

Report of Sixty-seventh

Annual Convention

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

KNIGHTS

OF

COLUMBUS



Held at

Natchez, Mississippi

April 30, May 1 & 2, 1971

JURISDICTION OF MISSISSIPPI
STATE OFFICERS FOR 1970-1971

Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini.....State Chaplain
Jackson

Most Rev. R. O. Gerow.....State Chaplain Emeritus
Jackson

Norman L. Kiehm.....State Deputy
Meridian

William F. La Forge.....State Secretary
Cleveland

Henry J. Foggo, Sr.....State Treasurer
Natchez

James L. Bolander.....State Advocate
Laurel

Willie J. Adam, Sr.....State Warden
Gulfport

L. A. Koenenn, Sr.....Past State Deputy
Long Beach

PROCEEDINGS
67th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Session: Friday, April 30, 1971

The 67th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus was opened at 6:00 P.M. with Grand Knight Max Voss of Natchez Council 1034 presiding. After welcoming the delegates and members to Natchez, Grand Knight Voss introduced the Honorable Tony Byrne, Mayor of the City of Natchez.

Mayor Byrne welcomed the delegates and guests to Natchez. During his address he formally proclaimed the Supreme Advocate, Judge Harold J. Lamboley, to be an honorary citizen of Natchez.

State Secretary W. F. La Forge, responding for the State Council, thanked Mayor Byrne for his cordial welcome.

Grand Knight Voss turned the gavel over to State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm who officially called the Convention to order. The opening prayer was led by Msgr. Paul Hession. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by all present.

State Warden Willie Adam, assisted by Grand Knight Mike Columbus, verified all travelling cards and reported that they found them all current and correct.

The State Deputy read the following communication from Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt:

April 1, 1971

Mr. Norman L. Kiehm
State Deputy
5209 - 16th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

Worthy State Deputy:

We avail ourselves of the privilege to join in fraternal spirit with the officers and delegates of your 1971 State Council meeting.

In addition to fraternal matters requiring your appraisal we call your attention to a serious moral situation which confronts us as a society of Catholic men. The Faith that we hold so precious is being threatened. The peril comes not so much from forces without as from enemies within. These so-called Catholics mask their menace by professing to love the Church. Instead of presenting the teachings and traditions of the Church to uplift society they are using the so-called wisdom of the world to debase the Church. Their forays into the civic field display a rebellious contempt for the benign authority which a government must administer.

These dissenters fancy themselves as privileged with insight and infallibility which they deny to the successor of Peter. They appeal to a freedom of guideless conscience which permits them to defy institutions and even to foment violence and revolution. The end result of this twisted theology is that doubt and confusion are plaguing our Church. Doubt is not the soil which bears the fruits of Faith. Confusion is not the climate that ripens virtue.

As Knights let us recognize those who would undermine the pastoral leadership of our Pope and our Bishops. Let our position be that in no way shall

we be identified with their rebellious programs.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. McDEVITT
SUPREME KNIGHT

State Secretary La Forge advised the Convention that there were some inaccuracies in the minutes of the 1970 Convention. The delegates voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes, since they had copies in hand, and to approve them subject to the necessary corrections to be made by the State Secretary.

A roll call of officers revealed that they were all present.

The State Deputy acknowledged the presence of Supreme Advocate Judge Harold J. Lamboley who was introduced to the Convention.

The State Deputy expressed his thanks for the assistance rendered him by the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen during the year. He commended them for their dedication to the work of the Order in Mississippi and presented each one with a token of his appreciation.

The State Deputy announced the following appointments to Convention Committees:

CREDENTIALS: William F. La Forge, State Secretary, Chairman; E. K. Winchester; E. J. Murray

RESOLUTIONS: James Bolander, State Advocate, Chairman; L. A. Koenenn, Sr., PSD;
Vernon De Jean, PSD; John F. Smith, PSD;
George Saab; Sidney Saucier

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., PSD,
Chairman; Alonzo A. O'Neil, PSD; Walter Rey-
nolds; George Scheiderman; Henry Wilson;
Mike Mitchell

MILEAGE & PER DIEM: Henry J. Foggo, Sr., State
Treasurer, Chairman; Frank Tarrant; Maurice
LaBiche

AUDIT: Willie J. Adam, Sr., State Warden, Chairman;
John Laurenzi; Joseph Schwierjohn

PRESS & TELEGRAM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:
William C. Karn, Chairman; John Sommers, Jr.,
PSD; Walter Schilhab; Jimmy Bartlett

CEREMONIALS: C. J. O'Brien, Chairman; Hilton
Seymour, PSD; James Hunter; Roland Meaut

GREETINGS TO THE SUPREME KNIGHT: M. A. Ward,
Chairman; Leon Shapley

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE: William F. La Forge,
Chairman; John P. Myers, PSD; Charles Sherman,
PSD; Hayward Ladner; F. W. Kiernan

DISASTER: Noel Duquesnay, Chairman; John Cabibi,
PSD; Jessie J. Quinn, Jr.; Lawrence Thornton;
Joseph Benvenutti

GENERAL PROGRAM: Rodney Sandoz, Chairman;
Ned Fioranelli; C. Medric Warren

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES: Chester Trahan, Chairman;
Peter Benvenutti; John Zambrano

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Columbus and Emmett Milner,
Co-Chairmen; Ely P. Shapley, PSD; R.C. Coakley;
Victor Aguzzi

COUNCIL & FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES: Charles Wilson,
Chairman; Mack Harper; Bob Lambert

YOUTH: Charles Pluff, Chairman; Louis Naaman, Jr.;
J. H. Martin; James Wuestenhoefer

CONVENTION: Max Voss, Chairman; August Stone, PSD;
Francis Martin, Jr.

The State Deputy called on the Grand Knights
to submit their annual reports.

MONSIGNOR BURNS COUNCIL No. 802
Meridian

We award three Junior College scholarships and
support the Priest Education Fund.

Contributions of \$100.00 were made to assist
victims of the Delta tornado and \$100.00 to Father
Jack Smith at his ordination.

We support the K. of C. Babe Ruth League base-
ball team. At Christmas we contributed toys to
retarded children.

Council 802 sends flowers to hospitalized mem-
bers and members of their families.

Bi-monthly husband and wife socials and member
socials are held.

A dinner was held to honor our chaplain Fr.
Ruane on his assignment to Belzoni. Fr. Ruane was
presented a purse and a desk pen set.

An Easter egg hunt and a Columbus Day banquet
are annual affairs of Council 802.

We are financially sound.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON L. WALKER
GRAND KNIGHT

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL No. 848

Jackson

Our year of activities always begins July 1. Monthly, our Council meets every Tuesday night at 8 P.M. at the Council home on Country Club Drive with the following definite program:

- First Tuesday: Six Point Program
- Second Tuesday: Business Meeting, held in the First Degree
- Third Tuesday: Business Meeting, Fourth Degree
- Fourth Tuesday: Lecturer's Night - Special Programs
- Fifth Tuesday: (Every third month) Initiation - First Degree

Every Saturday night our Council home is open to its members and the public in general at which time we serve steak and hamburger meals, followed by KC Bingo. This schedule was followed until November 10, 1970 at which time we rented our Bingo concession to the National Lodge on a weekly rental price. The National Lodge uses our ground floor facilities every night except Sunday and Monday, at which time we use the downstairs facilities for various parties, games, and luncheons. Our upstairs facilities, consisting of entrance foyer, lounge, main hall or ball room, kitchen, and patio are rented out to various colleges, fraternities, high schools, parochial schools and business organizations who wish to avail themselves of our facilities for their proms, dances, dinners, games, etc. We also rent the upstairs facilities every Saturday, noon til six, to the Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, California, who hold their regular weekly church services therein with a membership of over 300. Other organizations who hold meetings regularly are the: KC Ladies Auxiliary; Alhambra, Zagora Council; Order of Elks; Jackson Power Squadron (school for boating and water enthusiasts); and others.

Our Council is proud to report the following functions enjoyed during this year:

- July 4 Annual Fourth of July celebration
 with fireworks
- July 5 Attended Fourth Degree Exemplifica-
 tion in Biloxi, having six of our
 members initiated
- July 14 Installation of our new officers for
 the 1970-71 year with a "Happy Hour"
 and dinner
- July 27 Fourth Degree Installation of new
 officers with a "Happy Hour" and
 dinner
- August Was Convention month for many of our
 members who motored, bussed and
 planed to Houston, Texas to partici-
 pate in the Supreme Convention
- September 10 KC Ladies Auxiliary party
- September 15 Jackson KC History Night, at which
 time we forwarded our history to
 be incorporated in a new book cover-
 ing Knights of Columbus History in
 Mississippi
- September 29 Admission Degree
- October 8 Ladies Card Party for afflicted children
- October 13 Special Awards Night-honoring our
 workers
- October 18 KC Auxiliary Installation of Officers
 with "Happy Hour" and dinner for
 husbands and wives
- November 2 Memorial Mass for our deceased KC
 members
- November 12 Ladies Auxiliary Card Night
- November 24 "Sports Night" Dinner for winners of
 contestants in our First Knights
 of Columbus Football Bowl Game
 played earlier in the day
- November 26 Prepared and delivered Christmas gifts
 to the patients at the Veterans
 Administration Hospital and partici-
 pated in their program

December 6	Exemplification of the Formation and Knighthood Degrees for North Missis- sippi hosted by our Council
December 13	Santa Visits - Children's Christmas Party
December 13	"Money Tree" Egg Nog Party-Proceeds for buying Christmas Baskets for the needy in our area
December 20	Our Council hosted State Officers and District Deputy Meeting.
December 22	Packed and distributed 100 Christmas Baskets to the needy in our area thru all parishes.
December 29	Admission Degree Exemplification
December 31	Annual New Year's Eve KC Party & Dance
Jan. & Feb.	Repaired KC plant and installed new equipment and rebuilt new Ladies Auxiliary KC quarters.
March 14	Covered Dish Supper-hosted by KC Ladies Auxiliary
March 21	Exemplification of the Admission, Formation, and Knighthood degrees for North Mississippi, hosted by our Council which furnished all three degree teams
March 23	Open meeting, Lecturer's night, film on building Mississippi and National telephone lines
March 28	Family Communion - Papal Tribute
March 30	Entrance Degree Exemplification
April 11	Annual KC Easter Egg Hunt for over 100 children, Nine Prizes - Co-sponsored by KC Ladies Auxiliary
April 30 thru May 2nd.	KC State Convention at Natchez, Miss. A large delegation in attendance from our Council
April 15	KC Ladies Auxiliary Card Party
May 11	VOTE - State Election - our building as one place to vote
May 25	Awards Night and dinner
June 8	Election of new officers for 1971-72 term

June 15 Election of new Fourth Degree
officers 1971-72 term
June 29 Admission Degree Exemplification

One of our pet projects is to rent our hall facilities to the young people of our area, seeing that they have good healthy entertainment, well-chaperoned with the hope of building good character and produce good young people for the future. With this in mind, we gave the hall free to the Catholic Youth Organization the first Friday of each month, which meant twelve nights in twelve months for their dances and parties. In addition there were thirty-one other nights catered to other local Colleges, Schools, and various other organizations such as Schools for Nurses, School for the Deaf, School for the Handicapped, and Schools for the Blind. Also, on March 3, at the Council house the KC State Bowling Tournament and Awards Banquet; May 18 Magnolia Bowling Banquet; and, on May 19 will be the Dixie Bowling Banquet.

With the State Convention, we have just about finished another active, fruitful and enjoyable year. This has been my second and final year in serving our Council as Grand Knight. I feel that with the help of all committees and Council members and of course with the help of our Ladies KC Auxiliary much has been accomplished and I enjoyed every minute of it. In conclusion, I wish to thank Monsignor Cratin from St. Mary's and Father Bourges from Holy Ghost parish for serving as our Chaplain, all the officers, chairmen, and members of the Ladies Auxiliary for their help during the past year. Also, it was my pleasure to have the needed guidance of our State Deputy Norman Kiehm, our District Deputy George Saab, and our own Trustees, Brothers Bob Lambert, Medric Warren, and George Saab.

The complete list of officers who served

during 1970-1971 is:

Grand Knight	W. G. "Walt" Schilhab
Deputy Grand Knight	Reynold Ridgley
Chancellor	Gerald Graham
Recorder	Henry Wilson
Financial Secretary	Henry Kajdan
Treasurer	Conrad Richard, Sr.
Advocate	C. J. O'Brien
Warden	Richard Schmitz
Inside Guard	N. R. "Nick" Thomas
Outside Guard	Jason Steele
Trustee-3 yrs.	R. W. "Bob" Lambert
Trustee-2 yrs.	George Saab
Trustee-1 yr.	C. Medric Warren

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. "WALT" SCHILHAB
GRAND KNIGHT

VICKSBURG COUNCIL No. 898

In July the new officers were installed by District Deputy Thornton of Greenville.

The Council followed the general plan of activities outlined under the Six Point Program.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES:

1. Received Holy Communion in a body every quarter.
2. Our chaplain, Father Glynn, conducted a religious program once a month on the Renewal of the Church.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. St. Patrick's Day Program
2. Donated two flags to St. Aloysius High School
3. Submitted a monthly report of activities to the State General 6 Point Chairman, Brother Rodney Sandoz.

4. Formed a Disaster Committee, headed by Brother Bill Lauderdale, which was active in the North Mississippi Tornadoes.
5. Formed a Social Justice and Social Peace Committee with Brother Fulcher as Chairman.
6. Submitted a scrapbook to the State Deputy on Council Activities.
7. Sent in History of the Council, also money collected selling ads for History Project.
8. Had Columbus Day Program, which was broadcast over Radio Station W Q B C.
9. Played Bingo each week at Council Home.
10. Participated in Joint Exemplifications of the Major Degrees held in Jackson.
11. Held annual Christmas Party.
12. Had annual Labor Day Picnic.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Council's blood donor group was active during the year.
2. Annual Memorial Services held for deceased members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. The Shield was published and mailed to members each month.
2. Participated in various civic programs and activities.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We continue to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 7.
2. Have Pee-Wee Ball Team and soft ball for members.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

1. The Ladies Auxiliary continues to be active and helpful to the Council.
2. Collected money for Brother Kirby who had an accident.
3. Donated money to the Mike Hodge Fund. Mike was burned over 80% of his body.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY SAUCIER
GRAND KNIGHT

BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL No. 1034
Natchez

Officers installed by Dist. Deputy George Saab of Jackson, celebrated the Council's Birthday at August meeting, Honorable life membership bestowed on Brother James T. O'Neill, sponsored Scout troop and Cub Pack, participated in Cathedral Fall Festival, monthly Communion by members and family, sponsored girl to Girls State, new flags were presented to St. Mary's Cathedral by the Council and 4th Degree Assembly, submitted our history and pictures to the State Chairman, celebrated Columbus Day with Mass in the Council Home and a dance on Eola Roof, District meeting held in Natchez on October 19 George Saab District Deputy presiding, Memorial Service for our departed Brothers November 29, Christmas party for members and family was held during the season, Christmas party for children from Natchez Orphans Home held in December, District meeting held after the regular meeting January 25th, 1971 George Saab presiding, Council members participated in State Bowling Tournament in Jackson, open meeting in February, 25 year pins presented to Brother A. Buttross and Brother Pete Buttross, April meeting three members were admitted in the First Degree and three members re-installed, presenting at this Convention held in Natchez \$600.00 to our beloved Bishop for Priest Education. All in all this past year has been good we have been holding our own in membership, all committees have been working, attendance at our meetings has been good, renovation of our upstairs kitchen under the direction of Deputy Grand Knight Souderes and Brother Aubic with help of several members has been completed, have been working close with our Chaplain Msg. Hession, all members of the Council participated in Holy Thursday Watch during the night.

MAX VOSS
GRAND KNIGHT

BILOXI COUNCIL No. 1244

It is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report of Activities for Biloxi Council No. 1244, for the fiscal year 1970-1971.

