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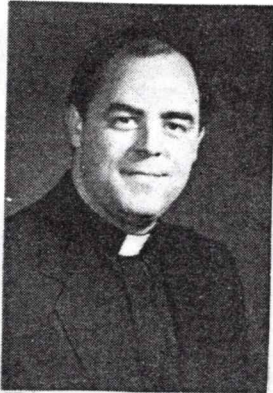
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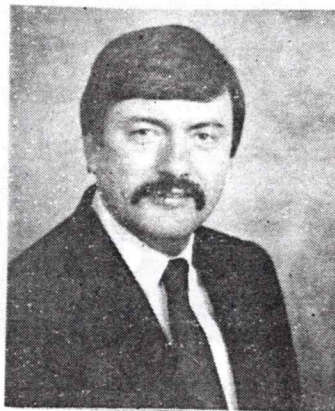
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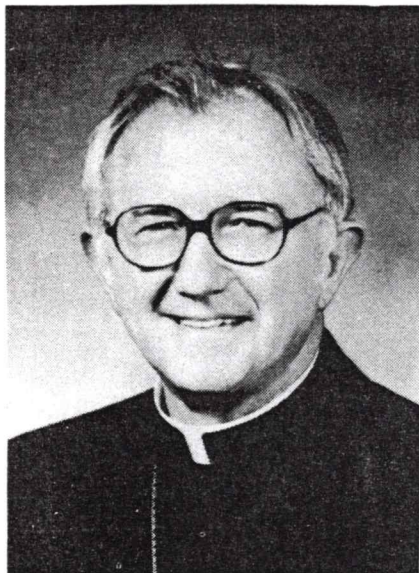
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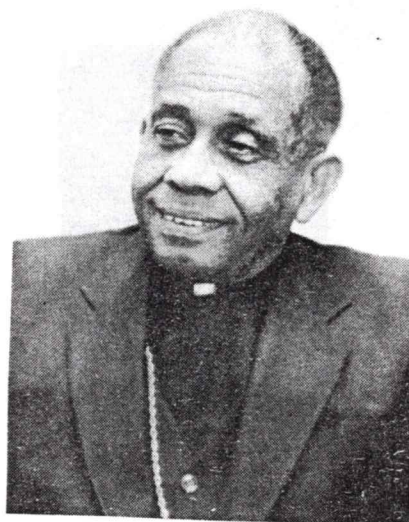
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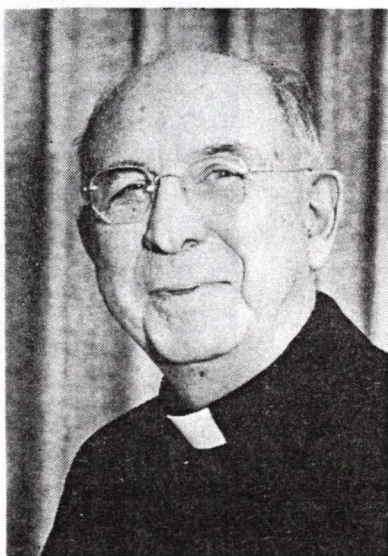
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Bishop of Biloxi



STATE CHAPLAIN EMERITUS  
Joseph B. Brunini  
Bishop of Jackson, Retired



SUPREME KNIGHT  
Virgil C. Dechant



# Milestones

## 1984

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

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

Bi-District meetings held in conjunction with District meetings.

The Pilgrim Virgin program Our Lady of Perpetual Help begins.

President of United States announced that no longer will foriegn aid funds be used to promote abortion.

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini retires and Bishop William R. Houck is appointed as Bishop of the Jackson Diocese.

## 1985

Corinth council No. 8912 received their charter as a new council.

North Biloxi Council No. 9094 (D'Iberville) received their charter as a new council.

Gautier Council No. 9124 received their charter as a new council.

Mississippi is the only jurisdiction in the order that had 100% participation in the Fraternal Activity Survey.

Philadelphia Council 7440 is dissolved.

Mississippi certifies its first Knighthood degree team under the new or present procedure. (Pascagoula Council).

Knights of Columbus under the Supreme level undergoes a restoration project of the Facade of St. Peters Basilica in Rome.

DECEASED - Past State Deputy Charles D. Sherman, Greenville.

## 1986

Indianola Council No. 9234 received their charter as a new council.

West Biloxi Council No. 9409 received their charter as a new council.

The 4th Degree on a national level contributes \$1,000,000 to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

The Pilgrim Virgin program, Our Lady of Czestochowa begins.

DECEASED - Count Enrico Galeazzi, The Knights of Columbus representative to the Vatican.

#### 1987

Madison Council No. 9543 received their charter as a new council.

Woolmarket Council No. 9673 received their charter as a new council.

Pope John Paul II visits New Orleans.

Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Florida named Supreme Chaplain.

Supreme project to restore the Facade at St. Peters Basilica completed.

Supreme writes a \$1,000,000 life insurance policy.

DECEASED - Bishop Charles P. Greco, Supreme Chaplain for 26 years. Born in Rodney Mississippi in 1895.

- Alfred N. Nicholas, Supreme Master

- Judge Harold J. Lamboley, Former Supreme Advocate.

#### 1988

Lizana Council No. 9958 received their charter as a new council.

Pilgrim Virgin program, Our Lady of Pochaiv, begins.

Supreme Knights of Columbus Insurance in force topped the 13 billion dollar mark.

Wearing of the KC emblem extended to First degree members.

DECEASED - John H. Griffin, MD, former Supreme Physician.

#### 1989

Statewide raffle instituted.

Supreme issued a new charter to council No. 10000 in Nebraska.

New Squires Circle organized in Laurel, Ms.

DECEASED - Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour, Biloxi.

- James Barlett, Gulfport, Editor and publisher of the first K of C History (1903 - 1971).



1990

Brandon Council No. 10216 received their charter as a new council.

Grenada Council No. 10443 received their charter as a new council.

Ocean Springs Council No. 10449 received their charter as a new council.

100th anniversary of Father McGivney's death.

Largest Insurance policy sold in Texas, 5.5 million.

10 year old Christopher Coats, Clarksdale, 10 year old Amanda Theobald, Pass Christian and 11 year old Ann Marle Lewis, Jackson named international free throw champions.

1991

Marian Hour of Prayer, Our Lady of Assumption begins.

Supreme council sent 10,000 Rosaries to US military personnel in Saudia Arabia.

Picayune Council No. 6872 placed 3rd in the International Service Program for Church Activity.

Mississippi places first for the fraternal year in membership net and percentage gain in Division VI.

DECEASED - Past State Deputy Donald H. Oldmixon, Texas.

1992

Oxford Council No. 10901 received their charter as a new council.

500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus arrival in the Americas.

12 year old Christopher Coats, Clarksdale name International Free Throw Winner.

Mother Teresa first recipient of the Knights of Columbus Gaudium Et Spes Award.

2nd and 3rd degree team certified in Greenwood.

Deceased - Past State Deputy William F. LaForge, Cleveland.

1993

Father Rotondo Assembly in Cleveland changes name to William F. LaForge Assembly.

Past State Deputy Marvin L. Lott appointed Vice Supreme Master of Bienville Province.

Mississippi jurisdiction contributes toward the Midwest floods.

National Knights of Columbus Softball tournament held in Biloxi. (See report at conclusion of milestones).

1994

Supreme insurance in force passes the 25 billion mark.

DECEASED - John W. McDevitt, Past Supreme Knight.

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Report of the 14th Annual National K of C Softball Tournament.

The 14th annual national K of C Softball Tournament was hosted by Biloxi Council 1244 with games being played in Biloxi, Gulfport, Mississippi on Labor Day weekend 1993.

The participants started arriving 3 to 4 days before the tournament started, to enjoy the beaches, hospitality, golf courses and casinos. Registration of the Brother Knights on the 48 teams participating, representing 29 state jurisdictions, took place at the Biloxi Council home by the Board of Directors of the KC National Softball Association on the first floor, with a boiled shrimp plate being offered on the second floor of the council home. There was great fraternalism displayed from the start and lasting throughout the tournament. Six teams who had planned to attend had to pull out due to the midwest flood. And while we are on that subject, the floods came to Miss. with the tournament. All of the games were scheduled to be played in Gulfport at the Milner Stadium complex and the Gulfport council home softball field. It rained 2 days before the tournament and off and on during the tournament. Friday afternoon the Board of Directors went to Milner Stadium and the 4 fields were completely under water so they scurried all over looking for fields to play on the next morning at 8:00AM.

They settled on Hiller Park and Cavalier Fields in Biloxi and the Gulfport Council field. So, all plans had to be changed. Saturday morning the games started at 9:00AM and the last game for Saturday's schedule was played at 2:00AM Sunday. Then, Sunday's games were back on schedule at 8:00AM and finally ended at 10:00PM. All of the teams participating had only Praise for the local Knights for their efforts to have a smooth running tournament.

Our State Deputy Tom Zettler did himself proud. Everyone who spoke to him or listened to his speech at the trophy presentation ceremonies agreed that he was a top notched State Deputy and that he told it like it was. Just an easy going Joe. He wore his title in his heart not on his shoulder. State Deputy Zettler was present for the entire weekend. The 1994 Tournament will be held in Richmond, Virginia. At a coaches meeting it was voted that the 1995 tournament will be held in Austin, Texas. There were over 600 rooms reserved by the teams and over 1200 Knights and their family members were present at the tournament.

The results of the overall tournament are as follows:

1st Place - Lafayette, Louisiana  
2nd Place - Katy, Texas  
3rd Place - Dickerson, Texas  
4th Place - Beacon, New York

Consolation: New Port News, Virginia

35 and over category was won by Rayne, Louisiana.

The Directors held a 50/50 raffle and presented to the local Doll and Toy Fund (Christmas toys to needy children) a check for \$400.00. The Directors presented the annual Barry Kearns Award, given each year at the tournament to the team or council who displays the best sportsmanship and fraternalism, to Biloxi Council 1244 and Gulfport Council 1583. Site Director for the 1993 tournament was Freddie F. Steinwinder III.



## MSGR. John J. Burns Council 802

### Meridian, MS

Council 802 continued to flourish in many respects during this ten year period. The Council has a First Degree team which was certified in 1984 and as a result we have been able to provide timely First Degrees to our members as well as to neighboring Councils. Our major sources of income were from weekly bingo games and the rental of our hall. Because of the level of income that the Council has sustained, except for short periods of time, we have been able to maintain a myriad of charitable works for church, school and community.

Grand Knights for the Fraternal Years 1985 - 1994.

1985-86	Thomas Zettler
1986-87	Gary Benton
1987-88-89	John Bennett
1989-90	Luis Borrell
1990-91-92	Mouise Richards
1992-93	Wiley Price
1993-94	John Maloney
1994-Present	Scott Dibbs

Highlights from these fraternal years are as follows:

1985 - Meridian hosted the State Convention and at this convention Brother Wiley Price was elected to serve as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Brother Tom Zettler was appointed as State Program Director. The Monsignor John J. Burns Award for community service was presented to Brother Tom Minniece, the first recipient who was a member of our Council. The Fourth Degree Assembly received an award for Outstanding Community Service.

1986 - The Council instituted a perpetual display of the American flag at the Council home as a sign of our patriotism. Brother WILEY PRICE was reelected for a second term as State Deputy. Brother JOHN MALONEY was elected to serve as a delegate to the Supreme Convention representing our Jurisdiction. The TOM ZETTLER family was elected as the Council Family of the Year and subsequently as the State Family of the Year. In addition, this family was third in the Supreme International Family of the Year contest - a first for a Mississippi Family. The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was presented to Mayor Jimmy Kemp of Meridian. The Fourth Degree Assembly was named the Assembly of the Year. The Council received a Supreme Council Award of Merit for placing in the Top 10 International Church Activities.

1987 - The Council donated \$10,000 to St. Patrick Church to assist in the renovation of the Church. Brother TOM ZETTLER was elected State Warden. The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was awarded to Fredna Cross.



1988 - The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was presented to Billy Sollie of the Meridian Police Department for his service with the DARE Program. Brother TOM ZETTLER was reelected as State Warden. The Fourth Degree Assembly received an award for Outstanding Community Service.

1989 - Due to a severe lack of funds, the Council rescinded the budget for several months until such time as income could again be generated. The John Maloney Family was elected as the Council Family of the Year and subsequently as the State Family of the Year. Brother Tom Zettler was elected State Advocate and during the year as the result of a resignation of the State Secretary was appointed as State Treasurer. Brother Tom Zettler was elected to serve as a delegate to the Supreme Convention representing our Jurisdiction. Brother John Maloney was appointed to serve as District Deputy. Late in the year the bingo was reinstated and the programs were reinstituted. The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was presented to Rush Gordon for his work in the Scouting program.

1990 - Bingo was again suspended in the early part of the year. Brother Tom Zettler was reelected as State Treasurer. In addition, he was elected as the Council Knight of the Year and was subsequently elected as the State Knight of the Year. John Maloney was reappointed as District Deputy. The John J. Burns Award for community service was presented to Brother Tom Zettler, the second Brother Knight so honored. Late in the year, the Council again instituted the bingo games and fared well in this regard. The Council received the Insurance Promotion Award from Supreme for a net gain of 12 insurance members.

1991 - The Council hosted the State Free Throw contest at Meridian Community College gym. Brother Tom Zettler was elected State Secretary. Sadly, our Council Chaplain, Father John Egan died on Palm Sunday while serving as Pastor of St. Patrick. The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was presented to Hartley and Melia Peavey for their work with abused children.

1992 - The Council hosted a major degree exemplification. Brother Paul Carpenter was appointed to serve as District Deputy and Brother Tom Zettler was reelected State Secretary. The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was presented to Nell Grissom for her work for the underprivileged. Brother John Maloney was elected to serve as a delegate to the Supreme Convention representing our Jurisdiction. The Council softball team received the fourth place trophy at the State Tournament. The hall was used as a hurricane shelter for the homeless as a result of the hurricane that hit the coast. The Council received a Supreme Council Award of Merit for placing in the Top 10 International Council Activities.

1993 - The Council continued to prosper financially. Brother Tom Zettler was elected to serve as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Brother John Maloney was elected Council Knight of

the Year and was subsequently elected State Knight of the year. The Brother David Duncan Family was elected as the Council Family of the Year and was subsequently elected as State Family of the Year. Brother Paul Carpenter was appointed to serve as District Deputy and Brother John Maloney was appointed State Program Director. Wiley Price was elected to serve as a delegate to the Supreme Convention representing our Jurisdiction. The Council purchased a stained glass window in St. Patrick Church in memory of our deceased Brother Knights. The John J. Burns Award for Community Service was presented to Judy Siefker.

1994 - The Council submitted a resolution to the State Convention which condemned assisted suicide. This motion was adopted by the State Council and submitted to the Supreme Council. At the Supreme Convention, it was made a part of the overall pro-life resolution. The Council hosted the State Softball Tournament. The Council 35 and older team won that championship. The Council received the Supreme "Contest of Champions" Trophy for having the highest net gain and highest percentage gain in the State.

Awards received during this period:

STAR COUNCIL AWARD: 1988, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994

Columbian/Father McGivney Awards: 1986, 1989

Columbian Award: 1987, 1991

Distinguished Council Award: 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994

Honor Council Award: 1985, 1986, 1987, 1991

Best Large Council: 1986, 1988, 1989

Best Extra Large Council: 1992, 1994

Best Vocations Award: 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989

Best Church Activity: 1985, 1986, 1987, 1994

Best Council Activity: 1988, 1992, 1994

Best Community Activity: 1992

Best Youth Activity: 1987

Best Family Activity: 1992

Best Newsletter Award: 1986, 1989, 1990

Best Scrapbook Award: 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993,

Past State Deputies Award: 1993



Highest Net Gain and Percentage Gain in Membership: 1994

Highest Percentage Gain in Membership: 1989, 1993

From the report above it is east to see that Council 802, the oldest Council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, is alive and very well. We continue to pursue the aims of our Brotherhood - Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We are proud to serve our Church, school and community and are thankful for the many blessings that Almighty God has bestowed upon us.

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## John T. Savage Council 848 Jackson, MS

With the start of 1970 many of our Knights and their Ladies visited New Haven at Supreme Convention time. The enthusiasm they brought back has carried the council through the years. From the relief effort and fund raiser for the victims of Camile to the taking of the Mississippi School for the Deaf to the afternoon matinee at the circus. A Spaghetti dinner was held at the council home on Dec. 7 to raise funds for St. Jude Parish center, which burned. Visited the sick at the V.A. Hospital and provided the callers for bingo and prizes. Laid the groundwork for a formation and Knighthood degree team and Initiated 34 in March.

1971-72 Started the year off with our 4th of July celebration, helped with the Novena at the Carmelite Monastery. Held our first K. C. Football Bowl. Held a Memorial Service for deceased members and visited all parishes of the city and held a prayer service at each. Collected glass and aluminum cans for the Girs Scouts of St. Mary and re-stripped St. Mary school gym.

1972-73 Was a very active year for the council. Starting with a benefit card party for Sanders School for Cerebral Palsey. Sold candy for the Kidney foundation. Laid out and surveyed and set the concrete markers for St. Joseph high school field and did the same for St. Marys School. Furnished hall with chaperones for C.Y.O. Dance. Held a father and son Dove Hunt. Sponsored M.I.S.A.C. 5th and 6th grade Basketball League. Finishing up with annual Easter Egg Hunt.

1973-74 Found our council working on a pilot program with the American Cancer Society. By providing the manpower assistance to prepare and assemble materials for their state wide drive. Entered jointly with the Fourth Degree in participating in first Friday Nocturnal Adoration and prayer at St. Dominics Chapel. Other activities included K.C. Bowl, New Years Eve Dance and Fish fry.

1974-75 Held a special bingo game day to raise funds for the relief of flood victims. Helped the State Highway Patrol with the sale of circus tickets. Worked with a non-Denominational Pro Life committee by furnishing the literature. Rang the bell for the Salvation Army and held a V.A. Christmas party. Held a blood drive and had a Vocations and Careers day with social for the C.Y.O. Had a monthly covered dish dinner for members and their families.

1975-76 A lot of our programs are on going, such as our Saturday night steak supper and bingo. The funds raised from this pays for such things as our Donation to the Priest Education Fund, C.Y.O. dances, Christmas party at the V.A. and Easter Egg Hunt. Along with our K.C. Bowl Food baskets to the needy and other act of charity. Besides our other on-going activities, others include delivering 4,200 K.C. Book covers to the 5 Catholic elementary schools in Jackson. Sponsored a Boy Scout Troop for camp and distributed keep Christ in Christmas bumper stickers.

1976-77 The most notable activities of this year, was working with the committee from St. Richards parish to help establish a R.E.A.C.H. program here in Mississippi. Helped Holy Family Parish with a Rummage Sale.

1977-78 Held Dinner for area C.Y.O. and R.E.A.C.H. personnel to kick off our Tootsie roll program. The proceeds from our K.C. Bowl goes to our Scholarship Fund. This year we awarded three to religious education teachers in the Mississippi School Jurisdiction. Delivered 4,800 book covers to Jackson area schools and took first place in the State Bowling tournament.

1978-79 This years activities included The Last Fun in the Sun Fling, on Labor Day, to say good by to summer. The other was the First annual Basketball tournament, proceeds to go for equipment for youth game room in the basement of our council home.

1979-80 The first thing on our agenda was a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for our members which were directly effected by the Easter flood. While other members donated their time in helping with clean up. We celebrated our Diamond Jubilee with a dinner and the burning of our council mortgage. Sent a financial aid to the hurricane Frederic relief fund. We held our first day of Recollection with conferences and Mass. Our thanks to Father Tony Pudenz. We also hosted the State Bowling Tournament.

1980-81 This years activities included a program of fellowship and dinner for the Religious community of Jackson. Members also served as Lay Ministers, Lecturers, Commentators, Ushers and gift bearers for the nine parishes of Jackson. The council provided funds and support to the Pro Life booth at the Mississippi State Fair. Assisted St. Jude Parish Chruch after a fire destroyed it.

1981-82 Started the year off with a Spaghetti Dinner for St. Jude Church rebuilding fund.




With the dawn of the 80s well on its way the council was faced with a time of change and growth. The ground work was laid, as small nucleus of members were chosen to help build new council. From St. Jude to Holy Savior to St. Therese. Our members were there helping to build. We were not daunted by this. As members worked with area 8 Special Olympics. From score keeping at bowling tournaments to the first annual Crawfish Dinner as a fund raiser. Do to changes in corporation Tax Laws. The council set out to rewrite our so as to comply. The council also had to re write council by laws and send copy to Supreme. We still held our Memorial Mass for deceased members, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, and held our K.C. Bowl and Basketball Tournament. Held fund raiser for food baskets, etc. With the decision to sell the council home. We asked and recieved permission to return home to St. Peters Cathedral. A homecoming after 36 years. The hardest part was finding someone to buy the council property that would use it to the benefit of the community. We believe we have done this. We sold the property to the REcovery Lodge, to be used as Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation program. Due to the ever increasing liability the K.C. Football bowl was replaced by our Basketball. We have a spaghetti dinner in March to raise funds for the Priest Education Fund. With the beginning of 1994 one can reflect and see the legacy that was made and left by others. After 90 years of service to the greater Jackson area, where one council stood there is now six.

1994 Started off with council members assisting the Fourth Degree in a Shrimp Dinner. Made a donation to the Georgia Flood Relief. Held a get to know your Knights Houseboat party in September. Held a Stead Dinner at lake Catherine. For all members, friends, and guest who had supported our council through the years. In November we held our Memorial Service for a deceased member with Mass.

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SPECIAL GIFT.**



# Vicksburg Council 898

## Vicksburg, MS

Joe McNamara, Tony Dardeau, Tom Chady<sup>1</sup>

### Introduction

This brief history of Council 898 covering the period from 1 July 1984 through 30 June 1994 was compiled from Council minute books, newsletters, program reports, and interviews. Highlights are presented in annual summaries. At the beginning of the period, the Council observed its 80th anniversary and its tenth year in the Council Home on Fisher Ferry Road. By mid-1994 and several Grand Knights later, the Council and home were ten years older. Interestingly, however, the membership had a younger average age because of growth and the vigorous recruitment that has taken place.

### 1984

During the first half of 1984, several important events took place. In February, the Council honored Brother Bud Tacke for his 50-year tenure as Scoutmaster of Council-sponsored Troop 7. The celebration included Mass, a reception, an award from the Vatican, and certificates from Senator Cochran and President Reagan. Other pre-July milestones included a First Degree exemplification by Council 898's team (eleven new members), support of a City League softball team, St. Patrick's Day celebration, Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner, and Run Thru History in March; sponsorship of a Dixie Youth baseball team and St. Aloysius after-prom party; and receipt of an Honor Council award at the State Convention; sponsorship of a breakfast for St. Aloysius graduates; and conduct of the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Council 898 began the 1984-1985 Fraternal Year with Brother Bernie Theobald as the newly elected Grand Knight. In July, the Council held its annual Independence Day picnic. The Council home was served as a meeting place for Vicksburg Right to Life (after fire damaged their previous site). St. Aloysius A Club benefitted from a \$100 contribution from the Council. During August, Council 898 hosted a Fourth Degree exemplification and bought a \$60 advertisement in the St. Aloysius football program. The annual Labor Day picnic in September was enjoyed by members and their families. September donations included a \$50 bond to the Vicksburg Fire Department essay contest and a retirement purse

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<sup>1</sup> Brother Joe joined the Knights of Columbus in 1946 and over the past six decades has held a number of offices, including Grand Knight (1954-1955); his last office was trustee in the early 1990s. Brother Tony joined the order in 1980, becoming Fourth Degree in 1984; he has held several Council and Assembly offices including Faithful Navigator. Currently serving as Advocate, his other responsibilities include Program Director, District Warden, and member of the First and Fourth Degree teams. Brother Tom became a Knight in 1987 and Fourth Degree in 1989. His various Council and Assembly offices have included Faithful Navigator. He has been Council 898's Grand Knight since 1993 and also serves on the First and Fourth Degree teams. Tom received the State Top Proposer award at the 1994 State Convention.



to Father Sullivan. October activities included a Columbus Day celebration and a children's Halloween party. Troop 7 received a \$250 donation to purchase needed equipment. The annual November Mass to honor deceased brother knights was held in the Council home; during the past year the bereavement committee had honored these members with prayer services at the funeral homes. Approximately 140 persons participated in the annual Christmas party at the Council home. A December quarterly communion at St. Paul's Church was an excellent way to end the year on a spiritual note. The same month saw a Troop 7 Court of Honor in the Council Home. December donations included \$100 as a Christmas gift to Chaplain Father Brett and another \$100 for miscellaneous purchases for indigent nursing home patients. Altogether, \$6,960 was donated during 1984.

#### 1985

During the first quarter of 1985, Council 898 donated \$100 to St. Michael's CYO and offered use of the Council home for meetings of that organization. Donations during the first quarter included \$500 to Saltillo, \$100 to the City reward fund, \$2,000 to purchase a car for Father Brett, \$150 to Dixie Youth Baseball, and \$500 to purchase chickens for barbecuing at Play-a-Day-in May-Away (Catholic School fundraiser). The March Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner raised \$2,000 for that cause. April events included a First Degree exemplification with seven new members, a Hospitality Room at the State Convention, and the use of the Council home for both prom and after-prom events. In May, the Council donated \$200 to the Boys' State program and \$100 to a CYO retreat, hosted a gathering of St. Aloysius alumni, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and former coaches of the school, and repaired and sealed the parking lot. The Council donated a \$10,000 certificate of deposit (1988 maturity value of \$12,000) to St. Michael's Building Fund in June. Brother Theobald was again elected and began his second year of office in July. Donations in July included \$50 to the CYO and \$200 to the Father Dulaney car fund. In the same month, the \$4,700 proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive were sent to the State Council. The two donations in August were \$100 to St. Aloysius A Club and \$25 to the Mississippi Association for the Blind. The annual Labor Day Picnic was held on the Council Grounds in September followed by the Columbus Day Celebration in October. November saw the First, Second and Third Degree exemplifications at the Council home after Mass, with Council 898's First Degree team participating; there were a total of 66 new members as a result of the day's activities. Also in November were the approval of a new budget, celebration the annual Memorial Service for deceased members, and the purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket in support of the Catholic Schools' fundraising countdown. The highlight of December was the annual Christmas party in the Council home. During 1985, Council 898 made a total of \$7,830 in donations and (not including the St. Michael \$10,000 certificate of deposit).

#### 1986

The year began with a January CYO dance in the Council Home. February events included planning for a pro-life billboard, a roast of long-time Financial Secretary, Brother

Bill Lauderdale, hosting a recognition banquet for Boy Scout Troop 7, and holding a quarterly communion at St. Michael's Church. In March, the Council donated \$150 to support Dixie Youth Baseball. Events that month included a St. Patrick's Day celebration with Father Hurley as speaker, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Donations in April included \$2,000 to the Priest Education Fund (proceeds of the annual spaghetti dinner) and \$500 to purchase chickens for Play-a-Day-in-May-Away. In the same month, the Council hosted a Hospitality Room at the State Convention. The May Tootsie Roll Drive netted a \$3,705 contribution to the mentally retarded programs, and the St. Paul Church Sodality was the beneficiary of a \$100 donation by Council 898. In the same month, there was a First Degree exemplification by the Council's team. Brother Floyd Whittington assumed the duties of Grand Knight in July. Summer saw the opening of the pool and associated social activities. Approval of a new budget for the 1986-1987 fraternal year and the annual Independence Day picnic were July milestones. During August, the Council purchased a \$65 advertisement in the St. Aloysius football program. The Labor Day picnic resulted in a \$58 contribution to the CYO. The Columbus Day program was held in October. Donations in November included \$200 for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy and \$50 for Father Brett's Christmas gift. The annual November Memorial Service for deceased brothers included a Mass celebrated by Father Brett. Food baskets were again distributed to area needy in December. In that same month, the Council held its quarterly communion at St. Paul's Church. The Christmas party was the finale for a great year in which \$6,380 was donated to charitable causes.

