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MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION

STATE OFFICERS

1979-1980

State Chaplain	Rev. Frank Corcoran Greenville
State Deputy	Rodney J. Sandoz Long Beach
State Secretary	Don Oldmixon Poplarville
State Treasurer	Robert Fratesi Greenville
State Advocate	Wiley Price, Jr. Meridian
State Warden	Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. Biloxi

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini Jackson	Bishop Joseph L. Howze Biloxi
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
76TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, April 25, 1980

The 76th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus was convened at 6:00 P. M. with Grand Knight Danny E. Hillhouse of Council No. 4654 presiding. Grand Knight Hillhouse welcomed the convention on behalf of the Greenville Council and Brothers Frank Greco and James Wuestenhoefer Convention Co-Chairmen. He then introduced Mayor Bill Burnley who welcomed the Knights of Columbus to the City of Greenville.

Grand Knight Hillhouse then introduced the Chief of Police Brother Robert Skinner who also welcomed us to the City of Greenville.

State Secretary Don Oldmixon responded on behalf of the State Council after which Grand Knight Hillhouse turned the gavel over to State Deputy Rodney Sandoz who officially called the convention to order.

State Warden Dennis Ladnier, Sr. and his assistants checked current membership cards and vouched that only qualified Third Degree members were present. State Chaplain Frank Corcoran was called upon to lead the opening prayer. Following the prayer the members present pledged allegiance to the flag.

After requesting cooperation of the convention to expedite the business at hand, the State Deputy introduced the other State Officers and then passed out the printed Order of Business. He then called upon the delegates present to turn in their credentials to the State Secretary; and that the Grand Knights turn in any resolutions to State Advocate Wiley Price, Jr.

Minutes of the 1979 Convention were distributed. Brother Mike Columbus of Leland moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

The State Deputy appointed the following convention committees and asked that they meet and report in writing at the appropriate times during the convention. The Committees were as follows:

1. CREDENTIALS: Don Oldmixon, Thomas Zettler, Gerald Lamey, Graham Boyd
2. MEMBERSHIP: George Fero, Henry Kajdan, Walter Daley, O. J. Shiyou, Ken Lubbers
3. SERVICE PROGRAM: Mike Leleux, Leo Ridge, Jim Higgins, Jim Hunter, John Smith
4. CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Conway Aubic, Father Frank Corcoran, Chris Brown, Jim Bartlett, Ted Applewhite
5. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Leonard Tarrant, Earl Dimitry, Ed Gaston, Tony Scavo, Ed Leuckenbach
6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Charlie Abadie, Louis Shipp, Frank Tarrant, Joe Tonos, Al McDevitt

7. YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Ken Simon, Ray Stockstill, Bernard Frederick, Mike Columbus, Richard Benton
8. FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Robert King, Conrad Richard, Albert Rocconi, Tony Zepponi, Billy Harrington
9. CEREMONIALS: "Doc" Ladnier, Lamar Cox, Freddie Biglane
10. RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: PSD Jesse Quinn, Buddy New, Walter Reynolds, Michael Belenchia, Joe Goellner
11. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM: Robert Fratesi, Pat Oldmixon, Lynn Cook, Nick Wagner
12. STATE K OF C AUDIT: Ricky Nause, Fritz Oberlies, Danny Hillhouse, Mike Leleux
13. GOOD OF THE ORDER: PSD Hilton Seymour, Paulino Carrubba, Emile Carrier, Joe Benvenutti
14. RESOLUTIONS: Wiley Price, Jr., PSD W. F. LaForge, PSD George Scheiderman, PSD Dave Atteberry, Jim Heitz
15. AUDIT OF K OF C FOUNDATION: PSD Pat Myers, Max Voss
16. NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT: Roy Powers, Davey Gaddy, Marvin Lott, Frank Whitehead
17. ELECTION TELLERS: PSD August Stone, PSD John Cabibi, PSD Norman Kiehm

The State Deputy requested that the Grand Knights turn in their annual reports. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed that we dispense with the reading of the reports, the reports were turned in for inclusion in the official minutes.

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS, COUNCIL NO. 802 **Meridian**

The Council Officers for this fraternal year were installed at an installation reception in July.

The following men were elected to hold office for the year 1979-80:

Fr. Brian Carroll	Chaplain
Wiley Price	Grand Knight
Thomas Zettler	Deputy Grand Knight
James Vaughn	Chancellor
Jack Collins	Warden
Gary Benton	Advocate
Chris Brown	Recorder
Ronald DiPalma	Treasurer
David Gleason	Financial Secretary
Bernard Cook	Lecturer
Gary Haarala	Inside Guard

Jack Schons	Outside Guard
Roy Powers	3 Year Trustee
Drennen Smith	2 Year Trustee
Nick Cappello	1 Year Trustee

Tom Zettler served as the General Program Director and supervised the following major activities:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Tunny Vandevender, Director

1. The Council prepared and served a breakfast for First Communicants and their families.
2. The Council conducts a quarterly corporate Communion.
3. The Council sponsors a tithing program to both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Church from the weekly bingo profits.
4. Members of the Council provide their services in a "clean-up" program in the Catholic cemetery.
5. During the month of October, the members of the Council conducted a rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother.
6. The Council sponsored a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day at St. Patrick's Church.
7. The Council sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard located on the main approach highway to Meridian.
8. On All Soul's Day, the Council conducted a deceased members Mass at the Council home. All widows of deceased members were invited.
9. Conducted a Pro-life rosary on 22 January, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on abortion.

