

Report of Seventy-second

# **Annual Convention**

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

# **KNIGHTS**

OF

# **COLUMBUS**



Held at

Greenwood, Mississippi

April 23, 24, 25, 1976

JURISDICTION OF MISSISSIPPI  
STATE OFFICERS FOR 1975 - 1976

Rev. Bernard Haddigan.....State Chaplain  
Vicksburg

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

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

Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.....State Deputy  
Greenwood

Mike P. Columbus.....State Secretary  
Leland

Mathias F. Zelenka.....State Treasurer  
Pascagoula

Dave Atteberry.....State Advocate  
Hattiesburg

Percy Nause.....,State Warden  
Meridian

George R. Scheiderman.....Past State Deputy  
Greenville

PROCEEDINGS  
72nd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Session: Friday, April 23, 1976

The 72nd annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus was opened at 6:00 p.m. by the Grand Knight of Greenwood Council, Br. Robert W. Overley. Mayor Clay Ewing of Greenwood welcomed the delegates and members to Greenwood. State Secretary, Mike P. Columbus, responding for State Council, thanked Mayor Ewing for his cordial welcome.

The Grand Knight of Greenwood turned the gavel over to State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. who officially called the convention to order. State Chaplain Bernard Haddigan gave an opening prayer and then the State Deputy introduced the Mississippi State Council officials.

State Warden Percy C. Nause checked all traveling cards and reported that they were in order.

State Deputy asked for all Grand Knights to turn in any resolutions to State Advocate, per capita tax to State Treasurer and delegate credentials and any deceased members' names to State Secretary.

State Secretary passed out the minutes of the 1975 Convention and Br. Jimmy Wuestenhoefer moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, seconded by Br. Clarence Theriot, and carried by voice vote.



State Deputy introduced the Supreme Secretary Virgil C. Dechant, guest speaker for the banquet Saturday night.

The State Deputy expressed his thanks for the assistance he received during the year from state officers, district deputies, and the various state chairmen. He then announced the appointments of the Convention Committees as follows:

#### 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, all committees are expected to meet at the adjournment of the Second Business Session on Saturday, April 24, at place designated by the Chairman. Each committee except the tellers will make a written and oral report to the Convention when called upon. In the event a delegate is not present, then his council's alternate will be expected to serve in his stead.

1. CREDENTIALS: Mike Columbus, John Bennett, Ned Fioranelli, Conrad Richard
2. MEMBERSHIP: Joe Bottino, ~~Rodney Sandoz~~, Chris West, Michael J. Belenchia, George Saab, Don Hegwood
3. SERVICE PROGRAM: Percey Nause, George Di Benedetto, Tom Rush, Andrew Petro, George Strahan, John Smith



4. Ceremonials: George R. Scheiderman, George Souderes, Jim Shields, Charles Puff
5. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM: Matt Zelenka, Jr., Max Voss, Leon Shapley, Freddie Voss, Joseph T. Radicioni
6. AUDIT: John W. Harrington, Jr., Richard Benton, Ernest Spencer, Harry Penkins
7. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Gerald Lemey, Dr. George Baladi, Rudolph Hew, Mayward Ladner, Roland Meaut.
8. RESOLUTIONS: Dave Atteberry, George R. Scheiderman, Norman Kiehm, Pat Myers, Sidney T. Faits, Al McDevit, Henry Mosco
9. BICENTENNIAL: William LaForge, Leon Deardorff, Mike Mitchell, Clarence Theriot, Jimmy Wuestenhofer
10. ELECTION TELLERS: John Cabibi, Fred Westbrook, Jr., Lia Koenenn, Sr.
11. INTERCOUNCIL COMPETITION: Robert Fratesi, Rodney Sandoz, Charlie Abadie

The State Deputy called on the Grand Knights to submit their annual reports. Br. Clarence Theriot moved that the reading of the report be dispensed with and that they be handed in to the State Secretary, seconded by Leon Shapley, and carried by voice vote.

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL 202  
Meridan

It is with great pride, pleasure and humility that we the Officers and members of the Msgr.

John J. Burns Council 802 submit this report. The duly elected and appointed officers were installed with appropriate ceremonies by our Worthy District Deputy Charlie Abadie with relatives and friends attending.

Council Officers for 1975-76 are:	
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Frank Corcoran
GRAND KNIGHT	Percy C Nause
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Nicholas R "Nick" Cappello
RECORDER	John S Mosby
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Martin A "Gus" Ward
TREASURER	Ronald DiPalma
CHANCELLOR	Roy R. Powers
WARDEN	Harold J Deschene
ADVOCATE	Martin D Rushing
INSIDE GUARD	Paul J Schoeneck
OUTSIDE GUARD	John L Bennett
TRUSTEES	Louis J "Joe" Bailey
	Drennen R. Smith
	Bill McCrea

MEMBERSHIP: Roy R Powers, Director

The continued growth of our Council can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of our membership committee. During this reporting period our Admission Degree Team conducted Nine Admission Degrees; three of which were Holy Year 75 degrees. One Brother lost due to death.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: James M. Dover, Director

Conducted Memorial Services for our deceased Brothers in our Home.

Conducted an Under Priviledged Children Christmas Party at our home.

Organized a workshop to paint, assort and repair toys for needy children in our three parishes.

Distributed "Keep Christ in Christmas" auto bumper stickers.

One day Retreat conducted in our Home.

Members publish the Parish Monthly Newsletter.

Conducted Quarterly Communion Sundays.

Members supported the meeting of the CCD, and offered our facilities to same.

Our members are very active in the parish serving as Ushers, Commentators, Choir members and Gift Bearers during Mass.

Every meeting was opened or closed with a special prayer for Vocation.

Joint sponsored with Parish a Vocational Workshop for the Youth. Workshop for Boys conducted at our home.

Cemetery Committee active in assisting and maintaining our Catholic Cemetery.

Council conducted Bingo for the annual May Festival Fund Raising Drive for St. Patrick's Parish. Equipments furnished by Council.

Members supported the Men Clubs of our Parish and have offered our facilities to same.

Council had Masses offered for Priestly and Sister's Vocations.

Seventy Five percent of council participated in the Parish Development Program.

Requested the local Post Office to push and sell Religious Stamps for the Holiday Season.



Bereavement Committee gathered at the funeral home to participate in Rosary and prayer services for our deceased brothers and members of our parish.

Assisted in the Financial Aid of our Parish.

Rented billboard and displayed "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Had Masses said and sent Mass cards to families of deceased brothers and members of our parish.

Obtained religious posters from Supreme and posted same in Church Vestibule and Parish Hall.

Participated in an Active Pro-Life Program. Sent "A Rose for Life" to all Mississippi's Senators and Representatives in protest of the Anti-Abortion Laws.

Members participated in active Lenten Program.

Active visitation committee for the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

Conducted a Clergy Appreciation Night in our home. Religious from within a fifty mile radius of Meridian were in attendance.

Conducted our annual Priest Education and Scholarship Benefit Bingo. One Thousand Five Hundred and One Dollars to be donated to Bishop Brunini for priest education.

Members serving on Parish Council and School Board

Members visits the Male patients of "C" hall at East Miss. State Hospital monthly. Refreshments and games furnished by council.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Harold J Deschene, Director

Active Knight of the Month Program. Pictures of Knights and article submitted to local newspaper telling of his honor and accomplishments.

Blood Donors Program. Conducted jointly with Blood Services of Mississippi at our home.

Active Scrapbook committee.

Photographs of Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year on display in Council home.

Maintains a council bulletin board to keep members informed of events pertaining to our council, church and parish.

Sponsored Boy to Boys State in Jackson, Ms.

Donated the use of our home and facilities to the American Legion and joint hosted a Bicentennial Banquet for participants of Boys and Girls State.

Members and families participated in KC Softball Tournament conducted in Laurel, Ms.

Knights participated in District IV meeting at Laurel, Ms.

Hosted District IV meeting in our home. Refreshments and games provided by Council.

Hosted numerous husband and wives socials at our home.

Conducted a Recognition Banquet. Certificates distributed to members, Ladies Auxiliary, and friends of the Council.

Sponsored annual 4th of July Parish Picnic at local reservoir.

Held social honoring our Honorary Life Members, Br. Bernard A Cook and Andy Thomas.

Donated \$10.00 to Br. Bennett's daughter to participate in the local March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon.

Donated 140 new Bibles to St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital. One for each room.

Donated \$25.00 to the Little Sisters of the Poor of Mobile, Al.

Sent flowers and K of C get well cards to members and members families, who were hospitalized.

Rented booth at Village Fair Mall and assisted our Ladies Auxiliary in their annual Fund Raising Drive.

Participated in Exemplification Degrees conducted by other Councils.

Hosted an Insurance Night. Br. Chris West conducted program.

Council conducts weekly bingo--opened to the public.

Active Columbus Day Program. Address by Supreme Knight carried on local radio station. Proclamation signed by Mayor of Meridian declaring Columbus Day in the City of Meridian.

Council hosted a Statewide Formation and Knighthood Degree. Candidates from neighboring state of Alabama were in attendance. Class dedicated to all deceased Brothers.

Council sold an additional 250 bond tickets for the State Council.

Christmas Cards sent to State Officers and councils in state.

Annual Christmas Dance for members and guest.

Donated \$25.00 to American Red Cross to help defray expenses in their annual Veterans Hospital Christmas Part.

Assisted St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Distributed Admission and Holy Year 75 Admission Degree Certificates to new members.

Council purchased food, fruit, nuts and candy and distributed to needy families in our community.

Assisted and supported the CYO in all their activities. Offered our facilities to same.

Worked with Civil Defense, and Red Cross during Hurrican Eloise. Our facilities are classified as a Disaster Relief Shelter.



Conducted Open House for Knights, families, and their friends.

Council sponsored and conducted its 2nd K of C Free Throw Basketball tournament. Refreshments served afterwards.

Fire Safety - Distributed approximately 150 TOT Finders decals to parishionaires.

Donated use of our facilities to City Firemen Auxiliary for Fund Raising Dance.

Hosted social for all new members.

Organized, planned and held a Valentine Dance and Party for members and their guests.

Participated in the Regional K of C Free Throw Basketball Tournament in Hattiesburg.

Donated our facilities to various Civic Organizations for their fund raising drive. Silver Cross Circle, Wesley House and others.

Donated to the St. Jude Children Hospital Fund Drive.

Council conducted Pool Tournament. Trophies presented to winners.

Donated subscription to SIGN magazine to public library.

Donated Braille Bible to aged priests.

Donated \$50.00 to Catholic Guild for the Bling.

Presented pocked I.D. badges to members.

Participated in Admission Degree of our newest Council - Starkville, Ms.

Supported and participated in Holy Year Deanery conducted by St. Patrick's.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Bernard A Cook, Director

Active beautification committee.

Assisted Police and Law Enforcement Agencies by working with young boys and girls who were made Wards of the Court.

Conducted an active Drug Abuse Program in our home for the youth of the area.

Rented billboard and displayed "Save the Baby" poster.

Active in Community Beautification Projects.

Obtained and distributed the following posters and flyers: Pledge Allegiance Poster; Hello, Remember Me; and Proper Rules for displaying the Flag of the U.S.

Purchased and donated U.S. Flag to civic organization.

Visitation Committee conducted weekly visits to local nursing homes in our community.

Provided transportation to the elderly to attend church and council functions.

Visited the Elderly and shut-in of our parish.

Distributed Anti-Abortion, SMUT, Save That Baby posters to surrounding areas.

Thirty Christmas boxes of food, fruit and turkeys were distributed to needy families during the Holiday Season. Joint sponsored with St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Council Bingo equipment loaned to various civic organizations.

Donated use of our home and facilities to Moose Lodge that was destroyed by fire.

Donated use of home and facilities to the Silver Cross Circle to conduct their annual Bridge Benefit Fund Raising Program.

Assisted the St. Vincent dePaul Society in distributing clothing, furniture and household goods to approximately 250 needy families in our community. Gathered clothing, furniture and appliances and donated same to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Housed needy families in local hotels and furnished gas tickets as well as food tickets to stranded people in our area.

Active telephone committee to notify members of activities and especially those of an urgent nature.

Knights and wives met with CCD group of our parish.

Worked with local Jimmy Rogers Memorial Day committee. Donated billboard space to same.

Donated home and facilities for Antique Show.

Active Pornography program conducted by Council.

Sponsored "Know your Community Night" at Council home. Refreshments served by Ladies Auxiliary afterwards.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Sam Fulton, Director

Sponsored Columbian Squires Circle 2529. Donated Red Caps to all boys initiated in new Columbian Squires Circle.

Joint Social with CYO and Columbian Squires. Council furnishing all refreshments.

Awarded Six Scholarships to Meridian Jr. College to worthy students in our area.

Donated \$300.00 to Troop Seven, Parish Boy Scouts to help buy new camping equipment.

Donated \$25.00 Saving Bond to most outstanding student in our elementary school.

Sponsored a Senior Breakfast in our home.

Donated Pool Table to Columbian Squires.

Sponsored Father-Son hamburger party at our home.

Sponsored Pizza Party for the youth of our Parish. Conducted dance afterwards.

Assisted and helped the Girl Scout in the Cookie Drive.

Assisted Columbian Squires in their clean-up of our Catholic Cenery.

Donated \$25.00 to the CYO Christmas Singers.

CYO and Columbian Squires assisted the Knights in our annual Christmas Children Party by wrapping gifts, serving refreshments, assisting Santa Claus and various other functions.

Assisted CYO with Bicentennial Float which was entered in local city parade.

Assisted Columbian Squires in their Paper Drive and Aluminum Can Drive to raise money for their Circle.



In conclusion, I wish to offer my heart filled thanks to our Chaplain Father Frank Corcoran, our Officers, our Activities Directors, and to ALL the members of our Council who through your many hours of hard work, dedication for God and Community has again made this past year one of the greatest in the history of our Council, for without such work and dedication, we could have never achieved our goals.

To our Ladies Auxiliary, a very special thanks. Your tireless efforts and enthusiasm will long be remembered and appreciated. To the Youth of our Parish - Thanks also.

To all of you, again thanks for letting me have the privilege, the honor and the pleasure of serving you and Council 802 as your Grand Knight.

Respectfully submitted,

Percy C. Nause  
Grand Knight

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL NO. 848  
Jackson

Council officers were installed in July, 1975 by District Deputy Max Voss from Natchez with Freddie Voss Grand Knight of Natchez Council acting as warden.

The activities were handled all year by our Surge Chairman, Bob Lambert, on each first Tuesday of each month and the following programs were carried out through the year:

- COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Conrad Richard, Chairman--
- 1) Delivered 4200 book covers to five elementary schools.
  - 2) Annual Football Bowl - sold ads in program and collected at gate with all proceeds going to

our Scholarship fund to Catholic Students.  
Cleared \$963.00

3) Took turns Bell Ringing to help Salvation Army on Christmas funds - Dec. 1975

4) Some members attended free luncheon in appreciation by Salvation Army in Jan. 1976 for our services.

5) Council business meeting beginning 2nd Tuesday of each month in Dec. 1975 through present time. Gave free supper for members attending business meeting. This gave for more members attending meetings. We also invited wives on certain occasions and prospective members and wives for our luncheons.

6) April 1976 Purchasing more book covers for delivery next Aug. and Sept.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES--Chester Lamparty, Chairman

1) Worked with community activities on Football Bowl. Mr. Lamparty was chairman.

2) Each Sat. night this committee prepares steak suppers for our Bingo crowd.

3) Christmas Party for members, eggnog etc. raise money for needy families. The baskets consisted of food and clothing for several needy families.

4) Easter Egg hunt for children of members and guests worked with youth chairmen.

5) Insurance Night- Feb. 10, 1976; 50 members and wives present.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES--Richard Schmidt, Chairman

1) Christmas Party for children--arranged games and prizes.

2) Sponsoring a boy scout troupe to camp \$70.00

3) Easter Egg Hunt worked with council activities chairman.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES--Tom Collins, Chairman

1) Holy Hour @ St. Dominic Hospital

2) Memorial Services held Nov. 25, 1975 for deceased brothers. Also had Mass at council home offered by Father Tony Podenz for our deceased before our service.

3) Keep Christ in Christmas bumper stickers distributed.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES--Ted Payment, Chairman

1) Worked with church Activity Chairman on Memorial Service and Mass.

MEMBERSHIPS--George Saab, Chairman

1) Had four (4) First Degree Initiations in Council Home during the year. Initiated eleven (11) new members.

2) Took eight (8) members to Vicksburg for 2nd and 3rd Degree Initiation on March 21, 1976.

Respectively Submitted.

George Saab  
Grand Knight

VICKSBURG COUNCIL, NO. 898  
Vicksburg

The Vicksburg Council 898 is pleased to submit this progress report for 1975 to 1976. Newly elected officers were installed in July, 1975. Relatives and families were invited to the installation ceremony and banquet.

GRAND KNIGHT  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT  
CHANCELLOR  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
RECORDER

Alfred E. McDevitt  
Christopher G. Miller  
Ed Cox  
William F. Lauderdale  
Eugene Columbus



CHAPLAIN	Fr. Bernard Haddigan
WARDEN	Jose Ballesteros
TREASURER	George Baladi
LECTURER	V.O. Banchetti
ADVOCATE	David Ellis
INSIDE GUARD	Richard Gilbert
OUTSIDE GUARD	Donnie Smith
TRUSTEE	Joe Bottino
TRUSTEE	Bob King
TRUSTEE	Walter Reynolds

#### MEMBERSHIP:

During the course of the fraternal we conducted four first degree initiations and sponsored one second and third degree initiation at our council home.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

We held three quarterly communion ceremonies during the year, generally these Masses are followed by breakfast at the council home, in one of them the Squires Circle attended the Mass and breakfast along with the Knights. We held our annual clergy appreciation day - all local parish priests along with the several orders of nuns in our city were invited to the council home. For clergy appreciation day the Ladies Auxiliary furnished a nice brunch and a lot of visiting between our members and families and the clergy was accomplished. Our council lent its support to the annual men's retreat at Namressa Retreat House in Louisiana, several organizational meetings were held at the council home and a large proportion of those attending were members of our council. Our annual Labor Day Picnic was started with a field Mass celebrated by our chaplain Fr. Haddigan. We sponsored a pro-life booth at a community fair; it was manned by our members

and free literature from the Supreme Council was distributed to the public. We again bought rosaries to be given for the asking at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital. Our council lent our facilities to the CYO organizations on several occasions. We donated \$1,000.00 to the Priests' Education Fund.

#### COMMUNITY:

Our most noteworthy community activity of the year was our toys for needy children program we undertook this past Christmas. Many of the members of our council and of the Ladies Auxiliary gave most generously of their time and money to make this program a success. Various stores around town plus many individuals (most with no connection to the Catholic Church) donated toys and materials to this project. In all twelve families, a total of seventy-two children, were furnished toys and Christmas decorations by our Council. This program generated more exposure and good publicity for our council than any other project we have held in the recent past. Our council home was used twice by seniors of the local Catholic School (St. Aloysius) for graduation parties. We entered a float depicting soldiers attending field Mass in the local Army Day parade. One of our traditional activities continued this year was sponsoring a Little League baseball team. No return soft drink bottles were collected and donated to the A-Club of our local Catholic School, they were then sold to a local chemical firm and the profits used to further the school's athletic program. Supreme Knight McDevitt's Columbus Day speech was aired twice on a local radio station on Columbus Day. Also our mayor proclaimed an official Columbus Day in Vicksburg. We again paid the utility bills for one of our local Boy Scout Troops. We donated flowers to a local old folks home and

we erected a Keep Christ in Christmas and Pro-Life Billboard in Vicksburg.