## 1987

To start the New Year on a charitable note, the Council donated \$500 in January to the Saltillo mission. Council 898 also agreed to fund and fully participate in the Red Cross Meals on Wheels Program. In February 1987, it officially adopted the first Saturday of each month on which it continues to prepare and serve approximately 40 meals to the community sick and elderly. February donations included \$150 to Dixie Youth Baseball and \$100 to the St. Paul Church Sodality. Council members again assisted the community in the March Run Thru History by preparing and serving food to race participants. The major project during March was the Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner, which cleared \$3,050 (supplemented by a Fourth Degree contribution of \$350). In addition, a donation of \$500 was approved to purchase chickens for Play-a-Day-in-May-Away. During April, a gas pipeline company secured an easement through Council property only after diligent negotiations by a group of committed knights. May contributions included \$200 to the fledgling Cub Scout Pack and \$100 to Father Egan's 25th Anniversary purse. A drug abuse program in June that drew a large crowd from the three Vicksburg parishes and the scouts featured Warren County Sheriff Paul Barrett. The Tootsie Roll Drive that month netted \$3,900 for the mentally retarded. Council elections resulting in Brother Allen Derivaux being named Grand Knight. An interesting development in July included the establishment of a required quorum of 15 members to hold a weekly meeting each Tuesday. Also in July, Troop 7 was offered the large Council room as a permanent Monday meeting site. Council members and their families enjoyed the annual Independence Day picnic on 4 July.



A final July activity was Council approval to construct a Right to Life Billboard on highway frontage and worked closely with the American Cancer Society at its annual benefit. In August, another \$65 advertisement in the St. Aloysius football program was approved, and a First Degree exemplification was held. September functions were the Labor Day picnic and a special benefit to aid a brother knight in need. The Columbus Day celebration and children's Halloween party were two outstanding October events. First, Second, and Third Degree exemplifications at the Council Home in November resulted in 48 area candidates being initiated. Another traditional November event was the Memorial Service and Mass for deceased brothers. December 1987 marked the Council's first participation in the City Christmas parade plus the usual Christmas party. Total donations during 1987 were \$8,865.

## 1988

Troop 7 received special awards during January. Also in January, the Saltillo choir was hosted by the Council with three meals provided to these visiting Catholic youth. During February, a total of \$3,421 was raised and dispensed to cover the final bills of a deceased knight in need. Six new brothers received First Degree honors in March. Other events that month included the St. Patrick's Day celebration and the Marian Hour of Prayer. In April, the \$10,000 certificate of deposit purchased in 1985 matured (and now worth \$12,000) was presented to St. Michael's Church Building Fund. Contributions in April included \$500 for Play-a-Day-in-May-Away and \$2,700 to the Priest Education Fund. During the same month, the Council attended the State Convention and operated a hospitality room. May efforts included the Tootsie Roll Drive (\$4,000) and the Muscular Dystrophy Fund (\$500). In June, the Council funded purchase of an ice machine for Saltillo and actively participated in the dedication of the new St. Michael's Church. Brother Derivaux began his second year as Grand Knight in July. The Council collected and sent 1,039 pounds of clothing to Saltillo in July. In the same month, a burglary of the Council home caused some serious damage. The Council sponsored a Right to Life program in August. Other August activities included the purchase of an advertisement in the St. Aloysius football program and raising \$733 for St. Michael's Building Fund. The two donations in September were \$100 to St. Paul Church Sodality and \$150 to Dixie League Baseball. A Council-sponsored golf match that month drew strong interest. In October, there was a fine Columbus Day program. Donations during October were a dishwasher to St. Michael's CWA and \$100 to the Cub Scout Pack. The November Memorial Service honored deceased members. A \$100 donation that month benefitted the American Family Association. During December, the Council purchased bocci balls and gave a \$50 Christmas gift to Father Brett. The Council took a stand against the local sale of cigarette papers, which had been used with illicit drugs. Christmas parties for both the members and children were enjoyed by all who participated. The total donated to various causes during 1988 amounted to \$24,969, while the 1984-1988 total amounted to \$54,455.

1989

The year began with a dues increase to \$60 yearly. The first month also saw the local Free Throw competition offered to community children and the presentation by St. Michael's CWA of a new banner to Council 898. In February, the Council approved the donation of \$10,000 to St. Francis Building Fund. A total of \$15,000 was allocated for building and grounds improvement. The membership count during February stood at 292, with 66 being life and honorary life status. A special three-man committee was established to recommend indigent members for dues exemption. A Knight of the Year award was set at \$75 during a March meeting. Donations in March included \$500 for Play-a-Day-in-May-Away chickens and \$100 for a chance on the Catholic Schools' countdown fundraiser. March activities included a St. Patrick's Day celebration, Run Thru History support, and a children's Easter Egg Hunt. As a matter of interest, during March, lounge price were established as \$1 for beer and \$0.50 for soft drinks and snacks, a price that has remained unchanged to this day. During April, \$2,700 was donated to the Priest Education Fund as a result of the annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser. That same month, the Council team held another First Degree exemplification. The minutes also note that the Council tractor was sold. At the State Convention, the hospitality room was a big success, and the Council managed to garner Honor Council and best yearbook awards. Father Brett received a Council donation of \$100 during May. New officers were elected in June followed by some resignations in August and September. The June Tootsie Roll Drive netted \$3,200 for the mentally retarded. The July activities included a donations of \$500 to Saltillo and rosaries to the Bereavement Committee and \$75 to purchase an advertisement in the St. Aloysius football program. A breakfast that month realized \$158 for the Saltillo mission. August purchases included a pool cover. Officer resignations resulted in the special election of Brother Zenon (Sonny) Sucharski for another term as Grand Knight and Brother Charlie Marshall as Warden. In October, Council 898 purchased its steam table, which has proved invaluable in various cooking efforts. The annual Memorial service in November with its beautiful Mass and eulogies paid tribute to recently deceased members. Also in November was the collection by Troop 7 (with the aid of the Council) of 400 pounds of food for area needy. Culminating 1989 were Christmas parties for the membership and the children. A total of \$17,300 was donated to various charitable causes in 1989.

1990

During January, Council 898 held a Superbowl party for members and guests, a Free Throw competition for area youth, an insurance night, and a First Degree exemplification for three new members. In the same month, the Cub Scout pack sponsored by the Council, was the recipient of a \$100 donation. Early in the year, Council Bingos were initiated to generate funds for charitable activities. February events included a lasagna supper, a Right to Life Program, a health program, a banquet for the Three Rivers Boy Scout District, and the Marian Hour of Prayer. Lenten fish fries became a Council tradition in March 1990, with a delicious fish dinner available for parishioners after Stations of the Cross each Friday. Also in March were the annual Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner (netted



\$2,000), St. Patrick's Day celebration, and a covered dish social for members and guests. April marked a reinstitution of a Council tradition, that of participation in the Holy Thursday Vigil when the Blessed Sacrament was exposed at each of the parish churches; brother knights volunteered for an hour each during the exposition. Other March activities were the Tootsie Roll Drive (\$2,400 turned in), a children's Easter egg hunt, Saltillo breakfast, and Riverfest (city block party) Mexican booth. In May, Financial Secretary Lauderdale retired after over 30 years of faithful service, and Brother Tom Chady was appointed to replace him. In the same month, the Council voted to hold two monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, a practice that was later discontinued when the current four-meeting format was restored. Additional May functions included participation in the Catholic Schools countdown and Play-a-Day-in-May and Cajun and Mexican dinner socials. Brother Sucharski was elected for another year as Grand Knight in the June elections. In June, the Council donated \$50 to a 25th anniversary purse for Father Sam Messina. The following month, the Council purchase a new mower for maintaining the grounds. Also in July were the Independence Day picnic and contributions of \$100 each to Saltillo and Dixie Youth Baseball. August marked the beginning of another tradition at Council 898, the family Pool and Burger night, which has since been held every Friday during swimming season. September 1990 marked a donation of \$100 to Troop 7 and the Labor Day picnic. October marked the beginning of the Council tradition of hosting the priests of the Jackson Diocese during their biennial meeting. A delicious steak dinner prepared by Council chefs and served by Knights in tuxedos and a fully stocked hospitality bar also manned by Knights made for an enjoyable evening for the 95 priests and Bishops Houck and Brunini. Also in October was the beginning of the monthly Saltillo breakfast fundraiser plus full participation and leadership of Octoberfest (St. Michael's celebration and fundraiser), a manicotti supper, and a second 1990 Right to Life program. An interesting November milestone was the establishment of the a 13-member meeting quorum. In November, Council 898 also had its annual Memorial Mass and a quarterly Communion. December activities included a First Degree exemplification, Christmas parties for both the adults and the children, and a New Year's Eve party. Throughout the year, continuing efforts included Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Meals on Wheels, the three Vicksburg parishes, Run Thru History, St. Aloysius Football, participation in the State Convention, to name a few.

#### 1991

January socials included a Superbowl party and an insurance night. Departing pastors, Fathers Prendergast and Egan were honored by the Council and presented with commemorative plaques and \$100 checks that same month. February saw the Three Rivers Boy Scout District annual banquet, the Marian Hour of Prayer, Free Throw Competition, and a quarterly breakfast. In March, Council members enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day program and participation in Run Thru History and fully supported the Holy Thursday Vigil at the local parishes. Charitable activities that month included the Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner (\$2,500 raised), Special Olympics (150 shirts donated), and a benefit for Michelle Coomes, a young St. Michael's parishioner who sustained spinal injuries in an automobile accident. A First Degree exemplification in March added some fine new

members to the rolls. In April was another fundraiser, a bingo, for Michelle Coomes. Also that month, Council 898 engaged in a full-fledged cleanup of the home and grounds, participated in the State Convention (receiving several awards), and enjoyed a Fifth Tuesday social. May marked the resumption of Pool and Burger night. In addition the members enjoyed a spaghetti supper and participated in Play-a-Day-in-May-Away, the Catholic Schools fundraiser. June functions included a Tex-Mex dinner and the Tootsie Roll Drive. The Cub Scouts were given \$100 to support their activities. At the beginning of July, Brother Sucharski began another term as Grand Knight. In that month, the Council approved purchase of a yearbook advertisement from St. Aloysius, and members enjoyed both the Independence Day picnic and a Fifth Tuesday social. August saw the installation of new officers, the reinstitution of weekly meetings, a trip to the Saltillo Mission to deliver lecterns, and the donations of \$200 each to Fathers Dulaney and Camp, who observed 25th anniversaries that year. Donations and charitable activities in September were \$100 to St. Paul's Church Sodality, fetal statues to the Vicksburg Catholic schools, an advertisement in St. Aloysius football program, and a special bingo for St. Aloysius Band. Members that month enjoyed the Labor Day picnic and participated in the New World Mass in Jackson. In October, there were quarterly Communions at St. Michael's and St. Paul's, a Columbus Day celebration, a First Degree exemplification, a meeting of Past Grand Knights, a Right to Life Program, a covered dish supper, and a Fifth Tuesday social. Council members participated in November's annual Memorial Mass, plus the Tootsie Roll Drive (\$1,057 net), a Thanksgiving Dinner for the retired Sisters of Mercy, and the Fourth Degree Turkey dinner fundraiser. December marked the Christmas parade, dinner theater party, Christmas party and dance, children's Christmas party, and a New Year's Eve covered dish dinner. Total donated by the Council in 1991 was \$4,367.

## 1992

Council 898 began the year by holding a steak supper and Super Bowl party in January. During the same month, bingo was moved to Thursday nights, and the quorum required for weekly meetings was reduced to twelve, the present figure, and officially adopted in December. In February, members and guests enjoyed another steak supper and Scout Sunday at St. Michael's with Troop 7. Events that month that the Council organized included the Free Throw competition, the Miss Vicksburg pageant concessions. The Council purchased a \$100 ticket for the Catholic Schools countdown, Brother Bill Geesler, who sold over 200 tickets to the Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner earned the privilege of attending with his sister, Mary; members volunteered for food and beverage service, administrative duties, and cleanup for that February event. Finally in February, Council 898's First Degree Team initiated 13 new Knights. Besides the Priest Education Dinner, March events included Run-Thru-History, St. Patrick's Day party, Three Rivers District Boy Scout Banquet, and a Fifth Tuesday social. In April, the membership participated in the Holy Thursday Vigil in Vicksburg parish churches. The children's Easter Egg hunt and the State Convention were also April events. May events included Play-a-Day-in-May-Away, the Catholic Schools fundraiser, pool opening (with Friday Pool and Burger Nights), the Tootsie Roll Drive (\$1,340), a benefit bingo for St. Aloysius Band



(\$1350), and the last Saltillo Breakfast of the September 1991-May 1992 season (\$1,726 delivered to Father Quinn in August). The Knights organized a rummage sale for the Scouts and enjoyed a Fifth Tuesday social in June. June Council elections resulted in a new Grand Knight, Brother Billy Wilson assuming his duties in July. In July, officers were installed, and the membership and their families enjoyed an Independence Day picnic. August events were a Council trip to Saltillo to deliver additional lecterns, clothing, medical supplies, toys, and candy and to work with a dentist and a chiropractor. In the same month, a \$50 advertisement was purchased in the St. Aloysius football program, and members and guests enjoyed a covered dish supper. Among the events in September were a Mexican covered dish supper, a steak supper, the Labor Day Picnic, and a "Meet the Candidates" forum where candidates from the State legislature addressed the membership and fielded questions. The biennial convocation of the priests of the Jackson Diocese drew a lot of interest for the clergy and bishops present; they were served a complimentary chicken and fish dinner and provided an open bar for their enjoyment that evening. Other October events were the Columbus Day program, a quarterly Communion, and the purchase of a St. Aloysius yearbook advertisement for \$62.50. During November, the Council had its annual Memorial Mass for deceased brothers and a Thanksgiving Dinner for the retired Sisters of Mercy. The St. Francis soccer team was granted free use of the large meeting room for a function in November, while in December the 6th Grade at that school used the same room for a crafts show. Other December events included a Children's Christmas party, a Christmas dance for members and guests, and a New Year's Eve social. Total donated by the Council in 1992 amounted to \$7,500.

### 1993

January began with a Cajun covered dish supper and the Free Throw competition for area youth. In the same month, the Council purchased a \$100 ticket in support of the Catholic Schools countdown. A February "Town Meeting" served to seek input and program ideas from the membership as a whole to more clearly focus the Council and to solicit greater participation of the Vicksburg Knights. Regular February events included the Three Rivers District Boy Scout Banquet and the resumption of Lenten Fish Frys following Stations of the Cross. In the same month, the Council held a First Degree exemplification and a special covered dish supper for Father Quinn and the Saltillo youth. A March milestone was the banning of smoking during Council meetings. In addition, members conducted the Priest Education Fund Spaghetti Dinner, donated \$50 to a Brother Knight in need, and enjoyed themselves at the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. The State Convention in Tupelo and the children's Easter Egg hunt were two April activities. May saw the opening of the Council pool and the return of Pool and Burger Night and the full Council support (\$500 for chickens) and participation in Play-a-Day-in-May-Away, a Catholic Schools fundraiser. In June, State Deputy-Elect, Tom Zettler, installed newly elected officers, including Brother Tom Chady, who assumed the duties of Grand Knight for the 1993-1994 Fraternal Year; a covered dish social followed installation. Events in July included the annual Independence Day Picnic, School of Columbianism in Brandon, full support of St. Paul's Parish picnic, the use of Council facilities by St. Michael's choir,

and a donation of \$1,000 to Saltillo (proceeds from monthly breakfasts). In August, all four degrees were offered at the Council home - First, Second, and Third on one weekend (ten new Third Degree Knights for Council 898) and Fourth Degree on a later weekend (fifteen new Sir Knights for the Vicksburg Assembly). During August, the Council voted to say the rosary before each weekly business meeting; at the end of the month, members and guests enjoyed a Fifth Tuesday social. In August, Council members also traveled to Saltillo to deliver toys, medical supplies, candy, clothing, and contributions from the Council and individual Knights; the Brothers spent the week working with a dentist and a chiropractor, and they distributed goods. September was a particularly busy month with the resumption of monthly Saltillo breakfasts, a benefit bingo for St. Aloysius Band, the Labor Day Picnic, a Luau, a "Meet the Principal" night, and hosting a District meeting. The Council also purchased a \$100 countdown ticket from the Catholic Schools, appointed liaisons to St. Michael and St. Paul parishes, and allowed the CYO full use of the Home and grounds in that same month. In October, members enjoyed and participated in St. Michael's Octoberfest, Columbus Day program, a quarterly awards and covered dish supper to welcome new Knights and their families, St. Paul's social, the annual Tootsie Roll Drive (net \$2,004), and a Council golf tournament. The highlights for November 1993 included a Memorial Mass by Chaplain Father Robert Dore for deceased Knights, a First Degree exemplification, the first annual tri-parish Harvest Supper (with collections of canned goods and clothing to benefit Gateway Rescue Mission), a Fifth Tuesday Social, and a Thanksgiving for the retired Sisters of Mercy in McAuley Home. The last month of the year included such events as preparation of a Christmas float in the Vicksburg Christmas parade, a Christmas dance, children's Christmas party, Christmas dinner for the retired Sisters of Mercy, and a New Year's Eve social.

#### 1994

The year 1994 began at a rapid pace in January with a First Degree exemplification for three new Knights, the annual Free Throw competition, a District meeting in Leland, a Fourth Degree Superbowl party, Miss Vicksburg pageant concession operation, the St. Aloysius A Club benefit bingo, purchase of a \$100 countdown ticket, and organization and full support of the Catholic Schools International Dinner. February activities the Holy Family Hour of Prayer led by Chaplain Father Robert Dore at St. Michael's, a winter trip to Saltillo and the delivery of a prototype portable confessional by several Vicksburg Knights (including dentists) the Three Rivers District Boy Scout Banquet, the purchase of a CYO convention advertisement for \$100, the Countdown at St. Aloysius, a celebration of the 60th anniversary of Troop 7 (sponsored and led by Council members throughout its history), the renewal of Lenten Fish Frys each Friday after Stations, the formation of a hospital visitation committee for both local facilities, a steak supper, and an annual awards banquet. The level of activity in March was also high with socials that included St. Patrick's Day, a steak supper prior to a regular business meeting, and a Fifth Tuesday social. Other March functions were the Priest Education Spaghetti Dinner (net \$3,069), the support of Run Thru History, a First Degree exemplification (four new members), St. Aloysius Band benefit bingo, and the presentation of a Top Proposer award to Grand Knight Chady by State



Membership Director, Brother Lou Zylka. By April, 30 confessional units had been modified based on Father Patrick Quinn's recommendations after examining the February prototype and prepared for delivery in August. In the same month, 48 children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt, and the members enjoyed a fine steak supper prepared by Council chefs. For the first time in five years, the Council operated a fine hospitality room at the State Convention in Biloxi that featured smoked meats and the famous Vicksburg Bloody Mary. The Council received Honor Council recognition and Grand Knight received the State Top Proposer Award. May events included the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the charter of Council 898. On hand were fourteen of the fifteen living Past Grand Knights, State Deputy Tom Zettler, State Treasurer Bubba Quinn, State Warden Roy Patterson, District Deputy Warren Doiron, Mayor (Brother) Joe Loviza, descendants of charter members, Council members, and many other guests. Also in May were pool reopening and the resumption of Pool and Burger Night, sponsorship of a Dixie Youth Baseball team (\$250), full support of Play-a-Day-in-May-Away (\$500 for chickens), and the formation of a team to lead Vicksburg's bid for the 1999 State Convention. In June were the election and installation of officers by District Deputy Warren Doiron, with Brother Chady being reelected to the office of Grand Knight. In the same month, \$50 was donated to former Chaplain Father Brett's 50th Anniversary purse and \$1,000 to Saltillo (proceeds from the monthly breakfasts). Members and guests also enjoyed a covered dish dinner.

Even though the second half of 1994 is outside the range of time to be covered by this history, some events are worth noting for the record. In August, Brothers Billy Wilson and Tony Dardeau led a group of young people accompanied by their adult leaders (who including Father Sam Messina) from Belzoni, Anguilla, and Vicksburg to Saltillo. Besides the usual delivery of medicine, toys, and treats, they delivered 30 confessionals. While in Mexico, the Vicksburg Knights assembled the confessionals and worked with two volunteer dentists. Bishop Houck was also present for his biennial visit to the mission. In October, Council members again hosted the biennial convocation of 80 priests of the Jackson Diocese and Bishop Houck, who were treated to a steak dinner and complimentary beverages. Council members continue to grow and enjoy Columbian and family fellowship as they work, pray, and spend time in the service of Church, community, council, family, and youth. The next ten years (1994-2004) should reflect even greater growth, fellowship, and service as the men of 898 continue to exemplify the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

# **Bishop R.O. Gerow Council 1034**

## **Natchez, Ms**

A brief history of Council 1034, Natchez, Ms.

### **Grand Knights:**

1984-86 Richard Spence  
1986-88 Henry LeBlanc  
1988-90 Patrick Biglane  
1990-92 William M. Geoghegan, Jr.  
1992-94 Darren Cowart  
1994- Richard W, Warren

### **Membership Award:**

Highest percentage gain 1990-91

### **Columbian Award:**

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

### **Honor Council:**

1987-88 1988-89 1989-90 1991-92 1992-93

Distinguished Council: 1990-91

Father McGivney Award: 1990-91

Past State Deputy Award: 1991-92

### **Sports:**

Softball--1987 3rd, 1988 2nd, 1989 3rd, 1990 3rd, 1991 4th.

Bowling--1988 3rd, 1993, 1st.

Our Council was also the site of the 88th annual State convention in April 1992.



# Biloxi Council 1244

## Biloxi, MS

This is the second update of Council 1244 to the State History. The original covering 1907 to 1970, first update 1971-1984. The council continues to Sponsor Boy Scout Troop 213 for 62 continuous years. This year will see the councils 55th year for the Shrimp Bowl Classic with all profits going to the local Doll & Toy Fund and the St Vincent De Paul.

Since the last up date of our council history three councils have been formed in the area with members of council 1244 transferring to form the nucleus of Council 9094 in North Biloxi, Council 9409 in West Biloxi and Council 9673 in Woolmarket.

The following Grand Knights were elected during this period;

1984-85 - Gerald Rose  
1985-87 - Mark J. Blackmon  
1987-89 - Phillip Levine, Sr.  
1989-91 - Leroy Hebert  
1991-93 - Curtis R. Harrison, Jr.  
1993-94 - Julius D. Broussard

The following members of our Council served as State Officers;

Dennis E. "Doc" Ladnier, Sr.	State Treasurer - 1984-85
	State Secretary - 1985-87
	State Deputy - 1987-89
Harry Steinwinder	District Deputy - 1985-86
Gerald Rose	District Deputy - 1987-89

The following is a report by year of the outstanding events of the council.

1984-85 The council set up and sponsored the Dawn Simmons Fund for a terminally ill child. To date we have raised over \$4,000. to help pay for her medical treatment. The 2nd annual Womanless Fashion Show was held. Our Formation Degree Team performed 4 times in Biloxi, Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis and Pascagoula and our 1st degree team performed 5 times in Biloxi.

1985-86 The council purchased a copy machine to cut down on the printing of the council bulletin cost. We sponsored a 52 week Bonanza raising of \$10,000 profit for the council. We held 5 first degree Exemplifications. The council's Formation Team participated in degree work in Vicksburg and Gulfport. Past State Deputy General John O'Keefe died Sept 14, 1985. 12 members of the council transferred to form the North Biloxi council 9094.

1986-87 The council put a float in the local Mardi Gras parade, "The art of charity". We hosted 7 first degree exemplifications. Hosted the 1987 State Bowling Tournament. The council renovated the kitchen providing more and better working space. Biloxi council hosted a School of Columbianism for local council officers and committee directors. The councils Formation Degree Team participated in two degree works held in Pascagoula this year. The council hosted the 1987 State Convention.

1987-88 The council celebrated the 50th anniversary to the Priesthood of our Chaplain, Msgr John Joseph O'Reilly. Members of the council helped build the rectory of Christ the King Parish. Our degree team hosted 4 first degree exemplifications in the council hall and conducted one first degree exemplification in the newly formed Woolmarket Council meeting place with 10 members of our council transferring to form the neuculus for that council.

1988-89 Hosted the Madison Council with a crawfish boil while they were on a religious retreat in Biloxi. Our council hosted 6 first degree exemplifications. Our council's softball team as state champion, attended their first KC National Softball Tournament held in Lafayette, Louisiana. The council installed as elevator in the council hall at a cost of \$32,000 for the aged and infirmed members and guest to the second floor. The Supreme Knight presented the council the new KC Flag for leading the state in most new members for the year.

1989-90 Our Chaplain Msgr John J. O'Reilly died December 5, 1989 and Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour died December 24, 1989. Marian Shrine in the council chamber was donated by the Ladies Auxiliary. We sealed the East and West windows in the council chambers and converted them to trophy display areas. The council hosted 5 first degree exemplifications.

1990-91 KC members worked to help repair pews at St John Church. We donated funds to the National Guard for local newspaper for the troops involved in Desert Storm War. Past Grand Knight Mark Blackmon started "Swing for Life" golf tournament with all of the profits going to the local Pro-Life movement. The council organized a retention committee comprised of all Past Grand Knights. 5 first degree exemplifications were held. Our council softball team attended their second KC National Softball Tournament held in Rosell, New Jersey.

1991-92 The council adopted a monthly support program for a local seminarian Doninick Fullam. The 2nd annual "Swing For Life" golf tournament was held for the Pro-Life movement. The council hosted 7 first degree exemplifications. Our council softball team attended their third KC National Softball Tournament held in Huntsville, Alabama. Biloxi's bid for the 1997 State Convention has been accepted. Grand Knight Curtis Harrison appointed as Co-Chairmen Doc Ladnier, George Simon, Frank Tarrant and Jerry Lammey.

1992-93 The council headed up and carried out a relief effort for the tornado victims of Brandon, Ms. We collected 2 truck



loads of food and supplies and delivered them to the council in Brandon for distribution. We published a booklet on Father McGivney and the Knights of Columbus. We held our annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament. Our council's softball team, as state champions, attended their fourth KC National Softball Tournament held in Waterloo, Iowa.

1993-94 On behalf of the Mississippi Jurisdiction the Biloxi council hosted the 14th annual Knights of Columbus National Softball Tournament on Labor Day weekend 1993. There were 48 teams participating, representing 29 State Jurisdictions. Over 1200 Knights and their family members were present at the tournament and over 600 rooms were reserved by the participants. To my knowledge this was the first KC national event to be held in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

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**Pere LeDuc Council 1522**  
**Bay St. Louis, MS**

**No Report Submitted**

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**Bishop Gunn Council 1583**  
**Gulfport, MS**

**No Report Submitted**

## **Msgr. P.J. Carey Council 1605**

### **Pascagoula, MS**

#### **1984 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: A. T. "Ted" Huyett

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik

State Vocations Director: John F. Szymonik

The Council received the "Bishop's Service Cross" from Bishop Howze for its large contribution to the Priest Education Fund. Grand Knight Ted Huyett, Jerry LeBlanc, and Gerald A. Klecker also received the "Bishops Service Cross" for their contributions to the Church and schools.

Certified the State's only Third Degree Team on March 31, 1995.

State Awards: Distinguished Council, State Bowling Tournament - Second Place, State Softball Tournament - Second Place, Largest donation to the Priest Education Fund,

Supreme Awards: Star Council.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: Vincent P. Ros, and Edgar Hull.

#### **1985 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: A. T. Huyett

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik

Hurricane Elena struck the Gulf Coast in September causing severe damage to the Pascagoula area. The council home received moderate damage, but was able to assist the local parishes, schools, and families in various ways.

