.

The Council sponsored their first group of Columbian Squires and they started with a membership of 11 members.

Boy Scout Troop No.230 was reorganized and will meet in the Council home.

On July 11, 1972, Bro. Vernon P. DeJean PSD passed away from lung cancer. His death marked the first time in over 60 years that DeJean was nor a member of our Council. Vernon left a legacy of many faithful years of service to Council No. 1650. He served first terms as Grand Knight. He served on the State level as District Deputy, State Secretary and State Deputy in 1960. He set a bench mark that very few members of Council No. 1650 will ever match in his many faithful years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Lonnie served as State Advocate 1950-1952.

Bro. Louis Frederick was King Arthur XV and Ms. Patty Moore was Queen Guinevere XV at the annual Carnival Ball.

The 1973 K of C Convention was held in Pascagoula and Brother Lamar Cox was the General Chairman. Bro. Matt Zelenka Jr. was elected State Advocate.

Bro. Pol Ros Jr. was elected Grand Knight for the fraternal year 1973-1974.

The Council sponsored a Retarded Childrens Olympic field day at the Moss Point High School football stadium. Approximately 200 kids participated in the events. Baltimore Colt Tackle, Fred Cook Jr., Appeared as a special guest of the children.

Bro. Jim Shields won the first place trophy for the singles at the K of C State Bowling tournament.

Bro. Sergio Coletta was King Arthur XVI and Ms. Dee dee St. Amant was Queen Guinevere XVI at the 16th annual Carnival Ball.

Bro. Ted Huyett won the "Knight of the Year" award. Ted has been an active member of our Council since 1965.

Bro. Pol Ros Jr. was re-elected Grand Knight for the 1974-1975 term.

The Council voted to donate \$100 to help Father Quinn's housekeeper to build a new home in Saltillo, Mexico.

Bro. Shields became editor of the Council monthly newsletter.

Boy Scout Troop No. 230 received 120 awards for their 22 members at Camp Tiak.

An Anti-Abortion billboard was put up on Highway 63 between Pascagoula and Moss Point.

The Boy Scout Troop No. 230 has 45 boys registered.

Bro. Matt Zelenka Jr. was King Arthur XVII and Ms. Diane Krebs was Queen Guinevere at the 17th Annual Carnival Ball.

Bro. Lamar Cox won the Knight of the Year award for his many years of service to the Council.

Bro. Matt Zelenka Jr. Was elected State Treasurer at the State Convention

Bro. Henry Jahnke was elected Grand Knight for the 1975-1976 fraternal year.

The Council received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion Post 160 for their participation in the Boys State Program.

Boy Scout Troop 230 named the Outstanding Troop at Camp Tiak this summer.

Pascagoula sponsored the K of C State Bowling tournament. Bro. Matt Zelenka was Chairman of the event. Pascagoula won the Team Championship.

The Council participated in their first Tootsie Roll Drive by collecting \$3683.00 which was first in the State of Mississippi.

Bro. Pol Ros Jr PGK won the Knight of the Year Award. Pol has long been an active member of our State Council.

Bro. Joe Krebs Sr. reigned as King Arthur XVIII and Ms. Trini Trochesett was Queen Guinevere XVIII at the 18th annual Carnival Ball.

Bro. Matt Zelenka Jr. PGK Was re-elected State Treasurer at the Convention.

Bro. Lamar Cox elected Grand Knight for the 1976-1977 term.

Father Quinn thanked the Council for their help with his mission in Saltillo, Mexico.

The 1976 year marked the 6th year the Council has allowed Our Lady of Victories Elementary school to sponsor a Sunday night Bingo at the Council home. Bro. Ted Huyett is Chairman of the event.

Bro. Jerry St Pe' was King Arthur XIV and Ms. Terri Lynn Cox was Queen Guinevere XIV at the 19th annual Carnival Ball

Bro. Carl Takas was "Knight of the Year" at the 4th annual Awards banquet.

The Council donated \$1000 to the R. O. Gerow Memorial Priest Education fund at the State Convention.

Bro. Lamar Cox was re-elected Grand Knight for the 1977-1978 term.

The Council sponsored a bus to let members see the New Orleans Saints play the L.A. Rams.

The Council hosted the 1st annual Banquet for Religious appreciation night. All the Priests, Nuns and Deacons in the area were invited to attend.

During the last four months of 1977, GK Lamar Cox was in ill health and his place was taken by DGK Paul Kensler who did an outstanding job. he received a hearty round of applause and thanks from the Grand Knight.

Bro. Eugene F. St. Amant Sr. was King Arthur XX and Ms. Barbara Murray was Queen Guinevere XX at the 20th annual Carnival Ball.

The annual Tootsie Roll drive netted \$2518.00.

Twenty-four members signed up to attend the State Convention in Biloxi. The Council donated \$1100 to the Priest Education fund. Council won the Distinguished Council Award.

Bro. Francis Larson was King Arthur XXI and Ms. Patricia Scheeler was Queen Guinevere XXI at the 21st annual Carnival Ball.

The Council formed a first degree team with Bro. Julius Martin (PGK) as Team Captain. They were Paul Kensler, Carl Takas, Joe Goellner, Fred Mann Jr. Fred Mann III and Walter Perez.

Bro. Joe Goellner was elected Grand Knight for the 1978-1979 term.

The Council voted to amend and raise the annual dues to \$20.00. Members 65 years of age and a member of the order for 25 consecutive years will be honorary members and their dues will be \$6.00 per year. These amendments approved by Supreme on November 18, 1978.

The Council donated \$600 to the Sacred Heart Church for their building fund. Bro. Henry Jahnke was King Arthur XXII and Ms. Wanda Watts was Queen Guinevere XXII at the 22nd annual Carnival Ball.

The Council donated \$2900 to the annual Priest Education Fund and Mrs. Hilda Valverde donated \$255 and the Ladies Auxiliary donated \$100.

Bro. Mack H. Hudson Sr. won the "Knight of The Year" Award. Mack is presently Chairman of the House Committee.

Pascagoula won the Honor Council and Distinguished Council award for the second straight year at the Convention.

On May 1, 1979 our beloved former Pastor Monsignor P.J. Carey passed away at his home in Ennis County, Claire, Ireland. The Council is amending the by-laws to name our Council after Monsignor Carey.

twenty-eight members and twenty Ladies assisted in the Tootsie Roll Drive that netted \$3454.35.

Father Patrick Quinn of the Salt-illo, Mexico mission celebrated his 25th year as a Priest. The Council donated Father Quinn \$100.

Bro. Bernard F. Frederic elected Grand Knight for the 1979-1980 term.

The Council voted to buy the adjoining Exodus property for the tidy sum of \$55,000. It will double our present property footage.

Hurricane Frederic visited the Gulf Coast and the Council property had about \$17,000 in damages and approximately \$17,000 in damages to the Exodus property.

Bro. Joe Goellner PGK was appointed District Deputy.

Bro. Lamar Cox was King Arthur XXIII and Ms. Mary Voekel was Queen Guinevere XXIII at the 23rd annual Carnival Ball.

Bro. Louis Frederic was "knight of the Year". Louis is presently Kitchen Chairman. Mr. Roland Dale, Athletic Director of the University of Southern Mississippi was our guest speaker.

The Priest Education Fund donation was \$6500 at the convention.

Bro. John Cox elected Grand Knight for the 1980-1981 term.

Bro. Joe Goellner again appointed District Deputy.

The Council voted to buy two more tracts of land adjoining the Council property.

Bro. Henry Jahnke PGK was appointed Master of the 4th degree.

Bro. Harry Green Sr. was King Arthur XXIV and Queen Guinevere XXIV was Ms. Connie Coakley at the 24th annual Carnival Ball.

Trustee Joe Goellner PGK resigned his office because his employer has assisted him to Jackson. Bro. Eugene F. Amant Sr. was elected to take his place.

Bro. Willie Scheeler has completed 25 years as Financial Secretary so he resigned his office. Bro. Bernard R. Frederic appointed to take his place. Bro. Vincent Ros elected trustee to replace Bro. Frederic.

Bro. Edward F. Hudson III won "Knight of the Year".

Bro. John W. Cox re-elected Grand Knight for 1982-1983.

Bro. Martin Finnegan was appointed a Deacon in the Catholic Church. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Parish.

The Council said special prayers at the end of our November 24 meetings for State Deputy Don Oldmixon who is having heart trouble.

Bro. Mack H. Hudson Sr. PGK reigned as King Arthur XXV and Ms. Lisa Lawrence was Queen Guinevere XXV at the 25th annual Ball.

Bro. Jim Frew resigned his office as Grand Knight and Bro. John Szymonik was elected to fulfill his term. Jim is moving to Florida to a new job.

Bro. E.J. Murray III won the "Knight of the Year" award. E.J. is a past Grand Knight and a Trustee.

The Council donated \$8100 to the Priest Education Fund. They won the following awards: Best Large Council, Hilton Seymour Award, Vocations award, Best Newsletter, and 1st and 2nd place Bowling trophy.

The Council donated \$100 to Bro. John McGrath for his ordination to the Priesthood. Father McGrath is a former member of our Council.

Bro. Harry F. Green Sr. elected Grand Knight for the 1982-1983 term. Bro. John Cox appointed District Deputy.

The Council donated the use of the KC home to OLV parish to celebrate their 100th anniversary. The Council donated \$1000 to the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament for their retirement fund.

The Council has been sponsoring a Corporate Communion each quarter for several years. Each quarter we attend a different church in our five church area. GK Harry Green Sr. announced that he will support this long standing policy during his tenure.

The Council membership donated 39 pints of blood to the American Red Cross blood drive. Bro. Ken Broussard was Chairman.

Our Council membership is at 299 members.

The Council donated \$100 to District Attorney Mike Moore towards the purchase of a narcotics dog.

Past Grand Knight Joe Goellner was elected Grand Knight of the Clinton Council.

The Council donated \$600 to the St. Marys Parish in Gautier as recommended by District Deputy John Cox.

Seventeen members of our Council attended a retreat at St. Augustines Seminary on January 21 to January 23.

Bro. Herman Johnson was King Arthur XXVI and Ms. Linda DeForrest was Queen Guinevere XXVI at the 26th annual Carnival Ball.

The "Knight of the Year" for 1983 was Bro. John Szymonik.

The 1983 State Convention was held in Pascagoula. District Deputy John Cox was general Chairman. We won the following awards: Largest Contribution to the Priest Education Fund (\$7100), Hilton Seymour award, Best Large Council and Newsletter Award.

The Tootsie Roll Drive Netter \$4582.71.

Bro. John Cox (PGK) was King Arthur XXII and Ms. Ann Phillips was Queen Guinevere XXII at the 27th annual Carnival Ball.

The Council donated \$1200 to Father Scott for his trip to Ireland. Father Scott was appointed the new State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

Bro. Tom Easter won the "Knight of the Year" Award.

The Council loaned a \$600 video viewer to the Pregnancy Crisis Center.

A Highlight of the State Convention was that the Council donated \$10,000 to the Priest Education Fund.

Father Francis C. Scott again appointed as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

The Council received the coveted Bishop's Service Cross from Bishop Joseph Howze in Biloxi. The award was for outstanding contributions to the R.O. Greow Memorial Priest Education Fund.

Bro. Ted Huyett and Bro. Jerry LeBanc received Bishop Services Crosses from Bishop Howze.

The Council sponsored their first annual St. Patricks Day Dance. Bro. Jerry Kennedy Sr. was Chairman of the event.

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908

Hattiesburg, MS.

No Report Submitted

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

St. Mary's Church is the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus. This 19th century place of worship is located on Hillhous Avenue in New Haven and is within walking distance of the Order's Supreme Office. Its steeple can be viewed from the upper floors of the headquarters building and the church's gothic style of architecture stands in sharp contrast to the modern design of the Supreme Office. It is this contrast that serves as a dramatic reminder to all Knights that their Order has a long and rich history.

In 1982, its centennial year, the Knights of Columbus undertook a major renovation of St. Mary's. Although the Order's primary objective was to restore this historically significant house of the Lord as a place of worship, it was also undertaken to provide an appropriate setting for the entombment on March 29, 1982, of the remains of Father Michael J. McGivney the Order's founder.

In addition to the refurbishing of the entire interior, one of the highlights of the restoration is the bronze sarcophagus in which Father McGivney's remains lie. It is one of very few of its kind cast 40 years ago by the Gorham Company of Rhode Island. Located in the church proper, it faces the altar from the left rear transept.

The church's original organ was replaced by the 19th century organ from St. Alphonsus Church in New York City. The instrument was disassembled into its component parts, refinished and reassembled at St. Mary's - a monumental task. This organ is one of the few grand organs remaining from that century.

The bronze Carolingian crucifix over the main altar is an exact replica of the one hanging in the new chapel of Saints Benedict, Cyril and Methodius in the grottoes of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the construction of which was funded by the Knights of Columbus.

FATHER KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL 2134

Greenville, MS.

Many of the activities of our council listed in the early edition are still carried out, such as sponsoring a Boy Scout troop, (their charter being the oldest in this area dating back to 1939).

We still send a boy to Boys State and a girl to Girl State each year. Our Halloween parties have been changed from dances and socials for members and wives to entertaining the children with normal trick or treat activities.

Our ladies auxiliary have been officially organized and have joined the state association. Enthusiasm for dances have changed from much interest during the earlier years to hardly no interest at all during the early 80's.

Socials are still held on every 5th Wednesday for members and wives. In addition to our family gatherings we have organized bus trips to football games both college and professional for members and wives. Christmas parties for the same and another for the children of the parish. A day of fun was organized for the entire parish on every 4th of July. Games, competition and bar b que are furnished for all to enjoy. Cook outs are held every Monday night during football season and also on Friday nights during the summer months for the families to enjoy. Corporate communions were held occasionally with the wives included. Formal recognition nights are held where all members achieving certain goals are honored. At one of our 5th Wednesday socials during the year, "Roast" were held. The Roastees include PSD Ely Shapley, Bruno Tubertini, Jr., PSD Robert Fratesi and John Chief Oltremari.

Bingo is held every Saturday night for the public with the 1st and 3rd Saturday being designated as "jackpot" night where the jackpot is given away.

Our council participate in the State bowling and softball tournaments. We have won more than our share of bowling trophies in all phases of competition and have finished 2nd and 4th in the softball tournament.

After this jurisdiction was selected as one of 5 to host the free throw contest as a pilot program in 1975, our council was actively involved in the success of the program and is still actively involved.

The hospitals are visited every Sunday morning by Brother Carl J. Wuestenhoefer, Sr. and every Catholic patient is given a prayer handbook that is supplied by our council.

The funds raised for our annual Priest Education Fund donation was raised from a chicked bar b que held once a year. The cost of this project increased to where profits were at a minimum. This was changed to a Spaghetti dinner in 1974 which proved more profitable.

Our council has organized an Admissions degree team and has continued to function throughout the changes. We have been called on to administer the 1st degree in forming new councils in Bassfield and Shelby.

We have hosted a State Convention twice during this period, once in 1972 where George (Chick) Scheiderman and Robert Fratesi was appointed as convention co-chairmen and again in 1980 this time the convention co-chairmen were Frank Greco and J. Wuestenhoefer.

Other activities during this time span include open and council horse-shoe tournaments, Las Vegas nights, weekend fishing trips to the White River as well as catering to the local Home Building Association once a month.

Our council has been called on to sponsor a booth at our annual parish fair. We first worked a booth giving live baby ducks away as prized. The storage and feeding of these creatures created a problem. The prize was later changed to gold fish. Again storage and care presented the same problem. We now sponsor a booth with bingo type "pull tab" for cash prizes. Our council has volunteered to take charge of erecting and taking down of the parish fair booths.

In 1972 a twelve by sixty addition was put on to the rear of our council home as well as remodeling and altering the inside of our present hall.

A motion was passed in 1975 to build a swimming pool and 2 tennis courts on our property. After completing this project our membership doubled from 130 to approximately 250 in just a few short years. The swimming pool is being used every summer by members and on occasions guest are invited. Pool parties and tennis tournaments were soon held following the completion of this project.

In 1972 a toy drive was held around Christmas. We collected used and new toys, packaged them up and sent numerous boxes to our Saltillo mission in Mexico. For this we received recognition on a local and state level. Our story and picture appeared in the Columbia Magazine.

Our council has supplied the State Council with officers in the past they were:

State Deputy

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| Charles Sherman | 1965-1967 |
| George Scheiderman | 1973-1975 |
| Robert Fratesi | 1983-1985 |

Members of our council that have served as State Deputy but was a member of another council when elected to that position were:

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| Ely Shapley | 1961-1963 |
| Norman Kiehm | 1969-1971 |

State Secretary

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| C. J. Kinsella | 1921-1922 |
| E. J. Leuckenbach | 1923-1927 |
| Raymond Kimbell | 1955-1956 |
| Anthony Tuminello | 1969-1970 |

State Treasurer

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| Rufus Mock | 1948-1950 |
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State Advocate

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| J. C. Hanway | 1926-1927 |
| Frank Rosella | 1943-1944 |
| S. Mauceli | 1944-1945 |

State Warden

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| Innocent Loyacono | 1931-1932 |
| Joseph Reilly | 1940-1941 |
| Emil Nick | 1941-1942 |
| James Wuestenhoefer | 1978-1979 |

State Chaplain

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| Fr. Frank Corcoran | 1980-1982 |
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District Deputies that have served during the time perior 1971-84 were: George Scheiderman, Robert Fratesi, L.E. Thornton, Frank Greco, Ronnie Tubertini, Norman Kiehm, Tony Tuminello, Eddie Leuckenbach.

The following members served as Grand Knight during this period:

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| George Scheiderman | 1970-71 |
| Dennis Hancock | 1971 |
| John Ferracci | 1971-72 |
| Robert Fratesi | 1972-73 |
| William Koeppe | 1973-74 |
| Frank Greco | 1974-75 |
| James Wuestenhoefer | 1975-76 |
| Ronnie Tubertini | 1976-77 |
| Byron Nestler | 1977-78 |
| Edward Lueckenbach | 1978-79 |
| Danny Hillhouse | 1979-80 |
| Joe Tonos | 1980-81 |
| Paul Artman | 1981-84 |

We have had 3 chaplains during this time, Msgr Thad Harkins, Father Sean Atkison and Father Frank Corcoran.

The state and supreme awards which we have won were:

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| Star Council | 75-76, 78-79 |
| Fr. McGivney | 80-81, 82-83, 83-84 |
| Columbian | 81-82, 82-83, 83-84 |
| Contest of Champions, both awards | 75-76 |
| Supreme Youth award | 74-75, 76-77 |
| Supreme Community award | 76-77 |
| Best Large Council | 72-73 |
| RSVP Program | 83-84 |
| Honor Council | 6 times |
| Distinguished Council | 6 times |

We have two brother knights that have received the Fred L. Westbrook Knight of the Year award given at the State Convention:

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| Robert Fratesi | 1972-73 |
| Domenic Verona | 1982-83 |

Our council instituted the E. J. Leuckenbach Scholarship Award which was organized in 1971 in memory of one of our most active charter members. This scholarship is awarded each year to a St. Joseph High School senior on the basis of school activity, need and scholarship ability.

