



## Knights of Columbus – Mississippi Jurisdiction Award Entry Form – Best Council of the Year

### Instructions:

Complete the following areas and submit it to the State Programs Chairman before March 31 of each state year. Additional paper may be used if space is not sufficient. You may also attach photographs, newspaper clippings, and letters of accommodation or other special items for consideration of your council.

Council Name: REINHART SCHROEDER Council Number: 9409 Council Size: Large

Explain why your council should be selected as this year's Best Council of the Year:

REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL NO. 9409 OF WEST BILOXI, MS HAS HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2010-2011 STATE FRATERNAL YEAR. THIS FRATERNAL YEAR STARTED OFF WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND COLLECTIVELY AT THE ONSET OF THIS YEAR WE DECIDED TO RE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE REASON WHY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS FOUNDED, AND THAT IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR FELLOW CATHOLICS, ESPECIALLY TO THE WIDOWS DECEASED KNIGHTS, AND TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO SUPPORT THE NEED OF THE PRIEST. WITH THE SENSE OF RENEWED INTEREST ALL THE PROGRAM DIRECTORS, LEAD BY THE SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, THE WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT RUSSEL SEYMOUR, PLANNED THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAM ACTIVITY. COUNCIL 9409 MAY NOT HAD A BIG SIGNATURE PROJECT FOR THE YEAR BUT WE HAD MANY GOOD AND WORTHWHILE PROJECTS WHICH GREATLY SUPPORTED THE CHURCH AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY, AS TO BE DISCUSSED BELOW.

THE YOUTH PROGRAMS WERE AGAIN VERY SUCCESSFULL IN COUNCIL 9409. TAKING THE ADVICE OF THE DYNAMIC STATE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR, ELVIS GATES, WE DECIDED TO INCLUDE THE ACTIVITY OF HAVING THE STUDENTS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS TO POPE BENEDICT THE XVI. THE STUDENTS THOUROUGHLY ENJOYED THIS NEW YOUTH ACTIVITY AND WERE ALL REALLY AMAZED INCLUDING THE TEACHER AND THE PRINCIPAL WHEN HIS HOLINESS, POPE BENEDICT XVI SEND THE SCHOOL A THANK YOU LETTER FOR THE KIND GREETING SEND TO HIM FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. PLEASE SEE LETTER FROM THE VATICAN ATTACHED.

OTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL YOUTH ACTIVITIES WERE THE SUPREMES DRUG AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST, CONTRIBUTING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO THE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA, ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION, AND A COMBINE EFFORT OF LOCAL ROAD CLEAN UP WITH THE YOUTH AT FATIMA CHURCH AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

Submitted By: BILL ROBERTS Position: GRAND KNIGHT

(Attach additional pages as needed)

CONTINUATION SHEET: STATE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR (COUNCIL NO. 9409)

A NEW REQUIRED PROGRAM FOR ALL COUNCILS WAS THE PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES, WHICH WAS LEAD BY BROTHER DON COX. THE PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES WERE VARIOUS AND INCLUDED ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE RUNNING OF THE SILVER ROSE, SPONSORING A PRO LIFE PROJECT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO A PRO LIFE ORGANIZATION, COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN, AND THE ORDERING OF PRO LIFE INSERTS FROM SUPREME THAT WERE THEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE OLF CHURCH MEMBERS.

COUNCIL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WERE ONCE AGAIN MOST SUCCESSFUL THIS PAST YEAR AS LEAD BY TED RENN. THIS YEAR COUNCIL 9409 CONDUCTED TWO MEMBERSHIP DRIVES, TAKING THE ADVICE OF OUR WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTY, ROGER FETTERS, THE COUNCIL PRODUCED A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WHICH GREATLY HELP TO KEEP ALL THE MEMBERS INFORMED AND MORE ACTIVE. OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED HOLDING A FRATERNAL BENEFITS MEETING, HAVING AT LEAST ONE MEMBER ON A CERTIFIED DEGREE TEAM, HAVING THEMED WORTHWHILE MONTHLY SOCIALS, FORMAL RECOGNITION OF KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND SUBMITTING A KNIGHT OF THE YEAR ENTRY TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