The duly elected and appointed officers were installed with appropriate ceremony, open to the public for the time, by District Deputy Hilton Seymour.

Deputy Grand Knight Norman J. Lombard served as General Chairman of the Six Point Program and with six activity chairmen, he supervised the following activities:

I. Catholic Activities

1. Several family corporate communions were held on the third Sunday at various churches in the Biloxi area.
2. Founders Day was celebrated in March with Mass at Nativity BVM Church. This was followed with breakfast at the Council Home. (Prepared by five Past Grand Knights.) Guest speaker was District Deputy Hilton Seymour.
3. Members are encouraged to participate in all parish activities. To make a yearly retreat wherever held.
4. Catholic literature was distributed periodically. Subscription to Mississippi Today was renewed.
5. Annual contributions were made to various charities besides the annual donations to Priest Education Fund.

II. Council Activities

1. Our annual Harvest Carnival, Christmas Dance, and Mardi Gras dances were very successful. This year a summer and spring dance for members was added.

2. Thru the efforts of individual brother members, various fund raising projects were held for various projects such as, Hurricane Relief to the Victims in Texas, Outside Lighting for Council Home, and Relighting Game Room.
3. Our annual picnic, held at Camp Wilkes, was well-attended by members, families and friends.
4. Several members are working each weekend at Notre Dame High School on a money raising project (Bingo) to supplement income to our Catholic High Schools.

III. Fraternal Activities

1. This activity promotes the attendance at Council meetings and affairs, through the awarding of attendance prizes, Knight of the Quarter, special awards and Knight of the Year.
2. Our annual Memorial Services were held in November, this being our first open meeting whereby members and families and friends were invited to attend. Mass was held for deceased members and those eulogized were: Dr. E. A. Treadeaux; Henry Diaz; Oscar David; Charles Trachessett.

IV. Publicity and Public Relations

1. Information to the members is distributed on the bulletin board, letters, newspaper articles, and local news media.
2. The annual Shrimp Bowl activities were publicized through radio and T.V.
3. Members participated in various civic programs and activities.
4. Mississippi Today carried most of the Council functions.
5. A scrapbook was started and presented at Convention time for consideration of Best Council.

V. Membership and Insurance

1. We sponsored several Admissions Degrees during the year.
2. A Formation Degree was held in Pascagoula Council No. 1605 on March 9th with our Degree Team putting on the Exemplification. A Knighthood Exemplification Degree was held on March 11th in the Biloxi Council with 23 members initiated.

VI. Youth Activities

1. Our Council sponsors Boy Scout Troop 213 and frequently furnishes financial support for its activities.
2. An award for the highest scholastic average in the area of religion was awarded to a graduate of Notre Dame and Sacred Heart High Schools.
3. We sponsor a girl from Sacred Heart and a boy from Notre Dame to Girls and Boys State.
4. Our annual Christmas and Easter parties for children of members were a great success.
5. Our Council supplied five counselors to the Annual Boy Scout Retreat which enabled some 27 boys from the Biloxi area to receive scouting religious awards in February.

VII. Special Projects

1. The thirty-first annual Shrimp Bowl Football Game sponsored by our Council for the "Doll and Toy Fund" for underprivileged children in the Biloxi area was very successful. As a result over \$2,000.00 was donated to Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund and the St. Vincent De Paul Societies of the parish within the Council area to assist them with their charitable works.
2. Our Building and Maintenance Committee has made several major improvements to our Council Home namely a new roof, a powder room for the ladies who attend open meetings, and a new resurfaced Council floor.

The Council's finances are in sound condition and financial reports are submitted on time to the Supreme Council, State Deputy, and the District Deputy.

I would like to say that the success of all Council activities is not due to my efforts but is due to the untiring efforts of all chairmen appointed and with the full cooperation of the general membership.

Respectfully submitted,

STEARNS C. PLUFF
GRAND KNIGHT

PERE LE DUC COUNCIL No. 1522
Bay St. Louis

Pere Le Duc Council continues to hold bi-monthly meetings. It has been noted, however, that the attendance is small, and the interest of the membership is almost nil. Several attempts have been made by officers to stimulate interest, however, these attempts have not been successful. Our membership continues to decrease, due to indifference.

The Council is in sound financial condition, and is debt free.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER J. BENVENUTTI
GRAND KNIGHT

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL No. 1583
Gulfport

On behalf of Bishop Gunn Council 1583, Gulfport,
I respectfully submit this report of our activities

for 1970-1971.

Our duly elected and appointed officers are:

Chaplain	Msgr. Michael Campbell
Grand Knight	Hayward J. Ladner
Deputy Grand Knight	Charles Walker
Chancellor	Phil Lisotta
Recorder	James Putnam
Financial Secretary	F. J. Oberlies
Treasurer	Joe Trippe
Lecturer	Phil Lisotta
Advocate	Albert Necaie
Warden	Willie Adam
Outside Guard	Charles Joffrion
Inside Guard	James Mitchell
Trustees	Mack Harper, Sam LaRosa, Richard Governor

Our Council activities during the year were organized by the Six Point Chairman, Charles Walker. The following are some of the activities for each program. Our first activity of the year was installation of officers by our State Deputy, Norman Kiehm.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES: We have reinstated our Corporate Communion on a quarterly basis. Again this year we have supported the Priest Education Fund in the amount of \$800.00. Continued to maintain religious Pamphlet Rack at Memorial Hospital.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: This is by far the busiest Committee of our Council. We continue to celebrate Columbus Day with a dinner and dance which continues to grow each year. Several other dances and dinners are held throughout the year. Through the effort of this Committee and our Lecturer we have just about turned our Social Meeting Night into a Family Night. Throughout the year we have had various programs planned which included speakers, films, musicals and various other types of entertainment. This type program has done a lot to get the membership out for meetings.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES: The most important of all activities this year was the work done by our Council for one of our members that broke his neck. Through a great team effort \$3,000.00 was raised for this brother member. Much more involvement of this type should be done by the Knights of Columbus. This project has lead to the development of a permanent fund for such emergencies. Much help was received from the Long Beach and Vicksburg Councils for this drive. To them we say thanks. Also Mississippi Today was very good in giving us the publicity that we needed. To this paper we say thanks for a job well done.

FAMILY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Our youth activities continue to improve, we have continued to work with St. John's High School. Again this year we will have a representative going to Boys State and Girls State. Boy Scout Troop 207, which we sponsor continued to accomplish great goals. An Easter Egg Hunt was again held this year at Council Home.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We have continued to publish the monthly Knight Cable.

MEMBERSHIP: Have achieved the Star Council Award for this year with an increase in membership of 28 new members. We are very proud of this progress and hope to do even better next year.

Looking back this has been a good year for our Council. Next year should be even better.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD J. LADNER
GRAND KNIGHT

PASCAGOULA COUNCIL No. 1605

The Pascagoula Council has devoted itself to improving the Council home and our picnic area located on Dog River.

The Council home has been completely painted and other improvements have been completed on the inside and outside.

Plans are being developed to improve existing facilities at our picnic area.

The Council has followed the general plan of activities as outlined under the Six Point Program recommended by the Supreme Council.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

1. Corporate communion is held each quarter.
2. Various contributions are made to help Catholic Charities.
3. We are pleased to donate \$600.00 to Priest Education Fund.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Various dances were held during the year with the highlight being our annual Carnival Ball.
2. Christmas Eve party was held for members and their family.
3. Picnics are held at our picnic area on July 4th and Labor Day.
4. A supper and social gathering was held every fourth Tuesday for the members.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

1. We continued to sponsor a bowling team in the city league and also participated in the annual Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament.
2. Cards are sent to brothers who are ill and hospital visits are encouraged.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. The Council is investigating the possibility of reorganizing our Boy Scout Troop.
2. Sponsored a baseball team in the Dixie Baseball League.
3. Sponsored a boy to Boys State.

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE

1. There has been an outstanding increase in insurance members in our Council.
2. There has been a general increase in membership.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Nominated one of our members for the "Outstanding Citizen of Jackson County" award.
2. Furnished book covers for the students at our area Catholic schools.
3. Contributed to the local drug abuse program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
4. Assisted the Ladies Auxiliary by donating the cost of postage to mail Christmas packages to local men serving in Vietnam.

In conclusion, I wish to thank District Deputy Hilton Seymour, my fellow officers, and all of our members for their assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. COAKLEY

GRAND KNIGHT

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL NO. 1908
Hattiesburg

Newly elected officers were installed in the month of July 1970 by our Worthy District Deputy Brother John Myers of Laurel, Mississippi.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES:

The Council attended Communion in a body. They also had special Masses on Wednesday afternoon for deceased members. The personal members of the families attended. Donated \$150.00 to Priest Education Fund. Though small our Council is in the middle of a re-grouping and feel this was the best we could do at the time.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

We support and supply the Annual Retreat Masters for the retreat at Xavier Hall on the Coast. Sent flowers and attended rosaries for dead members and their families. Support St. Vincent De Paul and supply the head from K. C. members. Also fix up toys for Christmas for the poor through this organization. Supply tables and chairs for different activities of the parish. Run Bingo for the Halloween Party at Sacred Heart School. Made trip in a group to Pascagoula to bury Brother R.A. Delmas, Jr. Had Radio Program for Columbus Day on Station WBKH, Wide range station. The Supreme Knight spoke for 13 minutes.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Supported Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop. We supply 3 men for Pine Burr Council Chairmen. Purchased panelling and renovated Scout Hut for the Boy Scouts, (Pueblo Style). Sent donation for boy to attend Boys State in Jackson. Sponsored banquet for Cub Scouts on Awards Night for them and their parents.

We are still regrouping and feel after the old home will be paid off, we will be able to return to good standing as per our former years.

In conclusion I wish to thank Msgr. McCarthy, our chaplain, for his guidance and encouragement through another troubled year for 1908. I also thank members of the Council who stood by me and

especially Milton R. Tucker, our temporary Financial Secretary. I also feel that thanks are in order for Brother Joe F. Schwierjohn on the good work of the Columbus Club and his committee on the handling of liquidating the old home debt.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN Z. ZAMBRANO
GRAND KNIGHT

FATHER KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL No. 2134
Greenville

The year 1970-71 began with the installation of officers conducted in July by our Worthy District Deputy L. E. Thornton. Afterwards a social for the members and wives was held in the Council home. The following officers were installed:

Grand Knight	George R. Scheiderman
Deputy Grand Knight	Frank A. Greco
Recorder	William A. Schultz
Financial Secretary	Robert Fratesi
Treasurer	Ronald S. Oltremari
Chaplain	Msgr. Thaddeus Harkins
Lecturer	Joseph Cirilli
Advocate	John F. Ferracci
Chancellor	Carl E. Walker
Warden	Bradford Criddle
Inside Guard	James P. Wuestenhoefer
Outside Guard	Byrd C. Sorrells, Jr.
Trustee	Anthony J. Tuminello
Trustee	Carl J. Wuestenhoefer, Sr.
Trustee	William N. Koeppe

CATHOLIC ACTIVITY:

1. Catholic literature in the hall for members to read.

2. Monthly Communion for members at St. Joseph Church.
3. Communion Sunday on Founders Day in recognition and honor of Pope Paul followed by a breakfast where we served about 100 people.
4. All Catholic groups are permitted free use of our home.
5. About fifteen Knights of Columbus men are serving as lecturers at Church.
6. Members operated a booth at the Parish Fair.
7. Priest Education Barbeque which netted three hundred and fifty dollars to be donated to the Priest Education Fund.
8. Donated fruit baskets to needy at Christmas.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held a Fourth of July Picnic for the Knights of Columbus families. Over three hundred people attended. There were prizes for races and a professional clown show for the children.
2. Halloween Party and Dance. There was a haunted house for the children with candy and drinks and apple dunkings. A dance followed for the adults. In attendance there were over two hundred children and one hundred adults.
3. There was a Christmas Party for children with Santa and gifts with over two hundred children attending.
4. There was a New Year's Dance with a large turnout.
5. There were five dances held this year.
6. There was an Easter Egg Hunt for the children with a rabbit as the prize for the finder of the golden egg. About two hundred children attended this activity.
7. Beginning in November, Bingo was held every Saturday night.

8. Our Disaster Committee was very active on the night of Tornado Sunday. They collected blankets and delivered same to Civil Defense.

YOUTH ACTIVITY:

1. Sponsor Boy Scout Troop for thirtieth year.
2. Let Brownie and Girl Scout Troops use home.
3. Sponsor boy to Boys State.
4. Sponsor girl to Girls State.
5. Present 100% award to football player at St. Joseph High.
6. Present a basketball award to a boy and girl at St. Joseph High.
7. Bought five thousand book covers for St. Joseph High School and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary.
8. Boy Scout Troop held Court of Honor in Council home twice this year.
9. Have a youth committee composed of five members.
10. Laid the groundwork for the implementation of Columbian Squires in the fall of 1971.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY:

1. Held memorial services for deceased members.
2. Presented a \$125.00 scholarship to senior at St. Joseph High School in honor of E. J. Lueckenbach who passed away in March.
3. Sick Committee visits all members of families in hospitals.
4. Mass cards are sent to families having a death in the family.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Conducted two first degree initiations in Greenville. There were ten men initiated into the first degree and ten men into the second and third degree.
2. Four members transferred to Council 2134.
3. Two old members were reinstated.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Donations were made to the Cerebral Palsy Drive.
2. Donations were made to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Triad Club Christmas Toy Fund.
3. Disaster Committee in action on Tornado Sunday.
4. Donated fruit baskets at Christmas time to needy families.
5. Donated fruit baskets to priests and nuns at Christmas.
6. Donated barbeque chicken to priests and nuns.
7. Grand Knight appeared on television in discussion of a bond issue for Industrial Development.

LECTURER:

1. Mr. Bud Martin lectured on the plight of prisoners of war in Vietnam.
2. Thomas Glassco, outstanding scoutmaster of Mississippi, lectured to men on the Scout Program.
3. Mr. Ralph Schoonover, Director of Civil Defense for Washington County, lectured on civil defense and work done for the County.

We worked hard and long this past year. I had some goals set for this administration and have reached all of them. One major aim was a building program. We will add 900 square feet to the present building and remodel the old structure in the next two months.

I appreciate the work and trust of the fine men of this Council and I congratulate them on a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. SCHEIDERMAN
GRAND KNIGHT

LAUREL COUNCIL No. 2180

Officers were installed at the first meeting in July by our Worthy District Deputy, John P. Myers. Six Point Program Chairmen were also appointed in July.

Meetings held on first and third Tuesday of each month.

SIX POINT PROGRAM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, AS FOLLOWS:

Corporate Communion each month.
Recitation of the Rosary before each Mass in October.
Participation in Lay Ministers, Parish Council and PTO by members.
Ice Cream Social for parish in September.
Distributed gifts to Indian children at the Indian Reservation at Christmas time.
Donated financial help to Cub Scouts and worked with them.
Donated financially to a fire victim of parish and also to Tornado Fund.
Donated to Priest Education Fund.
Sponsored breakfast for Parish School football team, cheer leaders and parents and coaches.
Council home is made available to all youth organizations with members participating as leaders and helpers.

Have own Admission Degree team and held an Admission Degree in Laurel.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. BOLANDER
GRAND KNIGHT

C. G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL No. 2945
Leland

Newly elected officers were installed on July 22 by our Worthy District Deputy Jessie J. Quinn, Jr. with our Worthy State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm in attendance. It was an open meeting with all wives in attendance for the ceremony which was followed by a steak social.

The Six Point Program Chairmen were appointed and have performed satisfactorily in the following activities:

CATHOLIC ACTIVITY:

1. Council members are teaching Sunday School.
2. Council members are active in assisting at Mass.
3. Fourth Sunday is Communion Sunday for members and their families.
4. Donated \$300.00 to the Priest Education Fund.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

1. Council History Program completed, selling \$241.50 worth of ads.
2. Football pools sold for raising Council funds.
3. Council home repainted on the outside.
4. Council members were active in building booths for Parish Fair, and took part in operating them.
5. Surprise social after meetings, at least one a month (Dutch).
6. Barbecue pit, shed, and storage room almost completed.
7. Meeting night changed to first and third Wednesday only.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY:

1. Active Sick Committee to send get-well and Mass cards.
2. Active Blood Donor Committee.

3. A decade of the Rosary was said at each meeting during the month of November for deceased members and or their families.