The Council formed a Third Degree Team, the only Third Degree Team in the State. This team was certified by Supreme on March 31, 1985 in Jackson, MS.

Pascagoula hosted the State Softball Tournament August 9-11, 1985.

The Council donated \$1,500.00 to Father Louis Lohan to help build a new St. Lucy's Catholic Church in Lucedale, MS.

Assisted in the formation of a new council in Gautier, MS on October 8, 1985.

Brother Jim Hull was certified and appointed a Conferring Officer of the Third Degree Team by Supreme on December 17, 1985.

State Awards: Honor Council, Largest donation to the Priest Education Fund.

Supreme Awards: None.



The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: C. L. Davis, Alton W. Mansfield, Joe McQuade, Ivan Murray, Bernard B. Walker, Sr.

### **1986 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Mike Gilly

District Deputy #9: John W. Cox

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik

State Awards: Distinguished Council, Largest donation to the Priest Education Fund, Best Scrapbook, Best Extra Large Council Award.

John W. Cox received the Best District Deputy Award.

The family of John Meyer was the Family of the Year for the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Supreme Awards: None.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: Lawrence Gagner, Richard L. Murray, Francis J. Frederic, Sr.

### **1987 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

Reverend Mr. Martin J. Finnegan was the Council's Chaplain. This was the first time an ordained deacon served as Chaplain.

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

State Ceremonial Chairman: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

The Diocese of Biloxi celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Council #1605 was one of many councils in the Diocese of Biloxi that participated in the celebration. The Council donated \$10,000.00 to the Priest Education Fund.

1987 marked the Council's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This was celebrated in grand fashion.

State Awards: Distinguished Council, Vocations Award for the Biloxi Diocese, Largest donation to the Priest Education Fund, Best Extra Large Council.

Supreme Awards: Best Church Activity, John W. Cox also received the Star District Deputy Award.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: Rodney Jewel, Charles Martin.

### **1988 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Julius Martin.

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

State Ceremonial Chairman: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

Hosted the State Bowling Tournament

State Awards: Honor Council, Largest donation to the Priest Education Fund.

Supreme Awards: Star Council, Contest of Champions - Highest Net Gain.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: Sidney LeBlanc, John Petras, Sam Cologero.

### **1989 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: John M. Meyer.

District Deputy #9: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

State Awards: Honor Council, State Softball Tournament - Second Place, State Bowling Tournament - Second Place.

Supreme Awards: Columbian Award.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: John J. Puhr, James F. Velcich, and William J. Scheeler, Sr.

### **1990 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Ted V. Knowles.

State Program Director: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

Co-sponsored the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet with proceeds going to Resurrection Catholic School.

State Awards: Honor Council, Best Scrapbook Award, Largest donation to the Priest Education Fund.

Supreme Awards: Columbian Award.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: W. P. "Pat" Brabston, Denson Goff, Nandor Halase, James Shields, Lee Roy Toups, and Mark Walsh.

### **1991 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Ted V. Knowles.

State Warden: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

State Awards: State Softball Tournament - First Place, Honor Council, Best Vocation Project for Biloxi Diocese, Best Newsletter Award, Best Scrapbook Award.

Supreme Awards: Columbian Award.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: W. R. "Bill" McFaul, Phillip Scordino, Sr., Elmer Gutherz, Msgr. Eamon T. Mullen, O'Neil F. Poitevin.



### **1992 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Ted V. Knowles.  
State Warden: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.  
District Deputy # 11: Ted V. Knowles.  
State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

Co-sponsored display of the Shroud of Turin at a local shopping mall for one week. Co-sponsored the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet with proceeds going to Resurrection Catholic School. Established the Msgr. Eamon T. Mullen Scholarship Fund to assist deserving Catholic youths to attend Resurrection Catholic School. Participated in the Quincentenary Cross of the New World at local parishes.

State Awards: Honor Council.

Supreme Awards: Columbian Award.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: David Beiter, James H. Walker, John Grant - PGK, Mack Hudson, Sr., FSS.

### **1993 Fraternal Year**

Grand Knight: Ted V. Knowles.  
State Advocate: Guy S. Todaro, Jr.  
District Deputy # 11: Ted V. Knowles.  
State Church Activities Director: John F. Szymonik.

State Awards: Honor Council.

Supreme Awards: None.

The following Brother Knights passed away during this fraternal year: Henry Gates, Francis G. Larson - PGK, PFN, Marvin Green.

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## **Bishop Fahey Council 1908 Hattiesburg, MS**

**No Report Submitted**

## Father Korstenbroeck Council 2134

### Greenville, MS

Many of our activities is a repeat of the last history project submitted in 1984

We still sponsor a Boy Scout Troop and have been sending a boy to Boys State every year. For the children every year we have an Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas parties with Santa entertaining the little ones. We also participate in the State Free Throw Competition every year and have been instrumental in keeping the Altar Servers interested by giving parties at our K of C Home.

We hold a Spaghetti Dinner for the public each year for the Priest Education Fund also included are proceeds from one Bingo game each week.

We send two teams to the State Bowling Tournament and participate in the State Softball Tournament. We have sponsored a K of C Bowling team in the city Church Bowling League. We hold a horse shoe tournament at our K of C home for members and guest each year.

Bingo is held every Saturday for members and guests. A formal recognition night is held each year and socials are held every quarter for member and wife or date. We have a parish 4th of July picnic at our home with our council furnishing the food.

We hold aggravation tournament on Sunday afternoon for member and guest at least 3 times a year. Every Monday night when there is a major sporting event we invite members and guests to watch this event at our home where a meal is furnished. On Friday nights we hold a family night for K of C Families to indulge in games as well as a pot luck meal.

We still present the 100% awards to our local Catholic School athletes. We present 2 scholarship to seniors of our Catholic School, the E. J. Luckenbach and the Mayer Oltremari Scholarship awards.

We erect and dismantle all the parish fair booths as well as operating a Pull Tab Booth during the fair. The Spaghetti supper is prepared strickly by K of C members.

We help sponsor the annual St Jude Bike A Thon and participate in the State K of C Mental Retardation Drive.



Grand Knights for the years are as follows;

1984 - 85	Bob Ferguson
1985 - 86	Charles Ammons
1986 - 87	Lex Wilkinson, Jr.
1987 - 88	Maynard Chandler
1988 - 89	Brian Hill
1989 - 90	Robert Fratesi
1990 - 92	Ed Futey
1992 - 93	Charles Harmon, Jr.
1993 - 94	John Bernardi

State Family Members from our Council during these years  
1984 - 1994 are:

Robert Fratesi	State Deputy	1983 - 84
	District Deputy	1987 - 89
	State Liaison to the Ladies Auxiliary	1990 - 92
	State Historian	1991 - 94
Norman L. Kiehm PSD	State Master 4th Degree	1990 - 92
	District Deputy	1983 - 84
	Family Hour of Prayer	1984 - 85
	New Council Chairman	1989 - 90
	Ceremonials Chairman	1990 - 91
Lex B. Wilkinson, Jr	State Membership Director	1984 - 87
Charles W. Harmon, Jr	State Youth Director	1985 - 91
Domenic Verona	State Family Director	1983 - 84
Paul C. Artman, Jr	State Decency Chairman	1983 - 84
	State Family Director	1984 - 85

The following awards have been received by our council during  
this time span;

Star Council	1985
Father McGivney Award	1993
Columbian Award	1991
Supreme Family Activity Award	1990
Honor Council	1986, 88, 89, 90, 93
Distinguished Council	1985
Newsletter Award	1990, 93
Vocations Award	1990

We had two State Knight of the Year

Ed Futey	1991
John Bernardi	1994

Stephen Nick was awarded the State Family of the Year in 1984.

We have participated in the Supreme RSVP Program in the years;

1984 - 85, 1985 - 86, 1986 - 87, 1989 - 90, 1990 - 91,  
1991 - 92, 1992 - 93, 1993 - 94.

# **Laurel Council 2180**

## **Laurel, MS**

**THE LAUREL COUNCIL NO. 2180 HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS HAVING WON THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:**

**FAMILY ACTIVITY AWARD FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL 1985-1986, 1986 - 1987, 1992 - 1993.**

**YOUTH ACTIVITY AWARD 1989-1990, 1992 - 1993, 1993 - 1994. THE COUNCIL HAS HAD A VERY ACTIVE SQUIRE CIRCLE SINCE 1989 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JAMES YAGGI AND RICKY WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY AWARD WAS WON IN 1990-1991.**

**WE HAVE WON THE VOCATIONS AWARD FOR THE YEARS 1984-1985, 1986 - 1987, 1987 - 1988, 1988 - 1989 AND HAVE SUPPORTED A SEMINARIAN FOR EIGHT YEARS.**

**THE BEST LARGE COUNCIL AWARD WAS WON IN 1984 - 1985, 1986 - 1987, 1987 - 1988, 1988 - 1989, ALONG WITH THE BEST LARGE COUNCIL NEWS LETTER FOR THESE YEARS.**

**WE CELEBRATED THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL IN 1985 AND LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE COUNCIL.**

**WE WERE A TOP GUN COUNCIL IN 1991.**

**WE WON THE DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARD IN 1984 - 1985, 1985 - 1986, 1986 - 1987, 1987 - 1988, 1988 - 1989, 1990 - 1991.**

**WE WERE AN HONOR COUNCIL IN 1989 - 1990, 1991 - 1992, 1992 - 1993. AND WON THE FATHER McGIVNEY AWARD IN 1991 - 1992. THE COLUMBIAN AWARD IN 1983 - 1984.**

**WE WERE A STAR COUNCIL IN 1984 - 1985, 1985 - 1986, 1986 - 1987, 1987 - 1988, 1988 - 1989, 1990 - 1991.**



**THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN GRAND KNIGHTS FOR PERIODS INDICATED:**

**RICHARD HOLLINGSWORTH - 1983 - 1984 AND 1984 - 1985.**

**GEORGE L. HARRISON 1985 - 1986 AND 1986 - 1989.**

**JOSEPH HARVEY 1987 - 1988 AND 1989 - 1989.**

**JOHN DAVID SISSON 1989 - 1990.**

**JAMES YAGGI 1990 - 1991.**

**DAVID O HUGHES 1991 - 1992 AND 1992 - 1993.**

**MARTIN BERGIN 1993 - 1994.**

**RALPH W. GATZMAN 1994 -**

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE ATTAINED RECOGNITION ON A STATEWIDE BASIS:**

**JOSEPH HARVEY AS DISTRICT DEPUTY.**

**JAMES YAGGI AS COMMUNITY DIRECTOR FOR THE STATE COUNCIL**

**JOHN P. MYERS, PSD, HAS SERVED AS DISTRICT MASTER OF THE FOURTH DEGREE AND IS PRESENTLY SERVING HIS FOURTH TERM AS MASTER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE STATE COUNCIL, AND EDITOR OF THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT - THE STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, AND PRESIDENT OF THE PAST STATE DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**THE COUNCIL HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE EVERY YEAR SINCE ITS INCEPTION. WE HAVE CONDUCTED BINGO WEEKLY DURING THIS TEN YEAR PERIOD AND HAVE GIVEN MUCH TO OUR PARISH AND LOCAL CHARITIES FROM THE PROCEEDS.**

# 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 fiftyone 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 69, including 37 insurance, 28 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

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 Shapley	1959-1961
	1968-1969
	1981-1982
	**1985-
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
Anyhony Santucci	1985-1986
	1986-1987
Paul Jones	1987-1988
	1988-1989
Anthony Santucci	1989-1990
Rick Kelley	1990-1991
Charles Morlino	1991-1992
Jerry W. Santucci	1992-1993
	1993-1994
Leon J. Shapley	1994-

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

\*\*Elected to finish the unexpired term in 1985.



## No Report Submitted

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In 1984 the Council was under the leadership of Brother Greg Niolet. Some of the major activities consisted of a \$5000.00 draw down held at the St. Paul's Annual Seafood Festival. The scholarship to a deserving St. Paul student was continued. On the Sunday before Mardi Gras, St. Paul's Catholic School of Pass Christian, has it's Annual Mardi Gras Parade. Our Council began hosting a Mardi Gras party for the Retarded Citizens in the area. The Council provides food and fun as well as a secure viewing area for these persons to enjoy the Mardi Gras festivities.

Grand knight Joseph Ladner served from July, 1985 through June, 1988. Brother Ladner brought a new era of leadership to our Council. Some of the honors which the Council was awarded during Brother Ladner's term include 1987 Honor Council, 1987 Best Newsletter, the Founders Award and the Columbian Award. Brother Ladner instituted a Christmas Dance for the members and their families, and a Christmas Party for the Retarded Children at South Mississippi Retardation Center, and our monthly Family Social.

From July, 1995 through June, 1987, Brother Greg Niolet served as District Deputy under State deputy Wiley Price. At the Annual Convention held in Jackson in April, 1986, Brother Niolet was awarded the Best District Deputy Award.

In July, 1988, Brother Daniel Bond was elected Grand Knight. Through Brother Bond's leadership, our Council was able to purchase our Council Home on Henderson Ave. in Pass Christian. brother Bond continued all the on going projects of the Council while spending many hours working toward the purchase of the building.

Brother Greg Niolet served as State Program Director during 1988 through 1990 under State Deputy Dennis (Doc) Ladnier.

Brother Joseph Ladner served as Grand Knight during the year 1989 through 1990. During his term the Council received the following Awards: Distinguished Council Award, the Columbian Award, and the Founders Award from Supreme. At our State Convention in Jackson, brother Greg Niolet was elected as State Warden. Brother Niolet served as State Warden from July, 1989 through October, 1989; State Advocate from October, 1989 through June, 1991; State Treasurer from July, 1991 through June, 1993; State Secretary from July, 1993 to present.

Monsignor Leech Council elected Brother E. C. Niolet Jr. to the Office of Grand Knight in July of 1990. Brother Niolet served as Grand Knight through June, 1993.

In 1991 the Council co-sponsored the State Convention in Biloxi.

During Brother Niolet's term, the Council received the following awards:

1991 - Supreme Council Highest % Gain Award with 700 %.  
Distinguished Council - Best Small Council - Best Community Award - Star Council from Supreme.

1992 - Distinguished Council - Top Gun Council - Columbian Award from Supreme.

1993 - Honor Council - Columbian Award from Supreme.

Under Brother Niolet's leadership Monsignor Leech Council certified its First Degree Team.

Team members were as follows:

Greg Niolet, Grand Knight	Joseph Ladner, Chancellor
Al Jones, Deputy Grand Knight	Exavier Niolet, Financial Sec.
Revenal Ladner, Inside Guard	Gayle Tribble, Warden

The Degree Team hosted 4 Exemplifications during the year.

In October of 1992, Monsignor Leech Council sponsored a major Exemplification at St. Paul Catholic School. 35 Candidates received their Formation and Knighthood Degrees.

In June, 1993 Brother Warren Reso was elected Grand Knight. Brother Warren has been a very active Grand Knight. Under his leadership the Council has earned the following awards:

Distinguished Council - Top Gun - Best Small Council.

In 1994, the Council co-sponsored the State Convention in Biloxi.

Our Council has suffered financially as a result of the Casinos on the Coast. We had to discontinue Bingo which was our major fund raiser. We have explored other ways of fund raising of which are a Annual Halloween Dance and Costume Contest, Lunches and Dinners on Fridays (Eat In and Take Out).

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



**St. Vincent DePaul Council 4898**  
**Long Beach, MS**

**No Report Submitted**

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**Msgr. John F. Clerico Council 5267**  
**Greenwood, MS**

Over the last ten years the Greenwood Council has seen many changes, had many good leaders and done many great things. Time and space will not permit me to list all we have done in the last ten years.

Some of the programs we do every year:

- A. Marion Hour of Prayer
- B. Mass for Deceased Members
- C. Local Free Throw Contest
- D. Honors Banquet
- E. MS Tootsie Roll Drive
- F. Priest Education Fund
- G. Football Pools

1984 - 1985

- A. State Softball.
- B. Corporate Communions.
- C. A Retreat.
- D. Poker Tournament.
- E. Christmas Dance.
- F. Raised \$3,451.07 from Tootsie Roll Drive.
- G. Distinguished Council Award.
- H. Lebanese Night and Party.
- I. Columbian Award.
- J. Father McGivney Award.

1985 - 1986

- A. Wall of honor for pictures of deceased members was built.
- B. Poker Tournament.
- C. Italian Night and Party.
- D. Irish Night and Party.
- E. Welcome party for Msgr. Harkins as our new parish priest.

- G. Members who lived in Winona, MS gave a party in Winona, MS for all Knights of Columbus.
- H. Raised \$7,200.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive.
- I. State Softball.

1986 - 1987

- A. Alcohol and Drug Programs.
- B. State Softball.
- C. Spaghetti Supper for Priest Education, raised \$880.00.
- D. Raised \$4,106.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive, even though we could not have road blocks. (This was because of accident in Oxford.)
- E. Our Council home was given a facelift from top to bottom. We re-painted inside and outside, purchased new refrigerator and water cooler, re-built serving counter. Repairs were done to air conditioning units, K of C sign was re-wired, replaced water storage tank for our well, re-covered couches in the hall. Purchased new jukebox and pool table.
- F. Membership Drive (7 new members).
- G. Honor - Council Award.
- H. Put Pro-Life advertisement in newspaper and billboards around town.

1987 - 1988

- A. 25th Anniversary of Council 5267.
- B. Italian Night and Party.
- C. Youth Retreat.
- D. Started Bingo.
- E. Updated kitchen with popcorn machine and microwave.
- F. Raised \$2,000.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive.

1988 - 1989

- A. Italian Night and Party.
- B. Raised \$1,000.00 for Tootsie Roll Drive.
- C. Raised \$800.00 for Priest Education Fund.

1989 - 1990

- A. Gave \$1,000.00 to Church for Building Fund.
- B. Place Pro-Life advertisement in newspaper.
- C. Built basketball court, softball field, horseshoe pit behind hall.
- D. Raised \$450.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive.
- E. Columbian Award.

1990 - 1991

- A. Purchased television for Msgr. Harkins.
- B. Raised \$3,000.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive.
- C. Installed new roof for local disabled man.
- D. State Bowling Tourney in Clarksdale, MS.
- E. Football Pools.

- F. Held District 2 and District 3 meetings.
- G. Held District 2 and District 3, Basketball and Horseshoe Tournament.
- H. Repaired and painted Sunday School rooms.
- I. Distinguished Council Award.
- J. Columbian Award.
- K. Father McGivney Award.
- L. Top Gun Council.

1991 - 1992

- A. Held District 2 and District 3 meetings.
- B. Cooked for CYO.
- C. Christmas Party and Dance.
- D. Marion Hour of Prayer.
- E. Raised \$1,345.00 for Priest Education Fund.
- G. Formed 2nd and 3rd Degree Teams.

1992 - 1993

- A. Raised \$1,180.00 for Priest Education Fund.
- B. Raised \$3,675.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive.
- C. Placed Pro-Life billboards around town.
- D. Conducted six 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications.
- E. Distinguished Council Award.
- F. Best Vocation Project Award. (Jackson Diocese)
- G. Best Large Council Award.

1993 - 1994

- A. Held Hog Roast.
- B. Held Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School Classes.
- C. Raised \$3,200.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive.
- D. Cleaned Kitchen at Parish Center.
- E. Birthday Party for Msgr. Harkins.
- F. Raised \$1,000.00 for Priest Education Fund.
- G. Distinguished Council Award.
- H. Membership Award (Highest Net and Gain).
- I. Best Medium Council.
- J. Star Council.

LIST OF GRAND KNIGHTS

Wayne Pittman - 1984/1985  
 Dale Tackett - 1985/1986  
 Jesse Quinn III (Bubba) - 1986/1987  
 Orlando Fratesi - 1987/1988  
 Harry Hitchins - 1988/1989  
 Harry Hitchins - 1989/1990  
 Greg Glover - 1990/1991  
 Brian Cooper - 1991/1992  
 Nick Serio - 1992/1993  
 Nick Serio - 1993/1994

These last ten years have been very good to us. We have found that with the energy of the young and wisdom of the older you can do almost anything.



## 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 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 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. LaForge; 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, Dr. 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 Dr. A. K. Abide, Jr., Ned Aguzzi, Francis B. Aylward, Mario Barbatì, Joseph Correro, Sr., Sam Danna, Charles A. Feduccia, Sr., Lawrence A. Feduccia, Sr., Rev. Patrick Hanley, John J. Janous Sr., Albert Ferri, Dr. W. F. LaForge, Leslie McGovern, L. T. Michie, and James Pambianchi are deceased as of December 31, 1994.

During its thirty years of operation, Father Rotondo Council has consistently given special attention to its membership strength. Although sources of new membership have been limited because of the relatively small size of the parish, the parish is growing and the council continues to have successful membership campaigns, increasing in membership from 106 members in 1984 to 145 members as of December 31, 1994. Membership campaigns were also strengthened through the 1st degree team formed in 1987 after the original team became inactive for several years. The council now has several third generation knights. Membership success has also been recognized on a state and national level in the last ten years as the council received the Fr. McGivney award and/or Founders' award in many of those years as well as the State Top Gun award in 1989-90 for over a 10% increase in members.

The success in building membership strength and year in year out accomplishments 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:

-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, Sr.
1976-1978	John F. Aguzzi
1978-1980	Albert Rocconi, Jr.
1980-1982	Victor J. Aguzzi, Jr.
1982-1984	Marvin L. Lott
1984-1986	Gary Gainspoletti
1986-1987	F. Donnie Whitten
1987-1989	Victor J. Aguzzi, Jr.
1989-1990	Ronald Koehler
1990-1991	Albert Rocconi, Jr.
1991-1993	Ben T. Bailey, III
1993-1995	Ben T. Bailey, Jr.

These Grand Knights were ably supported in promoting the ideal of unity and fraternity by those brothers who filled the various council offices over the years and those brothers who unselfishly gave of their time and talents to the many programs the council successively completed.

Several milestones have occurred during the past ten years: With the council home mortgage retired and the recreation building (known as the "Bocci Barn") in need of improvement, the decision was made to tear down the existing wooden structure and rebuild an insulated metal building so that bocci and other games could be played comfortably in inclement weather. A \$10,000 raffle was held to help raise funds for the project. With proceeds from the raffle, a sound financial position, and interest free loans from several brother knights, construction was completed without any outside funds.

In May 1989 the council celebrated the 25th anniversary of its charter. The celebration was held at the council home with brother knights and their wives enjoying a steak dinner and dance.

In 1993 the council assisted in sending several parish CYO members to the World Youth Conference in Denver, Colorado, attended also by Pope John Paul II.

In 1994 the council assisted the parishes of the area in the celebration of 100 years of Catholicism in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

From its inception the council has endeavored to fulfill the purpose of the Knights of Columbus and has followed the programs



suggested by the Supreme Council. 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. In addition to the membership awards won, the council has received Supreme's Star Council Award for most of the past ten years and on the State level has won the Distinguished or Honor Council Award in each of those years. The council received the State Softball Tournament's Sportsmanship Award in 1986, the State Best Large Council and Best Community Activities Awards in 1987, the State Family Activity Award in 1988, and the State Best Large Council and Best Council Activities Awards in 1990. The council participated each of the past ten years in the State Tootsie Roll Program for the mentally retarded and the Priest Education Fund. It has participated in the State Bowling and Softball Tournaments and hosted the Softball Tournament in 1986 and 1989 and will again in 1995.

On the local level attention has been given to promoting the mission of the Church. Members are encouraged and do serve on the pastoral and finance council and serve as lectors, teachers, eucharistic ministers, choir members and perform other services as needed. The council was also responsible for serving as ushers. In addition to other activities already mentioned, the council took an active part in the Parish Renew Program, held activities for the altar boys, had 1st Friday masses said for vocations and sponsored the Marion Hour of Prayer program.

The council sponsors a number of activities for the benefit of its members in the spirit of fraternity. Hospital visits, get well cards to members and families who are ill, masses and wakes for brother knights and family members lost and an annual special mass for all deceased brothers of the council are standard policies. In 1994, several brother knights made a stained wooden plaque with the name of each deceased member inscribed on an individual golden metal plate in memory of deceased brothers. The plaque will hang in the parish church foyer. On a happier note, the council sponsors dances and other social events that include wives and children. Other activities include bocci tournaments, a softball team, a bowling team, and monthly social meetings. At one of the social meetings during the year members are urged to share the benefits of the Order's insurance program. The council hosted the School of Columbianism in Sept. 1987 and has served as host for numerous District meetings.

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 have included contributions for food baskets at Christmas for the needy, for the earthquake victims in Mexico, for Christmas packages for inmates at the Miss. State Penitentiary at Parchman, Ms., for the local mental health center, and for needs of the community of individuals who need assistance because of property loss or serious health problems. Funds are raised for these programs through projects such as an



annual spaghetti supper, numerous football pools, the Tootsie Roll drive, and a bocci tournament to name a few.

The council's sense of responsibility to the community is also demonstrated by its participation in community wide activities. Programs such as drug abuse, pro-life, practice of CPR, dangers of smoking, blood drives, voter registration, and hunter safety all continue to be concerns of the council.

The emphasis given by Supreme to family and youth continues to be met with a strong response from Council 5556. Many of the fraternal activities mentioned above involved family members. Family outings, picnics, Family of the Month/Year program, annual installation of officers, basketball free throw competition, sponsorship of Boy's and Girl's State, parish senior breakfast, CYO functions, Brownie and Girl Scout troops, pizza dinner for parish Confirmation class, outings for alter boys, American Legion baseball program and programs on vocations for young people all are also integral parts of council activities.

During its relatively short life in addition to the numerous honors and awards the council has provided leadership to the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Several members have had the honor of serving in leadership for the State:

Brother Henry Mosco has served as Insurance Agent for the Mississippi Jurisdiction since March, 1983 after beginning as an agent in 1982 and also added responsibility for the Arkansas Jurisdiction in 1989.

Brother Jerry L. Woods has been an insurance agent since 1986. Brother Victor J. Aguzzi, Jr. served as District Deputy from 1991-1994.

Brother Marvin L. Lott served as District Deputy from 1983-1985, State Warden from 1985-1987, State Secretary from 1987-1989, State Deputy from 1989-1991, and has served as Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province since 1992.

The council was greatly saddened with the loss of one of its most dedicated brothers in October, 1992. Dr. William F. LaForge served the Knights of Columbus in many capacities, not only as a leader but as a friend and true brother. The first Grand Knight of Council 5556 from 1964-1966 and again in 1967-1968, Dr. LaForge received the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Memorial Award in 1968. He served as District Deputy from 1968-1970, State Secretary from 1970-1971, State Deputy from 1971-1973, and served as the council's Financial Secretary from 1972 until his death. The council's fourth degree assembly honored Dr. LaForge in 1992 by naming the assembly the Dr. William F. LaForge Assembly No. 1503.

As Council No. 5556 begins its fourth decade, it remains committed to the ideals of the Order and determined to continue and to expand those activities which have characterized the first thirty years of its history.

**Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654**  
**Ocean Springs, MS**

1983 - 1984

Chaplain                      Rev Patrick Mockler  
Grand Knight                Leonard Allen  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Received Supreme Star Council Award  
and Mississippi Distinguished Council Award

1984 - 1985

Chaplain                      Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight                Leonard Allen  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Received Star Council Award

1985 - 1986

Chaplain                      Father Frank L. Scott  
Grand Knight                Leonard Allen  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers was held 31 July 1985.

1986 - 1987

Chaplain                      Father Frank L. Scott  
Grand Knight                Leonard Tarrant  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers July 23, 1986

1987 - 1988

Chaplain                      Father Frank L. Scott/Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight                Daniel Burt  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers July 18, 1987

Grand Knight set a goal for 100 new members

Started Building Rosary Garden June 18, 1987 and completed  
July 2, 1987.

Donated \$1800.00 to the Priest Education Fund.