Our council is available to our church, catholic school and all parish organizations to be used by them for their functions or meetings.

LAUREL COUNCIL 2180

Laurel, MS

Since 1971 the Laurel Council was instrumental in starting the State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament.

We have won the Star Council award from the Supreme Council in 1973, 1975 and 1976. Also, we have won the Columbian award, Two Contest of Champions award, Vocation Sponsor award, three Honor Council awards and two Distinguished Council awards, during the past fourteen years. Four members families have received the Family of the Month plaque from the Supreme Council.

The Council has participated in the State Tootsie Roll Drive and the Priest Education Fund Drive, since their inception.

Nine members have been members of the VIP Club and one member

has received his Ten Member Pin and the Top Proposer award.

The Council has instituted a sports program to take in the residents of the Ellisville State school.

Business meeting attendance has increased to better than 25% of the membership. The Council numbers four Priests as members.

The current officers of the Council are Richard Hollingsworth, Grand Knight; George Harrison, Deputy Grand Knight; Lee Roy Cates, Chancellor; Ralph W. Gatzman, Warden; H. James Schneider, Advocate; John P. Myers, Financial Secretary, David O. Hughes, Treasurer; Larry Pressly, Recorder; Timothy Rozek, Inside Guard; Michael Maily, Outside Guard; G.J. Maily, Trustee; Gerald Hodge, Trustee; Dennis Farrell, Trustee, and Father Thomas White, Chaplain.

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LIFE'S FOOTSTEPS

Two footprints in the sand...made by an solitary stroller along the ocean shore...symbolize life's incessant journey.

We move on...one step after...The footprints of the past...have long been washed away...No future prints are yet visible...We walk always in the present...never wholly free of past step's sands...not sure what the next step will bring...or even if there will be another step.

On so unpredictable a journey...what really counts...as we continue to walk on?...What is important?...What can we always take with us along the way...to help uncover the meaning...and share the beauty...of life's passing footsepts?

"This is what God asks of you...only this...to act justly...to love tenderly...and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8).

-Unknown

C. G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL 2945

Leland, MS

On September 2, 1945, a group of Catholic men, that belonged to the Greenville Council, had a meeting for the purpose of forming a new Council. Alphonse Carollo served as chairman and they voted to start a council in Leland. An election was held and John Kain was elected the first Grand Knight. There were fifty men who either joined or transferred to the Leland Council and received their charter on the 30th of September the year 1945, becoming the Leland Council No. 2945. Meetings were held every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. at the old funeral home at 403 North Broad Street until 1949. After the St. James Catholic Youth Center was built, they held their meetings in one of the classrooms. On January 11, 1958, a new Council home was completed at 708 East Seventh Street, where we are currently holding all of our functions. In July 1958, the Council home was dedicated in honor of C. G. Shapley, a deceased Brother who had put a great amount of time and work into our order. The Council's name was so changed to honor his memory. Our Council home and two lots were paid for in 1967, so we are debt free in this matter. Our membership now totals 60, including 23 insurance, 33 associate, and 4 inactive insurance members. Business meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., and on every fifth Wednesday a social is held with wives.

PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

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| John Kain | 1945-1946 |
| Edward Petro, Sr. | 1946-1947 |
| Victor Stedronsky | 1947-1949 |
| William Nored | 1949-1950 |
| Anthony Shapley | 1950-1951 |
| Eli Shapley | 1951-1953 |
| Martin Letchworth | 1953-1954 |
| Fred Abide | 1954-1955 |
| Robert Czerwinski | 1955-1956 |
| Charlie Morlino | 1956-1957 |
| | 1959-1960 |
| Joseph Tonos | 1957-1958 |
| | 1961-1962 |
| | 1966-1967 |
| Sam Sabbatini | 1958-1959 |
| Leon J. Shapley | 1969-1961 |
| | 1968-1969 |
| | 1981-1982 |
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| Philip Greco | 1962-1963 |
| Mike P. Columbus | 1963-1965 |
| | 1969-1971 |
| | 1977-1979 |
| John Pieralisi | 1965-1966 |
| Charles J. Carollo | 1967-1968 |
| V.J. Cefalu | 1971-1972 |
| Jerry Santucci | 1972-1974 |
| John Carolla | 1974-1975 |
| Andy Petro | 1975-1976 |
| Tony Zepponi | 1979-1981 |
| Steve Fratesi | 1982-1984 |
| John Kwiatkowski | *1984-1984 |

*Due to job transfer out of state his tenure ended December 31, 1984.

**Elected to finish the unexpired term in 1985.

MSGR. JAMES T. MCKENNA COUNCIL 2969

Clarksdale, MS

In the last thirteen years the Clarksdale Knights of Columbus have put out an effort to uphold the ideals of Columbianism. During the year of 1971 the Clarksdale Council was awarded the Hilton Seymour Award of which the Council takes great pride. Pictures of all the Past Grand Knights were taken, framed, and hung on the Council wall to honor the men and the office.

In 1975 the Council voted and passed to have a bingo established to help with the financial obligations of the Council. Bingo has developed into a two night a week project. Bingo has done so well that the Council has been able to spend money on special games and special incentives to attract the public.

In 1979 the Pro-Life Committee designed and made a "God is Pro-Life" sign which was placed in front of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. The sign will stand as a reminder to all parishioners of the Knights of Columbus stand on Pro-Life. In the same year the Clarksdale Council members raised enough money from the Tootsie Roll Drive to attract matching funds to buy a bus and a van for the Coahoma County School's Training Center for Severly/Profoundly Retarded Children.

In the mid-1970's the Clarksdale Council started a Blood Bank. For the years the Council has supplied enough blood to cover the Council as well as St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. A telephone line was also installed in the Church rectory for a movie rating service.

In 1980 Msgr. James T. McKenna Scholarship Fund for children enrolled in St. Elizabeth Catholic School was established. The Knights of Columbus made a yearly contribution to this scholarship which enables children to attend a Catholic school even though their parents are not financially able.

In 1982 the Council passed a resolution changing the name from Clarksdale Council No. 2969 to the Msgr. James T. McKenna Council No. 2969, Clarksdale, Mississippi, in memory of our late beloved Chaplain and pastor.

Due to increased membership and desire for more activities at the Council hall the House Committee was given the project of enlarging the Council home. In 1983 a large lounge area was added overlooking the swimming pool. The kitchen was also enlarged and a youth room added.

An overview of the Council's minutes for the past thirteen years reveals many rewarding projects and experiences. Among these have been the hosting of two second and third degree exemptions. One class was named in the memory of Msgr. James T. McKenna. The Council has hosted two state softball tournaments, the last one in the summer of 1984. The Clarksdale Council's gold team also won the state championship that year. The Clarksdale Council will also host the state Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament in 1985.

The Council has received several Honor Council Awards, Distinguished

Council Awards, Columbian awards, Father McGivney awards, two Hilton Seymour awards, one State Council award, and the Vocation award for the North half of the State. Our Council was honored when in 1978 Brother Emilio Zepponi received the Chick Schiderman Award for recruiting 37 members and when in 1984 when he received the Knight of the Year award. The Council also has a history of Brothers who have served as State officers and District Deputy.

The Clarksdale Council intends to keep up this great tradition of Colum-

biamism and added to the many achievements that this Council has established over the last 13 years.

The men who have served as Grand Knight for the Clarksdale Council since 1970 are as follows:

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| John Laurenzi | 1970-1971 |
| Peter Agostinelli, Jr. | 1971-1973 |
| Ned Sabbatini | 1973-1975 |
| Leon Deardorff | 1975-1976 |
| Frank Whitehead | 1976-1976 |
| Tony Antici | 1977-1980 |
| Gary Gainspoletti | 1980-1981 |
| Ewing Henson, III | 1981-1983 |
| Stanley Swentkowski | 1983-1985 |

JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL 3328

Yazoo City, MS.

No Report Submitted

MSGR. LEECH COUNCIL 4472

Pass Christian, MS.

On August 12, 1980, Bill Seal and Greg Niolet met with Msgr. James McGough for the purpose of reinstituting the Msgr. Leech Council of the Knight of Columbus in St. Paul's Parish. On October 3, 1980, 20 new members were initiated into the order by the St. Vincent DePaul Council No. 4498 Long Beach, Mississippi. After the initiation, elections were held and officers were elected as follows:

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| Greg Niolet | Grand Knight |
| John Simpson | Deputy Grand Knight |
| Tom Anthony | Chancellor |
| Steve Theobald | Recorder |
| Chuck Niolet | Treasurer |
| Don Theobald | Advocate |
| Kenny Wittmann | Warden |
| Bennie Ulrich | Guard |
| John Hayden | Guard |
| Dewayne Malinni | Trustee |
| Robert Bishop | Trustee |
| Travis Begue | Trustee |

Steve Theobald was appointed Financial Secretary by Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant and resigned the office of recorder. Gus Kinler was elected to replace Steve as recorder. The Charter was received on October 20, 1980. Meetings were held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meetings were held in the library of St. Pauls School. The first months after the election were busy ones for the officers. Programs were outlined for the next four months leading to the state convention.

In April of 1981 Monsignor Leech Council was represented at the Knights of Columbus convention in Meridian by Greg Niolet, Gus Kinler, Strphen Theobald and Edward Warner. The Council received a Distinguished Council Award. In May 1981 the Council particip-

in our first Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Retarded. Council 4472 raised \$500.00 that was donated to the Harrison County Association for Retarded Citizens. In June 1981 officers were elected for the coming year. They were as follows:

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| Greg Niolet | Grand Knight |
| Edward Warner | Deputy Grand Knight |
| Buddy Scardino | Chancellor |
| Gus Kinler | Recorder |
| Chuck Niolet | Treasurer |
| Russell Ringer | Advocate |
| Tom Anthony | Warden |
| John Hayden | Inside Guard |
| Bennie Ulrich | Outside Guard |
| Jim Williams | Trustee |
| Travis Begue | Trustee |
| John Knips | Trustee |
| Stephen Theobald | Fin. Secretary |

The Fraternal year 1981-1982 was a banner year for the Knights of Columbus Council 4472. Among our programs were the following.

- Institution of Scholarship at St. Paul Elementary
- Tootsie Roll for the Mentally Retarded
- Membership increase of 6 new members
- marian Hour of Prayer
- Knights of Columbus Bingo
- Donated a Leadahl Suction Unit to the city of Pass Christian

In October 1981 the Council moved to a new home on Henderson Avenue. The Council started its Bingo the following month. The Bingo has been very successful. Monsignor Leech Council was represented at the 1982 State Convention in Biloxi by Greg Niolet Jeffery Taylor, Edward Warner and Stephen Theobald. In June 1982 the officers were elected for the following year. They were as follows:

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| Greg Niolet | Grand Knight |
| Edward Warner | Deputy Grand Knight |
| Tom Anthony | Chancellor |
| Buddy Scardino | Recorder |
| Jeff Taylor | Treasurer |
| Russell Ringer | Advocate |
| Lesslie Ladner | Warden |
| John Hayden | Inside Guard |
| Travis Begue | Outside Guard |
| John Knips | Trustee |
| Edward Warner | Trustee |
| Travis Begue | Trustee |
| Steve Theobald | Fin. Secretary |

The Fraternal year 1982-1983 was another great year for the Knights of Columbus Council 4472. Activities were as follows:

Scholarship Program at St. Paul Elementary
 Tootsie Roll Drive (\$700.00)
 Membership Increase of 7 New Members
 Assisted St. Paul CYO

In April the Council was represented at the State Convention by Greg Niolet and Edward Warner.

CHARTER MEMBERS

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| K.Z. Anthony | G.J. Rogers |
| T.W. Anthony | D.E. Scarbrough |
| H. Battalora | A.J. Scardino, Jr. |
| S.J. Armato | J.J. Scardino |
| T.A. Begue | T.C. Schmidt |
| R.C. Bishop | Rev. F.J. Scott |
| J.V. Cerra | J.G. Simpson |
| C.L. Donlin | J.E. Swider |
| G.J. Godfrey | J.P. Taylor |
| J.F. Hayden, Jr. | D.L. Theobald |
| G. Kinler | S.P. Theobald |
| J.M. Knips | B.T. Ulrich |
| D.A. Mallini | E.W. Warner |
| Rev. J.P. McGough | J.A. Williams |
| L.J. Necaize | F.P. Wittmann, Jr. |
| E.C. Niolet III | H. Wittmann |
| E.C. Niolet Jr. | K.C. Wittmann |
| G.L. Niolet | J.J. Wittmann |
| R.T. Ringer | L.E. Yarborough |

ST. VINCENT DePAUL COUNCIL 4898

Long Beach, MS.

No Report Submitted

MSGR. J. F. CLERICO COUNCIL 5267

Greenwood, MS

In 1970 the Council was under the leadership of Bro. Louis Naaman, Jr. The Council was very active. Some of its major activities consisted of a carnival which netted approximately \$3400 (the proceeds of which were applied to the note on the home), sponsoring a concert by the Noter Dame band, the proceeds being donated to handicapped children, building a float for the city's new home. The Council was awarded with Star Award by Supreme for this year's activities.

Under Grand Knight Tommy Reifers in 1971-1972 fraternal year the Council had a Halloween party for the children, collected toys for the needy children and repaired them for several months before Christmas parade, helped to get indecent literature off magazine racks in the community.

At the Greenville State Convention in the spring of 1972, PGK Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. of Greenwood, was elected to serve as the State Treasurer of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus beginning seven years of continuous service as a State Officer. The next two years he served as State Secretary and in 1975 at the Biloxi Convention he was elected State Deputy. In 1976 he was elected as State Deputy at the State Convention in Greenwood, the first time our Council hosted a State Convention. The Supreme Secretary, Virgil Dechant, now the Supreme Knight, was our principal speaker. Br. Quinn also served for 5 continuous years (from 1970-1974) as a district deputy in our area. During his administration as State Deputy of the Knights in Mississippi, new Councils at Starkville and Picayune were brought in. State Deputy Quinn started the Tootsie Roll project for the State of Mississippi in 1975. Br. Lee

Abraham, Jr. of the Council served as attorney and assisted State Deputy Quinn in setting up the Knights of Columbus Foundation, an incorporation for the Tootsie Roll Fund to legally operate under to assist the mentally retarded. This fund in 1986, through the work of the Knights of our State has accumulated with matching funds over 2½ million dollars to help the mentally retarded. Greenwood has contributed over \$180,000 to this fund to date.

The Council under Orlando Fratesi in 1972-1973 contributed \$500 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, gave a Christmas party for the Little Red School for mentally retarded children, won the the city softball championship and along with other Councils of the State had a billboard put on the highway for Right to Life. An addition was added to our hall consisting of a concrete slab 100' long with a covered roof along the back of the home.

In 1973 Grand Knight Vennis Upchurch had 1000 prayer books bought and distributed to the membership of our parish. We again had a Christmas party for the retarded children continuing our work in this field. We had an excellent Vocations night program and had a billboard erected on the highway to keep Christ in Christmas.

The Council received the Columbian Award from the Supreme Council to recognize its activities for the year.

In 1974-1975, Br. Ellis Antoon served our Council as Grand Knight. The Council had many activities under his able leadership. Projects varied from drug abuse programs, a breakfast and a picnic for our graduating seniors, cookouts for the CYO, billboards

for Christ in Christmas, Priest Education Fund work, etc. Preparations were begun for the Council to host the 1976 State Convention with Br.'s Abe Malouf Sr. and Louis Naaman, Jr. being selected as co-chairman for this project. The Council actively participated in remodel work of the parish church. Br. Ellis Antoon at the end of his term of Grand Knight was selected by State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. to serve as District Deputy for 4 Councils in our area, making him one of only four members of our Council to serve the Knights outside of our own Council to date. Br. Antoon made an excellent District Deputy, helping bring in the new Council in Starkville in February of 1976.

In 1975-1976, Br. Robert Overly was elected Grand Knight. Br. Overly's administration had two really important projects to deal with: the convention and the first Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally retarded. The convention was a great success with approximately 415 attending the banquet and dance. The first Tootsie Roll Drive was a large success in Greenwood with Greenwood coming into second place competing with all other Councils in the State. Another project of note and of great satisfaction to the Council was for our first degree team to go to Starkville in February 1986, to initiate their first class of new members. Past Grand Knight, Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. He accomplished much for our Council—spearheading the building of our home and starting our fourth degree assembly were only two of his most notable accomplishments.

In July of 1976 Larry Ludwig took over as Grand Knight, but in January he had to resign to move to Rolling Fork, MS. The Council during this per-

iod of time built a new tennis court, borrowing \$11,500 for it. Br. Joe Middleton finished out this year as Grand Knight. The annual free-throw basketball championship was held for the first time by our Council. The Tootsie Roll Drive in Greenwood with matching funds amounted to \$48,146.00.

Phil Ellis, Jr. served as Grand Knight for the 1977-1978 term. His administration worked on varied projects such as pornography on book stands in Greenwood, a turkey shoot, Tootsie Roll Drive, and Lebanese night. Br. Phil's year ended with a job very well done for the Council.

Br. Bill Nored was elected as Grand Knight for the 1978-1979 term, being the first Grand Knight of Greenwood to ever come back for a second term. The Council continued to have its Home Town carnival project. A large Knights of Columbus banner was donated to the Council by the local 4th degree assembly in memory of Br. Jesse J. Quinn Sr. Br. Nored was sick during most of his administration from cancer and had to resign in February of 1979. His subsequent death cost the Council one of its most inspirational leaders.

Br. Ed Gaston finished out this year as Grand Knight picking up the reins of leadership for the Council. He saw after such projects as our Tootsie Roll Drive which with matching funds put \$14,820 in the hands of the mentally retarded; an insurance night for the Council with the State Insurance Agent Roy Powers; a project for members to clean the floors and wax them at our Parish Hall, etc. Br. Gaston did a very commendable job in putting things back together after Br. Nored's sickness.

Br. Ed Gaston was elected to serve another term for 1979-1980. During this term he continued with most of the Council's regular activities such as the Hometown Carnival, football pools, etc. A Las Vegas Night and shrimp supper were outstanding parties of the year. The Carnival went to Winona at the invitation of our Winona Brothers for a very nice get together there. Bingo was started this year for the first time on a regular basis at the Council Hall with different teams of members taking charge of the Bingo nights.

Br. Bobby Acy of Winona served as Grand Knight on 1980-1981. Our Council had an excellent year for the Tootsie Roll Drive project, netting \$6,436.00, (before matching funds) the highest amount taken in the State that year by any Council. Our Council participated in the State Softball Tournament at Greenville, contributed to a local student who wanted to study to be a Priest, and changed its by-laws so a quorum would be 12 in place of 18 members. The Priest Fund donation this year by our Council was \$500.00, the highest we have ever been able to donate.

In 1981-1982 Br. Ed Gaston served as Grand Knight again for another year. The Council hosted a school of Columbianism put on by the State Deputy. It participated in the softball tournament in Meridian, donated \$750 to the Priest Education Fund, raised \$5,909 for the Tootsie Roll Drive, ect. The twentieth anniversary of the Council was celebrated along with the 100th centennial celebration of the knights of Columbus.

