

Report of Sixty-eighth

Annual Convention

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Held at

Greenville, Mississippi

May 5, 6, 7, 1972

JURISDICTION OF MISSISSIPPI

STATE OFFICERS FOR 1971-1972

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

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

William F. La Forge.....State Deputy
Cleveland

Henry J. Foggo.....State Secretary
Natchez

James L. Bolander.....State Treasurer
Laurel

Rodney Sandoz.....State Advocate
Long Beach

Mike Columbus.....State Warden
Leland

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



PROCEEDINGS
68th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Session: Friday, May 5, 1972

The 68th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus was opened at 6:00 P.M. by the Grand Knight of the Greenville Council. The Hon. Pat Dunne, Mayor of Greenville, welcomed the delegates to Greenville. State Secretary Henry J. Foggo responding for the State Council, thanked Mayor Dunn for his cordial welcome.

The Grand Knight of Greenville turned the gavel over to State Deputy William F. La Forge who officially called the Convention to order. The opening prayer was led by the State Chaplain, Bishop Brunini. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by all present.

State Warden Mike Columbus verified all traveling cards and reported that they were current and correct.

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

April 10, 1972

Mr. William F. La Forge
State Deputy
803 - 7th Avenue
Cleveland, Mississippi 38732

Worthy State Deputy and Dear William:

We are privileged to send fraternal greetings to you, the officers and delegates of your 1972 State Council meeting.

You embark on your annual deliberations at a time of world crisis. This crisis stems in large part from the staggering contrast between the swiftly rising physical progress of man and the lag in his religious and cultural development.

We have experienced more across-the-board scientific development in the last two generations than has been witnessed in the years since life first began on this planet. We have seen the creation of more creature comfort in the past generation than men prior to us had engineered since the stone age.

In contrast to this sensational rise in scientific development we find that men still show themselves indifferent to and disrespectful of the life, limb and goods of others. This lack of moral development has led to war between nations and crime in our streets.

The frailties of human nature always will be with us but man must raise his hopes, ambitions and ideals to a high moral plane if ever the promise of science is to bring him true fulfillment. Science is a tool, but not the answer. The answer lies in an acknowledgement of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men.

Fraternal organizations with a strong religious orientation such as ours are eminently qualified to impress on the world God's Fatherhood and to impart to all men a true sense of fraternity. To this end we commend your deliberations.

Fraternally yours,
SUPREME KNIGHT
JOHN W. McDEVITT

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

The delegates voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1971 Convention on a motion made by Medric Warren and seconded by V. J. Cefalu.

The State Deputy acknowledged the presence of Deputy Supreme Knight Charles Ducey.

The State Deputy expressed his thanks for the assistance rendered him by the State Officers, District Deputies, and the State Chairmen during the year.

The State Deputy announced appointments to the Convention Committees.

Committee Appointments

The Committees listed below are appointed to assist in the work of the Convention. In each case the underscored name, appearing first, will serve as chairman. Except for the Credentials Committee, all Committees are expected to meet at the adjournment of the Second Business Session on Saturday, May 6 at places designated by the Chairman. Each Committee will make an oral and written report to the Convention.

1. CREDENTIALS: Henry J. Foggo, Sr., Reynolds R. Ridgely, Francis Martin, Jr.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Hayward Ladner, Walter Schilhab, D.D., Pete Agostinelli.
3. SERVICE PROGRAM: Rodney Sandoz, State Advocate, John Ferracci, L. L. Durocher.
4. CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Louis La Rosa, F.W. Kiernan.

5. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Robert Fratesi, C. Nolan Bush.
6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Ned Fioranelli, Ernest Spencer.
7. YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Mike Columbus, State Warden, S. C. Pluff, Ronnie Di Palma.
8. PUBLIC RELATIONS: George Saab, C. J. Lombardo.
9. SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL PEACE: Norman L. Kiehm, PSD, Gus Maily, A. O. Pitterle.
10. DISASTER RELIEF: Robert F. Jones, John Cabibi, PSD, C. J. Piazza.
11. CEREMONIALS: C.J. O'Brien, E.D. Kersh, Sr., Emmett Milner, Louis Naaman, Jr.
12. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM: James L. Bolander, State Treasurer, Leon Shapley, Joseph Benvenutti.
13. AUDIT: Emmett J. Milner, D.D., Ned Sabbatini, Julius Martin.
14. STATE SERVICE PROJECTS: Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., D.D., C. Medric Warren, Matt Zelenka, Jr., Victor Cefalu, L. A. Koenenn, Sr., PSD.
15. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., PSD, Geo. Scheiderman, D.D., Max Voss, Sidney Saucier.
16. RESOLUTIONS: Hilton A. Seymour, PSD, John P. Myers, PSD, Victor Aguzzi, Tommy Reifers, Frank Tarrant, Joe Semmes.

The State Deputy read into the record a letter appointing Sam C. Monistere as Chairman of the Financial Secretaries meeting.

Mr. Sam C. Monistere, Financial Secretary
Father Korstenbroeck Council No. 2134
Knights of Columbus
1235 Lourdes
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

Worthy Financial Secretary and Dear Sam:

Each year at the State Convention the Financial Secretary of the host Council serves as Chairman of the Financial Secretaries' meeting. I am, therefore, requesting that you serve in this capacity for the 1972 Convention in Greenville.

The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 6, 1972. You will need to see that a meeting place is available. I would suggest that you contact DD Scheiderman for assistance in this matter.

You should plan an agenda for the meeting to include matters of interest to Financial Secretaries and allowing those in attendance an opportunity to present their problems to the group for discussion and advice. I strongly suggest that you review the procedures for fulfilling filing procedures for Internal Revenue Service as part of your business.

You or your designated secretary will be expected to report to the Convention on your proceedings.

If you have any questions on this matter please let me know.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. F. LA FORCE
STATE DEPUTY

WFL:mm

cc: DD Scheiderman

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

MONSIGNOR BURNS COUNCIL NO. 802
Meridian

Council No. 802 has had a very active and prosperous year. Our meetings are held every Tuesday night at 7 P.M. at the K of C Home on Highway 19 North. Every Wednesday we have K of C Bingo which is open to the public. Our hall is rented throughout the year to different social, civic and school groups. This year our Council let The Inservice Nursing Association have our hall, free of charge, for a workshop. Our Ladies Auxiliary was reactivated this year and has proved to be very much help.

Our activities for the year are as follows:

- July 27. Open installation of officers followed by a social which was attended by 82 people.
- August 3. Donated \$25 to the Joe David Kidney Fund. Donated \$25 to the Red Cross for the recent flood in Meridian. Donated \$80 to Boy Scout Troop 7 for purchase of a canoe.
- August 29. Corporate Communion at 10:30 Mass.
- August 31. First Degree Initiation meeting. Voted to sponsor dances for high school students after each home football game. Donated \$25 to Harold Null, an auxiliary policeman, injured in the line of duty the night of the flood.
- Sept. 7. Had Mass said for members of St. Patrick's parish who passed away during the year.
- Sept. 19. Husband and Wife social.
- Sept. 21. Members paneled foyer and painted inside of our K of C Home.
- Oct. 16. Columbus Day Banquet and Dance open to the members of St. Patrick's parish.
- Oct. 31. Corporate Communion with coffee and donuts for everyone afterward in the parish hall.

- Nov. 9. Donated \$15 to Red Cross for Christmas Party at Keesler Field hospital.
- Nov. 14. Placed flowers on grave of Msgr. John J. Burns at St. Patrick's parish memorial service in Catholic cemetery.
- Nov. 16. Open memorial service for deceased members under the direction of Brother Norman Kiehm. He was assisted by St. Patrick's Choir. Bro. Kiehm gave the eulogy for Brother S.D. Peller, our most recently deceased member. After the service hors' d'oeuvres were served by our Ladies Auxiliary.
- Nov. 21. Our members assisted with St. Patrick's parish financial drive.
- Nov. 23. Voted to sponsor a women's basketball team.
- Nov. 30. Insulated and paneled our pastor's study.
- Dec. 4. Had railing installed on incline between rectory and church.
- Dec. 18. Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party for members' children and grandchildren at K of C Hall. Brother Andy Thomas played Santa Claus.
- Dec. 31. Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance.
- Jan. 11. Donated \$25 to Fred Pruminto Fund. Mr. Pruminto, who has played the roll of a clown for different organizations in Meridian, has undergone surgery to have one leg removed.
- Jan. 25. Knights of Columbus men's social after meeting.
- Feb. 6. First Degree initiation followed by happy hour.
- Feb. 18. Sponsored high school Valentine dance.
- Feb. 22. Sponsored a night with our youth who had a narcotics agent from the police dept. as guest speaker. Father Bill Englehart also gave a talk on vocation. We also furnished hymn books for C.Y.O.
- March 13. Our fourth degree members participated in the funeral of Brother Lix J. Fruge'.
- March 18. Benefit Bingo for priest education and scholarship program.

March 28. Had Brother Mackey as guest speaker at regular meeting. Afterward we had a men's social.

April 2. Easter Egg Hunt at K of C Hall for children of parish.

April 4. Sponsored Veterans Assistance Day which was held at K of C Hall. Voted to have breakfast for graduating seniors.

April 11. Gave six scholarships to Meridian Junior College.

April 18. Men's social and first degree initiation.

April 28. Husband and wife social.

April 30. Corporate Communion.

We are proud this year of being active with the youth and civic organizations and the Church.

With this state convention, we have just about finished another good and prosperous year. I feel that with the help of all committees and Council members and the help of our Ladies Auxiliary much has been accomplished. I would like to thank our chaplain and pastor Father Frank Corcoran in helping us through the year. I would also like to thank the officers of Council #802, the chairmen of committees and all the members of our Council and also our Ladies Auxiliary. Without them we could not have had such a good year. It was my pleasure to have had the guidance of our State Deputy Dr. W. F. La Forge and our District Deputy James Hunter during the year.

Council No. 802 officers for 1971-72 are as follows:

Grand Knight	Joe D. Semmes
Deputy Grand Knight	John W. Mosby
Chancellor	Tom Impello
Recorder	John S. Mosby
Financial Sec.	Gus Ward
Treasurer	Leo J. Donnelly
Advocate	Dr. John Berney

Warden	Bill McCrea
Inside Guard	Bernard Cook
Outside Guard	Martin Stroble
3 Yr. Trustee	Nelson Walker
2 Yr. Trustee	Norman Kiehm
1 Yr. Trustee	K. A. Powers

It was a great pleasure and gratifying experience to serve as Grand Knight of Council 802 this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE D. SEMMES
GRAND KNIGHT

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL NO. 848
Jackson

Our duly elected and appointed officers are:

Chaplain	Msgr. Edward L. Cratin
Grand Knight	Reynolds R. Ridgley
Dep. Grand Knight	William Karn
Chancellor	Chester Lamparty
Recorder	Henry Wilson
Warden	Richard Schmitz
Financial Sec.	Henry Kajdan
Treasurer	C. Medric Warren
Lecturer	Gerald Graham
Guard	John Rock
Guard	Sam Howie
Trustee	George Saab
Trustee	Robert Lambert
Trustee	Walter Schilhab
Surge Program Dir.	Medric Warren

Brother Warren has served as Program Director of Surge, and Council 848 has had a very active year.

Church Activities: Director Robert Lambert

1. Furnished pall bearers for Mr. Melancon's (no family)
2. Commentators and Lecturers
3. Ushers and Song Leader
4. Religious Night (formerly Clergy Night) invited the Nuns.
5. Rosary for deceased member, Brother Radowick, Requiem Mass.
6. Memorial Services for deceased members (Boone, Lieb, Thomas, Radowick)
7. Memorial Mass for the deceased members
8. Visited all the Parishes of the City with a prayer held at each.

Community Activities: Director Walter G. Schilhab

1. Picnic open to everyone
2. VA Bingo - Furnished the prizes and refreshments for the patients of the Veterans Administration Hospital.
3. A group of KC men and their wives attended the Alhambra Charity Ball.
4. Collected glass and aluminum cans for the Girl Scouts of St. Mary's.
5. Sold candy for the Kidney Foundation.
6. Veterans Hospital Christmas Party for the patients
7. Members rang bells for the Salvation Army.
8. Distributed Food Baskets to the poor and clothing certificates.
9. Re-stripe St. Mary's Gym.
10. Presented drug abuse program with film and discussions.
11. Sponsored Ladies Auxiliary Benefit Card Party.
12. Sanders School for Cerebral Palsey used Hall for card benefit.

Council Activities: Director Henry A. Kajdan

1. Fourth of July picnic
2. Monthly Knight Call
3. Saturday night steak and bingo
4. Visited Natchez, Yazoo City Councils.
5. Held bingo for the patients of the VA Hospital.

6. Surveying, staking with concrete markers and laid out St. Joseph High School Field.
7. Awards Night honoring three members - Fifty Year Member, Honorary Life, and one Life Member.
8. Cards for Brother Knight injured in accident having no family close to Jackson. Took care of his personal needs daily.
9. Met the family of injured brother and saw to their housing and food.
10. Distributed K of C book covers to all the parochial schools in Jackson.
11. Council dove hunt
12. Helped Ladies Auxiliary with Anniversary Dinner by furnishing refreshments.
13. Grand Knight and wife from Tampa, Fla. where guest in Council Home.
14. Buried Brother Knight whose family lived out of town.
15. Egg Nog party to raise funds for food baskets
16. New Year's Eve Dance for members and guests
17. Held covered dish supper and started collecting hard back books for the VA Hospital.
18. Established Scholarship Fund for College student.
19. Held Past Grand Knight Dinner.
20. Knight of Month Awards
21. Presented one Fifty Year pin and two Twenty-five Year pins.
22. Degree Team visited Clarksdale and Natchez.
23. Carried Visitation Key to Yazoo City.
24. Have made up a Visitation Key for Yazoo City.
25. Two teams to K of C Bowling Tournament
26. On fourth Tuesday holding Family Film Night

Youth Activities: Director John Schemmel

1. Fourth of July for the children with rides and games
2. Furnished K of C Hall to the C.Y.O. for dance along with chaperones.
3. Staked and laid out St. Mary's 80 by 100 yds. football field.
4. Father and Son dove hunt

5. Held Second Annual K of C Bowl Game.
6. Children's Christmas Party
7. Sponsored MISAC 5th and 6th Basketball League.
8. Helped referee basketball games in regular season and tournament play.
9. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Membership Activities: Director Conrad J. Richard

Worked on the roster of the different parishes in the City. Have planned for the middle of May a Parish Drive.

Respectfully submitted,

REYNOLDS R. RIDGLEY
GRAND KNIGHT

VICKSBURG COUNCIL NO. 898

Council officers were installed on July 13, 1971 by Worthy District Deputy George Scheiderman of Greenville, Miss.

Council Activities were under the direction of the Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight Walter L. Reynolds.

The following activities were conducted during the year:

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Labor Day Picnic with Field Mass
2. Columbus Day Program - State Senator Ellis Bodron was principal speaker.
3. Supreme Knight's message broadcast over Radio Station WQBC.
4. Annual Memorial Service for deceased members
5. Published monthly bulletin "The Shield."
6. Bereavement Committee assembled for prayers and Rosary for deceased members.
7. Annual St. Patrick's Day Program

8. K. C. Christmas Party and Dance held at Council Home.
9. Council was host to a District meeting on January 23, 1972. Representatives attended meetings held in Leland and Greenville, Miss.
10. A "Leap Year" dance for members and guests held on February 26th.
11. Maintained a scrapbook of Council activities.
12. Published activities in Mississippi Today and local newspaper.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

1. Participated in Exemplification of Knighthood, all three, degree in Natchez, Miss.
2. Council team conducted yellow dog initiation for 18 candidates in Greenville.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Council members participated in Quarterly Communion.
2. Members marched from Council Home to St. Paul's Catholic Church in body on Easter Sunday morning and attended communion together.
3. Members active in both parishes, serving as commentators, ushers, and on various committees.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored a Country Music Show on April 19th.
2. Blood Donor group active during the year.
3. Council members volunteered to man stations for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles at Christmas.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored a Little League Baseball Team.
2. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop 7 - Court of Honor held at Council Home.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. Steak Suppers held for members, wives, and guests.
2. Five members received Honorary status and one member received Honorary Life status during the year.