1988 - 1989

Chaplain                      Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight                Leonard Tarrant  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers July 28, 1988

1989 - 1990

Chaplain                      Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight                Leonard Tarrant  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers July 15, 1989  
January 1990 we paid off K of C Hall and we celebrated our  
25th Anniversery  
March 1990 we had our first Mardi Gras Float.

1990 - 1991

Grand Knight Carl Brochard  
Chaplain Msgr James Hannon  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers July 11, 1990  
January 1991 we had our 2nd Mardi Gras Float  
April 1991 we reactivated the Columbian Squires after many  
years.

1991 - 1992

Chaplain Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight Carl Brochard  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

We held a benefit bingo for Monica Garcski  
Installation of Officers held July 10, 1991  
August 21, 1991 started adding on to our K of C Hall for  
meeting hall.

1992 - 1993

Chaplain Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight Carl Brochard  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officer held July 1, 1992  
February 1992 we moved into our new K of C Chambers

1993 1994

Chaplain Msgr James Hannon  
Grand Knight Robert Foster  
Financial Secretary Irwin Oberneaufemann

Installation of Officers was held July 16, 1993

#### Continuing Projects;

Bingo (Weekly)  
Golf Tournaments (2) times a year  
Flag Displayed on holidays at local business.  
Corporate Communion (Monthly)  
Quarterly steak night.  
Monthly open social  
Yearly Tootsie Roll Dirve.  
Support of Columbian Squires.  
Yearly blood drives



Family of the Month and Knight of the Month Awards  
Policeman and fireman awards.  
First Degree Initiations at least every other month.  
Prolife support selling roses on Mothers day with proceeds  
going to Right to Life.  
Supporting St. Alphonsus School Scholarship and various needs.  
CYO support appreciation dinner  
Various community activities with City of Ocean Springs,  
Ocean Springs High School and Walter Anderson Museum.  
Collection of clothes and furniture for needy.  
Christmas party for kids and light up for Christmas.  
Easter party for kids.  
New year party for K of C Family and friends.  
Clergy appreciation Dinner  
Memorial Service  
Mass for sick and elderly at K of C Hall.

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## FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, You said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed You most You would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## **Shelby Council 6555**

### **Shelby, MS**

The Shelby Council was officially chartered February 4, 1974 with a membership of 45 members.

Most of the older members dates back to 1942 and 1945. For a number of years, they were members of the Greenville Council which was the nearest council at that time. As the years went by, the men from Clarksdale were joining the Knights of Columbus and they also were members of the Greenville Council and as most men joined the Knights of Columbus the Clarksdale group had enough members to form their own council and receive their charter. All of the Shelby members became members of the Clarksdale Council because the Clarksdale Council gave the Shelby group a refund of 10% of the dues and because it was closer to Shelby.

We always did have enough members for a council, but at that time it was required that you had to have 21 insurance members before the Supreme would issue a charter. So we could never get 21 members to take full insurance. Then later on in the years the Supreme Council passed a ruling that 21 insurance member was not required any more to receive a charter. So, as I mentioned, the charter was issued in February 4, 1974. So we were members for 31 years before we had a council and in 1981 the Shelby BOCCI Club discontinued their operation. And most Knights of Columbus members were members of BOCCI Club and it was subleased to Council 6555 and it was then that we had our own council home. It is now the Knight of Columbus no. 6555 home.

Below is the list of Members:

Balducci, Abraham	Malatesta Victor
Belenchia, Albert	Mangialardi, Flower
Bramucci, Joe F.	Mangialardi, Gregory p.
Capocciam Joe	Mangialardi, John A.
Carroll, Rev. James	Mangialardi, Johnny
Chicorelli, Charles T.	Mangialardi, Sam
Fava, Robert III	Nassor, George T.
Fava, Robert Jr.	Nassor, James M.
Fava, Robert Sr.	Pongetti, Albert
Fava, Bruno	Radicioni, Glenn
Fava, Joe	Radicioni, Joseph D.
Galabiz, Manuel	Sacco Sam, Jr.
Latchworth, John A.	Sanchez, Julio
Malatasta, Robert	Sbravati, David I.
Malatesta, Albert A.	Sbravati, James T.
Malatesta, David	Smith, Gene
Malatesta, Robert Jr.	Tarsi, Harry P.
DeMarco, Sam	Tarsi, Robert
Fava, Ettroe	Avaltroni, T. J.
Campanova, Lutch	Ferris, Thomas
Belenchia, Marshall	Chicorilla, Jim
Camponova, Bob	



# **Father Malachy Burns Council 6592**

## **Bassfield, MS**

### **No Report Submitted**

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# **Father John P. Egan Council 6765**

## **Starkville, MS**

The Father John P. Egan Council 6765 is located in Starkville, Mississippi. The Council was chartered with 32 members on February 15, 1976. Initially it included members from Starkville, Columbus, and West Point. In later years membership became centralized in the Starkville area while Columbus and West Point formed their own councils.

Over the years, the Council focused its activities on community service including assistance to needy families and disabled persons. The Joe Phillips Home for live-in disabled, dedicated in 1983, located in Starkville, resulted from Knights of Columbus- sponsored activities. These activities were funded by Knights of Columbus sponsored raffles, football pools, Tootsie Roll drives, etc.

The Council also focused on parish activities including corporate communion, blood drives, and cookouts. Monthly social events for Knights of Columbus members and their spouses culminate in an annual Superbowl party.

Several members of the Council have served as District Deputy, and New Council Development Director.

The Council received various state awards including Star Council, largest per member Tootsie Roll award, Best Council Activity Award, Honor Council, and Distinguished Council.

Council Grand Knights were as follows:

1976	Don Hegwood
1977	Dick Benton
1978	John Obringer
1979	Jim Heitz
1980	Ken Simon
1981	Lynn Cook

1982	Joe Schmidt
1983	Dave Hovet
1984	Dave Hovet
1985	Mike Sullivan
1986	Leonce Collins
1987	Leonce Collins
1988	John Obringer
1989	John Obringer
1990	Jim Heitz
1991	Jim Heitz
1992	Steve Newman
1993	Steve Newman
1994	Carey Cox

With the University influence, the Council experienced substantial turnover with 1994 membership at 41.

The Father John P. Egan Council 6765 is located in Starkville, MS. The Council was chartered on February 15, 1976 with 32 members. Current membership is at 46 members.

During the past twenty years, the Council has focussed its activities on community service including assistance to needy families and disabled persons. The Joe Phillips Home in Starville for live-in disabled, dedicated in 1983, resulted from Knights of Columbus sponsored activities. These activities were funded by Knights of Columbus sponsored raffles, football pools, Tootsie Roll drives, etc.

The Council has also focussed on parish activities including corporate communion, blood drives and parish life involvement. Quarterly social events for Knights and their spouses culminate in an annual Super Bowl Party.

Several members of the Council have served as District Deputy, and New Council Development Director.

The Council has received various state awards in the past including Star Council, largest per member Tootsie Roll award, Best Council activity award, Honor Council and Distinguished Council.

The following individuals have served Council 6765 as Grand Knights with their respective terms indicated.

Grand Knight	Term
David Hovet	1984
Michael Sullivan	1985
Leonce Collins	1986-1987
S. John Obringer	1988-1989
James R. Heitz	1990-1991
Steve Newman	1992-1993
Carey F. Cox	1994-1995
John H. Beggs	1995-present

## Oscar J. Gelpi Council 6872

### Picayune, MS

Another 10 years have passed. From a Council formed on Dec. 13, 1976 by 35 Brother Knights, we have increased our present number to 76.

During the period from 1985 thru 1994, we have been guided by the following Grand Knights:

Raymond Marciulionis	- 1985-86
Donald Arcement	- 1986-87
Gilbert O'Flynn	- 1987-88
Emile Vial	- 1988-89
Floyd Naquin	- 1989-91
Paul Schommer	- 1991-92
Andre Damiens	- 1992-93
Tom Wedig	- 1993-95

The following awards have been achieved through the efforts of many Brother Knights during this 10 year period:

- Star Council - 1988-89
- Columbian/Fr. McGivney - 1985, 1989-90, 1992-93, 1993-94
- Church Activity - 1990-91
- Fr. McGivney - 1990-91, 1991-92
- Contest of Champions - Pct gain - 1992-93
- Top Gun - 1992-93
- Supreme Award of Merit - 1990-91
- International Service Program - 3rd pl - 1990-91
- Distinguished - 1985, 1992-93
- Honor - 1988-89, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1993-94
- Outstanding Civic Club - 1993

We have raised over \$30,000 for the ARC, sponsored blood drives at St. Charles Church resulting in free blood for all parishoners, Usher all Masses at St. Charles, give out food baskets at Thanksgiving and Xmas to needy families, toys also at Xmas, contributed over \$10,000 to Priest Education, sponsor local Boy Scout troop, sent \$500 to mid-west flood victims and \$250 to those in Georgia, sponsor CYO to Saltillo, put on 2 garage sales a year and conduct Bingo every Monday nite among many more.

Our 2 most notable accomplishments have been the Renovation of St. Charles Parish Church and Hall in 1990 and being named outstanding Civic Organization in Picayune by the Chamber of Commerce in 1993.



**No Report Submitted**

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## Hernando Desoto Council 7120

### Southaven, MS

1984 - 1994

Our council has had a great many successes, helping to start three councils, 8760, 8848 and 8912, being the first council to have a certified First Degree Team in the state of Mississippi, having religious appreciation nights, helping the youth of the parish to go to Saltillo, to our Christmas tree lot, which our parish receives 50 % of the profits, helping with the maintenance of the parish facilities, of the pool parties and raising money for the mentally retarded. These past successes will always be remembered as the corner stones of our council and await the successes that our future Grand Knights will bring to this council.

1984 - 1985

In 1984 our Grand Knight was Fred Ward. During his two terms, he served also as our 1985 Grand Knight, the council was to be more family oriented. Pool parties and other outings were held for the youth, cook outs for the Altar boys, blood pressure checks, wives nights out, and participation in the parishes crowning of Mary in May.

1986

Our Grand Knight for 1986 was Brother Ken Lubbers, who was the chartering Grand Knight and our first Grand Knight. During his tenure our pancake breakfasts were started, the funds from this were shared between the parish and the Priest Education Fund. His term in office was marked by an increase in programs, such as a Drug Abuse program, Easter Egg Hunts and an increase in youth and church activities.

1987

The 1987 Grand Knight was Brother Bill Pittman. His leadership was marked by the Blood Drive, Pro Life campaign against an abortion clinic in the Southaven area, and an emphasis on Family Activities such as trips to restaurants, parks and entertainment places. During his term also, the parish hall was painted and repaired by council members.

1988

The 1988 Grand Knight was Brother Vic Hagman. His term in office will be remembered as the turning point of our councils fund raising ability. Brother Frank Miller with Brother Vic started the annual Christmas Tree sale. This was to be an on going fund raiser and helped put our council on the road to financial stability. G K Vic's term of office was mainly council oriented. The Christmas party that year was held at a members home, the first that had been done, previously it was held at a restaurant. This was to start an annual event, being held at a members home.

1989

1989 Grand Knight Frank Miller's main goal was to increase attendance at council meetings and to put the council on a course of financial stability that had begun under the previous Grand Knight. Under his leadership the Ladies Auxiliary was chartered and the Christmas Tree lot was installed as a permanent fund raiser. We also took part in the Southaven annual chili cook off and was involved in the Southaven Fund Fest.

1990

The 1990 Grand Knight was Brother Jerry Jewett. Under his tenure the council took a more community approach, as evidence by the tax seminar that was presented and the Blood Pressure checks that were open to the church members. We continued to host the pancake breakfasts and started the annual softball game with the CYO of the parish. The Religious appreciation dinner was again held that year for all the Religious of North Mississippi.

1991

1991 saw Brother Gordon Coker become our Grand Knight. The council became more rounded with many activities. From socials for members such as the Monday Night Football Pizza night to marching in the Pro Life Parade that was held in Southaven, from sponsoring a youth to Washington, D.C. Right to Life rally, to honoring the altar boys and clergy by giving them a "night out".

1992

Brother Tim Grillo became the Grand Knight. The highlight of this year was the beginning of our Vocation Awareness Night for the youth of the parish. It consisted of a panel comprised of a priest, a Religious Sister, Religious Brother, married couple, and a single adult. This was a huge success. The year was also marked by the council painting the inside of the Religious Education Building.

1993

Our 1993 Grand Knight was Brother Frank Dominion. During his term the council became more Youth Activities oriented as shown by sponsoring the retreat and meals for those taking Confirmation. During this time the council also painted the outside of the parish hall and conducted the Blood Pressure checks for the parish after all the masses



# **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211**

## **Lumberton, MS**

**No Report Submitted**

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# **Holy Savior Council 7854**

## **Clinton, MS**

Chartered in 1981, Holy Savior Council #7854 in Clinton continues to be very active in the parish and community. In the liturgy, knights serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers and choir members. Council members were very involved in the process of building the new parish church, serving on various committees during initial planning and final construction. Currently the council provides manpower assistance for general maintenance for the church, parish center and CCD building.

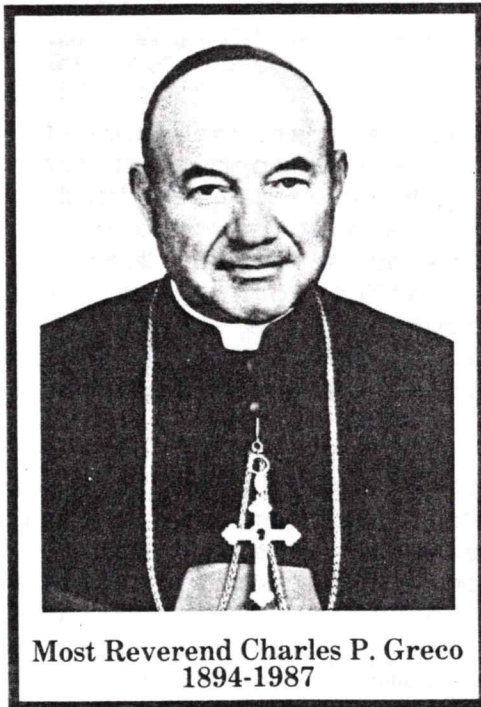
Holy Savior knights and families are strong supporters of parish activities. Many hours have been provided for the parish's annual chicken barbeque, the major parish fund raising event. This annual affair has been favorably supported by the community. Knights established, and continue to be a part of the parish scouting program - cubs, boy scouts and girl scouts. The council is a strong supporter, financial and leadership of the CYO. Knights and spouses assist in the CCD and adult education program as teachers and leaders.

Holy Savior parish and council is well known in the city of Clinton. Through the Tootsie Roll program, the council has been able to assist the Little White House, a school for the mentally handicapped in Clinton. This activity has generated much favorable press in the local newspaper and has resulted in community support for the Tootsie Roll drive. KC families are active in the Clinton Community Christian Corporation (the 4C's). This is a coalition of local churches and government to provide centralized assistance for those in need. The 4C's has many activities, including food/clothing distribution, meals on wheels, a thrift store and habitat for humanity.

Beyond the parish, the council has provided officers, directors and committee members at the district and state levels of the Knights of Columbus.

Ferdie Callegan	1985	-	86
Joseph Goellner	1986	-	87
Joseph Goellner	1987	-	88
Sterling Peters	1988	-	90
Ferdie Callegan	1990	-	91
Lloyd Everhardt	1991	-	93
Fred Roquemore	1993	-	94

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Bishop Greco, a native of Rodney, Mississippi, was ordained a priest in 1918. He was appointed Bishop of Alexandria in 1946 and served in that post until he retired in 1973.

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**Father Harry Wade Council 7910**  
**Orange Grove**  
**Gulfport, MS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7910 HISTORY 1984 THRU 1995**  
**ORANGE GROVE, MS.**

JULY 84-85	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY	JIM DUNIGAN DANNY SANASAC CASSE THOMPSON
JULY 85-86	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY	BOB ROLEY DANNY SANASAC JIM DUNIGAN
JULY 86-87	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOUNDERS AWARD	BOB ROLEY GLENN CARTER JIM DUNIGAN
JULY 87-88	GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY HONOR COUNCIL	FRANK LABIGANG JIM DUNIGAN
JULY 88-89	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY HONOR COUNCIL	GLENN CARTER FRANK LABIGANG JIM DUNIGAN
JULY 89-90	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY	DENNIS LA ROCHELL FRANK LABIGANG JIM DUNIGAN
JULY 90-91	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY	FRANK LABIGANG JOHN R. WARD JIM DUNIGAN
JULY 91-92	GRAND KNIGHT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY	FRANK LABIGANG JOHN R. WARD CARL GANGEMI



JULY 92-93	GRAND KNIGHT	JOHN R. WARD
	DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	JOEL VARNADO
	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	DAN SQUILLANTE
	HIGHEST NET GAIN, FATHER McGIVNEY-FOUNDERS AWARD AND TOP COUNCIL:	

1993 KNIGHT OF THE YEAR AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR JOSEPH GRIMES

JULY 93-94	GRAND KNIGHT	JOHN R. WARD
	DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	JOEL VARNADO
	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	DAN SQUILLANTE
	HONOR COUNCIL, FR. McGIVNEY AND COLUMBIAN AWARD	

JUNE 26	FATHER HARRY WADE ASSEMBLY 2347 WAS CHARTERED:	
	FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR	JOHN R. WARD
	FAITHFUL CAPTAIN	JOSEPH GRIMES
	FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER	E.J. ROBERTS

1994	KNIGHT OF THE YEAR	ROBERT STALNAKER
	FAMILY OF THE YEAR	JOHN R. WARD

JULY 94-95	GRAND KNIGHT	JOHN R. WARD
	DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	ARNOLD LEE FULLER
	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	DAN SQUILLANTE
	DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL, HIGHEST PERSENTAGE GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP, TOP GUN AND STAR COUNCIL:	

1995	KNIGHT OF THE YEAR	GERALD JERRY SCHMUCK
	FAMILY OF THE YEAR	MICHAEL TODD STONER

**JULY 94- FATHER HARRY WADE ASSEMBLY WAS FORMED:  
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR- JOHN R. WARD, FAITHFUL CAPTAIN-  
JOSEPH GRIMES; FAITFUL COMPROLLER- E.J. ROBERTS**

# Brookhaven Council 7915

## Brookhaven, MS

1984-1985

GRAND KNIGHT: JOSEPH PHILLIPS MEMBERSHIP 41  
AWARDS RECEIVED: FATHER MC GIVNEY, HONOR COUNCIL, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION \$250 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$1524  
DEATHS: TERRELL MARTIN

1985-1986

GRAND KNIGHT: JOSEPH BONFIGLIO MEMBERSHIP 44  
AWARDS RECEIVED: HONOR COUNCIL, STAR COUNCIL, SMALL COUNCIL  
YEARBOOKS  
PRIESTS EDUCATION DONATION \$500 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$664  
DEATH: FLORIAN FORCIER

1986-1987

GRAND KNIGHT: CLARENCE HUTSON MEMBERSHIP 50  
AWARDS RECEIVED: HONOR COUNCIL, FOUNDERS AWARD  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION \$400 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$1326  
DEATHS: JOHN PRICE

1987-1988

GRAND KNIGHT: CLARENCE HUTSON MEMBERSHIP 51  
AWARDS RECEIVED: HONOR COUNCIL, FATHER MC GIVNEY  
PRIESTS EDUCATION DONATION: \$500 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$1253

1988-1989

GRAND KNIGHT: THOMAS PHILLIPS MEMBERSHIP 49  
AWARDS RECEIVED: HONOR COUNCIL  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION: \$500 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$825  
DEATHS: HARRISON CASE

1989-1990

GRAND KNIGHT: THOMAS PHILLIPS MEMBERSHIP 48  
AWARDS RECEIVED: DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL, FATHER MC GIVNEY, MEMBER-  
SHIP FOR MEDIUM COUNCIL  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION: \$700 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$1436  
DEATHS: JASON EBARE

1990-1991

GRAND KNIGHT: THOMAS CORKERN MEMBERSHIP 55  
AWARDS RECEIVED: DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL, FATHER MC GIVNEY, TOP GUN  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION: \$700 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$2131  
DEATHS: CLARENCE HUTSON, JACK WILLIAMS

1991-1992

GRAND KNIGHT: THOMAS CORKERN MEMBERSHIP 62  
AWARDS RECEIVED: DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL, STAR COUNCIL  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION: \$1000 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$2468  
DEATHS: ALBERT BECKER

1992-1993

GRAND KNIGHT: WADE DITCHARD MEMBERSHIP 62  
AWARDS RECEIVED: DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION: \$1200 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$3553

1993-1994

GRAND KNIGHT: WADE DITCHARD MEMBERSHIP 62  
AWARDS RECEIVED: DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL  
PRIEST EDUCATION DONATION: \$1300 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE \$3620

DURING THE TEN YEAR PERIOD, THOMAS PHILLIPS AND JOSEPH BONFIGLIO  
BOTH SERVED TERMS AS DISTRICT DEPUTY, BONFIGLIO RECEIVING THE BEST  
DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARD. AMONG THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE  
CONTINUED EVERY YEAR ARE QUARTERLY CORPORATE COMMUNIONS, QUARTERLY  
MARIAN HOUR DEVOTIONS, FLOAT ENTRY IN CHRISTMAS PARADES AND PROVIDING  
SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CATHOLIC DIGEST FOR FIVE AREA LIBRARIES.  
CURRENTLY, SEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS.



## W. H. (Bill) Jolly Council 7974

### Columbus, MS

#### Council History (1984-1994)

Throughout this time frame, the William H. Jolly Council has been very instrumental in meeting the needs of the Church and the Community. It is a history that parallels the good and bad times of the Catholic Church. It would be unfair to list only the good and totally omit the bad for history has a way of repeating itself. However, it is a history that all members, from the charter members to the newly exemplified first degree members, can have pride in. A history that shows proof that God, through His Son Jesus Christ, has sent the Holy Spirit to guide us.

A few milestones are as follows:

Vocation Sponsor Award	1984-1985
Distinguished Council Award	1984-1985
	1986-1987
	1988-1989
Columbian and Father McGivney Award	1984-1985
	1986-1987
Honor Council Award	1987-1988
	1988-1990
Star Council Award	1985-1986
	1988-1989
Father McGivney Award	1993-1994

In the latter years, the Council has pulled through a period where we were just about to go in to a State of Moratorium. Administration duties were not being completed on time and members were not showing up for meetings. State Officials were very concerned about our Council. If not for a few Christ centered men, our Council would have had to go into Moratorium. I do not mention this part of our history to bring any shame or disrespect to any of my fellow Knights of Columbus. I only wish to show that if we open our minds and our hearts to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ any challenge can be overcome.

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## St. Jude Centennial Council 8038

### Pearl, MS

**No Report Submitted**

# Charles R. Brill Council 8054

## McComb, MS

Chartered April 20, 1982, named St. Alphonsus Council. Petitioned Supreme for name change during the 1984 - 1985 council year.

### Officers for 1994 - 1995 Council Year:

Chaplain	Rev. Don Derivaux
Grand Knight	Bill Garner
Deputy Grand Knight	Keith Wall
Chancellor	Lloyd Young
Recorder	Larry Foulk
Treasurer	Mitch Bellipanni
Financial Secretary	Harry Creagan
Lector	Ron LaBruyere
Advocate	Bill Hogan
Warden	Bill Valely
Inside Guard	Andy Spinnato
Outside Guard	Les Jordan
Trustees	Joe Serio
	Rick Penick
	Charles Donewar

### AWARDS EARNED

Star Council	1990-1991
Best Small Council	1983-1984, 1985-1986
Colombian Founders Award	1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1989-1990
McGivney Award	1984-1985
Best Newsletter	1984-1985, 1985-1986
Colombian Award	1985-1986, 1991-1992
Honor Council	1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1986-1987, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, 1989-1990,
Distinguished Council	1985-1986, 1990-1991
Best Vocation Program	1990-1991

We have had a First Degree Team since October, 1985

We have earned the R.S.V.P. award since 1986 for assisting Rev. Brian Kaskie who is now serving as assistant Pastor in Natchez. Also for Jerry Mattingly, who will be ordained in the spring of 1995.

Two of our members have served as District Deputies:

Joe Serio	1983-1985
Rick Penick	1993-1995

### DECEASED BROTHERS

John Hebert	Henry Vanderlip, Deputy G. K.
John Scott	L. P. Ford
Herman Ditcharo, F. S.	Charles R. Brill, G. K.
Eugene Lands	Rev. Edward Cratin, Chaplain
Claude Haffey	

# St. Therese Council 8285

## Jackson, MS

St. Therese Knights of Columbus #8285 was chartered on Valentine's Day- February 14, 1983. We celebrated our ten-year anniversary in 1993. The past eleven years have been a learning, growing, and enriching time for our council.

<u>Grand Knights</u>	<u>Knights of the Year</u>	<u>Families of the Year</u>
1984-85 Basil Moots	Basil Moots	Harold Hardin Family
1985-86 Gerry Clark	Joe Marsh	Steve Snyder family
1986-87 Gerry Clark	Harold Hardin	Gerry Clark Family
1987-88 Larry Boyer	Bill Strength	Harold Hardin Family
1988-89 Larry Boyer	Larry Boyer	Harold Hardin Family
1989-90 Harold Hardin	Harold Hardin	Roy Patterson Family
1990-91 Roy Patterson	Roy Patterson	Gerry Clark Family
1991-92 Rick Gaspard	David Longo	Roy Patterson Family
1992-93 Rick Gaspard	Stan Martin	Mike Harkins Family
1993-94 David Longo	Kenn Rains	Rick Gaspard Family

### State Officers (Past and Present)

1983-85 Basil Moots	District Deputy	District #3
1987-89 Gerry Clark	District Deputy	District #4
1989-91 Roy Patterson	District Deputy	District #4
1990-91 Gerry Clark	State Convention Co-Chairman	
1991-93 Roy Patterson	State Scrapbook Chairman	
1992-93 Roy Patterson	State Membership Director	
1993-94 Rick Gaspard	District Deputy	District #4
1993-95 Roy Patterson	State Warden	

### Deceased Members

(May They Rest In Peace)

Jan 1986	Randolph Kuriger	
Mar 1987	Louis Bills	
04-30-88	Joseph Ferreri	
08-21-91	Larry Boyer	P.G.K. AND P.F.N.
09-05-93	Bill Thornhill	
10-29-93	Ralph Kirby	



## **"The Years in Brief"**

### **1984-85**

**Awards-** Honor Council and Columbian Award

**Highlights:** The council holds its First Annual Golf Tournament, "R.E.A.C.H." Mass and Dance for the mentally handicapped, blood drive, pool party, and men's retreat. Deacon Bill Henry, a member of our council, is ordained to the priesthood. Father Richard Somers gives permission for us to use the school's basement as our meeting room. This year the council "graduates" to medium council status.

(Membership-54)

### **1985-86**

**Awards-** Past State Deputies' Award  
Net Percent Gain and Net Gain Supreme Membership Awards  
Star Council

**Highlights:** Special events includes a pro-life booth at the Miss. State Fair and Co-sponsorship of the State Convention in Jackson. The council adds a fundraising venture this year: working concession stands for events at the Memorial Stadium. Membership Director Joe Marsh is named "Top Proposer of the Year" for the state.

(Membership-85)

### **1986-87**

**Awards-** Honor Council and Columbian/Founders Award

**Highlights:** Now in its fourth year, the council is experiencing "growing pains" with no net gain in membership. This year we work the Multiple Sclerosis Booth at the State Fair, present rosaries to RCIA candidates, and sell K/C mats as a fundraiser in addition to our other annual projects and activities.

(Membership-85)

### **1987-88**

**Awards-** Honor Council and Columbian/Founders Award

**Highlights:** In March, 1988, our 1st Degree Team is certified. Chancellor Walter Brown enters the seminary in Hales Corner, Wisconsin. The council starts a bingo fund-raiser this year. Joe Marsh continues his outstanding membership recruitment, earning the "VIP" pin for 50 new members.