#### COUNCIL:

We donated \$250.00 to St. Jude's children's hospital to help our state councils fund raising drive. We started again this year assisting the Salvation Army in their bell-ringing campaign this Christmas season, we accounted for the fourth largest amount collected by any local civic group. Our officers were duly installed and the occasion celebrated by a spaghetti supper for members and wives. We held numerous work-days and work-nights under the direction of our house chairman. Our council was well represented at all district meetings held this past year and we were honored to be able to host a state officers meeting at our council home in January. We continued to publish our council newsletter, the Shield, and have it mailed to all members. Our two important holidays, Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day were duly celebrated with suppers for members and families. At the St. Patrick's Day supper several of our members were recognized for their contributions to our organization. We participated in the state softball tournament. Our annual Labor Day Picnic was a big success with games for the kids with plenty of prizes and horseshoes, a putting contest, and softball for the adults. Thirteen councils and 88 new members were present for the statewide second and third degree initiation held at our council home. Santa visited us in our large meeting hall to distribute presents to the children of our members. We had a state winner in the Knights free-throw basketball contest. We held Insurance night and we held a memorial meeting to honor departed knights.



This year we had an active blood donor program with many members contributing to the great benefit of all. The council membership assisted the Columbian Squires in collecting for the Kidney Drive Fund. Our efforts collected more money for this cause than any other organization.

Brother Knights and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to take this means to thank all of you for the work that made this report possible. I, as your Grand Knight, had very large footsteps to follow left by Grand Knights before me, but with help from the brother knights and Ladies Auxiliary, I hope these steps were filled. I sincerely hope Council 898 will continue to strive for the true meaning of Columbianism.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred E. McDevitt  
Grand Knight

BISHOP R.O. GEROW COUNCIL, NO. 1034  
Natchez

We began our year's activities with the installation of officers on July 14, 1975. The following officers were installed:

GRAND KNIGHT	Freddie A. Voss
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Conway Aubic, Jr.
CHANCELLOR	Freddie Biglane
RECORDER	Tommy Piazza
TREASURER	Clem Eidt
ADVOCATE	Charles C. Burns
WARDEN	George Hude
INNER GUARD	Billy K. Smith

OUTER GUARD	Mike Biglane
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	A.J. Stone
LECTURER	George Murray
TRUSTEES	John Kenda,
	George Souderes,
	Henry LeBlanc

This was an open meeting folowed by a buffet supper.

#### MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

The membership committee was headed by Br. George Hude. We held an admission degree for three candidates. Grand Knight and members of the Council accompanied these three candidates to Vicksburg for second and Knighthood Degree. We also reinstated three members which brought our membership to six new members for the year.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

The Church Activities committee was headed by Br. John Sanquinetti. Members of the Council were responsible for erecting the outside game booths for the annual parish bazaar and for planning and running games in twelve of these booths for the adult night of the bazaar. This activity along with the distribution of book covers for the children attending Cathedral School kept all members busy during the fall of 1975.

Fourth Degree members serve as Honor Guard for Midnight Mass.

Easter Season found the Knights again forming the Holy Thursday Adoration Watch in St. Mary's Cathedral.

A steak supper was held for the benefit of the St. Mary's Cathedral renovation fund and

a check for \$300.00 was presented.

The annual Priest Education Fund drive has been underway during the month of April and has reached its goal of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Many members are active as Church ushers and Mass commentators.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Br. Freddie Biglane is chairman of this committee and on July 27, 1976, and February 1, 1976, the Council held their semi-annual spaghetti benefits.

On May 26, 1975, there was an open meeting honoring 5 members receiving 25 year pins and 5 Honorary Life members. Four of the five Honorary Life received 50 year pins and also one Honorary Membership was given.

During the summer of 1975 the Council sponsored a softball team in the City League and participated in a K. of C. State Tournament.

October 11, 1975, found the Knights and their wives on the eleventh annual football trip for a college game.

The Council celebrated Columbus Day on October 13, 1975 with an open meeting and buffet supper.

Memorial services were held on November 23, 1975 for seven deceased Brothers.

Council 1034 sponsored two bowling teams in the city Winter Bowling League. They also participated in the K.C. State Tournament.



Valentine Dance sponsored by the local Council was held on Feb. 21, 1976.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

The Community Activities committee was headed by Br. William K. Luscombe.

Local Council is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on which one Brother serves.

During the summer of 1975, Council sponsored two students, one boy and one girl to American Legion Boy and Girl State in Jackson.

On July 15, 1975, Council 1034 held the first K. of C. Invitational Soft Ball Tournament in which 18 teams participated.

The Second Annual Invitational Adult Basketball Tournament was held on February 26, 1976, and ten teams were involved.

A Pancake Breakfast was held on Nov. 2, 1975 for the benefit of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Council members erected activity booths on the Natchez Bluff for the City's Bicentennial celebration on April 3, 1976.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Chairman of this committee was Br. Anthony Tuccio.

Sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 158 for twenty-nine years. Troop won a National Camping Award for the fourth year in a row.

Sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 158.

Annual Children's Christmas Party held on December 15, 1975, with 47 children attending.

On January 24, 1976, the local K.of C. Basketball Free Throw contest was held with 60 participating. Local winners participated in both District and State competition with one local winner at State level.

Aided local C.Y.O. in their trip to the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Freddie A. Voss  
Grand Knight

BILOXI COUNCIL NO. 1244  
Biloxi

On July 3, 1975, the officers of the Council were duly installed by District Deputy Pol Ros assisted by Lamar Cox, at a dinner meeting for members, their wives, and prospective members and their wives.

Council officers for 1975-76 are:

CHAPLAIN	Rev. John J. O'Reilly
ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN	Rev. James Russell
GRAND KNIGHT	Gerald F. Lamey
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Dennis "Doc" Ladnier Sr.
CHANCELLOR	Burnette G. Dubaz
ADVOCATE	Jean "Chips" Fountain
RECORDER	William L. Desjardins
WARDEN	Steve Ferrill
TREASURER	Charles T. Harrison
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Harry L. Steinwinder
INSIDE GUARD	Fred L. Steinwinder III

OUTSIDE GUARD  
TRUSTEES

Marvin Newman  
Clarence Theriot  
Ross Bertucci  
Ed Kersh

Deputy Grand Knight Dennis "Doc" Ladnier Sr. served as General Program Director with activities directors. He supervised and carried out the following activities:

- Church Activities: Ivon Arguellas, Director
1. Members of the Council serve as Lectors, Ushers, on the Parish Councils, on the Parish Financial Committees, and with the St. Vincent DePaul Societies within the Biloxi Area.
  2. Presented a Papal Flag to Sacred Heart Academy School Band.
  3. Had Rosaries and Masses said for the five deceased members of the Council since the last Convention.
  4. Presented a purse to our Chaplain Reverend Father O'Reilly to help defray his vacation trip to his home in Ireland.
  5. Donated \$657.00 to the Priest Education Fund.
  6. On Father's Day, June 15, the Biloxi Council held a Corporate Communion with Squires, Fathers, Knights and Sons with a breakfast following the Mass and Communion.
  7. Donated a Burse to Reverend Robert Higginbotham, a Biloxi native, for his Ordination.
  8. Donated \$300.00 to Our Lady of Fatima Church Memorial for their newly constructed church.
  9. Had Masses said for Brother Pol Ros Sr. who passed away and who was the father of Pol Ros, Jr., District Deputy of District 6.
  10. Had prayers said for Mrs. Irma LeBlanc, Mother of the Year 1973, who represented the Biloxi Council, upon her death.



11. The Council had a Mass on November 20, 1975 in the Council Hall in Conjunction with its Memorial Services.
12. The Council distributed KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS bumper stickers at all churches in the Biloxi area.
13. The Council members made a Donation of \$50.00 to the Building Fund of St. Elizabeth Seaton Parish of Ocean Springs.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Charles Pluff, Director

1. Participated in the local blood donor program by a group of members donating blood to the Blood Mobile.
2. The members assisted in the success of Operation Share conducted in the Biloxi area over a three week period.
3. Donated 2400 book covers which were distributed at the Catholic and Public Schools.
4. The members work at the Notre Dame/Sacred Heart weekly bingo to help offset deficit in the schools budgets.
5. The Council sponsored a selected Mother to represent the Council for the Mother of the Year Award.
6. The Council hosts a weekly bingo which is open to the public for their enjoyment and pleasure.
7. The Council held its Annual Picnic at Camp Wilkes which was considered the largest picnic ever held by the Biloxi Council with over 450 Brother Knights and their guests in attendance.
8. The Council donated \$50.00 to the Biloxi High School for their trip to participate in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Florida.
9. The Council had the Columbus Day Program on Thursday, October 9 for members and guests with a Mass Concelebrated by Msgr. Bambrick.

- Rev. Fathers Robinson, Russell and O'Reilly.
10. The Council had the Columbus Day address by our Supreme Knight Dr. John W. McDevitt. His address "In God We Trust" was broadcast over our local Radio Station on Sunday, Oct. 12. It was also played at our Columbus Day celebration.
  11. The Council distributed Bi-Centennial Calendars to members and other people.
  12. The Council members presented the Patriot Poster "This is our Flag, Be Proud of it" to the Business places in Biloxi for display in their windows.
  13. The Council members put on an all out drive to get members and others to attend the Democratic Caucus on Jan. 24, 1976.
  14. The Council members planted flowers for the Beautification of the City of Biloxi.
  15. The Council presented a check to the Lebatard Family after their Mobile Home was demolished by fire.
  16. The Council sponsored Miss Darnell Roberts in the Camellia Queen Contest.
  17. The Council's Grand Knight wrote a letter to the Mayor of Biloxi protesting the showing of X rated movies.
  18. The Council presented a plaque to the Outstanding Policeman in Biloxi, Brother Veen Lee.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Steve Ferrill, Director  
Dennis Ladnier, Jr. Assistant

1. The Council held an open house on Aug. 15 for the fellowship with the visiting State-wide Knights and guests of the participating Councils' softball teams. The Council hosted the First State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament on Aug. 16 & 17 with twelve (12) Councils participating.





2. The Council sponsored and participated in the Biloxi recreation department softball League.
3. The Council hosted the 71st Annual State Convention at Pete Fountain's Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi, April 18 through April 20, 1975. This Convention is stated as being the largest ever held in the State of Miss. with Supreme Knight Dr. John W. McDevitt as the principal speaker.
4. The Council awarded their annual \$500.00 Scholarship for a girl to Miss Jimmy Menard to attend Jeff David Jr. College.
5. The Council awarded their annual \$500.00 Scholarship for a boy to Mr. Paul W. Dubaz to attend the University of Southern Ms.
6. Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year awards program continued.
7. An Insurance Night was held with our Supreme Insurance representative Brother Mackey, who gave a very informative talk on Insurance.
8. The Council's members supervise and assist with the Council's sponsored Columbian Squire Circle meetings.
9. The Council holds dances throughout the year for its members and guests.
10. The Council's members assisted the D'Iberville Fourth Degree Assembly in making their Annual Bazaar successful.
11. Past Grand Knight of the Biloxi Council, Clarence Theriot was honored as the recipient of the Governor's Merit Award, the first received on the Coast.
12. A large amount of the Biloxi membership attended the Holy Year Mass held in the Superdome in New Orleans, La.
13. The Council sponsored a pool tournament and ping pong tournament for members only.

14. The Council donated \$50.00 to the St. Jude Hospital located in Memphis, Tennessee.
15. The Council had the Shrimp Bowl Game Nov. 28, 1975 at which time over \$2,800.00 was made and donated to Charity, 6 St. Vincent dePaul Societies and the Doll and Toy Fund.
16. The Council had a Shrimp and Cocktail Buffet for members and guests of the Shrimp Bowl Game.
17. The Council had a Christmas Party for members, Children and guests, Sunday, Dec. 21, 1975 with 97 children in attendance.
18. The Council in conjunction with the Doll and Toy Fund had a Christmas Party for needy children.
19. The Council presented Christmas turkeys to the Sisters of Fatima School, Sisters of Little Flower, Sisters of the Holy Cross at Santa Maria Del Mar, Sisters of Sacred Heart High School, Sisters of Holy Angels and to the Brothers of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame High School.
20. The Council presented a ham to Father O'Reilly.
21. The Council members made a donation to the Salvation Army for use at Christmas time for the needy.
22. The Council honored Brother and Mrs. Ross Bertucci with a plaque for their dedicated work on the Shrimp Bowl.
23. The Council had an Intercouncil Social with the State Treasurer and the State Master of the Fourth Degree. The Grand Knight of Long Beach, Gulfport, as well as the District Deputys of District 5016, with other officers and members.
24. The Council was honored with the presence of Brother Don Drellings, a Special Representative from Supreme who presented a nice program on the Knights of Columbus.

25. The Council had Brother Edwin Reggio, Vocational Director of Southwest Providence of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, as the principal speaker on vocation night March 11, 1976.
26. The Council hosted a Drug Abuse Program on March 28 for members, children and all area CYO members with State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. in attendance as well as over 100 children and adults.
27. The Council presented Chief Squire Brian Steinwinder, the Columbian Squires Award for the first quarter.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Burnett Dubaz, Director  
Al D'Orville, Assistant

1. The Council sponsored Troop 213 Boy Scouts of America for the 44th consecutive year.
2. Sponsored a boy and girl to Boys and Girls State.
3. Presented a Boy's and Girl's Religious Award.
4. Sponsored (2) children for the Salvation Army Summer Camp for underprivileged children for one week.
5. The Council sponsored Columbian Squire Circle No. 2485.
6. The Council donated \$50.00 for the Catholic Fellowship for the City-wide Boy Scouts to help defray cost.
7. The Council sponsored a Little League Baseball Team and was coached by Brother Rodney Derouen.
8. The Council members and sons were invited guests of Boy Scouts Troop #213 at Camp Wilkes on Sept. 15th.
9. The Council presented the Boy Scouts a check for \$50.00 to have a Christmas Party.
10. The Council had as its guest at the Shrimp Bowl Came the Pee Wee City Football champions.



11. The Council in conjunction with the Columbian Squires presented 6 Christmas baskets to needy families within the Biloxi area.
12. The Biloxi Council's Basketball team played the Columbian Squires Basketball team on Sunday, Dec. 14 with refreshments for all following the game.
13. The Council had a Christmas party for the members of the Columbian Squires and guest.
14. The Council presented a television and raffle tickets to the six CYO's in the Biloxi area. The profits they gained was used for their trip to the State Convention. Also raffle tickets was presented to the Columbian Squires and their profits was placed in their treasury
15. The Council members and the Squires had a Corporate Communion and Breakfast.
16. The Council members had a Benefit Bingo for the Holy Angels Nursery.
17. The Council is sponsoring two children to the mental redarded summer camp for the Harrison County Retarded Association.

MEMBERSHIP: Wilfred Firth, Director

1. In keeping with the desires of our Supreme Knight we held six Admission degrees with 38 candidates.
2. We held two Formation and Knighthood degrees in the Biloxi Council with 54 candidates.
3. The Biloxi Degree Team put on the Formation and Knighthood Degrees in Vicksburg on March 21. This was the largest class ever initiated in the State in the new ritual, 92 candidates.
4. The Biloxi Degree Team put on the Formation and Knighthood Degrees in Meridian on Nov. 9.
5. The Biloxi Council is very proud of our Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degree

Teams. These dedicated men travel throughout the State when needed to exemplify the degrees to our new Brother Knights.

6. As of April 1, 1976, the Membership and Financial Statement received from the Supreme Office our net gain is 32. Our insurance net is 10.

Our Council was saddened this year with the loss of five of our brothers: Leo K. Crapo, William M. Collins, Frank S. Randazzo, Sam J. Ardoline and William C. Cruso Sr.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Again this year the Shrimp Bowl highlighted our special efforts to support the local charities. All proceeds went to the Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund and the local St. Vincent DePaul Societies in Biloxi.

The success of these activities was due to the cooperation and participation of the Activities Chairman, and their Committee, subcommittees and the general membership without whose help they could not have been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald F. Lamey  
Grand Knight

PERE LE DUC COUNCIL, NO. 1522  
Bay St. Louis

The following officers were installed at our July meeting following the elections of officers in June, 1975:

GRAND KNIGHT:	George diBenedetto
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:	Norman Benigno
CHANCELLOR:	Joseph F. Richardson
WARDEN:	Anthony Scavo
ADVOCATE:	Charles C. Sciana
INSIDE GUARD:	Anthony J. Morreale
OUTSIDE GUARD:	Sam Compretta
TRUSTEE:	Robert C. Goodsell
TRUSTEE:	John Benigno
TRUSTEE:	Noel R. Fuente
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Joseph H. Benvenutti
RECORDING SECRETARY:	George Hammer
TREASURER:	Sylvester Benigno
LECTURER:	Peter Benvenutti

When our Council adopted a reorganizational program three years ago, the long range plans seemed at the time to be almost insurmountable. With the perserverance of the Brother officers named above and the members at large, we have maintained our schedule of programs and have completed the renovation of our Council Home on the first floor area. The renovation of the second floor is nearing completion and will be ready for utilization within the next 2 months.

Our Council has contributed \$42.00 monthly to the Parent-Teacher Organization of Our Lady's Academy as an entrance prize, which was used to pay the monthly tuition of a student as an inducement to encourage participation in school activities.

We sponsored fund raising programs by activities in the Council Home for the St. Stanislaus Band, the baseball Little League, and the Heart Fund.

In keeping with our continued efforts of maintaining good will and public relations in



the community, we have donated the use of our Home for wedding receptions, family reunions, and meetings for various organizations.

We are fortunate again this year to favor our Bishop with a \$600.00 contribution for the Priests Education Fund.

We have begun organization for the handicapped children drive and hope to contribute to the success of this program as a State project. Our orders for the tootsie rolls and aprons have been submitted and special meetings have been held to generate enthusiasm for this worthy cause.

Last month, we were saddened by the loss of Brother Sam Compretta, a very active member in our Council who loved the Knights of Columbus dearly.

I am grateful to have had the honor of serving my Council this past year as Grand Knight, and on behalf of my Brother Knights, I respectfully submit this report.

George DiBenedetto,  
Grand Knight

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL, No. 1583  
Gulfport

The officers of Bishop Gunn Council were installed on July 2, 1975. As in the past this was an open meeting with wives and guests invited and a dinner served.