3. Council purchased and presented a food freezer to St. Paul's Catholic Church.
4. Council made donation to St. Michael's Building Fund.
5. Donated \$300 to Priest Education Fund.

The K. C. Ladies Auxiliary of Council 898 was very active during the year and assisted the Council in many activities. Their activities included a Pot Luck Outing on Eagle Lake, Christmas Party for Kiddies of K. C. members, Easter Egg Hunt for kids, and sponsored publication of a cook book entitled "Vicksburg Prize Recipes" which sold over 200 copies.

Council 898 sent in all required reports, and all in all we had a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIDNEY SAUCIER
GRAND KNIGHT

BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL NO. 1034
Natchez

On July 7 installation of duly elected officers was conducted by Brother W. Schilhab D.D. from Jackson. This was a social and open to the Ladies and Shrimp Supper was served. In August our Annual Spaghetti Benefit Dinner. On August 23 Honorary Degree was conferred on three Brothers. The meeting was open to the Ladies and supper was served. September members participated in Cathedral Fall Festival by erecting booths and operating games and stands. October 11 Columbus Day program presented by Faithful Navigator "Bill" Luscombe and a dance at the Windmille. Knight of the Month Award was presented for the first time by Deputy Grand Knight Souderes to Brother Mulvihill. October 25 was an open meeting with the Ladies, supper was served and 50 Year pins presented to five Brothers

and 25 Year pins to two Brothers. November 14 after 8:30 Mass Memorial Service for seven Brothers who passed away during the year. November 22 was a Social with supper served and Honorary Degree conferred on two Brothers and Honorary Life on one Brother, Knight of the Month Award was presented by Deputy Grand Knight for the 3rd time to an outstanding Brother Knight. December 19 our Annual Christmas party for the orphans at the Council Home, Christmas Dance was held at the Windmille for members and guests, Christmas party held at Council Home for prospect, supper served. January 24th was an open meeting, supper was served and Honorary Degree was conferred on one Brother Knight, Brother Schilhab D.D. and Brother Bob Lambert and their wives were in attendance, and a short talk was given by Brother Schilhab. In February a Mardi Gras Party at the Council Home for members and guests. February 28 meeting B.S.A. Executive gave short talk and presented film on Scout activity, Holy Thursday night watch by members of the Council. Bishop Gerow Council co-sponsored the Notre Dame Glee Club in a presentation on Easter Sunday night in the City Auditorium. March 19 exemplification of all three Degrees was held in Natchez, first and second Degree by Natchez Council 1034 and third Degree by Jackson team, 15 members were initiated. April 10 a very interesting program by Father Novery, Maryhill retreat House La. was presented. April 24 open meeting with the Ladies, 25 Year pins presented to seven members, enjoyed a Fish Fry, and a large cake with "90" in lights celebrating the Birthday of our Order. April the 30th after 8:30 Mass, our Annual Breakfast for the Seniors from Cathedral High School was served, all Committees served well, membership by Brother Conway Aubic, a very successful year with our Boy Scout Troop, Brother Freddie Voss Scoutmaster. This is the 25th year the Council has sponsored the Scouts.

Brother Eugene Clements, Past Grand Knight, served as chairman for Priest Education Program.

All Brothers responded well and with a very nice donation from First Federal of Jackson of \$125 from non-Catholics. This was very well appreciated. Brother Sonny Stone, employed by First Federal, had a lot to do with this donation. We will present our Bishop with a check for \$600.

Council sponsored boy and girl to the American Legion Boys' and Girls' State; sponsored Cub Scout Troop; promoted Cathedral Athletic Association. Deputy Grand Knight George Souderes promoted and is carrying out the Knight of the Month Award. Council Members active in Ushers Society and assisting in all Church functions.

Sponsored team in local Bowling League and State Bowling Tournament.

Rosay Services for deceased Brothers and Family.

The success of all these activities was due to the corporation and participation of all the members and officers of the Council, without whose help they could not have been accomplished.

Fraternally yours,

MAX VOSS
GRAND KNIGHT

BILOXI COUNCIL NO. 1244

The duly elected and appointed officers of our Council were installed with appropriate ceremony by our worthy District Deputy Hilton Seymour. This was an open meeting and many friends and relatives of the membership were on hand to witness this event.

Deputy Grand Knight Clarence Theriot was appointed to serve as General Program Chairman and

Brother "Chips Fountain" was appointed to serve General Membership Chairman.

CATHOLIC OR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Memorial services were held on Nov. 18 at which time a Mass was offered, and deceased members who died during the year were eulogized.
2. We renewed our membership in the Sacred Heart Program.
3. Annual contributions were made as follows:
VA Hospital, retarded Children organization and other charities; annual contribution to the Priest Education Fund.
4. We donated a purse to our Council Chaplain for his vacation to Ireland.
5. Council donated a purse to Father Jesus Mareno, Vicar General of the Josephite Fathers, who is a native son of Biloxi.
6. Members were encouraged to participate in all parish activities, especially to attend Mass regularly and receive Holy Communion on all first Fridays.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Our Council sponsored Boy Scout Troop 213 again for the 39th year and frequently furnished financial support to it.
2. Council will again sponsor a girl to Girls' State and a boy to Boys' State.
3. Our annual Christmas and Easter parties for children of members were again a very large success.
4. Our annual picnic was held at Camp Wilkes and was well attended. Games and contests were held throughout the day and prizes were awarded to the winners of each event held.
5. Boy Scout Troop 213 was the winner of the Biloxi District Courts of Honor for the year 1971.
6. We will again present awards to Students of Sacred Heart and Notre Dame for outstanding work done in Catholic Education.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Our Council sponsored a "DRUG ABUSE" program at the Biloxi community center which was open to the public and announced the winners of our "Bumper Sticker" contest. This affair was well attended by both adults and youth of our community.
2. The Council gave full support to the Alhambra Oran Caravan No. 67 for a bingo held at the Council home in which all proceeds went to the retarded children.
3. The Council presented a trailer load of furniture to St. Michael's CYO to furnish their meeting hall.
4. A Bowling Team was entered in the Keesler Air Force Base Bowling League.
5. The Council's nominee for the Mother of the Year (Mrs. Charles Duggan) was selected as Biloxi's Outstanding Mother in 1971.
6. A donation was made in the name of our Council to the BOYS CLUB of Biloxi.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. The Council sponsored four dances this year and were well attended by members and guests. The highlight of this was our Mardi Gras dance.
2. The Knights of the Quarter banquets were well attended by members and guests. The winners were Brothers Jerry Gilbert, Ken Lamey, and Jerry Lamey. These affairs were highlighted by the Council's selection of Brother Harry Steinwinder as Knight of the Year.
3. The Council honored the Past Grand Knights at a banquet and presented PGK medallions to the Past Grand Knights present.
4. The Food Committee served refreshment at the meeting approximately once a month.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

1. An Admission Degree was held on Sept. 2, 1971, with 4 candidates being initiated into the first section of our Order.

2. A Formation Degree was held on Jan. 27th at the Council Home in which a total of 11 Brothers were elevated into the second degree.
3. The Council degree team worked at all admission and formation degrees held by our Council and are now working on the New work of our Order.
4. We sent two candidates to receive the Admission degree in Ocean Springs in support of their efforts to form a degree team.
5. The Council is giving full support to Surge 90.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The 31st Annual Shrimp Bowl football game sponsored by our Council was very successful. As a result over \$1,000 was donated to the Doll and Toy Fund and \$500 was donated to the St. Vincent DePaul to aid their work in charity.
2. On Feb. 19 & 20th we played host to the 10th annual bowling tournament, this was supported by over 79 members for nine Councils. The Council gave a seafood supper for all members and guests before the business meeting.

The success of all these activities was due to the cooperation and participation of the Activities Chairmen, their committee and sub-committees and the general membership without whose help they could not have been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

ED KERSH
GRAND KNIGHT

PERE LE DUC COUNCIL NO. 1522
Bay Saint Louis

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Rev. Father Gregory Johnson
Grand Knight	C. J. Piazza
Dep. Grand Knight	Robert Goodsell

Chancellor	Jake Morreale
Recorder	Alden Mauffray
Financial Sec.	Joe Benvenutti
Treasurer	Joe Kersanac
Advocate	George Heitzman
Warden	George Hammer
Inside Guard	Sam Compretta
Outside Guard	Tony Morreale
Trustees:	Henry Lang
	Sylvester Benigno
	William Steele
Lecturer	E. Murtagh

During the year this Council has been beset with an unusual amount of problems. During the year former Grand Knight Pete Benvenutti had to resign, and I was elected in his place. Our directorship program was established to direct the Council under the various categories as established by the Supreme Council.

While many members are doing their utmost to establish a true spirit of Columbianism in our area, I find that there is a general decline of interest and participation in the Council. There was a time of great interest in the Knights of Columbus in this area; but through the years this has steadily declined, and this I attribute mainly to the curtailing of the degree work as we formerly knew it.

At the present time the Council is about to embark on a building program. The building committee plans to tear down the old building and erect a new one in its place. While this is still in the early planning stages we feel that it will soon be a reality.

Our Council has assisted the Parish of Our Lady of the Gulf to a great extent during the year. We have worked closely with our pastor and associate pastors.

We feel that the members who have actively participated in the work of this Council have made a definite impression on the community by their example of true Catholic gentlemen and by their devotion to the principles of true Columbianism.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. PIAZZA
GRAND KNIGHT

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL NO. 1583
Gulfport

In July, 1971, the officers of the Council were duly installed by District Deputy Emmett Milner at a dinner meeting for members and their wives.

Council Officers for 1971-1972 are:

Hayward J. Ladner	Grand Knight
Charles L. Walker	Deputy Grand Knight
Phil Lisotta	Chancellor
James Putnam	Recorder
Willie Adam	Warden
Joseph Trippe	Treasurer
Fritz Oberlies	Financial Secretary
Jim Mitchell	Inside Guard
Charles Joffrion	Outside Guard
James Tolson	Trustee
Sam LaRosa	Trustee
Mack Harper	Trustee

Officers of the Knights of Columbus Home Inc. Board are:

James Tolson	President
Charles Walker	Vice President
John Cabibi	Comptroller
Mack Harper	Executive Secretary
Hayward J. Ladner	Bursar

Other members of the Board include: Phil Lisotta, Joseph Trippe, Willie Adam, Sam LaRosa, Fritz Oberlies, George Huth, Nick Pitalo, Bill Wittmann, Leonard Collins, and Angelo Scalia.

MEMBERSHIP: Sam LaRosa, Director

Our Council has had much activity in membership this year. It has initiated twenty-two new members and has had one re-admission.

The highlight of the membership program was the showing of the film "Every Man A Witness." This was an open meeting for our members and their wives, as well as any prospective member who might be interested in joining. There were 131 people in attendance. Since that time we have initiated twelve of the prospects who attended. It appears that this is a beneficial approach to membership recruitment. It would appear that our Council will win the Star Council Award for the second consecutive year.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES: Cleve Ros, Director

Our local Council has participated in two corporate communions this year. A retreat was sponsored for members at Manressi in December. The Chaplain of our Council has given short inspirational talks at our regular meetings. The Council has again contributed to the Priest Educational Fund.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Ollo Mollere, Director

In December the Council sponsored an open dinner meeting with a guest speaker, Mrs. Given Gollotte. Mrs. Gollotte discussed the programs available to Senior Citizens on the Coast.

A program is planned on alcoholism before the end of the year.

The Community Activities director with several

other members attended a Concerned Citizens Association meeting after the state and local elections. The purpose of this association is to act as a constant reminder to the elected officers that they should carry out their campaign promises and do what is best for the community, country and State.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Angelo Scalia, Director

The Council Activities Committee once again is one of the most active committees in the Council.

During the year the following activities were co-ordinated through this Committee:

1. Golf Tournament was sponsored.
2. Two regular Bowling Teams with four participation in the State Knights of Columbus Tournament were sponsored.
3. Started a Softball Team for the first time with a league tournament scheduled for May 26, 27, & 28.
4. Pool Tournament
5. Held six dances for members and guests with the outstanding one being the Columbus Day Dinner Dance.
6. Helped St. James Home School Association with a fund raising dinner for the school.
7. Helped St. Anne's Catholic Church with its annual Bazaar.
8. Helped St. John's Catholic Church with its weekly fund raising activity.
9. Chicken Dinner given for benefit of St. John's High School Scholarship Fund.

FAMILY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES. Nick Pitalo, Director

This Committee has had more activity this year than any previous year.

The following activities were promoted by this Committee:

1. Annual family picnic was held.
2. Helped St. John's High School cheerleaders in raising funds for cheerleader school.
3. Had two Boy Scout Courts of Honor; at one a dinner was served, and refreshments were served at the other. These meetings were open to members and their wives plus the parents of the Boy Scouts.
4. Had Charter Presentation Night for the Boy Scouts. This year represents the 20th consecutive year for the Council to sponsor this Troop. Boy Scout building fund started for purpose of building Boy Scout Hut.
5. Held annual Easter Egg Hunt.
6. Had C.Y.O. Dance for both St. John's and St. James Parishes.
7. Sponsored a banquet in honor of our Boy's State and Girl's State representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD J. LADNER
GRAND KNIGHT

PASCAGOULA COUNCIL NO. 1605

The Pascagoula Council is indeed proud to announce that the highlight of our year was the presentation of the first annual Monsignor P.J. Carey Award in honor of our beloved former pastor who has retired to his native Ireland.

I've been very fortunate in having a fine group of chairmen who have secured the help and cooperation of the general membership in making our year a fruitful one.

The following activities were promoted:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Corporate communion is held quarterly.

2. Contributions are made to various Catholic Charities.
3. Donated to Priest Education Fund.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held several dances during the year with highlight being our annual Carnival Ball.
2. Held Christmas Eve party for members and families.
3. Held social every 4th Tuesday for members and wives.
4. Celebrated 4th of July and Labor Day with picnics for members and families.
5. Held first Monsignor Carey Award Banquet honoring "Knight of the Year."
6. Presented quarterly award to "Outstanding Knight."
7. Erected life-size Nativity scene on grounds of Singing River Hospital.
8. Donated money to Father Quinn's Church in Saltillo, Mexico.
9. Sent \$100 in baseball equipment to Saltillo Mission.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Continued to sponsor bowling team in city league and also participated in annual K of C Bowling Tournament.
2. Sent cards to Brothers who were ill and encouraged hospital visits.
3. Had member working with School for Exceptional children.
4. Nominated member for the "Outstanding Citizen of Jackson County" award.
5. Contributed to community-wide Drug Education program and had a representative serving on Pascagoula-Moss Point Area Chamber of Commerce's Drug Committee.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop.
2. Sponsored Cub Scout Den.
3. Sponsored baseball team in the Dixie Baseball League.

4. Sponsored a boy to Boys' State.
5. Furnished book covers for students in area Catholic schools.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Experienced general increase in membership.

The Council has been very active in church and community affairs. We feel our members are anxious to help our fellowman and promote greater spiritual feeling in our community by living better Christian lives.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow officers and the general membership - and I must not forget our wonderful K. C. Auxiliary for the support and cooperation this past year, and I earnestly solicit their continued support in making this next year an even greater one.

Respectfully submitted,

MATT F. ZELENKA
GRAND KNIGHT

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL NO. 1908
Hattiesburg

The Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has been very active during the past year, with our theme of Church and Family.

We had a family fishing contest with the prize being a rod and reel given for the biggest fish caught. The Knights of the Council fished on Saturday afternoon to make sure we had enough fish for the fish fry that followed the contest. Then, Sunday, the Knights were not allowed to fish - just help their families - show the children how to fish - bait the hooks for their wives. We plan other family outings, since this one was very, very successful.

The Council sponsored a drug control educational program with drug officers addressing the group.

The Council sponsors a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Pack.

The Council is helping build a parish center for the youth of the parish. The C.Y.O. will have a meeting place and all parish organizations will have a meeting place and different activities.

The Council sponsored one youth at Boys' State.