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE:

1. Reinstated one associate member.
2. Lost one insurance member by means of transfer.
3. Insurance Members 19; Associate Members 27;
Inactive Insurance Members 5

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

1. Free steak supper for members and their wives.
2. Christmas Party for children of parish.
3. Christmas Social for members and wives.
4. Easter egg hunt was held for the children of the parish.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Set up telephone committee to notify members of activities.
2. Maintained Council bulletin board.
3. Maintained signs that designated the time of Mass and of Council meetings at each entrance to town.
4. News put in local paper and radio.
5. Christmas float was made, with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary and placed in the Deer Creek Christmas Program.
6. Grand Knight worked with Community Fund Steering Committee.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Worthy State Officers, District, and all Council officers and members who helped make this year a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE P. COLUMBUS
GRAND KNIGHT

CLARKSDALE COUNCIL NO. 2969

Officers for the year were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Jessie Quinn, Jr., July 16th, 1970. Before installation we had a dish supper with the wives in attendance. After dinner we had Rabbi Benjamin Schultz as our guest speaker. Rabbi Schultz spoke on Communism.

The Six Point Program Chairmen were appointed and have performed satisfactorily.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITY:

1. We have had regular quarterly Communion.
2. A resolution was adopted and written to PLAN, endorsing their ideals and aims. This PLAN means, "Parents League Against Narcotics," and their aim is the purpose of making the first move in establishing an organization to begin cooperative work toward understanding and doing something constructive about the drug problem in our community.
3. We have several members serving on our Parish Council.
4. This year we gave \$100.00 to the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Brunini for the Priest Education Fund.
5. We had a Palm Sunday and Founder Day Communion for members, and breakfast at the Uptowner Cafe.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

1. Social suppers held for members and their wives.
2. Funds were raised for the Council by sponsoring two football pools.
3. We had a 4th of July outing for members, wives and children. Food and swimming were enjoyed by all.
4. Council had a chicken dinner and cake bingo party.

5. This year for outstanding accomplishment and attitude toward helping our Council, Our Knight of the Year award was awarded to our present Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Louis Cirilli.
6. We will sponsor the Model Airplane Contest in May.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY:

1. Cards are sent to sick members, wives and members of the parish.
2. Memorial services held for deceased members in Council Hall.
3. Easter egg hunt for all children in the parish.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. All activities of Council are announced in our local newspaper and on our bulletin board.
2. We have sponsored four teenage dances for members of the young set and their guests.
3. On October 13th, 1970 we sponsored along with the Ford Motor Car Company, Punt, Pass, and Kick.
4. On December 13, 1970 we had a dish supper Christmas Party, and our guest speaker was Mr. Roy K. Moore, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jackson, Mississippi.
5. On January 17, 1971 we had a Ravioli Supper and Cake Bingo at our Hall and we made over \$535.00.

YOUTH ACTIVITY:

1. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop #5.
2. Contributed to the Clarksdale Speech and Hearing Center.

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE:

1. We have over 100 members and have initiated two new members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. LAURENZI
GRAND KNIGHT

JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL NO. 3328
Yazoo City

We have had a very inactive year. With the help of our priest we were able to sell our country property. We were also able to sell our old home and are now looking at a number of sites, some with existing buildings.

We were able to help with a church bazaar early in the fall which turned out to be quite profitable.

We were fortunate in being able to help give our loving pastor his first birthday party in 51 years, and included in the birthday party was a nice purse.

We are very fortunate to have been asked to establish a Catholic Charity. We have established the Catholic Charity and can outfit house furnishings, clothing, and food. It is called the St. Patrick Catholic Charity.

We were able to contribute greatly for the tornado victims of the Delta. Some of us worked tirelessly to get these people just moving again.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH G. GIOMPOLETTI
GRAND KNIGHT

by Pete Pitterle

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL NO. 4898
Long Beach

On July 6, 1970, our newly elected officers were installed by District Deputy Hayward Ladner at our annual installation banquet. Officers installed were: Grand Knight, Emmett J. Milner; Deputy Grand Knight, Adam DiLorenzo; Chancellor, Edward Hatem; Recorder, Ben Angerstein; Financial Secretary, L. A. Koennen, Sr.; Treasurer, David DiLoreto; Lecturer, Roger Trisotto; Advocate, William R. Boggs, Jr.; Warden, Gene Gervais; Outside Guard, Richard Berry; Inside Guard, Joe Kreutzer; Trustees, Rodney J. Sandoz, Stanle Vance, M. J. Benigno.

After the installation, guest speakers Mayor William Skellie of Long Beach and Navy Chaplain Rev. William F. Maloney, spoke on leadership in the community, the Church, and within ourselves. The Grand Knight dedicated his term to the theme, Knights of Action, 1970-71.

July was a busy month of planning and laying out a challenging program for the coming year. E. C. Spencer, Jr., was appointed General Chairman of the Six Point Program, with Eugene Gervais as Council Activity Chairman; Joe Kreutzer, Catholic Activity Chairman; John Smith, Membership Chairman; Rodney Sandoz, Fraternal Chairman; Ronald Garrett, Public Relations; and Jim Hoselle, Chairman of the Family Life Committee. Through their efforts a very ambitious program was put together.

In August and September, things got rolling with reactivation of Friday night Bingo after a one-year layoff due to Hurricane Camille. Brother Gene Gervais was appointed chairman of this very important fund-raising activity. Members of the Council unpacked, assembled and

installed all of the furniture for St. Thomas School and cafeteria. Three new members received their First Degree and plans were set for a second and third degree initiation in November. A Council picnic was held at Flint Creek State Park on August 23, with Rev. William F. Maloney offering a Field Mass for the Knights, and over 125 members and guests enjoyed a real "fun" day. Negotiations for an SBA loan were started in September, and plans for a Council home were laid. The history of our Council was submitted to the State Historian. The Council voted to underwrite the cost of an intercom system for St. Thomas School and also to install it.

Our Council members continued to be active in the Church and community activities. Three special committees were appointed: A Disaster Committee with Cecil Dubuisson and Ed Hatem as co-chairmen, Social Justice and Community Activities Committee with Bob Peno as chairman, and a Home Committee with Tommy Necaise as chairman.

In October District Deputy Hayward Ladner presented the Council with the Star Council Award for 1969-70. Rodney Sandoz and Stanle Vance were presented with certificates of appreciation for their terms as Grand Knight. Members of the Council began installation of the intercom system in St. Thomas School. Working in conjunction with Bishop Gunn Council, Gulfport, a second and third degree team was organized. Gene Gervais was selected Knight of the Quarter for his outstanding job in Council activities and Bingo.

Our Annual Fall Dance was held November 14. The Family Communion Sunday was inaugurated with coffee and donuts being served after Mass for all parishioners. The combined degree teams

exemplified 23 candidates into the second and third degrees on November 29. Nine candidates were from Council 4898. The Council agreed to assemble and install playground equipment recently purchased by the City of Long Beach for O'Malley Park. The sponsor was Brother Peno who is also a City Alderman and Chairman of the City Recreation Committee.

In December, the Council constructed and installed a Bulletin Board for St. Thomas Church for both the Knights of Columbus and Church announcements. Our annual Christmas Party for the children and adults was held and Santa Claus thrilled the little ones. Sister Mary Clare, D. C., led everyone in singing Christmas carols. A number of Christmas baskets were made up from food and donations of the children, and distributed to the needy by our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Council set up and maintained an outdoor Nativity scene at St. Thomas Church for the Christmas season.

New Year's Eve we rang in the New Year with our annual dance including all of the trimmings. Father William Pittman, Chaplain, gave the first in a series of lectures on the Formation Program. The new intercom system for St. Thomas School was officially turned over to Sister Mary Stella, Principal. The Council will participate in the Monday night novena prior to the meetings for peace and charity among all people. A program to collect clothing for a Vietnamese Orphanage sponsored by Brother Joseph Rice, who is presently serving in Vietnam, was begun. A letter from the Council was passed out at all Masses urging parishioners to write their congressmen to kill the abortion bill being introduced in the State Legislature. Brother E. C. Spencer, Jr., was selected Knight of the Quarter for outstanding services to the parish and the Council.

In February, the abortion bill was killed and we feel sure it was due in part to the activities of the Knights of Columbus throughout the State of Mississippi. A First Degree was held for five new members and plans were made for a Second and Third Degree initiation in March. Bumper and windshield decals were purchased and passed out to all members. A first place trophy for the Coast Catholic Basketball Tournament was purchased. The Council also continued its sponsorship of a Dixie Youth Baseball team.

In March a combined Formation and Knighthood Degree was held in Gulfport for 15 candidates and 25 candidates in Biloxi. A Founders' Day observance was held March 28, with a special Mass celebrated by Fr. O'Malley, Pastor of St. Thomas, and an outstanding address given by Fr. William Maloney, Chaplain, Naval Base, following the Mass. His topic was the Knights' role of leadership in the parish and community. The Council voted to send \$50.00 to help the tornado victims in Mississippi.

April was another busy month, with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday. Track and field events were also held, with prizes for the winners. A Day of Recollection was held for all members and a brief memorial service in memory of all deceased members was held after a special novena Mass. The Council provided an honor guard for the vigil and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday in St. Thomas Church. Brother Jim Hoselle was selected Knight of the Quarter for his hard work and outstanding success of the Family Communion Sundays; also his support of other Council projects. The Council voted to give the Bishop's Priest Education Fund \$100.00 and an equal amount to the Vincentian Order Seminary in Beaumont, Texas, in appreciation of their help and support of the Knights of Columbus.

In May an inter-council golf tournament is planned, and an essay award will be given to a 5th and 6th grade student of St. Thomas School for the best essay on "What My Country Means to Me."

By no means have our activities been limited to the above. The Council members have and will continue to be personally and actively involved in the Council, parish, and community, in all types of activities. Therefore, I wish to thank all of the members of the Council who worked as a team to make this year a year of action-- these men were truly Knights of Action, 1970-71.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMETT J. MILNER
GRAND KNIGHT

MSGR. J. F. CLERICO COUNCIL NO. 5267
Greenwood

The following officers, who were elected and have served faithfully, were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Jesse Quinn, Jr.

Chaplain	Father John Izral
Grand Knight	Louis Naaman, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Tommy Reifers
Chancellor	Gene Fioranelli
Recorder	Frank Whitehead
Financial Secretary	Robert Quinn
(Acting Finan.Sect'y)	Joseph Nassar
Treasurer	Joe Marascalco
Lecturer	W. H. Nored
Advocate	Phillip Carnaggio
Warden	James Nader
Outer Guard	Vennis Upchurch

Inner Guard	Wm. Jarrett
3 Year Trustee	Jesse Quinn, Jr.
2 Year Trustee	A. G. Abide, Jr.
1 Year Trustee	Jesse Quinn, Sr.

Brother Tommy Reifers has served as Six Point Program Chairman.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES:

1. Held Corporate Communion every fifth Sunday.
2. Held Founders' Day Family Communion with a breakfast following in the Council home. Many brothers and their families attended.
3. Anniversary Masses were offered on the thirtieth day after the death of two brothers.
4. Memorial Mass was held in the Council home in remembrance of all deceased brothers.
5. A Bar-B-Q was held for the Priest Education Fund and over \$200.00 was made.
6. Several brothers teach Sunday School.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. The Council held its annual Home Town Carnival on Labor Day and it was a tremendous success. The money made went a long way toward reducing the indebtedness on the Council home.
2. The Council enjoyed many parties during the year, including the annual Irish, Italian, and Lebanese Parties.
3. A Christmas Dance was held for members, wives, and guests.
4. The annual football pool was sold out.
5. Steak Nite is held every third Wednesday.
6. Our Council hosted the District Meeting on September 13.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

1. Reported on all the sick in the Council and the parish at each meeting.
2. Sent cards and visited sick brothers.
3. Participated in the Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament, winning second place.

4. Formed an Admission Degree Team and initiated all candidates into the Degree.

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE:

1. We have initiated sixteen (16) new members into the Admission Degree. Two of these brothers have also received the honors of the Formation and Knighthood Degrees. We have also transferred two members into our Council.
2. We have participated in the membership drives in honor of our Chaplain, the Bishop, and the Pope.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Our Council published a Knight Letter monthly. It has kept the members informed and entertained.
2. We sponsored the University of Notre Dame Band in its appearance here. All proceeds from this project went to help the Handicapped Children's School in Greenwood. The Ladies Auxiliary also sponsored a bridge benefit for the same charity.
3. We participated in Leflore County's Centennial by hosting one of the Centennial Balls at the Council home.
4. We hosted WABG-TV's Premiere Party showing the new ABC-TV network fall shows. Over 130 prominent Greenwood businessmen and their wives had the opportunity to see our Council home.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. A Christmas party was held for the children of the members and the parish.
2. An Easter egg hunt was held for all of the children of the parish.

Our members have been most generous with their time and money throughout the year and we have enjoyed a most fruitful year. We have made large strides toward paying the indebtedness on our Council home and have had the pleasure of the company of many new brothers.

In closing, I would like to thank our Worthy District Deputy, Jesse Quinn, Jr., our Ladies Auxiliary and its President, Mrs. James Nader, and all of the members of our Council for their efforts and their support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS J. NAAMAN, JR.
GRAND KNIGHT

FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL NO. 5556
Cleveland

MEMBERSHIP:

During the year three members died and three were suspended. No additional members were added to the role.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

Council 5556 had Masses said for Donald Rocconi, John J. Janoush, and Louis Bassie, all of which died in the past year. We also had Masses said for members' relatives who passed away. Memorial services were held in November in the Church with rosary and benediction following. We have a blood donor program in our Council. Each member has had his blood tested as to type. A record is kept with our Financial Secretary, and upon need, it can be traced to the person of the type needed. We have been called on by all denominations.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES:

Members of Council 5556 used their farm equipment and leveled the grounds at our new Church. There is no way of knowing how much it was worth to the Church, but we estimated it at over \$1,000. These same members have mowed the grass several times. The grounds cover 20 acres so you can see that it is a large project.

Council 5556 donated a cross and lettering on our Church at a cost of \$250.00.

We let the Altar Society use our facilities for a Newman party and received a letter of thanks from both the Newman Club and the Altar Society. We also let the Girl Scouts use the facilities and received thanks.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

In August we had an outing at Lake Beulah with about 150 people present. There was plenty of food, boat riding, skiing, horseshoe playing, and fun. We plan to make this an annual event.

We had our annual Mardi Gras party in Cleveland. This was a costume party, and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Council 5556 has a softball game each year between fathers and sons of the parish. The sons usually win. We usually play about five or six games a year. If they are not played with our sons, they are played with Clarksdale, a neighboring Council.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

We had an ex-drug addict come to one of our meetings to talk to us on this painful subject. For this meeting we invited the parish to attend. We had a fairly large attendance, and it was enjoyed by all, young and old.

We are in the process of building a Council home. The foundation has been started and should be finished within a month. After it is completed, we will be able to function a lot better. We will then have something to offer our members. The home will not be too large at present, but we plan to add on to it if we need more room.

Council 5556 gave a spaghetti supper and made around \$700.00. We also had a football pool and made \$500.00.

We sponsor a boccia tournament each year, but so far this year, we have not done so. We expect to do so in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR AGUZZI
GRAND KNIGHT

FRED L. WESTBROOK, SR. COUNCIL NO. 5654
Ocean Springs

On July 1st 1970, the elected and appointed officers of our Council were installed with an appropriate ceremony by our District Deputy, Hilton Seymour. The following officers were:

Chaplain	MSG Eamon Mullen
Grand Knight	F. W. Kiernan
Deputy Grand Knight	Roland Meaut
Chancellor	John Seymour
Recorder	Rene Rancourt
Financial Secretary	Irving Obernuefemann
Treasurer	Ira Griggs
Lecturer	Shirod Miller
Advocate	Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.