GRAND KNIGHT:  
CHAPLAIN:

Hayward J. Ladner  
Father Peter Mockler

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:	Nick Pitalo
CHANCELOR:	Nick DeNicola
RECORDER:	John T. Henderson
WARDEN:	John T. Efhard
TREASURER:	Andy Alfonso
ADVOCATE:	Albert Necaise
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	James E. Kirby
INSIDE GUARD:	Charles Underwood III
OUTSIDE GUARD:	Thomas W. Saujon
TRUSTEE:	Fritz Oberlies
TRUSTEE:	Mack Harper
TRUSTEE:	Angie Scalia
PROGRAM DIRECTOR:	Nick DeNicola
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:	Sam LaRosa

The office and board members of Knights of Columbus Home Inc. are:

President:	Henry Lee Rouse
Vice-President:	Nick DeNicola
Ex-Secretary:	Phil Lisotta

Board Members: Angie Scalia, Andy Alfonso, Clarence Hoda, William T. Wittmann, Jim Mitchell, Joseph Ladner, Hayward J. Ladner, Nick Pitalo, Mack Harper, Fritz Oberlies.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: George Klein, Director

Continued fund raising activities for St. John Parish each Sunday. Held annual banquet honoring the Priest and religious of our council area. Sponsored a party for Senior Citizens. Assisted all parishes in our council area with fund raising projects during the year. Made our annual contribution to the Priest Education Fund in the amount of \$800.00.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES; Angie Scalia, Director

Activities Committee planned an open meeting every two months with wives and guests invited. A dinner was served and entertainment was provided for each of these open meetings. Our annual picnic was a great success. The picnic was held at Flint Creek. Father Denis Harlow celebrated a field mass for the Council. Columbus Day Dinner dance was held. Banquet honoring Boys' State and Girls' State representatives. Commemorative Services held, with Bishop Gunn General Assembly. Provided over \$7,000.00 for Scholarship fund, St. John High School. This fund is like the county fair; it gets bigger and better each year. Christmas party held for members and guests. Two Bowling teams entered State Bowling Tournament. Held several Golf Tournaments for members during the year. Had one team in soft ball tournament in Biloxi. Sold all tickets for State Fund raising program.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: John H. Halfacre, Director

Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Worked with the students at St. John High School on many fund raising projects. Sponsored Jr. and Sr. prom and sponsored Homecoming Dance for St. John High School. Rechartered Scout Troop #207 and Cub Scout Troop #207. Both leaders for these units have been cited by the council for their outstanding work and accomplishment. Richard Moran, Scoutmaster Troop #207 and E.G. Warren, Cubmaster Pack #207.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: James J. Tolson, Director

United Fund Contribution  
Coast Crime Commission



V.A. Hospital Visits Monthly  
Listed in Chamber of Commerce director

MEMBERSHIP; Sam J. Larosa, Director

To date three admission degrees have been held in council Home, however we do have a larger membership in all parishes in our council area. Participated in Formation and Knight-hood Degree in Biloxi.

Over all we feel that our council has had a good year. We continue to look forward to further development of our property. A savings account earmarked Building Fund has been established and is growing.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayward J. Ladner  
Grand Knight

PASCAGOULA COUNCIL, No. 1605  
Pascagoula

The Pascagoula Council is indeed proud to announce that the highlight of our year was the presentation of the annual Monsignor P.J. Carey Award in honor of our beloved former pastor who has retired to his native Ireland. The recipient of the award for this year was Brother Pol Ros, Jr.

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. A donation was made to the Priest Education Fund.
4. A continuing support is made towards the Our Ladies of Victories Elementary School in sponsoring a Sunday night bingo.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held several dances during the year with the highlight being our annual Carnival Ball.
2. Held a Christmas party for the children of members and a Christmas Eve party for members and families.
3. Held a social every 4th Tuesday for members and wives.
4. Celebrated the 4th of July and Labor Day with picnics for members and families.
5. Held the 5th Monsignor Carey Award Banquet honoring the "Knight of the Year."
6. Presented a quarterly award to an "Outstanding Knight."
7. Erected a life-size Nativity scene on the grounds of the Singing River Hospital to support Christ in Christmas.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Continued to sponsor a bowling team in each of two Jackson County bowling leagues.
2. Sponsored the annual K of C State Bowling Tournament.
3. Sent cards to Brothers who were ill and encouraged hospital visits.

4. Gave direct support and had members working with the School for Exceptional Children, especially in the area of the Exceptional Olympics.
5. Contributed to the community wide Bi-Centennial program and had a representative serving on the area committee.
6. Erected and dedicated a tri-staff flag pole in honor and support of the Bi-centennial activities.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored a Boy Scout Troop that met at the council building.
2. Sponsored a Boy Scout Troop that met at the Exceptional School.
3. Sponsored a Cub Scout Pack that met at the Exceptional School.
4. Sponsored a baseball team in the Dixie Baseball League.
5. Sponsored a soccer team in the Gulf Coast Soccer league.
6. Sponsored a boy to Boy's State.
7. Contributed to and gave facilities support to many and varied CYO activities.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

1. Although our overall membership does not show a general increase in membership, our efforts in regaining the support of inactive members and those delinquent in membership has been rewarding.

Council No. 1605 has been very active in church and community activities. Our members are anxious to help our fellowman and promote a greater spiritual feeling in our community.



I wish to thank my fellow officers, our general membership and especially our wonderful K of C Ladies Auxiliary for their support and cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry C. Jahnke  
Grand Knight.

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL, No. 1908  
Hattiesburg

On August 5, 1975, the newly elected officers of Bishop Fahey Council, 1908 were installed by District Deputy Charles F. Abadie. Following the installation of officers, a dinner was served for members, their wives, and guests. The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary were installed by the Grand Knight.

The following officers were installed:

CHAPLAIN	Msgr. James McGough
GRAND KNIGHT	Dave Atteberry
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Buddy New
CHANCELLOR	Dick Cargill, Sr.
RECORDER	Louis Csaszar
TREASURER	Kenneth Forte
ADVOCATE	Ronald Doleac
WARDEN	Louis Welsh, Jr.
INSIDE GUARD	Bill Kerley
OUTSIDE GUARD	Louis Sckiets
TRUSTEE-3 years	Charles Abadie
TRUSTEE-2 years	C.J. Lombardo
TRUSTEE-1 year	John Zambrano
LECTURER	Gene Welsh
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Milton Tucker

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Admission Degrees (6)	Memorial Services
Vocation Program	Knight of the Year
Drug Abuse Program	Program
Assisted CYO	Assisted Parish Bazaar
Insurance night	Christmas Party
Recognition Night	New Year's Eve Party
Pro-life Program	Family Sunday Programs
Bicentennial Project	"Knight before Christmas"
Audit Report	(Membership recruiting
Assisted the Ladies	Program)
Auxiliary	Open House - Recruiting
	Sunday

#### MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

We conducted 6 Admission Degrees.  
We have increased our membership by 23 members.  
We have 18 Associate members and 5 Insurance members.  
"Knight Before Christmas" - Membership Recruiting Program  
Open House- Membership Recruiting Program

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Keep Christ in Christmas  
Communion Sunday  
Active Pro-Life Movement  
Clergy Recognition Night  
Lectors, Ushers, CCD Instructors, and Gift Bearers  
Memorial Mass  
Bon Voyage Party and Dinner for Chaplain

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Community Beautification	Columbus Day Program
Assist Police Department	Combat Pornography
Display of Patriotism	Bingo Party Every Thursday Night

Members Donated Blood to Needy Persons  
Columbus Day Broadcast on Station WBKH  
Distributed Pro-Life Literature and Bumper  
Stickers  
Members Rang Bell for Salvation Army During  
Christmas  
Distributed Thanksgiving Baskets to Needy  
Worked with City to Clean-Up Mosquito Control  
Distributed American Flag Posters to Schools  
and Business Establishments in Hattiesburg

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Christmas Party for Needy Children  
Sponsored Boy Scout Troop #17  
Joint Social With the CYO and Boy Scouts  
KC Free Throw Basketball tournament  
Host for Southern Regional KC Free Throw  
Basketball Tournament  
Host for State KC Free Throw Basketball  
Tournament  
Sponsored a Career Night Program  
Worked with CYO on "Trick of Treat for Unicef"  
Adult Advisors of CYO aided on St. Jude  
Hospital Bike-a-Thon Fund Raising Project  
Sponsored a Delegate to Miss. Boys State  
Donated Annual Scholarship to Sacred Heart  
School for One Family

Bishop Fahey Council 1908 has participated  
in 47 Church Activities; 29 Community Act-  
ivities; 70 Council Activities; and 32 Youth  
Activities.

We have met all of the requirements of Honor  
Council and Distinguished Council. We have  
met our Membership and Insurance Member  
qualifications, and therefore, will receive  
the Star Council Award again this year.

In conclusion, I want to thank my fellow  
officers, the co-chairmen of the various



committees, the members, and the wonderful work of our Ladies Auxiliary for their support and cooperation in making the past year a successful one for Council 1908. We have been very active this past year and with your enthusiasm and the continued support of all the membership, we are looking forward to a prosperous 1977. It has been my pleasure to serve this wonderful council as Grand Knight.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Atteberry  
Grand Knight

FATHER KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL, No. 2134  
Greenville

#### COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 1975-76

GRAND KNIGHT	Jimmy Wuestenhoefer
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Ronald Tubertini
RECORDER	Claude Marchesini
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Robin Lee
TREASURER	Bill Koeppe
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Gene Chatignier
LECTURER	Joe Bennett
ADVOCATE	Eddie Lueckenback
CHANCELLOR	Bill Allen
WARDEN	Mike Donohoe
INSIDE GUARD	Danny Hillhouse
OUTSIDE GUARD	B.B. Barnes
TRUSTEE	Robert Fratesi
TRUSTEE	Bruno Tubertini, Jr
TRUSTEE	Frank Greco
MEMBERSHIP	Herman Cooper
HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN	Sandy Casavechia

September, 9, 1975  
Inter-council Competition Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held a 4th of July picnic for members and wives and guests.
2. A social for members and wives was held July 30.
3. We sponsor a bingo every Saturday night for members and guests.
4. Our council participated in the State KC Softball Tournament.
5. We ordered and distributed book covers to our Catholic Schools.
6. We send to each of our members a monthly Knight letter.
7. We send Mass cards for the deceased and Get Well cards to the ill whenever the situation arise in our council.
8. We have a drawing for the pot of gold at the conclusion of each of our meetings.
9. We serve meals after all of our meetings.
10. We sold squares on Miss. State Football Board, this added to our revenue.
11. We conducted an admission degree on Aug. 6 to which Leland and Yazoo City councils brought candidates.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. We cater each month to the local Home Builders Association.
2. The Catholic School athletic association has the use of our council home to have their meetings.
3. We sponsored a boy to Boys State and a girl to Girls State.

4. Our Decency Committee chairman is circulating a petition throughout the community. (Copy of letter enclosed). This petition is pertaining to the astronaut reading of the bible.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We have donated \$200.00 to the Boy Scout Troop that we sponsor.
2. Volunteers were gathered during one of our meetings to chaperon the Boy Scout Troop during each of the nights they were at camp this summer.
3. We furnish financial assistance to one of the Brownie Troops.
4. A pen and pencil set was awarded to the most outstanding Senior boy and girl at graduation time.
5. We presented a \$450 scholarship award to a Senior boy who filled the requirements.
6. Our Deputy Grand Knight is busy trying to encourage our local CYO to regain their activities.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Our council was called on to serve as captains of the Lecturers, this was discussed and members agreed to serve.
2. Our members serve as Lecturers and Ushers. This was organized as a KC function.

All of the committee chairmen have been selected and reported. Our semi annual Audit Report has been completed and sent to the proper places.



October 9, 1975

Inter-Council Competition Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Our church had a Parish Fair, we took charge and operated the Goldfish Booth during the event.
2. We served coffee and donuts to the entire parish after one of the Sunday Masses.
3. We have constructed a pantry in our council home in order to organize all of our kitchen equipment.
4. We held an election of the Knight of the Quarter. (This was done in lieu of the Knight of the Month because of our type of operation)
5. Our club house is open every day for members to enjoy our bar facilities.
6. As one of our projects in the BiCentennial Celebration we have raffled off a BiCentennial Wall Carpet.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Several of our members attended a Pro-Life meeting which was presented by the State Pro-Life Committee. We offered our services and literature available by the Supreme Council.
2. Since attending the Pro Life Meeting our Deputy Grand Knight has presented the Pro Life program to the Greenville Christian School on Oct. 6 and to St. Joseph High School on Oct. 8.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. A Communion Sunday was held for our council

on Sept. 14 in which we had a large turnout.

November 8, 1975

#### Inter-Council Competition Report

##### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We conducted our 2nd Admissions Degree on October 15, 1975
2. A social was held for members and wives on October 29, 1975

##### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. We participated in the Columbus Day Broadcast with one of our local radio stations.
2. Coffee and donuts was served after one of our Sunday Masses.
3. Our council home was furnished for our local football team for an after the game meal.

##### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. A Halloween Party was held at our council home for children of our parish.

December 10, 1975

#### Inter-Council Competition Report

##### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We organized and assisted the parish in their drive on the last Blood Donation drive.
2. We conducted Memorial Services at our council home for deceased members during the month of September.
3. Our council sponsored a traveling magic show. We cleared approximately \$800.00.

4. We have completed the construction of our new swimming pool.
5. Our council has been open to members and guests to watch the Monday Night Football Games. During the half time we prepared a meal and served to the ones who attended.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. We donated \$100.00 to a local young lady who suffers from a terminal disease.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We sponsored a Drug Education Program for the St. Joseph Junior High School at our Council home. All but 10 students attended.
2. Following the Drug Education Program we served the students a hamburger supper.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. We had 3 Keep Christ in Christmas billboards put up in our area.

January 10, 1976

Inter-Council Competition Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We had a Christmas Dance for members and guests.
2. We donated to a distressed lady in our area \$100.00 as a Christmas present.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We had a Christmas party for children in the parish.



February 10, 1976  
Inter-Council Competition Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We held an insurance night for members and wives.
2. We had a social for members and wives.
3. We have submitted our semi-annual report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We sponsored a free throw contest in accordance with Supreme Council.

March 10, 1976  
Inter-Council Competition Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We sent 2 teams to the KC Bowling Tournament.
2. We have helped organize a Ladies Auxiliary and help them start their meetings.
3. We have elected Knight of the Quarter.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. We have received 3 One Nation Under God billboards and presented them to our local sign company to be posted in different communities.
2. Stamp Out Smut bumper stickers have been passed out in the community.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We held a social for KC members and high school students.
2. Several businessmen presented career night to the high school students.

3. A talk on vocations was given to the high school students. A dinner was also served for the students and members.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Our Deputy Grand Knight has presented the Pro-Life Program to several civic clubs around Greenville.

April 8, 1976  
Inter-Council Competition

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We conducted an Admissions Degree on March 17th.
2. We have reorganized our committee for visiting the sick in the hospital.
3. We held a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Priest Education Fund.
4. We entered our KC Bosling Team in the City Tournament. We placed second.
5. We held open house at our council home for the entire parish to visit our facilities and our new swimming pool and tennis courts.
6. We served coffee and donuts after all the Masses for the entire parish.
7. We conducted a recognized service after one of our meetings, recognizing our Honorary Life, Honorary and 25 Year Members.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. We are participating in the community program "Alive and Well". We are attending the meetings and have offered our council home in case of an emergency. This program is for care of Heart Attack victims.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Easter Sunday for the children.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. We ordered 600 copies of "Gems of Devotion" from the Leaflet Missal Co. and they are available for members of the parish to pick up after Mass.
2. We delivered the Homily at each Mass on Sundays in March promoting the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally Submitted,

Jimmy Wuestenhoefer  
Grand Knight

LAUREL COUNCIL, No. 2180  
Laurel

Officers were appointed and elected by Council 2180 as follows:

GRAND KNIGHT	George O Strachan, Jr.
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Billy C Doggette
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Liam Pentony
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	James F Hunter
TREASURER	John P Myers
RECORDER	Jerome J Axton
CHANCELLOR	Anthony J Fertitta
ADVOCATE	Mark S Powers
WARDEN	James M Thaggard
INSIDE GUARD	John D Scaturro
OUTSIDE GUARD	Jeff T Karns



TRUSTEE Thomas L Powers  
TRUSTEE Harry J Perkins Jr.  
TRUSTEE Darryl V Ainsworth

Installation of the above listed officers was conducted on July 12, in conjunction with our Quarterly Communion and Covered Dish Supper. Worthy District Deputy Charlie Abadie presided assisted by Brother Chris West.

During the membership year we added ten (10) new members, reinstated two (2) former members and dropped or transferred six (6) members for a net gain of six (6) members,

Our members regularly participate as ushers, lectors and gift bearers, also serving on the Parish Council, School Board and Finance Committee. Seven of our Brother Knights continue to act as Eucharistic Ministers.

We again sponsored an Invitational Softball Tournament with five teams entering. Also, entered our team in the State KC Softball Tournament and in the local Industrial League play. Basketball Free Throw Contest was conducted for the first time this year and we had two winners in the Regional Throw-off and one State winner.

Our Keep Christ in Christmas Billboards were constructed on a trailer and entered in the annual Christmas Parade where we were awarded second prize in the Adult Division. After the Christmas Parade the trailer was positioned on Highway 15 where it could be seen easily by anyone traveling this highway. Many favorable comments were received.

Our Quarterly Communion and Covered Dish Suppers afterwards continue to be well attended and are looked forward to by all.

Again we donated surplus clothing to the Ellisville State School, assisted with the building and grounds maintenance of the Immaculate Conception School.

During the year we conducted a raffle of a deep freezer and 100 pounds of beef to raise funds for our building fund, conducted Bingo to raise funds to benefit Immaculate Conception School and R H Watkins High School Band trip to Mexico.

Pallbearers were furnished during the year for several of our parishioners who died, and their families requested that we furnish pallbearers.

Our Ladies Auxiliary continues to function well and have assisted the Council in all projects. During this year the Auxiliary has undertaken to furnish the Jones County Community Hospital Pediatric Ward with crayons to use with the coloring books the hospital furnishes. They also conducted donut and coffee sales, sold stainless steel cutlery and the religious book, Teachings of Christ, in order to raise funds to support their activities. Sponsored a Fall Festival Dance in September.

Brother Chris West, our Insurance Representative, conducted our Insurance Night.

Several of our Brother Knights are very active in assisting with the CYO, CCD, and Altar Boy Programs. We also have representatives working with both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Presented a Drug Abuse and Vocation Program  
to the CYO and CCD classes.

To the Officers and Members, including the  
Auxiliary, who have given so generously of  
their time, talents and finances in support-  
ing the Council and its activities, I express  
deep felt appreciation and thanks. Without  
their support and combined efforts none of  
our projects could have succeeded. None of us  
can do the job alone.

Respectfully submitted,

George O Strachan, Jr.  
Grand Knight

C.G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL, No. 2945  
Leland

On July 9, 1975, the newly elected officers  
were installed by our worthy District Deputy,  
Ronnie Tubertini. Wives of the K.C. members  
were invited and a social followed the in-  
stallation.

Newly elected officers are as follows:

CHAPLAIN	Rev. Charles Loyacono
GRAND KNIGHT	Andy Petro
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Charles Arbogast
CHANCELLOR	Jimmy Giachelli
RECORDER	Phillip Lee
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Albert Bassi
TREASURER	Charlie Morlino
ADVOCATE	Mike Columbus
WARDEN	Louis Santucci
INSIDE GUARD	Paul Sella
OUTSIDE GUARD	Richard Columbus



TRUSTEES	Bobee Polasini
	Larry Fratesi
	Jerry Santucci
MEMBERSHIP	Bobee Polasini
STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR	Louis Fratesi

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Decade of Rosary said for deceased member. Council Church-director in charge of commentators for Mass. Fourth Sunday of the month is communion Sunday for members and families. Members teach Sunday School. Members helped to build new Sunday School rooms. Started a visitation committee to visit and welcome new members in the Parish. Grand Knight was Co-chairman of our annual Parish Fair. Members constructed booths for the fair. Members planned and cooked for the people of the Parish who worked at the Parish Fair. Placed Anti-Abortion bumper stickers at the church to be given out by the ushers. Recognized a Brother's Son for having the highest scholastic average in his graduating class. One brother elected to Parish Council. Have placed a "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard along the main highway. Under Pro-Life movement, we passed anti-abortion bumper stickers out at Sunday Masses and members are displaying the right to life stickers on their cars and trucks. Donated \$250.00 to Priest Education Fund.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Won city slow pitch softball tournament. Planning Bicentennial activities. Offered the Council Hall to the Leland Police Dept. to be used as an emergency operations in the event of a natural disaster. In the event of

a natural disaster, IF ASKED, the brother Knights will aid the local police. We help beautify our community by decorating a Christmas float and placing it in Deer Creek for Leland's Annual Christmas pageant. We helped two needy families for Christmas by providing them with food, clothing, and toys.. Columbus Day was planned for. The record was to be aired on local radio stations, but the record was never received.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

We open all meeting with a prayer and pledging the flag. Participated in state K.of C. softball tournament in Biloxi. Played Greenville Council in four softball games. Started football pool to raise money for the Council. Bicentennial flag was purchased and is on display in Council Hall. Semi-annual report completed and sent in. Social for members and wives every second Wednesday of the month. Purchased a flag to be displayed outside Council Hall. Started Admission Degree team. Sponsored a rodeo that will become an annual event and was our major money making project of the year. Held district meeting in Leland. Held Memorial Mass for deceased members. Sponsored North Miss. K.C. free throw shoot off. Participated in Red Cross blood program. Brother Ellis Wiggs presented K.C. Insurance program. Had Christmas social for members and wives. Recognized our "Knight of the Year."