Members of the Council serve the parish in other ways - as lecturers, ushers, on the parish Council and with the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

We are happy to report that the Council will again contribute to the Priest Education Fund.

We wish to express our thanks to Brothers James F. Hunter, our District Deputy, Pat Myers, James L. Bolander and the Laurel Council for their assistance in the Exemplification of the First Degree in April.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers, committee chairmen, and members of the Bishop Fahey Council for their assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. ZAMBRANO
GRAND KNIGHT

FATHER KORSTENBROECK COUNCIL NO. 2134
Greenville

Installation of officers was conducted by our Worthy District Deputy, George Scheiderman.

July

New officers installed were:

Chaplain	Msgr. Harkins
Grand Knight	Dennis Hancock
Deputy G.K.	John F. Ferracci
Chancellor	Kirk Luckett
Recorder	William Schultz
Financial Sec.	Robert Fratesi
Treasurer	Sam Monistere
Lecturer	George Shamoun
Advocate	Jimmy Wuestenhoefer
Warden	B. M. Criddle
Inside Guard	Charles Ventura
Outside Guard	Ronnie Tubertini
Trustee	Carl Wuestenhoefer
Trustee	Anthony Tuminello
Trustee	George Scheiderman

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Social for all members followed installation of officers.
2. Had 4th of July picnic at Council home with games and tournaments enjoyed by members and families.

August

1. Participated in 4th Degree Exemplification and banquet in Greenwood, Miss. Nine members of our Council received the honors.

September

1. Grand Knight Dennis Hancock resigns office.
2. John Ferracci elected Grand Knight, resigns Deputy Grand Knight office.
3. Jimmy Wuestenhoefer elected Deputy Grand Knight, resigns Advocate office.
4. Frank King elected Advocate.
5. 4th Degree social held at Council home.
6. Grand Knight appointed committee chairman.

October

1. Appointed Social Justice and Peace Chairman.
2. Appointed Disaster Committee Chairman

3. Members took a bus trip to Jackson, Miss. to see football game. This was sponsored by Council for members and guests.
4. Sponsored circus and raised \$1,135.20 for Council funds.
5. Sent large number of children to circus free of charge.
6. New House Committee rules for Council home went into effect.
7. Started publishing Knight Letter.

November

1. Held First Degree Exemplification. Gained 3 new members.
2. Held Memorial Service for deceased member, public invited.
3. Held oyster party for men of Council to watch football game.

December

1. Held Christmas party for members' children.
2. Bought new chairs and tables for Council home.
3. Donated \$25 to Sisters of Charity.
4. Voted to establish a telephone answering service to contact all members on any occasion needed.
5. Held New Year's Eve Dance.
6. 4th Degree held Honor Guard at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

January

1. Council Activity Chairman resigns. New Chairman appointed.
2. Auditors report taken and submitted.
3. Voted on and bought new color TV for Council home.
4. Remodeling and addition to Council home started.
5. Building Committee Chairman resigns. New chairman appointed.

February

1. Dance held in Council home by 4th Degree to raise funds.
2. Social held in Council home by 4th Degree for members and wives.

3. Financial Secretary resigns. New Financial Secretary appointed.
4. Held Admissions Degree. Gained 5 new members.
5. Held Yellow Dog Initiation.
6. Purchased Council banner for Council home.
7. Participated in K. C. Bowling Tournament, came in second place.
8. Presented trophies to 3 students for 100% awards at Athletic Banquet.
9. Participated in 3rd and 4th Exemplification in Clarksdale, Miss.

March

1. Held 4th Degree meeting at Council home.
2. Treasurer resigns to take Financial Secretary's office. New treasurer elected.
3. New flag donated to Council home by 4th Degree.
4. Repaired and painted Council bar-b-que hut.

April

1. Bldg. Committee Chairman resigns, new chairman appointed.
2. Held Easter Egg hunt for all children of parish.
3. Cooking Committee Chairman resigns, new chairman appointed.
4. Inside Guard resigns, new Inside Guard elected.
5. Elected Knight of the year.
6. Elected delegates to Convention.
7. Held dinner for C.Y.O. members for outstanding state record.
8. Held Admissions Degree. Gained 3 new members.
9. Held Priest Education Annual Fund Raising Bar-B-Que. Made approximately \$500. Voted to donate \$600.

May

1. Council home remodeling and addition to be completed by May 5.
2. Host state Convention.
3. Social for members and wives planned for 5-31-72.

June

1. Elect new officers for coming year.
2. Plan club dance.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. Held meetings twice a month.
2. Sponsor Boy Scout Troop. Donated tents to troop.
3. Sponsor boy at Boys' State and girl to Girls' State.
4. Sick Committee visit members and members' family in hospitals. Send get well cards.
5. Send Mass card to members having death in family. Attend rosary for deceased members and families of members, and attend funerals.
6. All Catholic groups of the parish are permitted free use of Council home.
7. Members of our Council serve in Parish Activities as: Lectors at Mass, Ushers, Gift Bearers, Members of School and Church Board, Workers on parish fair and carnival day, building and dismantling booths, heading committees.
8. Publish monthly Knight Letter
9. Open club to members and guests, six days a week.
10. Reserve club for athletic association meetings twice a month.
11. Reserve club for 4th Degree meetings six times a year.
12. Hold Bingo at club for members and guests, especially inviting parish members, each Saturday night.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the worthy state officers, district officer, Council officers and brother members who have made this a rewarding year for me. The valuable experience I've received this year serving as Grand Knight I feel I could have gotten no other way.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. FERRACCI
GRAND KNIGHT

LAUREL COUNCIL NO. 2180

The officers were installed at the first meeting in July by our Worthy District Deputy, James F. Hunter.

The program activities were as follows:

1. Lead in the recitation of the Rosary before each Mass in October.
2. Participation by members in Lay Ministers, Parish Council and PTO.
3. Gifts were distributed to Indian children at the Indian Reservation at Christmas time.
4. Donation made to the Priest Education Fund.
5. The Council Home is used by all youth organizations with members acting as leaders and helpers.
6. The Council Admission Degree team conducted the degree in Hattiesburg with three candidates initiated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. WINCHESTER, JR.
GRAND KNIGHT

C. G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL NO. 2945
Leland

Newly elected officers were installed in July by our Worthy District Deputy George R. Scheiderman with our Worthy State Deputy William F. La Forge and guests from Greenville in attendance.

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 \$150 to the Priest Education Fund.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

1. Weekly meetings on Wednesday nights.
2. Benefit Concert sponsored.
3. Football pools sold for raising Council funds.
4. Council members were active in building booths for Parish Fair and took part in operating them.
5. Surprise social after meetings, at least once a month (Dutch).

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY:

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

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE:

1. Lost one insurance member by means of death.
2. Insurance Members 18; Associate Members 25; 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 for children of 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 published in local paper and announced on 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 to make this year a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR J. CEFALU
GRAND KNIGHT

CLARKSDALE COUNCIL NO. 2969

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Our quarterly communions which in the beginning of the year have always been followed by breakfast at a local motel have now been expanded by having the breakfasts at our Council home and inviting the wives. Our last breakfast included a very fascinating guest speaker and was chaired by Brother Melvin Underwood.

Our Council members are leaders and active participants in our Parish Fair which supports our elementary school.

Our Council is continuing, as we have in the past, to support our Diocesan Priest Educational Fund. We have bought a check along with us to back up our words.

Our Council sponsors the annual Easter Egg Hunt for young members of our Parish.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

We have been very fortunate to have a brother who is qualified to teach first aid classes. A federal law necessitates this course in order for industry to qualify for certain types of contracts. Brother Bryan Lipsey has provided this service while donating the fees (over \$300 to our Council). Our Council has provided the hall free of charge for these courses.

Each fall our Council co-sponsors the Pass-Punt-and Kick Contest along with the local Ford Dealer. We received a citation from the Ford Motor Company for our efforts in 1971 and past years.

A blood bank has been initiated for use of our brother Knights, their families, and parishioners.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Our activities through the year have been quite varied and extensive.

Brother Emilio Zepponi has been our dance chairman putting on five very successful dances - Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's, Valentine's, and Easter Dances.

We have hired a full-time custodian to provide service and better use of the hall.

Two Las Vegas Nites were initiated providing a provitable and enjoyable evening.

Our new bar and game room has been completed and we have added a pinball machine.

Our bocci alley was completed by Brother Marshall Balducci and is ready now for Championship play against all challengers.

Through the generosity of our members, we have purchased a tap beer machine at no cost to the Council.

Brother Keith Newman has made lockers available at a reasonable cost for our members' uses.

We have completed paneling the interior of our home and have purchased new tables and chairs for the Council.

During this year we unveiled a portrait of our beloved chaplain, Monsignor McKenna. This portrait

will always remain in a place of honor.

We began the year by our annual Fourth of July outing - a full day was enjoyed with the children's softball game, swimming, lunch and supper, and bocci.

Other activities of the year include our August Steak Supper, a January Ravioli Supper (both followed by Bingo).

Brother James Agostinelli is responsible for the shuffle board court in our Council home.

Our twenty-five year members have been recognized by calling their names at each of our meetings. Mr. Peter Agostinelli, Sr., Mr. Lewis Tarzi, Mr. Pete Facini, Mr. Robert Demilio, and Mr. Albert Faretti.

Our football and Bowl games pools again proved a financial success for our Council.

Our annual Radio Controlled Airplane Contest was chaired by Brother Lewis Barberi.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 5 allowing them use of our facilities. St. Elizabeth CYO has used our swimming pool and facilities free of charge as has St. Elizabeth Cub Scout 11.

Our children have enjoyed use of our swimming pool during the summer months. We now have swings and will soon have seesaws and other playground equipment.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

We have increased our membership during the past year and now have guest members which has proven to be a tremendous boon to our Council.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER AGOSTINELLI, JR.
GRAND KNIGHT

JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL NO. 3328
Yazoo City

The year 1971-72 for the James A. Moses Council got off to a rather slow start. We were all but disbanded and ready to turn in our charter when Father P. J. Hannelly decided that we should keep a Knights of Columbus Council. Father Pattie Hannelly went to Cleveland, Miss. to discuss the situation with Dr. La Forge. Dr. La Forge agreed to come to Yazoo City to help us to re-organize.

On September 10th, a meeting was held at the Elks Club because we had sold our old home. The following officers were elected:

Chaplain	Father Pattie Hannelly
Grand Knight	Joe Giompoletti
Deputy G. K.	A. O. Pitterle
Chancellor	B. A. Jordan
Recorder	A. J. Lynch
Financial Sec.	Joe Coco
Treasurer	Vincent Glorioso
Advocate	W. A. Hayes
Warden	Oscar Paulsen
Trustees:	
One Year	Philip Ellis
Two Years	George Thomas
Three Years	J. J. Erickson

On 10/4/71, Joe Giompoletti resigned as Grand Knight. His letter was read to the Council and was accepted. We elected A. O. Pitterle Grand Knight, and R. F. (Bob) Jones Deputy Grand Knight. At this meeting it was decided to remodel a home that was property of the Church. Remodelling took place the following week.

Prior to our meeting on the 9th of November, a spaghetti supper was held for all parishioners. Dr. La Forge and other distinguished guests attended. Preliminary plans for forming our Auxiliary were discussed.

At this meeting in November, Joe Coco, Financial Secretary, resigned. Frank Weisenberger was elected in his position. The Jackson Council came and installed the new officers.

On the 19th of November, we held a combined meeting with the Auxiliary to hear about our local Narcotic problem. Captain Merritt of the Yazoo Police Department acquainted us with all the different varieties that were used in our area. After a very interesting program, coffee and cookies were served for refreshments.

On January 19th, the Jackson Auxiliary came down to install the officers of our Auxiliary.

On the second Tuesday in February, we had a pre-Lenten barbecue for the parish, and it exceeded our expectations for attendance. Everyone had a nice evening.

At the March 14th meeting, a decision was made to donate \$100 to the St. Clara Centennial.

At the April 15th meeting, all committee members were invited that were assigned to work for the Centennial program, to be held on May 4. Dignitaries throughout the state and the nation were invited to join with us on the day of the Centennial.

On May 9th, we will nominate officers for the coming year. With our new board of officers, we are looking forward to a year of progress.

A. O. PITTERLE
GRAND KNIGHT

BOB JONES
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL NO. 4898
Long Beach

The following officers, who were elected and
have served faithfully, were installed July 6, 1971.

Chaplain	Rev. William T. Pittman, C.M.
Grand Knight	Emmett J. Milner
Deputy G.K.	E. C. Spencer, Jr.
Chancellor	Edward Hatem
Recorder	Ben A. Angerstein
Financial Sec.	L. A. Koenenn, Sr.
Treasurer	Clinton Necaise
Lecturer	George Lusardi
Advocate	William E. Boggs, Jr.
Warden	James J. Hoselle
Outside Guard	John Smith
Inside Guard	Thomas M. Necaise
Trustees:	Rodney J. Sandoz
	Stanle Vance
	William Hansen, Jr.

Our General Program Director is E. C. Spencer, Jr., with James Hoselle serving as Director of Council Activities; Edward F. Weidner, Director of Church Activities; William Hansen, Jr., Director of Youth Activities; and Robert E. Peno, Director of Community Activities. Edward Hatem is our Social Justice and Peace Chairman of the Council Disaster Committee.

This year's effort was directed at two major projects. The first was to take a more active and vital role in our community as explained under our Community Activities. The other was the purchasing of the land, designing and building our own Council

home. We were able to buy an acre of land close to St. Thomas Church, and as of this date the plans are rolling off the drafting boards. With God's blessings, construction should start within ten days, with completion around July 1.

Some of the highlights of our committees and COUNCIL ACTIVITIES are:

1. Installation of Officers, July 6, by District Deputy Haywood Ladner, with Fr. Martin Kenney as guest speaker.
2. Council picnic held at Flint Creek Reservoir with an outdoor Field Mass offered by our Chaplain, Fr. William T. Pittman, C.M.
3. Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year Awards program continued.
4. Council Admission Degree Team participated with Bishop Gunn Council 1583 in an Admissions Degree on November 17, 1971, and April 19, 1972.
5. Commemorative Services held with a special Mass offered by our Chaplain, Fr. William T. Pittman.
6. Annual Christmas Party for the children on December 19 with Santa as special guest.
7. New Year's Eve Dance for all members.

YOUTH:

1. Many members active in CYO, CCD, and coaching of Little League football, basketball, and baseball.
2. Sponsored a Little League baseball team.
3. Sponsored and provided trophies for the awards night for the St. Thomas School football team.
4. Brother Harry Kaletsch, Long Beach Chief of Police, consented to serve as chairman of the Council Drug Abatement Project.

5. As part of the Drug Abatement Program, the Council joined the Gulf Coast Crime Commission in actively sponsoring the TIP program (TURN IN A PUSHER).
6. Set a "Keep Christ in Christmas Program."
7. Sponsored a Vocations Night for the CYO and CCD classes.
8. Contributed to the Priest Education Fund.

COMMUNITY:

1. Sponsored and participated in a city-wide clean-up project.
2. Sponsored a City Beautification Program with cash prizes to the winners.
3. Aided the poor of our community with Christmas donations of money and food.
4. Anti-abortion bumper stickers were distributed.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Council members continued their active role in parish activities including parish rebuilding, Parish Council, School Board and Lectors and Ushers.
2. Chaplain Pittman conducted a series of religious indoctrination programs under guidelines established by the Supreme Chaplain.
3. Sponsored coffee and donuts for all parishioners after Mass once each month.
4. Activation of a house trailer for a Special Education classroom for St. Thomas School including installation, electrical, plumbing, heating, and air conditioning.

This has been a busy year for our Council as we are meeting the goals we set for ourselves. This has been made possible by the hard work and cooperation of the

officers and members, for which I am deeply grateful,
and wish to express my heartfelt thanks for a job
well done.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMETT J. MILNER
GRAND KNIGHT

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

The members enjoyed corporate communion every
fifth Sunday.

We are well represented by Sunday School teach-
ers and Commentators during Mass.

We participated at ushering at the Christmas
Mass.

The members participated in a rosary for the de-
ceased mother of two knights.