(Membership-84)

### **1988-89**

**Awards-**      Columbian Award

**Highlights:** No report was turned in this year at the State Convention co-hosted by our council, so we didn't receive a State Award. Our council raised dues due to the lack of fund-raisers, and our inactive dues-paying Knights started to exit.  
(Membership-74)

### **1989-90**

**Awards-**      Honor Council and Founders Awards

**Highlights:** The council celebrates its 7th anniversary, continuing our many projects and activities. We held the 1st annual Lenten Fish Fry this year.  
(Membership-62)

### **1990-91**

**Awards-**      Star Council, Best Medium Council, and "Top Gun" Membership Award and "Distinguished Council"

**Highlights:** We again co-sponsored the State Convention in Jackson. Several new activities are started this year.

-4th of July BBQ (fundraiser for our seminarians)

-Family picnic at John Anderson's Ranch

-"Knights' Night" and "Family Night" at the Jackson Mets baseball game

Our 1st Degree Exemplification team held 1 first degree exemplification each month, the most in the team's history.

(Membership- 71)

### **1991-92**

**Awards-**      Columbian Award, "Distinguished Council", Best Vocation Project, "Top Gun" Membership Award and Columbian Award

**Highlights:** Now in its 9th year, the council continues to thrive. Members are involved in all aspects of parish life. Our many activities (Family, church, community) keep us an active and excited council. Member Roy Patterson and his family receive State "Family of the Year" honors.

(Membership-73)

### **1992-93**

**Awards-**      Star Council, Challenger Award (2 times insurance quota), "Top Gun" Membership Award, Distinguished Council, Best "Net Gain" and "Best Percent Gain" Membership Awards, and "Best Quincentennial" Program

**Highlights:** In April, 1993 Council 8285 is proud to host its Ten-Year Anniversary celebration at the MP&L Lodge. The council's first Grand Knight Basil Moots, now living in Texas, is the special guest. Approx. 50 Knights and wives attended this special evening celebrating the council's 1st 10 years.. Member Roy Patterson, State Membership Director, represents the state Council at the National K/C Convention in New York City. Our Quincentennial program ( A Christopher Columbus play starring children of council members) is enjoyed by approx. 200 Knights and families of St. Therese Parish, along with a spaghetti dinner served by members.  
(Membership-85)

### **1993-94**

**Awards-** Distinguished Council, "Top Gun" Membership Award, Best Large Council, "Best Net Gain" and "Best Percent Gain"-Large Council, Past State Deputies Award

**Highlights:** A great year for the council ! Membership gains mean a change in status to "Large Council". We experience our *best* year yet in terms of awards, earning "Best Large Council" and the Past State Deputies Award. A great day-Deacon Walter Brown, a 10-year member of our council, is ordained to the Priesthood May 21st.. Our council hosts a reception following his Ordination Mass.

Our council contines to grow in all aspects of our 5 program areas. We still meet in the basement- while working toward our goal of our own meeting place. We are an active council- our activities are too many to list- with an energized and committed membership. We'd like to say a special "Thank you" to the clergy who have given their unwavering support these 10 years- Fathers Richard Somers, Frank Corcoran, Bill Henry, Anthony Quyet, Tom Lalor, Jose' Lopez. Brothers Luke Pearson and Dominic Pujia, and our newest priest Fr. Walter Brown, and Bishops Willam Houck, Joseph Brunini, and Joseph Howze. Also to our wives and families- you know you are are our backbone- without your support we would surely have fallen long ago. And finally, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings he continues to bestow on the men of Council 8285.



## St. Joseph Council 8760

### Holly Springs, MS

In the 1981, some members of the St. Joseph Parish began inquiring about the possibility of starting a Knights of Columbus Council in the Parish. At that time there were just men in the Parish who were already members of the Order. However, both worked in the neighboring state of Tennessee and they were infrequent visitors to St. Joseph's. The desire did not completely die and was evident on a few occasions throughout the year. After a few informal discussions during the year of '82, it was decided by some of the men of the Parish to make enquiries to the Council to the southwest, namely, the Hernando-DeSoto Council #7120.

After conducting a survey of interest, the Round Table was formed in late '82 and the first official meeting was scheduled for January 8, 1983. An envoy from Council #7120, Grand Knight Larry Campbell and Immediate Past Grand Knight, Jim Higgins, graciously consented to attend that all important first meeting which was led by Acting Chairman, Frank Houck. Other members in attendance were; George Perry, Hillie Shipp, James Rayford, Danny Houck, Felix Osuji, Benedict Njoku, Reuben Pegues and Claude Vinson, Sr.

G.K. Campbell and IPG.K. Higgins imparted valuable information at that meeting and they were to serve unwaveringly throughout our period of organizing. In fact, Larry Campbell was to go on and become District Deputy for District One.

The very first exemplification of first degree Rite was carried out in St. Joseph's Parish Hall on January 22, 1983 at 7: 30 P.M. The class consisted of 10 strangers and the Holly Springs council was on its way to becoming the first fully integrated Council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

The Council was officially chartered later that year and the Charter Officers were: Cecil Jones, Frank Houck, Felix Osuji, Benedict Njoku, Lloyd Taylor, Hillie Shipp and Claude Vinson, Sr. The Charter was officially received and presented in 1985 while Dr. David Stratman was entering his first term as Grand Knight.

The Council achieved its first statewide recognition during the tenure of Bro. Stratman, winning the Honor Council Award in the Fraternal year '86-87. Stratman brought many years of experience to council leadership and pushed for members to become fully knighted into the Fourth Degree. His urgings bore fruit when in 1987, on a Saturday in May (30th), four 3rd degree members of St. Joseph's Council became members of that distinguished plateau. The four were: Felix Osuji, Hillie Shipp, Emmanuel Ugorji and Claude Vinson, Sr. That same year, the Council sent its first two delegates to the State Convention in Jackson, MS. Those delegates were Claude Vinson and Lloyd Taylor.



## Father Robert Reitmeier Council 8848

### Tupelo, MS

The Robert Reitmeier Council was chartered on December 2, 1984 and is named after Father Robert Reitmeier, the first pastor of St. James from 1922 - 1952. He died April 10, 1956 and is buried at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. Throughout the last ten years this council has lead the State every year with collections for the Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program. Total collections for this time period were **over \$138, 000**. Also, the Tupelo Council was active every year with Commodity Distribution for the Lee County Welfare Department, meals provided for our parishioners after Holy Hour during Lent, and a Care Tree every Christmas for needy families. Many other worthwhile projects have taken place over the last ten years which are too numerous to count. Our Charter Members were as follows:

A. J. Amodeo	C. E. Ingram	Rev. L. F. Pentony
R.C. Bertasi	M.E. Ivancic	J. A. Pryor
W. J. Bowes	J. T. Kelly	J. V. Riley
J. C. Brown	J. D. Lampman	K. J. Riley
R. A. Buss	A. R. LaValley	T. J. Riley
A. A. Dunn	J. P. McCann	C. J. Roth-Roffy
J. H. Edgeworth	W. J. McCormick	M. J. Roy
H. J. Falk	S. N. McDaniel	R. A. Schneider
E. J. Fandel	J. W. McDowell	P. H. Sheffield
T. O. Frantz	R. A. McGuire	C. Smith
D. C. Gambetta	P. L. Martin	J. L. Talbert
W. R. Garnett	C. W. Momtgomery	N. Torretti
J. P. Haggerty	L. L. Muffley	L. F. VanVeghel
L. G. Hebert	P. A. Noble, Jr.	J. C. Weir
B. G. Hoing	E. A. Pavone	R. C. White
N. C. Hood	Rev. Mr. K. Pearce	

### 1984 - 1985

Charter Grand Knight - **Gene Ingram**

Under the leadership of Grand Knight Gene Ingram, the Tupelo Council was recognized at our first State Convention for the following:

Distinguished Council  
Best Small Council  
Best Small Council Newsletter  
Membership Award - Highest Net Gain

**Bill McCormick** was named our Knight of the Year.



## **1985 - 1986**

Grand Knight - **Gene Ingram**

During the 1986 State Convention the Tupelo council was recognized for the following:

Distinguished Council  
Best Small Council Yearbook  
Mississippi Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

With this year we saw the passing of three of our Brother Knights. They were **Steve Steffens, Lester Swindle**, and **Nat Torretti**. A significant event was a successful Third Degree Exemplification in honor of our Chaplain Father Liam Pentony. Our Knight of the Year was **Gene Ingram**.

## **1986 - 1987**

Grand Knight - **Gene Ingram**

During the 1987 Mississippi State Convention the Tupelo Council was recognized for the following:

Distinguished Council  
Best Vocations Program - Diocese of Jackson  
Mississippi Mental Retardation Program - Highest Donation per Member  
Mississippi Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our Council was also recognized by Supreme for the following

Star Council  
Insurance Promotion Award - Percentage Gain = 900%

Our council was instrumental in the formation of the Clarence Meyers Fourth Degree Assembly in Tupelo.

## **1987 - 1988**

Grand Knight - **Robert White**

Under the leadership of Grand Knight Robert White our council was recognized at the 1988 Mississippi State Convention for the following:

Distinguished Council  
Mississippi Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our council was also recognized by Supreme for the following:

Star Council  
Insurance Promotion Award - Percentage Net Gain = 700%

This year was significant as Tupelo was the host council for the 1988 Mississippi State Convention. Also, our council sponsored a retreat for twenty-three confirmation candidates to St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. The Lee County Welfare Department of Family and Children's Services recognized our council "For Outstanding Service to the Foster Care Program".

### **1988 - 1989**

Grand Knight - **Robert White**

During the 1989 Mississippi State Convention our council was recognized for the following:

Honor Council

Mississippi Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our council was also recognized by Supreme for the following:

Founders' Award

Insurance Promotion Award - Percentage Net Gain = 50

### **1989 - 1990**

Grand Knight - **Pick Noble**

During the 1990 Mississippi State Convention our council was recognized for the following:

Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Donation per Member

Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our council was also recognized by Supreme for the following:

Star Council

Our Knight of the Year was **Dan Berdonatti**.

### **1990 - 1991**

Grand Knight - **Robert Brinton**

Under the leadership of Grand Knight Robert Brinton our council was recognized at the 1991 Mississippi State Convention for the following:

Distinguished Council

Top Gun Council

Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Donation per Member

Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our council was also recognized by Supreme for the following:

Father McGivney Award

Founders' Award

Brother **Keith Merritt** was our Knight of the Year and the **Ed Ivancic Family** was recognized as our Family of the Year. Our Worthy District Deputy was Brother **Gene Ingram**.

## 1991 - 1992

Grand Knight - **Robert Brinton**

Our council was recognized at the 1992 Mississippi State Convention for the following:

Distinguished Council  
Top Gun Council  
Membership Award - Highest Net Gain Large Council  
Membership Award - Highest Percentage Gain Large Council  
Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our council was also recognized by Supreme for the following:

Father McGivney Award

Our Knight of the Year was Brother **Keith Merritt** and the **Billy Hoing Family** was our Family of the Year. Our Worthy District Deputy was Brother **Gene Ingram**. The Lee County Department of Human Services recognized our council for "Continued Volunteer Services".

## 1992 - 1993

Grand Knight - **Keith Merritt**

Under the leadership of Grand Knight Keith Merritt our council was recognized during the 1993 Mississippi State Convention for the following:

Distinguished Council  
Top Gun Council  
Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Our council was also recognized by Supreme for the following.

Father McGivney Award  
Founders' Award  
Insurance Promotion Award - Net Gain = 9  
Insurance Promotion Award - Percentage Gain = 300%

This year saw our council hosting the 1993 Mississippi State Convention. Also, our council erected "The Crosses of the Innocent" in which over six hundred white crosses were displayed on the lawn of St. James to represent the number of abortions performed in Mississippi. This year also saw Tupelo break its' own record for Tootsie Roll Drive collections at \$18,811! Our Knight of the Year was Brother **Reed Fontenot** and our Family of the Year was the **Keith Merritt Family**. Our Worthy District Deputy was Brother **Gene Ingram**.



## Grand Knight - Reed Fontenot

Distinguished Council  
State Family Activity of the Year  
State Family of the Year - The Keith Merritt Family  
Best Council Newsletter  
Mississippi State Mental Retardation Program - Highest Council Donation

Columbianism Award  
Father McGivney Award

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

## **St. James The Less Council 8912**

### **Corinth, MS**

On Saturday February 16, 1986 the St. James Knights of Columbus, Council 8912 became an official Charter Council. The Charter Presentation was conducted by Larry Campbell, District Deputy, District One, Knights of Columbus. Mr. Campbell also installed the elected officers for the year 1986 - 1987, they were as follows:

Grand Knight	Jack H. Hora
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike J. Chidalek
Chancellor	Jude McGrath
Recorder	Jay M. Oana
Financial Secretary	Matthew S. Czarnecki
Treasurer	Quentin H. Hays
Lecturer	Henry J. Meeks
Advocate	James H. Edgerly
Warden	Louis Cordova
Inside Guard	Robert Scalzi
Trustees:	Edward W. Weeks
	John J. Winterscheidt
	Robert J. Houser

Under the leadership of these men council 8912 was able to accomplish many things during the year 1986 - 1987. On this same day Council 8912 inducted seven new members with a first degree exemplification.

Council 8912 also attended the 1986 State Convention and participated in the hospitality room with the Tupelo and Southaven Councils. During this convention Council 8912 was awarded Most Successful in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, Raising \$3,903.59.

The installation of the newly elected officers took place in May and they were as follows:

Grand Knight	James Leatherwood
Deputy Grand Knight	Jack Hora
Chancellor	Henry Meeks
Recorder	Jude McGrath
Treasurer	Don Rodocker
Advocate	Robert Szalzi
Warden	Louis Cardova
Trustee	Ray Ball

With these new leaders Council 8912 held a Golf Tournament for a successful fund raiser. This allowed the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary to attend the School of Columbianism in Columbus, Mississippi.

#### Year 1987

The C Y O of St. James Parish needed transportation to go to their convention and the Knights stepped in and helped them out. Carl Upchurch received his 1st degree on March 6, 1987. The time came to raise more funds to operate on so Council 8912 held another raffle. Due to the fact that John Winterscheidt is so active with the C Y O Council 8912 honored him with an award.

May 1987 Council 8912 gave Bishop Houlk \$125.00 for the education of new priests. Since it is May, it time for the Tootsie Roll Drive. Also in this month Council 8912 took in \$5,804.92, of which \$300.00 went to the foundation for Downs Syndrome Research.

June 1987, the new officers were installed, they are as follows:

Grand Knight	James Leatherwood
Deputy Grand Knights	Jack Hora
Chancellor	Leo Pruseir
Recorder	John Winterscheidt
Treasurer	Don Rodocker
Lecturer	Larry Leatherwood
Advocate	Henry Meeks
Warden	Louis Cardova
Trustee	Tommy Thompson

Under the leadership of these men Council 8912 had another successful Golf Tournament. In the month of July they gave \$25.00 to the Catholic Services Cestodan fund, and made improvements around the church yard.

In August Council 8912 hosted their first school of Columbianism. In the month of September they laid blocks around the church parking lot. Also during the month they provided refreshments after the "Living Rosary" was organized for St. James Parish, as well as had frame built for the "Black Madonna".

In the month of October two Knights received their 4th degree. Then the Knights of Columbus held a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser and netted \$135.00. In December council 8912 was notified that they were first in the money collected for the 1987 Mental Retardation Drive in Mississippi, and that the Northern District had collected 32% of the total take.



## Year 1988

In January Council 8912 held a chili supper as a fund raiser; this was a success with a net of \$57.00. During the month of February Council 8912 took 12 C Y O members to Jackson, Mississippi for a very important meeting.

In April the Knights provided a full escort for the Bishop's Conformation, and gave a donation of \$50.00 to Debra Smith for a liver transplant. \$100.00 was also donated for education of priests.

During the month of May the Knights of Columbus helped set up a community wide Food Pantry. This is the only one in the city of Corinth which will give to all in need, not just to their denomination like the other churches.

Council 8912 volunteered to paint the rectory and sponsored the annual Parish Picnic. The council also added to the growing list of new members, five new members in the month of July. The installation of officers for the year 1988 -1989 are as follows:

Grand Knight	James Leatherwood
Deputy Grand Knight	Henry Meeks
Chancellor	Robert Houser
Recorder	John Winterscheidt
Financial Secretary	Matthew Czarnecki
Treasurer	Don Rodocker
Advocate	Tommy Thompson
Trustees	Carl Upchurch
	Tommy Thompson
	Ray Ball

These men started off with a fund raiser raffle which was also successful. In the month of August they also added three more members, these men got off on a great start.

The year now coming to a close, the Knights of Columbus sponsored the annual Christmas party which was the last thing for this year.

## Year 1989

Sheila Webb Donated to Council 8912 the sum of \$50.00 so that they could help someone in need. First item of business for the year was to sponsor a Baptismal Breakfast for participant's families and guests. Council 8912 received word that the

North Mississippi District took in 32.9% of all the money that was collected during the Mental Retardation Drive. Council 8912 took in \$5,376.00.

During the month of April the Knights put up poles and lights in the church parking lot. Also, they sponsored another Golf Tournament and a dinner afterwards, this was also a success.

In May Council 8912 gave \$100.00 to the fund to educate priests, held another raffle and collected \$4,741.52 in the Mental Retardation Drive.

In June the installation of officers for year 1989 -1990 was as follows:

Grand Knight	John Winterscheidt
Deputy Grand Knight	Henry Meeks
Chancellor	Jack Hora
Financial Secretary	Matthew Czarnecki
Treasurer	Tommy Thompson
Trustees	Ray Ball
	Carl Upchurch
	Jack Hora

Council 8912 did some more work on the church back lot. They gave a check for \$32.00 to Timber Hills as a donation, and donated \$50.00 to the Magnolia Knight. The Council received two awards, the Father McGloney and the Founders Award. They added six new members this month, and held another raffle which was a success, \$50.00 to the United Negro College Fund.

James Leatherwood, Grand Knight for the past three years, was appointed District Deputy of District One.

#### Year 1990

Council 8912 gave \$100.00 to Bishop Jero for the education of new priest and also put up a basketball pole and net for St. James Parish. The Council sponsored a dinner and dance for the Parish and took in \$477.00. We were able to break a record during 1990's annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We took in \$6200.00 an all time high.

New officers are the same as last year, except for Advocate who is James Leatherwood. Sponsor a hoop shot contest and had three national champions. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary attended a school of Columbianism. Another dinner and dance were sponsored as well as the annual parish picnic. The

Council received the Father McGioney and Founders award and received a plaque for Council 8912.

#### Year 1991

##### Church Activities

The Council sponsored a Marian Hour-Pilgrim Virgin Program, members served as Eucharistic Minister, Commentators, Lecturers, and Ushers during Liturgical ceremonies. Members assisted in conducting the Parish Feast day Program, in Distributing food for the needy, and helping with fund-raisers in the parish.

Installations of the new officers for the year 1990 - 1991 are as follows:

Chaplain	Fr. John Young
Grand Knight	John Winterscheidt
Deputy Grand Knight	Henry Meeks
Chancellor	Jack Hora
Recorder	Henry Meeks
Financial Secretary	Matthew Czarnecki
Treasurer	Tommy Thompson
Advocate	James Leatherwood
Warden	Louis Cordova
Inside Guard	Louis Cordova
Trustees	Carl Upchurch
	Jack Hora
	Leo Prussia

##### Community Activities

Members participated in the Corinth Adult Literacy Program, donated blood to the local blood drive, serve on educational related planning/advisory boards and the Chamber of Commerce. Collected over \$3,000.00 from the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

#### Year 1992

Received the Father McGioney award and donated \$50.00 to Father Jack. Received a trophy for the work done and the Mental Retardation Drive and made a \$100.00 donation for the education of new priests.



Installation of the new officers for the year 1992-1993 are as follows:

Grand Knight

James Leatherwood

Sent \$50.00 to the Saltillo Missions, and sponsor the Parish Christmas party.

#### YEAR 1993

Sponsor a breakfast which made \$298.00 and donated \$30.00 to run a ad in the C Y O's book. Held a raffle and made \$32.00, and donated \$25.00 to the local "Right to Life" chapter. Received a letter of thanks from Timber hills for the donation of the annual Tooties Roll Drive. Also sponsor the "Family Hour of Prayer". Installation of the new officers for the year 1993-1994 are as follows:

Grand Knight

O. Delong

#### YEAR 1994

Council 8912 started off with three new members, the officers are the same as last years. However, they were able to raise \$3,643.00 during the annual Tootise Roll Drive.

#### General Accomplishments

Total New Members	32
Total Amount Donated	\$38,817.51
Total Number of Acts for "The Good of The Order"	3,156
Total Number of Man Hours Volunteered	22,939
Total Number of Fund Raiser	32

**Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094**  
**D'Iberville, MS**

**No Report Submitted**

**St. Mary Council 9124**  
**Gautier, MS**

The history of St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council began with the arrival of Fr. Michael Kelleher as pastor of St. Mary's in January 1985. Coming to the parish from his previous assignment at St. Peter's, Bassfield, where he also facilitated in establishing a new council, he was familiar with the procedure involved, the pride of the men, the obvious benefit to the parish, etc.

Within weeks of arriving at St. Mary's, Fr. Michael was in touch with some of the men in the parish who were showing some interest in having their own council and especially with one--Joe Furlan, whom Father had met on previous occasions through Knights of Columbus events. (Joe had served as a Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent some time previously.) The need for and obvious benefit of a new council was promoted by this core group. Within a few weeks enough men had made a commitment to make the establishing of a new council possible.

The pros and cons of separating from the larger Pascagoula Council were discussed at length. The prevailing sentiment among the state officers at that time was for smaller, more active councils--possibly at the parish level. Since St. Mary's was a relatively new parish (officially established in 1968) and since the community of Gautier was talking about incorporating (which took place the following year in 1986), the sentiment for a new independent parish council was growing.

On November 11, 1985, a new council designated by the name

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with a total of 36 charter members was officially established. Joe Furlan was elected the first Grand Knight of the new council. Five of the original charter members had other family members (viz. sons) as charter members also. They were Clarence Abbott (son, Michael), Charles Martin (sons, Michael and Lee), Walter Perez, Jr. (son, Walter Perez, III), Ray Vecchio (son, Dion), and Henry Weber (son, Albert). The other charter members were Joe Bellman, Lionel Bourgeois, Ed Brondum, Joe Burke, Harry Burnham, Charles Fridge, Guy Funk, Leland Gager, Thomas Haynes, Robert Illanne, Ed Jenne, Allen Kruger, Joe Lex, John Marks, Robert Myers, Joe Patrick, Ken Peden, Shannon Strunk, Don Tiblier, Daniel Tobin, Ben Trenouth, and Billy Ward.

As of this writing both Henry Weber and his son, Albert have died. Also from the original charter group, Harry Burnham has passed away.

John Marks was the second Grand Knight and he was succeeded by Mikel McDonald, who in turn was succeeded by Arthur Largillierre. The next Grand Knight was Michael Martin, who was followed by Rocky Hartman. Following Rocky, John Marks was again elected Grand Knight for another year. He in turn was succeeded by Mike Lawless.

In the ten years of its existence, St. Mary's Council #9124 has succeeded in winning the following awards:

- The Distinguished Council Award (twice)
- The Star Council Award (twice)
- Honor Council Award
- Best Medium Council and Best Large Council Awards
- The Rev. Michael J. McGivney Award
- The Council Newsletter Award

At the present time, Don Tiblier (also a Charter Member) serves as Grand Knight. The Council has a current membership of 75 and meets monthly in the old St. Mary's Church Building and continues to play an active role in the life of St. Mary's Parish.



## Indianola Council 9234

### Indianola, MS

Indianola Council 9234 in Indianola, Mississippi was officially chartered on February 27, 1986. The charter membership of thirty-two was made up of thirty new members and two reactivated members. Thirty of the new members received the admission degree in Indianola. The degree team was from the Leland/Greenville Councils 1st Degree Team.

Charter Members are as follows:

Frankie T. Bellipanni	Kevin W. Cox	Edward J. Dean Jr.
Gary V. Fratesi	Joe Fratesi	Tommy P. Giachelli
Denver L. Gleason	Tim Y. Johns	Louis P. Labella
Dorsey L. Lott	Emmett V. Lott	Stanley R. Lott
Terry V. Lott	Charles M. Majori	Tommy Miller
Vince J. Muzzi	George W. Nobile	Willie Nobile Jr.
Chester Palasini	James B. Randall	G. Truett Roberts
Frank P. Roncali	Richard D. Sanders	William H. Sanders
Paul V. Sella	Lee Servadio	Wheeler Timbs Jr.
Wheeler Timbs III	Rev John C. Vollar	Charles T. Walker
Joseph W. Wilson		

Brothers serving as Grand Knights have been:

Edward J. "Joel" Dean Jr.	1986 - 1988
Terry V. Lott	1988 - 1989
Vince Muzzi	1989 - 1990
Louis P. Labella	1990 - 1991
Joe Tannehill	1991 - Present

The council is very active within the parish. Members serve on the Parish Council and participate fully in all parish activities. The Council maintains and staffs the kitchen for the annual Parish Spagetti Supper and all other parish sponsored meals. The Council also sponsors a yearly Parish Grounds Cleanup Day, holds an Annual Barbeque Chicken Dinner, participates in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive and sponsors the Annual Parish Blood Drive.

The council has had the honor of Knight Terry Lott serve as District Deputy.

In 1994 it was voted that the official council name would become - Emmett Lott Council 9234 - to honor our first deceased charter member and active supporter Emmett V. "PeaSoup" Lott.

In the Spring of 1995 the Council sponsored the startup of a KC Round Table for the Belzoni All Saints Parish with nine new members added to the roster.

Charter Officers:

Chaplain	Rev John Vollar
Grand Knight	Joel Dean
Deputy Grand Knight	Terry Lott
Chancellor	Dorsey Lott
Recorder	Joe Wilson
Financial Secretary	Paul Sella
Treasurer	Tim Johns
Lecturer	Kevin Cox
Advocate	Truett Roberts
Warden	Tommy Miller
Inside Guard	Wheeler Timbs
Outside Guard	Scooter Sanders
Trustee (3rd Yr.)	Bo Roncali
Trustee (2nd Yr.)	Emmett Lott
Trustee (1st Yr.)	Vince Muzzi

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH PLAQUE





# Reinhart Schroeder Council 9409

## West Biloxi Biloxi, MS

In October of 1986 MSU won over Arkansas State Indians 24-9 and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs defeated the Pearl River Wildcats 9-7. Jim Rigsby, Fabian Husley, and Forest Taylor from Biloxi Council with the approval of Rev Francis Farrell, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church were taking the initiative to form a new council and to recruit the 33 members required.

On October 12 the weather in Biloxi was cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. The temperature ranged from 69-83 degrees. At sunset the Jewish Day of atonement, Yon Kippur began. On this day in 1492 Christopher Columbus discovered the new world and so on this day October 12, 1986 the West Biloxi Knights of Columbus Council 9409 was chartered with a membership of 39: Jose P. Aflague, Elwood Cavalier, Michael D. Chapman, Charles E. Chester, Rick L. Cleayelin, Lawrence G. Desbien, John B. Dubaz, John P. Durham, Gerald M. Eluskie, William F. Entriken, Rev. Francis Farrell, Stephen F. Farry, Kenneth L. Girten, Gerald J. Hopkins, Michael J. Hue, Fabian V. Husley, Allen Konyn, Gary P. Marston, Michael R. Miller, Rev. Patrick Mockler, Charles L. Moniot, Windell D. Norris, Gary A. Peters, George Pitts Jr., Alfred E. Plourde, James H. Rigby, Daniel E. Roche, John E. Romeo, Max Roybal Jr., Paul Sebenmorgen, Ray H. Taconi, Forest H. Taylor, Richard G. Taylor, Joseph W. Tiblier, Scott W. Thompson, John Welter Jr., John Welter IV, Howard Westman, George A. Ziz.