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

We have members sponsoring our C.Y.O. State Youth Director is a member of our Council. Donated \$100.00 to the local C.Y.O. Let the

local Girl Scout troop have the use of the Council Hall free of charge. We let the C.Y.O. have 500 tickets to sell for the State K.C. treasury, with them keeping 50% and 50% going to the State treasury. We played the C.Y.O. in volleyball. Had a drug abuse night. The youth of the church were invited along with the parents. Sponsored Vocation Night for the Catholic children. Had Christmas party for the children of the community. Had our local K.C. free throw basketball tournament. Carried C.Y.O. members to state C.Y.O. volleyball tournament.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers, members, and wives of our Council for their help in making the past year a very successful one.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew F. Petro, Sr.  
Grand Knight

CLARKSDALE COUNCIL, No. 2969  
Clarksdale

Council #2969 again takes great pride in its report for the year 1975-1976.

With the installation of officers by our State Deputy, Clarksdale began another successful year. Our Council's 4th of July provided the kick off of activities for the year.

The Knights of Columbus softball team played very successfully in the church league and capped off the season by bringing home the third place trophy from Biloxi



September saw the two annual football pools bring a handsome profit for our council.

St. Elizabeth school was again presented with the book covers provided by Supreme Council.

Our K. of C. bingo games each Tuesday evening are headed up by Bro. Albert Gratifiora and brings in a steady income besides being a source of enjoyment.

Bro. Emilero Zepponi is our dance chairman again this year providing fine entertainment and a profit for the club.

Bro. Robert Agostinilli is in charge of our Blood donor program providing help for our members and families.

Our 2nd annual Memorial Mass again saw a fine crowd and a fine homely by our Chaplain, Msgr. McKennox.

Our club has been donating to Church groups and the CYO throughout the year.

Our Christmas party in Dec. along with the Bowl Games football pool ended the calender year.

January saw the first Super Bowl pool along with a fine New Years Eve Dance.

February brought our Bicentennial Day of Recollection. Father Tom Cockron was our leader.

Bro. Bill Youngblood was in charge of our second annual spaghetti dinner for the Priest Education Fund.

We layed the ground work for a larger and more competitive club in 1976-1977 which will show the results at the next year's convention.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was headed by Bro. James Agostinelli for the Children of St. Elizabeth Parish and everone had a fine time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leon R. Deardorff  
Grand Knight

JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL, No. 3328  
Yazoo City

On June 11, 1975, new officers were elected. On July 16, these newly-elected officers were installed by Ronnie Tubertini, District Deputy. Brother Jesse Quinn, Jr. was also present. Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary were installed by Mrs. Robert Lambert of Jackson. The installation ceremony was held at our new council home, and food and drink were served after the meeting by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Officers installed were as follows:

GRAND KNIGHT	Tom Rush
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Hugh Sutherland
CHANCELLOR	Joe Coco
RECORDER	Albert Lynch
TREASURER	Vincent Glorioso
ADVOCATE	J.J. Erickson, Jr.
WARDEN	Frank Weisenberger
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Emile B. Carriere
CHAPLAIN	Rev. John Egan
LECTURER	Doug Hornback

INNER GUARD  
OUTER GUARD  
TRUSTEE, 3 years  
TRUSTEE, 2 years  
TRUSTEE, 1 year

Don Salina  
William Steinriede  
Hugh McGraw  
Joe Bartow  
A.O. Pitterle

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Our Fall Festival is the largest annual event in our Parish. Our K.C. Council was very active in this fund-raising campaign. One of our Knights, Brother Mickael Erickson, was the overall chairman for the event. The Knights of Columbus sponsored a chicken supper and a bingo during the Festival.

On Sunday, December 7, 1975, almost 100% of our membership assisted in the St. Mary's Parish annual pledge drive.

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a Christmas parish luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975. This event was held in the gymnasium and was attended by approximately 300 parishioners.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Some of our members have attended all the district meetings held during the year. In August, five new members received their first degree in Greenville.

Our most successful program is the softball team. The K.C. team is a participant in a Church league held in Yazoo County.

The Council spent \$750.00 on new uniforms for the team this year. Our team won the City and



State church league tournaments. For the second consecutive year, our team played in the National tournament, which was held in Georgia this year. In July, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a softball tournament here in Yazoo City. The \$500.00 profit that was made was given to the team to be put in the bank in the hopes of helping the team become self-supporting in the future.

The Council had a football pool on Mississippi State and Ole Miss this season. Half of the \$1,000.00 raised on this activity was given to the softball team to help pay the team's way to the National tournament.

Our Council donated \$50.00 to the St. Jude Hospital.

A new \$1,400.00 tile floor was laid in our Council home, new cypress paneling was installed, a new bar was built, new lights hung, and a pool table and gooseball table were rented for the facility.

The members of our Council sold U.S. Savings Bond tickets for the State Council.

The Council has contributed \$360.00 to the Priest Education Fund.

On Columbus Day, Brother Chick Schiederman spoke at all three Masses.

On March 21, 1976, ten of our members received their second and third degrees in Vicksburg.

Communion Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by a breakfast in the Council hall.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Brothers Larry Sutterfield and Mickael Erickson are coaching the CYO basketball team.

Our Council home is also the home of the St. Mary's CYO.

The K.C. hall is also used as a recreational hall for the younger children of the Parish and their friends on Sunday afternoons.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Louis Shipp is Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee for the Council.

The annual community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Yazoo Ministerial Association, was held at St. Mary's Church on Thanksgiving Eve. A few members of the Knights served as ushers and sang in the choir for this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rush  
Grand Knight

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL, No. 4898  
Long Beach

On behalf of St. Vincent dePaul Council, I

respectfully submit this report of our activities for the fraternal year 1975-76.

The following officers were elected and installed on July 12, 1975:

CHAPLAIN	Rev. William T. Pittman
GRAND KNIGHT	John W. Smith
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	William A. Seal, Jr.
CHANCELLOR	Paulino Carrubba
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Rodney J. Sandoz
RECORDER	Michael Spears
WARDEN	Otis Ladner
TREASURER	Edward F. Hatem
LECTURER	James Cassibry
ADVOCATE	David Cobb
INSIDE GUARD	Reese Bentz
OUTSIDE GUARD	James Foster
TRUSTEES	Roger Trisotto
	Richard Garris
	Ernest C. Spencer, Jr.

Our Genreal Program Director is William A. Seal, Jr. with Steven Cottini as Director of Council activities; William A. Hansen, Jr. Director of Church Activities; and Ronald Skellie Director of Youth Activities. Our membership Director is Paulino Carrubba.

Our General Program represents the main thrust of our activity. Some of the highlights of our program are:

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Thus far this year we have had 20 additions to the Council membership rolls. We have experienced 7 offsetting deductions this year and these additions represent a net increase of 13. Our



Insurance rolls realized a net increase of 3. Unfortunately, we have two offsetting deductions which we hope to overcome before the end of the fraternal year.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Council members continue their active role in parish activities.

They serve as members of the Parish Council, School Board, and participate in various committees and organizations which support the Church.

Prayers are offered at each meeting for an increase to the priesthood and sisterhood.

Erected and displayed the Nativity Scene in front of St. Thomas Church.

Christmas gifts were presented to Chaplain William T. Pittman, Pastor, St. Thomas Church; Associate Pastors Father Paul Sauerbier, and Father James McDonnell, and Past Council Chaplain William Vidal.

A vocation night was sponsored by the Council for High School CCD Students.

A Parish Retreat was sponsored by the Council.

Members participated in a Nocturnal Adoration during Holy Thursday.

Conducted a mini-bazaar for the Priest Education Fund.

Operated a booth at the Long Beach Fishing Rodeo for the Priest Education Fund.

Contributed to George O'Malley Burse for the education of Vincentian Priests and the Bishop Brunini Priest Education Fund.

Operated a concession stand for the Church Sponsored Flea Market, with all proceeds going to the Priest Education Fund.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Continued its membership in Mississippi Gulf Coast Crime Commission thereby supporting its Turn in a Pusher (TIP) program.

Council members continue to be active in community and civic activities as active members of the Long Beach Board of Alderman, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and Long Beach Police Force, and the Long Beach Air & Sea Rescue Unit.

Council members are active members of the Gulf Coast Coalition of Life and have distributed anti-abortion literature.

Held a Christmas party and presented Christmas gifts for the underprivileged children of Long Beach.

Active participants in the Long Beach Bicentennial Committee.

Established a committee for Decency and campaigned against pornography.

Our bicentennial project includes installation of a flag pole for St. Thomas Church.

Donated to St. Vincent dePaul Society for aid to the poor.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Held a Council picnic with a field mass.

Continued to improve the Council Home.

Held an Installation of Officers' banquet and presented the Knight of the Year Award.

Established an Admission Degree and held two exemplifications.

Sent flowers and had Masses said for deceased members and their families.

Continued the Knight of the Quarter and the Knight of the Year Programs.

Submitted publicity articles of its events for publication.

Held an attendance drawing at each of its meetings.

Sponsored a Blood Donor Program.  
Supported its Ladies Auxiliary.

Had a commemorative service for deceased members.

Held a Christmas party for underprivileged children at the Council Home.

Donated food baskets to the needy at Christmas.

Held a Corporate Communion and served a Communion Breakfast.

Held an Insurance Night.



Held a Recognition Night for the Priests and Sisters of St. Thomas.

Participated in the State Bowling Tournament

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

A number of Council members are active in CC, CYO, and pre-school religious programs.

Sponsored a Girl Scout Troop.

Continued its membership in Mississippi Gulf Coast Crime Commission thereby supporting its Turn in a Pusher (TIP) program.

Distributed 7,200 Bookcovers to St. Thomas School, St. Paul's School, and Long Beach Junior and Senior High Schools.

Sponsored a Squire Circle.

Sponsored a basketball free throw competition.

Held a joint social with all Junior & Senior High School CCD students attending vocations night.

Held an Easter Egg Hunt for children of Council members.

Of special significance in the foregoing summary was the continued support of our Ladies Auxiliary and Squire Circle. Both organizations have been important assets to the Council's programs during the past year in their support of our many projects. I would like to express my sincere thanks to

all of our members and the members of our Auxiliary and Columbian Squires for their support. I would also like to express my thanks to Brother Robert Mackey, Supreme Council Insurance Representative for his help with our insurance programs and to the State Officers and my fellow council officers for their help and counsel during my second term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Smith  
Grand Knight

MSGR. J.F. CLERICO COUNCIL, No. 5267  
Greenwood

Officers for the Year of 1975-76 were installed as follows:

GRAND KNIGHT	Robert Overley
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Larry Ludwig
CHANCELLOR	Lee Abraham
RECORDER	Joe Middleton
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Joe Nassar
TREASURER	Pete Montabona
LECTURER	Bill Nored
ADVOCATE	Luke Schiessel
WARDEN	Santo Tumminello
INSIDE GUARD	Sonny Jarrett
OUTSIDE GUARD	Jim Mattox
TRUSTEE	Ellis Antone
TRUSTEE	Vinnie Upchurch
TRUSTEE	Orlando Fratesi

Activities for our council for the past year is as follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion was held at the 8:30 Mass. for all brothers on June 22, was very well attended.

Refinished pews for the church.

Donated K.C. Hall for church so the church could be remodeled.

Purchased new Ciborium for church by 4th degree.

Parish Dinner and Memorial Mass.

Sunday School picnic.

Community Activities:

1. Loaned Bingo Set to Chamber of Commerce.
2. Loaned Bingo Set to American Assoc. of retired people.
3. Had Pro-Life program.
4. Donated one hundred dollars to St. Jude.
5. Donated hall to Miss. Hwy. Patrol.
6. Donated \$25.00 to the Leflore Humane Soc.
7. Participated in the Fort night program.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. We had three dances that was well attended by all members.
2. Labor Day festivities.
3. Football pool for all bowls games.
4. District meeting.
5. Pool team that won from all.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Drug Abuse Program
2. Graduation cards also served breakfast for all Seniors.
3. Programs on Student loans.
4. Cooked meal for all CYO.
5. Vocation program.
6. Gave monies to CYO.
7. Asst. Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop #108.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Overley  
Grand Knight

FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL, No. 5556  
Cleveland

Officers were installed July 29, 1975, a buffet supper followed for all members and their wives. Officers were:

CHAPLAIN	Father Leonard
GRAND KNIGHT	Henry Mosco
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	John Aguzzi
CHANCELLOR	Charles Fioranelli
RECORDER	Gary Fioranelli
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Dr. William LaForge
TREASURER	Monty Barbat
LECTURER	Armand Fioranelli
ADVOCATE	Ned Fioranelli
WARDEN	Ronnie Aguzzi
INSIDE GUARD	Paul Rocconi
OUTSIDE GUARD	Roy Cocolavi
TRUSTEE	Victor Aguzzi

Our State Deputy and District Deputy were both present for the installation.

A summary of activities under the heading of Membership, Church, Council, Community, and Youth activities.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

We had three new members to receive their third degree in Vicksburg. We have one new member who has received first degree.

#### CHURCH:

The Council home has been used for all church functions, prior to our new parish center.

1. Sunday School
2. High School Religion Instruction
3. Parish Council Meetings
4. Any other church function
5. When the Parish center was completed, we donated a new P.A. system.

#### COUNCIL:

Our No. 1 year activity is Bocci. This is what most of our members do during their spare time. A blood donor program donated ninety pints of blood for a deceased brother. We send get-well cards to all sick brothers, friends, or Parish members; if help is needed, we helped. Our council participated in the Bond Ticket Sale. Spaghetti Supper, Football Poll and Concession at Bocci Barn are the fund raising projects. Social once a month and dances.

COMMUNITY:

Columbus Day broadcast on radios and article in newspaper. Two billboards one to fight abortion and one to keep Christ in Christmas. We have a complete Bi-Centennial program. We are under taking the Tootsi Roll Project.

YOUTH:

One of our brother's work with youth year around. When assistance is needed we help. Our Council assist the Altar Lady Society with the children Christmas Party. We gave the altar boys a party.

Construction on remodeling our council home has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Mosco  
Grand Knight

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

The following officers were elected and installed for the 1975-76 term:

CHAPLAIN	Msgr. Eamon Mullen
GRAND KNIGHT	John Seymour
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Leonard Tarrant
CHANCELLOR	Frank Hilt
RECORDER	Francis Catchot
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Irwin Obernueferman



TREASURER	Merrel Seymour
LECTURER	Dan Connly
ADVOCATE	Piere Blais
WARDEN	Leonard Allen
INSIDE GUARD	Robert Cox
OUTSIDE GUARD	Nick Pitalo
TRUSTEE	Louis Schubb
TRUSTEE	A.J. Holloway
TRUSTEE	Ira Criggs

Roland Meaut, P.G.K. served as program Director with four activity directors.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Frank Hilt, Director

Monthly corporate communion on the 4th Sunday of each month followed by breakfast.

Support Priest Education Fund.

Rosary is said for deceased brothers and members of their families at the wake.

The Rev. Francis Deignan Religion Award is given to the student making the highest average in religion at St. Alphonsus School.

Council Hall is available to all Catholic groups.

Brother Knights serve as lectors and are active in assisting the CYO. A brother Knight serves as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster of Council sponsored Troop #216. Brother Knights take part in the all night adoration on Holy Thursday Night and a rosary is said at each meeting during lent.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: F.L. Westbrook, Jr. P.S.D.

Blood Donor Program: The Council has its own Blood Bank within the framework of the American Red Cross.

The Supreme Knights of Columbus Day Address

was broadcast over radio stations WVMI and WOSM.

Flag Program: The American Flag is flown by the Council in front of all stores on all National Holidays and other special occasions. Various businesses of the city participate in our flag program for a small fee. Our present total is over 100 participants.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Fred Liscoe, Director

A monthly Newsletter is edited by Fred Liscoe. Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament is held each spring.

Christmas Party for members and wives or guests.

A Christmas Toy Bingo is held each year.

The Memorial Services were held for all deceased brother knights in the Council Home. A special Memorial Service was held at the Funeral Home for the wake of Bro. Shirod Miller.

The Award for Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year were presented.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES: George Fero, Director

The Council sponsors Boy Scout Troop #216 and supplies any needed financial support for their activities.

The Council Hall is used for Boy Scout meetings on Monday Night.

Several Council members act as cooks for CYO fund raising dinners.

The Council presents a religion award - The Rev. Francis Deignan Award - to the student with the highest average in religion at St. Alphonsus School.

Numerous other youth activities are not included in this report.

MEMBERSHIP: Francis Catchot, Director

The Council has two new members and two re-instatements.

The Council 5654 will donate \$250.00 to the Priests Education Fund this year.

The Council Finances are in sound condition and the membership is stable. We feel that 1975-76 has been a good year for our Council.

I would like to express my thanks to the Worthy State Deputy, our Worthy State Officers, and our Worthy District Deputy for their co-operation and assistance during the past year.

(Note: John Seymoor and Leonard Tarrant resigned. Elected to replace them were Mike Mitchell as Grand Knight and Roland Meaut as Deputy Grand Knight.)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Mitchell, Sr.  
Grand Knight

SHELBY COUNCIL, No. 6555  
Shelby

Officers were elected and appointed by Council #6555 as follows:

GRAND KNIGHT  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT  
CHAPLAIN  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
RECORDER  
CHANCELLOR  
ADVOCATE

Sam P. Sacco, Jr.  
David Malatesta  
Rev. James Kircher  
Larry Bramuchi  
David E. Malatesta  
Michael J. Belenchia  
Bruno D. Fava  
Glenn E. Radicioni



LECTORER	John C. Duraj
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	Alex Balducci
WARDEN	Joe F. Bramuchi
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Glenn E. Radicioni
INSIDE GUARD	Joe P. Olivi
OUTSIDE GUARD	Robert Tarsi
TRUSTEE	T.J. Avaltroni
TRUSTEE	Joe Fava
TRUSTEE	Albert A. Malatesta

During this membership year, we initiated 6 new members and reinstated 4 former members, leaving us with 61 members as of April 1, 1976. On July 4, 1975, we lost a very active member of our council to death: Michael J. Malatesta.

Our meeting attendance has increased from 29% to 41% during this membership year.

Eight of our members received 2nd and 3rd degree honors at Vicksburg on March 21, 1976. Every member of our council, as of this date, is a third degree member!

The council participated in the K of C sponsored softball tournaments in Laurel and Biloxi. Our team won first place honor at Laurel. At this point, we would like to thank again the Laurel and Biloxi councils for their help and hospitality.

Our council receives on the first Sunday communion as a body and our members regularly participates as ushers, lectors, and gift bearers at our two masses on the weekends and holy days.