Warden	John Toche
Inside Guard	Frank Pasquini
Outside Guard	Leonard Allen
Trustee	Ralph Beaugez
Trustee	Frank Tarrant
Trustee	M. B. Mitchell, Sr.

Deputy Grand Knight Roland Meaut, served as General Chairman of Six Point Program and with six activities chairmen, he supervised and carried out the following activities.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES: Chairman, M. B. Mitchell, Sr.

1. Monthly Corporate Communion is held on the fourth Sunday of each month.
2. Rosary Services for deceased brothers and members of brothers' families are held.
3. Continued support of Priest Education Fund, conducting special fund raising activities for our contribution this year.
4. Religion Award- The Rev. Father Diegnan Award is presented to the student with the highest scholastic average in religion at St. Alphonsus School.
5. Holy Hour is conducted for members and their families.
6. Annual contribution was made to the Veterans Hospital. A contribution was sent to the Delta Tornado Relief Fund.
7. Permitted the free use of the Council Hall for all Catholic meetings.
8. Served as ushers for all Masses Sundays and holidays.
9. Members served as commentators.
10. Observed Columbus Day with a Mass.
11. Conducted the Reverend Father Diegnan Memorial Mass on February 22, which marks the anniversary of his death.
12. Members are adult advisers for the C. Y. O.
13. Members are serving as Scout Masters of Council sponsored troop. A Brownie troop has just been organized.

14. Prayers are recited for sick members and their families at the close of each meeting. Opening and closing Ode is sung.
15. Sponsor Christmas Baskets Fund to the needy.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Chairman, Travis Norman

1. Each December a Toy Bingo Game is held.
2. Each quarter, a Knight of the Quarter is honored.
3. Also, a Knight of the Year is honored.
4. This year as in the past, a Golf Tournament will be held by our Council. We again sponsored a Bowling Team for State Tournament.
5. Ladies and guests do attend all Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year Suppers.
6. Again this year, all were pleased with the Family Picnic and Christmas Party.
7. Help with C. Y. O. to attend State Convention.
8. Help local Hospital Raising Fund for Kidney Machine.
9. With the help of others, a bar and lounge were built and flooring and drapes were installed.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES: Chairman, David Beaugez

1. Our Council now has own Blood Program to protect members and their families.
2. Annual Memorial Services were held in November for deceased members who died during the year.
3. Our Council was saddened by the death of Brothers Howard Glass, N. E. Taconi, and Rene Cazonbon.
4. Letters of appreciation were received from deceased members families for Memorial Services conducted.
5. In relation to the new Ecumenical Movement, Council members take a very active part in all phases of parish work.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chairman, Rene Rancourt

1. Through co-operation with local newspaper, Mississippi Today, and Church Bulletin, we receive good publication.

2. News letters are mailed to all members.
3. Our Council maintains an up to date bulletin board.
4. A yearly Scrap Book is also maintained by our Public Relations Chairman.
5. Again this year, we had the Columbus Day Program broadcasted by local W. V. M. I. Radio Station.

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE: Chairman, Fred L.
Westbrook, Jr.

1. Brother Westbrook organized a First Admission Degree team in July of 1970 with the help of Brothers Frank Tarrant, P.G.K. and John Seymour, Chancellor. Team members are: Frank Tarrant, John Seymour, Ira Griggs, and John Toche.
2. This year the Council voted to give \$250.00 to the Priest Education Fund.

In closing, I would like to thank our State Deputy, Norman Kiehm, District Deputy Hilton Seymour, and all my Council Officers and Brother Knights for making this past year a successful one for our Council, 5654.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KIERNAN
GRAND KNIGHT

The State Deputy read into the record a letter appointing August J. Stone, PSD, of Natchez as Chairman of the Financial Secretaries' Meeting.

April 15, 1971

Mr. August J. Stone, PSD
Financial Secretary
P. O. Box 154
Natchez, Miss. 39120

Worthy Financial Secretary and Dear August:

At the State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus held in 1969 a motion was approved to the effect that at each future State Convention there would be scheduled a Financial Secretaries' meeting headed by a chairman appointed by the State Deputy.

I ask you, therefore, to kindly accept the chairmanship of the Financial Secretaries' meeting for the coming State Convention to be held in your City of Natchez April 30th through May 2nd. I know you will be able to prepare an agenda both informative and interesting for all the Financial Secretaries assembled from throughout the State.

Fraternally yours,

NORMAN L. KIEHM
STATE DEPUTY

The State Deputy presented Mr. Robert L. Mackey, Supreme Representative for Insurance, who explained some new benefits of the Order's insurance program.

The State Deputy presented the State Chaplain, the Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, who made some informal remarks.

The State Deputy presented Star Council Awards to the Grand Knights of the following Councils: Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport; St. Vincent De Paul Council No. 4898, Long Beach; and Msgr. J. F. Clerico Council No. 5267, Greenwood.

The State Deputy presented Supreme Advocate Lamboley who delivered remarks concerning the Order's Student Loan Program, plans for establishing an official ladies' auxiliary, the progress of the Ceremonials Communion, and the

increasing problems related to the tax status of the Order and its subordinate councils. He announced that a fuller discussion of the tax situation would be held in a later session of this Convention.

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain for a closing prayer. The session adjourned at 7:30 P.M. the members and guests to attend a shrimp supper at 8:00 P.M. and the Convention to re-assemble following a Memorial Mass scheduled for 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 1, 1971.

Second Session: Saturday, May 1, 1971

The session was opened by State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm at 9:50 A.M. Msgr. Paul Hession led the opening prayer.

The State Deputy commended the Grand Knights for their work during the year and for their reports submitted in the first session.

The State Deputy called on Mr. William C. Karn, State Public Relations Chairman, to make his annual report to the Convention. Chairman Karn reported as follows:

Because of the short time that I have served as your State Public Relations Chairman, my report will be rather brief.

Since taking the Chairmanship, I have spent some time with Jim Bonney, the editor of Mississippi Today and also our Worthy State Deputy getting their thoughts and ideas. Mr. Bonney has assured me that he will give his complete cooperation. He will print any news items free of charge so long as there is no mention of

any gambling, lottery, etc., if we will just get the items to him. Of special mention were any Council projects. Along this same vein of thought, there is another idea that comes to my mind. In these days of the ecumenical movement, each Council should utilize their local daily or weekly newspapers to publicize the activities of the Knights of Columbus. They are seeking news items at all times--especially pictures of functions of our Order.

This brings us to another point. We discussed the possibility of running an advertisement probably just prior to our membership drives each year. Mr. Bonney would be most happy to do so but would have to charge us at a discount rate. Under the Charter Laws, all advertising must be charged for, even including items for such organizations as Catholic Charities. In discussing this with our Worthy State Deputy, I was informed that he would have to have a satisfactory polling of all Councils before he would be authorized to spend money for this. It seems to me this is a very unwieldy situation. I would like to propose that a nominal advertising fund be established to help sell the Knights of Columbus to the people, this fund to be used at the discretion of the Worthy State Deputy and the State Public Relations chairman combined. Through this action, I feel a great deal of time and red tape will be eliminated. You each have a copy of one such proposed advertisement that I feel would be very effective.

Gentlemen, we all have to be salesmen in our own Councils. The Public Relations cannot and should not be left to one or even a select few. Another thing, may I urge each Grand Knight to select a strong Council Public Relations chairman, one who will be sure to get the job done properly.

Some Councils are getting into a precarious situation in that there is not enough new blood of young men being brought in. This is due to a lack of public relations and lack of salesmanship on the part of all of us. This not only applies to our relationship with the laity but also with the clergy. Let us all put forth a little extra effort to utilize the notoriety and publicity which is available to us to further the growth of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. KARN, CHAIRMAN
WALTER SCHILHAB
J. F. BARTLETT

Mr. Karn introduced Mr. James Bonney, Editor of Mississippi Today who addressed a few remarks to the Convention giving assurance of his cooperation with the publicity needs of the Order in Mississippi.

The State Deputy called on the State Secretary who presented the following report for the Credentials Committee:

We, the Credentials Committee, report that we have verified the credentials of the following list of delegates to the 67th Annual State Convention and certify that they are entitled to full privileges of the Convention:

State Officers

State Chaplain	Most Rev. J.B. Brunini, J.C.D.
State Deputy	Norman L. Kiehm
State Secretary	William F. La Forge
State Treasurer	Henry J. Foggo, Sr.
State Advocate	James L. Bolander
State Warden	Willie J. Adam, Sr.
Past State Deputy	L. A. Koenenn, Sr.

Delegates

802 Meridian	M. A. Ward Maurice J. La Badie
848 Jackson	Walter G. Schilhab Cornelius J. O'Brien
898 Vicksburg	Sidney P. Saucier Walter L. Reynolds
1034 Natchez	Max Voss Francis Martin, Jr.
1244 Biloxi	Stearns C. Pluff Chester Trahan
1522 Bay St. Louis	Peter J. Benvenutti Sylvester Benigno
1583 Gulfport	Hayward J. Ladner Mack M. Harper
1605 Pascagoula	Robert C. Coakley Julius H. Martin
1908 Hattiesburg	Charles F. Abadie, Jr.
2134 Greenville	George R. Scheiderman James P. Wuestenhoefer
2180 Laurel	James F. Hunter E. K. Winchester
2945 Leland	Mike P. Columbus Leon J. Shapley
2969 Clarksdale	John F. Laurenzi Charles H. Wilson

3328 Yazoo City	Robert F. Jones A. O. Pitterle
4898 Long Beach	Emmet J. Milner Rodney J. Sandoz
5267 Greenwood	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. Louis J. Naaman, Jr.
5556 Cleveland	Victor Aguzzi Ned Fioranelli
5654 Ocean Springs	F. W. Kiernan Frank Tarrant

District Deputies

(No voting privilege unless listed as delegates)

District No. 1	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
District No. 2	Lawrence E. Thornton
District No. 3	George J. Saab
District No. 4	John P. Myers
District No. 5	Hayward J. Ladner
District No. 6	Hilton A. Seymour

Past State Deputies

(No voting privilege unless listed as delegates
or state officers)

John S. Cabibi
Alonzo A. O'Neill
August J. Stone
L. A. Koennen, Sr.
John P. Myers
John F. Smith
Hilton A. Seymour
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LA FORGE, CHAIRMAN
E. K. WINCHESTER

The State Deputy called on the District Deputies who presented the following reports to the Convention:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 1

This district is composed of Clarksdale, Cleveland, Leland, and Greenwood Councils.

During the month of July the officers of the Councils were duly installed.

There have been four admissions degree ceremonies performed in this district during the year with 15 new members being brought in. However, the district shows a net loss of 18 members, chiefly due to the fact that one Council has brought its membership rolls up to date and eliminated a lot of its driftwood. This is sometimes necessary and should strengthen this particular Council for the future. One Council at present has increased its membership by 10 per cent.

Our district second degree team participated in a joint exemplification of the 2nd and 3rd degree in Jackson. Councils from the district participated in two joint exemplifications.

With the consent of the State Deputy we are now forming a 3rd degree initiation team for our district at Greenwood.

All Councils are up to date with their audits and are presently in good financial standing. All but one have been visited at least twice.

District meetings have been held each quarter with a different Council hosting each meeting. All Councils continue to operate fully under the Six Point Program.

We have initiated a spirit of competition by also having some form of athletic event in between the Councils at each district meeting. The host Council names the game, the others have to bring their teams to compete. Competition has been very close to date with only 82 points out of 1000 separating the top and bottom place teams, Leland in the lead, Clarksdale and Cleveland tied for 2nd and 3rd place and Greenwood fourth.

I am grateful for the fine cooperation I have received from the four Councils of this district and feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

JESSE J. QUINN, JR.
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 1

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 2

District No. 2 consists of Council No. 898 Vicksburg, Council No. 3328 Yazoo City, and Council No. 2134 Greenville.

The elected officers of the above-mentioned Councils were duly installed in their respective offices during the month of July, 1970.

All State Officers and District Deputies met in Jackson on July 19, 1970. It was a very good meeting in which Worthy State Deputy, Norman Kiehm, explained our duties for the coming year, stressing from a national level down through and including state and local levels, the importance of our membership drives.

There were two different drives our district participated in during the past year for membership. We took in some members and we lost some members, par for the course it seems, judging from past years, but not satisfactory. I strongly recommend all Councils to make use of their Admission Degree teams as often as possible.

Our quarterly meetings were held as scheduled. Membership was always the number one topic of discussion. Other subjects discussed were the Council History project for the state, social peace, social justice, which was headed by the very capable State Secretary, Dr. William F. La Forge.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Formation Degree team from Cleveland and the Knighthood Degree team from Jackson for the splendid job they did this past year in bringing in new members to our Councils with such dignity and respect for their individual jobs. They certainly have been a credit to the Knights of Columbus.

Also, I want to say these past two years have been a most rewarding experience for me as District Deputy of District No. 2. I have always received the best cooperation from the officers of the State, the Grand Knights of my Councils, and the members themselves, in all endeavors pertaining to Knights of Columbus business. A special thanks goes out to our fine State Deputy, Brother Norman Kiehm, for the splendid cooperation and guidance he has given me these past two years. I believe our Knights of Columbus is a better organization today because of his untiring efforts on our behalf.

It has been a pleasure to serve with him and the other officers of the State as District Deputy of District No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. THORNTON
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 2

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 3

Officers of Natchez and Jackson were installed in July and a district meeting was held in Natchez with both Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries present to discuss plans for the year.

Emphasis was placed on performing the Formation and Knighthood Degrees December 6, 1970, in honor of our Bishop. The Degrees were performed in Jackson with seventeen candidates receiving Knighthood Degrees. Jackson also performed the same degrees in March with twelve candidates receiving honors of Knighthood in honor of Pope Paul VI.

Walt Schilhab and Max Voss, Grand Knights of Jackson and Natchez respectively, were very cooperative in working with me to carry out their year's activities including the full promotion of the Six Point Program. Our district meetings were all held in Natchez with very constructive work accomplished each time. The Ladies Auxiliary of which Jackson Council has a very fine organization, was discussed at each meeting with attempts to organize Natchez Ladies. This has not been accomplished but the ladies of Natchez certainly do as much without an organization as many that are well organized.

For more detailed presentation of activities for each Council see each Grand Knight's Report.

The Natchez Council as the host Council to the State Convention has worked very hard to be a good host and is to be commended in presenting to us such a fine program.

Jackson was the site of the Bowling Tournament and this event has become a very fine means of our members and families getting together. The bowling supper at the K.C. home was very nice with close to 100 members and families attending.

The records and Financial Statements of both Councils are satisfactory and all audits have been made and reported at proper times.

I would like to thank our State Deputy for selecting me to serve a second term in his Jurisdiction and I hope that my services have been satisfactory.

It has been a pleasure to serve with such fine officers, Grand Knights and all associated with District No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SAAB
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 3

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 4

Upon my appointment as District Deputy I proceeded to install the officers at two of the Councils, but it was necessary to make two trips to the other Council to install the officers.

During the year two district meetings were scheduled and at each of the meetings only one Council was present. A district meeting was scheduled with Brother George Ray, Supreme Council Representative, and again only one Council's officers were present. Sufficient notice was given of these meetings. Due to the very evident lack of interest and cooperation of the members, no other meetings were scheduled.

An Admission Degree was held in Laurel with all of the Councils invited to participate, but only the Laurel Council added two new members to their rolls.

Due to the lack of cooperation of the members of the district, it was impossible for your District Deputy to function properly this past year.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN P. MYERS
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 4

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 5

The activities of District No. 5 started this year with the installation of officers. The first Council to be installed was Long Beach. This was done at an open meeting with the banquet being held at the Downtowner Motel in Gulfport. The second installation was Bishop Gunn Council in Gulfport, which was an open meeting also, and the installation was done at the Council home with a banquet following the installation of officers. The installation for this group was done by the State Deputy due to the fact that the District Deputy was also Grand

Knight of Bishop Gunn Council. Installation for the Bay St. Louis Council was conducted at the Council Home with a Barbecue Chicken Dinner following. It certainly was gratifying to me to see that the Councils in District No. 5 continued to have their installation of officers at an open meeting. This gives our wives an opportunity to attend this very formal and important ceremony. I certainly hope that this practice of open meetings will be continued.