The Council hall was used for a parish dinner
once a month. This was an eagerly awaited affair,
because it was enjoyed by many.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

We collected, repaired and distributed toys for
tots. The toys were collected and brought to our
hall where some of the members spent much time in
repairing them. We also took up money to buy some
food baskets to be distributed during Christmas.

We followed up on the food basket project and
now each month a food basket is given to a needy
person. We donate each week a can of food or loose
change to make up the basket.

We entered a float in our local Christmas parade

with some of the members spending many hours building this float.

The Columbus Day Program was broadcasted over our local radio station and was enjoyed by many.

We are participating in the drive against pornography with a resolution made, passed and sent to our local newspaper.

We had a local policeman come out to our hall and give a talk on drugs. He also showed a film which was enjoyed by all.

YOUTH ACTIVITY:

We had supervised games for the children at our parish dinners. We had a Halloween Party for the children one thru ten years of age, and a Halloween Dance for the eleven thru fourteen years of age. We had the whole bit with a spook house and even a dead person who came to life.

The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Webelos used our hall for meetings, banquets and awards. The annual recognition banquet for the Malmaison District is always a big affair and attended by many.

The scoutmaster and assistants of our local church unit are Knights of Columbus members.

We have worked with the CYO and they have helped us. They helped us at Christmas time by collecting boys for us and giving us recognition for what we were doing.

We let the CYO use our hall to prepare and serve a spaghetti dinner for a fund raising project.

We had a priest, Father Shelton, speak on vocations at one of our socials. A banquet type dinner was prepared and the CYO was invited to attend. A large number participated.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

We enjoyed a steak night each month. This was for members, wives and guests. This was our biggest social event of the club. We have on occasion had a guest speaker.

Our biggest project of the year is our annual carnival. This comes on Labor Day. We have booths of different kinds, bingo, and a spaghetti supper. The money we make on this project goes to retire the building debt.

We had a chicken bar-b-que dinner for a fund raising affair. The chicken was prepared on our outside grill.

We had a spaghetti supper for a fund raising project. The cooking was done by the Ladies Auxiliary.

One of our projects of the year is selling chances on the football pool. This was done with the betting on Mississippi State. We also had a football pool on the major bowl games with the money from this pool used to purchase a new color TV.

We had two dances in our hall with a live band. One of these was our New Year's Eve party. This was for members and guests.

One of our biggest work projects lately has been the finishing up of our bar. Some of the members have worked hard to put in a bar sink, a draft beer box, lights, mirror, and signs. This has added much to our club in many ways. We purchased new bar stools with the members donating the money.

We are giving our guest cards to friends of members so they may enjoy a dance or a social at our club without being invited. This does not include our monthly steak night.

We held a district meeting in our hall with a

big turnout of members. One of the biggest treats was the fine meal prepared by the members. A bocci game was enjoyed later.

We have an admission degree team which does a great job. They have held two installations this year. They were working on the 2nd and 3rd Degrees, but due to the new change there has been a delay. The team has again started work to obtain the degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS K. REIFERS
GRAND KNIGHT

FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL NO. 5556
Cleveland

The following officers were installed for 1971-1972:

Chaplain	Rev. John Leonard
Grand Knight	Victor Aguzzi
Deputy G. K.	Eugene Tarsi
Chancellor	Joe Aguzzi
Recorder	John Aguzzi
Treasurer	Victor Aguzzi
Warden	Evo Biagioli
Inside Guard	Phillip Rizzo
Outside Guard	Julius Rocconi
3rd Year Trustee	W. F. La Forge
2nd Year Trustee	Ned Fioranelli
1st Year Trustee	Albert Rocconi

During the year the finances of this Council have been in good order and all periodic audit reports have been submitted to the proper authorities.

MEMBERSHIP:

During the year we have suspended four members, transferred two members, and initiated six new members. We have two candidates, at this time, waiting to join our Council.

FRATERNAL:

During the year we have kept a close watch on our members and their families. We send cards to the sick and also visit them during their illnesses. Memorial Services were held in the Church, in November, with rosary and Benediction following. We still maintain our blood donor program.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES:

On March 26, 1972, the K.C.'s received Communion in a body after Mass breakfast was served in the Council Hall; there was a very good turnout for both events. Our Council Hall was used several times during the year for the C.Y.O. Our Council was host to a parish party for which the entire parish turned out. We will sponsor a Ladies Softball Team this summer, which we hope will be enjoyed by all the ladies of the parish.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

We had our Mardi Gras party on February 12, 1972. All members were dressed in costumes; our oldest member, Mr. Aguzzi, and his wife took the costume honor for the best costume of the night. (This proves that the young and old can still communicate.) We had a steak supper for our members, wives, and guests on August 20, 1971. We will have our Annual Outing later on this summer, where we will have boat riding, fishing, skiing, and all the food you can eat.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Our dream finally came true in 1971, when Council 5556 completed its new home. After many hours of hard work and planning, Council 5556 built a building 50 x 50, which includes a hall, kitchen, game room, storeroom, two bathrooms, and central heating and air conditioning.

As you know, we are in a college city, and we have many of the state's youth in our lovely city. We have rented our home to the college group on five or six occasions at a very nominal rate. We hope that the parents of our youth who are enrolled at Delta

State College know what a fine group of young men and women they are.

Our Council sponsored two football pools - one on the Ole Miss Rebels and one on the Mississippi State Bulldogs; we netted \$1,000 on the two.

Installation of officers was held in July with our wives and dates present. After the ceremonies, food was served.

On October 11, 1971, Council 5556 sponsored Columbus Day address several times on our local radio station.

Council 5556 had their annual spaghetti supper on December 2, 1971. We grossed \$1,022.

We also had a shot gun raffle on December 23, which netted \$320.

Council 5556 was host for a lovely New Year's Eve party which was enjoyed by our members and friends of the community.

During the year we closed our north wall of our Bocci Arena. There was a lot of bocci played year-round at our Arena from ages 6 to 66.

CLOSING:

Council 5556 has had a very busy year; some of our long-time dreams came true. We hope that some of our neighbor-councils will come and visit with us during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR AGUZZI
GRAND KNIGHT

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

The elected and appointed officers of our Council were installed with appropriate ceremony by our District Deputy, Brother Hilton Seymour.

On June 2, 1972 the following officers were elected:

Chaplain	Msgr. Eamon Mullen
Grand Knight	Frank Tarrant
Deputy G.K.	Leonard Tarrant
Chancellor	John Seymour
Recorder	Daniel Flynn
Financial Sec.	Irving Oberneufemann
Treasurer	Ira Griggs
Lecturer	Leonard Allen
Advocate	Travis Norman
Warden	Merrell Seymour
Inside Guard	George Callender
Outside Guard	H. L. Callender
Trustee	Buddy Beaugez
Trustee	F. W. Kiernan
Trustee	John Toche

Deputy Grand Knight Leonard Tarrant served as General Program Director with four activities Directors. He supervised and carried out the following activities.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Roland Meaut, Director

1. Monthly Corporate Communion is held on the 4th Sunday of each month with breakfast served afterwards.
2. Continued support of Priest Education Fund.
3. Rosary services for deceased brothers and members of brothers families are held.
4. Religion Award - The Rev. Francis Diegnam Religion Award is presented to the student with the highest scholastic average in religion at St. Alphonsus School.
5. Permitted free use of the Council Hall to Catholic groups for meetings.

6. Members serve as commentators.
7. Observed Columbus Day with a Mass at St. Alphonsus Church.
8. Three members are Adult Advisers for the St. Alphonsus CYO.
9. Two of our members who are Adult Advisers for the CYO served as chaperones for the 76 state delegates who represent the State at National Convention this past year in Washington, D. C.
10. Member serving as Scoutmaster of Council sponsored troop.
11. Baskets distributed to needy families at Christmas.
12. Members handle the all night adoration on Holy Thursday night.
13. On monthly Corporate Communion Sundays members serve the Mass.
14. Prayers are recited for sick members and their families at the close of each meeting.
15. After each meeting there is a prayer for peace throughout the world.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Carl Brochard, Director

1. Annual Knights of Columbus Invitational Golf Tournament held on April 9 & 16, 1972 at Hickory Hills Golf Course. The most successful tournament yet. Thanks to our Chairman Brother Buddy Beaugez.
2. Conducted Annual Christmas Party for members and wives.
3. Entertained members, wives and guests at our Council Annual Banquet and Dance.
4. Our Annual Picnic is held each year at Magnolia State Park in Ocean Springs for members and families.
5. Annual Christmas Toy Bingo is held.
6. With the cooperation of our food chairman, a supper is served once a month at an open meeting for members and potential members. Also our Lecturer Leonard Allen has a film for us at each of these open meetings.
7. Council supports CYO in Fund Raisings.
8. Prize given each meeting night to the winning number of member attending the meeting.

9. Goofy Golf Tournament held for members, winner receiving a trophy.
10. Knights conducted a Drug Abuse Program on April 26, 1972 with Detective Ed Davis, Head of the Narcotics Department of the Ocean Springs Police Department. A film was shown and a talk given.
11. Our Annual Memorial Services was held in November, and the deceased members who died during the year were eulogized. Our Council was saddened by the death of Brother Joseph Morris, Sr., and Brother Jefferson Holloway.
12. Letters of appreciation were received from deceased members' families for Memorial Services conducted.
13. Awards for Outstanding Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year are presented to deserving members.
14. In relation to the new Ecumenical Movement, Council members take a very active part in all phases of parish work.
15. Sunday Bulletin at Church gives our Council full publication.
16. Excellent cooperation with the local newspaper and Miss. Catholic Register and local radio stations and TV stations. Activities are published weekly in local newspapers.
17. The Knight Bulletin, the Council news letter is mailed monthly to members.
18. Our Council maintains a bulletin board in our Council hall.
19. An active scrap book is maintained by the publicity chairman which will serve as a basis of the history of our Council. We have had a scrap book since our Council was chartered in 1965.
20. On January 10, 1972 we celebrated our 7th anniversary as a Council of Knights of Columbus, with a banquet for members, wives, and guests.
21. This year we held our 1st Annual Carnival Ball.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Gerald Griggs, Director

1. Our Council sponsors Boy Scout Troop 216 and frequently furnishes financial support for their activities.

2. Council makes hall available to boy scouts for their meetings.
3. Our Council hall was made available to the CYO for their fund raising dinners.
4. Several members serve as cooks for our CYO for their fund raising dinners.
5. AWARD - Council presents the Knight of Columbus trophy to the outstanding all-around student at St. Alphonsus School.
6. Council has three members serving as adult advisers for the CYO.
7. RELIGION AWARD - Council presents a religion award - The Rev. Francis Deignan Religion Award. It is presented to the student with the highest scholastic average in religion at St. Alphonsus School.
8. Council gave the CYO financial support in raising monies to send their delegates to National Convention in Washington, D. C.
9. Two members who serve as adult advisers served as chaperones for the State CYO delegates at their National Convention in Washington, D. C. They and two others chaperoned 76 delegates representing the State of Mississippi.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Frank Hilt, Director

1. BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM - Council has its own Blood Bank. They lead the Biloxi Blood Donor Program several times this past year with the most pints given.
2. Council Sick Committee visits local hospitals.
3. The Supreme Knight of Columbus Day Address was broadcasted over radio station WVMJ.
4. FLAG PROGRAM - Council flies the American flag in front of stores on all national holidays. The flags are flown in front of businesses participating in our flag program. To date we have 100 participants.

MEMBERSHIP: Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., Director

Under the direction of Brother Westbrook an Admission Degree was conducted for seven candidates.

PRIEST EDUCATION FUND:

Our Council this year will donate \$250 to the Priest Education Fund.

Our Council this year has purchased a piece of property with plans to build a Council hall in the very near future.

The Council finances are in sound condition. The financial condition of our Council has steadily improved due to the fund raising campaigns, such as bingos, dances, suppers, raffles, and bazaars.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to our Worthy State Officers, Our District Deputy, and my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members who worked so faithfully and diligently in making the past year a successful one for Council 5654.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK TARRANT
GRAND KNIGHT

F. J. Bartlett made the following report on the History of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi.

We hope that by this time most Councils have received at least a minimum number of copies of the "State History."

It is hoped to make final distribution of the balance of the histories at the Fourth Degree meeting in Vicksburg within a few weeks. Each participating Council will receive one copy for each member plus one for each advertiser. The membership is based upon the membership on June 30, 1971. Those Councils who did not sell ads will receive five extra copies.

There have undoubtedly been some omissions, and we know that some errors have occurred, but we have attempted to keep them to a minimum. Some photographs that were submitted were not used - photos are expensive, and it was necessary to eliminate some.

At this time, I wish to thank Past State Deputy L. A. Koenenn for handling the financial matters pertaining to the publication of this history.

I would like to add one last note, and that is that one history was personally delivered to Bishop R. O. Gerow, Chaplain Emeritus. He wished to be remembered to all the State Officers, Delegates and Knights assembled at the Convention in Greenville, Mississippi.

Perhaps a better history could have been written if another year had been taken. However, I was actually afraid to come to Greenville without having it completed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. BARTLETT

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain for a closing prayer. The session adjourned at 7:40 P. M. and the Convention was reminded of the Memorial Mass scheduled for Saturday morning at 8:00 A. M. and a fish fry at the Council home following this session.

Second Session: Saturday, May 6, 1972

The State Deputy opened the session at 9:00 A. M. and called on the State Chaplain for the opening prayer and the delegates for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The State Warden reported only authorized personnel in attendance.

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

The Credentials Committee Chairman was called on for his report:

We, the Credentials Committee, report that we have verified the credentials of the following list of delegates to the 68th Annual State Convention and certify that they are entitled to full privileges of the Convention:

State Officers

State Chaplain	Most Rev. J. B. Brunini, JCD
State Deputy	William F. La Forge
State Secretary	Henry J. Foggo
State Treasurer	James L. Bolander
State Advocate	Rodney Sandoz
State Warden	Mike Columbus
Past State Deputy	Norman L. Kiehm

Delegates

802 Meridian	Joseph D. Semmes, Jr. Ronald H. Di Palma
848 Jackson	Reynolds R. Ridgely Medric C. Warren
898 Vicksburg	Sidney Saucier Walter Reynolds
1034 Natchez	Max Voss Francis Martin, Jr.
1244 Biloxi	E. D. Kersh, Sr. S. C. Pluff

1522 Bay St. Louis	C. J. Piazza Joseph H. Benvenutti
1583 Gulfport	Hayward Ladner Louis La Rosa
1605 Pascagoula	Julius Martin Matt Zelenka, Jr.
1908 Hattiesburg	M. A. Hoseman Robert A. Delmas
2134 Greenville	John Ferraci Robert Fratesi
2180 Laurel	E. K. Winchester Gus Maily
2945 Leland	Victor J. Cefalu Leon Shapley
2969 Clarksdale	Pete Agostinelli, Jr. Ned Sabbatini
3328 Yazoo City	A. O. Pitterle Robert F. Jones
4898 Long Beach	Emmett Milner Ernest Spencer
5267 Greenwood	Tommy Reifers Louis Naaman, Jr.
5556 Cleveland	Victor Aguzzi Ned Fioranelli
5654 Ocean Springs	Frank Tarrant F. W. Kiernan

District Deputies

(No voting privileges unless listed as delegates)

District No. 1	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
District No. 2	George Scheiderman
District No. 3	Walter G. Schilhab
District No. 5	Emmett J. Milner
District No. 6	Hilton A. Seymour

Past State Deputies

(No voting privilege unless listed as delegates)

John S. Cabibi
L. A. Koennen, Sr.
John P. Myers
John E. Sommers, Jr.
Eli Shapley
Charles Sherman
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.
Hilton A. Seymour

Respectfully submitted,

REYNOLDS RIDGLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENRY J. FOGGO
FRANCIS MARTIN

The State Deputy asked if there were any communications. There were none so he called for the State Chaplain's report.

Worthy State Deputy and fellow Officers, I am privileged to present my Annual Chaplain's Report at this time. First of all, I know I echo the sentiments of all of us when I say that we are happy to gather in this Queen City of the Delta, a city which enjoys a unique place in the history of the Church in Mississippi and has been the anchor of many fine activities throughout this important region of our State.