IN PROVIDING TO OUR VERY OWN, AS IT WAS IN THE VISION OF FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY, WE HELD A VERY SUCCESSFUL MEMORIAL SERVICE THAT RECOGNIZED TWO VERY SPECIAL KNIGHTS THAT WERE CALLED HOME BY THEIR CREATOR THIS PAST YEAR. BY WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE LADIES AUXILIARY WE HAVE CREATED A PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR KNIGHT'S WIDOWS TO TURN TO FOR COMFORT AND FRIENDSHIP AS WAS DEMONSTRATED AT THIS MEMORIAL SERVICE.

THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES LEAD BY BILL RAYMOND WERE AGAIN THIS YEAR VERY SUCCESSFUL. UNDER BROTHER BILL RAYMOND'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 9409 SPONSORED A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE FAMILY COMMUNION, MADE SUBMISSION TO STATE CONVENTION FOR FAMILY OF THE YEAR, HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS FAMILY PARTY AND HELD A MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHER KNIGHTS.

COUNCIL 9409 WAS ONCE AGAIN LEAD BY BROTHER ED RING AS OUR CHURCH PROGRAM DIRECTOR. BROTHER RING SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED A MEANINGFUL VOCATIONS PROGRAM THIS FRATERNAL YEAR AND WAS ABLE TO GREATLY INCREASED COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, USHERING AND LECTURING AT ALL OF THE OLF MASSES. ADDITIONALLY CHURCH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN COUNCIL 9409 INCLUDED RECOGNITION OF OUR PRIEST AT SEVERAL MONTHLY SOCIALS, SPONSORING A KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, LEADING THE OLF PARISH IN THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, INCREASING THE DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY AND PERFORMING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN COUNCIL 9409 HISTORY A MONTHLY CHURCH CLEAN-UP PERFORMEE ENTIRELY BY THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LADIES AUXILIARY.

THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WERE LEAD BY ROGER HOULE AND STEPHEN PECHAWER. COUNCIL 9409 SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE GULF COAST COMMUNITY THROUGH THE MANY WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED THIS PAST YEAR. THE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE RAISED NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT WENT DIRECTLY TO AID 3 VERY SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK HARD TO PROVIDE A PLACE OF HOME FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGE. COUNCIL 9409 AGAIN WORKED HARD ON TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVES THAT BROUGHT IN NEARLY ONE HUNDRED FORTY PINTS OF MUCH NEEDED BLOOD. WHILE MOST OTHER BLOOD DRIVES IN THE COMMUNITY WERE NOT ABLE TO MEET THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DEMANDS AND LOCAL NEED, OUR BLOOD DRIVES WERE ABLE TO MEET THEIR GOALS THROUGH OUR ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING CAPABILITIES. OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY COUNCIL 9409 INCLUDED VOLUNTEERING AT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY, ASSISTING THE NEEDY OF THE GULF COAST THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVES AND PERFORMING PRISON MINISTRY.

IN SHORT, COUNCIL 9409 DID A LOT OF "GOOD" THIS YEAR FOR THE COMMUNITY AND OUR PARISH . WE MAY NOT HAVE HAD THAT ONE REAL BIG AMAZING SIGNATURE PROJECT, BUT WE MADE A LOT OF BASE HITS, AND WE JUST KEEP DOING OUR THING, AND THAT IS SUPPORTING OUR OWN AND BEING THERE FOR OUR PARISH PRIEST'S AND OTHERS, AS THEY NEEDED A LITTLE HELP. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED SEVERAL THANK YOU NOTES AND LETTERS FROM THOSE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT COUNCIL 9409 REACHED OUT TO SUPPORT AND HELP THIS PAST YEAR.

PLEASE GIVE COUNCIL 9409 YOUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION FOR BEST LARGE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR.