District No. 5 was very fortunate this year in the fact that we were able to have two visits from Brother George Ray, our Supreme Service Representative for this area. He was able to visit with all the Councils in the district and of course consult with those that have problems and tried in every way to help these Councils solve their problems and give them the benefit of his experience with the Knights of Columbus.

I am very pleased that the Long Beach Council and Gulfport Council have active Degree teams for all three degrees. During the past year we have had numerous Admission Degree initiations with two Formation and Knighthood Degree initiations that followed the Supreme Membership programs that we have had. I'm happy to say these membership drives were, I think, very successful in our area. Both Long Beach and Gulfport have qualified for Star Council Awards. To date new membership is by far the greatest problem that we have in District No. 5 and we have been working very hard trying to overcome this problem.

It was very unfortunate that during this year it was necessary to recommend that our Council in Pass Christian be suspended. This is never a pleasant task but it does become necessary from time to time. Brother George Ray and I had a meeting with the officers of the Pass Christian Council in August of last year at which time a

good discussion was held about all the problems. A plan of action was agreed upon; after about two months the State Deputy and I had another meeting with the officers. To date they have been unable to get the Council active.

It certainly has been a great honor and privilege for me to have served under our Worthy State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm for the past two years as District Deputy. At this time I would also like to express my gratitude to all the Officers and members of the Councils in District No. 5 for the outstanding cooperation and assistance they have given me the past two years. I especially want to thank the members that participated on the degree teams. Brother Fritz Oberlies has been our Degree Team Chairman and to him we are very thankful for his outstanding job. As stressed above this is, in my opinion, the greatest problem facing the Knights of Columbus and to these members that worked so hard to stage these exemplifications, I am very grateful.

HAYWARD J. LADNER
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT No. 5

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 6

This past year has been a very exciting and interesting one for Columbianism in District No. 6.

The duly elected officers of Councils No. 5654, 1605, and 1244 were installed on July 1, 7, and 10 respectively. Open ceremonies were held in Biloxi and Pascagoula with large attendances at both.

On July 19, I attended the installation ceremony of State Officers in Jackson, also the meeting for District Deputies and State Program Chairmen held that same day. During this meeting State Deputy Kiehm outlined his program for the year.

The first District No. 6 meeting was held in Biloxi on August 23, with good representation from each of the three Councils. Plans were made for the membership drive to honor our local chaplains and our Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Brunini. The first admission degree in this drive was held in Pascagoula on Sept. 1 and the next in Biloxi on Sept. 24th.

On Dec. 20, a District Deputies meeting was held in Jackson, at which time State Deputy Kiehm outlined plans for the Papal Tribute membership drive. As a result, I arranged a District No. 6 meeting for Dec. 22 in Pascagoula for Grand Knights and membership chairmen. At this meeting plans were made for admission degrees on Feb. 24, March 2 and 4; a formation degree on March 9, and a concluding knighthood degree on March 18. With the exception of the March 2 admission degree everything went as planned.

Although councils in the District were able to add 49 members as a result of admission degrees, readmissions and reinstatements, the District will show a decrease in membership because of the large number of suspensions. Loss of members is one of the most disturbing problems with which a State Deputy is confronted, and one which necessarily must be resolved.

All councils in the District have been very active during the year and such will be reflected in the Grand Knights' reports to the Convention.

I am happy to announce that each Council has an admission degree team and that I have a formation and knighthood degree team composed of members from Biloxi Council No. 1244.

It was a pleasure to have Brother George Ray, Program Consultant, in the District for visits in each council on Feb. 9, 10, and 11, 1971. The meetings which he and I attended were very interesting and the brothers gleaned much information from the questions and answer sessions following each address by Brother Ray.

All councils in the District have held regular meetings and are in compliance with the laws and rules of our Order.

In conclusion, I wish to thank each Grand Knight for his cooperation during the past year and a special thanks to State Deputy Kiehm for his kindness in permitting me the privilege of serving as District Deputy during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

HILTON A. SEYMOUR
DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 6

The State Deputy read a letter from William L. Piedmont, Director of the Service Department, announcing that Papal Tiara Awards for achievements in Papal Tribute Recruitment Program had been earned by Districts Nos. 3, 5, and 6. The State Deputy presented the awards to District Deputies Saab, Ladner, and Seymour.

The State Deputy read the following letter from the Supreme Secretary regarding Past State Deputy Cornelius Boone:

March 10, 1971

Mr. Norman L. Kiehm
State Deputy
5209 - 16th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

Worthy State Deputy:

Our Worthy Supreme Knight Brother John W. McDevitt has referred to my office the content of your letter to him of March 6 concerning the death of Past State Deputy Cornelius Boone. We join with you, the members of the family, and his many friends in asking God's blessing on his immortal soul.

The records here show that Past State Deputy Boone served in the office of State Deputy in the year July 1, 1930 through June 3, 1931. As a result of your kindness we are in position to make reference to his passing in one of the forthcoming editions of the weekly News. His name will also be carried in the necrology that will be presented to the Supreme Council Meeting to be held in New York in August coming.

Fraternally yours,

VIRGIL C. DECHANT
SUPREME SECRETARY

The State Deputy read the following letter with regard to the tribute to the Supreme Chaplain:

September 1, 1970

Nr. Norman L. Kiehm
State Deputy
5209 - 16th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

Worthy State Deputy:

May I express again my deep gratitude for your thoughtful participation in the heartwarming tribute paid to me as the Supreme Chaplain during the recent memorable meeting of the Supreme Council in Houston.

While I must repeat that I consider myself a small instrument of God and undeserving of any special favor or eulogy, I confess it is a spiritually exhilarating experience to have so many of my Brothers in the Order honor me for our humble efforts over the past 50 years to promote and serve our beloved and precious Society.

The fund to which you contributed so generously will be used for several deserving charitable causes in our diocese, particularly to help handicapped children. Both my prayers and those of these little ones of God will be with you.

God bless you and all the members of your jurisdiction.

Your Brother in Christ and in Columbianism,

BISHOP C. P. GRECO
SUPREME CHAPLAIN

On a motion by C. J. O'Brien, seconded by Mike Columbus, the Convention authorized the State Treasurer to re-imburse the State Deputy the \$25.00 contribution which he had expended from his personal funds.

The State Deputy called on Supreme Advocate Lamboley who explained the position of the Order concerning its status with IRS. He emphasized the following points: only unrelated business income is taxable; a return must be filed on all

income exceeding \$5,000.00 over and above dues collected; the difference between title-holding corporations and social club (Council) corporations is significant in that the latter can only exempt fees and dues paid by members and income set aside for religious, charitable, scientific, educational and similar purposes with other income taxed on the basis of corporate rates; further, Council corporations are not under the jurisdiction of Supreme but are creatures of local Councils; the recommendation is that Councils incorporate and become title-holding corporations thus leaving only unrelated business income as taxable. Supreme is presently petitioning to permit this procedure. Judge Lamboley answered a number of specific questions raised by the delegates.

The State Deputy called on State Treasurer Henry J. Foggo, Sr. who presented the following report for the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>M'AGE</u>	<u>PER</u>	<u>DIEM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Rev. J.B. Brunini	102	\$12.24	\$30.00		\$42.24
Norman L. Kiehm	192	23.04	30.00		53.04
Dr. W. F. LaForge	180	21.60	30.00		51.60
H. J. Foggo			30.00		30.00
James L. Bolander	147	17.64	30.00		47.64
Willie J. Adams	199	23.88	30.00		53.88
L. A. Koenenn	204	24.48	30.00		54.48

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Jessie J. Quinn, Jr.	172	20.64	30.00		50.64
L. E. Thornton	154	18.48	30.00		48.48
George Saab	102	12.24	30.00		42.24
John P. Myers	147	17.64	30.00		47.64
Hayward Ladner	199	23.88	30.00		53.88
H. A. Seymour	205	24.60	30.00		54.60

<u>DELEGATES</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>M'AGE</u>	<u>PER</u>	<u>DIEM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Meridian 802	192	\$23.04	\$30.00	\$53.04	
	192	23.04	30.00	53.04	
Jackson 848	102	12.24	30.00	42.24	
	102	12.24	30.00	42.24	
Vicksburg 898	70	8.40	30.00	38.40	
	70	8.40	30.00	38.40	
Natchez 1034			30.00	30.00	
			30.00	30.00	
Biloxi 1244	205	24.60	30.00	54.60	
	205	24.60	30.00	54.60	
Bay St. Louis 1522	201	24.12	30.00	54.12	
	201	24.12	30.00	54.12	
Gulfport 1583	199	23.88	30.00	53.88	
Pascagoula 1605	226	27.12	30.00	57.12	
	226	27.12	30.00	57.12	
Hattiesburg 1908	139	16.68	30.00	46.68	
Greenville 2134	154	18.48	30.00	48.48	
	154	18.48	30.00	48.48	
Laurel 2180	147	17.64	30.00	47.64	
	147	17.64	30.00	47.64	
Clarksdale 2969	216	25.92	30.00	55.92	
	216	25.92	30.00	55.92	
Yazoo City 3328	117	14.04	30.00	44.04	
	117	14.04	30.00	44.04	
Long Beach 4898	204	24.48	30.00	54.48	
	204	24.48	30.00	54.48	
Greenwood 5267	172	20.64	30.00	50.64	
Cleveland 5556	180	21.60	30.00	51.60	
	180	21.60	30.00	51.60	
Ocean Spgs. 5654	208	24.96	30.00	54.96	
	208	24.96	30.00	54.96	
		<u>\$871.56</u>	<u>1380.00</u>	<u>2251.56</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. FOGGO, SR.

FRANK TARRANT

The State Deputy called on State Secretary W. F. La Forge who presented the following reports on membership:

Report on Membership for the year ending April 1, 1971 compared to the membership status on April 1, 1970:

<u>Council</u>	<u>1970 April</u>	<u>1971 April</u>	<u>Incr.</u>	<u>Decr.</u>
802 Meridian	78	77		1
848 Jackson	222	211		11
898 Vicksburg	312	307		5
1034 Natchez	272	263		9
1244 Biloxi	318	289		29
1522 Bay St. Louis	194	159		35
1583 Gulfport	230	257	27	
1605 Pascagoula	222	240	18	
1908 Hattiesburg	75	58		17
2134 Greenville	155	160	5	
2180 Laurel	48	45		3
2945 Leland	55	50		5
2969 Clarksdale	150	131		19
3328 Yazoo City	53	48		5
4472 Pass Christian	33	30		3
4898 Long Beach	73	83	10	
5267 Greenwood	94	106	12	
5556 Cleveland	91	86		5
5654 Ocean Springs	117	105		12
	2792	2705	72	159

This reflects a net loss of 87.

The following named members have been reported as deceased since the last Convention by the Grand Knights of their Councils. Please remember these brothers in your prayers.

John T. Savage Council No. 848, Jackson:
Cornelius B. Boone, PSD; John C. Campbell

Vicksburg Council No. 898: Billy H. Quinn; John
P. Johnson; Aloysius J. Derivaux; Sam
Gucherean; Louis Andress

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034, Natchez:
Paul H. Byrne, Sr.; John J. Foley, Sr.; J. R.
Bourke, Sr.; Joseph Rene Damare; Raymond T.
Davis; William L. (Bill) Eidt

Biloxi Council No. 1244: William Collins, Sr.;
Henry Diaz; Oscar Davis; Joseph Taranto

Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport: Salvador
J. Savarese, PGK; George A. Schloegel

Pascagoula Council No. 1605: J. D. Boyle, Jr.

Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908, Hattiesburg:
R. A. Delmas, Jr.

Father Korstenbroek Council No. 2134, Greenville:
William L. Evans, Jr.; Gerald C. Keigley;
Edward J. Lueckenbach

Msgr. J. F. Clerico Council No. 5267, Greenwood:
John P. Gavin; Harry W. Brafford

Father Rotondo Council No. 5556, Cleveland: John
J. Janous; Donald Rocconi; Louis Bassi

Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council No. 5654, Ocean
Springs: Rene Cazaubon; Howard Glass, Jr.;
N. E. Taconi

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LA FORGE

STATE SECRETARY

The State Deputy called on District Deputy George Saab who presented the following report:

The Ninth Annual Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament was held at the Cotton Bowl Lanes in Jackson on April 3 and 4, 1971. Thirteen teams were entered and the following winners received cash and/or trophies:

First Place Team: Greenville #2
Second Place Team: Greenwood
Third Place Team: Natchez #2
First Place Doubles: Joe Schulta and Nick Pitalo (Gulfport)
First Place Singles: Tie between Fredric (Pascagoula) and Saab (Jackson)
First Place All Events Handicap: Fredric (Pascagoula)
First Place Scratch: Bob Flesces (Greenville)

It was agreed that the 1971 Tournament would be held in Biloxi under the management of Charles Pluff and Hilton Seymour.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SAAB
TOURNAMENT MANAGER

The State Deputy called on F. J. Bartlett who presented the following report on the Priests' Education Fund:

It is very gratifying to report that during the past year we have contributed a total of \$6,263.94 to the Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Since this project was started in 1953 a total of \$117,452.92 has been given to this worthy endeavor

by the Knights of Columbus

We are happy to announce that we have had 100% participation of the active councils in the State.

At this time I wish to thank all the Councils for their contributions and sincerely hope that they will continue to do as well for the years to come. A summary follows which shows the donations through the years.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. BARTLETT
STATE CHAIRMAN

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS 1953-1971

No.	Council	1953-1969	1970	1971	Grand Total
802	Meridian	3,012.00	300.00	375.00	3,687.00
848	Jackson	7,285.31	600.00	600.00	8,485.31
898	V'burg	9,300.00	600.00	300.00	10,200.00
1034	Natchez	8,551.00	400.00	600.00	9,551.00
1244	Biloxi	9,345.00	157.50	600.00	10,102.50
1522	Bay St.L.	7,577.00	200.00	250.00	8,027.00
1605	Pasca.	14,325.00	600.00	600.00	15,525.00
1583	Gulfp.	9,945.00	805.00	800.00	11,550.00
1908	Hattiesb.	2,980.00	--	150.00	3,130.00
2134	Greenv.	5,702.00	300.00	350.00	6,352.03
2180	Laurel	1,195.00	50.00	50.00	1,295.00
2945	Leland	4,505.00	350.00	300.00	5,155.00
2969	C'dale	8,425.00	--	100.00	8,525.00
3328	Yazoo C.	4,510.25	330.00	330.00*	5,170.25
4472	Pass Chr.	315.00	--	--	315.00
4583	McComb	1,010.00	--	--	1,010.00
4898	Long Bea.	3,561.39	400.00	100.00	4,061.39
5267	G'wood	1,447.50	200.00	208.94	1,856.44
5556	C'land	1,300.00	300.00	300.00	1,900.00
5654	Ocean Sp.	750.00	250.00	250.00	1,250.00
	Hattiesburg Sq.	75.00	--	--	75.00
	Pascagoula Sq.	200.00	--	--	200.00

*Sent to the Bishop each month.

Delegates-1961	30.00	--	--	30.00
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Grand Totals:				
	1953-1969		\$105,346.48	
	1970		5,842.50	
	1971		<u>6,263.94</u>	
Grand Total			\$117,452.92	

The State Deputy called on F. J. Bartlett and L. A. Koenenn, Sr. to report on the State History Project. Brother Bartlett submitted the following report:

At this time we hate to report that this project is not completed. Two years ago when this project was undertaken it was estimated that it would take approximately 2 years to complete. The last of the histories was submitted last fall. It is now estimated that there will be about 90 pages of narrative and 20 pages of ads. In addition there will be about 50 photographs from the various Councils.