Father Tony Smith served us as Chaplain for a few short months in 1982. Hewas the only Chaplain that the Council had from Father Izral's

In 1982-1983 Br. Robert Upchurch served us as Grand Knight. The Council raised \$7,682.00 for the Tootsie Roll Drive this year and donated \$850 to the Priest fund for its best year in these two endeavors. The Council home was painted. Br. Joseph Nassar resigned as Financial Secretary after 15 years of service. Br. Nassar was a very competent Financial Secretary keeping dues 100% paid up. He was known thru-out the State for doing his job.

Br. Jaque Diette was elected to serve as Grand Knight for 1983-1984. Football pools, Bingo, Steak Suppers, etc. were all put on. The water pump and tank of the home had to be reworked.

On October 17, 1983, G.K. Diette resigned due to his military service status. Br. Wayne Pittman was elected to finish out the Fraternal year. Memorial Services for deceased brothers were held each month. A very nice party was held in honor of Joseph Nassar for his tremendous work as Financial Secretary. A spaghetti supper for the CYO, a Marian Hour Service at our Church, a good Tootsie Roll netting of \$3,663.00, were part of the highlights of this year. The Council continued to preform many miscellaneous projects such as programs on how to hold a meeting, the State Softball Tournament, a drinking and driving program, and distributing food to the needy.

Our Council is hitting highs and lows in its life but it continues to live and is doing alot of good work. We expect to continue this good work for many years to come.

FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL 5556

Cleveland, MS

For many years prior to the establishment of a Knights of Columbus council in Cleveland, a number of men from Our Lady of Victories Parish were members of the Greenville or Clarksdale Councils and functioned as a local K of C Club in Cleveland. In the year 1962 - 64 Victor J. Aguzzi, Sr., President of the Cleveland Club, encouraged by Rev. Patrick J. Hannelly, conducted a campaign to establish a council in Cleveland. Their efforts in building support for the project were supported by District Deputy John Laurenzi and Past State Deputy John Sommers under whose guidance a charter for Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 was granted on April 20, 1964.

Officers of the newly chartered Council were: Chaplain, Rev. Patrick J. Hannelly; Grand Knight, W. F. La Forge; Deputy Grand Knight, Victor J. Aguzzi, Sr.; Chancellor, Sam Danna; Recorder, Leslie McGovern; Financial Secretary, L. T. Michie; Treasurer, Ned Fioranelli; Lecturer, Dick Miller; Advocate, Martin King; Warden Mario Barbatì; Inside Guard, Rudy Battistelli; Outside Guard, Albert Rocconi, Sr.; and Trustees, Ned Aguzzi, Joe Aguzzi and Dominic Rizzo.

In addition to the officers, the charter members of the council were: Charles A. Feduccia, Sr., Lawrence A. Feduccia, George Ferri, Jr., Armand Fioranelli, John F. Homan, James B. McGowan, James P. Rocconi, Frank Roncali, Jr., William A. Smith, Jr., Elio Tarsi, Jr., Roger K. Wyatt, A. K. Abide, Jr., Francis B. Aylward, Wendel J. Chudy, Joseph Correro, Sr., Albert Ferri, Fred Fioranelli, John A. Holland, John H. Janous, Sr., James Pambianchi, Tony Rizzo, Julius P. Rocconi, Sr., and John D. Rogers. Of the charter members Sam Danna, Leslie McGovern, Lt. T. Michie, Mario Barbatì, Ned Aguzzi, and John H. Janous, Sr. are deceased as of June, 1984.

During its first twenty years of operation, Father Rotondo Council has consistently given special attention to building its membership strength. Sources for new members are limited because of the relatively small size of our parish but successful membership campaigns have ensured that nearly every eligible man in the parish is a member of the council with special attention being given to young men as they reach the minimum age of 18. In addition to membership drives in Cleveland, the council has enjoyed considerable success in initiating excellent members from Drew, Gunnison Ruleville, Rosedale, Shaw, and until the establishment of the Shelby council. The membership of the council which increased from 38 members on April, 1964 to 106 members as of June 1984, may be described as enthusiastic and dedicated to the principles of the Order.

The success in building membership strength and in the year in year out accomplishment of council objectives and completion of council programs reflects the leadership abilities and dedication of those brothers elevated by the members to the office of Grand Knight. Those men holding that honor since the council was organized were as follows:

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| -1964 | W. F. Laforge |
| 1964-1966 | W. F. Laforge |
| 1966-1967 | Rudy Battistelli |
| 1967-1968 | W. F. LaForge |
| 1968-1970 | Ned Fioranelli |
| 1970-1972 | Victor J. Aguzzi, Sr. |
| 1972-1974 | Elio Tarsi, Jr. |
| 1974-1976 | Henry Mosco |
| 1976-1978 | John F. Aguzzi |
| 1978-1980 | Albert Rocconi, Jr. |
| 1980-1982 | Victor J. Aguzzi, Jr. |
| 1982-1984 | Marvin L. Lott |
| 1984- | Gary Gainspoletti |

These Grand Knights were ably supported in promoting the ideal of unity by those brothers who filled the various council offices over the year. Efficient administration was especially ensured by those who held the offices of Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. The Financial Secretaries served as the councils link with the Supreme Knight and, together with the Treasurers and the Trustees effectively managed the important area of council finances. Those brothers holding the office of Financial Secretary since the council was chartered were:

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| Apr 64- Nov 64 | L. T. Michie |
| Nov 64- Sep 66 | Frank Roncali, Jr. |
| Sep 66- Dec 66 | John Conway |
| Dec 66- 1971 | Frank Roncali, Jr. |
| 1971 - 1972 | John L. Capocaccia |
| 1972 - Present | W. F. LaForge |

Those brothers holding the office of Treasurer since the council was chartered were:

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| Apr 64- 1968 | Ned Fioranelli |
| 1968 - 1970 | David Work |
| 1970 - 1973 | Victor J. Aguzzi, Jr. |
| 1973 - 1974 | Albert Rocconi, Jr. |
| 1974 - 1978 | Monty Barbati |
| 1978 - 1981 | Sidney E. Richmond |
| 1981 - Present | Monty Barbati |

The council customarily elects its Immediate Past Grand Knight as three year trustee, unless they serve a second term, and all have served in that capacity. In addition, the following brothers have served as Trustees of the council: Ned Aguzzi, Joe Aguzzi, Dominic Rizzo, Julius P. Rocconi, Sr., Dominic Tumminello, Albert Rocconi, Sr., and Joseph Correro, Sr.

In the early years council meetings were held in the parish center

but the members very soon developed and carried out plans for the construction of a council home. A building fund was established as one of the first items of business, a building site, purchases in August, 1965, was paid off in August, 1969, and a large recreation building housing bocci courts, was constructed on the site in 1966-67. The notes on the recreation building were paid off in July, 71 and a number of improvements have been made to the structure since that date. In the meantime, plans were adopted for the construction of a council home which was completed in 1971 and improved and enlarged in 1978. On Nov. 21, 82 the council held a mortgage burning celebration to mark the final note payments for all costs of construction and furnishings of the council home. In the meantime, in 1976, all property was transferred to the Columbian Lodge of Cleveland, Inc. in order to provide council members the protection of limited liability.

To finance the construction of the council home and recreation building and the purchase of the building site as well as the various programs and projects sponsored by the council a variety of fund raising activities, some of the them on a annual basis, have been conducted. Annual dues has provided the resources for paying required per capita taxes and other assessments levied by the Supreme and State Councils and for the basic administrative expenses for the operation of the council. Funding for all other expenditures has come from the proceeds of two annual major projects: Three football pools in the fall and a spaghetti supper in the late winter. Rental income on the council home is another important source of income. Other income producers over the years have been auctions of farm equipment, proceeds from

a concession stand, fees for use of the game room and for tournaments, profits from dances, and raffles on nearly everything imaginable including automobiles, shotguns, savings bonds, garden tillers, and whiskey.

From its inception our council has endeavored to fulfill the purposes of the Knights of Columbus and has followed the programs suggested by the Supreme Council whether they were called 6 point or Surge Program or whatever the current nomenclature. Normally the Deputy Grand Knight is given responsibility for implementing these programs which bear close resemblance to the programs pursued by other councils in this jurisdiction and throughout the order. A survey of the Recorder's minute book discloses considerable council attention to fraternal, charitable, family youth, and community projects, Catholic and church activities, and support for special programs sponsored by both the Supreme and State Councils.

Full support has been given to such nation wide projects as the Catholic Advertising program, the Anti Smut, the Prayer in School, and Anti Abortion campaigns, and the effort to retain the phrase "Under God" in the pledge of allegiance. Each year the council has secured the widest local publicity for the annual program distributed by the Supreme Knight in connection with the observance of Columbus Day. More recently support was given to the renovation of St. Mary's Church in New Haven.

Our council has also given strong support to State Council programs and projects such as the Tootsie Roll Program for the mentally retarded and most especially, the Bishop Gerow Me-

morial Fund for the education of priest. Since its first year of operation the council has contributed \$5,450 to the latter project. Clothing and other support have been given to the Saltillo Mission.

On the local level special attention has been given to promoting the mission of the Church. In its early years the council has given support to the diocesan retreat movement through participation by its members and by underwriting expenses of parish members who made retreats. Council members have served as ushers, lectors, and parking lot attendants and are encouraged to make frequent communions and attend daily Mass especially during special liturgical seasons such as Lent. The council has supported special parish programs such as novenas, days of recollections, Marian hours of prayer, and parish renewals. The council has contributed to the cost of constructing and furnishing the parish plant by providing such items as a cross, a sound system, and a manger scene for the newly built church. More recently funds were provided for the installation of stained glass windows and for the repair and renovation of the rectory. The council home was used for parish functions pending the construction of a new parish hall and is still used for special parish functions such as a recent 25th anniversary celebration for the Pastor. The council participated in the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima project, displays a Keep Christ In Christmas billboard each year, holds communion breakfasts, and donates funds to worthy causes such as an Italian mission, and the education of a deacon. Duty to Church has been a consistent priority of the Father Rotondo council.

The council sponsors a number of activities for the benefit of its members in the spirit of fraternity.

Visit to hospitals and the sending of get well cards for members who are ill are routine practices. Masses and wakes for brother Knights and for their family members who are lost to death and an annual special Mass for all deceased members of the council are also standard policies. On a happier note, the council sponsors several dances and other social events each year to promote the fraternal spirit. Other activities include bocci tournaments, a softball team that participates in the city league, an annual oldtimers softball game, and monthly social meetings. Members are also urged to share the benefits of the Order's insurance program with an annual insurance night on which its benefits are explained to brothers and their families. Financial aid has been provided to brothers in need. Fraternity with brother Knights beyond the council has been promoted by inner council softball and bocci competition. Attendance at dances and other social functions. The council has served as a host to District meetings. In these and other ways the council has given special attention to the idea of fraternity.

The council has also not neglected the idea of Charity not only with regard to its own members but also with concern for the larger community. Charitable projects are in part indicated by the annual Survey of Fraternal Activities and have included financial contributions to a local home for the aged, to St. Jude's research facility in Memphis, Tenn., the local mental health center to the Delta School for Exceptional Children, to a local half way house, and to programs which provide on a

number of occasions to individuals in the community needing assistance because of property loss or serious health problems.

The council's sense of responsibility to the community is also demonstrated by its participation in community wide activities and to its sponsorship of programs to which all citizens are invited. Financial support was given to send a Delta State University singing group to Poland in 1976 and, in the same year, the council participated in the city's bicentennial program. Books such as the Catholic Encyclopedia has been donated to the public library. Funds were provided for the Bolivar County Civil Defense Program and bullet proof vests were purchased for the sheriff's department. The council has conducted campaigns to urge citizens to register and vote in elections and has sponsored programs open to all dealing with such topics as drug abuse, the dangers of smoking, and the practice of CPR. Council members are available to the community as blood donors.

The recent emphasis given by the Supreme Council to family and youth has met with a strong response from Council No. 5556. Many of the fraternal activities mentioned above involved family members. In addition, family outings, picnics, and dinners include wives and family members. The council participates in the Family of the month program and family members attend the annual installation of Council officers and its attendant dinner. Support for the parish and community youth has taken the form of a number of projects and activities including basketball free throw competition, Sponsorship of the Boys' and Girls' State programs, financial support for

The American Legion baseball program, and programs on vocations for young people. Special support has been given to the parish Catholic Youth Organization by providing access to the council home for Bingo games, giving them parties on special occasions such as Halloween, making donations to its fund raising drives, and sponsoring a trip to the Mid South Fair in Memphis, Tenn. The council has also sponsored parties and outings for the altar boys in the parish. In cooperation with the parish Ladies' Sodality. The council sponsors an annual Christmas party for the parish children and a breakfast for those graduating from high school. Funds have also been provided to support special projects by high school groups such as a visit to the state legislature by the Political Science Club. Early in its history the council sponsored a Boy Scout Troop.

During its relatively short life the council has earned a number of honors and awards and has provided leadership to the Mississippi Jurisdiction. At the 1966 State Convention the council was named council of the Year and was presented the Hilton Seymour Award. For both 1967 and 1968 it won the membership Honor Roll Certificate and the Insurance Honor Roll as well as being designated a Star Council. In 1968 the council was awarded the Contest of Champions Trophy for its achievement in recruiting members and again, in 1968, success in increasing the number of insurance members was recognized by the award of the Design for '69 Trophy. In the same year council member W. F. LaForge was honored as the recipient of the

Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award at the State Convention. In 1978 the council received the Father McGivney Award and, in the state competition among councils, was named Honor Council on several occasions and Distinguished Council in 1984.

Several members of the council have had the honor of serving in leadership roles in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Brother W. F. LaForge served as District Deputy in the years 1968-1970, as State Secretary in 1970-1971 and as State Deputy for the years 1971 to 1973. Brother Marvin L. Lott served as District Deputy for the years 1984-1985. Brother Henry Mosco has served as General Insurance Agent for the Mississippi Jurisdiction since March, 1983.

Finally, Father Rotondo council provided the first Formation Degree Team in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Members of the team included Rev. John Leonard, W. F. LaForge, David Work, Jack Dempsey, and W. N. LaForge. The first exemplification of this degree was conducted in Greenwood in October 1969.

As Council No. 5556 begins its third decade it remains committed to the ideals of the order and determined to continue and to expand those activities which have characterized the first twenty years of its history.

FRED L. WESTBROOK, SR. COUNCIL 5654

Ocean Springs, MS.

Certification of First Degree Team was granted on January 25, 1982.

Columbian and Father McGivney Award Award for 1980-81.

Sponsorship and charter of Columbian Squire Circle No. 2852, effective March 18, 1979 with 17 charter members.

Mississippi Distinguished State Award for:

1983-84, 1982-83

Proceeds from annual Tootsie Roll Drive contributed to following organizations: Gulf Coast YMCA for 1982 and 1983; Mississippi Special Olympics Area #2 (George, Green & Jackson Counties) for 1984 to date.

Supreme Council Action Award for 1980.

Following Supreme and State awards received by council:

Major achievement of council was construction of council home in 1979-1980 under the supervision of Grand Knight Leonard Tarrant. Home is located on property leased from St. Alphonsus Parish Complex.

Supreme Star Council Awards for:

1978-80, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1971-72

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| Grand Knight | - | Frank Tarrant |
| Deputy GK | - | Leonard Tarrant |
| Chancellor | - | John Seymour |
| Recorder | - | Daniel Flynn |
| Advocate | - | Travis Norman |
| Warden | - | Merrell Seymour |
| Inside Guard | - | H. L. Callendar |
| Outside Guard | - | George Callender |
| Fin. Sec. | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | Ralph Beaugez |
| | | John Touch |
| | | Ferdinand Kiernan |
| Treasurer | - | Ira Griggs |
| Chaplain | - | Msgr Eamon Mullen |
| Lecturer | - | Leonard Allen |

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1972-73

| | | |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Grand Knights | - | Leonard Tarrant |
| Deputy GK | - | John Seymour |
| Chancellor | - | Milton Seymour |
| Recorder | - | Carl Brochard |
| Advocate | - | Pierre Blais |

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| Warden | - | Leonard Allen |
| Inside Guard | - | Gerald Griggs |
| Outside Guard | - | Travis Norman |
| Fin. Sec. | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | Roland Meaut |
| | | Frank Tarrant |
| | | Ferdinand Kiernan |
| Treasurer | - | Ira Griggs |
| Chaplain | - | Rev Jack Smith |
| Lecturer | - | Shiroad Miller |

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1973-74

| | | |
|---------------|---|----------------------|
| Grand Knight | - | Fred L. Westbrook Jr |
| Deputy GK | - | Larry Morgan |
| Chancellor | - | Frank Hilt |
| Recorder | - | William F. Dale Jr |
| Advocate | - | Pierre Blais |
| Warden | - | Leonard Allen |
| Inside Guard | - | Daniel Flynn |
| Outside Guard | - | Robert Cox |
| Fin Sec | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | Ferdinand Kiernan |
| | | Frank Tarrant |
| | | Leonard Tarrant |
| Treasurer | - | Ira Griggs |

Chaplain - Fr Jack Smith
Lecturer - Mike Mitchell Sr

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1974-75

Grand Knights - Larry Morgan
Deputy GK - Ira Griggs
Chancellor - Frank Hilt
Recorder - John Seymour
Advocate - Ambrose Fayard
Warden - Robert Young
Inside Guard - Edwin O'Connor
Outside Guard - Robert Cox
Fin Sec - Irwin Obernuefemann
Trustees - Frank Tarrant
Leonard Tarrant
A. J. Holloway Sr
Treasurer - Gerald Griggs
Chaplain - Msgr Eamon Mullen
Lecturer - Daniel Flynn

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1975-76

Grand Knight - John Seymour Jr
Deputy GK - Leonard Tarrant
Chancellor - Frank Hilt
Recorder - Francis Catchot
Advocate - Shirod Miller
Warden - Leonard Allen
Inside Guard - Nick Pitano
Outside Guard - Robert Cox
Fin Sec - Irwin Obernuefemann
Trustees - Louis Schaub Sr
A. J. Holloway Sr
Ira Griggs
Treasurer - Milton Seymour Sr
Chaplain - Vacant
Lecturer - Thomas Brochard

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1976-77

Grand Knight - Merrell Seymour
Deputy GK - Frederick Liscoe Sr
Chancellor - Louis Schaub Sr
Recorder - Joseph Fero
Advocate - George Fero
Warden - Leonard Allen
Inside Guard - Edwin Dick

Outside Guard - Ambrose Fayard
Fin Sec - Irwin Obernuefemann
Trustees - A. J. Holloway Sr
B. Mitchell
Ira Griggs

Treasurer - Fred L. Westbrook Jr
Chaplain - Msgr Eamon Mullen
Lecturer - Robert Cox

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1977-78

Grand Knight - George Fero
Deputy GK - Frederick Liscoe Sr
Chancellor - Louis Schaub Sr
Recorder - Joseph Fero
Advocate - Frank Hilt
Warden - Leonard Allen
Inside Guard - Robert O'Brien
Outside Guard - Frank Mathieu
FinSec - Irwin Obernuefemann
Trustees - Milton Seymour Sr
Mike Mitchell Sr
Ira Griggs