Insurance night was conducted by Brother Alex Wiggs on March 25, 1976.

Our council sponsored our first spaghetti dinner on April 4, 1976, in the Marion Hall. We would like to report that it was a gigantic success with a net profit of \$857.92.

Several of our members donated blood to needy members of our community.

In summation, I would like to thank those members and officers who assisted me with their time and efforts toward fulfilling the tasks of our council. Also I would like to remind every brother in our council and in every other council that the success of the Knights of Columbus depends greatly upon the combined efforts of each and every individual, and positively no one individual can do it alone!

Respectfully submitted,

Sam P. Sacco, Jr.  
Grand Knight

FATHER MALACHY BURNS COUNCIL, No. 6592  
Bassfield

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Michael Kelleher, our pastor, who has led us through a most rewarding year. We would also like to thank Brother Dave Atteberry and all the district and state officers who have assisted us in any way.

The following officers were elected and installed for the 1975-1976 term:

CHAPLAIN	Rev. Michael Kelleher
GRAND KNIGHT	Michael E. Daley
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	John E. Morton

CHANCELLOR	William H. Daley
RECORDER	Johnny L. Kerley
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	John W. Harrington, Jr
TREASURER	Joseph N. West
LECTURER	Charles F. Carr, Jr.
ADVOCATE	Noel B. Skinner, Jr.
WARDEN	Walter A. Daley
INSIDE GUARD	Billy J. Delency
OUTSIDE GUARD	Ted L. Applewhite
TRUSTEE	John E. O'Connell
TRUSTEE	Thomas W. Hathorn
TRUSTEE	Leonard R. Daley

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Council members have been active in serving as ushers, commentators, and gift bearers during Mass. Council members are invited to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month in a group. Council members participated in the funeral Mass for a deceased member of the council. Members were active in the Christmas services. The council purchased and installed a U.S. Flag in our church.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Council members are active in the upkeep of the cemetery and church grounds. They completely remodeled a room in the old school building for a parish special activities room where we will display our beautiful articles used in the church in the past. The council purchased a trap throwing machine and have had several turkey shoots on the church grounds. Members sponsored a New Year's Eve party for the council and community at which the "Schmoe Dancers" performed for the first time. Members sponsored a Labor Day dance, and a Valentine Dance which



the members supported in great fashion. Council purchased and installed a T.V. rotary and antennae in the rectory and installed new curtains and doors in the parish hall. Members reorganized a softball team and participated in local games and state tournaments. The council has supported the Ladies Auxiliary. Council members collected and donated more than \$300 to the fund for our pastor's vacation to Ireland.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Council assumed the responsibility of sponsoring and chaperoning youth dances in the parish hall. Council pledged to continue support of the CYO and organized and directs a youth choir which performs regularly. Council has furnished literature to the CYO for their fight against abortion. Council supported youth baseball activities in the community. Council arranged for art and baton lessons in the parish hall.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council supported and participated in two county blood drives during the year. Furnished patriotic book covers to the school and distributed Bicentennial calendars in the community. Council and Ladies Auxiliary sponsored booths at two flea markets. Council sponsored Easter Egg hunt for children of the community with help from the CYO. Council participated in the Bicentennial celebration in the community. Council members decorated a float and participated in the community Christmas parade. Council sponsored a parish homecoming for all prior members and friends of

our parish. Members participated in the March of Dimes drive, raising approximately \$400 for the cause. Members participated in collecting funds for the Mississippi Kidney Foundation and collected almost \$500 for this very worthy cause.

#### MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

Thus far this year we have had 11 new members and 1 reinstatement to our membership rolls.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Daley  
Grand Knight

STARKVILLE COUNCIL, No. 6765  
Starkville

On behalf of Starkville Council #6765, I respectfully submit this report of our activities for the fraternal year 1975-1976.

Our council was chartered on February 15, 1976 with 32 members. This event was preceded by almost one year of preparatory activities which culminated with the granting of the charter on the date specified. These activities include the following events:

1. A telephone call in March, 1975, to Brother Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., New Council Development, to determine the procedure for organizing a new council.
2. A meeting in August with Worthy State Deputy Quinn to work out details of procedure.

3. A church bulletin survey interest in parish for K of C council.
4. A telephone survey of all men in St. Joseph' parish to pinpoint extent of interest, obtain names of potential candidates, and identify those K of C members already in parish.
5. Organizational meeting with Worthy State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn in December, 1975.
6. A second organizational meeting on Jan.20, 1976, with Worthy Brother Don Drieling, National K of C representative from Kansas.
7. First Degree exemplification for 23 new members conducted by the First Degree team from Msgr. J.F. Clerico Council, Greenwood, February 15, 1976, and election of officers followed.
8. Granting of Charter February 15, 1976.
9. First full meeting of the new council on February 26, 1976.

Brother Ronald Tubertini, Deputy, District #7, installed the officers on March 11, 1976. A reception honoring the newly installed officers was held immediately following. It was hosted by the wives of the new council. The following Knights were installed:

CHAPLAIN:	Rev. Jack Smith
GRAND KNIGHT:	Donald A. Hegwood
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:	Richard D. Benton, Sr.
CHANCELLOR:	John J. O'Bringer
RECORDER:	Sam T. Carter, Sr.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Theodor Kohers
TREASURER:	Malcom Lloyd
LECTURER:	Warren Couvillion
ACVOCATE:	Paul Givens
WARDEN:	Richard Vasek, Sr.
INSIDE GUARD:	Mike Speed
OUTSIDE GUARD:	David O'Brien
TRUSTEE:	Thomas R. Murphy
TRUSTEE:	Guy Todaro
TRUSTEE:	James R. Heitz

MEMBERSHIP: Thomas R. Murphy

A First Degree team was organized. Three new candidates were initiated on April 7, 1976. Eleven of our first degree members received the Formation and Knighthood degree in Vicksburg on April 21, 1976. Plans are underway to recruit members from the new high school graduates and from the Columbus and West Point communities.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Richard Erickson

Our members are closely involved in the church activities. They serve on Parish committees, as Lectors, Ushers, Choir members, and two are on the Parish Council. A contribution of \$50.00 was made to the church during a special drive to raise funds to retire the remaining mortgage payment on the Parish Center.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Lynn Cook

Several possible community programs and projects are under consideration. Methods of combining community and council activities to bring about greater effectiveness are being studied, also.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Charles Savell

Sent two representatives to the district meeting in Vicksburg on March 14. The members voted to sponsor an auto raffle as a money-raising project. Invitations to participate were mailed to each Council in the State. We organized the council to participate in the State Tootsie Roll Campaign. We planned for making certain repairs on the Parish Center as a good will gesture to Parish. A Knight of the Quarter award is to be initiated.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Paul Givens

Ways to organize K of C sponsored youth programs are being considered. Among these are organized youth-league sports and scouting. In addition, a teen activities program is being organized.

A word of sincere gratitude is extended publically to the following Knights who worked unselfishly and overtime to bring Council #6765 into being. These men are Rev. Jack Smith, Brothers Richard Benton, David O'Brien, and Thomas R. Murphy. They exemplified the true spirit of Columbianism many times over during our organization endeavor for this council.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hegwood  
Grand Knight

State Chaplain Bernard Haddigan gave a few remarks about the Memorial Mass to be held at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and the Convention Mass to be held 8:00 p.m. Sunday urging all members and their wives to attend.

The State Chaplain closed the meeting with a prayer.

SECOND SESSION: April 24, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

The State Deputy opening the second session and called on the State Chaplain to open the meeting with a prayer.

The State Warden reported only authorized personnel in attendance.

The State Secretary, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as follows:

We, the Credentials Committee, report that we have verified the Credentials of the following list of delegates to the 72nd Annual convention and certify that they are entitled to full privilege of the convention:

State Officers:

STATE CHAPLAIN	Father Bernard Haddigan
STATE DEPUTY	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
STATE SECRETARY	Mike P. Columbus
STATE TREASURER	Mathias F. Zelenka, Jr.
STATE ADVOCATE	Dave Atteberry
STATE WARDEN	Percy D. Nause
PAST STATE DEPUTY	George R. Scheiderman



Council Delegates:

# 802 Meridian	John Bennett Nicholas Cappello
# 848 Jackson	George Saab Conrad Richard
#1034 Natchez	Freddie A. Voss George F. Souderes, Jr.
# 898 Vicksburg	Alfred E. McDivitt George Y. Baladi
#1244 Biloxi	Gerald F. Lamey Clarence Theriot
#1522 Bay St. Louis	George diBenedetto Joseph H. Benvenutti
#1583 Gulfport	F. J. Bartlett Louis LaRosa
#1605 Pascagoula	Jim Shields Arlis E. Gray
#1903 Hattiesburg	Rudolph New Chris West
#2134 Greenville	Jimmy Wuestenhofer Robert Fratesi
#2180 Laurel	George O. Strachan Harry J. Perkins
#2945 Leland	Andrew F. Petro, Sr. Leon J. Shapley
#2969 Clarksdale	Leon Demdorff Frank Whitehead

#3308 Yazoo City	Thomas H. Rush, Jr.
#4898 Long Beach	John W. Smith Ernest C. Spencer, Jr.
#5267 Greenwood	Robert Overley Ellis Antoon
#5506 Cleveland	Henry Mosco Ned Fioranelli
#5654 Ocean Springs	Mike Mitchell Roland Meaut
#6555 Shelby	Michael J. Belenchia Joseph J. Radicioni
#6592 Bassfield	John W. Harrington, Jr. Sidney T. Fails
#6765 Starkville	Donald A. Hegwood Richard D. Benton

DISTRICT DEPUTIES:

(No voting privileges unless listed as a delegate)

District #1	Ned Sabbatini (absent)
District #2	Ronald Tubertini
District #3	Max Voss
District #4	Charles Abadie Jr.
District #5	Willie Adams (absent)
District #6	Pot M. Ros Jr.

PAST STATE DEPUTIES:

(No voting privileges unless listed as a delegate)

John K. Cabbi	W.F. LaForge
Norman L. Kiehm	John P. Myers
L.A. Koenenn, Sr.	Fred L. Westbrooks, Jr.

Ely P. Shapley  
Charles Sherman

Respectfully submitted,

Mike P. Columbus, chairman  
John Bennett  
Ned Fioranelli  
Conrad Richmond

The State Deputy read the following letter  
to the convention from the Supreme Knight:

Worthe State Deputy and dear Jesse:

On behalf of our Supreme Officers and Directors we are privileged to greet you and your delegates and we project for you fruitful deliberations which will insure to the good of the Church and the Order.

In addition to fraternal concerns our Order has an obligation to examine society around us and bring to bear on it our Christian principles. Society belongs to all the people, not just to the unthinking secularists who reject all religious and moral values. Catholics and other religious groups have a right to see their interests reflected in our culture as much as those whose only principle is one of a permissiveness empty of moral guidelines. We cannot abandon the field of decision to vocal secular humanists who reject religious discipline and permit their shallow norms to carry the day because of our default.

A further concern of our Society must be the purity of our Catholic position. This is in danger of being undermined today when voices within the Church, usurping a mantle of com-



petence, propose novel theories opposed to the Church's age-old doctrine and discipline. In such a climate it behooves us to listen attentively to the voice of Peter. Our Holy Father, Pope Paul, has spoken out unequivocally on three crucial issues in recent months: the sacredness of innocent human life, the continuing validity of the Church's teaching on sex and marriage, and the priority of the religious message over the social gospel in the preaching mission of the Church.

We are confident that the delegates to your convention will know how to deal with certain members of the Church who say "I am a Catholic, but..." and then proceed to expound a philosophy opposed to the traditions of our Faith. It is our Catholic faith which gives our Society its unique character. May our fraternal armament never find us unable to guard the integrity of this precious treasure.

Fraternally yours,

John W. McDevitt  
Supreme Knight

Annual Report of the State Chaplain of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus made to the Seventy-Second Convention held in Greenwood, Mississippi, from April 23 - 25, 1976, by Reverend Bernard C. Haddican, State Chaplain.

Worthy Supreme Secretary, Worthy State Deputy, fellow officers and delegates, guests, and friends all. It is with a sense of profound humility that I attempt to report to you, on my brief tenure as State Chaplain.

This humility is occasioned by the fact that in September of 1975, I was chosen by the State Deputy to assume the role of the State Chaplain of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. The humility is deepened by the fact that in doing so I was succeeding the Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini and the Most Reverend Richard O. Gerow, Bishop and Retired Bishop of Natchez-Jackson, who had served you for 50 years as State Chaplains. Nonetheless, I joyfully and gratefully accepted this role. I have long had pride in and admiration for the Knights of Columbus. The contacts I have had in the past and especially during these last eight months, with hundreds of Knights throughout our State has been very rewarding. We all are honest enough to know that all is not well in Columbianism and that much improvement can be made. But there is so much that is good that we cannot overlook it and ignore it. The active participation of our Knights in the life of their parishes has been edifying. The tremendous programs such as care of the elderly, handicapped and sick, the assistance with leukemia, heart, kidney and cancer programs, providing new youth programs, such as, Columbian Squires and support of C.Y.O. and Scouting, etc., have all been hallmarks of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. The continued support of the twenty-three year old Priest Education fund of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, which with this year's donation has surpassed \$150,000.00 in direct contributions, will remain a lasting tribute to the Knights of Columbus. Finally, the already embarked upon "Tootsie Roll" program for Mental Health stands on the horizon as possibly the greatest single project which will ever be credited to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus.



We encourage our clergy to work with and support these fine programs. We urge our Knights to co-operate with their clergy and continue to work within the framework of the many parishes wherein they reside. May our Knights never fail to be deserving of the tribute paid to them many years ago as "the strong right arm of the Church".

I look forward to working with you and may God give both all of you and me the Grace to carry on His great work!

#### ANNUAL STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT, 1975-1976

After being elected at the last state convention, I proceeded with winding up my duties as state secretary by compiling the minutes of last year's convention, copies of which you now possess. I then proceeded with the appointment of our present state chairmen, directors, etc. On June 15, I attended the meeting of State Deputies in Rhode Island to be briefed by representatives of the Supreme Council on my duties as state deputy and on the programs that the Supreme Council wished to carry out nationwide. The information gathered at this meeting was passed on to our state organization on June 29 at a two day state meeting held in Greenwood. Installation of our state officers by Bishop Brunini was performed at this time.

We have had several projects on a state-wide basis this year among which were the St. Jude Drive which enabled us to present St. Jude in Memphis with a check for \$1275.00, a softball tournament hosted by Biloxi, a



bowling tournament hosted by Pascagoula, a bond raffle put on by the state councils which gave the state organization much needed funds with which to operate, and a statewide basketball free throw contest.

I have attended the Supreme Convnention in Miami in August, visited Southaven this year on two occasions in hopes of forming a council there, appointed a new State Chaplain in the person of Father Bernard Haddican, and obtained the services of a special Supreme Council field representative, Br. Don Dieling, for a week to visit in some of our councils. On Jan. 25th I held a second statewide meeting of our state organization to be sure that all of our programs were functioning correctly and to introduce a new program to our state - The Tootsie Roll Project for the mentally retarded - which we have embarked upon and which we will make a success. This program will not only be beneficial to the mentally retarded - we will directly benefit from the good work that we will accomplish. This is a program worthy of our help. It is a far-reaching effort, almost beyond our ability to do, but because of the very challenge and the men that our organization possesses in this state, I know that we will perform in a first class manner to everyone's benefit. I have received word from the National Coordinator for the Tootsie Roll Project who has been to the factory and he advises that they have 23 orders from Miss. This is two more than we have councils because of Philadelphia and Tupelo's mentally retarded program. This is the first time to his remembrance that a state was 100% the first year the program was put on. We are off and running!

On April 12, I and some of the state officers, Grand Knights, etc. met with your Governor to sign a proclamation declaring the week of May 18-25 as Knights of Columbus Week for the Mentally Retarded. You will hear more about this program later in the convention from State Advocate Dave Attberry who is making a most excellent state chairman for this project.

I have attended at least one function of each and every council in the State of Mississippi this year; some I have visited on several occasions. I published a state-wide paper called Today's Knights, but due to personal reasons I was able to put out only two additions.

I held a new council organizational meeting at Starkville on Dec. 8 and Southaven on Dec. 9, 1975. Due to the holidays and then my mother's death I regret that I was unable to pursue the council at Southaven. It was too much for me at the time. However, due to the high caliber and work of the people at Starkville who wished to form a council we were successful in adding Starkville as our 21st council in the State. Two of the main people are here with us today as delegates-- Grand Knight Don Hegwood and DGK Richard Benton.

At last year's convention, two resolutions were referred for action on my part. First, Resolution #8 called for a complete investigation of means to raise money to operate your state council. I have asked the State Treasurer to contact all other state organizations to determine the best means of supporting the State Council and I am sure a resolution



will come from committee regarding this during this convention. Second, Resolution #9 asked support for St. Jude, which was done this year. Resolution #10 pertaining to voting on an inactive insurance member before permitting him to be reinstated was forwarded to the Supreme Convention for consideration, and was denied.

At the start of this fraternal year I noted that we had never broken a total membership of 3,000 members, our highest previous total being 2,970. I and my State Membership Chairman, Br. Joe Bottino of Vicksburg, thought that breaking through 3,000 would be a worthwhile goal and we so established it. We soon found out that we had not reckoned with your ability. Our goal was too low! So we have re-established it at 3,035 members which would give us a net increase of 200, or one new member for each year of our country's life.

I am pleased to report that as of last April 1, our total membership was 2,993 or just short 7 of 3,000. I am sure we have already passed thry 3,000 and I will know from Supreme which council and member put us over this goal any day now. That 3,035 members is within reach and we will make it with your council's help.

Our organization is Alive and Well!

At present we are #1 in our division of 14 states and have been gradually increasing our lead. Over the last 6 months we have the lowest number of members lost in the nation! We are winning two of the four nationwide membership contests put on by Supreme and we are in 4th place in one of the others.



We are on the way to becoming a force to be reckoned with in Mississippi! Let's all do our part to see that we serve our church, families, and nation to the best of our ability.

My appreciation goes to each and every one of you officers and members through-out the state who have supported me this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
by

Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.  
State Deputy, K. of C.  
Mississippi Jurisdiction

The following is a resume of the funds given by the various councils throughout the state to the St. Jude Hospital in Memphis.

Shelby	\$100.00
Cleveland	\$25.00
Greenwood	\$100.00
Leland	\$50.00
Greenville	\$50.00
Vicksburg	\$250.00
Yazoo City	\$50.00
Natchez	\$50.00
Hattiesburg	\$50.00
Meridian	\$50.00
Laurel	\$50.00
Long Beach	\$50.00
Biloxi	\$50.00
Pascagoula	\$50.00
Ocean Springs	\$50.00
State Council	\$250.00
Total	\$1,275.00

State Secretary's Report on Membership:

For the year ending April 1, 1976,  
compared to the membership on April 1, 1975:

COUNCIL	April 1975	April 1976	Inc.	Dec.
802 Meridian	126	137	11	
848 Jackson	168	179	11	
898 Vicksburg	340	360	20	
1034 Natchez	237	229		8
1244 Biloxi	309	344	35	
1522 Bay St. Louis	145	146	1	
1583 Gulfport	245	242		3
1605 Pascagoula	232	229		3
1908 Hattiesburg	80	96	16	
2134 Greenville	147	167	20	
2180 Laurel	64	58		6
2945 Leland	51	57	6	
2969 Clarksdale	144	144		
3328 Yazoo City	63	64	1	
4898 Long Beach	105	118	13	
5267 Greenwood	105	106	1	
5556 Cleveland	85	87	2	
5654 Ocean Springs	129	86		43
6555 Shelby	59	61	2	
6592 Bassfield	37	51	14	
6765 Starkville	0	32	32	
	<u>2871</u>	<u>2993</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>63</u>

This reflects a net gain of 122, with 1073 insurance members and 1920 Associate members, 313 inactive Insurance members, 78 Honorary members, and 133 Honorary Life members.