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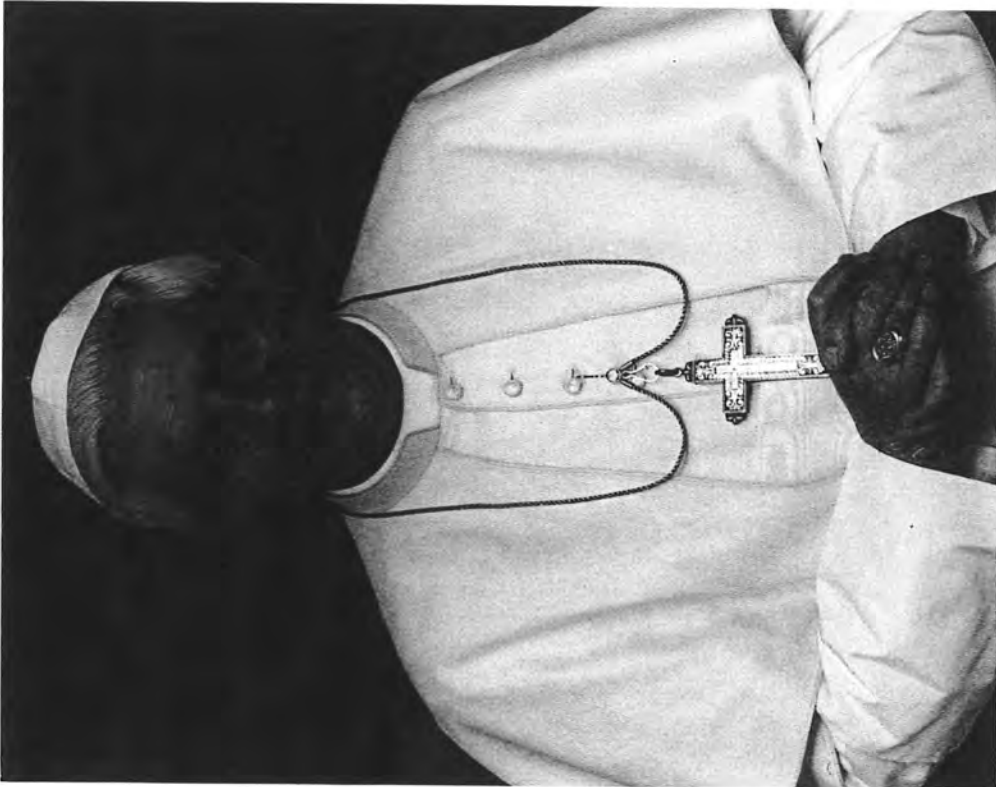
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From the Vatican

The Holy Father was pleased to receive the kind greetings sent to him for Christmas and the New Year.

In the joy of this holy season, he prays that the infant Jesus will grant joy and peace to children and their families everywhere.

Monsignor Peter B. Wells  
Assessor



Benedictus PP XVI



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October 12, 2010

Mr. Bill A. Roberts, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus Council 9409  
P.O. Box 8179  
Biloxi, MS 39535

Dear Grand Knight Roberts:

With gratitude I express my appreciation to Knights of Columbus Council 9409 for your generous contribution to the Office of Pastoral Services for assistance in attending to the welfare of retired clergy. The years of dedicated service from our retired clergy has been instrumental in the spiritual nourishment of the people of God in the Diocese of Biloxi and their retirement needs will be significantly enhanced by your contribution each year.

As I express my gratitude, please be assured that the Office of Pastoral Services, as liaison between the Knights of Columbus and the Office of the Bishop, is always prepared to serve the Councils within the Diocese of Biloxi. As Director of Pastoral Services, Deacon Gayden Harper is always available to serve your needs and inform my office of any special requirements you may have as a Catholic Fraternal organization within the Diocese of Biloxi.

The financial support given to seminarians by the Knights of Columbus and your prayerful support of our priests and parishes is a great blessing to this diocese and you remain in my prayers.

Wishing you abundant blessings in your fraternal ministry, I remain

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend Roger P. Morin  
Bishop of Biloxi

C: Deacon Gayden R. Harper

August 3, 2010

## Vocations

When we hear VOCATIONS, we normally think of Priest.