Greenville, Washington County, and the Delta in general are all moving forward rapidly and I am sure will play an even greater role in future progress. The pastor of St. Joseph Church here in Greenville is traditionally the Dean of the North Central Deanery. I know that Monsignor Harkins, the pastor and Dean-Episcopal Vicar, will give us a warm welcome.

I would like to report that our Emeritus State Chaplain, Bishop Gerow, is very comfortably situated at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson. A few days ago he celebrated his 87th birthday and next month will be a priest for 63 years and a bishop for 48 years. The Bishop is able to receive occasional short visits in Room 650 at St. Dominic's. Just before I left Jackson he asked me to extend his heartiest greetings to the Convention.

I am happy that the local Grand Knights have accepted my suggestion that they invite their local chaplains to the State Convention, and I trust that several of them will be able to come in spite of heavy week-end duties.

Let me take this opportunity to officially thank our State leadership and all of our local Councils for their continued generosity in providing for the cost of education of our future priests. Next month I will go to Ireland for the ordinations of three young men for our diocese. In the foreseeable future we will not have as many Irish priests joining our diocesan priests. Probably we can expect about one priest a year from this saintly land that has provided so many priests for us.

Both His Eminence, Cardinal Conway, and Father P. J. Brophy, president of St. Patrick's College, Carlow, on recent visits to Mississippi have given us notice plainly that we must develop more vocations here in Mississippi. We do hope that the Knights will take leadership in this matter.

Each parish is expected to have a Vocations Committee and is looking for volunteers for this committee.

Father Henry Shelton, our Diocesan Director for Vocations, addressed the Convention last year in Natchez, and is securing increased cooperation and success in his promotion of vocations in Mississippi and from other parts of the United States. As Cardinal Conway stated on his visit to Mississippi, "the world will always have plenty of social workers, plenty of psychologists and plenty of teachers of secular subjects, but more priests is what the world needs in these important days." Many of our younger priests are suffering from frustration not at all uncommon in modern society and I know that the Knights have been and will continue to be sources of support to these priests.

We are pleased to note that most of the Councils do have Disaster Committees with plans to spring into action immediately when local disasters strike. We do need to make further progress for our committees on Social Justice and Social Peace. I would like to make a practical suggestion - that is, that at our next Convention the State Chairman in cooperation with the local Chairman have a panel entitled "The Knights of Columbus and Social Justice." Perhaps six panelists could be secured including two members of the Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary. I would also suggest that the panel discussion be open to all attending the Convention.

As I look into the Grand Knights' reports, I note the many charitable and educational endeavors being carried on by the Knights. All of these programs - wonderful in themselves - should be increased in intensity. I would suggest that in cooperation with the editor of MISSISSIPPI TODAY summaries of the various types of activities in all the Councils be summarized and presented occasionally to the readers of MISSISSIPPI TODAY.

You probably know that every Sunday and on great

feast days your Bishop is offering his Mass for all the people of Mississippi. A special place in my Masses and prayers is reserved for all the Knights and for their families. May God guide and inspire us. On your part, when the priest comes to that most solemn part of the Mass - the Eucharistic Prayer - you pray for Pope Paul and for your Bishop Joseph. I can assure you that both Pope Paul and myself appreciate your prayers as we face the heavy duties of our respective offices.

The State Deputy made his annual report to the Convention.

The report of your State Deputy for the 1971-1972 fraternal year is an account of my own stewardship combined with an evaluation of the status of the Order in the Jurisdiction.

On taking this office on July 1, 1971 your State Deputy was first of all bound to consider the suggestions, resolutions, and directions emanating from the Sixty-seventh State Council Convention in Natchez as guidelines for action. Some of these guide lines dealt with minor matters and others related to broad policies. Some of these suggestions could be acted up by the State Deputy. Others could only be implemented through the agency of State Directors and Chairmen or directly by the subordinate Councils in the Jurisdiction. Generally, some of these things were done, and some were not.

At the 1971 Convention the State Public Relations Chairmen emphasized the need for an active and positive public relations program in each Council. The Convention also authorized the expenditure of \$100 for financing publicity. While coverage in Mississippi Today during 1971-1972 seemed much more extensive than in recent years, it appears that most Councils have not followed through in a systematic manner. The authorized expenditure for paid advertising was not made because of the low level of the State Treasury.

Program suggestions were made at the last Convention by the Committees on Disaster Relief and on Social Justice, Social Peace. According to my records half the Councils in the Jurisdiction have not established local committees for these important activities and, so far as I know, no Council has actually initiated positive programs in these areas. Perhaps the reports of the State Chairmen will tell a different story.

At the Natchez meeting our State Chaplain suggested some worthwhile projects. Many Councils have followed-up by sponsoring programs related to vocations, a State-wide project recommended to all Councils. He also urged that we continue to move forward in implementing the policy that membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practical and exemplary Catholic men. An attempt was made to contact the Knights of Peter Claver with no practical outcome. Although I know of no case in this Jurisdiction like the recent incident in another Southern Jurisdiction, it seems clear that the Councils in Mississippi have not made any positive forward movement in this matter.

In his annual report last year Immediate Past State Deputy Norman Kiehm recommended the continuation of the Inter-Council Competition as an incentive to Councils to carry on full activities programs. This recommendation has been followed and the State Program Director's Report should reveal that it has been reasonably successful.

Other committees reporting last year suggested a number of ideas concerning youth activities, Catholic activities, membership, ceremonials, and the Good of the Order. These have generally been adopted as revealed in the Grand Knights' reports.

In evaluating the degree to which the objectives and ideals spelled out at the 1971 meeting have been achieved it seems clear that, overall, we have fallen short. It also seems clear that the task of achiev-

ing most of these goals is the responsibility of the leadership and the membership of the individual Councils because that is where the action is or should be. No amount of cajoling, reminding, suggesting, and urging by the State Deputy, District Deputy, or State Directors and Chairmen will get the job done. It takes commitment and dedication to the ideals of our Order by all leaders and members to carry out our adopted programs each year.

During 1971-1972 your State Deputy inaugurated a monthly newsletter to State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies and Grand Knights. Its main purposes are to remind key personnel of programs and administrative responsibilities and to inform all concerned of developments of interest to the Order. Hopefully, this device has provided a useful communications link between the State Officers and the Councils.

Once again this year there was a threat of a new abortion law developing in the legislature. Your State Deputy sent letters in the name of the Order to the Committee Chairmen and other key officials involved expressing opposition to any relaxation of the existing law. Through the District Deputies each Council was asked to contact members of the legislature on this matter. The issue did not emerge from Committee at least partly because of the stand taken by the Knights of Columbus in the State.

One serious limitation on the operation of the State Council is a financial one. For example, funds have never been available to support the travel of State Directors and Program Chairmen thus reducing their potential effectiveness by denying them the opportunity to visit Councils and advise them on their respective programs. During 1971-1972 the financial straits of the State Council were such as to require a special resolution to increase the State per capita tax and the payment of an advance installment. Your State Deputy is appreciative of the support given by the Councils to this resolution

and for the subsequent prompt payment of the assessment. I would emphasize that expenditures were kept to a bare minimum, as the Treasurer's Report will reveal. A mimeographed State Directory replaced the customary printed form, no State Council stationery was purchased, and the Proceedings of the 1971 annual Convention were published at a lower cost than last year. Your State Deputy has submitted to the Resolutions Committee proposed resolutions concerning the per capita and mileage and per diem for 1972-1973. Such resolutions are necessary unless the State Council desires to abide by the provisions of the By-Laws of the Mississippi State Council.

The report on membership status will be left to the State Membership Director. During the year a monthly status report showing gains and losses was distributed to the Councils as a means of focusing attention on this vital matter. Overall, it appears that the Jurisdiction will not suffer any serious loss by the close of the year if efforts continue in conjunction with the Ninetieth Birthday Campaign and if retention efforts are given special attention.

The possibility of establishing new Councils in the Jurisdiction continues to exist. Your State Deputy has renewed the Tupelo project and has begun to explore the possibility of a College Council at the University of Mississippi.

Your State Deputy has from personal experience reached the opinion often expressed by your State Chaplain that Mississippi is a large area for one man to get around to all the places he needs to be. In addition to attending three meetings called by Supreme, I endeavored to visit as many Councils or Districts as possible within the time allowable from my other responsibilities. I especially expended some efforts in meeting with several Councils which have fallen into a period of temporary inactivity. I am hopeful that all Councils experienc-

ing a period of stagnation, for whatever reason, will resolve their problems and renew their full commitment to and participation in the programs of the Knights of Columbus.

At the opening session of this Convention a number of Committees were appointed to consider and to recommend programs and guidelines to be carried out in the upcoming fraternal year. I charge these Committees to take their responsibilities seriously and to present to the Convention recommendations in accordance with the ideals of our Order. I charge the delegates to this Sixty-eighth Convention to consider carefully such recommendations and to go back to their Councils and inspire their membership to strive to achieve the goals which we will set for ourselves here in Greenville.

In closing this report I would like to give my special thanks to those State Officers, Directors and Chairmen who have assisted in the work of the Order during this year. Special appreciation is also due to the District Deputies who are, of course, the key officers in the Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LA FORGE
STATE DEPUTY

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The State Secretary made the following report:

Report on Membership for the year ending April 1, 1972 compared to the membership status on April 1, 1971:

<u>Council</u>	<u>1971</u> <u>April</u>	<u>1972</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Incr.</u>	<u>Decr.</u>
802 Meridian	77	81	4	
848 Jackson	211	194		17
898 Vicksburg	307	279		28
1034 Natchez	263	261		2
1244 Biloxi	289	281		8

State Secretary's Report on Membership continued:

<u>Council</u>	1971	1972	<u>Incr.</u>	<u>Decr.</u>
	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>		
1522 Bay St. Louis	159	156		3
1583 Gulfport	257	260	3	
1605 Pascagoula	240	224		16
1908 Hattiesburg	58	55		3
2134 Greenville	160	157		3
2180 Laurel	45	44		1
2945 Leland	50	48		2
2969 Clarksdale	131	137	6	
3328 Yazoo City	48	47		1
4898 Long Beach	83	83		
5267 Greenwood	106	109	3	
5556 Cleveland	86	99	13	
5654 Ocean Springs	105	114	9	
	<u>2705</u>	<u>2701</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>84</u>

This reflects a net loss of 46.

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.

Council No. 848, Jackson: Phil E. Lieb, PGK;
Phillip Thomas; Julius Radowick.

Council No. 898 Vicksburg: Charles J. Brown;
Anthony J. Hosemann; George J. Goddard; Charles
J. Rafferty; Louis Theobald, Sr.; Orville E.
McLelland; Edward M. Seymour.

Council No. 1034, Natchez: Henry F. Byrne; John B.
Zuccaro; William L. Evans, Sr.; Robert C. Mul-
vihill, PGK; John F. Button; George P. Hermann;
Frederick N. Salvo.

Council No. 1244 Biloxi: John M. Leonard; Santo N.
Proscia; Joseph G. Saab; Albert A. St. Amant;
Thomas E. Taranto; Joseph P. Trochessette.

Council No. 2134 Greenville: Ippolito Sarullo.

Council No. 2945 Leland: Buster Terzo Sabbatini.

Council No. 2969 Clarksdale: Rock Morris.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. FOGGO
STATE SECRETARY

The State Treasurer made the following report:

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD MAY 2, 1971-MAY 6, 1972

REVENUES:

Balance Forward, May 2, 1971				\$199.97
Balance Rec. from Past State Treasurer				60.67
Per Capita Tax:				
802	\$100.00	2134	198.50	
848	244.50	2180	55.00	
898	350.75	2945	61.25	
1034	315.00	2969	153.75	
1244	351.50	3328	55.50	
1522	195.25	4898	105.50	
1583	327.25	5267	135.25	
1605	281.50	5556	118.50	
1908	69.00	5654	140.00	
Total Revenues				<u>3,258.00</u> \$3,518.64

EXPENDITURES:

Check No:

66. Columbia (Subscriptions)	\$25.20
67. Norman Kiehm (Bishop Greco Fund)	25.00
68. W. F. La Forge (Telegram)	12.82
69. Lerner Jewelers (Trophies)	76.28
70. J. L. Bolander (Transfer of Acct.)	60.67
001. National Regalia Co.(Trophies)	134.36
Service Charge, Bank	.55
002. Rodney J. Sandoz (Postage)	10.56
003. Mary C. Meador (Typing Offset Print for 1971 Convention Books)	30.00
004. Rhodes Lettership (1971 Convention Books)	105.53
005. J. L. Bolander (1972 Conv. Exp.)	<u>2,568.72</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,049.69</u>

Balance on Hand, May 6, 1972	\$468.95
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The State Deputy called on the District Deputies who presented the following reports to the Convention:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 1

The Councils of District I have done very well this past year. The officers were duly installed in all three of the Councils in accordance with the new ceremonials. Councils immediately proceeded with the new Surge program and have been very good in carrying on the various activities recommended. Two of the three Councils could with very little additional effort be in line for the Star Award. The third is lacking only an increase of three members.

Overall membership status has progressed fairly well. The district as a whole has at present a 100% percentage for its membership quota. Forty new members have been taken in but the overall gain has been reduced by twenty-six suspensions leaving

a net increase of 5% in membership, or the exact quota for the district. First degree initiations were held by all Councils and the district held one second and third degree initiations in Clarksdale.

The records and financial condition of all Councils at present are in good order.

Cleveland deserves special recognition for achieving its goal of a new home, moving into it at the first of this term, the installation of officers ceremony being its first actual Council use.

District meetings have been held and fully participated in. Councils have entered into competitive events at the district meetings which have been enjoyed by those participating. I feel that the district meetings have become a looked for event and a spirit of brotherhood between the Councils is being developed. A step has been made toward members from one Council supporting social events of the others.

Hope remains for developing councils at Oxford and Tupelo and possibly Grenada, slight progress being made at Oxford and Tupelo.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 2

District No. 2 consists of Council No. 898, Vicksburg; Council No. 2945, Leland; and Council No. 2143, Greenville.

The elected officers of the above mentioned Councils were duly installed in their respective offices during the month of July, 1972.

From the national level down to the state and local level, the main topic of interest to the Knights of Columbus in 1972 was to be membership as was outlined in our District Deputy meeting in Jackson. Therefore, the main drive in District No. 2 was in this plane. However, on a district level we are four (4) below Star Council quota. Two of the Councils have had membership difficulties, but Council 2143 has surpassed the Star Council quota. Council 2143 has had three district level admissions degrees exemplifications. The last one was executed in the new form. There was an addition of sixteen (16) new members.

One of the members of Greenville Council 2143 was a winner in the national membership contest and received a very nice award.

Council 2143 has offered the State Deputy the creation of a formation degree team or Knighthood degree team from their Council.

All the Councils are up to date with their audits and are presently in good financial standing.

The District meetings have been held each quarter with a different Council hosting each meeting. All Councils are operating the "Service Program" aimed at establishing the Knights of Columbus as a "Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization."

The district on the whole will make a very commendable contribution to the Priest Education Fund.

On the Inter-Council Competition all three Councils have completed most of the requirements.

However, two Councils have failed to make the reports on time. Council 898 Vicksburg, which is one of the defending champions in this competition, has completed all requirements and is going to be hard to beat.

The district as a whole and especially the Greenville Council has spent a great deal of time this year preparing for this State Convention. As District Deputy and Co-Chairman of the State Convention I would like to thank the Grand Knights of the three Councils for their co-operation and work.

I thank Dr. La Forge, our State Deputy, for giving me the opportunity to serve under him. It has been a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. SCHEIDERMAN
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 2

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 3

Firstly, the District Deputy installed all elected officers of the Councils of District No. 3 in accordance with rules and ceremonials of the Order during the month of July, 1971. Yazoo City officers were installed November 16, 1971.

My year as District Deputy commenced, functionally, Sunday July 18th, at which time State Chaplain Bishop Brunini installed the 1971-72 State Officers at St. Peter's Co-Cathedral in Jackson. After lunch, State Deputy W. F. La Forge presided over the State Council and District Deputies Orientation and Organizational meeting. The Jackson Council hosted the meeting.