The following named members have been reported as deceased since the last convention by the Grand Knights of their councils. Please

remember them in your prayers.

Council #802 Meridian - William K. Valentine

Council #848 Jackson - William Korndorfer,  
William H. Milton, Vito Canazero, James  
C. Maloney

Council #898 Vicksburg - Alexius Peatross,  
Nick Bruno

Council #1034 Natchez - Lester J. Meng, Sr.,  
John R. Junkin, J. Oscar Claude, Richard  
J. Burke, Harry J. Pertuit

Council #1244 Biloxi - Leo K. Crapo, William  
M. Collins, Frank S. Randazzo, Sam J. Ardonline,  
William C. Cruso, Sr.

Council #1522 Bay St. Louis - Sam Compretto,  
Teddy Stechmann

Council #1605 Pascagoula - Raymond J. Lewis, Jr  
Charles E. Trehern

Council #2945 Leland - Joseph Carollo, W.G.  
Cameron

Council #2969 Clarksdale - Robert Demilio, Peter  
Agostinelli, Sr.

Council #4898 Long Beach - Rev. Edward J. Kammer,  
C.M., James E. Maxwell

Council #5267 Greenwood - A.G. Abide, Sr.,  
B.T. Kelly

Council #5556 Cleveland - Aldo Rocconi

Council #5654 Ocean Springs - Shirod Miller



Council #6555 Shelby - Michael J. Malatesta

Council #6592 Bassfield - David F. Little

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Columbus  
State Secretary

Report of State Treasurer:

Balance on Hand at Start of New Year June 30,  
1975.....\$1,688.27

Disbursements:

Postage and supplies.....	\$ 305.72
Printing, directories, tickets....	189.02
Badges, plaques, officer jewels...	113.04
Starkville Council installation...	70.36
Phone.....	15.33
Florist.....	12.25
Nat'l Convention souvenirs.....	52.62
Bicentennial Essay contest.....	155.25
Tootsie Roll Program expenses.....	
(insurance, posters, aprons)	379.89
State Free Throw trophies.....	159.60
State Convention trophies.....	326.25
Convention & Memorial Masses.....	35.00
St. Jude.....	250.00
Orphanage Fund.....	150.00
Mileage for Midwinter Meeting.....	169.48
Mileage & Per Diem for Pro Life	
Meeting in Jackson.....	42.08
Mileage & Per Diem for delegates	
to State Convention.....	2,926.20
Savings Bonds for State Raffle....	900.00

Total 6,252.09

Deposits:

Bond Raffle Tickets.....\$2,040.50  
Per Capita Tax.....4,896.50

Total 6,937.00

In Bank.....\$1,688.27  
+ Deposits.....6,937.00  
8,625.27

- Disbursements....6,252.09

Balance on Hand.\$2,373.18  
June 1, 1976

State Advocate Report:

As State Advocate, it is my duty to be the legal advisor to the State Council on all matters involving questions of law. It is my duty, upon request, to advise the State Officers on all matters pertaining to the constitution and laws of the Order, and upon the constitutionality of any proposed law or resolution of the State Council.

I attended the state installation of officers and State Meeting in Greenwood in July, 1975. I attended the Mid-winter meeting in Vicksburg in January, 1976, and special meeting in Vicksburg in March, 1976. I have attended the majority of the second and third degree exemplifications during the past year and have visited many individual councils.

It has been a privilege to serve the Knights of Columbus in the state of Mississippi

as their State Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Atteberry  
State Advocate  
Mississippi Jurisdiction

The State Deputy then called on the District Deputies who presented the following reports to the convention.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY  
DISTRICT No. 2

District No. 2 is the largest in the Mississippi Jurisdiction claiming 5 councils and about 700 Brother Knights. The councils included in District 2 are Vicksburg Council 898, Father Korstenbroek Council 2134, Greenville, C.G. Shapley Council 2945, Leland, Yazoo City Council 3328, and Starkville Council 6765.

District 2 began with a membership on July 1, 1975 of 603. Our quota was set at 25 new members. We reached this quota the very next month admitting 42 new members, 18 in Greenville, 11 at Vicksburg, 8 at Leland, and 5 at Yazoo City. This put us at 184% of our quota already but our District's membership didn't stop growing there. By the end of 1975, we had initiated a total of 64 new members.

In February, I was most proud to have our jurisdiction's newest council, Starkville 6765 added to our district. I am proud to report that with the addition of the Starkville



Council, District 2 has added over 100 new members to our ranks.

My first duty, after being installed as District Deputy at the first state meeting in Greenwood, was to install the elected officers of each council. I traveled to each council during the month of July for the installations.

In August our first district meeting was held in Greenville and hosted by Council 2134. All four councils representatives were present. At that meeting we set goals for the year for the district in membership and activity. Each Grand Knight was urged to set up a program of goals for his council planning all activities well in advance using the activities calendar provided by Supreme Council, thus assuring them of a well rounded program.

Our second district meeting was held in Leland on November 30, 1975. Again, all councils were represented. Topics of interest discussed were the Sudden Death Program, Free Throw Tournament, One Nation Under God Program, Keep Christ in Christmas Projects, Columbus Squire Circles and more. All Councils reported their participation in the State Inter Council Competition.

Every council in District 2 is involved in Supreme sanctioned activities as well as state sponsored activities and other important community affairs which are reflected in their council reports. All councils are financially solvent and have turned in their semi-annual audits on time.

After attending the state mid winter meeting in Vicksburg in January, I made several trips to

Starkville to help set up our newest council. In February we initiated 23 new members into the Starkville council. I returned the next week to help the new council with their first meeting and again two weeks later to install the officers. The council is a combination of Mississippi State University Faculty and students and local Starkville men. It truly has the manpower and leadership necessary for a great council.

Later in February we had our third District meeting hosted by the Vicksburg council. One of the main topics at this meeting was the oncoming Tootsie Roll Project. The Grand Knights were all complimented on the fine reports that were presented. The Spirit of 76 Membership Campaign was initiated.

On March 21, the largest formation and Knighthood Degree call in the state's history was initiated in Vicksburg. Not only our District, but councils from throughout the state participated.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the officers and members of the councils in my District for their cooperation. I am especially grateful to our State Deputy, Jesse Quinn, for giving me the privilege of serving as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald P. Tubertini  
District Deputy  
District No. 2

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY

District No. 3

The officers of John T. Savage Council and Bishop R.O. Gerow Council were duly installed during the month of July 1975.

Each Council in District 3 is fully organized under the Service Program as recommended by the Supreme Council.

The records and financial statements of the councils are up to date with semi-annual report being submitted to the Supreme Council.

A district meeting was held in Jackson with representation from both councils.

The Admission Degree was exsimplified by Jackson and Natchez councils during the year.

Councils in the District hold regular meetings and are in compliance with the Laws and Rules of our Order.

In conclusion, I wish to thank each Grand Knight for his cooperation during this fraternal year, and the State Deputy for permitting me to serve as District Deputy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Voss  
District Deputy  
District No. 3

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY

District No. 4

State Deputy Jessie J. Quinn, Jr. charged me



with the care of District #4. The District consisted of Msgr. Burns Council #802 Meridian, Bishop Fahey Council #1908, Hattiesburg, Council #2180 Laurel and Father Melchanoy Burns, Council #6592, Bassfield.

The elected officers were all duly installed into their respected offices during the months of July and August, 1976, in accordance with the rules and ceremonials of the order.

Three District Meetings were held for the first three quarters. Meeting #1 was held in Bassfield. It was attended by State Deputy Jessie Quinn and State Advocate Brother Dave Atteberry.

A Goal was set by all four councils to announce at the State Convention in Greenwood, Mississippi that District #4 of Mississippi Jurisdiction, would have a perfect District. By this we would all have Star Council, Honor Councils and Distinguished Councils for the top trophies, for the years 1975-1976 program year. ---WE DID JUST THAT. I verified through Brother Frank Sullivan, the Director of Membership at Supreme, who called me personally to verify the last council on the necessary increase in that category. To my knowledge we are probably the first District to ever accomplish this feat with four Councils. Thirty-nine Knights were present at this meeting.

The second District Meeting was held in Laurel and was well attended by all four councils. Four Grand Knights, Three Financial Secretaries, Four Deputy Grand Knights, and 45 fine, faithful knights attended. Brother Jessie J. Quinn, Mike Columbus, Dave Atteberry and Percy Nause were all present. Present 4 State Officers. The continuation of programs were discussed and

how we were to be #1 in the State on the district level. Father Risher showed slides and gave a report on up and coming retreats at Manresa, La. After refreshments and competition were held afterwards, to all and everyone's enjoyment.

The Mid-Winter conference was held in January at Vicksburg, Ms. District #4, as before was well represented and very informative. The Tootsie Roll Program was discussed and laid out for the coming year as a State Project. We further discussed the State convention and rounded out the last 4 months of the Year '75-76. District #4 was still showing the same enthusiasm.

The third District meeting was held on Feb. 29th at Meridian. Brother Percy Nause State Warden and Brother Dave Atteberry, State Advocate, were present. The final touches were brought up and discussed what each council needed to come into the final running on all programs. The topics taken up at Mid-Winter conference were further discussed and smoothed out for the last two months. The Tootsie Roll Program, for the Mentally Retarded, were brought up at this conference. Enthusiasm was still in high gear for all councils. All could see nothing but success.

I made many trips to each council throughout the year and was really received very well by all four of the Councils. Each tried in every way to become a top Council, and they did just that.

I am happy to report that all councils have placed their orders on the time announced and



are ready for the State wide Mentally Retarded Program on the 21,22,23 of May, 1976. This will be another first for Mississippi, and District #4. I personally traveled to all councils and initiated this program.

The Meridian Council, led by Brother Percy Nause, Grand Knight, is to be congratulated upon attaining once again, two years in a row, the possibility of Star Council. They held 9 Admissions Degrees and one Formation Degrees to the Knighthood. They gained 45 members in '74-75 and 12 members in '75-76 as of this writing. They have become a large Council. They also increased 11 Ins. Members.

The Hattiesburg Council 1908, led by Bro. Dave Atteberry also attained Star Council Possiblity at this writing. This was also 2 years in a row. They held 6 formation degrees and gained 18 members in '74-75 and also 18 members in '75-76. Hattiesburg is also to be commended on handling the South Regional and State Play off's for the new annual Free Throw contest at Sacred Heart School on Walnut Street. They also increased 7 insurance members.

Laurel Council led by Brother George Strachan is to be commended on the fine job he did in bring the Laurel Council forward to become a possible Star Council at the present writing. This took a lot of work on the part of all involved. The Soft Ball Tournament was held once again and was successful.

Bassfield Council #6592 led by Brother Michael G. Daley is to be commended upon there first complete year and also becoming a possible Star council winner. They have gained 15 members in this small community and are now sporting their



own Admission Degree Team. This new council should be an exmmples to all present and new councils. With plenty of effort and support by your Chaplain any thing can be accomplished. They also increased 8 Insurance Members.

District #4 as of this writing has increased membership over 276% and should end up around 350% by June 30th according to the word I am getting from all four Councils. The Insurance has also increased 350%. I believe this should be attributed to Brother Chris West who has done undoubtedly a real fine job in my District. I feel real proud as I was instrumentally in getting Brother into the Knights one Sunday Morning when we were having a Knight Christmas program. The District increased 58 members at this time.

I wish to close at this time with a few points of interest. I would like to thank Brother Perty Nause for a very Congratulated job on handling the very hard and unthankful of program director of the whole state. I called on him every minute of time to help me in figuring out all ways of completing a successful year for District #4. I also want to thank all the Grand Knights in welcoming me regularly and royally into there various chambers. Without there help our excellence for the District and also for Knights of Columbus in this area would not have been possible.

I would also like to thank State Deputy Jessie J. Quinn for once again giving me the opportunity to serve the Knights. I consider this past year a very rewarding one for me. It taught what great Catholic Men we have in this order and what they are all striving for in the future.

We are growing, especially in young members, lets not stop now. Give the younger members important positions to fill. After all, the last Formation Degree produced around 80% under the age of thirty.

A PROUD DISTRICT DEPUTY

Charles F. Abadie, Jr.  
District Deputy  
District #4

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY  
District No. 5

District #5 is made up of Council #1522 in Bay St. Louis, 1583 in Gulfport, and 4898 in Long Beach. During July the officers of these councils were installed by D/D Hayward J. Ladner assisted by Willie Adams. Due to other business committments, Brother Ladner had to resign the D/D position and I, Willie Adam. was appointed.

Both Gulfport and Long Beach contunue to have their own admission Degrees in their homes by teams of each council. Gulfport is planning a massive membership campaign during May which will involve all parishes in the council area.

Both Long Beach and Gulfport continue to be active and involved in many good programs. Again this year Gulport has not been involved in the Intro Council Competition Program.

In closing, I would like to thank the Grand Knights of my district for their help during this year, also I wish to thank State Deputy

Jessie Quinn for giving me an opportunity to  
serve the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Adam Sr.  
District Deputy  
District No. 5

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY  
District No. 6

The duly elected officers of Councils No. 5654,  
No. 1605, and No. 1244 were installed on their  
first meeting nights in the month of July.  
Open ceremonies were held in each of the  
councils with a large attendance at each.

In June, I attended the installation ceremony  
of the state officers in Greenwood. After the  
ceremony there was a meeting of the District  
Deputies and State Program Chairman, at which  
the program for the year was outlined by the  
State Deputy.

Each of the three councils hosted a District  
meeting this year. The first, in July, was  
at Pascagoula Council 1605. The program for  
the year was outlined. The second was in  
January at Biloxi Council 1244. State Field  
Representative Don Drieling presented a program  
outlining a program on Columbianism. The third  
District meeting was held in March at Ocean  
Springs Council 5654. The State Deputy and the  
District Deputy briefly outlined the Tootsie  
Roll program for the retarded citizens of  
Mississippi.



Each of the councils were very active during the year. Biloxi and Pascagoula should rank very high in the Inter-Council Competition this year. Ocean Springs got off to a slow start; however, they have come a long way during this year and are doing much better now.

Biloxi and Pascagoula each have an admission degree team, while Biloxi still has the only Formation and Knighthood Degree team in the state.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of my councils for the cooperation and hospitality shown me during this year. I would also like to thank State Deputy Jesse Quinn, Jr. for the trust placed in me by appointing me District Deputy for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pol M. Ros, Jr.  
District Deputy  
District No. 6

#### INSURANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1975-76

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

While we have not achieved all of our goals we have made some progress, which is in the right direction. We have added one Field Agent, Chris West, serving the South Central part of the State and have interviewed several men for the northern part of the state, but no decision has been reached on anyone as of this date.

All councils have held and Insurance information program or have one scheduled plus all councils are interested in achieving the Star Council Award and we will do our part to see that the Insurance part does not stop them from this coveted award.

Your continued support of the Orders Insurance Program will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex F. Wiggs and Robert L. Mackey

#### REPORT OF THE STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

The purpose of the Inter-Council Competition program as set forth in September 1970 was to generate competition and spirit among the Councils within our State.

As your State Program Director, it was my responsibility to set up and coordinate just such a program. Some changes in this year's competition was made in hopes of attracting more councils to participate.

The requirements for this year's program was outlined and discussed at our State Officers meeting in Greenwood following the installation of State Officers during June 1975. A copy of the requirements was given to each District Deputy and Grand Knight present. For those that were absent, copies were forwarded to their Councils.

A reminder letter was forwarded to all concerned in August stating that their first report was due by the 10th of September.

Fifteen out of our Twenty Councils started the competition and I must add with pleasure, that Fifteen finished the competition.

It was a very productive year for the Knights of Columbus in our State. 114 reports were submitted to your State Program Director with a total of 2,694 activities reported. Among these were:

640	Church Activities
468	Community Activities
1113	Council Activities
473	Youth Activities

The requirements for Honor Council are similiar to the Supreme Columbian Award. Complete any Four noteworthy projects in each of the major categories: Council, Community, Church, and Youth. Report all chairmen's names including a Bicentennial Chairman to Supreme and the State Deputy. Mail your audit reports (July-December) on time and submit Eight monthly reports to the State Program Director beginning in September.

This year, Thirteen Councils have qualified for Honor Council; Bassfield, Biloxi, Cleveland, Greenville, Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Leland, Long Beach, Meridian, Pascagoula, Vicksburg and Yazoo City.

To qualify for Distinguished Council, the Councils were asked to perform nine required activities:

1. Complete all requirements for Honor Council.
2. Conduct at least two Admission Degrees.



3. Sponsor a Vocation Program.
4. Sponsor a Drug Abuse Program.
5. Assist CYO of Columbian Squires.
6. Conduct an Insurance Night.
7. Conduct a Recognition Night.
8. Conduct or Sponsor a Pro-Life Program.
9. Complete a Bicentennial Project or Program.

Also complete any two optional projects from the list under each of the four major activities.

This year Ten of the Thirteen Honor Councils qualified for the Distinguished Council Award. They are: Bassfield, Biloxi, Greenville, Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Leland, Long Beach, Meridian and Pascagoula.

These ten Councils have also qualified to compete for the Best Large and Best Small Council Award.

The requirements for Best Large and Best Small Council are to: first, complete all the requirements for Honor and Distinguished Council and second, submit a scrapbook showing or verifying your Council's activities for the Fraternal year. The scrapbook to be turned over to the State Deputy or State Program Director at the beginning of the State Convention.

It was decided that at least three Past State Deputies, representing the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts, would be the sole judges of the Best Large and Small Councils. A sealed envelope will be presented to the State Deputy at the Convention announcing the winners.

It was felt that more changes are needed in

the Inter-Council Competition, where as, maybe all 21 Councils will participate in next year's competition.

As stated previously, it was very good year for us Mississippi Knights and hopefully next year will be even greater. Next year's program will certainly be off to a great start with our Tootsie Roll Program to help the Mentally Retarded for our State. Please render your whole-hearted support to this program and lets put Mississippi over the top.

At the conclusion of this report, I want to personally thank the Grand Knights and Program Directors of each council for the encouragements, dedication and especially their hard work for making this year's program such a great success.

To our State Deputy, Jesse J Quinn Jr, thanks for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you as your State Program Director. May God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Percy C Nause  
State Program Director

#### REPORT OF CHURCH ACTIVITY

As church Activity Director, it was my pleasure-ably duty to recommend a number of projects to be carried out by each council this past fraternal year. These projects which were included in the Inter-Council Competition consisted of the following:

1. Presentation of a meaningful program to foster Vocations.

2. Active participation in the Pro-Life Movement.
3. Sponsorship of a retreat for council members.
4. Participation in a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Program.
5. Communion Sunday for members and their wives.
6. A program to honor an outstanding Catholic boy or girl graduate.
7. Recognition of our Clergy thru a Clergy Night program.
8. Commemoration Services for our deceased members.

It is indeed a pleasure to report that the councils through-out the state actively participated in many if not all of these projects. A careful examination of the final report of the Inter-Council Competition indicates that the councils did put a high priority on church activities. They reported 640 programs in this category and this represents 24% of all programs reported. This is certainly indicative of a well balanced program.

I want to congratulate all of the Church Activity Directors for their splendid efforts and I would urge each council to continue to search for new ways to make our Church Activities Program more meaningful.