Treasurer - James Morris
Chaplain - Msgr Eamon Mullen
Lecturer - Robert Cox

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1978-79

Grand Knight - Leonard Tarrant
Deputy GK - Robert O'Brien
Chancellor - Louis Schaub Sr
Recorder - Frederick Liscoe Sr
Advocate - Frank Hilt
Warden - Leonard Allen
Inside Guard - Fred L. Westbrook Jr
Outside Guard - Robert Scharnhorst
Fin Sec - Irwin Obernuefemann
Trustees - George Fero
Milton Seymour Sr
Mike Mitchell Sr

Treasurer - James Morris
Chaplain - Rev George Murphy
Lecturer - Robert Cox

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1979-80

Grand Knight - Leonard Tarrant
Deputy GK - Robert O'Brien
Chancellor - Louis Schaub Sr
Recorder - Norman Thomson

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| Advocate | - | Harold Cox |
| Warden | - | Leonard Allen |
| Inside Guard | - | Willie Barry |
| Outside Guard | - | Roland Meaut |
| Fin Sec | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | George Fero |
| | | Merrell Seymour |
| | | Francis Catchot |
| Treasurer | - | James Morris |
| Chaplain | - | Rev George Murphy |
| Lecturer | - | Robert Scharnhorst |

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1980-81

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Grand Knight | - | Leonard Tarrant |
| Deputy GK | - | Robert O'Brien |
| Chancellor | - | Frank Hilt |
| Recorder | - | Richard Tinsley |
| Advocate | - | Harold Cox |
| Warden | - | Leonard Allen |
| Inside Guard | - | Willie Barry |
| Outside Guard | - | Harold Allen |
| Fin Sec | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | George Fero |
| | | Francis Catchot |
| | | Louis Schaub Sr |
| Treasurer | - | James Morris |
| Chaplain | - | Rev Patrick Mockler |
| Lecturer | - | Henry P. Ryan |

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1981-82

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Grand Knight | - | Robert O'Brien |
| Deputy GK | - | Richard Tinsley |
| Chancellor | - | Henry P. Ryan |
| Recorder | - | Robert Scharnhorst |
| Advocate | - | Harold Cox |
| Warden | - | Frank Hilt |
| Inside Guard | - | Russell Marcellus |
| Outside Guard | - | Donald Benezue |
| Fin Sec | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | Francis Catchot |
| | | Frederick Liscoe Sr |
| | | Leonard Tarrant |
| Treasurer | - | James Morris |
| Chaplain | - | Rev Patrick Mockler |
| Lecturer | - | Robert Murrah |

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1982-83

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Grand Knight | - | Robert O'Brien |
| Deputy GK | - | Frederick Liscoe Sr |
| Chancellor | - | Henry P. Ryan |
| Recorder | - | Robert Scharnhorst |
| Advocate | - | Frank Hilt |
| Warden | - | Leonard Allen |
| Inside Guard | - | Antoine Otto |
| Outside Guard | - | Donald Benezue |
| Fin Sec | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | Harold Cox |
| | | Leonard Tarrant |
| | | Richard Tinsley |
| Treasurer | - | James Morris |
| Chaplain | - | Rev Patrick Mockler |
| Lecturer | - | Robert Murrah |

COUNCIL OFFICERS - 1983-84

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Grand Knight | - | Leonard Allen |
| Deputy GK | - | Robert J. Foster |
| Chancellor | - | Thomas Brochard |
| Recorder | - | Robert Scharnhorst |
| Advocate | - | Frank Hilt |
| Warden | - | Paul LeBlanc |
| Inside Guard | - | Harold Allen |
| Outside Guard | - | Donald Benezue |
| Fin Sec | - | Irwin Obernuefemann |
| Trustees | - | Leonard Tarrant |
| | | Richard Tinsley |
| | | Robert O'Brien |
| Treasurer | - | James Morris |
| Chaplain | - | Rev Patrick Mockler |
| Lecturer | - | Robert Cox |

SHELBY COUNCIL 6555

Shelby, MS.

No Report Submitted

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HELLO, REMEMBER ME?

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you, because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart - remember?

And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart - remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy, A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I came down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting - they don't seem to know who I am - I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anybody else with their hat off so he quickly put his back on!

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Viet Nam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime of those who never came back to keep this Republic free: One Nation Under God. When you salute me you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, Stand Straight, place your right hand over your heart, and I'll salute you by waving back - and I'll know that.....YOU REMEMBER!

MALACHY BURNS COUNCIL 6592

Bassfield, MS

The Father Malachy Burns council was chartered on May 19, 1974. There were 37 members in this new council.

The following is a list of the Grand Knights and the years in which they served:

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|---------------------|---------|
| S. T. Fails | 1974 |
| Michael E. Daley | 1975-76 |
| John E. Morton | 1976-77 |
| Robert L. Thompson | 1977-78 |
| Walter A. Daley | 1979-80 |
| Ted L. Applewhite | 1980-82 |
| Johnny Kerley | 1982-83 |
| Charles F. Carr | 1983-84 |
| R. S. (Bob) Everard | 1984-85 |

In 1974, the first business for the new council was to raise money for the renovation of the Parish Hall, and other projects for the coming year. The records show at least one dance each month was held for these projects.

In May of 1975, the first Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive was held. The Bassfield Council won the first place honors in Mississippi that year. Also that year the work on the Parish Hall was completed. One of the faithful Knights that worked on this project David Little, died that year. After his death the council helped to complete the construction of his family's new home.

The major Project for the new year of 1976 was the Knights of Columbus chambers and the Altar Society room. Both of these rooms were in the old Parish School which was built in 1929. The Bassfield Smow Dancers also helped raise

money for the Tootsie Roll drive that year.

On November 2, 1977, an article from the Prentiss Headlight reads, "The Knights of Columbus of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Bassfield are responsible for the installation of a new flag pole on the football field at Bassfield High School. Shown raising the flag are Bobby Thompson and Walter Daley, K. C. officers."

In 1979, the Dob Daley Memorial Scholarship was started. Dob was born on November 25, 1918 and died on December 12, 1978.

In 1979, a total renovation of St Peters was started. There were over 2,000 man hours recorded on this one project. Most of the work was done at night. The council was the International Winner of Church Activity Award. The presentation was made in August 1980, at the convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1980, the renovation of the Church was completed, and a new project of remodeling the Parish Rectory was started, and finished in 1982.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Super Bowl football pool, and newted \$6,000.00 to be put on a future K. C. home.

A complete renovation of the Carson Church was done by the Knights of Columbus in 1982.

In March of 1983, Bishop Joseph Howze of the Diocese of Biloxi, visited St. Elizabeth of Carson, on Sunday and celebrated the 10:00 AM Mass. While in Carson, Bishop Howze

consecrated the new Catholic Cemetery, adjacent to the Church. Land for the three acre cemetery was donated by St. Regis Paper Company and constructed by the Knights of Columbus.

In 1984, the Knights of Columbus held a blood drive at St. Peters Church in the parish hall, and had enough donors to cover the entire parish for the next year.

On November 28, 1984 Father Kelleher held the Marion Hour of Prayer at St. Peters Church. There was a good crowd at the Service and everyone seemed to enjoy it very much.

In 1985, the council donated \$217.00 to the Catholic Relief Services to aid the starving in Ethiopia. It didn't seem like that much, a letter of thanks assured us that it would help many.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNCIL 6765

Starkville, MS.

No Report Submitted

OSCAR J. GELPI COUNCIL 6872

Picayune, MS

Our council was founded under the direction of Don Oldmixon. Don was a member of the Slidell council in Louisiana. The first meeting was held in July, 1976. There were 22 men interested in joining. Another meeting was held in August, a total of 33 men came.

December 13, 1976 Picayune Council 6872 was formed. Those included:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Father S. Hynes | J.P. Ladner |
| P.J. Bucca | M.T. Leleux |
| T. Brunet | T.W. Morris |
| W.G. Cibula | G.L. O'Flynn |
| C.F. D'Agostino | D.C. Oldmixon |
| D.A. Daugharty | D.H. Oldmixon |
| D.R. Dubisson | S.J. Orgeron |
| G.J. Gasper | D.E. Oldmixon |
| W.A. Gasper | J.P. Parillo |
| E. Grabert | T.S. Ross |
| A.C. Geraci | P.J. Schommer |
| H.P. Griggs | K.A. Skantz |
| J.L. Guidry | K.B. Skantz |
| L.G. Hemler | R.V. Skantz |
| L.G. Hemler, Jr | H.T. Svehlak |
| J.B. Huch, Jr. | T.S. Tozzi |
| J.A. Hunter | G. Vega |
| J.A. Hunter, Jr | W.C. Wolfe |

The first meeting was held January 17, 1977. Prayers were offered by Father Hynes. The following officers were elected.

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Grand Knight | Don Oldmixon |
| Deputy Grand Knight | G. Hunter |
| Chancellor | Tom Morris |
| Warden | Paul Bucca |
| Recorder | Greg Vega |
| Treasurer | Gerald Gasper |
| Advocate | Oscar Gelpi |
| Inside Guard | John Parillo |
| Outside Guard | Paul Schommer |
| Trustees | Henry Griggs |
| | Henry Svehlak |
| | Keith Skantz |

At this meeting the council was named Picayune Council 6872.

Officers for the year 1977-78:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Grand Knight | Jerald Hunter |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Mike Leleux |
| Chancellor | Royce Skantz |
| Warden | Paul Bucca |
| Recorder | G. Vega |
| Treasurer | Gerald Gasper |
| Advocate | Tom Tozzi |
| Inside Guard | John Parillo |
| Outside Guard | Stanley Orgeron |
| Trustee | Tom Morris |

Many awards were won this year including, Best Church Activity Award, Honor Council Award, Scrap Book Award, and Star Council From Supreme.

Officers for the year 1978-79:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Grand Knight | Mike Leleux |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Lou Hemler, Jr. |
| Chancellor | Oscar Gelpi |
| Recorder | Stanley Oregeron |
| Trea surer | Gerald Gasper |
| Advocate | Jack Huck |
| Warden | Ray Marciulionis |
| Inside Guard | Pat Oldmixon |
| Outside Guard | Kevin Skantz |
| Trustee | Jerry Hunter |

Awards won this year, Best Church Activity, Best Medium Council, Scrap Book Award and Star Council.

Officers for the 1979-80 year:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Grand Knight | Nick Wagner |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Stanley Oregeron |
| Chancellor | Jack Huck |
| Recorder | John D'Antoni |
| Treasurer | William Clark |
| Lecturer | Kelly Daigle |
| Advocate | Doug Takacs |
| Warden | Gil O'Flynn |
| Inside Guard | Al Bernard |

Outside Guard
Trustees

Tom Settle
Kirt Kowosky
R. Skantz
Glenn Dubisson

The Award that was won this year
was the Star Council Award.

Officers for the year 1980-81:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Grand Knight | Stanley Orgeron |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Jack Huck |
| Chancellor | John D'Antoni |
| Recorder | Lou Hemler, Jr. |
| Advocate | Al Bernard |
| Warden | Gil O'Flynn |
| Treasurer | William Clark |
| Inside Guard | Nick Patterson |
| Outside Guard | Bruce Wagner |
| Trustees | Royce Skantz |
| | Oscar Gelpi |
| | Bill Gasper |

Officers for the year 1981-82:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Grand Knight | Al Bernard |
| Deputy Grand Knight | John D'Antoni |
| Chancellor | Lou Hemler |
| Recorder | Tom Settle |
| Treasurer | Charles Bond |
| Advocate | Gil O'Flynn |
| Warden | Lou Banchemo |
| Inside Guard | Andrew Gasper |
| Outside Guard | Howard Alderman |
| Trustee | Stan Oregeron |
| Financial Secretary | Lou Hemler |

Officers for the year 1982-83

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Grand Knight | Lou Hemler |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Bill Gasper |
| Chancellor | Gill O'Flynn |
| Recorder | Tom Settle |
| Treasurer | Gerald Gasper |
| Advocate | Paul Bucca |
| Warden | Joe Hunter |
| Inside Guard | Andrew Gasper |
| Outside Guard | Mike Burr |
| Trustees | Gerald Hunter |
| | Stan Orgeron |
| | Al Bernard |
| Financial Secretary | Charles Bond |

Officers for the 1983-84 year:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Grand Knight | Ray Marciulionis |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Lou Banchemo |
| Chancellor | Jack Huck |
| Recorder | Bill Cibula |
| Treasurer | Gerald Gasper |
| Advocate | Howard Alderman |
| Warden | Paul Bucca |
| Inside Guard | John Guidry |
| Outside Guard | Melvin Berthold |
| Trustee | Pete Ladner |
| Financial Secretary | Charles Bond |

Awards won this year, Best
Council Program, Vocations Program,
2 State Free Throw winners, Disting-
uished Council, Father McGivney and
Columbian Awards.

FATHER ALEXANDER C. DENIS COUNCIL 7087

Kiln, MS

With 31 members, this the 24th council in the Mississippi jurisdiction, was chartered on February 14, 1978 with the admissions degree being bestowed on 14 new members by Long Beach council and 17 members being transfers and reinstatements.

Fr. Alexander C. Denis was born in Liege, Belgium. He studied at St. Stephen's Seminary in New Orleans, La. He continued studies at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. and was ordained there on June 1, 1909. He came to the diocese of Natchez-Jackson on October 10, 1909. He was appointed assistant of St. Paul's Church in Vicksburg, Ms. on October 10, 1909 and a Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Woodville, Ms. on August 18, 1919. Fr. Denis came to Kiln, Ms. and Annunciation Parish as Pastor and remained in that capacity until February 12, 1945. He left Annunciation Parish to enter a nursing home in Vicksburg and became sick and died on December 12, 1953.

Installation of officers was held on July 30, 1978 by District Deputy Ernie Spencer of Long Beach council. The installation was covered dish affair with the wives and friends in attendance. Officers for the 1978-1979 year were:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Chaplain | Fr.L.P.Hissey, ST |
| Grand Knight | O. J. Shiyou |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Joseph Cuevas |
| Chancellor | Berlin Necaie |
| Recorder | David Necaie |
| Treasurer | Clifford Lizana |
| Advocate | Michael Favre |
| Warden | Wayne Cuevas |
| Financial Secretary | Jimmy Hoda |
| Inside Guard | Guy Gros |
| Outside Guard | Richard Hoda |
| Trustees | Donald Cuevas |
| | Garvin Mauffray |
| | Leo Garriga |

Appointed officers were Chaplain Fr. L. Pierre Hissey and Financial Secretary, Jimmy Hoda.

The 1980 year started with O. J. Shiyou as Grand Knight with Edward Shiyou Deputy Grand Knight and Richard Hoda as Financial Secretary.

The council won Distinguished Council Award and Best Small Council scrapbook, at the State Convention.

The officers for the year 1981 were the same, with Father Tom Stepanski the new Chaplain. In November of 1980 the council held two own admission degrees installed by our own Admission Degree Team. The council received membership award in District 7, Distinguished Council Award, Best Small Council Award in the State at the 1981 State Convention. Also Star Council for 1980-81.

For the year 1982, officers were O. J. Shiyou, Grand Knight, Jody G. Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Richard Hoda, Financial Secretary and Father Tom Stepanski, Chaplain. At State Convention, the council received Best Small Council Newsletter and Distinguished Council Award. The Columbian and Father McGivney Award was presented by the District Deputy for 1981-82.

By 1983 the council had grown to intermediate status with a new Grand Knight Jody G. Knight and the other new officers, Father George Murphy, Chaplain. The council began to accelerate in the field of Columbianism. The council received the Distinguished Council Sward, Best Intermediate Scrapbook, and Best Intermediate Council in the state, also the Columbian Sward.

Grand Knight Jody G. Knight had only one real problem in 1984. The

council Chaplain was transferred and we had to do without a Chaplain for the rest of the year. At The State Convention, the council received the Distinguished Council Award, the Best Medium Council Scr-

apbook Award. The Best Medium Council in the state and Supreme Award for the Best Youth Activity. We were also presented the Columbian and Founders Awards.

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THE COLUMBUS MEMORIAL

In January 1906, Congressman J. A. Goulden of New York, at the urging of the Knights of Columbus, introduced a bill in Congress to erect a memorial to Christopher Columbus. This bill was approved on March 4, 1907, and signed into law by the President. An appropriation of \$100,000 was made to carry out the project and a commission was formed, consisting of William H. Taft, Secretary of War, as the Chairman of the COmmission; George P. Wetmore, Chariman of the Senate Committee on the Ligrary of Congress; James T. McCleary, Chairman of the House Committee on the Library of Congress; Elihu Root, Secretary of State; and Edward L. Hearn, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. The Commission invited sculptors from Italy, Spain and America to submit designs and models. On February 4, 1908, the plaza in front of the New Union Station was chosen as the site for the memorial, Lorado Taft of Chicago was chosen as the sculptor and D.H. Burnham & Co., also of Chicago, as the architect.

Saturday, June 8, 1912, was chosen as the day for the unveiling. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of Catholic University, gave the invocation. Victor J. Dowling, a former National Director of the Knights of Columbus, and Justice of the Supreme Court, New York, gave the opening speech. The Italian Ambassador, Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, then made a short speech and enveiled the memorial. A closing speech was given by President William H. Taft and a magnificent parade began.

The parade was headed by contingents of soldiers, sailors, marines and civic officials, followed by the Knights of Columbus division. Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty served as the Marshal of the division, with the right of line given to the Fourth Degree. Behind the Fourth Degree were members of the 1,600 councils then in existence, estimated at approximately 20,000 men. That evening a public banquet was held with 1,200 in attendance, including James Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate.

The memorial is a monumental fountain, constructed of Georgia Tate marble which is white appearance. It is 66 feet broad and 44 feet deep with a central shaft 45 feet high. This shaft is crowned with a globe which is supported by four eagles connected by garlands. From the front of the shaft a boat's prow extends into the upper basin of the fountain. The winged figurehead symbolizes the Spirit of Discovery. The prow serves as a pedestal for the statue of Columbus, which is 15 feet in height and carved from a single block of marble.

HERNANDO DeSOTO COUNCIL 7120

Southaven, MS

Though it seems that this council has been in existence for a long time - the truth is that we are only 8 years old. Council #7120 was chartered on May 7, 1978 by 32 men of this area. The two brother knights who saw a need for a council here in the north and spearheaded the drive were Ken Lubbers and Jim Higgins.

Brother Ken Lubbers, the Chartering Grand Knight was and still is Mr. Enthusiasm when it comes to the Knights of Columbus. His gentle prodding helped this council to grow and become reality. While he was Grand Knight his tenure was centered around growth, as was evidence by the activities that were accomplished while he was Grand Knight - Examples picnics, parties, Corporate Communion, canoe trips, buddy nights and the primary fund raiser, the Beef Raffle, which was a fantastic success.