There was a diversity of personalities. Most were active or retired military and Civil Service Employees. One was a POW from two major wars. 4 of the men were father and son, two were Roman Catholic Priests. There was a building contractor, a banker and a photographer. The majority of the new council were transfers from Council 1244. A portion had joined the Knights years before and now reentered. Some were new members. They all joined to make the new council's birth possible.

Jose "Joe" Aflague first joined the Knights in 1953 and reentered. Elwood "Woody" Cavalier was a new member. Michael D. Chapman, active military was a transfer. Lawrence G. Desbien, active Air Force, was a transfer. John B. "J.B." Dubaz, retired, had been a dedicated church worker for Fr. Farrell. John "Bull" P. Durhan, retired from active duty in the Army and the Air Force was a transfer from 1244. William "Bill" F. Entriken, a supervisor for Inglea Ship Builders, was a new member. Rev. Francis Farrell, first joined the Knights in 1950 and reentered in 1986. Steven Farry, was a retired Air Force and Civil Service Employee. Ken Girten was a transfer from 1244. Fabian Husley retired Air Force transferred from 1244. Allen Konyn, manager of Charter Marketing Co. was a transfer from Long Beach, Ms council 4898. Gary Marston, active duty Air force had climbed from the enlisted ranks to those of a



commissioned officer and was a new member. Michael Miller, a Veteran Administration therapist, was the council's first Recorder. Rev Patrick Mockler, transferred from Ocean Springs council 5654. Jim Rigby, an Air Force instructor for faculty development, was a Past Grand Knight and Former District deputy, transferred from council 1244 to become the council's first Financial Sectary. John Romeo, a fireman from Ingalls, was reinstated from council 1244. Paul Sebenmorgan, active Air Force first joined the Knights in 1972 and then rejoined to start the council. Forest Taylor transferred from council 1244. Richard Taylor, a state employee, from California, transferred from 1244. Joseph "Jay" Tibler, building contractor and co-manager of Belmar Motel Inc later became a trustee in our council. John "Jack" Welter Jr. a civil service employee, first joined in 1958 and then reentered in October of 1986. John Welter IV was a Bank Loan Officer. George Ziz was a photographer.

Today (as of Dec 94) four of those charter members are deceased: The deceased Charter members are Max Roybal Jr.(6/18/27-5/2/88), Howard Westman(8/26/14-1/4/92), George Pitts Jr.(9/1/23-4/24/93), Windell D. Norris(7/16/18-11/22/93).

Max Roybal was the first member of the council to pass away. The Golf Tournament was named after him and held annually in his honor.

Howard Westman had been the Councils first deputy Grand Knight.

George Pitts was the epitome of what Knight of columbus should be. A Joiner for Ingalls Ship Yard, George joined the council as a new member. A strong family man, he was completely committed to what he believed. He believed in the Knights and was involved in every thing that council 9409 did. He was very involved in recruiting new members. In fact he was the most exuberant Membership Director in the history of the council personally sponsoring more members than any other individual.

Win Norris had always been involved and active during his membership with the Knights. He became the Knight of the Year in the Forth degree assembly. He was a retired Air Force Col who became New York Life insurance Agent. At the time of his death he had been an Advocate with the council and was a FaithFul Navigator for the Forth Degree Assembly.

The council was named to honor Reinhart Schroeder a renowned Knight from the state of Mississippi who's life of service to the church so exemplified what a Knight would strive to be and who died during the exemplification of the third degree in Bassfield, Ms on January 28, 1979. Reinhart was a retired Civil service Worker from the Air Force he is survived by his wife, who has remained active with the parish council to this date.

There were a number of planning meetings and then on November 5, 1986 the enthusiastic council met and put the emphasis on growth. Deputy Grand Knight Mike Leleux from Biloxi Council 1244 spoke of challenge of recruiting new members. Followed by then elected Advocate Steve Farry who endorsed what had been said and pledged himself to the cause. Lawrence L. Lewis was proposed by Howard Westman and approved for membership with a 15-0 vote. Reinhart Schroeder Council 9409 was on its way.

On November 19 Monica Hall became the setting for the initial installation of officers and the ladies Auxiliary. District Deputy Greg Niolet of District 19 seated the Knights officers and Mrs Martha Dartz, District Regent installed the officers of the ladies auxiliary. Past State Deputy member of Biloxi Council 1244 was the guest speaker. The event was recorded on video by Brother Mike Leleux.

The first Grand Knight of the newly formed Reinhart Schroeder Council was Forest Taylor, a retired Navy Chief Electronics Technician and Harrison County Deputy Sheriff, Volunteer. He was a former Grand Knight and former District Deputy. He served from October 1986 until June 1988. He was followed in that office by:

<u>Past Grand Knights</u>	<u>Term</u>
Stephen F. Farry	1988-1989
John Cunningham	1989-1991
Fred Spencer	1991-1992
Danny Lechner	1992-1994

#### The Current Grand Knight

Dan Butler	1994-1995
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The first president of ladies auxiliary was Anne May Taylor, wife of Forrest Taylor and mother of Richard G. Taylor. She had succeeded herself in office and has been the custom of every woman who has served in this office to date.

She was followed in the office by :

<u>Past President Ladies Aux</u>	<u>Term</u>
Roberta Lechner	1988-1990
Mary Lee Noris	1990-1992
Anne Mae Taylor	1992-1993
Carol A. Rigsby	1993-1995

The new members went through their initiation in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Michael Miller, Veteran's Administration Therapist and the council's first recorder still remembers "the excitement of uniting together of a fine group of men". When he recalls his years with the Knights he says, " It has been a great experience. I've enjoyed every minute of it."



In 1988 Forest Taylor was replaced as Grand Knight. He had been the Charter Grand Knight and had followed himself in office for a second term. He became the council's first District Deputy (1988-1989). Membership under him had been increased to 56. And the newly chartered council received the award for the best newsletter for a small council. There were 8 "family of the Month" awards with one family receiving one of the top honors from the Supreme Council. Danny and Roberta Lechner received the state of Mississippi Family of the Year Award for 1987-1988. Council members through the operation of a weekly bingo games had allocated moneys to the Priest Education Fund of the Diocese of Biloxi. And, then put untiring efforts into a "Tootsie Roll" sale of which the profits went to help the mentally retarded. In addition to their work in the Knights a large number of the members were serving the community as eucharistic ministers, lectures, ushers, and members of St Vincent DePaul. The new council was looking forward to the future with projections of instituting a First Degree Team and chartering a West Biloxi Columbian Association.

When Steve Farry began his term he had already served his council as Advocate, and Deputy Grand Knight. When he completed his term as Grand Knight in July 1989 the council had 71 members showing he had not wavered from his original commitment to growth slightly more than 3 years before.

During his term the council provided support both financial and spiritual, to assist an aspirant in his preparations for becoming a religious brother. It supported the baseball team for the youth of the parish. And, it provided both financial and man power resources in upgrading parish playground equipment. The council promoted and sponsored a Marian Hour of Prayer and a quarterly corporate communion for brother knights and their families. It had members attended the school of Columbianism and participated in the Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year program. It had five brothers who were weekly carrying Holy Eucharist to the home bound sick, hospital patients, and nursing home residents.

Bingo games were being conducted to raise funds to help support Our Lady of Fatima parish. A drug awareness program, a health education program on eye care, and an insurance program night were sponsored. A golf tournament, a free throw contest, and family picnic were held. The amount of money raised in the Tootsie Roll drive was more than doubled from the year before and approximately \$1,800. was given to Cheshire House for the retarded. To end the calendar year the members of the council assisted with the parish Christmas Tree Sale and in collecting and distributing Christmas food baskets to the needy.

The council had been true to it's commitment to the family. It began a tradition of memorial Masses for deceased members. It had provided monthly maintenance to the church and was establishing a Columbian Squire Circle.



In July of 1989 John Cunningham followed Steve Farry in the office of Grand Knight and a new slate of officers were installed.

In December Brothers said fairwell to deceased Brother Floyd Mattina (11/20/04-12/05/89).

The knights of council 9409 continued their dedicated service. Many served in the church as lectures, commentators, CCD and RCIA instructors, members of the parish council, school board, and other parish organizations. They also were good stewards giving of their time and talents to support the church bazaar, raffles and school fund raising activities.

They continued the Marian Hour of Prayer, the quarterly corporate communion Sunday, drug awareness program, their contribution to the State Priest Education Fund, the carrying of communion to the sick in hospitals and at home, and assistance to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in preparing and delivering of food baskets for the needy at Christmas.

Members of the council began serving on the Diocesan Board for the Cursillo movement and served as team members during the weekends. Other members served at team members on Arise weekends. Still others provided manpower to support the local Red Cross Chapter and coached a baseball team for the youth in the city league. A Brother member became active in the Harrison County Exchange Club. And, a new Vocation Director began offering programs throughout the year.

The council's accomplishments were many of those painting of the living quarters in parish rectory and the repairing and refinishing of all classroom doors were two. Repair purchasing and installation of playground equipment was another. A 50/50 club was imitated with 50% gain to support council projects. Council held a health night and purchased an ad in the parish school year book. It co-hosted the state convention with four other coast councils. It added CYO to the list of organizations that the knights were already supporting and assisted the youth in making their trip to the mission at Saltillo, Mexico. A fishing trip was sponsored for the alter boys and cross bearers.

In July of 1990 John Cunningham was reelected Grand Knight and was the second member of the council to follow himself in office. During his second term 12 new members were initiated which was well above the goal established by the council and all but one was exemplified as a 2nd and 3rd degree.

The council was faithful in perpetuating the works that they had started and in addition served as group leaders for a pre-marriage program.

Under the leader ship of Chris Billeaud, Community Activities Director, council members served as offices in the Biloxi area Forth Degree Assembly, conducted a parish blood drive, and provided manpower assistance to the local Elks club in delivering of food to the needy.

Council Activities Director, Winn Norris, oversaw the golf tournament which had become an annual event for raising funds to defray the cost of operating the council and participation in Knight of the Quarter Program. Family Activities Director Frank McNeil organized the councils continuing crusade for the protection and the enhancement of human life with a written awareness program and participation in a Pro-Life rally. Youth Activities Director, John Taggart, added football to the list of sports for the youth already being coached by the Brother Knights.

In 1991 Fred Spencer became Grand Knight and Past grand Knight John Cunningham became District Deputy (1991-1993).

In this term 4 new members were added two being exemplified to 2nd and 3rd degree. The council continue its good works initiated under grand knights who had gone before. Newly appointed Program Director, Daniel Cervantez, gave guidance to all directors for preparing a monthly newsletter. Under Tony H. Bittner, Church Activities Director, the membership began assisting the Holy Name Society and Home-School Association. Community activities Director, Forest Taylor, oversaw a clothing drive conducted for the needy. Stephen Farry, Council Activities Director, saw to it that council participated in a bowling tournament and met the membership drive goal. Bob Weldon, Family activities Director, had State Representative Antoine Otto speak to members and families about Pro-Life. George Pitts, Membership Director, held membership drives a Church functions Sunday mass and the Annual Bazaar. Forest Taylor was the community Activities Director, in which area Council members served at Officers in the Biloxi area Forth degree assembly, conducted a clothing drive, and gave assistance to the local Elks Lodge in delivering food to provide for the needy. Council Activities Director, Stephen F. Farry, Family Activities Director, Bob R. Weldon, Youth Activities Director, Jim Rigby, were successful in continuing the good activities the council had begun to preform in the years since it's inception.

In March the brotherhood said good bye to another deceased brother Shelton Skinner (9/23/45-04/24/93).

From July 1992 to July 1994 the Office of Grand knight was held by Daniel Lechner. Making him the third individual in the history of the council to succeed himself in that office.



Danny grew up in Biloxi. He was a coordinator for Ingalls Ship Builders. He had been very active in The Crusillo movement and local prayer groups. He and his wife Roberta had been working with the CYO and other youth organizations for years. He remembers that when he entered the Knights Council 9409 in 1986 as a new member after completing his first degree he was given a package and told he would be the Youth Activities Director. Chosen out of 49 councils he also recalls vividly the when he received the Mississippi Family of the Year Award. Danny says "It was my first year to go to the State Convention, the award was unexpected and both Bishops were there to congratulate me. After he had been a Knight for about 6 months he was appointed Financial Secretary by Supreme Council and served in that position until he resigned to run for the Office of Grand Knight. Danny to a large extent had contributed much toward the success of parish Bingo.

In Grand Knight Lechner's first term Dan Carrol took over his duties as Financial secretary. Robert Corcoran, Chairman of Community Activities lead the council in conducting a hurricane relief drive for the victims in Fla and La and coordinated a clothing drive for the Battered Wives and Children's Center. With Matemo Yapit, Chairman Family Activities, council organized participation in the Chair of Prayer program in support of Pro-Life. Youth Activities Chairman, Daniel Carroll members served as leaders in the Boy Scout program. They also worked with parish Catholic Youth Ministry to raise funds for its trip to see the Pope in Denver, Colorado.

2nd term for Danny Lechner Grand Night He began with a speech which included a eulogy to the recently deceased Brother George Pitts. In the speech the Grand Knight laid out the goals of the council for the coming year goals that to be fulfilled would require the enthusiastic involvement of the brotherhood.

It was a busy year for the council continuing the projects begun in earlier years. Something new was a Community Recognition Night organized by Community Activities Chairman, Bob Corcoran.

At the conclusion of his second term Grand Knight Danny Lechner received the Knights of Columbus international organization's top honor for the 1993-1994 fraternal year. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program and sponsorship of service activities. The announcement was first made by the Knights of Columbus headquarters located in New Haven, Connecticut and then presented to the membership by the state deputy. In his announcement, Virgil C. Dechand, president of international said, " Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standard of excellence you have achieved." Grand Knight Danny Lechner proclaimed " The Star Council Award is quite an honor for us. We're extremely proud of this accomplishment."



As of December 1994 Steven Farry had been in the Knights 49 years. This year will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee. The council has 86 members and Jim Rigsby is one of 3 generations of Knights in the council. There are four Honorary Life Members, Fr Farrell, Fr Mockler, Steve Farry, and Norris Haltli.

Dan Butler, a United States Marine Corp Gunnery Sergeant, is the current Grand Knight. In 1992 he transferred from a council in Ratoul, Ill. Dan fondly remembers how when he first arrived in Mississippi in the winter '92 the heater had gone out in the camper in which he was living and it was Brother George Pitts, the knight that he was, who came to his rescue. Grand Knight Butler has served council 9409 as a program director and a Past Deputy Grand Knight. He is stressing what his predecessors have been striving for since the councils inception namely a closer working relationship within the organization and cohesive work with in the parish organizations culminating in a stronger community for everyone.

#### AWARDS

1986-87	Distinguished Council
1987-88	Best Newsletter Small Council Honor Council
1988-89	Honor Council Knights of Columbus Flag
1989-90	Share the Spirit - Papal Blessing Star Council Top Gunn Council
1990-91	Honor Council Share the Spirit Columbian Award Father McGivney Award
1991-92	Distinguished Council Best Church Activity Best Newsletter Top Gun Award Discovery Award Father McGivney Award Columbian Award
1992-93	Honor Council Founders Award Columbian Award

# St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543

## Madison, MS

1987-1988

Grand Knight - C. Mark Doiron  
Knight of the Year - Danny Sills  
Family of the Year - Bill and Karen Philipp

Council 9543 was chartered in April 1987 with 33 members. Charter members were:

Charles Burkell	Joseph Guiffria	Thomas Martin
Charles Mark Doiron	Kenneth Griggs	William Philipp
Louis Ball	Edwin Hannah	Mike Pumphrey
Keith Bates	James Helms	Thomas Reuter
Charlie Brock	Joseph Hill, Sr.	Mark Danny Sills
Rev. Paul Canonici	James Kelly	Vaughn Sims
Fredrick Cerami	Michael Kuriger	Robert Soukup
Michael Crandall	William Kuriger	A.J. Taranto
Michael Dillingham	Michael Lockett	Gary Theobald
James Elmerick	George Malouf	Antonio Vetrano
Frederick Fournet	Anthony Mansoor	M. Joseph Voda

### CHURCH

Council installed cross ties in church parking lot, landscaped church grounds and assembled church pews for dedication of new church.

Council constructed playground equipment for Assisi Early Learning Center.

### COMMUNITY

Council constructed a new roof on a house and repaired a partially burned house in Canton for Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty (MADCAAP).

Collected 925.00 in Tootsie Roll Drive which was donated to St. Richards Special Kids Program and Miss. Special Olympics.

Sponsored an Educational Forum to discuss the future of St. Joseph High School in Jackson.

## YOUTH

Sponsored a Fly-A-Kite Day attended by over 100 people.

## AWARDS

### INSURANCE

Contest of Champions - 1400% gain

### SUPREME

Community Activity Award

### STATE

Honor Council

Best Small Council Yearbook

1988-1989

Grand Knight - Keith Bates

Knight of the Year - Kerry Rabalais

### CHURCH

Continued construction of additional playground equipment for Assisi Early Learning Center.

### COMMUNITY

Collected over 1400.00 from Tootsie Roll Drive which was donated to St. Richards Special Kids Program and Miss. Special Olympics.

Knights cooked and secured a band for St. Richards Special Kids Day Fund Raiser.

### COUNCIL

Held a men's retreat at the Tullis-Toledano Manor in Biloxi and went Deep-Sea Fishing afterward.

Socials were held on the fifth Monday of each month.

## YOUTH

Held Easter Egg Hunt/ Fly-A-Kite Day and a Family night at a Jackson Mets game.

## MEMBERSHIP

Council receives a new Knights of Columbus flag for attaining a > 5% gain in net membership from Jan. 1988 - Dec. 1988.



## AWARDS

### INSURANCE

Contest of Champions - 750% Percentage Gain

### SUPREME

Columbian Award  
Fr. McGivney Award

### STATE

Honor Council  
Membership Award -Highest Percentage Gain - Small Council

### STATE DIRECTORS

Knight Mark Doiron appointed to State Membership Director in Sept. 1988.

Knight Keith Bates appointed as State Marian Hour of Prayer Chairman.

1989-1990

Grand Knight - Mike Crandall  
Knight of the Year - Gary Franco

Council records could not be located. See 86th Annual State Convention Proceedings for Grand Knights Report.

## AWARDS

### INSURANCE

Insurance Promotion Award - Percentage Gain - 1000%

### SUPREME

Star Council

1990-1991

Grand Knight - Mike Crandall  
Knight of the Year - Dennis Riecke

#### CHURCH

Knights provided workers for Church Christmas & Birthday Parties, and Parish Mission.

Knights supplied substantial manpower for Pig Roast Fund Raiser.

Knights installed a water line for use in church garden areas.

Knights cosponsored the Church Crawfish Boil.

#### COMMUNITY

Knights raised 1631.00 in Tootsie Roll Drive for donation to REACH program at St. Richards.

Knights provided weekly transportation during the school year for retarded citizens to participate in Saturday REACH masses and programs.

Knights assisted St. Joseph's in Gluckstadt by serving beer at their annual fund raiser - German Festival.

#### COUNCIL

Sponsored a Mardi Gras party attended by over 100 people.

Helped sponsor the 1991 KC State Convention in Jackson.

Served meals after each meeting to promote fraternity and attendance averaged 65%.

#### FAMILY

Family of the Month Awards were presented at Sunday masses.

Families attended Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree and had a social party afterwards.

#### YOUTH

Knights provided funds for construction of soccer goals.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Added over 30 new members and council membership exceeded 100 members.

## AWARDS

### SUPREME

Star Council  
Founders Award

### STATE

Top Gun Award

1991-1992

Grand Knight - John Maher  
Knight of the Year - Kenny Grissett  
Family of the Year - Rick and Sandy Kraus

### CHURCH

Knights painted woodwork at Assisi Early Learning Center.  
Knights donated money to seminarians.  
Knights got "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard displayed.  
Knights sold Christmas cards with religious themes.  
Knights sponsored a weekly ad to defray publication costs of Church bulletin.

### COMMUNITY

Council sponsored a clothing drive for MADCAAP.  
Knights volunteered to work at National Kidney Foundation Chili Cook Off.  
Council cleaned up a section of roadway near church in Madison's Adopt-A-Street program.

### COUNCIL

Council sponsors parish blood drive.  
Council sponsored spring and fall softball teams.  
Knights won round trip airline tickets in radio station cube stacking contest that were later raffled as a fund raiser.

### FAMILY

Fetal statues were donated to St. Joseph's and Madison-Ridgeland High Schools.



Council cosponsored the parish Christmas Party.

Council donated funds to the 1-800 number which provided pro-life counseling.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Ten Knights advanced to the 4th Degree in April 1991.

#### AWARDS

##### SUPREME

Fr. McGivney Award

##### STATE

Distinguished Council Award  
Best Large Council in Mississippi Award

1992-1993

Grand Knight - Dennis Riecke  
Knight of the Year - Mark Slinkard

#### CHURCH

Council taped Parish Mission for use by shut-ins.

Council replaced cross ties in church parking lot.

Knights lead rosary prior to Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays.

Council held a fish fry and donated proceeds to seminarians.

#### COMMUNITY

Raised over 1,600.00 during Tootsie Roll Drive for donation to St. Richards REACH program.

Purchased a VCR, camcorder, tripod and batteries for Catholic Charities.

Council continued weekly transportation during school year for REACH participants.

#### COUNCIL

Council sponsored a retreat, golf tournament and a softball team.

Council sponsored a fraternal benefits and will planning night.

## FAMILY

Sponsored a pizza dinner after our memorial mass for deceased members.

Sponsored a family night at Jackson Generals baseball game.

Knights recited the rosary at an abortion clinic.

## YOUTH

Council organized a parish drive to collect school supplies for poor children.

Held a bowling event for CYO.

Organized and cooked for a CYO pancake breakfast fund raiser.

Held a free throw contest.

## MEMBERSHIP

Recruited 16 new members and met insurance quota.

## AWARDS

### STATE

Distinguished Council  
Top Gun Award  
Highest percent membership gain  
Highest net membership gain

1993-1994

Grand Knight - Jimmy Nelson  
Knight of the Year - Dennis Riecke  
Family of the Year - Paul and Paula Doize'

## CHURCH

Knights repainted church parking lot stripes.

## COMMUNITY

Knights sponsored a roadblock to raise money to help pay for a liver transplant needed by a one year old parishioner.

Knights donated turkey dinners to needy families at Thanksgiving.

out and pig roast.

drive to collect school supplies for

- Highest net gain - 8
- Highest percentage gain - 266% quota

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P A T R I O T I S M



# James D. Hart Council 9673

Woolmart  
Gulfport, MS

Location; James D. Hart Council #9673 is located on the grounds of St. Mary's Parish. From Gulfport, Ms. take I-10 east or from Biloxi, Ms. take I-10 west to the Woolmarkrt Exit. Go north on Hwy.67 Approx. two blocks to intersection of Hwy.67 and Woolmarket Road. Turn left and proceed west approx. two blocks. St. Mary's Parish is on the left side of Woolmarket Road.

JAMES D. HART COUNCIL #9673 was established on Dec.7th 1987.

St. Mary's Parish was a small but growing Faith Community. Several Knights of Columbus Members attended St. Mary's but were Members of Knights of Columbus Councils in surrounding Parishes. The idea of a council in Woolmarket was thrashed around for several years.

There were about 20 Charter Members of the Newly formed Council. Grand Knight Al Stockert, Deputy Grand Knight Frank McManus, Financial Secretary Sam Orr, Chancellor Ernest Serpas, Advocate James Wallace, Outside Guard Jerry Amend, Inside Guard Charles Smith, Recorder James Eriksen, 3rd. Year Trustee Roger Scheeler, 2nd. Year Trustee Walt Ewing, 1st. Year Trustee Herman Morris all worked diligently to get the new Council on it's feet.

Our Council was named in Honor of the late, James D. Hart, who worked tirelessly to organize and establish the St. Mary's Parish and Faith Community.

Our Council has won many Awards but Awards is not what we are about. Our Council's Goal is Service to Our Fraternity Family, Our Faith Family, and Our Personal Families. If in the practice of these goals, we are recognized for an accomplishment, we accept with Pride and get back to the work at hand.

We hereby extend a cordial welcome to all of our Fraternal Family to visit our Council. Our Regular Business Meeting is held on the 2nd. monday night of each month. Our Council Social is held on the 4th monday night of each month. On the 3rd. Sunday of each month we hold a rosary beginning at 7;45 Am, followed by A KofC Sponsored Mass.

Our Council continues to strive for the "Good of the Order" and support of all with whom we are blessed to be associated.

# St. Ann Council 9958

Lizana  
Gulfport, MS

ST. ANN LIZANA COUNCIL # 9958, WAS CHARTERED ON DECEMBER 18, 1988. LIZANA, MS. IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN MILES NORTH EAST OF GULFPORT, MS. ON HIGHWAY #53, THE POPLARVILL HIGHWAY.

WITH 31 NEW MEMBERS AND THREE REINSTATED MEMBERS. THEY WERE EXEMPLIFIED IN BAY ST. LOUIS, MS.

THE CHARTER MEMBERS ARE: REV. PATRICK TIERNEY, ROBERT CAMPBELL, WALACE CLIFFORD, MARVIN CLIFFORD, KEITH CUEVAS, KERWIN CUEVAS, DARRYL DESCHAMP, PATRICK HEDDEN, W.C. KING, ELDRIDGE LADNER SR., ELDRIDGE LADNER JR., CECIL LADNER, MARTY LADNER, JOEY LADNER, STACY LADNER, CHARLES LIZANA JR, PAUL MCGILL, IRA MCKAY, CARY MORAN, FRANCIS MORAN, GARLAND MORAN, JACK MORAN, JAMES MORAN, JOHN MORAN, OLIGE MORAN, PERRY MORAN, JOHN NECAISE, ROBERT NECAISE, BILL NICAISE, KINNETH O'NEAL, GLEN PARKER, PATRICK PETERSON, JOHN PIERCE, AND L. J. SHAW.

THE FIRST OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL WERE:

GRAND KNIGHT: PATRICK HEDDEN

WARDEN: KERWIN CUEVAS

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: WALLACE CLIFFORD

INSIDE GUARD: JOHN MORAN

CHANCELLOR: ELDRIDGE LADNER SR.

OUTSIDE GUARD: CHARLES LIZANA JR.

RECORDING SECRETARY: JOHN NECAISE

TRUSTEE: CARY MORAN

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: KENNETH O'NEAL

TRUSTEE: STACY LADNER

TRESURER: KEITH CUEVAS

TRUSTEE: FRANCIS MORAN

ADVOCATE: ELDRIDGE LADNER JR.

OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN FROM 34 IN 1988, TO 61 IN 1996. AND OUR DUES HAVE GONE FROM \$24.00 IN 1988, TO \$12.00 IN 1996. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO MAKE THE KNIGHTS AFFORDABLE FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO JOIN. WE FEEL WE SOMETIME LOOSE FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE. ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 65 IS EXEMPT FROM COUNCIL DUES IN COUNCIL #9958. WE OWE THIS TO OUR SENIORS.

WE HAVE PURCHASED AND PAID FOR 3 ACRES OF LAND ADJOINING THE CHURCH PROPERTY. IT IS LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 53, NEXT TO ST. ANN CHURCH HALL.

ST. ANN COUNCIL CHARTERED A SQUIRES CIRCLE ON FEBRUARY 7, 1991, NAMED AFTER OUR FORMER PASTOR WHO HAD DIED. IT IS CURRENTLY DOWN TO 6 MEMBERS AND IN MORITORIUM. WE WILL RE-ACTIVATE IT.

ST. ANN LIZANA COUNCIL #9958 HELD AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO FORM AN ASSEMBLY AT LIZANA ON MAY 5, 1992. ST. ANN ASSEMBLY #2284 CURRENTLY HAS 23 MEMBERS, AND IS ACTIVE.