On February 6th I accompanied our Jackson Knighthood degree team to Clarksdale where some 30 new members were exemplified into the Order. Cleveland furnished the Formation team. After the exemplification, State Deputy Dr. La Forge called a meeting of all District Deputies (Northern Division) where the final program for this fiscal year was discussed. All Grand Knights in attendance also attended the meeting.

Since the Yazoo City Council experienced some difficulties, I transported our Council officers on two occasions to meet with their officers and lent them a helping hand in getting the Yazoo Council reorganized. On February 15th I transported our Ladies Auxiliary officers to Yazoo City at which time our Auxiliary officers formally installed the new "Yazoo City Knights of Columbus Auxiliary."

I made two business trips to Natchez Council and found their organization in excellent condition and abiding by all rules and meeting all requirements. On March 19th our Knighthood degree team exemplified 15 new members into the Order - 13 were from Natchez and 2 from the Vicksburg Council. Natchez furnished their own Admission and Formation degree teams. An excellent dinner was served by the Natchez Council.

The Jackson Council, of which I am a member, has been checked and found to be up to par with all requirements. This Council is the only Council in District 3 which put out a concentrated effort in the Inter-Council Competition for Star and Honor Awards.

Our Jackson Council will host the final exemplification of all three degrees about the middle of June, 1972, at which time all other Councils will be invited to bring their candidates.

In closing this report, I wish to thank you, Worthy State Deputy Dr. W. F. La Forge, for entrusting this important office to me. Also, I wish to thank all the State Officers as well as the Grand Knights and their Councils in my district for the splendid cooperation I received as District Deputy of District 3 for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER G. SCHILHAB
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 3

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 4

The officers of the three Councils within District No. 4 were duly installed in accordance with the rules and ceremonials of the Order. These installations were held during the month of July 1972.

Each Council in District 4 is fully organized under the Service Program as recommended by the Supreme Council.

The records and financial statements of all Councils are accurate and up to date, with the semi-annual reports all having been submitted to the Supreme Council.

A District meeting was held in Hattiesburg on February 12, 1972, attended by the three Grand Knights of District 4, Financial Secretaries, and General Program Chairmen. The Worthy State Deputy was also present and outlined the membership campaign now in progress. A very lively discussion was enjoyed by all attending.

The Admission Degree was exemplified on April 26, 1972 at Hattiesburg by the Laurel Degree Team. Three members were initiated in the Order at that time.

I am happy to report that the Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908, Hattiesburg, is becoming a very active Council, and we can expect great things from them in the near future.

I would like to thank all officers and members of all Councils for their cooperation and wish to thank our State Deputy, William F. La Forge, for the privilege of serving as District Deputy for the past year. It has been a most rewarding experience. My only wish is that I had had more time available for travel to the various Councils in District 4.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. HUNTER
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 4

Note: Report made by PSD John P. Myers

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 5

All officers in District No. 5 were duly installed. It was with great pleasure to install the new officers of Pere Le Duc Council 1522, Bay St. Louis, and take part in their efforts to re-kindle the spirit of their great Council.

We were very sorry to lose Monsignor Leech Council 4472, Pass Christian; however, Councils within the district are actively working to bring the members of Council 4472 within their own Councils.

We have had two Admission Degrees within the district with a joint team of brothers from Bishop Gunn Council 1583 and St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898. We are now preparing a Second Degree Team which will be ready within the month.

Bishop Gunn Council 1583 has been, as usual, very active, and I wish to commend them on their outstanding effort to provide a Home for the Boy Scouts. It has taken a lot of work and effort, but it will pay off big dividends.

St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898 has also been busy, and they are to be commended for their efforts in the Drug Abatement Program with their joining the Gulf Coast Crime Commission and helping to push the TIP Program (Turn in a Pusher). It is already helping in the community.

Pere Le Duc Council 1522 is to be congratulated on their efforts to get their Council going again. With God's blessings they will soon be back as one of the great Councils in the state.

I wish to thank the Grand Knights and members of the Councils within my district for their help and warm hospitality. It has been an honor to serve this district as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMETT J. MILNER
DISTRICT DEPUTY
DISTRICT NO. 5

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 6

Relative to Columbianism, the past year is comparable to the previous one. It has been exciting and interesting in District Six.

It was my privilege and honor to install the officers of Councils 1244, 1605, and 5654 on July 1, 6, and 7 respectively. Open ceremonies were held with large attendances at each.

On July 18, I attended the installation of State Officers in Jackson, also the meeting for District Deputies and State Program Directors held that same day. During the meeting, State Deputy La Forge briefed those in attendance on plans formulated at the State Deputies meeting held in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 18-19. Each Program Director presented his plan of activity for the current year.

Members from Councils in District Six met in Biloxi on July 29 to hear the District Deputy present and explain the plan of action defined at the state meeting. Considerable interest and enthusiasm was shown by those attending. Remarks by those present indicated that greater effort would be made to establish council involvement by more members not currently active. The prime purpose of this effort was to retain those presently holding membership in a council.

Admission degrees have been held in two Councils in my district and the third is planning one before the end of this fiscal year. These degrees have resulted in eleven new members being brought into the Order. A Formation degree was held in Biloxi on January 26 for 11 candidates.

Each Council in the district has a Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year program. In fact, this program was one of the highlights of activity in Pascagoula during this fraternal year. The program, held on February 26 and featuring Lt. Gov. William Winter as the principal speaker, generated the Monsignor P. J. Carey Award, which was presented to Willie Scheeler for outstanding service to his Council.

One of the highlights of activity in the Ocean Springs Council was the recent Annual Golf Tournament which attracted a very large number of entries. This program was guided by the capable leadership of Buddy Beaugez.

Biloxi Council was host for the Annual State Bowling Tournament held on February 19 and 20. Another important activity in this Council was the recent Druge Abuse Program which attracted over 150 entries in the SLOGAN competition and received statewide publicity.

Each Council in District Six is involved in other important activities and these will be reflected in the reports of Grand Knights to be submitted for inclusion in the Convention minutes.

All Councils in the district hold regular weekly 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 this current fraternal year and a special thanks to State Deputy La Forge 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 introduced General Insurance Agent Alex Wiggs, who gave a short talk on the advantages of Knights of Columbus insurance. He in turn introduced William J. Evers who will be the local agent for the northern part of the State.

Deputy Supreme Knight Charles J. Ducey gave a talk on the Supreme Council and also of the advantages of insurance and loans to college students.

A motion was made to adjourn the session by Leon Shapley and seconded by Frank Tarrant.
Carried.

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain for the closing prayer.

Convention members adjourned to committee meetings.

Third Session: Saturday, May 6, 1972

The Convention was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by the State Deputy who called on the State Chaplain for the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag by the delegates. The State Warden reported only authorized personnel in attendance.

The State Deputy called on Hayward Ladner for the report of the Membership Committee.

Mississippi has experienced some very positive results this year in Membership. It appears at this time we will end the year in the black. Not by a large number but at least we will be in the black.

To date, May 1, 1972, we have five Councils scheduled to receive the Star Council Award. I feel that this number will increase to about seven. Last year we only had two Star Council Awards presented in the state. To date, Clarksdale Council No. 2969 is the leader in new members invited. To date, May 1, 1972, this Council has recruited twenty-two new members.

From all reports it appears that the 1972 "Happy 90th Birthday" program was a tremendous success. Through April we have had two winners from Mississippi. I hope that Supreme will continue to promote this type of membership drives, and I would like to see the State Council start some types of membership promotion programs for next year.

A goal of 3,000 members was established for us this year, however we will fall short of this goal by about 350. If we continue to think membership

and have the type programs that will attract new members this goal can be reached by the end of next year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD J. LADNER
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The State Deputy called on Rodney Sandoz for his report on the Service Program.

This year's Service Program was once again centered around the Inter-Council Competition Program. The program, which was started last year, is designed to promote Columbianism by generating a spirit of competition among the Councils of the state. Details of this year's program were finalized at a meeting of State Officers, Program Directors, and District Deputies held in Jackson on July 18, 1971. State Deputy La Forge sent each Council a copy of the program requirements on July 20, 1971.

Requirements for HONOR COUNCIL were very minimal. They included the filing of monthly activity reports and the completion of four activities in each of the four Service Programs - Church, Community, Council, and Youth Activities. The nature of these activities was left up to the discretion of each individual Council. This year we had ten Councils enter the competition. Of these six completed all of the requirements for HONOR COUNCIL. They were Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburg, Biloxi, Long Beach, and Greenwood.

To qualify for DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL, each Council had to first qualify for HONOR COUNCIL then complete each of the five statewide special projects. These projects were:

1. Sponsor a community-wide Drug Abuse program.
2. Sponsor a program on Vocations within the local parish.

3. Assist the local CYO organization.
4. Participate in a "Keep Christ in Christmas" program.
5. Hold November Commemorative Services for our deceased members.

Again, each Council was permitted to use its own discretion as to how these projects could best be carried out in the community. The response by the participating Councils was excellent, particularly for the Drug Abuse program. Several Councils went all out and I feel much good was done in the name of Columbianism. Five Councils completed all the requirements for DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL. They were Meridian, Jackson, Biloxi, Long Beach, and Greenwood.

A special committee has been appointed by the State Deputy to judge the activities and scrap books of the DISTINGUISHED COUNCILS and pick the BEST SMALL COUNCIL and the BEST LARGE COUNCIL in the State. The winners will receive their trophies at the banquet tonight.

I think that this year's program was very successful even though only 10 of the 18 Councils of the State participated. The competitive spirit among the Councils was terrific. All of the participating Councils are to be commended for a job well done. I hope that next year we will see 100% participation in the program.

I wish to thank the various council Program Directors for their diligence in sending me their Council's monthly activity reports. They were very interesting and informative and indicated that many outstanding programs were conducted throughout the state.

It has been a pleasure to again serve as State Service Program Director and I welcome each opportunity to be of service to the State Council.

Sincerely and fraternally,

RODNEY J. SANDOZ
STATE ADVOCATE & PROGRAM
DIRECTOR

The State Deputy called on Walter Reynolds for his report on Church Activities. This report was read by A. L. Sullivan.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT
May, 1972

As Church Activities State Chairman, I have observed what could be called a "normal year."

Vatican II has generated numerous changes in the Catholic Church, and the Knights of Columbus are slowly bending toward these changes.

During this past year, the Supreme Council has supplied information and materials to the Church Activities Director of each Council. Some directors were enthusiastic and scheduled many activities. Some were not.

I am sure that poor attendance at Council meetings hindered the directors in developing interest in many of their activities.

In many Councils there still remains the problem of retaining an active Chaplain. An active Chaplain with an enthusiastic Church Activities Director could create a tremendous feeling between the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

The "Service Program" was initiated this year and it has great potential. I am looking forward to being a part of this program next year.

Fraternally submitted

LOUIS LA ROSA, ACTING
STATE CHAIRMAN, CHURCH ACTIV.

A. L. SULLIVAN, JR.
R. W. KIERNAN

The State Deputy called on Robert Fratesi for his report on Council Activities.

In the Knights of Columbus today, it appears that the young and new members are rapidly losing interest in the organization. This is probably due to the lack of Council activity. And we know these young members will be the future of the Knights of Columbus.

This Committee strongly recommends that these new members be appointed to various Council functions, not as workers but leaders as well. Too many functions are designed to attract the older generation rather than young people. Committees should be designed with workers from all age groups, bearing in mind communication.

This Committee also recommends that more family participation be planned in the Knights of Columbus. Steps are being made to strengthen the Ladies Auxiliary throughout the state. It is the opinion of this Committee that the ladies participation will greatly strengthen our organization.

In reading the Grand Knights' reports from past years, this Committee finds that all Councils basically have the same functions throughout the year. We should have more of a variety to offer our Councils.

Last year's report mentioned that we should regroup within our Councils; this needs to be done as soon as possible. This Committee does not attempt to suggest any particular activity, for all Councils should evaluate their own needs.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FRATESI, CHAIRMAN
C. NOLAN BUSH

The State Deputy called for the report of the Committee on Community Activities.

We, the Community Activities Committee, recommend that several specific activities be adopted for the coming year.

1. Drug Abuse.

Recognizing that the abusive use of drugs by individuals is a problem of major proportions in the United States, it is recommended that the Knights of Columbus, as an influential group of Catholic men, embark upon a state-wide program to combat this menace. It is therefore resolved that each Council adopt a program of drug abuse abatement patterned after one of those which has achieved some measure of success, and support or initiate this program through financial or active council support. Also, that the Knights of Columbus be aware and vigilant of trends to relax or repeal existing laws governing the use or possession of dangerous drugs, and exert its influence to defeat these moves. Also, that the Knights of Columbus, through its local Councils, provide support and encouragement to law enforcement agencies in their efforts to enforce the laws governing the use and possession of drugs.

2. The Knights of Columbus take a positive stand to denounce all abortion laws that are in force or under consideration, and that the Supreme Office take a positive approach toward testing the constitutionality of these laws which affect the destruction of human life. On the local and state level, each Council should embark upon a program to educate the community of the evils associated with abortion.

3. Recognizing that smut, pornography and morally objectionable movies are a chief contributor to the increase in crime among the youth of the nation, the Knights of Columbus should find an effective means of combating the presence of these evils through legislation and community educational programs.

Since the SURGE program offers the Knights of Columbus the means to participate and be recognized as an active participant in community affairs, each Council should embark upon an active program of involvement which encompasses every facet of community activity.

In order for these programs to be successful, each Council and Council member must lead the way in his community to exemplify Christian ideals and serve as an example of these ideals and principles to all of his associates.

Respectfully submitted,

NED FIORANELLI
ERNEST SPENCER

The State Deputy called for the report of the Youth Activities Committee.

All Councils are having a good youth activities program.

1. Councils are sponsoring scout troop.
2. Councils are supporting and encouraging Scout Retreat.
3. Senior class students are honored with awards given to outstanding students in scholastic and athletic fields.
4. Councils are sponsoring Little League ball teams.
5. Councils are enjoying Christmas and Easter parties for children in their parish.
6. Councils are encouraging and supporting C.Y.O.

7. (a) Councils are promoting educational film on drug abuse.
(b) Bumper sticker contest on drugs.
(c) Panel discussion on drugs with narcotic agents on the panel.
8. Two Councils showed interest in Columbian Squires and had information kits sent from Supreme Council.
9. Recommend that to qualify for awards given at State Convention, that they are showing an effort to have a Columbian Squire.
10. Recommend names of Youth Program Chairman of each Council to be given to Father Cosgrove, Diocesan Youth Director in Jackson.

We would recommend that all Councils continue using the above programs.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE P. COLUMBUS, CHAIRMAN
RONNIE DIPALMA
S. C. PLUFF

The State Deputy called for the report of the Public Relations Committee.

The report of Bill Karn was submitted by the Committee headed by George Saab in the absence of Bill Karn from the Convention. The Committee wishes to add the following suggestions for recommendation:

1. If each individual Council does not have a Public Relations Chairman, that the Grand Knight should immediately appoint an active Public Relations Chairman.
2. That the Public Relations Chairman receive and exercise the use of all available material from Supreme Council and solicit film to be shown in his Council home, or on public TV, if possible.
3. That the Public Relations Chairman attend all important functions of his Council, and present

these functions with pictures to "Mississippi Today" and local newspapers. This would be a step forward in enlightening the public to what the Knights of Columbus are doing in behalf of the community and the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SAAB, COMMITTEE CH'MAN
C. J. LOMBARD

Another year has passed since I last reported to this Convention. It seems the same problem has again reared its ugly head. Over the past year, many of the Councils throughout the state have performed many good deeds and carried out many projects, both within the Council and of a civic nature. Unfortunately, very little of this has reached the eyes of not only the Catholics but the people throughout the state.

The press medium, both local papers and the MISSISSIPPI TODAY, are seeking and are eager to print the many good works of the Knights of Columbus if we will just give them an opportunity. Immediately and for a few months following our last State Convention in Natchez, there were many good articles that appeared in print about the activities of the Knights of Columbus. In the past few months, there have been virtually none.