Letters from all the dignitaries have been received and are ready to submit to the printer at any time. To make a more complete history it will be necessary to review all the State Convention reports and it has not been possible to do so up to the present time. We do not want the old saying "Haste Makes Waste" to apply to this project.

Fraternally yours,

F. J. BARTLETT
L. A. KOENENN, SR.
CO-CHAIRMAN

Brother Koenenn added that all participating Councils have sent in their contributions which total \$3,250.00 for which he expressed his thanks.

He estimated that the cost of printing would amount to approximately \$3,000.00 with some other expenses above that figure.

The State Deputy called on PSD Koenenn to lead the closing prayer and the session adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Third Session: Saturday, May 1, 1971

State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm opened the session with a prayer at 2:35 P.M.

The State Deputy called on Brother M. A. Ward who presented the following report for the Greetings Committee:

The Greetings Committee recommends that the following communications be sent to Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt and Most Rev. R. O. Gerow, respectively:

Worthy Sir:

The Knights of Columbus, assembled in Natchez, Miss. for our 67th Annual State Convention respectfully extend to you our most heartfelt and sincere greetings.

We pledge our support to you our Supreme Knight in all things pertaining to the good of the Order.

We pray that Catholicity, true Christian virtue, and the Knights of Columbus may, under your leadership, continue to progress.

Your Excellency:

The Knights of Columbus assembled in Natchez,

Miss. for our 67th Annual State Convention extend to you our most heartfelt and sincere greetings.

As our Chaplain and spiritual leader for many years, we wish you to know that our affection for you continues to grow. You are in our thoughts and we beg your prayers.

God bless and keep you.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. WARD
LEON SHAPLEY

The State Secretary was directed to send these communications.

The State Deputy called on State Treasurer Henry J. Foggo, Sr. who submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD MAY 10, 1970 - MAY 2, 1971

REVENUES:

Balance Forward, May 1, 1970				\$ 763.88
Re-deposited unexpended cash from				76.88
1970 Convention				
Per Capita Tax:				
802	\$ 71.00	2134	161.00	
848	213.00	2180	45.00	
898	309.00	2945	50.00	
1034	265.00	2969	133.00	
1244	284.00	3328	48.00	
1522	159.00	4898	81.00	
1583	256.00	5267	103.00	
1605	239.00	5556	87.00	
1908	67.00	5654	105.00	<u>2,676.00</u>
Total Revenues				\$3,516.76

EXPENDITURES:

Check No:

40. <u>Columbia Magazine</u>	\$ 25.30
41. Sam J. Armato	48.00
42. Ben L. Carrubba	48.00
43. A. J. Ladner	48.00
44. B. T. Hayden	48.00
45. Void	
46. H. B. Lozes	48.00
47. Paul McMahon	48.00
48. Void	
49. W. J. McDonald	48.00
50. Merlin Necaie	48.00
51. E. C. Nicolet, Jr.	48.00
52. V. T. Ruspoli	48.00
53. Dement Prntg. Co.(Letterhead Sta.)	23.00
54. Luke Printing Co. (Directories)	44.10
55. Norman L. Kiehm (postage)	30.00
56. W. F. La Forge (Committee exp.)	8.00
57. R. J. Sandoz (Six Point Program)	4.56
58. Jareme Co. (PSD pins)	30.85
59. Luke Printing Co. (3000 circulars)	42.00
60. Norman L. Kiehm (postage)	41.22
61. Norman L. Kiehm (postage)	30.00
62. Sam Greco Prntg.(1970 Conven.Proceedgs.)	177.10
63. 1971 Convention Expenses	2,402.76
64. Bishop Brunini (orphans)	150.00
65. Bishop Brunini (Memorial Mass)	5.00
Total Expenditures	\$3,316.79

Balance on Hand, May 2, 1971	\$199.97
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The State Deputy called on Fritz Oberlies, Master of the Fourth Degree for the Mississippi District, who presented the following report:

I am grateful to our Worthy State Deputy for requesting a report from me in order that we might enlist into our ranks those of you who for some reason did not yet do so. For certainly, you the delegates are the most select group of Knights in this State, and I urge you to consider seriously this opportunity to proceed to the Fourth Degree, the highest in our Order.

When Father McGivney founded our honored Order, only three degrees comprising the principles of charity, unity and fraternity were considered and exemplified. But after a few short years, the appealing beauty and dignity of those ceremonials and the broadening of the purposes of Columbianism all combined to bring about requests in ever increasing numbers for additional degrees.

Therefore, shortly before the turn of the century the Supreme Board adopted a resolution to consider the proposed Fourth Degree. The Committee indicated in their report the belief that such a degree would stimulate still greater interest in our Order, and that the honor of membership in such a degree should go only to working and persevering members of our Order. The inspiring, patriotic ceremonial of the Fourth Degree was approved by the Supreme Board and first exemplified on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, 1900 in New York City. This ceremonial is secret as are those of the three previous degrees, and it is unchanged to the present day.

The Fourth Degree has spread and is formally established throughout the USA and all countries wherever Columbianism has been instituted; thus,

it too has become national in scope and in operation. Its motto is Patriotism, enlightened and informed by our Catholic Faith. It is based on an exalted concept of American patriotism, and it teaches an enduring appreciation of our American institutions, reverence for our Constitution and the founders and the preservers of the Republic as well as a realization of the outstanding part our Catholic ancestors played in the discovery, exploration, evangelization and development of America. But, the primary purpose of this Degree is to inculcate into its members a sincere love of Country and to impress on them their duties as Christian Citizens.

In this District of Mississippi, we have approximately 600 members in 13 Assemblies. Almost all of them maintain a uniformed Honor Guard for participation in exemplifications, religious and public functions and parades. At the wake of a deceased Sir Knight during the last two hours, we post a guard of honor at the head and at the foot of the casket, and the Rosary is recited by the Faithful Friar and the assembled Sir Knights. On a sideboard a chalice or ciborium is exhibited, suitably inscribed with the name of the deceased. Each Sir Knight is thus assured a perpetual remembrance in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by the Priest to whom the chalice is presented. All assemblies should participate in this program.

Our Religious Educational Program is also of great importance to us. It was originated by our Former Master, Sir Knight L. A. Koenenn in 1959, and it is still under his direction. The entire cost of education of one priest and one nun each year is assumed by us, which amounts to .50¢ per member, per year. Our first priest was ordained in 1965 in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem; the second priest will be ordained this summer. Six nuns have completed their studies so

far, and this year we doubled the quota. Based on the high cost of living in this community, it is difficult to conceive that we can keep a novice in school with books, tuition and board for \$150.00 per year, and a seminarian for \$100.00. The gratitude of these students is overwhelming to say the least.

All the assemblies also participate financially in the Religious Information Booth Program held each year at the Jackson State Fair. It is under the capable administration of the Bishop Gerow General Assembly, and it has proven to be very successful. There are other projects on the local level. We have scheduled an exemplification to be held in the Delta city of Cleveland on May 16, which is only two weeks from now. If anyone here is interested to come in, contact your Faithful Navigator at once and he will take care of the necessary paperwork. The fee is \$50.00 which includes your lunch and banquet ticket, sword and case, service and social baldrics and your Fourth Degree lapel pin.

In closing, I again urge you to join our Ranks because we need you, and I'll guarantee that the lessons you will learn in this ceremonial will be far beyond your anticipation.

I thank you.

FRITZ J. OBERLIES
MASTER

The State Deputy called on PSD John S. Cabibi to report for the Disaster Committee in the absence of the State Chairman. Brother Cabibi requested the Councils who have established a Disaster Committee to report briefly on its activities. The following Councils rendered brief reports: 848 (Jackson); 1583 (Gulfport);

3328 (Yazoo City); 1034 (Natchez); 1244 (Biloxi); 4898 (Long Beach); and 802 (Meridian). Activities included assistance rendered in the recent tornado disaster in the Delta, general co-operation with other relief agencies, and the adoption of plans for action in anticipation of disaster. The State Deputy emphasized the need to be prepared to make Council homes available when natural or other disasters occur.

The State Deputy called on W. F. La Forge who submitted the following report for the Social Justice Social Peace Committee:

In the first year of its operation this Committee concentrated on arriving at a definition of its purposes and functions and on establishing a statewide structure. The Chairman worked out the following statement of purpose and suggested functions which was distributed to all Councils:

General Purpose: To help further the mission of the Church in Mississippi in bridging the gap between peoples of different religions, ethnic origin, and educational, economic, and social levels.

Suggested Activities: Generally, this Committee is to carry out projects and programs in the area of human relations and will work toward the fulfillment of the general purpose defined above by promoting the idea that human relations should be conducted on the principle of respect for individual personality and the dignity and worth of human beings. While each committee must be guided by the special conditions of the community where it is functioning, its activities should generally be based on this principle and motivated by the Order's idea of Charity. Some possible projects and programs that might be adopted are:

1. Opening a line of regular communications between the Council and other organizations in the community such as civic clubs, Masonic and other fraternal lodges, and social action groups. Such contacts would facilitate K. of C. support of and participation in community programs in the area of human relations.
2. Conducting a systematic study to identify the pressing social problems of the parish and the community as a whole and recommending specific remedial action to the Council.
3. Inviting representatives of other lodges and churches to attend appropriate Council activities as a means of furthering mutual understanding.
4. Consulting and co-operating with pastors and the Chairmen of the Parish Social Justice and Social Peace Commissions.

In a letter dated July 20, 1970 each Grand Knight was requested to submit the name of the Chairman of his Council Social Justice and Social Peace Committee. Chairmen were appointed and their names were reported by four Councils: Vicksburg, Greenville, Greenwood, and Cleveland.

The lack of response and some questions concerning the nature of the Committee prompted a second letter to Grand Knights who had not reported dated October 26, 1970 in which a further explanation of the matter was offered. However, no additional Council Committee Chairmen have been reported.

The Committee recommends that the Committee continue with its work and that a new title, such as Committee on Community Relations, might represent a constructive change.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LA FORGE
JOHN P. MYERS, PSD
HAYWARD LADNER
F. W. KIERNAN

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain, Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, who presented the following report:

Certainly we Knights are most happy to gather in this historic city of Natchez for our 1971 State Convention. Natchez has been the residence of all of my predecessors as Bishop of the Catholic Church in Mississippi although Bishop Gerow - the seventh Bishop of the Diocese - after spending twenty-three years of his episcopate in Natchez, removed the episcopal residence to Jackson.

I must say I was happy when Bishop Gerow appointed me to Natchez the summers of 1935 and 1936 and named me as Assistant Pastor to our historic St. Mary's Cathedral in the fall of 1937, the centennial year of our Diocese's foundation. For some six years I remained here in Natchez as Bishop Gerow's Chancellor, and so can claim Natchez as my residence for approximately twelve years. Needless to say my years here were most happy ones and I am more than pleased to be here in our Cathedral city with many of my dear friends of our local K. C. Council.

As your State Chaplain, I should ask myself "Have these past twelve months been months of spiritual progress, retrogression or have we remained at a standstill?" I would say basically we have moved forward but of course human nature being what it is we have a long way to go. On the national level there are certainly no complaints. Our national offices and our national

Chaplain, Bishop Greco, have brought us far along the path to personal sanctity and to greater service to Church and Country.

On the local level we have received good leadership from our State Deputy, Norman Kiehn, and his fellow officers. All of our Councils are now open to membership regardless of race. However, I realize that we should go out and actively seek members of the Black race so as to present a more Christian image to our people. I would suggest that as a practical measure the State Officers make contact with the officers of the Knights of St. Peter Claver in Mississippi. I understand that the St. Peter Claver Knights have Councils at Pascagoula, Biloxi, Pass Christian, and Bay St. Louis. Perhaps some joint ventures, or some joint appearances, of our two groups would be helpful. Father Anthony Bourges, S. V. D., pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Jackson, Miss., is the national chaplain of the St. Peter Claver Knights. Perhaps he could assist us in arranging for a joint meeting to dialogue with these Knights of St. Peter Claver. I will be happy to attend such a joint meeting.

Progress has been made in setting up social justice and social peace committees in our local Councils and we hope the coming year will see every Council with such a committee. Some of the pastors, particularly in the Delta section of the State, have told me that it is practically impossible to have men volunteer on the parish social justice and social peace committees. We have a right to expect our Knights to show the virtue of fortitude in volunteering to our pastors for such important assignments.

Our Delta section was visited with heavy tornadoes and of course there have been other tragedies in our Diocese. We do hope that every Council will soon have a disaster committee. Our Catholic

Charities Office is prepared to offer great assistance but would like to have local leadership in times of disasters.

All Mississippians are greatly edified at the continuous generosity of our Knights in contributing to the education of our future priests for Mississippi. As you know, education is becoming more expensive each year. We will have a full time Director of Vocations this year in the person of Father Henry Shelton and we trust that our Council members will cooperate with him in every way in seeking out worthwhile candidates for the challenging role of a priest in Mississippi in this final period of the twentieth century.

I wish to thank all of you for the exemplifications in honor of Pope Paul VI and in my own honor which have taken place this past year. We are happy to see greater publicity in Mississippi Today and our editors promise you every cooperation. Bishop Gerow continues in reasonably good health and sends you his best greetings. On May 3 Bishop Gerow will reach his 86th birthday and on June 5 he will be a priest for sixty-two years. A Resolution from this Convention would be most appropriate.

The State Deputy presented the annual report to the Convention:

We come to that part of our proceedings commonly known as the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY. Again this year I stress that this report is actually the State Deputy's "State of the Union address," or if you will the "State of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi address." It should point out the attempts we have made, our successes we have enjoyed as well as our failures, our aspirations, our commitments, our responsibilities.

Naturally such a report will deal in general terms and will not of necessity refer to all councils on all points. It is, therefore, that I ask you to listen attentively to this report, taking special care to make note of those items which might refer to your particular Council.

One of the continuing problems in many councils in our State is membership and retention. This past year we worked, as the old saying goes, our fingers to the bone throughout the state. Our Grand Knights and membership chairmen worked hard. And as reported we actually brought 139 new members into the Order -- a very nice 5% increase which is very commendable and not to be scoffed at. Every council in the state except 4 added new members to its roster.

But, while doing this recruitment we actually suspended 201 members which operation gave us a net LOSS for the state of 62. Seven of our 19 councils showed an increase over suspensions -- Gulfport, Laurel, Pascagoula, Greenville, Long Beach, Greenwood, and Ocean Springs. These councils are to be congratulated.

It would appear, therefore, that our problem lies in our difficulty in keeping members in our Order once they have joined. Somehow or other we MUST find a way to stop those suspensions! Probably the primary cause leading to suspensions is lack of interest in the council's program. This is particularly true in the case of new members. No one really takes the time out to inform him of our Order and its workings. If the Admissions Committee is doing its job it has already asked the new member while still a prospect his preferences for work on a particular committee, but then is he always assigned to that committee immediately following his first degree? Is he taken in hand by that chairman and the members of that committee and led along, or is he just abandoned to himself?

The Knights of Columbus activity program has one basic purpose -- to provide each individual member of the council an opportunity to make use of his particular interest and talent. Full and complete utilization of this program is the very best membership retention measure we have.

At times we find that the cause for dropping away from the Order can be financial. The member may simply forget to pay his dues -- something which is perfectly understandable. Here the responsibility rests with the Financial Secretary. He must follow the prescribed procedure by mailing out dues notices regularly and then follow-up reminders. The matter of dues collection must be an impersonal, business-like procedure for all members alike. Never allow indebtedness to pile up. A quarter's dues are not too difficult to pay, but when all of a sudden a member finds he is three or four quarters behind he may find it impossible to bring his dues up to date -- hence the suspension.

At some times we find a member dropping out because of personal clashes within the council. But you will find that these can usually be easily resolved by the Grand Knight or other officers if not allowed to ferment.

The solution then to the problem of suspensions? First of all a strong, active membership retention committee which can make an occasional examination of the council's conscience to try and determine the basic causes of suspensions in that council. A delinquent member should never be suspended before personal contact is made by the retention committee and very often a friendly visit will help keep the knight on the council roster.