Brother Jim Higgins - who went on to become the council's first District Deputy - was our second Grand Knight. With his own enthusiasm he continued the Past Grand Knights' enthusiastic endeavors, and helped the council to become more firmly rooted here at Christ The King Church. Examples of his activities - bowling team, marriage encounters, blood donor programs, and various family outings.

Our third grand knight was also our fifth grand knight - Lawrence Campbell, the present District Deputy of District 1. During his tenure the council became very service and youth oriented - examples, pool parties for the youth, Patriotic Mass Celebration and Christmas Parties at Brother Knights Homes, Blood Pressure checks at

outlying parish's going to various Churches for Corporate Communion, and during his first term as Grand Knight - having Mississippi's first Admissions Degree Team certified - which consisted of Ken Lubbers, Jim Higgins, George Manness, Fred Ward, Ray Harrington and Bill Pittman.

John Parsons was the Fourth Grand Knight - during his time in office the council had its first District Deputy, Jim Higgins. The council continued to be family oriented and became more socially oriented. There were CPR courses, Picnics, Wives night out and Clergy nights. Also during his tenure, the council participated in the first Southaven Founders Day Program.

The sixth Grand Knight, Ron Grillo, had the distinction of having one Brother Knight, from our council on the District level (Ken Lubbers) and two brother knights, again from our council, on the state level (Larry Campbell and Jim Higgins). During his time in office two new councils were given help to get started - Corinth and Holly Springs. There were Evenings of Recollections, Vocations Awareness Week during which we had a married couple, a Priest, a Deacon, and a single person talk to the Youth about their chosen vocation.

Our next Grand Knight (And present Grand Knight) is Fred Ward. During his two terms as Grand Knight the council was to be more Family oriented - pool parties for the Youth and outings, cook outs for the Altar boys, blood pressure checks, wives night out and participation in the parish's crowning of Mary in May.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL 7211

Lumberton, MS

Seneca Council #7211 was instituted on December 20, 1978 with thirty eight members. Having just been instituted we came up with our first project. The project was Christmas baskets for the needy of the community we serve. We gave out 24 baskets for the needy.

Since that year we have had baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have had also on Easter dinner for all the parishioners from Seneca and the Mission Church in the Poplarville areas.

We now take part in all of the State projects. We have won through the past years a great number of awards at the State Conventions.

Our four most important endeavors are as follows:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Priest Education Fund | \$12,133 |
| Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mental retarded of Pearl River County, Lamar County and the Gulf Coast | 6,000 |
| 2 Scholarships for Pearl River Junior College | 5,609 |

In 1980 Sir Knight Don Oldmixon of the Seneca Council was elected as State Deputy.

Another Sir Knight of the Seneca council Oscar Authement was District Deputy of District #6 for two years. In 1981 Sir Knight Oscar Authement won the Westbrook Award as the outstanding Knight of the State of Mississippi.

State Deputy Don Oldmixon and District Deputy Oscar Authement helped to organize the council in McComb. We kept up our membership and have increased every year. We now have 53 members in the council.

In 1983 we purchased 26 acres of land for our future home site.

These are the Grand Knights of the Seneca Council:

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| 1978 | Don Oldmixon |
| 1979 | Leo Ridge, Jr. |
| 1980 | Leo Ridge, Jr. |
| 1981 | Oscar Authement |
| 1982 | Roy Nonemacher |
| 1983 | Leo Ridge, Jr. |
| 1983 | Doug Bounds |
| 1984 | Joe Strahan |

Through the years here are our awards:

Distinguished Council - 1978, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83
Star Council - 1978-79, 1981-82
Family Activity - 1981, 82, 83
Founders Award - 1982-1983
Bishop Howze Award - 1979, 80, 81, 82, 83
Honor Council - 1978, 79
Best Small Council Year Book - 1981, 82, 83
Best Small Council Newsletter - 1979, 80, 81, 83
Best Small Council - 1981, 82
Membership Honor Council - 1981
Priest Education Fund - 1981, 82
Vocation Support - 1981, 82, 83

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL 7440

Philadelphia, MS

After several meetings spearheaded by Roy Powers, our General Insurance Agent and under the direction of State Deputy Don Oldmixon, this council was formed and was chartered on November 11, 1979.

The first elected officers were:

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| Grand Knight | D. H. Duncan |
| Chaplain | Rev. R. M. Shay |
| Deputy Grand Knight | A. J. Duncan |
| Chancellor | A. E. Holland |
| Recorder | F. T. Smith |
| Financial Secretary | J. B. Holland, Jr |
| Treasurer | S. P. Daley |
| Lecturer | Bro. T. Jurot |
| Advocate | J. Farmer |
| Warden | S. A. Duncan |
| Outside Guard | J. F. Duncan |
| Trustees | M. H. Savell |
| | F. J. Cortines |
| | Jerald Hunter |

Charter members were:

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| W. T. Allen | J. P. Daley |
| J. R. Benson | A. J. Duncan |
| J. D. Cook | A. R. Duncan |
| F. J. Cortines | C. A. Duncan |
| M. L. Cumberland | D. H. Duncan |

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| J. L. Duncan | J. Hunter |
| J. L. Duncan Jr. | R. S. Hurley |
| J. Duncan | Bro. T. Jurot |
| J. F. Duncan | J. L. McGilbra |
| S. A. Duncan | M. H. Savell |
| J. Farmer | W. J. Sharp |
| J. Isaac | Rev. R. M. Shay |
| J. Guthrie | F. T. Smith |
| J. Haaf | Br. M. Sofield |
| P. A. Haney | J. Rush |
| A. E. Holland | C. Thomas |
| J. B. Holland, Jr. | K. White |
| P. J. Holland | |

This council was very active in the State Mental Retardation Drive, (Tootsie Roll) even before it was an organized council and remained in that status after receiving its charter. This council has won several State Awards at the convention for its performance in this drive.

Many reasons have been given as to the cause of this council becoming inactive. At a meeting on September 5, 1984 the membership voted to dissolve the council. Prior to the vote District Deputy John Maloney, Past State Deputy Don Oldmixon and State Deputy Robert Fratesi attended the meeting and made deliveries to try to salvage the council. Their Charter was revoked in June 1985.

HOLY SAVIOR COUNCIL 7854

Clinton, MS

Holy Savior Council No. 7854 in Clinton, Mississippi was officially chartered on July 28, 1981. The Charter membership of forty six was made up of thirty five new members, five transfers and six reactivated members.

Thirty of the new members received the admission degree on July 15, 1981 in Clinton. The degree team was from the John T. Savage Council No. 848 in Jackson. The following are the charter members:

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| A. Barlow | J.A. Jeff |
| J.L. Bergeron | R.L. Jimenez |
| A.A. Bombich | J.S. Jones |
| F.J. Callegan | W.J. Kenney |
| J.C. Campbell | J.K. Kolka |
| P.A. Carrubba | G.M. Mones |
| C.F. Collins | C.R. Morton |
| C.A. Cooper | O.P. Pruden |
| W.G. Cox | R.R. Raybert |
| L.H. Eiland | A.C. Rouchon, Jr |
| F. Farner | Rev M. Ruane |
| J.S. Forgarty | G.J. Saab |
| J.S. Forrester | J.S. Safigan |
| J.M. Gianola | S.J. Safigan |
| J.B. Goellner | M.A. Scallan |
| H.F. Grove, Jr | A.J. Senger |
| R.R. Harvel | R.M. Smith |
| G.C. Hoff | J.F. St.Marie |
| E.S. Holcomb | J.L. Terry |
| D.G. Hutchison | R.P. Tonore |
| B.D. Jackson | T.M. Weisenberger |
| T.F. Jackson | M.J. Zunino |
| H. E. Cooper | G. R. Woda |

Joseph B. Goellner was elected as acting Grand Knight until a slate of officers could be presented. The charter year 1981 officers were:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Grand Knight | G. Saab |
| Deputy Grand Knight | F. Callegan |
| Chancellor | L. Eiland |
| Chaplain | Rev. M. Ruane |
| Recorder | H. Cooper |
| Financial Secretary | C. Collins |
| Treasurer | J. Safigan |
| Advocate | P. Carrubba |

Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustees

John Forester
Tom Jackson
Jack Kolka
Joseph Bergeron
T. Weisenberger

Brothers serving subsequently as Grand Knight were:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Joseph Goellner | 1982-1983 |
| Charles Colling | 1983-1984 |
| Thomas Jackson | 1984-Present |

With all the enthusiasm of a new council, Holy Savior's first year was the starting point of many ambitious plans and programs that were established and improved during the following years.

Youth programs were among the first accomplishments. The council assumed the charter of Boy Scout Troop 39 and Cub Scout Pack 39 from St. Mary's Church in Jackson. The charter had been in existence for over twenty five years prior to moving to Clinton in 1981. Council members served on the first scouting committee and Brother Jim Safigan became the first scoutmaster. The council also assisted in forming a junior CYO for Holy Savior Parish. This organization is for youth on the seventh and eighth grades. A few fun type activities are scheduled during the year and an annual weekend retreat is held as the major event. The council is a strong supporter of the Parish's CYO and works joint projects with the CYO during the year.

The councils annual community service project has been a garden for the benefit of a home for battered wives and children in the Jackson area. Produce is harvested two or three times a week and brought to the home. Through the Tootsie Roll Program, the coun-

cil has been able to assist the Little White House, a school for the retarded and handicapped, in Clinton.

In 1983, the council and parish undertook a major fund raising project. A mobile food booth was built from a burnt out mobile home. The food booth is used each year at the State Fair in Jackson. The booth is run for the ten day period by members of the council and parish family.

The council is very active within the parish. Members serve on the Parish Council and participate fully in all parish activities. Brother Knights are assigned to assist as lectors and servers at evening Mass during the week. The council maintains a pamphlet rack in the Church. Materials are obtained from the Knights of Columbus Information Service.

Family life is a top priority at Holy Savior Parish and is further enhanced by the activities of Holy Savior council. An annual family picnic and an annual Easter Egg Hunt are a few of the programs. One Sunday a month, the

council sponsors refreshments after Mass for the parish family. In 1982 and 1983 the council was honored to have as members the state Family of the Year. The Herman Cooper family was selected in 1982 and the James Safigan family in 1983.

The council has received the following Supreme and State recognitions:

Star Council Award 81-81, 82-83
Columbian-McGivney Award 83-84
Supreme top 10 Community Activity Award 82-83, 83-84
Best Small Council 82-83
Best Vocation Program (Jackson Diocese) 81-82, 82-83
Youth Activity Award 82-83, 83-84
Community Activity Award 82-83, 83-84
Family Activity Award 83-84

The council is especially proud that one of the members, Joseph (Joey) B. Goellner, Jr., has begun studies for the Priesthood

GULFPORT (ORANGE GROVE) COUNCIL 7910

Gulfport, MS.

No Report Submitted

BROOKHAVEN COUNCIL 7915

Brookhaven, MS

The dream St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in Brookhaven, MS, of having a Knights of Columbus council had, at long last, become a reality with the arrival of John B. Jeanson, a member of a Knights of Columbus council for more than 20 years, who had been transferred to our city to assume an administrative position with a local clothing manufacturing company.

Msgr. Michael Glynn, himself a former member of the Knights of Columbus, encouraged John Jeanson to study the possibility of having a council in Brookhaven, MS, which he subsequently did.

With a spirit of determination so characteristic of John Jeanson, he began the task of contacting former members of the Order, as well as eligible candidates, and finally overcoming the natural obstacles everpresent in such an undertaking. The result was that he was able to secure the 34 members that was required in order to petition Supreme Headquarters for a charter. The following is a list of the Charter dated Oct. 12, 1981:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Grand Knight | J.B. Jeanson |
| Financial Secretary | E.W. Puffer |
| Deputy Grand Knight | P.F. Reuter |
| Chaplain | Msgr. J.A. Koury |
| Chancellor | J.A. Williams |
| Recorder | J.F. Bonfiglio |
| Treasurer | T.A. Williams |
| Warden | T.B. Martin |
| Trustee | T.P. Phillips |
| | W.L. Denman |
| | J.E. Phillips |

Members include:

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| J.E. Phillips | M. Jeanson |
| N.J. Battaglia | B.L. Meeks |
| F.O. Fourcier | Rev. P.A. Moran |
| W.A. George | R.V. Panzica |
| T. Green, III | V.W. Panzica |
| Msgr. M. Glynn | D.W. Phillips |
| M.E. Grudzien | J.A. Price |
| L.L. Holley | R.J. Veroline |
| C. Hutson | P.L. Watts |
| H. A. Jeanson | R.A. Wojcik |

Of the foregoing members listed charter members, 3 have passed away.

Matthew E. Grudzien
Terrell B. Martin
Rev. Patrick A. Moran

In April, 1982, the first Grand Knight, John B. Jeanson, submitted his resignation in order to accept a more challenging position which necessitated his having to move to Wisconsin. In the interim, Paul F. Reuter, the Deputy Grand Knight assumed the temporary duties as Grand Knight until June 30, 1983, when he was selected to serve as Grand Knight from July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984.

Upon termination of this period, Joseph E. Phillips was selected as Grand Knight to start his term as of July 1, 1984.

W. H. "BILL" JOLLY COUNCIL 7974

Columbus, MS.

No Report Submitted

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"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

"But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these things were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

-Abraham Lincoln

ST. JUDE CENTENNIAL COUNCIL 8038

Pearl, MS

During the year 1981, there was a considerable membership activity under the leadership of State Deputy Don Oldmixon.

The drive was started for a council in every parish. The state deputy scheduled organizational meetings with brother knights which lead to the appointment of Bro. Dan Farrell as New Council Development Coordinator to spread the word of Columbianism throughout the Jackson area, with particular emphasis on St. Jude in Pearl, Ms.

The pastor of St. Jude's in Pearl at the time was Fr. Peter Quinn, himself a brother knight. During the ensuing organizational meeting with brother knights Basil Moots and Dan Farrell, and Fr. Quinn, it was pointed out to the men in attendance that previous efforts to involve the men of the parish in a men's group, to assist the pastor, and promote family activity, had not been successful. During this trying period of convincing thirty practical Catholic gentlemen to indicate their interests and willingness in joining our order founded by Father McGivney, our Bishop, Joseph B. Brunini, constantly encouraged our efforts.

Temporary officers were elected, namely, Basil Moots, Dan Farrell, and James McCraw until sufficient applications were processed to warrant application to the Supreme Council for grant of charter.

The council received confirmation from Supreme on 3-29-82 from Frank M. Sullivan, Director, Membership Department. Subsequently, March 20, 1984, the Supreme Council was requested to consider a change on the council's name from, St. Jude Council #8038, Pearl, Ms. to St. Jude Centennial Council # 8038, Pearl, Ms.

It was March 29, 1882, that Fr. McGivney founded our order. We therefore wanted to be the one council in the order to be called a Centennial Council based on our institution date.

The council then began functioning with a complete set of officers on May 12, 1982 with the approval of the Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant.

The first slate of officers were:

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| Chaplains | Fr. Peter Quinn Fr. John Brock |
| Grand Knight | Daniel C. Farrell |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Charles Grosehe |
| Chancellor | Phillip Perry |
| Warden | Morris Horn |
| Financial Secretary | Brent Bridges |
| Treasurer | Gordon Cowie |
| Recorder | Steve Cappello |
| Advocate | L.C. Guillotte |
| Inside Guard | Lester Branning |
| Outside Guard | Freddie Roberts |
| Trustees | Carl Ellmo Steve Mitchell Ted Murray |

From a situation reflecting a complete lack of interest that existed in the church mens group, prior to the institution of the council, to the present, there has been a steady and healthy growth under Grand Knights Gordon Cowie and Freddie Roberts.

Membership starting at thirty, now exceeds seventy. The council's program chairman, namely James McCraw, Dr. Larry Clark, and John MacGregor have excelled in the discharge of their responsibilities to the point that many State and Supreme Awards have been bestowed on the council.

It would be too lengthy to mention all of the activities of the council, but some of the key, and most

Important are:

Quarterly knights and families special Mass with Knights assisting the Celebrant as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, and Altar Servers.

Periodic Blood Drive to cover all of St. Jude's Parish.

Bi monthly bingo for the parish.

Concerted effort by all brother knights in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to help the less fortunate.

Establishment of a First Degree team that has been very active in assisting other councils in the area to increase their membership.

Active participation with the C.Y.O. in scholarships and youth activity such as the Free Throw Contest.

Creation of an active softball team for the men of the council.

Several knights of the council are at present actively involved with the RENEW program that has been brought about by the efforts of all the clergy in Mississippi, in particular their Excellencies William Houck, Bishop of the Jackson Diocese and Joseph Howze, Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese.

The council publishes a monthly bulletin to keep all members up to date with current key events.

In this short period of years in the council is proud to note that two of its Charter members have moved up to State Office. Steve Mitchell currently is serving as District Deputy. Dan Farrell, after serving two years as State Warden is now serving as State Advocate.

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WORDS FROM THE SUPREME PONTIFF

Remember that every man is your brother and become respectful defenders of his dignity. Beyond any social, political, ideological, racial and religious difference, the life of your brother, of each man, must always be assured above all.

One cannot dissociate the plan of creation from the pain of redemption. The latter plan touches the very concrete situations of injustice to be combatted and of justice to be restored. They include links of the eminently evangelical order, which is that of charity. How in fact can one proclaim the new commandment without promoting in justice and peace the true, authentic advancement of man?