I have talked with some of the Grand Knights and it appears to me as though there is a lackadaisical attitude on the part of the Public Relations Chairmen as regards getting this to the papers.

May I strongly urge each and every Grand Knight and whoever serves under him as Program Chairman in the local Councils to take a good look at the good that can come forth by letting the public know

the many good things the Knights of Columbus accomplish and, above all, what we stand for.

Looking forward to a highly successful year, I remain,

WILLIAM C. KARN
STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHAIRMAN

F. J. Bartlett reported to the Convention on the status of the Priests' Education Fund.

It is very pleasant to report that we have again exceeded a \$6,000 contribution to the Priests' Education Fund for the past year. A total of \$6,205 was presented to the Most Rev. 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 \$123,657.92 has been contributed to this worthy endeavor by the Knights in Mississippi. This has been used by the Diocese for the education of priests both here and in Ireland.

We are happy to announce that we have had 100% participation of the Councils in the state.

At this time I wish to thank all the Councils in the state for their fine cooperation and sincerely hope that they will continue to support this program in the years to come. A summary of the donations during the 1953-1972 period follows.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. BARTLETT, CHAIRMAN
PRIEST EDUCATION FUND

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS 1953-1972

No. Council	1953-1970	1971	1972	Grand Total
802 Meridian	3,312.00	375.00	375.00	4062.00
848 Jackson	7,885.31	600.00	600.00	9085.31
898 V'burg	9,900.00	300.00	300.00	10,500.00
1034 Natchez	8,951.00	600.00	600.00	10,151.00
1244 Biloxi	9,502.00	600.00	600.00	10,702.00
1522 Bay St.L.	7,777.00	250.00	150.00	8,177.00
1583 Gulpf.	10,750.00	800.00	800.00	12,350.00
1605 Pascagou.	14,925.00	600.00	650.00	16,175.00
1908 Hattiesb.	2,980.00	150.00	200.00	3,330.00
2134 Greenv.	6,002.03	350.00	600.00	6,952.03
2180 Laurel	1,245.00	50.00	50.00	1,345.00
2945 Leland	4,855.00	300.00	150.00	5,305.00
2969 C'dale	8,425.00	100.00	100.00	8,625.00
3328 Yazoo C.	4,840.25	330.00	330.00*	5,500.25
4472 Pass Chr.	315.00	--	--	315.00
4583 McComb	1,010.00	--	--	1,010.00
4898 Long B.	3,961.39	100.00	100.00	4,161.39
5267 G'wood	1,647.50	208.94	150.00	2,006.44
5556 C'land	1,600.00	300.00	200.00	2,100.00
5654 Ocean Sp.	1,000.00	250.00	250.00	1,500.00
Hattiesb.Squires	75.00	--	--	75.00
Pascagou.Squires	200.00	--	--	200.00
Delegates-1961	30.00	--	--	30.00

Grand Totals \$111,188.98 \$6263.94 \$6205.00 \$123,657.92

*Yazoo City sends their donation each month.

The State Deputy called for the report of the Committee on Social Justice, Social Peace.

Of necessity this report will be very short for the very reason that we have very little information on which to report. I was appointed at the beginning of this fiscal year, State Chairman, by our Worthy State Deputy La Forge. All Grand Knights were asked to appoint a local chairman and to submit his name to the State Deputy. Only eight Grand Knights submitted names of their chairman and from this we

assume that the other ten did not set up this particular committee in their councils. The eight councils which did report the appointment are: Meridian, Jackson, Natchez, Vicksburg, Biloxi, Pascagoula, Long Beach, and Ocean Springs.

Halfway through the year I, as State Chairman, attempted to point out the importance of such a committee by writing to each Grand Knight, reminding the ones who had not appointed a chairman to do so, and asked each council to mail a report of their work in Social Justice so that a report could be given at the Convention. We received a reply from only two chairmen - that of Brother Leo Donnelly of Meridian, Council 802 and of Brother Charles Pluff of Biloxi, Council 1244.

Meridian reports that their Social Justice Committee attempted in many ways to further the cause of social justice during the past year. Through the efforts of their committee the method for selecting the recipients of the three scholarships to the Meridian Junior College was changed. Previously, these three were limited to two white students from St. Patrick Church, and one white non-Catholic, all three of whom were selected by the Meridian School authorities. This year following the recommendations of the Social Justice Committee, the Council voted to extend the opportunities for scholarships to members of all three parishes in Meridian: Saint Patrick's; Saint Joseph's; and the Chapel of the Navy Base. Selection was to be made only on the basis of need, parish activities, and desire; and this year six instead of three, scholarships have been awarded. At least one recipient came from each of the three parishes. Two of the six winners are black, while four are white.

Biloxi's Chairman reports he attended a joint parish council meeting of the black and white parishes of his city, where various subjects were discussed, such as why no black cheerleader and no black K. of C. The Council has been running a

bingo for over a year open to all races. The Knights gave Father Marene SSJ, the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows parish a purse when he was elevated to Vicar General of his Order.

As suggested by our Worthy State Chaplain, I, as Chairman, attempted to contact by letter and by phone, the District Deputy of the Knights of Peter Claver in an effort to set up a meeting with the Knights of Columbus. I had no success whatsoever. I then personally talked with Father Bourges of Jackson, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Peter Claver, and asked him to use the good graces of his office to help in the setting up of such a meeting, but here again no success was enjoyed. Possibly this invitation should be extended again at a later date.

This Committee will attempt to follow through on our Bishop's suggestion for an open forum next convention on the subject of "The Knights of Columbus and Social Justice." This should definitely be a great aid in creating more interest in this important subject and of pointing out the need of an active committee in each council.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN KIEHM, PSD, CHAIRMAN
GUS MAILY
A. O. PITTERLE

The State Deputy called for the report of the Committee on Disaster Relief.

The usual letter went out to all Councils asking that they appoint a Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Knights, and for the Auxiliary, and submit their names to the State Deputy and Secretary, with any pertinent information they may have for any kind of disaster they may have.

For the year 1971 and 1972, there were no disasters that required any contact with any council or region in the State of Mississippi.

Again, for 1972 and 1973, we ask that this be done. We would also like to offer the following resolution to be adopted at this Convention.

Brother Jones wants to have money or separate funds taken out of the State Council. He wants a small amount assessed each member. Maybe \$.50 a member, to be kept at the local level of the Council, and \$.50 State-wide. A state report be given to the State Deputy at the State Convention every year. This money is not to be confused with the Charity Fund of the State Council. It is impossible for the Committee to function separately because of a need for funds for telephone calls and correspondence in case of a disaster.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. JONES, CHAIRMAN
JOHN CABIBI, P.S.D.
C. J. PIAZZA

The State Deputy called for the report of the 1972 Bowling Tournament.

The Tenth Annual Knights of Columbus Handicap Bowling Tournament was held in Biloxi, Miss. at the Beach Bowl on February 19-20, 1972. There was a Seafood Supper held at the Council home after the team events were bowled. Following the Supper there was a Business Meeting. It was decided to hold the 11th annual tournament in Gulfport, the date to be set at a later time, with the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 to be the host. Brother Phil Lisotta was elected to serve as Tournament President with Jerry Oberlies as Tournament Manager and Nick Pitale as Tournament Secretary.

There were 15 teams from 7 councils entered in the competition and there were 79 members that competed in the events. Trophies were presented to the winners of the team events as follows: Jackson Crusaders - First Place; Greenville #1 - Second Place; and Pascagoula - Third Place.

The Beach Bowl donated the All Events Scratch Trophy awarded to Premo Stallone of Natchez.

Other first place prizes were awarded as follows:

Doubles: Fratesi and F. Sherman (Greenville)

Singles: Premo Stallone (Natchez)

All Events Handicap: Fratesi (Greenville)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

	Team	Doubles	Sing.	AE HCP	Total
Prize Fee	168.75	166.50	166.50	72.00	573.75
Bowling Fee	101.25	99.90	99.90		301.05
Tourn. Exp.	30.00	29.60	29.60		89.20
TOTAL	\$300.00	296.00	296.00	72.00	964.00

Expenditures

	Team	Doubles	Sing.	AE HCP	Total
Prize Fee	\$106.35	145.00	149.11	60.95	463.41
Trophies	62.40	21.30	17.39	11.05	110.34
Bowl. Fee	101.25	99.90	99.90		301.05
Tourn. Exp.	30.00	29.60	29.60		89.20
TOTAL	\$300.00	296.00	296.00	72.00	964.00

Respectfully submitted,

HILTON A. SEYMOUR, PRES.

S. C. PLUFF, TOURNAMENT MGR.

JIM MERTES, SECRETARY

The State Deputy called for the Report on
Mileage and Per Diem.

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>M'AGE</u>	<u>PER DIEM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Rev. J. B. Brunini	115	\$13.80	30.00	\$43.80
Dr. W.F. La Forge	35	4.20	30.00	34.20
H. J. Foggo, Sr.	154	18.48	30.00	48.48
J. L. Bolander	199	23.88	30.00	53.88
Rodney Sandoz	272	32.64	30.00	62.64
Mike Columbus	8	.96	30.00	30.96
Norman L. Kiehm	192	23.04	30.00	53.04
 <u>DISTRICT DEPUTIES</u>				
Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.	52	6.24	30.00	36.24
Geo. R. Scheiderman			30.00	30.00
Walter G. Schilhab	115	13.80	30.00	43.80
Hilton A. Seymour	281	33.72	30.00	63.72
 <u>DELEGATES</u>				
Meridian 802	192	23.04	30.00	53.04
	192	23.04	30.00	53.04
Jackson 848	115	13.80	30.00	43.80
	115	13.80	30.00	43.80
Vicksburg 898	84	10.08	30.00	40.08
	84	10.08	30.00	40.08
Natchez 1034	154	18.48	30.00	48.48
	154	18.48	30.00	48.48
Biloxi 1244	281	33.72	30.00	63.72
	281	33.72	30.00	63.72
Bay St. Louis 1522	287	34.44	30.00	64.44
	287	34.44	30.00	64.44
Gulfport 1583	272	32.64	30.00	62.64
	272	32.64	30.00	62.64
Pascagoula 1605	300	36.00	30.00	66.00
	300	36.00	30.00	66.00
Hattiesburg 1908	203	24.36	30.00	54.36
	203	24.36	30.00	54.36
Greenville 2134			30.00	30.00
			30.00	30.00
Laurel 2180	199	23.88	30.00	53.88
	199	23.88	30.00	53.88
Leland 2945	8	.96	30.00	30.96
	8	.96	30.00	30.96

Clarksdale 2969	71	8.52	30.00	38.52
	71	8.52	30.00	38.52
Yazoo City 3328	71	8.52	30.00	38.52
	71	8.52	30.00	38.52
Long Beach 4898	272	32.64	30.00	62.64
	272	32.64	30.00	62.64
Greenwood 5267	52	6.24	30.00	36.24
	52	6.24	30.00	36.24
Cleveland 5556	35	4.20	30.00	34.20
	35	4.20	30.00	34.20
Ocean Springs 5654	285	34.20	30.00	64.20
	285	34.20	30.00	64.20
Seven (7) Past State Deputies @ \$30.00 Each			210.00	210.00
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		\$862.20	\$1620.00	\$2482.20

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. BOLANDER

The State Deputy called for the report of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee met with the State Treasurer and reviewed the books for the past year, and found them to be in good order and commended Brother James L. Bolander for his efforts and fine record keeping.

We offer the following suggestions in an effort to maintain up-to-date and permanent records:

1. A central bank account with a bank in a central city be opened. All banking functions can be accomplished by mail from any city in the state, and as new treasurers are elected, only a signature change card would be required. This would eliminate changing banks every year or two years. It would provide a continuous

record of all bank transactions and help the treasurers in the performance of their office. Bank statements and check stubs would be uniform and easily stored for three years.

2. The present ledger book as established by the State Treasurer become permanent property of that office and passed on from treasurer to treasurer and left for a period of five years and then destroyed.
3. A reproduction of the State Treasurer's report be mailed to all Grand Knights within sixty days after the Convention, so that all members of all councils will know and realize the financial position of the State Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. MILNER
N. S. SABBATINI
JACK MARTIN
STATE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The State Deputy called for the report of the Committee on State Service Projects.

We recommend the following programs:

I. Honor Council

To qualify for the Honor Council Award each Council must complete each of the following:

1. Set up within your Council a Service Program as outlined by the Supreme Council and notify the State Deputy of the names of the following chairmen of your Council's activities by Sept. 30:

- a. Program Director
- b. Membership Director

- c. Director of Church Activities
- d. Director of Community Activities
- e. Director of Council Activities
- f. Director of Youth Activities
- g. Disaster Committee Chairman
- h. Social Justice & Peace Committee Chairman

- 2. Complete between July 1 and April 15 any 4 projects in each of the following activities: Church, Community, Council, and Youth Activities (State Council Projects not included).
- 3. Submit a written report of your activities by the 15th of each month beginning Oct. 15 to the State Program Director.
- 4. Mail audit report to the State Deputy by Sept. 30 and Feb. 28.

II. Distinguished Council

To qualify for the Distinguished Council Award each Council must:

- 1. Complete all of the requirements for Honor Council.
- 2. Must hold all state-wide projects as follows for 1972-1973:
 - a. Honor the Council's Past Grand Knights
 - b. Project to promote respect for law and order
 - c. All Councils must actively participate in disaster or poverty relief once a year in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce or any local clearing house.
 - d. Must have an annual memorial service in November.
 - e. Assist the local CYO or a young adult group.
 - f. Organize an active vocations committee in the Council.

III. Best Council

To qualify as Best Small Council or Best Large Council each Council must:

1. Complete all of the requirements for Honor and Distinguished Council.
2. Submit a scrapbook showing your Council's activities for the year to the State Convention for display, judging, and return.

Note:

If for any reason you are late sending in the monthly report, submit it to the District Deputy for certification. The District Deputy will then submit it to the State Program Chairman. Grand Knights are reminded that it is their responsibility to follow-up behind their chairmen to see that the reports are submitted.

The Statewide Program Chairman shall notify each Council what is required to qualify for Intercouncil Competition, within 30 days after his appointment as Statewide Program Chairman.

State Service Projects Committee hereby recommends the following statewide project: Knight's Crusade Against Cancer. This Crusade will consist of Knights of Columbus Invitational Basketball Tournament at Jackson to be held on or about Dec. 1 depending on the college schedule.

We propose to invite the 4 year colleges in the state to the tournament. Each council would be responsible for at least \$2.00 per council member to pay the expenses. Selling of the tickets to the event could relieve the council of the monetary obligation.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE J. QUINN, JR.,

CHAIRMAN

C. MEDRIC WARREN

MATT ZELENKA, JR.
VICTOR CEFALU
L. A. KOENENN, SR.

The State Deputy called on Clarence Theriot to report to the Convention on the Drug Abuse project sponsored by Biloxi Council No. 1244.

The session adjourned with a prayer at 4:00 P. M.

The Convention Banquet was held on Saturday, May 6, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. with District Deputy George Scheiderman as Master of Ceremonies. The principal address was given by Deputy Supreme Knight Charles J. Ducey. Remarks were also made by the State Chaplain and Mayor Pat Dunne.

The following awards were presented:

1. Hilton A. Seymour, PSD, presented the Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour Council of the Year Award to Clarksdale Council No. 2969.
2. Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., PSD, presented the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award to Joseph Semmes, Jr., Monsignor John J. Burns Council No. 802 (Meridian).
3. State Program Director Rodney Sandoz presented the following awards in the Inter-Council Competition Program for 1971-1972:
 - a. Honor Council: Vicksburg Council No. 898.
 - b. Distinguished Council: Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802 (Meridian); John T. Savage Council No. 848 (Jackson); Biloxi Council No. 1244; St. Vincent de Paul Council No. 4898 (Long Beach); Msgr. John F. Clerico Council No. 5267 (Greenwood).
 - c. Best Council (Small): St. Vincent de Paul Council No. 4898 (Long Beach).
 - d. Best Council (Large): Biloxi Council No. 1244.