OUR PRINCIPAL FUND RAISERS ARE AN ANNUAL \$5000.00 DRAW DOWN AND BINGO. FROM BINGO REVENUE WE CONTRIBUTE TO, THE COUNCIL, ST. ANN CHURCH, THE C.C.D. PROGRAM, MENTAL RETARDATION, de Le PEY DEAF CENTER, THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR STATE AFFILIATED AUXILIARY, AND THEY WITH US. IT IS AN EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP FOR OUR MUTUAL BENEFITS. THEY HAVE 29 MEMBERS.

WE ARE TRULY A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY AT ST. ANN LIZANA.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY NEW THINGS FOR OUR COUNCIL AND OUR ASSEMBLY WITH THE CONTINUED COOPERATION OF OUR MEMBERS AND OF OUR PASTOR, REVEREND FINTAN KILMURRAY. WE THANK HIM FOR ALL OF HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HELP.

THE GRAND KNIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN FROM 1988 TO CURRENT:

PATRICK HEDDEN	12-18-88 TO 6-30-90
HOLLIS MORAN	7-1-90 TO 6-30-92
ANTHONY MORAN	7-1-92 TO 6-30-94
HOLLIS MORAN	7-1-94 TO 6-30-97

THE FAITHFUL NAVAGATORS FOR ST. ANN ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN FROM 1992 TO CURRENT:

HOLLIS MORAN	5-5- 92 TO 6-30-94
ANTHONY MORAN	7-1-94 TO 6-30-97



## St. Paul Council 10216

### Brandon, MS

St. Paul Council 10216 started like Father McGivney's first council. A note was put in the church bulletin asking if there were any men interested in forming a K of C council at St. Paul.

The first organizational meeting was held early February 1989, four men responded meeting with District Deputy Dan Farrell, and Gerry Clark.

The March meeting was held with 5 additional members. The following month there were 19 new men to take the first degree.

At this point, we moved from a home meeting to the Commons at St. Paul Church. During the next few months our membership grew to the 30 + members required to apply for a council.

In March 1990, exactly one year later, St. Paul 10216 was chartered.

Chartered members are as follows:

John Abdou	Brian P. Clark	William Hertz
Marvin Ackerman	Richard M. Clark	Leonard L. Hoover
Larry Anderson	Charles Davis	Carl W. Johnson
J. Malloy Annison	John Fennel	J. Richard Lane
Wayne B. Butler	Richard Fielding	Hugh Lentz
Raymond C. Butz	Gerard J. Guthrie	John Lewis III
Lloyd G. Long	Morgan K. McGeoy	Richard E. Martin
Joseph V. Miller	Carl J. Moore	Joseph W. Morton
Joseph Simon Jr.	James M. Smith	Jules L. Tolivar
James J. Waggoner	Frank A. Whitehead	Louis F. Zylka

At our first meeting in February 1990, we elected our Grand Knight, Louis F. Zylka. Lou's love of the Knights of Columbus gave us the leadership we needed to be a competitive council from the start.

The Grand Knights are as follows:

Louis F. Zylka 1990 - 1991      John C Lewis III 1991 - 1993  
Frank Whitehead 1993 - 1995

Programs participated in from conception of the council:

- \* St. Paul's playground project (on going)
- \* K of C Tootsie Roll drive (on going)
- \* Priest Education Fund (on going)
  - \* Halloween Gala 1990, 1991
  - \* The Marian Hour of Prayer (on going)
  - \* The Stations of the Cross (on going)
  - \* Yearly Christmas Party (on going)
  - \* Organized the Blood Drive (on going)
  - \* Founders Day Celebration
  - \* Highway Cleanup, Highway 25
  - \* State Free Throw Competition
  - \* Knight of the Year Program

Added note of the long hours expended by Past Grand Knight John Lewis III, in getting our yearly Tootsie Roll Drive underway, and the organization he has given it each year.

Awards received by Council 10216 are as follows:

- |                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| * Star Council                        | * Honor Council   |
| * Fr. McGivney Award                  | * Top Gun Council |
| * Greatest Percentage of Growth Award |                   |
| * Distinguished Council Award         |                   |

In it's years of existence, St. Paul Council 10216 has grown to 67 members. The area of location lends itself to being a transient council, where members transfer in and out rapidly, this is an added chore for council membership committee.

The hosting of many membership First, Second, and Third degrees are quite common in St. Paul History, due to its central location and country setting.

St. Paul Council observed its first loss of membership due to the passing of Marvin Ackerman, Financial Secretary. In honor of Marvin, the Knights erected a memorial at the entrance of St. Paul Church along with the construction of a Church Entrance Marker.

Council 10216 was a participant in the 1991 Convention in Jackson, and has taken on the joint responsibility of the 1995 State Convention.

St. Paul Council belongs to District 4 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction and is proud to part of the Family of Knights.

# Father Clifford Meador Council 10443

## Grenada, MS

Chartered July 12, 1990

### Charter Membership

Sam Barranco  
Terence Collins  
Joseph Corbett  
Bobby Cummins  
David Daigneault  
Patrick Daly  
Rev. Thomas Delaney  
John Dunlap  
Anthony Gorman  
Bill Hannan III

Buddy Honeycutt  
Curtis Hopkins  
John Hubbuch  
Donald King  
Michael Liberto  
Raymond Liberto  
Benjamin Logan  
Frank Marascalco  
Louis Marascalco  
Vincent Marascalco

John Mardis  
Kevin McCurdy  
Robert McCurdy  
Edwin Merriman, Sr.  
Edwin Merriman, Jr.  
Leroy Munstenteiger  
Thomas Oakes, Jr.  
Donny Ryals  
Henry Theis  
Nick Zelenak

### Grand Knights

1990-1993	Eddie Merriman, Jr.
1993-present	Michael Liberto

### Awards

Honor Council  
Distinguished Council  
Top Gun Council (2 times)  
Columbia Award  
Top Proposer Award (Michael Liberto)

### Activities

- Actively supporting the CYO with two member knights serving as adult advisors.
- Annual Tootsie Roll Drive with local disbursements totaling over \$5600 in four years.
- Participation in Adopt-A-Highway cleanup program in 1994.
- Nine members received the Fourth Degree in 1994.

### In Recognition

We would like to thank Jesse Quinn III and Edwin Merriman, Sr. for their efforts in organizing our council and recruiting the charter membership in 1990.



# **Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council 10499**

## **Ocean Springs, MS**

Formation meetings were conducted by Deacon Martin Finnegan with 1st degrees being held at Biloxi council. The Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council, #10499, was officially chartered on 6 Nov. 90. The following are the charter members of this council:

REV. FATHER GEORGE KITCHEN  
REV. DEACON MARTIN T. FINNEGAN  
JERRY T. BODIN  
GASTON C. BORDIS, IV  
KARL G. BRUENING  
DANIEL M. BURT  
ROY H. CARROL  
LESTER L. COTTRELL  
ROBERT A. DELANEY  
THOMAS C. DENNY  
FRANCIS K. DUHON, JR.  
DARREN R. FINNEGAN  
JAMES FRENCH  
MARK A. FUNKE  
CARL W. GALLE

LAWRENCE E. GALLE  
GARY F. GOLLOT, SR.  
THOMAS L. GUERTIN  
THOMAS J. HOMSAHY  
RUSSELL A. MARCELLUS  
JEFFERY A. MATTISON  
MATHEW F. McNULTY, JR.  
BRUCE PABON  
ALOYSIUS J. PRYMULA  
MICHAEL F. QUINT  
JON B. RIVERA  
KERRY S. ROBERTS  
MICHAEL A. STREIFF  
CHARLES E. TAYLOR  
TROY P. WAGNER

### **1990/91 FRATERNAL YEAR**

The first meeting of council 10499 was held on 6 November 1990 with the primary agenda items being the election of officers and naming the council. After nominations were completed, the following officers were elected/appointed as the first officers of council 10499:

GRAND KNIGHT - BRUCE PABON  
DEPUTY GK - TROY WAGNER  
CHANCELLOR - THOMAS HOMSAHY  
RECORDER - KERRY ROBERTS  
FIN. SECRETARY - JEFF MATTISON  
TREASURER - BOB DELANEY  
ADVOCATE - JON RIVERA

LECTURER - MIKE STREIFF  
WARDEN - MARK FUNKE  
INSIDE GUARD - ROY CARROLL  
OUTSIDE GUARD - JIM FRENCH  
3-YEAR TRUSTEE - MATT McNULTY  
2-YEAR TRUSTEE - CARL BRUENING  
1-YEAR TRUSTEE - RUSS MARCELLUS

When elections were completed, three (3) nominations for the name of the council were made. The following is a result of the vote:

MONSIGNOR GREGORY KENNEDY -- 11 votes  
JOHN SEYMORE -- 7 votes  
REVEREND JACK WESLEY SMITH -- 1 vote

The following is a list of important events for the year:

- The councils first Tootsie Roll sale will be held 13-19 May 1991.
- Insurance agent offered a challenge: 23 insured members by 1 July 1991 will result in one set of council officer jewels at no charge. Goal was reached.
- Second meeting to be held each month, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.
- First Po-Boy Fund raiser to be held in February 1991.
- Lady's Auxiliary formed.

- First Degree Team certified.
- Knight-of-the-Month program initiated.
- First Seniors Graduation breakfast held to honor graduates.
- Printed council news letter, "KNIGHTLY NEWS".

### 1991/92 FRATERNAL YEAR

The following are the elected officers for the 1991/92 fraternal year.

<b>GRAND KNIGHT - BRUCE PABON</b>	<b>LECTURER - MIKE STREIFF</b>
<b>DEPUTY GK - BILLY WAGNER</b>	<b>WARDEN - JIM FRENCH</b>
<b>CHANCELLOR - THOMAS HOMSANY</b>	<b>INSIDE GUARD - ROY CARROLL</b>
<b>RECORDER - KERRY ROBERTS</b>	<b>OUTSIDE GUARD - CHARLES TAYLOR</b>
<b>FIN. SECRETARY - JEFF MATTISON</b>	<b>3-YEAR TRUSTEE - RUSS MARCELLUS</b>
<b>TREASURER - BOB DELANEY</b>	<b>2-YEAR TRUSTEE - MATT McNULTY</b>
<b>ADVOCATE - TIM BATTLE</b>	<b>1-YEAR TRUSTEE - JERRY BODIN</b>

The following is a list of important events for the year:

- Family-of-the-Month award program initiated
- All expenditure requests other than normal will be given to the trustees for review.
- Clean-up committee established.
- Annual blood drive started.
- Council awarded Star Council Award, 1990/91.
- Corporate communion initiated.
- Changes to By-laws.
- Council received five (5) awards at state convention:
  - Best Small Council
- Seniors graduation breakfast

## 1993/94 FRATERNAL YEAR

The following are the elected officers for the 1993/94 fraternal year.

GRAND KNIGHT - BRUCE PABON  
DEPUTY GK - TIM BATTLE  
CHANCELLOR - THOMAS HOMSANY  
RECORDER - ROLAND HILDEBRAND

FIN. SECRETARY - JEFF MATTISON  
TREASURER - LONNIE LOWERY  
ADVOCATE - JON RIVERA

LECTURER - MIKE STREIFF  
WARDEN - LES COTTRELL  
INSIDE GUARD - STEVE BODIN  
OUTSIDE GUARD - RICHARD OSBORNE  
PHILIP TAYLOR  
3-YEAR TRUSTEE - MATT McNULTY  
2-YEAR TRUSTEE - JERRY BODIN  
1-YEAR TRUSTEE - RUSS MARCELLUS

The following is a list of important events for the year:

- Star Council Award.
- Council Softball Tournament
- Fin. Sec. resigns, Kerry Roberts appointed
- State Convention Awards:  
Honor Council

## 1992/93 FRATERNAL YEAR

The following are the elected officers for the 1992/93 fraternal year.

GRAND KNIGHT - BRUCE PABON  
DEPUTY GK - BILLY WAGNER  
CHANCELLOR - THOMAS HOMSANY  
RECORDER - KERRY ROBERTS

FIN. SECRETARY - JEFF MATTISON  
TREASURER - LARRY TUCI  
ADVOCATE - TIM BATTLE

LECTURER - MIKE STREIFF  
WARDEN - CHARLES TAYLOR  
INSIDE GUARD - LES COTTRELL  
OUTSIDE GUARD - RICHARD OSBORNE  
STEVE BODIN  
3-YEAR TRUSTEE - JERRY BODIN  
2-YEAR TRUSTEE - RUSS MARCELLUS  
1-YEAR TRUSTEE - MATT McNULTY

The following is a list of important events for the year:

- Treasurer resigned; new treasurer elected - Lonnie Lowery
- Shroud exhibit.
- First Community Appreciation Dinner.
- Deputy GK resigned; new DGK elected - Mike Leleux
- Council awards won at State Convention:
  - Distinguished Council Award
  - Top Gun Award
  - Best Scrap Book
  - Best Community Project
  - Best Council in Division
  - Highest Total Points in State

Officer ballot for the 1993/94 fraternal year presented to the council and the floor opened for further nominations.



# St. John Council 10901

## Oxford, MS

Council 10901 was established May 17, 1992. The charter members are: Stanley C. Acton, Larry T. Agostinelli, Duane L. Andrews, Santo L. Arico, Joseph B. Atkins, Martin J. Bearty, James F. Culhane, Benny M. Duncan, Samuel L. Ducas, Dominick L. Fimiano, Robert A. Grant, Robert L. Hudson, Robert L. Hudson II, Thomas J. Hughes, Chris A. Kadlec, Theodore J. Klinge, Thomas C. Levidiotis, Mathew A. May, Michael V. Namorato, Dennis N. Ott, Thomas J. Reardon, William R. Reynolds, Michael D. Ridgeway, John V. Roca, Charles A. Rocconi, Rev. Kevin Slattery, William A. Staton, Peter C. Sukanek, Timothy L. Walsh, Gary R. Yeck.

### Grand Knights

1992-93 - William R. Reynolds  
1993-94 - William R. Reynolds  
1994-95 - Peter C. Sukanek

### State Officers

1993-94 - Rev. Kevin Slattery, State Chaplain  
1994-95 - Rev. Kevin Slattery, State Chaplain

### State Awards

1993 - Father McGivney Award; Top Gun Award; Highest Net Gain-Small Council; Highest Percentage Gain-Small Council  
1994 - Top Gun Award

### Convention Delegates

1993 - Gary Yeck, Tony Grant; Bob Hudson (Financial Secretary)  
1994 - Bob Hudson, John Caron

### Activities

1993 - Free-throw Championship (1/16/93); Benefits Night (2/19/93); Tootsie Roll Drive (4/30-5/1/93); CYO softball tourney (7/18/93); formed first degree team, certified 9/93; First Degree Exemplification 9/23/93, 10/14/93; rummage sale for Domestic Violence Center (11/20/93); Marian Hour of Prayer (12/9/93)

1994 - Honor Our Clergy Pot Luck (1/22/94); Free-throw Championship (1/29/94); Bike Raffle (4/94); First Degree Exemplification (5/11/94); Tootsie Roll Drive (5/13-5/14/94); spring membership drive; officer installation (7/7/94); CYO softball tourney (7/10/94)

### Regularly Sponsored Activities

First Saturday Rosary  
Rosary before meetings  
Family of the Month  
Knight of the Month  
Council Newsletter "the Knight's Herald"



## Columbian Squires

FROM 1989 TO 1995, THE SQUIRES IN OUR STATE HAVE TAKEN AN BIG STEP IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND CIRCLE DEVELOPMENT. AT THE END OF THE 1994-1995 FRATERNAL YEAR, MISSISSIPPI RANKED #1 IN HIGHEST PER CENT GAIN IN CIRCLE DEVELOPMENT AND #1 IN HIGHEST PER CENT GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP WORLDWIDE. NOW, IN THE 1995-1996 FRATERNAL YEAR, WE ARE STILL RANKED AT THE TOP OF OUR DIVISION #6 WITH TOTAL MEMBERS GAINED AND PER CENT GAINED AND WE HAVEN'T FELL FROM THAT POSITION NOT ONCE DURING THE FRATERNAL YEAR.

WE HAVE HAD SOME GREAT SERVICE WORK PERFORMED BY OUR SQUIRES. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN HELPING THE ELDERLY AT NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND HELPING THOSE THAT ARE SHUT-INS. THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES HAS SOARED TO ITS HIGHEST LEVEL EVER. WHEN A YOUNGMAN BECOMES A SQUIRE HE IS ASKED BY HIS NEW BROTHER SQUIRES TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES. ONE OF THESE BEING TO BECOME AN ALTER SERVER SO THAT HE MAY BETTER SERVE OUR LORD AT MASS AND IN HIS EVERYDAY LIFE. IN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS, THE SQUIRES HAVE GROWN IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS. IN THEIR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES, THE SQUIRES HAVE EXEMPLIFIED THE ACTIONS OF THE YOUNG CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN THAT THEY TRULY ARE. THEY HAVE NOT ONLY BECAME A SQUIRE, BUT ARE ALSO THE LEADERS IN THIER SCHOOLS, THEIR FRATERNATIES, AND IN SPORTS AS WELL.

DURING THE FRATERNAL YEAR 1992-1993 AND AGAIN IN 1994-1995, LAUREL CIRCLE 3768 WAS THE RECEIPT OF THE BROTHER BARNABAS AWARD. THEIR PROJECTS OF TORNADO CLEAN-UP AND RENOVATION OF THE SECOND OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MISSISSIPPI FOR IT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY, AT PAULDING, GAINED THEM THE ONLY BROTHER BARNABAS AWARDS EVER TO BE PRESENTED IN OUR STATE. FOR THE FRATERNAL YEARS FROM 1992 THROUGH 1995, OCEAN SPRINGS CIRCLE 2852 WON IT'S THIRD IN A ROW CORP DE ELITE AWARD, WITH LAUREL CIRCLE 3768 AND GULFPORT CIRCLE 3091 ALSO WINNING CORP DE ELITE AWARDS ONCE EACH OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE 7 SQUIRE CIRCLES IN MISSISSIPPI, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS, OCEAN SPRINGS CIRCLE 2852, GULFPORT CIRCLE 3091, LAUREL CIRCLE 3768, LIZANA CIRCLE 3872, PICAYUNE CIRCLE 4234, KILN CIRCLE 4251, AND LUMBERTON-POPLARVILLE CIRCLE. THANKS TO THE HARD WORK AND PLANNING OF THE WORTHY GRAND KNIGHT, MR. WILSON JOHN, AND THE WORTHY DISTRICT



DEPUTY CURT STANSEY, THE REALITY OF HAVING A SQUIRE CIRCLE SPONSORED BY THE LUMBERTON-POPLARVILLE COUNCIL TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 3, 1996. ELEVEN YOUNGMEN SAID YES TO THE CALL ON BECOMING A SQUIRE. THERE ARE SEVERAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS THAT ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING SPONSORSHIP OF A SQUIRE CIRCLE IN THEIR AREA. A CHALLENGE HAS BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL COUNCILS IN OUR STATE TO SPONSOR A SQUIRE CIRCLE. THE GREATEST ACTIVITY A COUNCIL CAN PARTICIPATE IN IS THE SPONSORSHIP OF A COLUMBIAN SQUIRE CIRCLE. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO SHARE OUR LOVE FOR GOD, OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS, OUR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY, THAN TO SHARE IT WITH THE YOUNG CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN KNOWN AS THE COLUMBIAN SQUIRES OF MISSISSIPPI.

ON JANUARY 27, 1996, OUR STATE SQUIRE OFFICERS TRAVELED TO OCEAN SPRINGS FOR THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR. MANY GOALS WERE SET FOR THIS YEAR AND PLANS ARE IN THE MAKING FOR THE STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND FOR STATE CONVENTION, BOTH WHICH WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE PICAYUNE CIRCLE 4234. A SINCERE THANKS GOES OUT TO THOSE YOUNGMEN IN THE PICAYUNE CIRCLE AND TO THEIR COUNCELORS FOR THE FINE WORK THEY ARE PERFORMING. THEY ARE TRULY A CIRCLE THAT LIVES UP TO THEIR MOTTO OF "ESTO DIGNUS".

THE FIRST STATE SQUIRES CONVENTION WAS HELD THIS PAST FRATERNAL YEAR AND WAS HOSTED BY THE LAUREL CIRCLE 3768 AND THE LAUREL COUNCIL 2180. SQUIRES FROM ALL OVER THE STATE CAME TO MEET ONE ANOTHER AND JOIN IN THE PLANNING OF THE FUTURE OF THE SQUIRES IN OUR STATE FOR YEARS TO COME. AT THE CONVENTION, NEW STATE OFFICERS WERE ELECTED, A SQUIRE OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE WAS SELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT, AND A SQUIRE COUNCELOR OF THE YEAR WAS SELECTED. AFTER THEIR MEETING, THEY ENJOYED A GREAT MEAL PREPARED BY THE KNIGHTS OF THE LAUREL COUNCIL. THEN THE SQUIRES TOOK THEIR PLACE ON THE PLAYING FIELD. THEIR WAS A FOOTBALL GAME IN THE PARK, A BASKETBALL GAME AT THE PARISH HALL, AND A VOLLEY BALL GAME IN THE PARKING LOT. AROUND 5:00 P.M., THEY ALL GATHERED AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH TO GIVE THANKS TO OUR LORD FOR A BEAUTIFUL AND PRODUCTIVE DAY THAT THEY ALL SPENT TOGETHER. EACH SQUIRE CIRCLE AND NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS WERE RECOGNIZED BY OUR COUNCIL CHAPLIN FATHER KEN RAMON-LANDRY, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK PERFORMED OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND HE BLESSED THEM THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. AFTER MASS WAS CELEBRATED, THEY ALL

RETURNED TO THE PARISH HALL WHERE THEY SAID THEIR FAREWELLS TO ONE ANOTHER, ONLY UNTIL THEY MEET AGAIN ON THE PLAYING FIELD AT PICAYUNE.

SINCE 1989 THE SQUIRES HAVE BEEN GROWING AT A RATE THAT CAN CREDITED TO MANY THINGS. THE STATE OFFICERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS, TO THE COUNCILS WHO HAVE WORKED HARD IN SPONSORING THEIR SQUIRE CIRCLES ON A LOCAL LEVEL, AND TO ONE MAN WHO IS KNOWN STATE WIDE AS MR. SQUIRE, OUR STATE SQUIRES CHAIRMAN ,MR. CHARLIE UNDERWOOD. WITHOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE SUPPORTERS, THE SQUIRES IN OUR STATE NOT HAVE SURVIVED. BUT WITH THE HARD WORK AND EFFORTS FOCUSED AS ONE, OUR SQUIRES HAVE BECAME THE BEST AT WHAT EVER THEY HAVE DONE. MAY GOD BLESS THE SQUIRES ORGANIZATION AND ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THEM.



# State Conventions in Mississippi

Since the establishment of the Order in the State there have been 90 State Conventions. The first recorded convention or the fifth convention was in Meridian, Mississippi in 1909. Conventions from the year 1909 until 1984 were listed in the Original History and in the Second Edition. It is the intent of this updated history to list only the information for the years 1984 - 1994. The following list is published as a matter of interest along with the membership at the time.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1984	Jackson	4342	1985	Meridian	4401
1886	Jackson	4473	1987	Biloxi	4617
1988	Tupelo	4646	1989	Jackson	4701
1990	Biloxi	4779	1991	Jackson	4973
1992	Natchez	5145	1993	Tupelo	5227
1994	Biloxi	5157			

## Bishop R.O. Gerow Memorial Fund (Priest Education Fund)

In the year 1994, we initiated a new program of personal contribution. The first year we received a total of \$360.00. Last year we received a total of \$766.00, almost double the receipts of 1994. We hope to increase this amount this year.

Contributions from the Councils in the Biloxi Diocese for 1995 was \$24,387.00, for a 43 year total of \$440,170.00, from the councils in the Jackson Diocese for 1995 was \$22,441.00, for a 43 year total of \$379,262.00 and miscellaneous funds of \$11,547.00 for a grand total of \$830,979.00. The \$11,547.00 in miscellaneous funds have been carried for some time, the origin of which I am not aware.

The funds for education of seminarians for the Priesthood is one of the most important functions of our Honored Order. We need priests for the celebration of Holy Mass and to minister to us in our hour of need.

Open your hearts and wallets and make a personal contribution to the Priest Education Fund.



# Insurance Department

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, IN 1985 WAS SERVICED BY FOUR FIELD AGENTS. ON DECEMBER 31, 1985 THE AGENCY HAD IN FORCE \$30,956,366 VOLUME OF COVERAGE TO PROTECT IT'S MEMBERS AND FAMILIES.

FROM THAT POINT ON, WE HAVE HAD GOOD GROWTH IN COVERAGE ON MEMBERS AND IN OUR AGENCY TEAM. TODAY WE HAVE SIX FIELD AGENTS SERVICING MISSISSIPPI. THEIR NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWING: TOM ROSSETTO; FRED WARD; JERRY WOODS; CHRISTOPHER CARRUBBA; LARRY CAMPBELL; AND JIM RIGBY.

	CERTIFICATES IN FORCE LIFE	INSURANCE IN FORCE	PREMIUM IN FORCE
1987	2,925	\$43,976,366	\$564,700
1988	3,135	\$53,057,440	\$730,970
1989	3,378	\$64,948,640	\$926,544
1990	3,708	\$82,493,231	\$834,469
1991	4,012	\$93,955,716	\$969,512
1992	4,201	\$102,605,072	\$1,536,674
1993	4,510	\$116,426,629	\$1,502,535

OUR 1994 IS NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME, BUT I HAVE THE STATISTICS TOTALS BUT NOT ON LOSSES.

APPLICATIONS ISSUED TO 11/30/94	VOLUME WRITTEN TO 11/30/94	PREMIUM WRITTEN TO 11/30/94
421	\$19,906,229	\$168,180

# Awards

Awards come 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 1984 and their recipients.

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:

- 1985 HONOR COUNCIL - Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburg, Bay St Louis, Hattiesburg, Clarksdale, Long Beach, Kiln, Southaven, Lumberton, Clinton, McComb, St Therese.
- DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL - Biloxi, Pascagoula, Greenville, Laurel, Leland, Greenwood, Ocean Springs (5654), Picayune, Columbus, Pearl, Tupelo.
- 1986 HONOR COUNCIL - Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburg, Gulfport (1583), Pascagoula, Greenville, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Cleveland, Kiln, Clinton, Brookhaven, North Biloxi.
- DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL - Laurel, Leland, Ocean Springs (5654), Picayune, Columbus, Pearl, McComb, Tupelo.
- 1987 HONOR COUNCIL - Meridian, Vicksburg, Bay St Louis, Clarksdale, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Greenwood, Ocean Springs (5654), Kiln, Clinton, Brookhaven, McComb, St Therese, Holly Springs, North Biloxi.
- DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL - Biloxi, Gulfport (1583), Pascagoula, Laurel, Leland, Cleveland, Columbus, Tupelo, Gautier, West Biloxi.
- 1988 HONOR COUNCIL - Vicksburg, Natchez, Bay St Louis, Gulfport (1583), Hattiesburg, Greenville, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Kiln, Southaven, Clinton, Brookhaven, Columbus, Pearl, Gulfport (7910), McComb, St Therese, Holly Springs, Madison, West Biloxi.
- DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL - Meridian, Biloxi, Pascagoula, Laurel, Leland, Cleveland, Tupelo.
- 1989 HONOR COUNCIL - Jackson, Vicksburg, Natchez, Bay St Louis, Gulfport (1583), Pascagoula, Greenville, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Picayune, Kiln, Southaven, Gulfport (7910), Brookhaven, Clinton, McComb, St Therese, Holly Springs, Tupelo, West Biloxi, Madison.
- DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL - Meridian, Biloxi, Laurel, Leland, Long Beach, Ocean Springs (5654), Columbus, Woolmarket.