Today, May 1st, is the first day for another membership drive to run through June 30th --

this time devoted to attempting to readmit former members. It is called "OPERATION RE-MEMBER." You have already received from Supreme your council's list of members suspended during the past three years. In addition your financial secretary should be able to provide your committee with a list of other members who were suspended before 1968. Most of them know the aims and purposes of the Order. Our job then is to convince them that the causes behind their falling away is no longer present in our council. By the use of this program six or seven additional councils, by re-admitting just a few members, could end up this year with an increase in membership, and several could still become eligible for Star Council Award. But remember, the membership committee cannot work alone. It must have the cooperation of all other committees whose job it is to make sure there are attractive programs and activities within the council. In particular, it must have the cooperation of the Grand Knight and all officers whose very office demands they make sure that those members who are really interested in carrying out and implementing the programs of the State and Supreme Councils and the wishes of the Church and the Bishops, have a chance to do so without being laughed at, talked about, and in general downgraded by those members interested only in keeping the status quo.

At present we have one suspended council in our jurisdiction, Pass Christian No. 4472. On the 14th day of March 1971, after much consideration and several visits, and on the advice of Supreme Consultant George Ray and District Deputy Hayward Ladner, who spent countless hours trying to get this Council back on the road, I wrote a letter to our Supreme Secretary Virgil Dechant regretfully asking him to request of the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Board of Directors the necessary action for the dissolution of this Council. For all

practical purposes this Council has been dead for several years and needs to be buried. Pass Christian used to be a fine active Council full of hopes and enjoying many successes. This can only be a reminder to all of us that there is no way of getting around the fact that through inactivity and apathy a council will surely die. It cannot live by itself. It must have the healthy blood of active members flowing through its veins. It must be kept healthy by the continuous addition of new blood.

Last Spring a member of the Mississippi Legislature introduced a bill that would greatly liberalize the abortion laws of our State. Through the medium of the Catholic press our Bishop asked all Catholics to write their state representative and voice opposition to this attempted legalization of murder. It occurred to me that I as State Deputy should follow up this request and that this would be an ideal time for the Knights of Columbus to add their weight. So I had 3000 letters printed, got the addresses from the Columbia mailing list, and sent each Knight in the State of Mississippi a plea to immediately contact his representative and in particular the chairman of the Judiciary Committee which was handling this bill with a request to kill this proposal in committee.

We have no way of knowing just how many of our Order in the State actually followed through, but I did receive quite a few copies from various Knights. We also have no way of knowing how much credit goes to the Knights, but the bill was actually killed in committee because of the great pressure exerted by Catholics throughout the State. We can, however, be most thankful that this bill was defeated and that we did have some part in its defeat.

Now, something which I find difficult to bring up to a group of Catholic men, and something which should be of particular distress and special concern to everyone present in this assembly is what appears to be the almost utter disregard of some of our subordinate councils to the wishes of our State Chaplain. At our last convention our Chaplain asked us to form in every council two additional committees -- two very important committees. I quote from his report: "A Disaster Committee should be set up in each Council. Advance plans should be made to staff and to make available council halls for such emergencies." He also asked us to form in each council a committee on Social Justice and Social Peace. Again I quote: "Such could be the very beginning of the necessary dialogue to show leadership in this most important moral question facing the people of God in Mississippi. I know the Church can count on the Knights of Columbus for leadership." In the State Deputy report of last year I spent considerable time expanding on this. I also created two new State Committees and appointed two outstanding men to head these committees and who attempted to give their assistance whenever and wherever necessary in the inauguration and development of these two programs in each subordinate council. Gentlemen you have heard the report of these two chairmen.

Yes, it is perfectly true that our State Chaplain asked us; he suggested to us; he did not command us. But here is the point I want to get across, a point which every one of us is fully aware. Our Chaplain is not merely a State Officer making recommendations and suggestions. HE IS OUR BISHOP. We all profess to be and are practicing Catholics. We all firmly believe in the teachings of our Holy Catholic Church == and that Church teaches us without any reservations whatsoever that our Bishop receives his authority directly from Christ himself in direct and uninterrupted apostolic succession from the Apostles themselves.

He may not wish to impose that authority on us directly, but by the very fact that he has indicated a desire for us to do a particular thing we should leave no stone unturned, should make every effort to see that his wishes are given every chance to be carried out, and that these wishes be given priority in our councils.

After all, he is certainly not asking us merely to take part in some pet project of his. These things he asks of us are demanded by the very nature of our Church, are sought by every one of the 2600 Bishops throughout the world, including the Pope, and are demanded by the very constitution of our Order which is based on Charity. If we are to live up to our commitment surely we must do better along the lines indicated. I have full confidence that once you, the leaders of your councils, make our membership at large aware of our commitments and aware of our responsibilities, we will and can make great progress.

This past year, in an effort to give incentive to a strong six point program in every council, we instituted what was called the Intercouncil Competition. I am sorry that more Grand Knights did not choose to use this method of spurring on the members of their councils, but as reported by the State Program Chairman, this program did very nicely where put to work. I would certainly recommend that we continue along these same lines with special effort put forth to have all the councils enter into it.

The tom-tom I have been beating throughout these past two years as State Deputy, the subject I have spoken on whenever given the opportunity, is CHARITY. You know, if we were to faithfully follow the commandment of charity, if we were to run our councils according to the basic principle of our Order -- the principle

upon which all other principles are based -- we would have absolutely no problems whatsoever. Charity for our fellow Knights! Charity toward men of all other creeds, religions, races, and ways of life! The Church and the needy will always need the collection basket, it is true, but people need more than what the dollar can buy. Man needs love, he needs recognition, he needs dignity, he needs to belong. This is where our Charity must come to play. And as Joel Blass, Assistant Dean of the Law School at Ole Miss so aptly put it the other day -- we have Catholics who become horribly shocked when they hear their religion questioned, yet they are also horribly shocked when they see someone trying to live up to that religion, to follow its law of Charity. Are we one of those Catholics?

On the whole, most of our councils throughout the State this past year have been led by capable and hard working Grand Knights, and much good and great progress has been made. They are to be congratulated. No amount of praise can justly compensate for the many hours of planning, leadership, and work put forth by these officers. In the name of the State Council I thank each of you Grand Knights.

It is utterly impossible adequately to thank our six District Deputies of our State. These are probably the hardest working men in the entire jurisdiction. They are all capable and possess great drive and initiative. None of them ever refused an assignment. I truly believe it would be of considerable advantage if we were to consider these men carefully when working up slates for the upcoming election of State Officers.

Finally I again want to thank our State Chaplain, Bishop Brunini, for his understanding, his

counsel, and his cooperation. Without his encouragement during the past two years it would have been very difficult at times for this State Deputy. I can find no better way to conclude this report than in the same words used in last year's report. We wish him many, many more years as State Chaplain, and especially as our Bishop and teacher. We are, indeed, most fortunate to have such an outstanding leader in these trying times.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN L. KIEHM
STATE DEPUTY

On the motion of Grand Knight Max Voss, seconded by Grand Knight Walter Schilhab, the following resolution was adopted by the Convention:

WHEREAS our Most Rev. Bishop R. O. Gerow, S.T.D., a member of Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034, faithfully served our State Council as Chaplain in excess of fifty years, and

WHEREAS at his retirement Bishop Gerow was rightfully named as Chaplain Emeritus of the State Council, and

WHEREAS Bishop Gerow is dearly loved by all of the members of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS On Monday, May 3, 1971, Bishop Gerow will observe his 86th birthday, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus convened in Natchez, Mississippi, on May 1, 1971, wishes our beloved Bishop R. O. Gerow the very best in

the observance of his birthday, and be it further

RESOLVED, we respectfully request our Beloved Bishop R. O. Gerow remember all of us in his prayers.

Grand Knight Schilhab agreed to deliver it to Bishop Gerow.

The State Chaplain led the closing prayer and the session adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

The Convention Banquet was held at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 1, 1971 with the Honorable Walter Brown, member of the Mississippi Legislature, serving as Master of Ceremonies. The principal address was given by Supreme Advocate Judge Harold J. Lamboley. Rev. Henry Shelton, the newly-appointed Diocesan Director of Vocations, briefly explained the nature of his responsibilities. The following awards were presented:

1. Hilton J. Seymour, PSD presented the Past State Deputy Hilton J. Seymour Council of the Year Award to Bishop Gunn Council, No. 1583 (Gulfport), Hayward Ladner, Grand Knight.
2. Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., PSD presented the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award to August J. Stone, PSD of Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034 (Natchez)
3. State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm presented the following awards in the Inter-Council Competition Program:
 - a. Honor Council: Biloxi Council No. 1244, Charles Pluff, Grand Knight
 - b. Distinguished Council: Vicksburg Council No. 898, Sidney P. Saucier, Grand Knight; St. Vincent De Paul Council No. 4898 (Long Beach), Emmett J. Milner, Grand Knight

- c. Best Council (Small): St. Vincent De Paul Council No. 4898 (Long Beach), Emmett J. Milner, Grand Knight
- d. Best Council (Large): Vicksburg Council No. 898, Sidney P. Saucier, Grand Knight

The Convention Mass was celebrated by the State Chaplain at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday, May 2, 1971, at St. Mary's Co-Cathedral.

Fourth Session, Sunday, May 2, 1971

State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm opened the session at 10:30 A.M. by calling on the State Chaplain to lead the prayer. The pledge to the flag was recited by all.

State Warden Willie J. Adam, Sr. verified that all persons present were properly qualified.

The State Secretary called the roll of voting delegates and reported that all certified delegates were present.

The State Deputy called on Rodney J. Sandoz, General Chairman of the Six Point Program, who presented the following report:

In September, State Deputy 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 will be chosen for this honor.

While all councils did not participate this year, I would still urge the incoming State Deputy to continue the program next year. And I urge all councils to actively participate in the competition. This program provides a truly good comparative method of selecting the best councils in the state based on quality programs and not on membership alone.

The requirements for HONOR COUNCIL were very flexible and not at all difficult to fulfill. The requirements for DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL were more difficult and less flexible. I think the idea of having required state-wide projects is excellent, but more latitude should be given in the choice of local projects. Submitting a monthly report on the council's activities is good and should be continued. This helps keep the councils reminded of the need to provide interesting projects for the members. By selecting a large and a small council to receive the BEST COUNCIL award, all councils have an equal opportunity and no council is penalized because it has only a small membership.

I wish to congratulate the councils that participated in this year's competition. Judging by the reports submitted, you really entered into the spirit of the program and had some fine projects.

The following councils completed the requirements for the HONOR COUNCIL award: Vicksburg Council 898; Biloxi Council 1244; Long Beach Council 4898.

Both Vicksburg and Long Beach have also completed the requirements for DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL and are therefore eligible to enter their scrapbooks in the BEST COUNCIL competition.

As of April 1, three councils have qualified for STAR COUNCIL award. They are Gulfport, Long Beach, and Greenwood. Congratulations to those councils. There were also several councils that were close to meeting the requirements. June 30th is the deadline and some may yet qualify.

I notice that many councils have instituted Knight of the Month or Knight of the Quarter Programs. Many are also using the Certificate of Merit to single out members who have served their council and community. These programs are to be commended. Recognition of service to the council is important in keeping members active. Everyone enjoys knowing that his efforts are appreciated.

I wish to thank the various State Activity Chairmen for their active participation during the past year, particularly the Membership Chairmen for their efforts during the Papal Tribute Drive.

It has been a pleasure serving as State Six Point Program Chairman, and I wish to thank State Deputy Kiehm for the opportunity to be of service to the State Council.

Sincerely and fraternally,

RODNEY J. SANDOZ, CHAIRMAN
NED FIORANELLI

The State Deputy called on Chester Trahan, State Chairman of Catholic Activities, who submitted the following report:

As Catholic Activities Chairman I wish to report that one special project was held this past year and that was "Founders Day Family

Communion" on March 28th. All Councils were notified of such and I received reports from eleven Councils stating that they had participated in the program. Thus we had about 50% participation.

We the Catholic Activities Committee recommend that no one specific activity be recommended for adoption for the year. Rather, it is recommended that the individual members in their everyday life live as Catholic gentlemen to exemplify Christian ideals and give examples of these ideals to all with whom they come in contact.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER TRAHAN
CHARLES F. ABADIE, JR.
PETE BENVENUTTI

The State Deputy called on Bob Lambert to report for Charles Wilson, State Chairman of Council and Fraternal Activities. He reported as follows:

In the fast moving world of today, most of us are failing to live up to our obligation of working together, as brothers, to unite, and to work toward the common cause of fraternal organization. If we are to continue being Knights, then let us serve to promote friendship among ourselves, and at the same time, gain the respect of our supporters.

This Committee would strongly recommend that we spend the necessary time to re-group, within our councils, and to put a value upon ourselves as a group of men, determined to overcome the optimism of our time. We should not just consider ourselves as members of a social club but

should consider ourselves as dedicated members of a fraternal organization, willing to serve.

It is the opinion of this Committee, that we are not doing well in retaining the members of our councils. The older members, who have been involved in Knights of Columbus work, for years, are still with us. But, the newer members are hard to hold. This indicates a weakness within our structure. It should be investigated, and dealt with, to prevent the decay of our Order.

Do not bore the new members with minor problems on the floor of the meetings. These problems should be channeled through the proper committees, and only a committee report is necessary to the floor. Install projects in your councils to promote good will within the community such as providing transportation to Church for people in need. Set your projects well in advance, to organize them better. Appoint and elect good, qualified Knights to carry out these projects.

This is your organization. Strive to keep it.

Fraternaly yours,

CHARLES WILSON, CHAIRMAN
MACK HARPER
BOB LAMBERT

The State Deputy called on Mike P. Columbus, Membership Chairman for the Northern District, who presented the following report:

I am very sorry to report that the membership of our councils in the state has shown a steady decline in spite of the three drives, one for our Chaplain, one for our Bishop, and one for our Pope. Most of our councils participated in

the drives and got some new members, but our problem is that the old members are being suspended mostly because of lack of payment of dues. If we all work hard on this next drive of reinstating some of our old members and finding out what to do so as we can keep them active, we will be able to recruit new members.

We, in the Northern half, held a Formation and Knighthood Degree during the Bishop's drive in December and initiated seventeen into Knighthood. During the drive for the Pope a Formation and Knighthood Degree was held in March and twelve were initiated into the Knighthood Degree. Both initiations were held in Jackson.

As of April 1, 1971, our membership in the Northern half of the state stands at 1381 members, a decrease of 31 members since July 1.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE P. COLUMBUS, CHAIRMAN

The State Deputy called on Emmett J. Milner, Membership Chairman for the Southern District, who presented the following report:

Our overall total membership has declined, although two of the southern councils have qualified for the Star Council Award in membership. They are Gulfport and Long Beach. Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, and Laurel are running over 50% of their quota. Biloxi came close to making their quota, however, they had a large loss of membership which kept them from meeting their quota.

The Hattiesburg Council conducted no membership drives and did not initiate any new members.

Meridian held one membership drive and was able to initiate four new members and also reinstated four. The Laurel Council held two membership drives and initiated two members. Ocean Springs conducted three drives and initiated three members and had five reinstatements.

Long Beach conducted two drives with nine new members being initiated and six reinstated. Gulfport conducted two membership drives with a net gain of 25 members. Biloxi conducted at least two membership drives initiating or reinstating 20 members; however, due to the loss, they have a net loss of 29 members. Pascagoula conducted at least two drives with a net gain of 15. Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian -- no information on any drives and both have net losses for the year.

In correspondence with most of the councils, it is felt that we must seek youth in our councils, and looking at the average age of the councils, I can see their point. As a rough estimate, I find the average age is somewhere around 40, therefore, we must strive to influence more young people to join the Knights of Columbus, even if it means changing some of our outlooks. It won't be easy and it will take considerable hard work on the part of all councils. We have talked enough about youth, heard enough about youth, it's time we do something about our youth.