The Convention Mass was celebrated by the State Chaplain at 8:30 A. M. on Sunday, May 7, 1972 at St. Joseph's Church.

Fourth Session: Sunday, May 7, 1972.

The State Deputy opened the session at 10:30 A. M. The State Chaplain led the opening prayer. Allegiance was paid to the flag. The State Warden reported only authorized members present.

F. J. Bartlett presented the State Chaplain, Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, with the checks for the Priests Education Fund from the Councils of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Also the Bishop was given two checks, one for \$150 for the Orphans Fund and one for \$5 for the Memorial Mass. The Bishop thanked the Councils for the donations and remarked that it would go a long way in the education of young priests for the diocese of Mississippi.

The report of the Good of the Order Committee was called by the State Deputy.

The recommendation is made that the improvement in the means of Communication to the membership of each council, as encouraged in last year's report, include a Council Bulletin.

The recommendation to encourage the formation of a circle of Columbian Squires by each council is again adopted and that the State Deputy make an attempt to ascertain the difficulties between the Councils and parishes in the formation of said circle of Columbian Squires and to report these findings at the 1973 Convention.

It is again suggested that a listing of the councils, within a district, be included as a part of the Directory of the Mississippi State

Council for 1972-1973.

The recommendation is made, and adoption is encouraged, that each council list the blood type for each of its members for use in any emergency. The recommendation is made that a special effort be made to develop in each council an effective program of recruitment and retention of membership.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. WESTBROOK, JR. PSD,
CHAIRMAN
GEORGE SCHEIDERMAN, DD
MAX VOSS
SIDNEY SAUCIER

The State Deputy called for the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights:

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I am privileged to submit the following report.

At the conclusion of each resolution, I shall indicate the recommendation of the Committee;

1. Adoption
2. Rejection
3. Referred to the State Deputy for further consideration.
4. No action.

At the conclusion of each resolution, there will be a pause and if no objection is made the recommendation of the Committee will be considered adopted by the dropping of the State Deputy's gavel.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Columbia Magazine is available to Public Libraries at a special rate, and WHEREAS, the dissemination of the type literature contained in Columbia Magazine would reach those who might not otherwise be exposed to same,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council authorize the Supreme Council to continue the subscription to Columbia Magazine for the Public Libraries in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.
ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council authorize the expenditure of \$150 in the name of the Catholic Orphans in the Mississippi Jurisdiction and that a check in this amount be presented to Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Brunini for use at his discretion.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council authorize an expenditure of \$5.00 for the purpose of offering the Annual Mass for the repose of the soul of each Brother Knight in this Jurisdiction who died during the past twelve months, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Grand Knight be admonished to submit the names of deceased members of his Council in sufficient time to be included in the Necrology to be read at the Memorial Mass.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, Father Korstenbroek Council No. 2134 has proved to be such an excellent host to this 68th Annual Convention, and

WHEREAS, the officers and members and their wives have arranged and put on such an outstanding Convention;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the sincere thanks of those in attendance at this Convention be extended to the Father Korstenbroek Council for the superior manner in which they have discharged their responsibility.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus in convention here assembled express its appreciation to Management of the Downtowner Motel and its employees, to the City of Greenville and to his Honor, the Mayor, for the fine hospitality and the cooperation extended to the Knights of Columbus during the 68th Annual Convention held on May 5, 6, and 7, 1972.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Tenth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Natchez, Mississippi on April 30, May 1 and 2, 1971, and

WHEREAS, members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in this tournament in Biloxi, Mississippi on February 19 and 20, 1972, and

WHEREAS, it is the express desire by vote of the participants to again hold this activity in 1973,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council sponsor, at no expense to itself, the OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 11th ANNUAL HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT for its membership, said tournament to carry a moral sanction by the American Bowling Congress, and delegating Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 of Gulfport as the host council with the time and date set at their discretion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council present appropriate trophies, at

no expense to itself and as provided by the Bowling Association, to the winners of certain events conducted in the Bowling Tournament.

ADOPT

Respectfully submitted,

HILTON SEYMOUR, BOWLING
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
STERN'S PLUFF, TOURNAMENT
MANAGER
JAMES MERTES, TOURNAMENT
SECRETARY

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, the financial obligations of the State Council have increased to such degree that the per capita assessment of 75¢ per member is insufficient to meet these obligations, and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws provides that the per capita tax may be increased by a favorable 2/3 vote of the State Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a per capita tax of \$1.25 per member be levied on the membership of each council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, provided however that Honorary Life Members shall be exempt from any per capita tax, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the per capita tax of \$1.25 is levied for the 1972-73 fiscal year and will be payable after notice from the State Secretary, but not later than the convening of the 69th Annual Convention.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, the mileage and per diem allowances provided for in Article IV, Section 5 of the By-Laws of the State Council are not now compatible with the costs related to official attendance at the State Convention, and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1, provides for an increase in mileage and per diem by a favorable 2/3 vote,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the 1973 State Convention, to be held in Pascagoula, Mississippi, the mileage and per diem allowance for official delegates, State Officers, District Deputies and the Immediate Past State Deputy be increased to 12¢ per mile one way from the city of residence to the convention host city and \$15.00 per day, not to exceed two days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Past State Deputies in attendance, not otherwise serving in an official capacity which would entitle them to qualify for mileage and per diem, shall be paid a per diem of \$15.00 per day, not to exceed two days.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction have been instrumental in the demise of so called liberal Abortion legislation for two successive years, and

WHEREAS, His Eminence, Terrence Cardinal Cooke has recently called upon the Knights in New York "to stand in the forefront among those who would join together in defense of the sacredness of human life,"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council recommends that the Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, on behalf of all members, accept the challenge of His Eminence and broaden their effort in this time of great crisis.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, the right to life is a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and,

WHEREAS, we believe that the un-born child is entitled to these same rights, and,

WHEREAS, this right to life is being denied in many states by the legalizing of Abortion, and,

WHEREAS, bills have been introduced in the two most recent sessions of the Mississippi Legislature to change the law regarding Abortion,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Knights of Columbus of the State of Mississippi, go on record as defending the rights of the un-born, including the right to life, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we make known that we are unalterably opposed to any liberalization of the abortion laws of Mississippi or of any state or of the Federal Government, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our members and all citizens to actively oppose and seek the defeat of any candidate for local, state, or national office who is not in complete agreement with our stand on abortion, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Deputy be directed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, our state's Senators and Representatives to Congress, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, the Lt. Governor, and the Speaker of the House of the Mississippi Legislature.
ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, Deputy Supreme Knight Charles Ducey has honored this State Council with his presence, and,

WHEREAS, the address of the Deputy Supreme Knight at the Convention Banquet was the highlight of the State Council Meeting and most inspirational to both members of our Order and visitors,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Deputy Supreme Knight Charles Ducey and extend to him a cordial invitation to return and visit our Jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, the illicit use of drugs and narcotics has caused and continues to cause significant physical suffering, low morals and effects degradation of our society, and,

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Jurisdiction is aware of the inherent dangers and has generated a vigorous Drug Abuse Program, and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council is exerting the influence of 1.25 million members to retard and hopefully to abolish this wanton degradation of our society,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council endorses and commends the Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and Board of Directors for their vigilance and effort addressed to eliminating this vice from our society.

ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Annual Convention, which is now being held in the month of May of each year, and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Annual Convention was held in the month of April of each year until recently, now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual Knights of Columbus Convention date be moved back into the month of April.

NO ACTION

Submitted by COUNCIL 898
Vicksburg

RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, one of the principal aims of the Knights of Columbus is Charity;

WHEREAS, a very worthy cause has been brought to our attention within the past few months, and,

WHEREAS, one of our Brother Knights, Father Patrick Murray of Pascagoula Council No. 1605

has spent several years of his life along with several priests of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson in the Mission at Saltillo, Mexico;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Council undertake in a State project in addition to the Priest Education Fund some type of annual donation to the Diocesan-sponsored mission in Saltillo, Mexico.

REFER TO STATE DEPUTY

Respectfully submitted,

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL #1583

JIM TOLSON

HAYWARD J. LADNER

CHARLES L. WALKER

RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Jurisdiction, in its sixty nine year history has not been privileged to be represented on the Supreme Board of Directors nor have one of its members appointed to a Supreme Office, and,

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Council believes that its contribution to the Order merits the consideration of the Supreme Council, and,

WHEREAS, Brother Hilton A. Seymour has demonstrated his capable leadership attribute on a subordinate, district and state level, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Council recommends Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour for consideration to an elective or appointive position with the Supreme Council.

ADOPT

Respectfully submitted,

BILOXI COUNCIL NO. 1244

E. D. KERSH

GRAND KNIGHT

RESOLUTION NO. 16

WHEREAS, Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow, STD, a staunch and devoted member of our Order, spiritual adviser, and State Chaplain for 42 years, is presently in St. Dominic Hospital, Jackson, and,

WHEREAS, his contribution to the welfare of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus over the years has been a source of inspiration to the entire membership,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Mississippi Past State Deputy Association in annual meeting assembled in the city of Greenville on Saturday May 6, 1972 do hereby go on record extending to Bishop Gerow our sincere wish for a speedy recovery, and hoping that Almighty God in His mercy and wisdom will extend him a generous period of time in our midst,

Unanimously adopted this the 6th day of May 1972, and request that a copy of same be forwarded to Bishop Gerow.

ADOPT

ATTEST: JOHN P. MYERS
Secretary.

HILTON A. SEYMOUR
President
PAST STATE DEPUTY ASSOC.

Worthy State Deputy:

This concludes the report of your Committee on Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

HILTON A. SEYMOUR,
CHAIRMAN, PSD
JOSEPH D. SEMMES, JR.
TOMMY REIFERS
FRANK TARRANT
VICTOR AGUZZI
JOHN P. MYERS, PSD.

The State Deputy called for the report of the Financial Secretary's meeting.

The annual meeting of the Financial Secretaries of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus was held at Greenville, Mississippi on May 6, 1972.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Sam C. Monistere, Financial Secretary, Greenville Council No. 2134, and with a prayer by Brother Nassar.

Attending were the following members:

Council 4898 Long Beach - L. A. Koenenn, Sr.
Council 1583 Gulfport - Fritz J. Oberlies
Council 1522 Bay St. Louis - Joseph H. Benvenutti
Council 5267 Greenwood - Joseph M. Nassar
Council 802 Meridian - M. A. Ward
Council 1605 Pascagoula - W. J. Scheeler, Sr.
Council 1244 Biloxi - Harry Steinwinder
Council 848 Jackson - Henry A. Kajdan
Council 2134 Greenville - Sam C. Monistere

The first item of business was a discussion of Internal Revenue Service Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax).

It was noted that this report must be submitted by all councils whose gross receipts total \$5,000 or more; that it must be submitted on or before May 15, by all councils, required by law to do so; that councils who have not filed by the required date will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per day for each day late up to a maximum of \$5,000. Brother Monistere explained in sufficient detail the requirements of the report, especially the items of information which the Financial Secretaries and Treasurers would need to provide for the proper completion of the report. It was agreed that the responsibility of filing the report is that of the Grand Knight with the cooperation of the Trustees, the Financial Secretary, and the Treasurer.

The matter of delinquent membership accounts was discussed. Following are some of the observations made by the Financial Secretaries attending the meeting:

1. Each Financial Secretary should be familiar with his Council's membership in order to properly administer the finances of his Council.
2. The Financial Secretary must use good judgment, be diplomatic and tactful.
3. To reduce delinquencies, he must exercise a follow-up program.
4. No suspensions are to be made without the prior approval of the Grand Knight and Trustees.

Each Financial Secretary was given the opportunity to relate how his council handled the matter of delinquent accounts with the consensus being that each case brought before the Grand Knight and Trustees should be handled on its merits, keeping in mind by-laws governing these matters.

On the matter of the Semi-Annual Audit Report, it was noted that some councils still persist in making the preparation of this report the responsibility of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The Financial Secretaries wish to go on record as pointing out that this is the prime responsibility of the Grand Knight and Trustees in order for the report to be meaningful and in keeping with its purpose.

The matter of the Traveling Card came up for discussion primarily brought about by the question of its effectiveness as a means of control at closed meetings. It was the consensus of those present that, generally, the Council Warden seldom takes enough time to carefully scrutinize the card for the tell-tale dates indicating paid up status and the travel card year; or that the card properly bears the council seal; or that it is properly signed.

On a motion by Gus Ward and a second by Fritz Oberlies, the Financial Secretaries request the State Deputy to submit a resolution to Supreme Council stating that it would be desirable to change the color of the traveling card each year, pointing out that this would be an effective means of detecting delinquent members. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Financial Secretaries should be alert to the possibility of issuing a Third Degree travel card to a member entitled to First Degree membership privileges only.

A general discussion on membership followed. It was noted that in all cases the Financial Secretary, with the assistance of the Grand Knight, should periodically up-date the council's membership roster. It has been noted, also, that the membership roster provided by Supreme Council semi-annually should be carefully scrutinized and purged of members not rightfully appearing thereon. Mistakes most generally noted on Supreme Council's roster are such things as duplication of members' names, incorrect birth date, incorrect entry date, etc.

There being no further business to be brought up, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M. with a prayer by Brother Oberlies.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM C. MONISTERE, CHAIRMAN
HENRY A. KAJDAN, RECORDER

The State Deputy called on the Master of the Fourth Degree to report to the Convention.

I think that it is good for the Order that we were requested to make a report of our activities at the time of the Convention.

First of all I want to thank all of the Fourth Degree members who participated in the Honor Guard for our Bishop and the State Deputy, also the Deputy Supreme Knight, Charles J. Ducey. Since last year's Convention we have had two exemplifications, on August 1st at Greenwood we added 38 new members to our ranks, but most important, we instituted our youngest Assembly, The Father John F. Clerico Local Assembly.

This gives us a total of 14 Assemblies. Then on March 19th we exemplified the degree to 23 candidates at Gulfport. Our membership has grown to a new high of 657, which is exactly one fourth of the total membership of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi.

We must at this time double our efforts in our activities on the local level in each Assembly. In two weeks we will have our Biannual District meeting in Vicksburg and I do hope that it will be well attended. The Vicksburg Local Assembly certainly proved to be an excellent host two years ago at the previous meeting.

FRITZ OBERLIES, MASTER

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 1971-1972 was won by Joseph Semmes, Jr. of the Meridian Council.

Other recipients of this award since its inception are:

- 1964 John Laurenzi, Clarksdale Council No. 2969
- 1965 Arlis Gray, 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)
- 1971 August J. Stone, Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034 (Natchez)

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 1971-1972 was won by Clarksdale Council No. 2969.

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)
1971 Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 (Gulfport)

Respectfully submitted,

HILTON A. SEYMOUR

The Convention adjourned briefly to allow the Treasurer to pay mileage and per diem.

The State Deputy recalled the Convention to order and called for the election of state officers. Past State Deputies Myers, Sommers, and Cabibi were appointed as tellers.

The State Deputy turned the gavel over to Immediate Past State Deputy Norman Kiehm for the election of the State Deputy.

STATE DEPUTY:

W. F. La Forge was nominated for a second term as State Deputy. Since there were no other nominations one vote for W. F. La Forge was cast by the State Secretary. The election to State Deputy was won by W. F. La Forge.

The State Deputy again presiding the elections then proceeded as follows:

STATE SECRETARY:

George R. Scheiderman and Henry J. Foggo were nominated. George R. Scheiderman was elected.

STATE TREASURER:

James Bolander and Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. were nominated. Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. was elected.

STATE ADVOCATE:

Rodney Sandoz and Roland Meaut were nominated. Roland Meaut was elected.

STATE WARDEN:

Since Mike Columbus was the only nominee the State Secretary cast one vote and Mike Columbus was elected.

The State Deputy called for the election of alternates to the Supreme Convention. the results were:

SUPREME CONVENTION:

FIRST ALTERNATE: Hilton A. Seymour

SECOND ALTERNATE: Robert Lambert

The Convention accepted the invitation of Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802 (Meridian) to hold the 1974 State Council Meeting in Meridian.

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

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

State Deputy W. F. La Forge officially closed the Sixty-eighth Annual State Convention at 11:55 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. FOGGO
STATE SECRETARY