I also want to thank State Deputy Jesse Quinn for allowing me yet another opportunity to be of service to the Knights of Columbus. I am certain than with our council's continued diligence in the field of Church Activities, Mississippi will continue to rank among the outstanding jurisdictions of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted

Rodney J. Sandoz  
Church Activity Director



## REPORT OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Sudden Death Program is the national Knights of Columbus Community Activity Program for this year. This program is concerned with coronary artery disease and we present it as a Knights of Columbus Community Health Education Program. The main facts to be considered in this program are: 1) Almost 700,000 die each year of heart attacks; 2) Over one-half of these never reach the hospital alive; 3) The early coronary care system has helped reduce mortality from heart attack; 4) Mobile intensive care units can bring aid to heart attack victims - can save as many as 100,000 each year; 5) Heart attacks affect almost everyone - either directly or indirectly.

A large number of community Activities this year were concerned with bicentennial projects. We hope that community interest and participation will continue in the years ahead and not only during the bicentennial year.

The Knights of Columbus Basketball free throw Contest was a statewide event for all the youth of the state between 11 and 14 years of age. Last year this was a pilot program and because of the success and great request of this program, it was nationwide this year. We hope to continue this program within the state and hope to have national competition in the near future.

We have undertaken, at the request of our State Deputy Jesse Quinn, Jr., a program to help the Mentally Retarded in the state of Mississippi. We call it the Tootsie Roll Program. We will have our first state-wide

fund raising drive next month and will have a full report on this project at our next convention. This program has been accepted by all 21 councils with enthusiasm and desire to succeed. We plan to make this an annual state-wide project.

Other community interests that had wide participation were the "Keep Christ in Christmas Program", the "Combat Pornography" program, and the "Know Your Drug Night" program.

The Inter-Council-Competition report showed that the participating councils had reported 2694 activities this year. Four hundred and sixty-eight or 17.37% of these activities were community Activities. With your continuing interest and concered effort, we should attain 20% of the activities this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Atteberry  
State Community Director

#### REPORT OF STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

First, I would like to commend each Grand Knight for all the hard work they and their council have performed over this past year. They are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Fifteen councils out of twenty participated in the inter-council competition performing a total of 1113 council activities. I know there was a lot of hard work and long hours put in by members of each council, however, there is always a forgotten breed. Do you know who they are? Our wives, family and sweethearts. Let

us all make a pledge at this convention to do something special for them this coming year. For only through their sacrifices could we have done such an outstanding job this year.

I wish to thank our Worthy State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. for allowing me to serve as State Council Activities Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas R. Cappello  
State Activities Director

The State Deputy called upon the Supreme Secretary at this time who stated that the Mississippi Jurisdiction has passed the 3,000 member, a milestone. Knights of Columbus has continuously grown in insurance. Fraternalism and leadership. Last year Mississippi reported \$22,000.00 in activities and 45,000 hours of man-power. We must let everyone know what we are doing. The Tootsie Roll Program for the mentally retarded will be a giant step toward this.

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain to close the meeting with a prayer.

The Convention Committee members adjourned to committee meetings.

THIRD SESSION: April 24, 1976, 1:30 p.m.

The State Deputy called the Convention to order and called on the State Chaplain for an opening prayer. The State Warden checked all traveling cards and stated they were all in order.



The State Deputy called on the Membership Director for his report:

#### REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

I am proud to report to you that, today, Mississippi is Number One again, with over 3,000 mark.

So now we are Number One in Division V. We are ahead of North Carolina. We had a 281 gain and a 92 loss giving us a net plus of 189 members. North Carolina is in second position with 181 net. This means we are ahead 8 points, so we really need to increase our membership to have a safe lead. We must have the determination to go all the way to get these members to stay on top.

We are leading not only the Recruitment Retention Awards, but the News-o-gram as well in which Mississippi has the lowest percentage of losses (.61%), which means a loss of 18 members.

Congratulations are in order to five councils who have already exceeded their membership quotes for the year and they are Meridian, Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Laurel, and Bassfield. These same five councils have also completed their insurance quotas and therefore are eligible for the Star Council Awards. These classify to win the Founder's Award. Vicksburg, Jackson, Leland, Yazoo City and Long Beach have also exceeded their quotas. Several other councils are close and can reach their goals by the end of the Council Year.

I wish to thank all the Membership Directors for their outstanding jobs and all our Grand

Knights. We now have 21 councils in the state, our most recently organized Council being Starkville. We are working toward organizing more new councils in the near future.

I am proud of this great cooperation from everyone that has made Mississippi Number One again. To keep Mississippi on top until the end of the Council Year, it is necessary to work even harder for members and find the way to cut down on suspensions. It is up to us to work together to cooperate; for in this way only will we keep Mississippi on top and I KNOW WE CAN DO THIS!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Bottino  
State Membership Director

#### REPORT OF STATE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The State Bicentennial Chairman was charged with the two responsibilities during the 1975-1976 fraternal year. One was to manage the American Revolution Bicentennial Essay Contest sponsored for Catholic high school students by the State Council. The second task was to encourage and assist local Councils in sponsoring projects appropriate to the celebration of the Bicentennial in accordance with the Order's ideal of patriotism.

1. In conducting the Essay Contest flyers explaining the topic and the rules and letters inviting participation were sent to twelve Catholic High Schools and approximately 75 CYO moderators. Notices were also sent to all Grand Knights requesting that they publicize the contest in their communities.

Sixteen exxays were submitted for judging and the panel of judges decided on the following winners:

First Place: Ann Baltar, Biloxi  
Second Place: Alicia Franck, Jackson  
Third Place: Adelaide Pickard

I am requesting the Grand Knights of the Biloxi and Jackson Councils to contact the winners in their communities and arrange to present to them the U.S. Savings Bonds which they have won.

Letters have been sent to the winners as well as to the other contestants announcing the decision of the judges and thanking all for their participation in the contest.

Arrangements have been made with the Editor of Mississippi Today to publish the first place essay, and, if space is available, the second and third place winners as well. She plans to include them in either the April 23 or April 30 edition of the paper.

I would like also to advise the Convention that Mississippi Today did give publicity to the essay contest.

The final expenses related to this project are as follows:

Printing of flyers	\$ 67.20
Postage	33.00
Prizes	131.25
Compensation for judges	20.00
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	\$251.45

As a final comment on the project it should be noted that all contestants were enrolled in



Catholic high schools. No Catholic students enrolled in public schools participated which seems to indicate that communication through CYO channels proved ineffective. Had it been effective there would doubtless have been a greater participation in the contest.

2. To assist local Councils with Bicentennial projects the State Chairman attended State Council meetings in July, 1975 and January, 1976, and suggested a variety of projects and provided sources of information to District Deputies to bring to their District meetings.

Councils were asked to submit the names of Bicentennial chairmen to the State Deputy and a Bicentennial project was incorporated into the Inter-Council Competition Program as a requirement for the Distinguished Council Award. How well the Councils responded to these requirements will need to be reported by the State Deputy and State Program Chairman since the Bicentennial Chairman is not to receive these reports except from one Council.

During the year I received one report from a Council Bicentennial Chairman and one request for assistance from one Grand Knight.

The Chairman sent to each Grand Knight a pamphlet entitled "Involvement '76", put out by the Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, which contains a report form, the use of which will procure for Councils sponsoring Bicentennial projects a special certificate of recognition from the State Commission. How many Councils have availed themselves of this opportunity is not known. At this time it is my pleasure to

present such a certificate to the State Deputy in recognition of the State-sponsored Essay Contest which was also publicized in the State Commission's publications.

Finally, the Bicentennial celebration seems to be building to a July Fourth climax and all Councils are urged to plan special and suitable activities for the occasion. Whether or not we can withstand another year of commemoration I will leave to the judgement of the State Deputy for 1976-1977.

Respectfully submitted,

W.F.LaForge  
State Bicentennial Chairman  
Leon Deardorff  
Mike Mitchell  
Clarence Theriot  
Jimmy Wuestenhoffer.

#### COLUMBIAN SQUIRES COMMITTEE REPORT

During this convention, as you plan the destiny of the Order in Mississippi, I will remind you that we must not lose sight of the fact that the future of the Order in this jurisdiction as well as the nation belongs to our youth. The programs that we develop and the decisions which are made during this conclave must not only be impressive and effective enough to make our organization attractive to others. They must be particularly attractive to the young Catholic gentleman. One way to insure this is by getting responsible Catholic boys involved directly with some of our work.

We should be finding ways to attract these men so that they want to be a Knight of Columbus.

A well organized Squires Circle can serve as a vehicle to make this happen. Of course, the skeptics will say, "Of what possible advantage could a Circle be to our council?" ?What good could a bunch of kids do that could make any difference?"

Well, as we have learned many times in life, the value of a deed is not measured by the quantity of things done but by the quality of the deed and the good that comes from it. Such is the case with two projects sponsored by Circle 81 of Vicksburg, "Meals on wheels" and "Exercising a Helpless Boy". These projects weren't large and ponderous but they were well thought out and had the essential qualities of charity and compassion. To be sure, these Squires know what Columbianism is all about - they have lived it through these projects. And what possible gain could a council derive from a Squires Circle? You can be sure that in the eyes of these two families, the Knights of Columbus stand a foot taller - because of the Squires. And in the eyes of the Supreme Council this local council's image is also enhanced as exemplified by the two Brother Barnabas Awards which were presented to the Circle.

Today in the Mississippi jurisdiction we have Squires Circles in Bolixi, Long Beach, Meridian, Pascagoula and Vicksburg. In addition two other councils have indicated an interest in forming circles. The officers and members of these councils are to be highly commended for recognizing the merits of the Squires program and for their continued support of this worthwhile organization. Special recognition goes to Meridian Council 802 for their efforts in



instituting their Circle 2529 during this year.

However, our job is only beginning. In this age of conflicting and everchanging values, the need exists for responsible action on our part in this critical area of youth development. Hopefully, other councils throughout our jurisdiction will respond to this need.

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity you have given me to serve as chairman of this committee and to apply my talents to this worthy effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest C. Spencer, Jr.  
State Columbian Squires  
Chairman

#### REPORT ON CEREMONIAL COMMITTEE

There were 51 admissions degrees explified. There were 3 explifications of the formation and Knighthood degree. The host councils were Biloxi, Meridian, and Vicksburg.

In Vicksburg, on March 21, there 88 members initiated and 12 councils represented and this is the largest class under the new ceremonials.

We recommend that the few councils in the state, who do not have an admission degree team, form a team as soon as possible.

On behalf of the state council we express thanks and appreciation to Biloxi Degree team for an outstanding job.

We make a recommendation for all councils to hold a memorial service during the month of November.

Respectfully submitted,

G.B. Schiederman, Chairman  
Jim Schields  
George Sourderas  
Charles Pluff

#### REPORT OF STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

During this past year I have had the opportunity to visit numerous Council homes, as well as observe their public activities. I have seen a much greater cooperation on the part of "The Mississippi Today" in publication and exposure of the accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus. Just recently our State Deputy met with the Governor, Cliff Finch, for pictures to "kick off" our Tootsie Roll Drive. This again reflects their cooperation.

I would like to make several suggestions.  
#1 - Every Council that does not have one appoint a public relations man. Don't make this your Grand Knight.

#2 - Make sure these activities get sent to Mississippi Today before it happens, if possible, but send it.

#3 - Try to get as much news in your local newspapers as possible.

One Council has a list of all male people in their area, it has brought some new members by sending the monthly mews letters to every male.

Let's try it.

I submit fraternally,

Williams C. Karn  
Public Relations Director

REPORT OF 14TH ANNUAL HANDICAP BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT

RESULTS

I. Team (\$143.20)

Pascagoula #1605.....	\$75.00
Jackson #848.....	40.00
Long Beach #4898.....	30.00
	<u>\$120.00</u>

II. Doubles (\$120.30)

1. Greenville.....\$ 40.00  
B. Fleskes & J. Fontana

2. Biloxi #1244.....\$ 30.00  
C. Pluff & F. Breal

3. Greenville.....\$ 24.00  
M. Azar & T. Burns

4. Natchez.....\$ 16.00  
A. Burns & T. Burns

5. ....\$ 10.00  
\$120.00

III. Singles (\$141.65)

1. M. Azar, Greenville.....	\$35.00
2. J. Bernardi, Greenville...	\$25.00
3. A. Novak, Pascagoula.....	\$18.00
4. D. Hancock, Greenville....	\$16.00
5. F. LaRosa, Gulfport.....	\$14.00
6. W. Cothen, Natchez.....	\$12.00



7. J. Halfacre, Gulfport.....	\$ 8.00
8. R. Fratesi, Greenville.....	\$ 6.00
	<u>\$142.00</u>

IV. All Events (\$161.60)

1. B. Desjardins, Biloxi.....	\$60.00
2. B. Fleskes, Greenville.....	\$45.00
3. W. Cothen, Natchez.....	\$25.00
4. J. Schaefer, Biloxi.....	\$20.00
5. A. Novak, Pascagoula.....	\$10.00
	<u>\$160.00</u>

team entrees:

	20 x 3 x \$.75 =	\$225.00
dbls	27 x 6 x .75 =	121.50
sing.	54 x 3 x .75 =	<u>121.50</u>
		\$468.00

Trophies	\$150.00
Prize Payout	<u>567.00</u>

Grand total    \$1185.00

The State Deputy called on Grand Knight Gerald Lamey to report on the 1975 Softball Tournament held in August. Biloxi won 1st place, Pascagoula was 2nd, and Clarksdale was 3rd. Br. Andy Petro moved that we have a State Softball Tournament again in 1976. Seconded by Br. John Smith. Carried by voice vote. Br. George Strachan of Laurel asked for location. Br. Matt Zelenk of Pascagoula asked for location. The State Secretary called to roll for a secret ballot with the count going in favor of Laurel, 22 to 20 to be held on the third weekend in August.

The State Deputy called on the Audit Committee Report.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The audit committee found the books of the State Treasurer in good order.

We want to compliment the State Treasurer on a job well done and the officers of 1975-76.

We recommend that the State Treasurer select a bank in the city he resides for the keeping of the State Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Harrington Jr.  
Emile Carriere,  
Richard Benton,  
Ernest Spencer

## REPORT OF THE PRIEST EDUCATION FUND 1953-1976

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain Emeritus,  
Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, State Chaplain Rev.  
Bernard Haddican, and Delegates:

It is with great pleasure that we announce we have gone "over the top" when compared with last year's donation. The total received was \$9,165.70 and it was \$735.70 over last year's total. All the Councils participated in this program. The surprise was the donation by the Biloxi and the Vicksburg Squire Circles, and we appreciate their cooperation.

Most of the councils were able to give what they gave last year or increase it a little. Meridian was No. 1 for this year with \$1,501.00 and Vicksburg was next with \$1,000.00.

We appreciate the privilege of working with this project and wish to take this opportunity to thank all the councils for their wonderful cooperation. A list of the Councils and the monies they have contributed follows:

Fraternally yours,

F. J. Bartlett  
State Chairman  
Priest Education, 1975-76

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS FOR THE PRIEST EDUCATION  
FUND, 1953-1976

Council No.	1953-1974	1975	1976	Grand total
802 Meridian	4,862.00	1000.00	1501.00	7,363.00
848 Jackson	9,685.31	500.00	500.00	10,685.31
898 Vicksburg	11,400.00	600.00	1000.00	13,000.00
1032 Natchez	11,351.00	600.00	600.00	12,551.00
1244 Biloxi	11,902.00	600.00	657.00	13,159.00
1522 Bay St.L.	8,977.00	600.00	600.00	10,177.00
1583 Gulfport	13,950.00	800.00	800.00	15,550.00
1605 Pascagoula				
	17,525.00	600.00	100.00	18,225.00
1908 Hattiesburg				
	3,730.00	200.00	250.00	4,180.00
2134 Greenville	8,502.03	1050.00	700.00	10,252.03
2180 Laurel	1,495.00	100.00	100.00	1,695.00
2945 Leland	5,705.00	250.00	250.00	6,205.00
2969 Clarksdale	8,975.00	200.00	135.00	9,310.00
3328 Yazoo City	6,160.25	330.00*	330.00	6,820.25
4472 Pass Christian**				
	315.00	-----	-----	315.00
4583 McComb **	1,010.00	-----	-----	1,010.00
4898 Long Beach	4,361.39	100.00	500.00	4,961.39
5267 Greenwood	2,362.19	200.00	250.00	2,812.19
5556 Cleveland	2,500.00	200.00	200.00	2,900.00
5654 Ocean S.	2,000.00	100.00	250.00	2,350.00
6555 Shelby	-----	200.00	150.00	350.00



6592 Bassfield	-----	200.00	100.00	300.00
6765 Starkville	-----	-----	25.00	25.00
Delegates-1961	30.00	-----	-----	30.00
Squire Circles				
Hattiesburg	75.00	-----	-----	75.00
Pascagoula	400.00	-----	-----	400.00
Biloxi	-----	-----	42.70	42.70
Vicksburg	-----	-----	125.00	125.00
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Grand Totals	137,473.67	8,430.00		
	***		9165.70	154,868.87

\*Yazoo City sends their donation each month.  
 \*\*These Councils are no longer active.  
 \*\*\* \$250.50 typographical or mathematical error.  
 Shelby and Bassfield were established in 1974;  
 Starkville in 1976.

Bishop Brunini thanked all councils for this donation and assistance through out the years. He urged all councils to work with Parish Councils to promote vocations. The State Treasurer prevented Bishop Brunini a check of \$150.00 for the orphanage fund.

State Chairman of Tootsie Roll Drive, Dave Atteberry reported that Mississippi has 1525 cases of tootsie rolls on order. We have a proclamation from Gov. Cliff Finch. We need to start our publicity started as soon as possible. We will have insurance protection for all workers during the two day activity. We should ask all civic clubs for donations and man-power. We hope to get at least 75 to 25 matching funds. You must send net check to state treasurer and also request for funds to local mental retardation groups must be sent to state treasurer.

The State Deputy called for the Special Inter-council Competition Committee Report.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL INTERCOUNCIL COMPETITION COMMITTEE

This committee was appointed by the State Deputy for the purpose of evaluating the grading system and value of the present Intercouncil Competition Contest.

We found that the number of activities recorded on the form is the main cause of complaints and often discouragement among councils that do not have as many activities as others.

Also, much pressure is placed on the State Program Director in grading the activities turned in by individual councils.

It is our recommendation that only the required number of 4 be recorded in this section. Once a council has reached this many activities. The numbers 1, 2 or 3 will be listed in the prescribed place if that is the only amount of activities performed. All other activities will be kept on file with the State Program Director until the convention.

Much pain and tiresome hours are put into the makeup of this form. However, the State Program Director should be careful in not overlapping activities on the form. Once an activity is listed in one category, it should not be listed in another.

Our District Deputies should be the ones to present this program to the individual councils and encourage them to participate. We recommend an award to be presented to all

District Deputies having 100% participation  
of their councils.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert Fratesi

Rodney Sandoz

Charles Abadie

#### REPORT OF THE GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

The Committee recommends the following:

The Hoop Shoot program be continued on an annual basis. Continued the fund raising program in the same manner as in the past year. Continue the State Softball tournament and we urge all Councils to participate. Continue the State Bowling Tournament and all councils to participate if possible. Urge all Councils to participate in their local blood donors program. Recommend that all councils accept the Tootsie Roll Program as outlined by the State Deputy. Recommend the names of our departed brothers during the past years to be read during the Memorial Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald F. Lamey - Chairman

George T. Beladi

Roland Meaut

Rudolph New

Haymand J. Lodne

#### REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE Percy Nause, Andrew Porter, Tom Rush,



George Strachan, John Smith

YOUTH - More involvement with youth - report everything you do in this area - get priests involved with your youth activities - get with parents to get their support and let them know what is being done.