I wish to thank the District Deputy and all the Grand Knights for their hospitality and support in our work. Though we have suffered a loss in membership, the hard work of the District Deputy and Grand Knights prevented an even keener loss, and with this continued dedication we can turn the tide and once again put Mississippi in the plus column. I also wish to thank the State

Deputy for the opportunity to serve in this capacity -- I only wish my performance was as high as his trust and support.

EMMET J. MILNER
CHAIRMAN

The State Deputy called on Mike P. Columbus who submitted the following report for the Convention Committee on Membership:

The Membership Committee met and proposes the following objectives or goals:

1. All councils should actively support "Operation: Re-member" which starts today. This operation is to reinstate, re-admit and reactivate old members. Literature on these should be in the hands of all Grand Knights by this time. We also urge you to be selective; rather than trying to just increase your number, select the Knights that you know will stay active in your council and help.
2. We respectfully request that the Bishop urge the clergy to take more part in and offer more support to the councils in Mississippi, and try to alleviate the discord in some areas. This will be a big boon to membership.
3. Councils should actively seek out youthful members, adapt programs for them, get them actively involved in council affairs and work diligently to narrow the generation gap.

Respectfully submitted,
MIKE COLUMBUS, CHAIRMAN

EMMETT MILNER
ELY P. SHAPLEY
R. C. COAKLEY
VICTOR AGUZZI

The State Deputy called on Charles Pluff,
Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, who
submitted the following report:

With the decline in Catholic education through-
out our country we would like to make the follow-
ing recommendations in regard to Catholic Youth
Activities:

1. Stronger relations between the local coun-
cils and the facilities of the schools in
a council area.
2. Promote the Supreme Council's book cover
program in each council.
3. Start a religious award sponsored by local
councils, to be given to graduating stu-
dents who exemplify a true Christian life.
4. Promote essay contests on various subjects
for grade school students.
5. Promote educational films which can be
shown to school children on such topics as
drug abuse.
6. Encourage councils to sponsor a scout troop.
7. Encourage a scout retreat which will help
scouts obtain the various Catholic Awards
offered in scouting.
8. We feel that the lack of interest in the
Columbian Squires is due mostly to a lack
of understandable information put out by

Supreme. We recommend that information be put in a layman type guide.

9. We recommend that each council update the Youth Activities part of the Six Point Program and try and have more socials for the youth where they are exposed more to the functions of the local K. of C. Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PLUFF, CHAIRMAN
LOUIS NAAMAN, JR.
JIMMY WUESTENHOEFER

The State Deputy called on J. C. O'Brien, State Ceremonials Chairman, who presented the following report:

Almost every council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction has its own Admissions Degree team. Formation Degree teams are active in Gulfport, Biloxi, and Cleveland Councils, while the Knighthood teams are operated by the Jackson Council and the Gulfport Council.

During the past year major degrees were held at Gulfport and Jackson with the majority of the Councils of the state participating. While the number of new members added to the Order in these exemplifications was rather small, the teams of the councils involved performed in an excellent manner.

It is the desire of the State Council that each council in the jurisdiction organize its own Admissions Degree team and at least one Formation Degree team be active in each district while Knighthood Degree teams can operate one for the Northern portion of the state, and one

other one for the Southern portion of the state.

Constant training of the degree teams is imperative in order to function in a manner befitting the lessons they teach.

During the past year, the teams functioning throughout the state have cooperated to the fullest. Special thanks should be given to the District Deputies for the manner in which these exemplifications were handled. Any suggestions as to how these activities can be improved would be greatly appreciated by the Chairmen.

The Ceremonials Committee Recommends:

1. Admission Degree team in each council.
2. One or more Formation Degree teams in the jurisdiction.
3. At least 3 Knighthood Degree teams in the jurisdiction.
4. Presentation of degree work should be memorized and presented in a manner so as to exemplify the lessons taught.
5. Cooperation with other councils in organizing Knighthood exemplification.
6. Admission Degree exemplified each quarter regardless of number of candidates.
7. Formation and Knighthood exemplifications each six months.

J. C. O BRIEN, CHAIRMAN
HILTON SEYMOUR, PSD
JAMES HUNTER
ROLAND MEAUT

The State Deputy thanked the State Chairmen for their reports and expressed his appreciation for their work and assistance during the year.

The State Deputy called on John Capocaccia who reported as follows on the Financial Secretaries Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by A. J. Stone, Financial Secretary of Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034.

The opening prayer was offered by Fritz O Oberlies, Financial Secretary of Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583.

Roll Call noted as follows:

Council 802 Meridian - M. A. Ward
Council 848 Jackson - Henry A. Kajdan
Council 898 Vicksburg - absent
Council 1034 Natchez - A. J. Stone
Council 1244 Biloxi - absent
Council 1522 Bay St. Louis - Pete Benvenuti, GK
Council 1583 Gulfport - Fritz Oberlies
Council 1605 Pascagoula - Wm. J. Scheeler
Council 1908 Hattiesburg - absent
Council 2134 Greenville - Robert Fratesi
Council 2180 Laurel - James F. Hunter
Council 2945 Leland - absent
Council 2969 Clarksdale - Charles H. Wilson
Council 3328 Yazoo City - absent
Council 4472 Pass Christian - absent
Council 4898 Long Beach - L. A. Koenenn, Sr.
Council 5267 Greenwood - absent
Council 5556 Cleveland - John Capocaccia
Council 5654 Ocean Springs - absent

Discussion on problems with delinquent members. Six months seemed to be the maximum, unless sickness or a very understandable reason, for suspension. Present the delinquent members names to Grand Knight and Board of Trustees; other present to membership for voluntary contact two months prior to suspension; others contact the proposer and have him contact the delinquent member; another council has members that pay for the year at the end of the year.

Make sure that for any Transfer application of a member that there is a current or paid up Traveling card.

Proper procedure was outlined on the filling out for Honorary and also Honorary life Membership. Qualifications for these types of membership were outlined.

All secretaries were requested to comply with assessment of dues to members of clergy. This was resolved several years ago, but some councils are not following instructions.

Recommend to the State Deputy that he write the Supreme Council about the correct dates of initiation (entry) where a member has transferred from Associate membership to Insurance. The Supreme Council is recording the register date of the policy rather than the date of entry into the Order.

The problems and discussion of each council present were most beneficial and informative and of much assistance to all present.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M. by motion of M. A. Ward, Financial Secretary of Meridian Council No. 802.

Closing prayer offered by Past State Deputy
L. A. Koenenn, Sr., Financial Secretary of Long
Beach Council No. 4898.

JOHN L. CAPOCACCIA
SECRETARY

The State Deputy called on J. F. Bartlett,
Chairman of the Priests' Education Fund who pre-
sented a check for \$6,263.94 to the Bishop. The
Bishop expressed his appreciation for the contri-
bution.

The State Deputy called on Fred L. Westbrook,
Jr., PSD, Chairman of the Good of the Order
Committee, who presented the following report:

It is recommended that assistance be offered
to Brother F. J. Bartlett on the completion of
the history of the Knights of Columbus in Missis-
sippi.

It is recommended that an improvement in the
means of communication to our council membership
be adopted.

It is recommended that each council in the
Mississippi Jurisdiction be encouraged to start
a Circle of Columbian Squires.

It is recommended that a means of competition
between the councils within a district, as recom-
mended by the State Deputy, be encouraged.

It is suggested that a listing of the coun-
cils, within a district, be included as a part
of the State Council minutes and as a part of
the Directory of the Mississippi State Council
for 1971-1972.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. WESTBROOK, JR.,
P.S.D., CHAIRMAN
ALONZO A. O'NEILL P.S.D.
WALTER REYNOLDS
GEORGE SCHEIDERMAN
HENRY WILSON
MIKE B. MITCHELL

The State Deputy called on Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., PSD, who reported on the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Award as follows:

The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Memorial Award for 1970-1971 was won by August J. Stone, PSD, of Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034 (Natchez).

Other recipients of this Award since its inception are:

1964 John Laurenzi, Clarksdale Council No. 2969
1965 Arlis Grey, Pascagoula Council No. 1605
1966 F. J. Bartlett, Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583
Gulfport
1967 Howard Bodouin, Biloxi Council No. 1244
1968 W. F. La Forge, Father Rotondo Council No.
5556 (Cleveland)
1969 C. Medric Warren, John T. Savage Council
No. 848 (Jackson)
1970 Joseph M. Nassar, Msgr. J. F. Clerico Council
No. 5267 (Greenwood)

Respectfully submitted,
FRED L. WESTBROOK, JR.

The State Deputy called on Hilton A. Seymour who submitted the following report:

The Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour Council of the Year Award for 1970-1971 was won by Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 (Gulfport).

Other councils who have won this Award since its inception are:

1959 Vicksburg Council No. 898
1960 Biloxi Council No. 1244
1961 Biloxi Council No. 1244
1962 Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908 (Hattiesburg)
1963 Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802 (Meridian)
1964 Biloxi Council No. 1244
1965 Pascagoula Council No. 1605
1966 Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 (Cleveland)
1967 Father Korstenbroeck Council No. 2134
(Greenville)
1968 Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council No. 5654
(Ocean Springs)
1969 Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034 (Natchez)
1970 Msgr. John F. Clerico Council No. 5267
(Greenwood)

Respectfully submitted,
HILTON A. SEYMOUR

The State Deputy called on State Advocate James L. Bolander who submitted the following report for the Resolutions Committee:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034, Natchez, Miss., has proven to be such an excellent host to the 67th Annual Convention, and, WHEREAS, the Officers, members and wives of the Natchez Council, have arranged and put on such an outstanding convention.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the sincere thanks of those in attendance at the 67th Annual State Convention be extended to the Natchez Council for the splendid manner in which they have handled the Convention.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus in convention here assembled express its appreciation to the Eola Hotel and its employees for the fine cooperation extended to the Knights of Columbus during the 67th Annual Convention April 30, May 1 and 2nd 1971.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council authorize the State Treasurer to expend \$5.00 for the purpose of offering an Annual Mass for the repose of the soul of our departed brothers of the State of Mississippi during the past 12 months.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Columbia Magazine is available to the Public Libraries at a special rate, and WHEREAS, the price of these magazines is forty cents per issue per year, and, WHEREAS, there are many Public Libraries in the State of Mississippi,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council purchase these subscriptions to the Columbia Magazine.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council issue one check for \$150.00 in the name of the Catholic Orphans of the State of Mississippi, to be presented to the Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, J.C.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, for use as he sees fit.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council sponsor, at no expense to itself the official Mississippi Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament for its members, said Tournament to be sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress, with

place and time to be announced by the State Bowling Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, the State Council has free publicity through Mississippi Today and other periodicals, the need for paid publicity has become a necessity for the promotion of Columbianism and, WHEREAS, there are no funds for this paid publicity, BE IT RESOLVED, that funds be established for the specific use of paid publicity periodically throughout the year and that the amount of funds be earmarked not to exceed \$100.00 for this particular use.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council has stressed family activities in its new Council Activity Program and, WHEREAS, the Supreme Council is not only encouraging but making them a part of the Knights of Columbus may it be RESOLVED, that all Councils that do not have Ladies Auxiliaries be encouraged to have the ladies form a Ladies Auxiliary which would be in compliance with the Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. BOLANDER, CHAIRMAN
L. A. KOENENN, SR., PSD
JOHN F. SMITH, PSD
GEORGE SAAB
SIDNEY SAUCIER

The Convention adopted the entire report of the Resolutions Committee.

It was reported that the Ocean Springs Public Library does not receive a copy of Columbia. The State Deputy agreed to investigate the matter and commented that the circulation list needs updating.

The State Treasurer presented the Bishops with checks for \$150.00 for the orphans and \$5.00 for a Mass for deceased Knights. He then paid mileage and per diem allowances to the delegates.

The State Deputy noted that the 1970 Convention had selected Greenville as the site for the 1972 Convention. He then invited bids for hosting the 1973 Convention. Bids were submitted by St. Vincent De Paul Council No. 4898 (Long Beach) and Pascagoula Council No. 1605. The Convention voted to accept the bid offered by Pascagoula Council No. 1605.

On a motion by Bob Jones, seconded by Leon Shapley, the Convention directed the State Secretary to send get-well telegrams to two hospitalized brothers: C. Medric Warren and Joseph Benvenuti.

The State Deputy appointed John P. Myers, PSD, John Laurenzi, and Walter Reynolds as elections commissioners and called for nominations for officers for 1971-1972. The elections proceeded as follows:

STATE DEPUTY:

W. F. La Forge of Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 (Cleveland) was nominated by GK Victor Aguzzi. The nomination was seconded by C. J. O'Brien.

On a motion by Mike Columbus, seconded by Emmett J. Milner, the delegates voted to close nominations.

One vote for W. F. La Forge was cast by the State Treasurer. The election to State Deputy was won by W. F. La Forge.

STATE SECRETARY.

Henry J. Foggo, Sr. of Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034 (Natchez) was nominated by GK Max Voss.

On a motion by August J. Stone, seconded by E. K. Winchester, the delegates voted to close nominations.

One vote for Henry J. Foggo, Sr. was cast by the State Secretary. The election to State Secretary was won by Henry J. Foggo, Sr.

STATE TREASURER:

James L. Bolander of Laurel Council No. 2180 was nominated by James F. Hunter.

On a motion by Pete Benvenutti, seconded by Emmett J. Milner, the delegates voted to close nominations.

One vote for James L. Bolander was cast by the State Secretary. The election to State Treasurer was won by James L. Bolander.

STATE ADVOCATE:

Rodney Sandoz of St. Vincent De Paul Council No. 4898 (Long Beach) was nominated by GK Emmett J. Milner.

George Saab of John T. Savage Council No. 898 (Jackson) was nominated by GK Walter G. Schilhab.

On a motion by C. J. O'Brien, seconded by Max Voss, the delegates voted to close nominations.

The election to State Advocate was won by Rodney Sandoz.

STATE WARDEN:

Mike Columbus of C. G. Shapley Council No. 2945 (Leland) was nominated by Leon Shapley.

Sidney Saucier of Vicksburg Council No. 898 was nominated by Walter Reynolds.

On a motion by C. J. O'Brien, seconded by Leon Shapley, the delegates voted to close nominations.

The election to State Warden was won by Mike Columbus.

FIRST ALTERNATE TO SUPREME CONVENTION:

C. J. O'Brien of John T. Savage Council No. 898 was nominated by GK Walter G. Schilhab.

Fritz J. Oberlies of Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 (Gulfport) was nominated by GK Hayward Ladner.

Joseph M. Nassar of Msgr. J. F. Clerico Council No. 5267 (Greenwood) was nominated by GK Louis J. Naaman, Jr.

On a motion by Mike Columbus, seconded by E. K. Winchester, the delegates voted to close the nominations.

The election to First Alternate to the Supreme Convention was won by C. J. O'Brien.

SECOND ALTERNATE TO SUPREME CONVENTION:

John S. Cabibi, PSD of Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 (Gulfport) was nominated by Willie Adam.

On the motion of Charles Pluff, seconded by Mike Columbus, the delegates voted to close nominations.

One vote for John S. Cabibi was cast by the State Secretary. The election to Second Alternate to Supreme Convention was won by John S. Cabibi.

The State Deputy recognized GK Max Voss who expressed his thanks to all who assisted with the Convention and to the Fourth Degree and the State Deputy for their assistance and advice.

The State Deputy recognized State Warden Willie J. Adam, Sr. who thanked the State Officers and the delegates for their co-operation during his term of office.

The State Deputy recognized Fritz J. Oberlies, Master of the Fourth Degree, who thanked the Honor Guard for their assistance at the Convention Mass.

The State Deputy recognized Supreme Advocate Lamboley who expressed his appreciation for the hospitality shown to him and Mrs. Lamboley during their visit.

On the suggestion of August J. Stone, PSD, the delegates gave a rising vote of thanks to State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm for his service to the Order in Mississippi.

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain for closing remarks. He suggested that Council Chaplains be invited to attend the 1972 State Convention. He then led the closing prayer.

State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm officially closed the Sixty-seventh Annual State Convention at 12:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LA FORGE
STATE SECRETARY