JOHN PAUL II

CHARLES R. BRILL COUNCIL 8054

McComb, MS

St. Alphonsus Council # 8054 was granted a charter by the Supreme Council on April 20, 1982. The Charter members were as follows:

| | |
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| Kenneth Auyeng | Neil M. Faust |
| Karl J. Bayhi, Sr | Earl Florey |
| Jake Bellipanni | L. P. Ford, Jr |
| Alfred Bonnibel | Claude Haffey |
| Joseph Boynick | James F. Hogan |
| Gwen T. Breaud | Hilton E Kalusche |
| Prentice J Breaud | Thomas J. Lynch |
| Charles R. Brill | John K McDonald |
| Voyed D. Couey | Dennis Ott |
| Rev Ed L. Cratin | Joseph Serio |
| Harry Creagan | Mike Smith |
| Robert Crosby | Edward F Szymanski |
| Phillip Dellisola | Kevin K. Takas |
| Herman Ditcharo | Keith Wall |
| Charles Donewar | John J Westbrook |
| Wesley R. East | Ray Womer |

The first officers were:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Chaplain | Rev Edward Cratin |
| Grand Knight | Charles Brill |
| Dep Grand Knight | Ray Womer |
| Chancellor | Jimmie Hogan |
| Financial Sec. | Herman Ditcharo |
| Treasurer | Jimmie McDonald |
| Lecturer | Bob Crosby |
| Advocate | Mike Smith |
| Warden | Harry Creagan |

They served until the June 5, 1983 election, at which time the following were elected:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Chaplain | Rev Edward Cratin |
| Grand Knight | Dennis Ott |
| Dep Grand Knight | Harry Creagan |
| Chancellor | Joe Serio |
| Advocate | Charles Donewar |
| Warden | P. J. Breaud |
| Recorder | Keith Wall |
| Inside Guard | Gwen Breaud |
| Outside Guard | Jimmie Hogan |
| Treasurer | Jim McDonald |

Trustees

Ken Auyeng
Charles Brill
Claude Haffey

They served until the June 6, 1984 election, at which time the following were elected:

| | |
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| Chaplain | Rev Edward Cratin |
| Grand Knight | Harry Creagan |
| Dep Grand Knight | Henry Vanderlip |
| Chancellor | Mike Williams |
| Recorder | Mike Scheel |
| Treasurer | Mitch Bellipanni |
| Lecturer | Al Bonnibel |
| Advocate | Charles Brill |
| Warden | Charles Donewar |
| Inside Guard | Ted Flemming |
| Outside Guard | David Roberts |
| Trustees | Charles Brill Wesley East Dennis Ott |

Before finishing his term Deputy Grand Knight Henry Vanderlip died. Shortly after Mike Williams was elected to replace him. Sammy Casciola as elected Chancellor

Immediately after receiving it's charter, the council began to establish it's five point program. Some of the results are listed below:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Established corporate communion on a quarterly basis. Attendance has built slowly up to 30% attendance in Late Dec. 1984. The council has conducted a Marian Hour of Prayer service every year since the council was established. We organized a pallbearer service for the funerals of the Nuns at St. Mary's of the Pines at Chatawa. This service is also available to members of the St. Alphonsus Church. A scholarship fund has been for seminarians in the amount of \$500 yearly. Funds have been raised through bingo

And other activities for the Bishop Gerow Fund, and we have contributed to that fund each year. We entered Floats in the city of McComb Christmas parade in 1983 and 1984 using the Keep Christ in Christmas theme each year. Approximately 50% of our membership serves our parish as Usher, Choir member, Eucharistic Minister, Lector and/or parish council members.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In May of 1983 and May of 1984 we conducted Tootsie Roll drives, and donated the funds to support the Southwest Mississippi Mental Health Department workshop for mentally retarded children. We have conducted a drug abuse program for anyone in the community, but especially for the young people each year. Three local radio stations were used to promote Columbus Day with several programs in each October, 1983, 1984. Christmas baskets were prepared for distribution by the salvation Army in December 1983 and 1984.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Each year of our existence we have conducted CPR courses, blood pressure checks and health programs for our members. We have invited State Representatives in to conduct an Insurance night each year. Periodically we have honored a Knight of the Month. The Nuns and the Clergy have been honored each year with a recognition night and dinner. We assisted the ladies in organizing a ladies auxiliary. Our parish has for a long time needed a bargeque pit for use in parish social functions, youth get together and fund raising functions. Space was made available on the corner of our parish property and we built a bar b que pit 28 feet long and four feet wide and four feet high.

We covered it with a sloping roof and fenced it in. We used well over 600 man hours of council's members time in erecting this facility, building it in such a way as to blend into the decor of a residential area. Much of the materials was donated by local businesses. When finished, we donated it to the parish early in 1985.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We have sponsored a CYO and/or YCA "lock-in" each year of our existence. The CYP was encouraged to participate in building and manning our Christmas floats, and they have responded with enthusiasm. Periodically we have turned the concessions at our bingo games to the CYO and matched their profits with their fundraising projects. Once a year we invite the CYO to join us at a corporate communion and breakfast afterwards. At our 1984 Christmas social, the CYO serenaded us with Christmas carols, and we made a donation to their St. Jude Project.

FAMILY LIFE

In November of every year since 1982, we have had a memorial mass for our deceased members. In 1983 a visiting priest from Australia celebrated at this Mass with Fr. Cratin and Fr. Englehart of Chattawa. We have conducted a pro-life program with films each year. We have had a number of Christmas, covered dish and bar b que social events each year since 1982. We have honored a "Family of the Year" each year.

FOR THE FUTURE

Charles Brill was instrumental in the establishment of this council. He spent many hours contacting and signing us new members. He was our first Grand Knight and served with distinction. After his term of

office he continued to work for the good of the order. He was very active in the building of the bar b que pit. In fact, it was his idea to begin with. For these reasons, the council has

requested the State Deputy to petition the Supreme Council Board of Directors to change the name of our council to the Charles R. Brill Council. Charlie died on March 29, 1985.

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You cannot prevent the bird of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent it from building a nest in your hair.

God sometimes puts us on our back so that we may look upward.

Laughter cannot be purchased or planned; it is a gift.

To be happy every day is to be not happy at all. Happiness is not a state you achieve and keep, but something that must be won over and over, no matter what the defeats and losses.

There are 4,173,462 laws on the books to say what Moses said in the Ten Commandments.

The treasures of love, wisdom and thought must be scribed or they perish with time.

Love is something we never run out of; no matter how much we give, it never diminishes.

Americanism is a matter of mind and heart. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry.

We find the way of Life and Living is not in Keeping, but in Giving!

The work of charity never ends - - It is always with us.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

Feel the sorrow, then let it go.

President said that prayer places freedom and communism in opposition... "As religious faith is the foundation of free government, so is prayer an indispensable part of that faith".

Animals are kind to dumb people.

ST. THERESE COUNCIL 8285

Jackson, MS.

The ST. Therese Council, #8285 of the Knights of Columbus was chartered on February 14, 1983 with thirty members from the St. Therese Parish in South Jackson. The Charter Officers and members of the council were:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Grand Knight | Basil Moots |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Phillip Hardy |
| Chaplain | Fr. R. Sommers |
| Chancellor | Dan Artman |
| Financial Secretary | Thomas Daniel |
| Treasurer | Rick Gaspard |
| Advocate | Louis Bills |
| Recorder | Joe Marsh |
| Warden | John Holland |
| Trustees | Robert Gregorich |
| | Buddy Bowering |
| | Louis Pellegrine |
| Guards | Mike Watts |
| | Ed Barrilleaux |

Other members were:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Eugene Michalski | Tony Puckett |
| Marlin Clifton | James Fagan |
| Robert Montesi | Marion Venturini |
| Johnny Biggert | Richard Benet |
| Dr. Robert Keane | Randolph Kuriger |
| Mike Reinhart | William Thornhill |
| Michael Papania | Roy Hardwood |
| Robert Jenkins | Phillip Kastern |

As of March 1, 1985, the councils membership has grown to 58 members.

To date the council has received the following awards from Supreme and State Council:

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Honor Council | 1982-83 |
| Columbian Award | 1982-83 |
| Distinguished Council | 1983-84 |
| Best Small Council | 1983-84 |
| Best Small Council Newsletter | 83-84 |
| Columbian and Founders Award | 83-84 |
| Supreme Membership Award | 1983-84 |

Within the council and St. Therese Parish the following awards have been established with the winners to date:

David Clifton Memorial CYO of the year. (David died while serving as CYO president.)

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Kristi Stone | 1983-84 |
| Altar Boy of the Year; | |
| David Kirby | 1982-83 |
| Mike Durst | 1983-84 |
| Knight of the Year; | |
| Phillip Hardy | 1983-84 |
| Family of the Year; | |
| Harold Hardin Family | 1983-84 |

Members of the council have and are serving on most of the St. Therese Parish level committees and have been most active in all of the Parishes activities. The council sponsors the parishes two blood drives each year, cooks and serves at all parish picnics, assist with the maintenance of the parish grounds and assist the other parish organization as we can.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 8760

Holly Springs, MS.

St. Joseph's Council # 8760 in Holly Springs, Ms. was instituted on July 22, 1984 as a council in the Knights of Columbus. Brother Cecil Jones was elected as their first Grand Knight. This council had been functioning for some time and only needed the required amount of members

before being instituted.

The seed was planted by Past State Deputy Don Oldmixon and with the guidance of District Deputy Ken Lubbers this council was chartered a couple of years later under the administration of State Deputy Robert Fratesi.

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FOR OUR COUNTRY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES

We pray you/O God of might, wisdom, and justice/through whom authority is rightly administered/laws are enacted/and judgment decreed/assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude/the President of the United States so that his administration may be conducted in righteousness/and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides/by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion/by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy and by restraining vice and immorality./

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberation of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government so that they may tend to the preservation of peace/the promotion of national happiness/the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge/and the perpetuation of the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for the governors/for the members of the legislature/for all the judges, magistrates and other officers/ who are appointed to guard our political welfare/that they may be enabled by your powerful protection/to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to your unbounded mercy/ all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States/that they may be blessed in the knowledge/and sanctified in the observance of your most holy laws/ that they may persevere in union/and in that peace which the world cannot give/and that after enjoying the blessings of this life/ they may be admitted to those which are eternal.

Amen.

FATHER ROBERT REITMEIER COUNCIL 8848

Tupelo, MS

In late November members of our parish community met with State Deputy Robert Fratesi and District Deputy Marvin Lott to discuss interest and form a new council in Tupelo. Our council was instituted as of December 2, 1984. On that day we held an Admissions Degree and 18 members of our community were admitted into the Knights of Columbus. On December 16, 1984, 5 additional members were admitted at an Admission Degree held by the Columbus Council.

Our first elected officers were:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Chaplian | Fr. Liam Pentony |
| Grand Knight | Charles E. Ingram |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Joseph P Haggerty |
| Recorder | Pickins A. Noble |
| Financial Secretary | Larry L. Muffley |
| Treasurer | William T. Bowes |
| Chancellor | William McCormack |
| Warden | Nathan Hood |
| Advocate | Leroy Hebert |
| Inside Guard | James Edgeworth |
| Outside Guard | Shirlie McDaniel |

Trustees

John McDaniel
Ed Fandel
John McCann

Our first concerns of being a new council were to get organized and get as many of the persons interested in forming a council admitted to the K. of C. We have accomplished this and have a membership of 50 in early 1985. With so little time left in the fraternal year, we set our plans to make the most of the programs. The members of our council are active and supportive members of the parish community. Time and effort has gone into the selection of our officers and directors to put the right people in the right positions to help our council grow. We have set goals and are making plans for our council to grow in membership and in service to help make the name "Knights of Columbus recognized in Northeast Mississippi.

STATE CONVENTIONS IN MISSISSIPPI

Since the establishment of the Order in the State there have been 80 State Conventions. The first recorded convention or the fifth convention was in Meridian, Mississippi in 1909 and was attended by the following councils: No.s 802, 848, 898, 1034 and 1244. Conventions from the year 1909 until 1971 were listed in the original history book. It is the intent of this updated history to list only the information for the years 1971 - 1984. The following list is published as a matter of interest along with the membership at the time.

| Year | Location | Membership | Year | Location | Membership |
|------|------------|------------|------|------------|------------|
| 1971 | Natchez | 2705 | 1972 | Greenville | 2629 |
| 1973 | Pascagoula | 2588 | 1974 | Meridian | 2680 |
| 1975 | Biloxi | 2871 | 1976 | Greenwood | 2993 |
| 1977 | Vicksburg | 3158 | 1978 | Biloxi | 3230 |
| 1979 | Natchez | 3482 | 1980 | Greenville | 3616 |
| 1981 | Meridian | 3718 | 1982 | Biloxi | 3998 |
| 1983 | Pascagoula | 4158 | 1984 | Jackson | 4342 |

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COLUMBIAN SQUIRES PROGRAM

Columbian Squires program updated from 1971 - 84. According to the records that are provided by the Supreme Council, the following Columbian Squires Circles are active in the state.

1. Circle No. 2485 sponsored by the Biloxi Council No. 1244.
2. Circle No. 2952 sponsored by the Ocean Springs Council No. 5654.
3. Circle No. 3091 sponsored by the Gulfport Council No. 1583.

At the present time there are six other councils that have received new circle development packages. They are 802 Meridian, 1522 Bay St. Louis, 1605 Pascagoula, 6862 Picayune, 7854 Clinton and 7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove).

The three active circles have a total of 61 members and are current with per capita tax to Supreme.

PAST STATE DEPUTY'S ORGANIZATION OF MISSISSIPPI

1971 - 1984

The Past State Deputies Association has continued to function in the capacity for which it was organized, that is, to keep the group together as much as possible and offer to the state deputy in office, the counsel and support of their combined years of experience.

The organization, currently headed by past state deputy Hilton Seymour as president, and past state deputy John Myers as secretary. An annual Luncheon Meeting is held at 12 noon on the Saturday of the convention. The guest speaker for the convention, the Bishops, Priests, Past Masters and Masters of the Fourth Degree are invited guests of the Association.

The Association is honored to have had one of it's group, Past State Deputy Dave Atteberry, appointed to the office of Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province, Fourth Degree.

A group of past state deputies were appointed by then State Deputy, Don Oldmixon, to review and update the Mississippi State Council By-Laws.

The By-Laws of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus provides for the appointment by the State Deputy of two or more Past State Deputies as Members of the Resolutions Committee. This is a prime function of the Past State Deputies at the annual convention. They also serve on several panels that judge some of the events and programs of the State Council.

The Association will continue to be a helping hand to the State Deputy in office and any of the other state officers that might request the same.

Past State Deputies of the Mississippi Jurisdiction are as follows:

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|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1905-1906 | Charles F. Engle | 1946-1948 | L. A. Koenenn |
| 1906-1907 | Charles R. Shannon | 1948-1950 | Semmes Luckett |
| 1907-1909 | S. E. Treanor | 1950-1952 | John P. Myers |
| 1909-1910 | R. A. Keyer | 1952-1954 | John F. Smith |
| 1910-1911 | Geo. F.M. McDonnell | 1954-1955 | Harvey L. Strayhan |
| 1911-1913 | E. L. Dukate | 1955-1957 | John E. Sommers |
| 1913-1914 | J. C. Hamilton | 1957-1959 | Hilton A. Seymour |
| 1914-1916 | J. O. Mauffray | 1959-1960 | Harvey L. Strayhan |
| 1916-1920 | J. H. Culkins | 1960-1961 | Vernon DeJean |
| 1920-1921 | Nick Conti | 1961-1963 | E. P. Shapley |
| 1921-1923 | John Schwenck | 1963-1965 | Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. |
| 1923-1926 | Nick Conti | 1965-1967 | Charles Sherman |
| 1926-1930 | Thomas A. McKenna | 1967-1969 | L. A. Koenenn |
| 1930-1931 | C. B. Boone | 1969-1971 | Norman L. Kiehm |
| 1931-1932 | John M Ros | 1971-1973 | William F. LaForge |
| 1932-1934 | A. G. Farve | 1973-1975 | George R. Scheiderman |
| 1934-1937 | John A. O'Keefe | 1975-1977 | Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. |
| 1937-1939 | A. A. O'Neil | 1977-1979 | Dave Atteberry |
| 1939-1941 | John S. Cabibi | 1979-1981 | Rodney J. Sandoz |
| 1941-1944 | August J. Stone | 1981-1983 | Don H. Oldmixon |
| 1944-1946 | John H. Herman | 1983-1985 | Robert Fratesi |

AWARDS

Awards comes in many forms and fashions. Various types of competition have been implemented in this state, all having one goal in mind, to generate enthusiasm and promote activity among the councils. Many councils through the years have attended the State Convention to display what they have achieved through that particular year. The following is a list of most awards since 1971 and their recipients.

The Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour Award for Outstanding Columbian Activity recipients are:

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| 1959 - Vicksburg | 898 | 1973 - Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1960 - Biloxi | 1244 | 1974 - Long Beach | 4898 |
| 1961 - Biloxi | 1244 | 1975 - Vicksburg | 898 |
| 1962 - Hattiesburg | 1908 | 1976 - Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1963 - Meridian | 802 | 1977 - Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1964 - Biloxi | 1244 | 1978 - Gulfport | 1583 |
| 1965 - Pascagoula | 1605 | 1979 - Clarksdale | 2969 |
| 1966 - Cleveland | 5556 | 1980 - Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1967 - Greenville | 2134 | Jackson | 848 |
| 1968 - Ocean Springs | 5654 | 1981 - Pascagoula | 1605 |
| 1969 - Natchez | 1034 | 1982 - Pascagoula | 1605 |
| 1970 - Greenwood | 5267 | 1983 - Pascagoula | 1605 |
| 1971 - Gulfport | 1583 | 1984 - Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1972 - Clarksdale | 2969 | | |

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The Fred L. Westbrook Knight of the Year Award given to the most outstanding individual member of the Knights of Columbus for that particular year. A breakfast is held on Sunday morning following the convention Mass at the State Convention. All recipients of this award, State Deputy, State Master, Guest speaker at the convention, Bishops and clergy attend this meal. Following are the members that have won this award:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|------|-----------------------|------------|------|
| 1964 John Laurenzi | Clarksdale | 2969 | 1975 Percy C. Nause | Meridian | 802 |
| 1965 Arlis Grey | Pascagoula | 1605 | 1976 Nick Capello | Meridian | 802 |
| 1966 F. J. Bartlett | Gulfport | 1583 | 1977 Don Oldmixon | Picayune | 6872 |
| 1967 Howard Bodiuin | Biloxi | 1244 | 1978 Dennis Ladnier | Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1968 W. F. LaForge | Cleveland | 5556 | 1979 David Necaise | Kiln | 7087 |
| 1969 C. Medric Warren | Jackson | 848 | 1980 Freddie Biglane | Natchez | 1034 |
| 1970 Joseph M Nassar | Greenwood | 5267 | 1981 Wiley Price, Jr. | Meridian | 802 |
| 1971 August J. Stone | Natchez | 1034 | 1982 Oscar Authement | Lumberton | 7211 |
| 1972 Joe Semmes, Jr. | Meridian | 802 | 1983 Dominic Verona | Greenville | 2134 |
| 1973 Robert Fratesi | Greenville | 2134 | 1984 Emilio Zeponi | Clarksdale | 2969 |
| 1974 J L Tarrant, Jr. | Ocean Springs | 5654 | | | |

In September 1970, State Deputy Norman Kiehm instituted the Inter-Council Competition Program. This program was designed to generate a spirit of competition among the various councils in the state while providing a program of activities to secure a greater participation by the members. The councils were challenged to compete for the recognition of Best Council. Both a large and a small council was chosen for this honor. Guidelines and programs were set up for the councils to follow. After completing the requirements the councils were then classified into either Honor Council or Distinguished Council depending upon their achievements. The following is a list of those councils by year:

- 1971 Honor Council - Biloxi
- 1971 Distinguished Council - Vicksburg, Long Beach
- 1972 Honor Council - Vicksburg
- 1972 Distinguished Council - Meridian, Jackson, Biloxi, Long Beach, Greenwood
- 1973 Honor Council - Pascagoula, Natchez
- 1973 Distinguished Council - Jackson, Biloxi, Gulfport, Greenville, Long Beach, Greenwood
- 1974 Honor Council - Leland
- 1974 Distinguished Council - Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Greenville, Clarksdale, Greenwood
- 1975 Honor Council - Pascagoula, Yazoo City, Clarksdale, Greenville
- 1975 Distinguished Council - Greenwood, Long Beach, Vicksburg, Biloxi
- 1976 Honor Council - Cleveland, Vicksburg, Yazoo City
- 1976 Distinguished Council - Bassfield, Biloxi, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Leland, Long Beach, Meridian, Pascagoula
- 1977 Honor Council - Picayune, Ocean Springs, Cleveland, Clarksdale, Pascagoula, Gulfport
- 1977 Distinguished Council - Starkville, Bassfield, Laurel, Shelby, Hattiesburg, Greenwood, Long Beach, Meridian, Greenville, Natchez, Biloxi, Vicksburg
- 1978 Honor Council - Cleveland, Ocean Springs, Laurel, Yazoo City, Greenville, Greenwood
- 1978 Distinguished Council - Clarksdale, Leland, Columbus, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Bassfield, Hattiesburg, Picayune, Gulfport, Long Beach, Biloxi, Pascagoula
- 1979 Honor Council - Greenville, Greenwood, Gulfport
- 1979 Distinguished Council - Clarksdale, Southaven, Meridian, Starkville, Vicksburg, Natchez, Hattiesburg, Bassfield, Lumberton, Long Beach, Biloxi, Picayune, Pascagoula, Ocean Springs
- 1980 Honor Council - Ocean Springs
- 1980 Distinguished Council - Meridian, Jackson, Natchez, Biloxi, Lumberton, Hattiesburg, Clarksdale, Long Beach, Bassfield, Starkville, Picayune, Kiln, Southaven
- 1981 Honor Council - Bassfield, Southaven, Pascagoula, Natchez, Jackson, Gulfport
- 1981 Distinguished Council - Lumberton, Kiln, Cleveland, Pass Christian, Biloxi, Long Beach, Meridian

1982 Honor Council - Jackson, Greenville, Clarksdale, Bassfield, Clinton
 1982 Distinguished Council - Gulfport, Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, Kiln, Southaven, Lumberton
 1983 Honor Council - Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburg, Biloxi, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Yazoo City, Southaven, Clinton, Pearl, McComb, St Therese
 1983 Distinguished Council - Pascagoula, Greenville, Leland, Long Beach, Ocean Springs, Kiln, Lumberton, Clinton
 1984 Honor Council - Vicksburg, Bay St. Louis, Jackson, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Bassfield, Gulfport (Orange Grove) McComb, Greenwood
 1984 Distinguished Council - Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagoula, Greenville, Meridian, Ocean Springs, Clinton, Kiln, Columbus, Southaven, Brookhaven, St Therese, Cleveland, Picayune

BEST COUNCIL

The following is a list of council that was awarded the Best Council in the State Knights of Columbus Program.