PROGRAM REPORTS - submit reports on time - include everything you do.

REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE

MILES MILEAGE PER DIEM TOTAL

OFFICERS

Rev. Haddican	102	\$15.30	\$30.	\$45.30
Jesse Quinn	0	0	30.	30.00
Mike Columbus	45	6.75	30.	36.75
Matt Zelenka	280	42.00	30.	72.00
Dave Atterberry	184	28.20	30.	58.20
Percy Nause	142	21.30	30.	51.30
George Scheiderman	52	7.80	30.	37.80

DISTRICT DEPUTY

Charles Abadie	184	28.20	30.	58.20
Pol Ros	280	42.00	30.	72.00
Max Voss	172	25.80	30.	55.80
Ronnie Tubertini	52	7.80	30.	37.80

PAST STATE DEPUTY (Eligible for Per Diem only)

J.S. Cabibi			30.	
L.A. Koennan			30.	
John P. Myers			30.	
Norman Kiehm			30.	
Fred Westbrook			30.	
E.P. Shapley			30.	
Charlie Sherman			30.	
W.F. LaForge			30.	

DELEGATES (two from each council)

Meridian	142	21.30	30.	51.30
Jackson	96	14.40	30.	44.40

Vicksburg	102	15.30	30.	45.30
Natchez	172	25.80	30.	55.80
Biloxi	261	39.15	30.	69.15
Bay St. Louis	267	40.05	30.	70.05
Gulfport	253	37.95	30.	67.95
Pascagoula	280	42.00	30.	72.00
Hattiesburg	184	28.20	30.	58.20
Greenville	52	7.80	30.	37.80
Laurel	177	26.55	30.	56.55
Leland	45	6.75	30.	36.75
Clarksdale	56	8.40	30.	38.40
Yazoo City	55	8.25	30.	38.25
Long Beach	258	38.70	30.	68.70
Greenwood	0	0	30.	30.00
Cleveland	43	6.45	30.	36.45
Ocean Springs	265	39.75	30.	69.75
Shelby	58	8.70	30.	38.70
Bassfield	178	26.25	30.	56.25
Starkville	86	12.90	30.	<u>42.90</u>

TOTAL MILEAGE AND PER DIEM ..... \$2,926.20

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Zelenka, Chairman  
 Leon Shapley  
 Max Voss  
 Freddie Voss  
 Joseph Radicioni

The State Chaplain then closed the third session with a prayer.

The Convention Banquet was held on Saturday, April 24, 1976, at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Father Bernard Haddican. The principal address was made by the Supreme Secretary, Virgil C. Dechant, and Father Bernard Haddican, State Chaplain, responded. Father Patrick Noonan gave the benediction.

The following awards were presented:

1. George R. Scheiderman, PSD, presented the George R. Scheiderman V.I.P. Award to Jimmy Wuestenhofer, Grand Knight of Greenville Council #2134.
2. Ivan Arguelles, presented the Hilton A. Seymour Council of the Year Award to Biloxi Council #1244.
3. Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., PSD, presented the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award to Nicholas R. Cappello of Meridian Council #802.
4. Alex Wiggs, presented the Insurance Program Award to Meridian Council #802.
5. State Deputy Jesse J. Wuinn, Jr. recognized all State Officers, State Directors, State Chairmen, and District Deputies for their work during the year.
6. Father Bernard Haddican, presented the Bishop Joseph B. Brunini Vocation Award to Long Beach Council #4898.
7. State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. presented the Inter-Council Competition Awards to the following councils:
  - A. Honor Councils (13): Bassfield, Biloxi, Cleveland, Greenville, Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Leland, Long Beach, Meridian, Pascagoula, Vicksburg, and Yazoo City.
  - B. Distinguished Council: (10) Bassfield, Biloxi, Greenville, Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Leland, Long Beach, Meridian, and Pascagoula.



- C. Best Small Council: Hattiesburg Council #1908
- D. Best Large Council: Meridian Council #802

8. Supreme Secretary, Virgil C. Dechant presented the following awards from the Supreme Council.

- A. Best Church Activity-Long Beach #4898
- B. Best Community Activity-Bassfield #6592
- C. Best Council Activity-Hattiesburg #1908
- D. Best Youth Activity-Meridian #802

9. State Deputy, Jess J. Quinn, Jr. presented the following personal awards for outstanding work done during the year:

- A. Service Program Director-Percy C. Nause of Meridian Council #802
- B. New Council Development-Donald Hegwood and Richard Benton of Starkville Council #6765.
- C. New Council Development-Ronald Tubertini of Greenville Council #2134

10. State Deputy, Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. recognized Dave Atteberry as the State Chairman of our Tootsie Roll Project for May 22 and 23.

11. Supreme Secretary, Virgil C. Dechant presented the form 100 of the 3000th member of Mississippi and his Council, to Bassfield Council #6592 of Malcolm J. Stein.

Fourth Session: Sunday, April 25, 1976, 10:30 am

The State Deputy opened the meeting by calling on the State Chaplain for a prayer.

The State Warden reported that all present possessed current membership cards.

PSD Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. reported on the Knight of the Year Award won by Nick Cappello of Meridian Council #802. All past Knights of the year were hosted by him to a breakfast following Mass.

The State Deputy called for the financial secretary report.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

The meeting of the Financial Secretaries of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Councils was called to order at 2:00 p.m., April 24, 1976, by chairman Joseph Nassar.

Attending were the following Financial Secretaries or representatives:

Supreme Secretary	Virgil C Dechant
Meridian	M.A. "Gus" Ward
Jackson	Walter Schilhab
Vicksburg	Williams F. Lauderdale
Biloxi	Harry L. Steinwinder
Bay St. Louis	Joseph H. Benvenuti
Gulfport	Fritz Oberlies
Pascagoula	W.J. Scheeler
Hattiesburg	Milton R. Tucker
Greenville	Robert Lee
Laurel	James F. Hunter
Long Beach	Rodney Sandoz
Greenwood	Joseph Nassar
Cleveland	Dr. W.F. LaForge
Bassfield	John W. Herrington, Jr.
Starkville	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

Minutes of the 1976 meeting were read and adopted as corrected.

There was a discussion on last year's resolution concerning inactive members, however, no action

was taken.

Supreme Secretary Virgil C. Dechant spoke to all in attendance on Fractivil insurance member must reactivate in his own Council first and then apply to transfer to a new council. He further stated that "A council must accept any reactivation, then if there is reason that he is not acceptable to the order the council can then suspend him 'IPSO FACTO'."

Supreme Secretary Dechant clarified its 25 years membership honors on Fractive insurance members by saying "Inactive time counts towards 25 years membership honors if the member was paying his insurance payments during the inactive period, but must reactivate his membership before becoming Honorary or Honorary Life Member."

On a clarification of what a Firal withdrawal card was, he said, "It is a contract to the individual that he may come back into the order when he sees fit but with council action needed."

Supreme Secretary Dechant stated that in the near future there may be a change on travel cards and a change in the Charter, Constitution and Laws deleting quarterly dues payments and go to semi-annually and annually only.

It was pointed out that this year's meeting of the Financial Secretaries was the 20th anniversary of first meeting of the Financial Secretaries in conjunction with the State Convention.

It is strongly recommended by all present that all Financial Secretaries attend these annual meetings. There are untold benefits to be derived from discussions of the many aspects of



the duties of the Financial Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Nassar, Chairman  
Harry Steinwinder, Recorder

#### 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: Adoption, Rejection, Referred to the State Deputy for further consideration, 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, Greenwood Council No. 5267 has been such an excellent host to this 72nd Annual Convention, and

Whereas, the officers, 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 Greenwood Council for the superior manner in which they have discharged their responsibility.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION No. 2

Be it resolved, that the State Council authorize the expenditure of \$150.00 in the name of the Catholic Orphans is the Mississippi Jurisdiction and that a check in this amount be presented to Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Brunini for use at his discretion.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, The Columbia Magazine is available to public libraries at a special rate, and

Whereas, the dissemination of the type literature contained in the 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 subscription to Columbia Magazine for the public libraries in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Fourteenth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Biloxi, Ms., and

Whereas, members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in this tournament in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and

Whereas, it is the express desire by vote of the participants to again hold this activity in 1977.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Mississippi State Council sponsor, at no expense to itself, the Official Mississippi Knights of Columbus 15th Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament for its membership, said tournament

to carry an official sanction by the American Bowling Congress. Time and dates to be set at the discretion of host council.

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.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, Supreme Secretary Virgil Dechant has honored this State Council with his presence, and

Whereas, the address of the Supreme Secretary at the Convention Banquet was the highlight of the Convention,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Mississippi State Council express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Virgil Dechant and extend to him a cordial invitation to return and visit our Jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, the Vicksburg Council No. 898 has been selected as the 1977 Annual Convention site, and

Whereas, the officers and members of Council 898 find the dates of April 15, 16, and 17 convenient for this assembly,

Be it resolved, that the 1977 Annual convention be held on the dates of April 15, 16, and 17. REFER TO STATE DEPUTY

Be it further resolved, that the State Deputy appoint a committee to study the feasibility of securing a later date for the next convention (1978). Results to be reported at the Mid Winter Meeting of 1977.



ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, the costs of materials and accommodations have increased to such a high level in recent years, and

Whereas, the trend of these costs continue to increase,

Be it resolved, that the registration fees be increased from \$20 to \$25 per person beginning with the 1977 Annual Convention.

NO ACTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, all Knights of Columbus councils in the State of Mississippi are having difficulty getting Admission Degree members to complete the Knighthood Degree, and

Whereas, Admission Degree members have full use of Council facilities but cannot be asked to serve as officers or Degree team members, and

Whereas, councils do not have powers to compel Admission Degree members to complete the Knighthood Degree,

Be it resolved, that the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Officers appeal to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Officers for a decision on this matter.

REFER TO STATE DEPUTY

Ask the Supreme Council to place a time limit (6 mos.-1 yr., etc) on 1st Degree Members to obtain their 2nd and 3rd Degree.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, the cost of operation of the Mississippi State Council has continued to increase over the years and it has been necessary to propose resolutions to increase the per capita tax and provide additional funds for the operation of the State Council by other means,

such as conduction of a raffle of bonds each year which has worked a hardship on each council by conflicting with their funds raising projects, and

Whereas, the present wording of Section 4, Article VI is "Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be \$1.75 per member per year in accordance with Section 118, paragraphs C & D of Supreme Council By-Laws, provided however, the per capita tax may be changed by the 2/3 vote of the State Council meeting or as otherwise provided in these by-laws.", therefore,

Be it resolved, that Section 4, Article VI of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws be amended to read: "Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be \$2.25, per member per year, payable  $\frac{1}{2}$  on October 1st of each year based on Membership figures as of September 1, of each year and the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  payable on April 1 of each year, based on membership figures as of March 1st of each year, in accordance with Section 118, paragraphs C & D of Supreme Council By-Laws, provided, however, the per capita tax may be changed by 2/3 vote of the State Council meeting or as otherwise provided in these by-laws." and

Be it further resolved, that the Mississippi State Council shall not conduct any fund raising project to supplement the per capita tax.

ADOPTED (State Secretary called the roll for vote. It passed by a 46 - 1 count.)

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, Msgr. James T. McKenna has been a member of the L of C in Mississippi for over 30 years, and

Whereas, he has served as the Chaplain of Council 2969 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, since

the Council was established and

Whereas, Msgr. McKenna has served the Lord in the priesthood for over 50 years, and

Whereas, Msgr. McKenna has reached his 80th year,

Be it hereby resolved, that the 72nd Convention of the Mississippi State Council K of C hereby send him greetings and their gratitude for his long and continuous service in the priesthood and in his position as the Chaplain of Council 2969 Clarksdale, Mississippi.

ADOPTED

#### RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, most softball team members in the councils through out the State Jurisdiction are members of local ASA league teams in their communities, and

Whereas, the leagues usually play their games until mid July and then state playoffs follow thereafter,

Be it resolved, that the Annual State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament be scheduled annually on the second or third week-end of August by the host council.

Reason: This will enable all councils to plan to participate each year at a set time and enable all members of the various teams to plan their vacations or time off in advance.

AMEND:

That the next year's host be decided by the participants of soft ball tournament at the tournament time and not wait until convention time.

ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, all State Jurisdictions going to the Supreme Convention are allocated delegates in accordance to their total membership, and

Whereas, all councils of this jurisdiction



are allocated two voting delegates each at the State Convention, in accordance with Chapter II, Sections 11 and 12 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, and

Whereas, per Capita Tax is levied on each council based on the total membership in each council, and

Whereas, the larger councils of this jurisdiction pay the major share of the revenues of the State Council, due to their large membership.

Be it resolved, that Chapter II, Section 11 and 12 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus be ammended by the Supreme Council and that the voting delegate quota to the state Convention be increased and a larger allocation of voting delegates be given to the larger councils in proportion to each council's membership. Thereby justifying the larger per capita assessment payments of the various councils in the State Jurisdiction. And further recommend that the following guidelines be used for voting delegate allocation:

EACH COUNCIL-----2 delegates  
Councils over 100 members-----1 additional del.  
Councils over 200 members-----2 additional del.  
Councils over 300 members-----3 additional del.  
Councils over 400 members-----4 additional del.  
(Set a limit of no more than 6 delegates from one council.)

REASON: This will instill interest in the Councils to increase their efforts in recruitment of new and former members, thereby giving the state jurisdiction more revenues and giving the local council something tangible to achieve. Since this is the Bi-Centennial Year, let us not live by the old "Taxation without representation" but let it be "taxation with representation."  
NO ACTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, the members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus desire to participate in a softball tournament, now therefore be it resolved, that the Mississippi State Council sponsor, at no expense to itself, the Official Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Softball Tournament for its membership, said tournament to carry an official sanction by the American Softball Association and delegating Council No. 2180 of Laurel as host council, time and date to be 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 Softball Association, to the winners of certain events conducted in the Softball Tournament.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION No. 14

Whereas, the number of members and guests who attend the State Convention each year is on the increase, and

Whereas, most cities in the State of Mississippi hosting the State Council do not have one hotel or motel with sufficient number of rooms to accommodate all members and guests, and

Whereas, in the past years several councils have reserved large numbers of rooms at the headquarters motel, and

Whereas, as a result the headquarters were completely out of rooms before the notices as to the location of the headquarters were even mailed to the membership

Now therefore, be it resolved that henceforth the reservations to the motels be made only through the host council general convention chairman who shall use discretion to ascertain that all councils throughout the jurisdiction be given an equal opportunity to have at



least some accomadations at the motel signified as "Headquarters" of the Convention.

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, the main purposes of the Banquet and Dance held each year at the State Convention are fraternalism and an opportunity to hear the message from our guest speaker, and

Whereas, eacy year it appears that more and more time is being devoted to the distribution of trophies, awards, and citations,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that only the following five awards be given out at the Banquet: PSD Hilton Seymour Award, PSD Fred Westbrook Award, PSD George Scheiderman VIP Award, Best Large Council Award, and Best Small Council Award.

Be it also resolved, that a reading of namesof the recipients of all other awards be given by the State Deputy at the time of the State Convention Banquet and that the disbri-  
bution of their awards take place at one of the regular business meetings of the Convention, (or at such a time and place as determined by the State Deputy.)

STATE COUNCIL REJECTED COMMITTEE ACTION BY  
VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUS.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal, Benevolent, organization, and

Whereas, this Fraternalism and Benevolence is directed first toward it's members and their families in time of need, and

Whereas, our Order is more mobile than before and a member and his family might be in a strange town in the United States when a calamity befalls them, and

Whereas, time, money and misfortune might delay a Brother Knight or his family from



identifying and locating the local council officers, causing despair, heartache, woe, and disenchantment in a time of need, and

Whereas, we must take care of active members of the Knights as if they were our Brothers no matter where they are, and

Whereas, modern communications techniques are available to alleviate the problems,

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus shall provide a nationwide, 24-hour 365-day telephone service which will provide the necessary information to members and their families in need who dial 800-XXX-XXXX.

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting on this 15th day of December, 1975 by Luke E. Hart Council No. 5565, Placentia, California.

The service described in the resolution is available through American Telephone and Telegraph and the Northeast Bell Company. It is called "Incoming Watts" to indicate that the system would be for receiving calls from anywhere in the 48 states below Canada.

If we receive no more than 20 hours of calls per month it will cost about \$446/month plus \$52.55 for initial installation to receive from all states except Connecticut. The state P.U.C. in Connecticut regulates tariffs within the state and it will cost about \$580/month plus \$10 installation there. The total charge for the first month would be about \$1088.55 and each subsequent month would be about \$1023. This seems to work out to a cost of about 1 cent per member per year.

Two lines would be needed: One for interstate, and one for intrastate. Callers would identify themselves, tell where they were located, what council they are from, and request the name and phone number of nearest

council officer designated (this may be financial secretary).

The central numbers (Phones receiving nationwide calls) would either have to be manual or have a recording device which would be polled at regular intervals by volunteers. A third alternative would be to have an answering service man the lines. Whoever answer the incoming calls would have to have a well-indexed directory which showed the distribution of Financial Secretaries by their postal zip code, telephone prefix within a dialing area code, and their country-state location.

The number could be 800-523-8366 if in Delaware, for example. This would be "KC3-TFMM" an easy set to remember. But the number whatever it becomes, should be imprinted on the back of all membership cards with an "emergency out-of-town assistance" designation.

\*Note: 10 hours of calls/month would only cost \$647.55 the first month and \$585/month thereafter.

NO ACTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

To have bid for 2nd and 3rd Degree for each Quarter

- 1 in the North
- 1 in the Central
- 1 in the South

and the 4 2nd and 3rd degree open to the North, Central and South.

REFER TO STATE DEPUTY.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Atteberry, Chairman  
George R. Scheiderman PSD  
Norman Kiehm PSD  
John Pat Myers PSD  
Sidney T. Fails  
A.C. McDevit  
Henry Mosco

The State Treasurer presented two checks to the State Chaplain - \$25.00 for the Convention Mass and \$10.00 for the Memorial Mass.

The State Treasurer paid the mileage and per diem to the delegates.

The State Deputy called for the election of officers for the coming year. With Past State Deputy George R. Scheiderman presiding the elections proceeded as follows:

STATE DEPUTY

Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. was the only nominee and the state secretary was directed to cast one vote for his election.

STATE SECRETARY

Mike P. Columbus was the only nominee and the State Secretary was directed to cast one vote for his election.

STATE TREASURER

Mathias F. Zelenda was the only nominee and the State Secretary was directed to cast one vote for his election.

STATE ADVOCATE

Dave Atteberry was the only nominee and the State Secretary was directed to cast one vote for his election.

STATE WARDEN

Percy C. Nause of Meridian and Harry Steinwinder of Biloxi were nominated. Percy C. Nause was elected by Roll call Ballot.

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



FIRST ALTERNATE- John S. Cabibi, PSD  
SECOND ALTERNATE- Nicholas R. Cappello

Two Councils bidded for the State Convention site for 1978. Gulfport-Long Beach (jointly) and Pascagoula with Pascagoula later withdrawing its bid, so the 1978 Convention site was awarded to the Gulfport-Long Beach Councils.

The State Deputy called on the State Chaplain for closing remarks, who expressed his thanks for being able to serve as our State Chaplain during this year. He invited everyone to the 1977 State Convention to be held in Vicksburg at the Ramada Inn on April 15, 16, & 17, 1977.

The State Chaplain led the closing prayer.

The State Deputy officially closed the 72nd Annual State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike P. Columbus  
State Secretary