- 1990 HONOR COUNCIL - Vicksburg, Greenville, Ocean Springs (5654)  
Natchez, Biloxi, Bay St Louis, Gulfport (1583),  
Pascagoula, Laurel, Leland, Clarksdale, Long Beach,  
Greenwood, Bassfield, Starkville, Southaven, Brook-  
haven, Columbus, Clinton, St Therese, Holly Springs,  
Madison, McComb.
- DISTINGUISHED - Meridian, Pass Christian, Cleveland, Kiln, Gautier,  
COUNCIL West Biloxi, Woolmarket.
- 1991 HONOR COUNCIL - Meridian, Jackson, Bay St Louis, Pascagoula, Leland,  
Clarksdale, Cleveland, Shelby, Starkville, Picayune,  
Kiln, Southaven, Columbus, Pearl, Holly Springs,  
North Biloxi, West Biloxi, Lizana, Brandon, Grenada,  
Ocean Springs (10499).
- DISTINGUISHED - Vicksburg, Natchez, Biloxi, Gulfport (1583), Laurel,  
COUNCIL Pass Christian, Long Beach, Greenwood, Ocean Springs  
(5654), Brookhaven, McComb, St Therese, Tupelo,  
Gautier, Madison, Woolmarket.
- 1992 HONOR COUNCIL - Vicksburg, Natchez, biloxi, Bay St Louis, Gulfport  
(1583), Pascagoula, Laurel, Leland, Long Beach,  
Cleveland, Picayune, Kiln, Southaven, Pearl, McComb,  
Holly Springs, North Biloxi.
- DISTINGUISHED - Meridian, Clarksdale, Pass Christian, Ocean Springs  
COUNCIL (5654), Brookhaven, St Therese, Tupelo, West Biloxi,  
Madison, Woolmarket, Lizana, Brandon, Ocean Springs  
(10499).
- 1993 HONOR COUNCIL - Natchez, Bay St Louis, Gulfport (1583), Pascagoula,  
Greenville, Laurel, Leland, Pass Christian, Long Beach,  
North Biloxi, West Biloxi, Woolmarket, Brandon.
- DISTINGUISHED - Meridian, Biloxi, Clarksdale, Greenwood, Ocean Springs,  
COUNCIL (5654), Picayune, Brookhaven, Pearl, St Therese, Tupelo,  
Madison, Ocean Springs (10499).
- 1994 HONOR COUNCIL - Vicksburg, Bay St Louis, Gulfport (1583) Pascagoula,  
Leland, Long Beach, Cleveland, Ocean Springs (5654),  
Picayune, Gulfport (7910), Pearl, McComb, Ocean Springs,  
(10499).
- DISTINGUISHED - Meridian, Hattiesburg, Pass Christian, Greenwood,  
COUNCIL Brookhaven, St Therese, Tupelo, Grenada.



## Past State Deputies Award (Hilton Seymour Award)

The Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour Award for outstanding Columbian activity was started in 1959. This award was presented by Hilton Seymour until his death. The Past State Deputies now present this same award however the name was changed in 1992 to the Past State Deputies Award.

1985	Pearl	8038	1990	None	
1986	St Therese	8285	1991	Vicksburg	898
1987	Pascagoula	1605	1992	Natchez	1034
1988	Biloxi	1244	1993	Meridian	802
1989	None		1994	St Therese	8285

## Scrapbook Award

At the institution of the Inter Council Competition of Best Council Award was based upon proof that was presented at the convention in the form of a scrapbook. In 1978 the scrapbook itself was judged and an award was given for the best according to council size. In 1990 class of council size was eliminated and judging was to include the 4 best scrapbooks.

1985	Small	None		1990	Meridian	802
	Medium	Lumberton	7211		Pascagoula	1605
	Large	Kiln	7087		Vicksburg	898
	Extra Large	Biloxi	1244		Biloxi	1244
1986	Small	Tupelo	8848	1991	Meridian	802
	Medium	None			Vicksburg	898
	Large	Meridian	802		Gulfport	1583
	Extra Large	Bay St Louis	1522		Pascagoula	1605
1987	Small	Brookhaven	7915	1992	Meridian	802
	Medium	Picayune	6872		Biloxi	1244
	Large	Long Beach	4898		Gulfport	1583
	Extra Large	Pascagoula	1605		Pascagoula	1605
1988	Small	Madison	9543	1993	Meridian	802
	Medium	Picayune	6872		Biloxi	1244
	Large	Meridian	802		Gulfport	1583
		Long Beach	4898		Ocean Springs	10499
	Extra Large	Biloxi	1244			
1989	Small	Long Beach	4898	1994	None	
	Medium	Meridian	802			
	Large	Gulfport	1583			
	Extra Large	Pascagoula	1605			

## Newsletter Award

The Best Newsletter Award was started in 1979. It was given to councils according to their size, Small, Intermediate, Large. In 1984 the categories changed to Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large.

1979	Small	Southaven	7120	1980	Small	Lumberton	7211
	Intermediate	Hattiesburg	1908		Intermed.	Hattiesburg	1908
	Large	None			Large	None	
1981	Small	Lumberton	7211	1982	Small	Kiln	7087
	Intermediate	Meridian	802		Intermed.	Bassfield	6592
	Large	Pascagoula	1605		Large	Pascagoula	1605
1983	Small	Clinton	7854	1984	Small	St Therese	8285
	Intermediate	Hattiesburg	1908		Medium	Lumberton	7211
	Large	Pascagoula	1605		Large	Hattiesburg	1908
					Ex Large	Bay St Louis	1522
1985	Small	Tupelo	8848	1986	Small	McComb	8054
	Medium	McComb	8054		Medium	Kiln	7087
	Large	Kiln	7087		Large	Meridian	802
	Extra Large	Biloxi	1244		Ex Large	Bay St Louis	1522
1987	Small	Kiln	7087	1988	Small	West Biloxi	9409
	Medium	Pass Christian	4472		Medium	None	
	Large	Laurel	2180		Large	Laurel	2180
	Extra Large	Bay St Louis	1522		Ex Large	Vicksburg	898
						Gulfport	1583
1989	Small	Long Beach	4898				
	Medium	Laurel	2180				
	Large	Meridian	802				
	Extra Large	Bay St Louis	1522				

In 1990 the categories or size was eliminated and all were judged together and awards were given to the top four.

1990	Bay St Louis	1522	1991	Vicksburg	898
	Pascagoula	1605		Gulfport	1583
	Greenville	2134		Kiln	7087
	Meridian	802		Gautier	9124
1992	Biloxi	1244	1993	Meridian	802
	Gulfport	1583		Biloxi	1244
	Pascagoula	1605		Gulfport	1583
	West Biloxi	9409		Greenville	2134
1994	Gulfport	1583			
	Pascagoula	1605			
	Clarksdale	2969			
	Tupelo	8848			

## Best Council Award

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

1985	Small	Tupelo	8848	1990	Small	Woolmarket	9673
	Medium	Picayune	6872		Medium	Gautier	9124
	Large	Laurel	2180		Large	Cleveland	5556
	Extra Large	Biloxi	1244		Extra Large	None	
1986	Small	McComb	8054	1991	Small	Pass Christian	4472
	Medium	Pearl	8038		Medium	St Threse	8285
	Large	Meridian	802		Large	Gautier	9124
	Extra Large	Vicksburg	898		Extra Large	Gulfport	1583
1987	Small	Gautier	9124	1992	Small	Ocean Springs	10499
	Medium	Leland	2945		Medium	Woolmarket	9673
	Large	Cleveland	5556		Large	Madison	9543
	Extra Large	Pascagoula	1605		Extra Large	Meridian	802
1988	Small	None		1993	Small	None	
	Medium	Leland	2945		Medium	Ocean Springs	10499
	Large	Meridian	802		Large	Greenwood	5267
	Extra Large	Pascagoula	1605		Extra Large	Biloxi	1244
1989	Small	Woolmarket	9673	1994	Small	Pass Christian	4472
	Medium	Leland	2945		Medium	Greenwood	5267
	Large	Meridian	802		Large	St Therese	8285
	Extra Large	Biloxi	1244		Extra Large	Meridian	802

## Vocations Award

An award is given to the council that has sponsored the best vocations program 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 vocation program in each of our state's two dioceses.

1985	Jackson	Meridian	802	1990	Jackson	Greenville	2134
	Biloxi	Biloxi	1244		Biloxi	Kiln	7087
1986	Jackson	Meridian	802	1991	Jackson	McComb	8054
	Biloxi	None			Biloxi	Gulfport	1583
1987	Jackson	Tupelo	8848	1992	Jackson	St Therese	8285
	Biloxi	Kiln	7087		Biloxi	Pascagoula	1605
1988	Jackson	Meridian	802	1993	Jackson	Greenwood	5267
	Biloxi	Pascagoula	1605		Biloxi	Biloxi	1244
1989	Jackson	Meridian	802	1994	Jackson	Meridian	802
	Biloxi	Kiln	7087		Biloxi	Biloxi	1244



## Bishop R.O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Award

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

1985	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Lumberton	7211
1986	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	No Record	
1987	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly Greenville, Leland	Greenville, Leland
1988	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
1989	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
1990	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
1991	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
1992	Largest Amount	Pascagoula	1605
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
1993	Largest Amount	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
1994	Largest Amount	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland
	Largest Per Member	Msgr J. J. Igoe Assembly	Greenville, Leland

## District Deputy Award

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

1985	Jerry Santucci	Leland	1990	Jesse Quinn, III	Greenwood
1986	Gregory Niolet	Pass Christian	1991	Joe Bonfiglio	Brookhaven
				Larry Tabor	North Biloxi
1987	John Cox	Pascagoula	1992	No Record	
1988	Gerald Rose	Biloxi	1993	Louis F. Zylka	Brandon
1989	Richard Hollingsworth	Laurel	1994	Warren Doiron, Jr	Vicksburg

## Mental Retardation Award (Tootsie Roll)

This award was started in 1981. It was to be awarded to the council that raised the highest total dollar amount and to the council that had the highest dollar per member.

1981	Highest Amount	Greenwood	5267	1988	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Columbus	6765		High Per Memb.	Corinth	8912
1982	Highest Amount	Jackson	848	1989	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Philadelphia	7440		High Per Memb.	Corinth	8912
1983	Highest Amount	Jackson	848	1990	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Philadelphia	7440		High Per Memb.	Tupelo	8912
1984	Highest Amount	Jackson	848	1991	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Philadelphia	7440		High Per Memb.	Tupelo	8848
1985	Highest Amount	Vicksburg	898	1992	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Corinth	8912		High Per Memb.	Corinth	8912
1986	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848	1993	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Tupelo	8848		High Per Memb.	Corinth	8912
1987	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848	1994	Highest Amount	Tupelo	8848
	High Per Memb.	Tupelo	8848		High Per Memb.	Corinth	8912

## Membership Award

In 1990 this award was instituted. To receive this award a council would have to achieve the highest per cent gain in membership in each of their respectful class, small, medium, large and extra large.

1990	Small	Lizana	9958	Medium	Madison	9543
		Pass Christian	4472			
	Large	West Biloxi	9409	Extra Large	Clarksdale	2969
1991	Small	Brandon	10216	Medium	Brookhaven	7915
	Large	Madison	9543	Extra Large	Natchez	1034
1992	Small	Ocean Springs	10499	Meduim	Gulfport	7910
	Large	Tupelo	8848	Extra Large	Clarksdale	2969
1993	Small	Oxford	10901	Medium	St Therese	8285
	Large	Madison	9543	Extra Large	Meridian	802
1994	Small	Grenada	10443	Medium	Greenwood	5267
	Large	St Therese	8285	Extra Large	Meridian	802

## Supreme Service Program Award

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. 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.

1985	Church	Meridian	802	1990	Church	Vicksburg	802
	Community	Kiln	7087		Community	Kiln	7087
	Youth	Clinton	7854		Youth	Laurel	2180
	Family	Clinton	7854		Family	Greenville	2134
	Council	McComb	8054		Council	Cleveland	5556
1986	Church	None		1991	Council	Vicksburg	802
	Community	Brookhaven	7915		Community	Pascagoula	1605
	Youth	Gulfport	1583		Youth	Vicksburg	802
	Family	Laurel	2180		Family	Kiln	7087
	Council	Cleveland	5556		Council	Laurel	2180
1987	Church	Meridian	802	1992	Church	West Biloxi	9409
	Community	Cleveland	5556		Community	Meridian	802
	Youth	Meridian	802		Youth	Gulfport	1583
	Family	Laurel	2180		Family	Meridian	802
	Council	Southaven	7120		Council	Meridian	802
1988	Church	Pascagoula	1605	1993	Church	Biloxi	1244
	Community	Madison	9543		Community	Ocean Springs	10499
	Youth	Gulfport	1583		Youth	Laurel	2180
	Family	Cleveland	5556		Family	Laurel	2180
	Council	Meridian	802		Council	Meridian	802
1989	Church	Woolmarket	9673	1994	Church	Meridian	802
	Community	Biloxi	1244		Community	Pearl	8038
	Youth	Meridian	802		Youth	Laurel	2180
	Family	Kiln	7087		Family	Tupelo	8848
	Council	Biloxi	1244		Council	Meridian	802



## Family of the Year Award

The Family of the Year was instituted in Mississippi in 1980. The recipient of this award was presented to the Supreme Convention to compete in the International Family of the Year program.

1985	Earl Grabert Family	Picayune	6872
1986	Thomas R. Zettler Family	Meridian	802
1987	John M. Neyer Family	Pascagoula	1605
1988	Daniel J. Lechner Family	West Biloxi	9409
1989	John T. Maloney Family	Meridian	802
1990	Leroy G. Hebert Family	Biloxi	1244
1991	Julius Broussard Family	Biloxi	1244
1992	Roy Patterson Family	St Therese	8285
1993	David H. Duncan Family	Meridian	802
1994	Keith Merritt Family	Tupelo	8848

## Fred L. Westbrooks, Sr. Knight of the Year

The Fred L. Westbrook Knight of the Year Award is given to the most outstanding individual member of the Knights of Columbus. This award was instituted in 1964 by Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. PSD.

1985	Msgr James Hannon	Ocean Springs	5654
1986	Gerald Graham	Jackson	848
1987	Henry Kajdan	Jackson	848
1988	John P. Myers	Laurel	2180
1989	Richard P. Columbus	Leland	2945
1990	Thomas R. Zettler	Meridian	802
1991	Edward Futey	Greenville	2134
1992	Jim Glover	Clarksdale	2969
1993	John T. Maloney	Meridian	802
1994	John P. Bernardi	Greenville	2134

## Bowling Tournament

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 1985 through 1994 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>
1985	Greenville #1	3212	Pascagoula #2	Gulfport #1	Long Beach
1986	Pascagoula	3061	Greenville #1	Clarksdale #1	Clarksdale
1987	Clarksdale #2	2991	Bassfield	Laurel	Biloxi
1988	Greenville #2	3022	Long Beach #1	Natchez #2	Jackson
1989	Pascagoula	2978	Greenville #1	Gulfport #1	Biloxi
1990	Biloxi	2967	Pascagoula #2	Leland	Natchez
1991	No Report				Clarksdale
1992	Greenville #2	3104	Jackson	Leland	Biloxi
1993	Natchez #2	3176	Long Beach #1	Biloxi	Natchez
1994	Clarksdale	3000	Greenville #2	Lelveland	Clarksdale

## Softball 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 1984 through 1994 are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>1st PLACE</u>	<u>2nd PLACE</u>	<u>3rd PLACE</u>	<u>HOST COUNCIL</u>
1984	Clarksdale	Pascagoula	Yazoo City	Clarksdale
1985	No Record			
1986	Clarksdale	Cleveland	Pascagoula	Cleveland
1987	No Record			
1988	Clarksdale	Natchez	Bassfield	Natchez
1989	Biloxi	Pascagoula	Natchez	Cleveland
1990	Biloxi (Purple)	Biloxi (Gold)	Natchez	Gulfport
1991	Pascagoula	Biloxi	Biloxi	Hattiesburg
1992	Pascagoula	Bassfield	Cleveland	Clarksdale
1993	Biloxi (Purple)	Bassfield #2	Clarksdale #1	Pascagoula
1994	No Record			Meridian

## Top Gun Award

Top Gun award went to the councils that had an increase in membership by 10% or more during the past year. These councils were recognized at the State Convention since 1990 however an award was presented to them starting in 1992.

## 1992

Pass Christian	4472	West Biloxi	9409
Gulfport	7910	Lizana	9958
Brookhaven	7915	Brandon	10216
Pearl	8038	Grenada	10443
Tupelo	8848	Ocean Springs	10499
North Biloxi	9094		

## 1993

Picayune	6872	Gulfport	7910
St Threse	8285	Tupelo	8848
Madison	9543	Ocean Springs	10499
Oxford	10901		

## 1994

Meridian	802	Madison	9543
Hattiesburg	1908	Grenada	10443
Pass Christian	4472	Oxford	10901
St Therese	8285		

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**Rev. Michael J. McGivney**



# State Officers of Mississippi State Council from 1984-1994

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>STATE DEPUTY</u>	<u>STATE SECRETARY</u>	<u>STATE TREASURER</u>	<u>STATE ADVOCATE</u>	<u>STATE WARDEN</u>	<u>STATE CHAPLAIN</u>
1984-85	Robert Fratesi 2134	Wiley Price, Jr. 802	Dennis Ladnier Sr 1244	Joseph Goellner 7854	Daniel C. Farrell 8038	Rev Francis J Scott
1985-86	Wiley Price Jr 802	Dennis Ladnier Sr 1244	Joseph B Goellner 7854	Daniel C Farrell 8038	Marvin L Lott 5556	Rev Francis J Scott
1986-87	Wiley Price Jr 802	Dennis Ladnier Sr 1244	Joseph B Goellner 7854	Daniel C Farrell 8038	Marvin L Lott 5556	Rev Francis J Scott
1987-88	Dennis E Ladnier Sr 1244	Marvin L Lott 5556	Daniel C Farrell 8038	Stan Swentkowski 2969	Thomas R Zettler 802	Rev Anthony Arquelles
1988-89	Dennis E Ladnier Sr 1244	Marvin L Lott 5556	Daniel C Farrell 8038	Stan Swentkowski 2969	Thomas R Zettler 802	Rev Anthony Arquelles
1989-90	Marvin L Lott 5556	Stanley Swentkowski 2969	Thomas R Zettler 802	Gregory Niolet 4472	George L Harrison 2180	Rev Frank Corcoran
1990-91	Marvin L Lott 5556	Stanley Swentkowski 2969	Thomas R Zettler 802	Gregory Niolet 4472	George L Harrison 2180	Rev Frank Corcoran
1991-92	Stanley M Swentkowski 2969	Thomas R Zettler 802	Gregory Niolet 4472	Jesse Quinn III 5267	Guy Todaro Jr 1605	Rev Brian Carroll
1992-93	Stanley M Swentkowski 2969	Thomas R Zettler 802	Gregory Niolet 4472	Jesse Quinn III 5267	Guy Todaro Jr 1605	Rev Brian Carroll
1993-94	Thomas R Zettler 802	Gregory Niolet 4472	Jesse Quinn III 5267	Guy Todaro Jr 1605	Roy Patterson 8285	Rev Kevin Slattery
1994-	Thomas R Zettler 802	Gregory Niolet 4472	Jesse Quinn III 5267	Guy Todaro Jr 1605	Roy Patterson 8285	Rev Kevin Slattery

## Past State Deputies 1984-1994

PAST STATE DEPUTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE YEARS OF OFFICE  
DURING THIS HISTORY PERIOD.



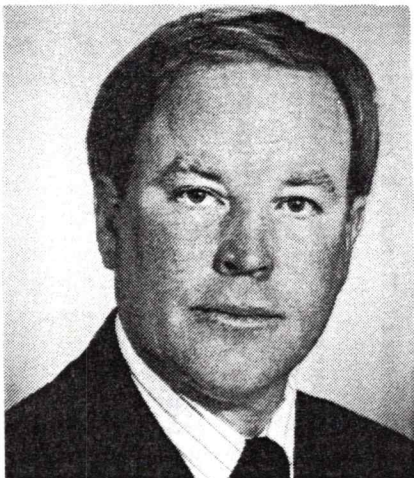
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1984 - 1985



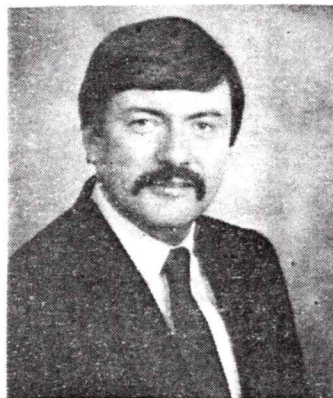
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1985 - 1987



DENNIS E. LADNIER, SR  
1987 - 1989



MARVIN L. LOTT  
1989 - 1991



STANLEY M. SWENTKOWSKI  
1991 - 1993



THOMAS R. ZETTLER  
1993 - 1994



## Fourth Degree

THE FOLLOWING SIR KNIGHTS HAVE SERVED AS DISTRICT MASTERS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI, BIENVILLE PROVINCE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WITH THE EXEMPLIFICATION DATES AND NUMBER OF NEW SIR KNIGHTS BEING EXEMPLIFIED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE:

PAULINO J. CARRUBBA  
FROM  
LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

JOHN S. CABIBI, PSD, MEMORIAL CLASS AT GULFPORT, MS ON APRIL 8, 1984 THIRTY-ONE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

CLEMENT COCCARO MEMORIAL CLASS AT VICKSBURG, MS ON AUGUST 19, 1984 TWENTY-NINE LAY SIR KNIGHTS.

ALBERT L. MANGIN, SR. AND ALBERT MALLARD CLASS AT BILOXI, MS ON APRIL 14, 1985 TWENTY-SIX LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

VINCENT P. ROS MEMORIAL CLASS AT PASCAGOULA, MS ON MARCH 9, 1986 TWENTY-FOUR LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

JOHN P. MYERS, PSD  
FROM  
LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

WILLIAM L. CARR, SR. MEMORIAL CLASS AT PASCAGOULA, MS ON MARCH 8, 1987 FORTY-ONE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

FRANK "YANKIE" BARHANOVICH MEMORIAL CLASS AT PASCAGOULA, MS ON NOVEMBER 22, 1987 THIRTY-SIX LAY SIR KNIGHTS.

JOSEPH M. NASSAR MEMORIAL CLASS AT JACKSON, MS ON OCTOBER 1, 1989 FIFTY-FOUR LAY CANDIDATES AND FIVE CLERGY.

HILTON SEYMOUR, PSD, AND F. J. BARTLETT MEMORIAL CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1990 AT JACKSON, MS THIRTY-SEVEN LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND TWO CLERGY.

NORMAN L. KIEHM, PSD  
FROM  
GREENVILLE, MS

STATE DEPUTY MARVIN L. LOTT CLASS AT TUPELO, MS ON APRIL 7, 1991 TWENTY-FIVE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND TWO CLERGY.



FORMER MASTER PAULINO J. CARRUBBA CLASS ON JUNE 8, 1991 AT GULFPORT, MS FORTY-SIX LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND TWO CLERGY.

FORMER MASTER HENRY A. KAJDAN CLASS ON FEBRUARY 15, 1992 AT BILOXI, MS FIFTY-SIX LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND TWO CLERGY.,

FORMER MASTER JOHN P. MYERS, PSD, CLASS ON NOVEMBER 7, 1992 AT NATCHEZ, MS THIRTY-FOUR LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND THREE CLERGY.

FORMER MASTER FRITZ OBERLIES CLASS ON APRIL 3, 1993 AT LONG BEACH, MS FORTY-TWO LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

HENRY MOSCO CLASS ON AUGUST 21, 1993 AT VICKSBURG, MS TWENTY-NINE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

JOHN P. MYERS, PSD  
FROM  
LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

JULES WARREN DOIRON, SR, PFN, MEMORIAL CLASS ON MARCH 6, 1994 AT GULFPORT, MS TWENTY-NINE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

JOHN P. BROWN, FC, CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1994 AT TUPELO, MS FORTY-THREE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND THREE PRIESTS.

BISHOP JOSEPH LAWSON HOWZE, BISHOP OF BILOXI, CLASS ON MARCH 25, 1995 AT ORANGE GROVE, MS TWENTY-NINE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND FOUR CLERGY.

BISHOP WILLIAM R. HOUCK, DD, BISHOP OF JACKSON, CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1995 AT MERIDIAN, MS TWENTY-TWO LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

SUPREME KNIGHT VIRGIL C. DECHANT CLASS ON MARCH 16, 1996 AT GREENWOOD, MS TWENTY-ONE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY.

THE FOLLOWING WAS TAKEN FROM DISTRICT NUMBER ONE RECORD BOOK WHEN THERE WERE TWO DISTRICTS IN MISSISSIPPI.

HENRY A. KAJDAN  
FROM  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

THIRTY-TWO LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY ON JULY 14, 1995.

THIRTY-NINE LAY SIR KNIGHTS ON FEBRUARY 16, 1986.

ELEVEN SIR KNIGHTS AND TWO CLERGY ON OCTOBER 19, 1986.

THIRTY-TWO LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1987.

TWENTY-ONE LAY SIR KNIGHTS AND ONE CLERGY ON FEBRUARY 14, 1988.



# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

BIENVILLE PROVINCE

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

## Reservoir Assembly #2269

Reservoir Assembly #2269 was chartered on January 24, 1992 with 23 members from councils 10216, 9543, and 8285. Our first Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Lou Zylka, served from January 1992 to July 1994. Sir Knight Roy Patterson assumed the position of Faithful Navigator for the July 1994- July 1995 fraternal year.

Our assembly has grown slowly over 2 1/2 years, with 34 members as of August, 1994. Some highlights of our beginning years:

- Our "Sir Knight of the Year" Dennis Riecke was named "Sir Knight of the Year" for the state at the 1993-94 convention.

- Our Quincentennial project, a re-enactment of Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas at the Ross Barnett Reservoir. This was a beautiful and realistic dramatization, complete with sailboats decorated as the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria; "Columbus" being welcomed by "Indians- all in full costume, and an audience viewing from atop Father Balser's houseboat.

Many thanks to the Sir Knights who helped establish the assembly and to the officers who served us so well.

**THE LAUREL ASSEMBLY NO. 0563 HAS BEEN MOST ACTIVE IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.**

**THE ASSEMBLY WAS NAMED ASSEMBLY OF THE YEARS FOR 1986 - 1987.**

**THE ASSEMBLY RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEMBERSHIP AWARD FOR THE YEARS 1983 - 1984, 1984 - 1985, 1985 - 1986, 1986 - 1987.**

**WE RECEIVED THE FOURTH DEGREE VOCATIONS AWARD IN 1991 - 1992. AND THE AWARD OF MERIT IN 1984.**

**JOHN P. MYERS, PSD, OUR PRESENT FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER AND PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR WAS SELECTED AS DISTRICT MASTER FOR 1987 - 1989, 1989 - 1990 AND FILLED THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF SIR KNIGHT NORMAN L. KIEHM, PSD, FOR DECEMBER 1993 - AUGUST 1994 AND WAS APPOINTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM IN 1994. HE RECEIVED THE SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR 1985 - 1986, THE KNIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR 1988, THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEMBERSHIP AWARD AS MASTER WITH STAR FOR 1988 - 1989 AND THE CHARLES C. JAUBERT AWARD IN 1992. HE RECEIVED A PLAQUE IN 1991 FOR 52 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FROM THE LAUREL COUNCIL THIRD DEGREE. HE IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS SECRETARY OF THE BIENVILLE PROVINCE FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

**THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS OF THE LAUREL ASSEMBLY:**

**DAVID O. HUGHES  
RALPH W. GATZMAN  
GEORGE L. HARRISON  
JOHN P. MYERS, PSD**



## **Past State Deputy's Organization**

**No Report Submitted**

## **Mental Retardation Program (Tootsie Roll Drive)**

**No Report Submitted**