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------------|------|--------------|---------------|------|
| 1971 Small | Long Beach | 4898 | 1979 Small | Picayune | 6872 |
| Large | Vicksburg | 898 | Large | Meridian | 802 |
| 1972 Small | Long Beach | 4898 | 1980 Small | Bassfield | 6592 |
| Large | Biloxi | 1244 | Large | Biloxi | 1244 |
| 1973 Small | Long Beach | 4898 | 1981 Small | Kiln | 7087 |
| Large | Greenville | 2134 | Large | Meridian | 802 |
| 1974 Small | Long Beach | 4898 | 1982 Small | Lumberton | 7211 |
| Large | Vicksburg | 898 | Intermediate | Ocean Springs | 5654 |
| | | | Large | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| 1975 Small | Meridian | 802 | 1983 Small | Clinton | 7854 |
| Large | Vicksburg | 898 | Intermediate | Kiln | 7087 |
| 1976 Small | Hattiesburg | 1908 | Large | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| Large | Meridian | 802 | | | |
| 1977 Small | Hattiesburg | 1908 | 1984 Small | St Threse | 8285 |
| Large | Meridian | 802 | Medium | Kiln | 7087 |
| | | | Large | Meridian | 802 |
| | | | Extra Large | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| 1978 Small | Picayune | 6872 | | | |
| Large | Biloxi | 1244 | | | |

VOCATIONS AWARD

An award is given to the council with the best vocations program that they have sponsored during the year. This award was started in 1975 and only given to one council in the state. In 1979 the award was broken down into the best vocations program in each of the of our state's two diocese. Councils winning this award are:

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1975 | Meridian | 802 | 1981 Biloxi Jackson | Lumberton Meridian | 7211 802 |
| 1976 | Long Beach | 4898 | 1982 Biloxi Jackson | Lumberton Clinton | 7211 7854 |
| 1977 | Meridian | 802 | 1983 Biloxi Jackson | Lumberton Clinton | 7211 7854 |
| 1978 | None | | 1984 Biloxi Jackson | Picayune Meridian | 6872 802 |
| 1979 Biloxi Jackson | Picayune Clarksdale | 6872 2969 | | | |
| 1980 Biloxi Jackson | Lumberton None | 7211 | | | |

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Family of the Year was instituted in Mississippi in 1980. The winner of this award was presented to the Supreme Convention to compete with all winners of other jurisdictions. The winners of this award in the State of Mississippi are:

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|------------|------|
| 1980 | Oscar Manedux Family | Natchez | 1034 |
| 1981 | Thomas R. Zettler Family | Meridian | 802 |
| 1982 | Herman Cooper Family | Clinton | 7854 |
| 1983 | James Safigan Family | Clinton | 7854 |
| 1984 | Stephen P. Nick Family | Greenville | 2134 |

DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARD

In 1982 an award was presented to the most outstanding district deputy for achievements of the councils in his district. The recipients are:

| | | |
|------|----------------|----------------|
| 1982 | Forest Taylor | District No. 9 |
| 1983 | Basil E. Moots | District No. 3 |
| 1984 | Harry Green | District No. 8 |

Two awards The Insurance Award (1975-1977) and the George R. Scheiderman VIP Award (1974-1978) was discontinued in the respective years, however the recipients are listed below:

| Insurance Award | | | George R. Scheiderman VIP Award | | |
|-----------------|------------|------|---------------------------------|------------|------|
| 1974 | | | Joe Bottino | Vicksburg | 802 |
| 1975 | Meridian | 802 | Joe Bottino | Vicksburg | 802 |
| | Long Beach | 4898 | | | |
| 1976 | Meridian | 802 | James Wuestenhoefer | Greenville | 2134 |
| 1977 | Picayune | 6872 | Herman Cooper | Greenville | 2134 |
| 1978 | | | Emilio Zepponi | Clarksdale | 2969 |

BISHOP R. O. GEROW AWARD (Priest Education Fund)

The Priest Education Fund was instituted in the state in 1953, however awards were not given until 1982. Two awards was given, one for the most amount given and the other for the largest amount per member.

| | | | |
|------|--------------------|------------|------|
| 1982 | Largest Amount | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| | Largest Per Member | Lumberton | 7211 |
| 1983 | Largest Amount | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| | Largest Per Member | Lumberton | 7211 |
| 1984 | Largest Amount | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| | Largest Per Member | Lumberton | 7211 |

MENTAL RETARDATION DRIVE (Tootsie Roll)

Two awards was given similar to the Priest Education Fund Award, The Largest amount given and the Largest Amount per member. This award was started in 1981.

| | | | |
|------|--------------------|--------------|------|
| 1981 | Largest Amount | Greenwood | 5267 |
| | Largest Per Member | Starkville | 6765 |
| 1982 | Largest Amount | Jackson | 848 |
| | Largest Per Member | Philadelphia | 7440 |
| 1983 | Largest Amount | Jackson | 848 |
| | Largest Per Member | Philadelphia | 7440 |
| 1984 | Largest Amount | No Record | |
| | Largest Per Member | Philadelphia | 7440 |

BEST COUNCIL YEARBOOK

At the institution of the Inter Council Competition the best council award was based upon proof that was presented at the convention in the form of a scrapbook which was supposed to be kept by the individual councils during the year. In 1978 the scrapbook itself was judged and an award was given for the best scrapbook. Guidelines was set up for the councils to follow in keeping and presenting it for the competition.

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|--------------|------------|------|--------------|---------------|------|
| 1978 Small | Picayune | 6872 | 1982 Small | Lumberton | 7211 |
| Intermediate | Long Beach | 4898 | Intermediate | Bassfield | 6592 |
| Large | Biloxi | 1244 | Large | Bay St Louis | 1522 |
| 1979 Small | Picayune | 6872 | 1983 Small | Lumberton | 7211 |
| Intermediate | Bassfield | 6592 | Intermediate | Kiln | 7087 |
| Large | Biloxi | 1244 | Large | Bay St. Louis | 1522 |
| 1980 Small | Kiln | 7087 | 1984 Small | McComb | 8054 |
| Intermediate | Meridian | 802 | Medium | Kiln | 7087 |
| Large | Biloxi | 1244 | Large | Meridian | 802 |
| 1981 Small | Kiln | 7087 | Extra Large | Pascagoula | 1605 |
| Intermediate | Bassfield | 6592 | | | |
| Large | Biloxi | 1244 | | | |

SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

Annually since 1975 the service program awards contest sponsored by the Supreme Council recognizes those councils in each State that conduct the Most Outstanding projects in each of the five divisions of the Service Program: Church, Community, Council, Youth and Family Activity (Family Activity was added in 1979). Whatever the program may be, all contribute to the wellbeing of the individual councils and their communities. It is through these service program activities that councils and members demonstrate that the order is indeed a "Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization." These program-winning efforts aid in making the Knights of Columbus the Strong and vibrant organization it is today and will continue to be in the future. State wide winners will be entered in the International Competition. A judging team appointed by the Supreme Knight will select an International Winner in each of the five categories from among all entries submitted by the State Winners. The Grand Knight and his wife of the five councils selected as International Winners will receive an all expense paid trip to the Supreme Council Meeting at its annual convention.

The winners of this award are:

| | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------|---------------|------|------|----------------------------------|-----------|------|
| 1975 | Church | Long Beach | 4898 | 1981 | Church | Bassfield | 6592 |
| | Community | Vicksburg | 898 | | Community | Biloxi | 1244 |
| | Council | Meridian | 802 | | Council | Meridian | 802 |
| | Youth | Greenville | 2134 | | Youth | Bassfield | 6592 |
| | | | | | Family | Lumberton | 7211 |
| 1976 | Church | Long Beach | 4898 | 1982 | Church | Gulfport | 1583 |
| | Community | Bassfield | 6592 | | Community | Biloxi | 1244 |
| | Council | Hattiesburg | 1908 | | Council | Bassfield | 6592 |
| | Youth | Meridian | 802 | | Youth | Gulfport | 1583 |
| | | | | | Family | Gulfport | 1583 |
| 1977 | Church | Bassfield | 6592 | 1983 | Church | Meridian | 802 |
| | Community | Greenville | 2134 | | Community | Clinton | 7854 |
| | Council | Starkville | 6765 | | Council | Lumberton | 7211 |
| | Youth | Greenville | 2134 | | Youth | Clinton | 7854 |
| | | | | | Family | Meridian | 802 |
| 1978 | Church | Picayune | 6872 | 1984 | Church | Meridian | 802 |
| | Community | Biloxi | 1244 | | Community | Clinton | 7854 |
| | Council | Bassfield | 6592 | | Council | Picayune | 6872 |
| | Youth | Long Beach | 4898 | | Youth | Kiln | 7087 |
| | | | | | Family | Clinton | 7854 |
| 1979 | Church | Picayune | 6872 | | | | |
| | Community | Natchez | 1034 | | | | |
| | Council | Meridian | 802 | | | | |
| | Youth | Meridian | 802 | | | | |
| | Family | Natchez | 1034 | | | | |
| 1980 | Church | Bassfield | 6592 | 1980 | -- Council 6592 Bassfield was | | |
| | Community | Meridian | 802 | | Awarded the International Church | | |
| | Council | Ocean Springs | 5654 | | Activities Award at the Supreme | | |
| | Youth | Natchez | 1034 | | Convention. | | |
| | Family | Natchez | 1034 | | | | |

SPORTS AWARDS

Bowling

The Mississippi State Bowling Association was authorized by Resolution No. 14 at the 58th State Convention, held in Hattiesburg, Ms on April 30, 1962. Results from 1963 through 1984 are as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Winner Team Events</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> | <u>Host Council</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1963 | Vicksburg | 2957 | Jackson | Jackson | Jackson |
| 1964 | Biloxi | 2925 | Gulfport | Jackson | Jackson |
| 1965 | Jackson | 2959 | No Record | No Record | Jackson |

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Winner Team Events</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> | <u>Host Council</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1966 | Pascagoula | 3108 | Greenville | Jackson | Biloxi |
| 1967 | Biloxi | 2941 | Greenville | Jackson | Jackson |
| 1968 | Jackson | 2844 | Greenville | Greenville | Greenville |
| 1969 | Jackson | 2916 | Natchez | Greenville | Natchez |
| 1970 | Greenville | 2986 | Ocean Springs | Biloxi | Gulfport |
| 1971 | Greenville | -- | Greenwood | Nathceez | Jackson |
| 1972 | Jackson | -- | Greenville | Pascagoula | Biloxi |
| 1973 | Biloxi | -- | Greenville | Gulfport | Gulfport |
| 1974 | Greenville | -- | Greenwood | Biloxi | Gulfport |
| 1975 | Greenville | -- | Natchez | Gulfport | Jackson |
| 1976 | Pascagoula | -- | Jackson | Long Beach | Pascagoula |
| 1977 | Greenville | 2957 | Biloxi | Biloxi | Biloxi |
| 1978 | Jackson | 2959 | Nathceez | Pascagoula | Natchez |
| 1979 | Biloxi | 2940 | Biloxi | Pascagoula | Biloxi |
| 1980 | Natchez | -- | Greenville | Jackson | Jackson |
| 1981 | Greenville | 3032 | Jackson | Gulfport | Pascagoula |
| 1982 | Pascagoula | 3028 | Pascagoula | Greenville | Jackson |
| 1983 | Greenville | -- | Biloxi | Long Beach | Gulfport |
| 1984 | Bassfield | 3104 | Greenville | Long Beach | Natchez |

Softball

In 1974 State Deputy George Scheiderman instituted competition in the field of softball. The Laurel Council 2180 agreed to sponsor a tournament and in that year the Laurel Council hosted an Invitational Softball Tournament for Knights of Columbus members only. This tournament was a memorial event named in honor of Paul W. Scaturro. Ten teams participated in the games. The winner of that tournament was the Biloxi Council No. 1244.

As a result of this tournament, Resolution No. 5 was presented and adopted at the 71st State Convention, held in Biloxi, Ms. on April 20, 1975. This resolution authorized the Mississippi State K of C Softball Tournament to be an annual event. The results from 1975 through 1984 are as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>1st Place</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> | <u>Host Council</u> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1975 | Biloxi | Pascagoula | Clarksdale | Biloxi |
| 1976 | Biloxi | Greenville | Gulfport | Laurel |

| <u>Year</u> | <u>1st Place</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> | <u>Host Council</u> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1977 | Yazoo City | Natchez | Biloxi | Clarksdale |
| 1978 | Biloxi | Yazoo City | Meridian | Biloxi |
| 1979 | Yazoo City | Biloxi | Biloxi | Meridian |
| 1980 | Natchez | Biloxi | Bassfield | Greenville |
| 1981 | Pascagoula | Natchez | Gulfport | Meridian |
| 1982 | Natchez | Pascagoula | Bassfield | Biloxi |
| 1983 | Natchez | Biloxi | Bassfield | Natchez |
| 1984 | Clarksdale | Pascagoula | Yazoo City | Clarksdale |

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WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you an active member-the kind that would be missed, or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help your council along - or are you satisfied to simply say that you belong?

Do you ever volunteer to help the guiding stick? Or leave the work to just a few, then talk about the clique?

Come out to the meetings, and help with hand and heart; don't just be a member, but take an active part!

Just think this over, member - you know right from wrong.

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

(Priest Education Fund)

In 1977 at the 73rd State Convention it was adopted that the Priest Education Fund henceforth be known as the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund in honor of our late beloved Bishop and Chaplain for many years.

At the 74th State Convention in 1978, it was announced that all monies raised for this fund remain in the Diocese in which it was raised since in 1976 the State of Mississippi was divided into the Diocese of Jackson and the Diocese of Biloxi.

The 78th State Convention authorized that two trophies be awarded at the next convention. The Msgr. P. J. Carey Council No. 1605 of Pascagoula has won the trophy for having donated the largest amount, a total of \$25,100 for three consecutive years. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council No. 7211 of Lumberton has donated the most per member for the same three years.

During the past ten years the Ladies Auxiliaries and the Columbian Squires have donated approximately \$1,000.

In 1983 a Co-Chairman for each Diocese was appointed to aid this program and a vote of thanks is due Jesse J. Quinn, PSD of Greenwood Council No 5267 and Paulino J. Carrubba, Master of the Fourth, St Vincent De Paul Council No 4898, Long Beach.

At this point it is interesting to note the progress this program has made through the years. First, four coast councils contributed \$125 each for a total of \$500. Then during the next 12 years over \$117,000 was raised by 20 councils. and now there is the possibility of 30 councils participating. The last report showed over \$35,000 contributed for the year thus making a grand total in excess of \$325,000 since the program Started in 1953.

The total donation to this fund at the conclusion of the 1984 State Convention was \$328,524.

BY-LAWS

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

In accordance with State Deputy Donald Oldmixon's appointment of a committee to make a thorough study of the present by-laws, then draw up a new set of by-laws, the committee met at Biloxi, Ms on Sunday October 31, 1982.

The committee meeting was opened with a prayer by Chairman John P. Myers, PSD, at 1:15 PM with committee members Hilton Seymour, PSD, Rodney Sandoz, PSD, Dave Atteberry, PSD, present and committee member Fred Westbrook, PSD absent. Ex-Officio Chairman, State Deputy Donald Oldmixon, was also present. The following are the proposed new by-laws.

BY-LAWS MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ARTICLE I NAME AND JURISDICTION

This organization shall be known as the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and its jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the State of Mississippi.

ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The State Council shall have power to enact and enforce all laws necessary and proper for its government and for the government of its subordinate councils, but no such laws shall be valid if the same shall be in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE STATE COUNCIL

Section 1: The Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, shall be convened annually between the first day of April, to and including the first day of June in each year. The date of said annual meeting shall be determined by the State Deputy. The regular notice of such annual meeting shall be given to each subordinate council by the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed thereof.

Section 2: Place of Holding Annual Meeting: The State Council, in annual Convention assembled, may determine the place of holding the annual meeting, but upon its failure to so act, or upon the subsequent development that the city designated cannot hold the convention, then the State Officers shall fix the place of such annual meeting.

Section 3: Place of Holding Annual Meetings: The State Council, in Convention assembled shall elect State Officers, delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention, receive reports of State Officers and Committees, discuss and act upon the affairs of the Order in the State, adopt policies and programs for the good and welfare of the Order, and transact such other business and enact such laws, rules and regulations as may be consistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

Section 4: Membership: The officers and members of the State Council shall be those provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Anyone not a member of the State Council will not have the privilege of the floor, unless by unanimous consent of the State Council meeting.