Every Catholic & every Knight has a vocation. 1. Common, loving & serving God & neighbor. 2. State in life, way of being a Christian, priesthood, religious life, marriage, etc. 3. Personal, include both our common & our state in life that points us to the special role God wants us to play in his redemptive plan. Membership in the Knights is part of the personal vocation of many Catholic men.

With the help of the family activities committee we need to develop 3 objectives. **Awareness;** to explain the meaning of different vocations, underlines the Church's urgent need, encourage young people to hear what God is asking them. **Climate;** being aware & working to make others aware of the social, cultural, & religious spirit of the times & how it impacts people's readiness to heed and answer God's call. **Motivation;** the intent is to move people to respond positively to God's call to become priest & nuns, and to preserve the programs of religious life after having done so.

I would request that this council include a regular prayer at every council meeting and family meal for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus  
Chancellor 9409  
John Rickman

Cc: Grand Knight, Family Chairman, Recorder



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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16 November 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR Rev. Patrick J. Mockler,  
Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima  
Biloxi, MS

FROM: Father Mitch Zygadlo  
Catholic Chaplain

SUBJECT: Meal Support at the Haven-Ministry Center at Keesler AFB, MS

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus #9409, Joe Diaz, Lancer Gilliam, John and Madelina Rickman, Bill Roberts, and Russell Seymore. They served and provided a delicious chili meal that was made by Roberta Lechner and Lucy Morange for the Airmen at the Haven on the night of Sunday 17 Nov 2010.

As a Christian when I reach back for support it reminds me of when the Philippians sent Epaphroditus to care for Paul's needs while he ministered out from them. Like Paul I can say "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers..."

Personally, I very much appreciate everyone who took the time to service our Airmen, who live in dormitories serving on base or taking some courses, with a special thanks to our Brothers Knights and their spiritual assistance. I just want you to know that I was touched by the motto on the present pins by K of C stating, "Support our Priests."

I can testify to the fact that a home cooked meal is something special, for those who eat everyday at Military Dinning Facilities. Please know that we had well over 38 Airmen come out and enjoy a great night of fun and fellowship. Your generosity has continued to provide an uplifting spirit to our personnel, which is what the Haven is all about.

Again, on behalf of those who enjoyed the dinner THANK YOU SO MUCH.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitch Zygadlo".

MITCHELL ZYGADLO, Ch, Maj USAF  
Senior Community Branch Chaplain  
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# Knights of Columbus

REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL, No. 9409  
Post Office Box 4366  
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November 29, 2010

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI  
Apostolic Palace  
00120 Vatican City

Your Holiness,

Enclosed please find Christmas Cards wishing you a very Merry Christmas from each student in Mrs. Delcambre's & Mrs. Renn's third grade class at the Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School, in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Knights of Columbus Reinhart Schroeder Council No. 9409, West Biloxi are sponsoring this youth program activity to help to keep "Christ" in Christmas.

We most sincerely hope that you enjoy reading each Christmas Card and that it brings you much happiness. If you would like to send a reply to the student's, please use the following address:

Student's name, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
OLF Elementary School  
320 Jim Money Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39531

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!

In Service,

Vivat Jesus!!

William A. Roberts, Grand Knight  
Reinhart Schroeder Council No. 9409  
West Biloxi, Mississippi



Chris Fetters  
Grand Knight  
18904 Highway 57  
Vanceleave, MS 39565

# Knights of Columbus

Father Denis J. Harlow Council, No. 15155  
Vanceleave, MS

Worthy Grand Knight,

I am writing to express our council's appreciation for your generous donation of \$200 to help us to get our feet on the ground. With your support and generosity, our council will be able to begin to give back to our parish and community. Your act of charity demonstrates the primary virtue of our order that we hope to embody as we begin our council's service to others. Thank you for being an example for all to follow, and may God bless you and your council on all your endeavors.

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fetters'.

Chris Fetters  
Grand Knight  
Father Denis J. Harlow Council, No. 15155