Section 5: Order of Business: The State Deputy shall call the State Council to order at 6:00 PM on the first day of the Convention and the following shall be included in the order of its business:

1. Call to order.
2. Confirming current membership cards.
3. Prayer by the Chaplain.
4. Reading of the minutes.
5. Announcement of personnel of convention committees.
6. Submission of Grand Knights' reports of the activities of their councils.
7. Report of committee on credentials.
8. Reading of communications.
9. Report of State Chaplain.
10. Report of State Deputy.
11. Report of State Secretary.
12. Report of State Treasurer.
13. Report of State Advocate.
14. Reports of District Deputies.
15. Reports of committee on resolutions.
16. Reports of other committees.
17. Election of State Officers, delegates and alternates to Supreme Convention.
18. Selection of Convention city.
19. Unfinished business.
20. New business.
21. Prayer by the Chaplain.
22. Adjournment.

Section 6: Committees: The State Deputy shall appoint the following convention committees:

1. On Credentials -- to consist of at least 3 members of which the State Secretary shall be a member and chairman.
2. On Mileage and Per Diem -- to consist of at least 3 members, of which the State Treasurer shall be a member and chairman.

3. On Resolutions -- to consist of 5 members, which shall include the State Advocate as a member and chairman, and shall include, when practicable, 2 or more Past State Deputies, one of which shall be the immediate Past State Deputy.
4. On Audit -- to audit the accounts of the State Treasurer, to consist of at least 3 members.
5. All other committees of which provisions have been duly and regularly made, or which may be deemed necessary to facilitate the work of the convention.

Section 7: State Deputy to Preside: The State Deputy shall preside at all sessions of the State Council, and shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the State Council and the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

Section 8: All sessions of the State Council shall be conducted in the third section.

Section 9: All State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and committees shall prepare their reports in typewritten form for submission to the State Secretary.

ARTICLE IV PROCEEDINGS OF STATE COUNCIL

Section 1: State Secretary to Furnish Blanks: The State Secretary shall prepare and furnish to the Grand Knights of each subordinate council on or before the first day of March in each year, credential blanks for the ensuing annual meeting of the State Council.

Section 2: Roll of Convention: The State Secretary shall prepare a roll containing the names of all delegates and alternates from the credential blanks presented to and filed with him, which said roll shall be compiled and delivered to the State Deputy prior to the first session of the State Council, and said roll shall constitute the roll of the State Council until the report of the credentials committee has been submitted and the permanent roll determined by the action of the State Council.

Section 3: Delinquent Assessments: Subordinate Councils failing to pay any assessments levied by the State Council or Supreme Council, shall not be entitled to representation in the State Council until all such arrears are paid.

Section 4: The roll shall not be called to vote on any question other than an election, except upon the request of at least 1/3 of the delegates eligible to vote at the session, expressed by standing vote.

Section 5: Expenses of Delegates: The expenses of the State Officers, delegates, District Deputies, and Past State Deputies to the State Council meeting shall be determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting. Mileage figures, if applicable, will be based on figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department.

ARTICLE V POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: State Deputy: The State Deputy shall preside at all sessions of the State Council and shall appoint all of its committees, except as otherwise herein provided. He shall be the chief executive of the Order in the State and possess all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by the laws and rules of the Order and by these by-laws. He shall countersign all checks drawn against the funds of the State Council, in the hands of the State Treasurer, and none of the moneys or funds of the State Council shall be otherwise disbursed. He shall have power to call meetings of State Officers and all Committees provided for by the State Council, the expenses thereof to be charged to the State Council on presentations of itemized statements, as in these by-laws provided, and he shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the State Council.

Section 2: State Secretary: The State Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the State Council. He shall issue a notice of all assessments levied by the State Council and do all things necessary and proper to secure due payment thereof to the State Treasurer. He shall report in writing at the annual meeting of the State Council, and shall perform such other and different duties as the State Council or the State Deputy may from time to time lawfully assign him, and shall furnish the Committee on Resolutions with such information as may be required by it pertaining to the laws and affairs on the State Council, as the same may be of record in his office. The State Secretary shall prepare a complete printed report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the State Council, and a copy of said report shall be furnished to each State Officer, District Deputy, Committee Chairmen and Grand Knights of the Mississippi jurisdiction on or about the following July 1st.

Section 3: State Treasurer: The State Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the State Council and promptly deposit the same in the name of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a depository designated by the State Officers, or a majority of the, and will promptly issue checks, countersigned by the State Deputy, in payment of accounts approved by the State Deputy.

Section 4: State Advocate: The State Advocate shall be the legal advisor to the State Council on all matters involving questions of the law. It shall be the duty of the State Advocate, upon request, to advise the State Officers on all matters pertaining to the Constitution and Laws

of the Order, and upon the constitutionality of any proposed law or resolution of the State Council.

Section 5: State Chaplain: The State Chaplain shall conduct all religious exercises of the State Council and shall advise the State Council and the officers thereof on matters of the State Council practice, and proposed resolutions or laws of the State Council involving such matters that shall be referred to him by the Resolutions Committee for his advice and counsel before same shall be referred to the convention. He shall make an annual report in writing to the State Council.

Section 6: State Warden: The State Warden shall act as Warden of the State Council at all of its meetings and perform such further duties as may be lawfully required of him by the State Deputy and the State Council.

ARTICLE VI STATE COUNCIL FINANCES

Section 1: Manner of Payment: All checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper or obligations of any kind or character owing to the State Council shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and all withdrawals, of its funds from the authorized depository shall be in the name of Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, by written check signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the State Deputy.

Section 2: Levying of Assessments: The per capita assessment by the State Council shall operate upon the membership as of January 1st and July 1st of each year. On the January 1st assessment, the Councils shall be billed by the following February 1st and on the July 1st assessment, the Councils will be billed by the following August 1st and said assessments shall be based upon the membership figures furnished by the Supreme Council as of record on January 1st and July 1st of each year and shall be due and payable by February 28 and August 31. All other assessments levied by the State Council shall be due and payable sixty days after the date of levy, unless otherwise duly provided.

Section 3: State Council Expenses: The State Treasurer is authorized to pay out of the general fund of the State Council all sums necessary to pay the appropriations authorized and made by the State Council, the expenses of the State Council meeting, the authorized expenses of officers and committees, and all other expenses duly authorized by the State Officers, but no payment shall be made of any item of expense unless and until a properly itemized statement thereof shall be filed with the State Deputy.

Section 4: 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 1st each year based upon the membership figures of July 1st and the other one half payable on February 1st each year based upon the membership figures of January 1st in accord with Section 118 (c) and (d) of the Supreme Council By-Laws, provided. 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.

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section 1: Rules: The election of the State Officers and delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be held in a manner to comply in all respects with the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

Section 2: Nominations: All nominations of officers, delegates, and alternates shall be made from the floor. No nominating speech shall exceed 5 minutes unless a different rule be established by majority vote of the meeting. Second shall be limited to stating their name and council.

Section 3: Tellers: Three tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer to assist with the balloting. The counting of ballots shall be open to all duly qualified third degree members of the Mississippi jurisdiction.

Section 4: Unanimous Ballot: When only one candidate is nominated for any office, the State Council may, upon proper motion, direct the State Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for such candidate, without balloting.

Section 5: Order of Election: The order of election shall be as follows: State Deputy - State Secretary - State Treasurer - State Advocate - State Warden - Delegates to the Supreme Convention - Alternates to said delegates.

Section 6: Manner of COnducting: When the nominations shall have been closed for each state office, the names of the candidates for that office shall be written in large letters on the blackboard so as to be plainly legible to all delegates, and plain sheets of paper shall be distributed to each delegate with instructions to write thereon just one name, the choice of that delegate for that particular office. When the nominations for the delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so nominated shall be plainly written on the blackboard, and the delegates shall write on their ballot the exact number of names for the position to be filled, and shall cast the same in one ballot. The same procedure shall be followed in the election of alternates, who shall be designated in the order of their preference, according to the vote electing them, provided that only insurance alternates shall fill vacancies for insurance representatives. In case of a tie vote, the State Deputy shall designate which one shall serve. In

the selection of the convention city, the names of the cities that have invited the convention shall be written on the blackboard, and each delegate shall write on his plain ballot the name of one of these cities as his choice.

Section 7: Balloting: Where a contest exists for any position to be filled, the voting shall, in all cases be done by secret, written ballot. The balloting shall be done in the following manner. The State Secretary shall call, from the permanent roll of the State Council meeting, the names of those persons entitled to vote and as each name is called, such member will deposit his ballot in the receptacle provided therefor.

Section 8: Majority: In all cases of election to any State Office, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. In the event there are more than two candidates for a single office, and a ballot fails to produce a majority for any candidate, written balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the smallest vote on the preceding ballot being dropped from the following ballot until a candidate shall have received a majority of all votes cast.

Section 9: Who Shall Nominate: Any member entitled to the floor at the State Council meeting may nominate a candidate for any office to be filled.

ARTICLE VIII EMERGENCY PROVISION IN THE EVENT THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING CANNOT BE HELD

In the event, by reason of law, government edict, war, or other proper cause, no annual meeting of the State Council is held in any year or succession of years, the following regulations shall apply to the functioning of the State Council until the next State Council meeting shall be held:

Section 1: All State Officers shall continue in office as if re-elected until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Vacancies arising in State Offices shall be filled by a majority vote of the State Officers in meeting assembled, the person so elected to hold office for the balance of the term of the office he succeeds, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2: The state per capita tax set at the last State meeting shall remain in effect until the next State meeting is held, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 3: All annual appropriations provided for at the last State meeting shall be deemed renewed from year to year, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 4: All resolutions of the last State meeting directing the carrying on of any activity, or vesting an authority in a particular person or committee, shall be deemed renewed from year to year, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 5: To provide for conditions not anticipated at the last previous annual meeting, the State Officers are vested with the following powers affecting the foregoing provisions:

- a. They may adjust the state per capita tax from year to year, but may not exceed the tax set at the last annual meeting.
- b. They may reduce or eliminate the appropriations made for any committee or purpose, in accordance with changing conditions.
- c. They may create new committees needed to meet a need not anticipated at the last annual meeting.

Section 6: State Officers and Committee Chairmen shall continue to make their annual reports in writing, which shall be printed and a copy sent to each Council about July 1st of each year.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1: In the event authorization is needed to carry on the functions of the State Council which goes beyond the authority herein vested, the State Deputy shall submit a resolution covering the authority needed to all the Councils in the state. The adoption of such resolution by a majority of the Councils in the state shall have the same force and effect as if said resolution was adopted at a meeting of the State Council.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS AND RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Amendments: These by-laws or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Council by a two-thirds vote of the persons qualified to vote at said meeting. Provided, however, that where notice of a proposed amendment to these by-laws shall have been given, by mail, to the Grand Knights of each Subordinate Council in the Mississippi jurisdiction, at least 60 days prior to the date set for the opening of the annual meeting, the amendment covered by such notice may be adopted by a majority vote of the members qualified to vote at such meeting.

Section 2: Void By-Laws: Severability: Any by-law, or portion thereof officially determined to be in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of our Order, shall be forthwith null and void. All provisions hereof not effected by such determination shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: Suspension of By-Laws: Any of these by-laws may be suspended at any session of the State Council by a Two-Thirds vote of the members present at the session in which the motion for suspension is made.

Section 4: Majority Vote: A majority of the members of the State Council shall constitute a quorum. Except where otherwise provided in these by-laws or by the Constitution and Laws of our Order, a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the State Council shall prevail on any question.

Section 5: Robert's Rules of Order: Except as otherwise provided herein and in the absence of a standing rule, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the State Council.

Section 6: All previous by-laws and amendments are hereby repealed and revoked as of date of ratification of these by-laws by the State Council meeting.

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INSURANCE INFORMATION FROM SUPREME

We did not begin to keep intense figures until 1945. In 1945, the Order had \$266,739,561 insurance in force with 254,060 certificates. In Mississippi, there were 734 insurance members with 970 policies, totalling \$1,210,915 insurance in force.

Jumping ahead ten years to 1955, the Order had \$522,012,918 insurance in force with 360,505 certificates. Mississippi had 1,102 insurance members who held 1,193 certificates totalling \$1,625,954 insurance in force.

In 1965, the Order claimed \$1,539,740,377 insurance in force and 603,372 certificates. In Mississippi, there were now 1,248 insurance members holding 1,535 certificates totalling \$2,873,703 insurance in force.

In 1975, the Order had \$3,186,961,000 insurance in force with 674,647 certificates. Mississippi claimed 1,060 insurance members holding 1,499 certificates and \$6,139,288 insurance in force.

Mississippi now has 1,472 insurance members who hold 2,640 certificates totalling \$39,900,416. Quite a Jump!

MENTAL RETARDATION PROGRAM

(Tootsie Roll Drive).

At the Organizational meeting held at the Ramada Inn in Greenville, Ms. in 1974, Don Dreilling who at that time was the Supreme Service Department Representative was invited to help conduct the meeting by State Deputy George (Chick) Scheiderman. He informed our State that several jurisdictions in the Knights of Columbus were ordering a special "Tootsie Roll Candy Bar" with the K of C insigna and purpose of a drive written on the label. He suggested that this would be a very good service project for our State to undertake. The seed was then planted. It was not until two years later under the administration of State Deputy Jesse Quinn, Jr. that a Chairman was appointed for our initial drive.

Dave Atteberry, PSD, was appointed as the first chairman of this project and still today he serves as co-chairman. Our first drive was held on May 22nd and 23rd, 1976. A proclamation was obtained from Governor Cliff Finch proclaiming those days as "HELP RETARDED CITIZENS DAYS".

In that first year our State collected a total net income of \$49,355.20 which was 49.56% in excess of our projected goal. After expenses a total amount distributed to the Mentally Retarded was \$48,146.47. Matching funds from the government totalled \$158,787.25 which the actual accumulated total received by the Mental Retarded in Mississippi was \$206,933.72. Monies collected from each council was returned to their areas mental retardation facility.

Since that time our State has sponsored Internship Programs in the Special Olympics. Our total contribution to this fund from the periods 1976 through the 1984 drive were \$2,346,238.40.

STATE OFFICERS OF MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL FROM 1971-1984

| | <u>State Deputy</u> | <u>State Secretary</u> | <u>State Treasurer</u> |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1971-72 | William F. LaForge 5556 | Henry J. Foggo 1034 | James L. Bolander 2180 |
| 1972-73 | William F. LaForge 5556 | George R. Scheiderman 2134 | Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. 5267 |
| 1973-74 | George R. Scheiderman 2134 | Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. 5267 | Mike P. Columbus 2945 |
| 1974-75 | George R. Scheiderman 2134 | Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. 5267 | Mike P. Columbus 2945 |
| 1975-76 | Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. 5267 | Mike P. Columbus 2945 | Mathias F. Zelenka 1605 |
| 1976-77 | Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. 5267 | Mike P. Columbus 2945 | Mathias F. Zelenka 1605 |
| 1977-78 | Dave Atteberry 1908 | Rodney J. Sandoz 4898 | Percy C. Nause 802 |
| 1978-79 | Dave Atteberry 1908 | Rodney J. Sandoz 4898 | Percy C. Nause 802 |
| 1979-80 | Rodney J. Sandoz 4898 | Don H. Oldmixon 7211 | Robert Fratesi 2134 |
| 1980-81 | Rodney J. Sandoz 4898 | Don H. Oldmixon 7211 | Robert Fratesi 2134 |
| 1981-82 | Don H. Oldmixon 7211 | Robert Fratesi 2134 | Wiley Price, Jr. 802 |
| 1982-83 | Don H. Oldmixon 7211 | Robert Fratesi 2134 | Wiley Price, Jr. 802 |
| 1983-84 | Robert Fratesi 2134 | Wiley Price, Jr. 802 | Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. 1244 |
| 1984- | Robert Fratesi 2134 | Wiley Price, Jr. 802 | Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. 1244 |

STATE OFFICERS OF MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL FROM 1971-1984

| <u>State Advocate</u> | <u>State Warden</u> | <u>State Chaplain</u> | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------|
| Rodney J. Sandoz 4898 | Mike P. Columbus 2945 | Bishop J. B. Brunini | 1971-72 |
| Roland F. Meaut 5654 | Mike P. Columbus 2945 | Bishop J. B. Brunini | 1972-73 |
| Mathias F. Zelenka 1605 | Joseph D. Semmes, Jr. 802 | Bishop J. B. Brunini | 1973-74 |
| Mathias F. Zelenka 1605 | Dave Atteberry 1908 | Bishop J. B. Brunini | 1974-75 |
| Dave Atteberry 1908 | Percy C. Nause 802 | Rev. Bernard Haddican | 1975-76 |
| Dave Atteberry 1908 | Percy C. Nause 802 | Rev. Bernard Haddican | 1976-77 |
| A. L. Sullivan, Jr. 898 | James P. Wuestenhoefer 2134 | Rev. Bernard Haddican | 1977-78 |
| A. L. Sullivan, Jr. 898 | James P. Wuestenhoefer 2134 | Rev. Michael Kellerher | 1978-79 |
| Wiley Price, Jr. 802 | Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. 1244 | Rev. Frank Corcoran | 1979-80 |
| Wiley Price, Jr. 802 | Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. 1244 | Rev. Frank Corcoran | 1980-81 |
| Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. 1244 | Michael T. Leleux 6872 | Rev. Frank Corcoran | 1981-82 |
| Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. 1244 | Michael T. Leleux 6872 | Rev. Michael Kellerher Rev. Bernard Haddican | 1982-83 |
| Joseph B. Goellner 7854 | Daniel C. Farrell 8038 | Rev. Francis J. Scott | 1983-84 |
| Joseph B. Goellner 7854 | Daniel C. Farrell 8038 | Rev. Francis J. Scott | 1984- |

FOURTH DEGREE

Listed are the Sir Knights who served as State Masters of the Fourth Degree since 1971:

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| 1971 - 1974 | Fritz J. Oberlies |
| 1974 - 1976 | Lamar Cox |
| 1976 - 1977 | Hayward J. Ladner |
| 1977 - 1980 | George C. Fero |
| 1980 - 1982 | Henry C. Jahnke |
| 1982 | George C. Fero (Completed the year due to the death of Master Jahnke) |
| 1982 - 1984 | Paulino J. Carrubba |
| 1984 - | District # 1 - Henry A. Kajdan |
| | District # 2 - Paulino J. Carrubba |

In 1971 there were approximately 600 Sir Knights in the fourth degree with 13 assemblies located in the state. In that same year the Father John F. Clerico Assembly located in Greenwood, Ms. was formed. This gave the state 14 assemblies and a total of 657 members by the end of 1972.

At the Biennial in 1980 it was approved that starting in 1981 the district will have a Sir Knight of the Year and an Assembly of the Year award presentation.

In 1982 we were sadden with the death of State Master Henry C. Jahnke of Pascagoula, Ms. Past Master George C. Fero was called on to complete his unexpired term.

Also in 1982 our state was proud to announce that Past State Deputy Dave Atteberry was appointed Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province.

The Pere Le Duc Assembly located in Bay St. Louis, Ms. was reinstituted in 1983.

On July 1, 1984 the Supreme Office with the recommendation of State Deputy Robert Fratesi, divided the Mississippi Jurisdiction into two districts whose boundaries follow along diocesan lines. Sir Knight Henry A. Kajdan of Jackson was appointed as the Master of the Jackson or District #1 and Sir Knight Paulino J. Carrubba was appointed Master of the Biloxi or District # 2.