Our Council members continue to serve as lectors, ushers, lay ministers, choir members, CCD instructors and as members of our Parish Council.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Connie Moore, Director

1. The visitation program to the East Mississippi State Hospital on a monthly basis continued throughout the year. In addition, at Christmas we hosted a Christmas party for these men and presented them all with a personal gift from the Council.
2. On many occasions we donated the Council home to other organizations. These included other fraternal and charitable groups.
3. In addition the Council made numerous monetary contributions throughout the year. Included in these contributions were the VA hospital in Biloxi, The Catholic Guild for the Blind, the Jerry Lewis MD telethon and several others.
4. The Council donated Christmas baskets to needy families of our community.
5. Conducted a "Know Your Community" program. The highlight of this program was the institution of the John J. Burns Award for patriotic service. The first recipient was the Honorable John C. Stennis.
6. Provided the Knights of Columbus home as a hurricane shelter during the aftermath of Hurricane Frederick. Knights manned the home continuously during the period that it was utilized by the evacuees from the coast.
7. The Council donated \$3000 to pay for the John Powell TV show in the deanery of which our parish is a part. This activity is listed under Community as opposed to Church because the purpose of the program was to bring Father Powell's message to the entire community, not only to Catholics.
8. The Knights of Columbus in Meridian went on record as opposing the activities in Tehran. The Grand Knight sent a letter to President Carter voicing this opposition. As Americans, we could not let our feelings not be known.
9. The Council participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and the funds obtained therefrom were donated to the Lauderdale Association of Retarded Citizens.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Roy Powers, Jr., Director

1. The Council conducted a deceased members Mass on All Soul's Day.
2. The Council sponsored a council softball team in the Meridian Industrial League.
3. The Council hosted and participated in the State Softball Tournament.
4. The Council continued to conduct our Wednesday and Friday night Bingo games.
5. The Council has an ongoing Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year program.
6. The Council publishes a monthly newsletter.
7. Our Council hosted a Second and Third Degree initiation.
8. The Council conducted an Insurance Night at the Council home.
9. We had our annual recognition banquet at which we acknowledge the contributions of our own members.
10. Sponsored a Benefit Bingo to raise money to donate to the Bishop's Priest's Education Fund.
11. Conducted a Drug abuse and alcoholism seminar for council members and their guests. The presentation was made by a member of the U. S. Navy regional drug abuse team and representatives from the Weems Community Mental Health Center.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: James Vaughn, Director

1. Conducted a recognition breakfast for the graduating seniors from the parish during which college scholarships were awarded to these graduates.
2. Awarded a \$25 savings bond to the outstanding male and female graduate of the Catholic Elementary School.
3. The Council co-sponsors Cub Scout Pack 7.
4. Conducted a "Toys for Hospitalized Children" program wherein each child hospitalized over the Christmas holidays was given a gift from the Council.
5. Conducted the local free throw competition and sent these winners to State competition in Jackson.
6. Donated 50% of the funds for our attendees to the State CYO Convention.
7. Sponsored a boy for Boy's State.
8. The Council paid 25% of the Summer camp fees for the members of St. Patrick's Boy Scout Troop.
9. The Council sponsored and conducted a marriage and family life seminar for members of the CYO. The point of this seminar was to convey the message that marriage is a vocation as sacred as any other.
10. Sponsored an Easter egg hunt at the Council home.

FAMILY LIFE: Jeff Schoeneck, Director

1. Conducted a Memorial Day Family picnic with games and entertainment for all ages and groups.
2. Conducted a family picnic on Labor Day that included a mortgage burning ceremony.
3. Conducted a pot luck supper at the Council home.
4. Conducted a halloween costume dance for members and their families.
5. Conducted a high blood pressure program for families of members. Included in this presentation were a dentist, doctor and several other professional persons who conducted tests right on the spot.
6. Conducted a Christmas party with a surprise visit from Santa to all the children.
7. Conducted a family pro-life rosary on 22 January, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on abortion.
8. Sponsored a tour of the Meridian "Star" for members and their families. The tour was conducted by the Assistant City Editor.
9. The Council hosted the Marian Family Hour of Prayer in this state-wide program.

While these are not all of the activities that were conducted by our Council, they are a representative cross section. Council 802 continues to be a dynamic organization of concerned, dedicated Catholic men who are willing to assist in any possible way that enhances our Church, Community, Nation or fellow man. It is an honor to serve as the Grand Knight of this organization which we consider to be the best in the State of Mississippi.

Fraternally,
Wiley Price, Jr.
Grand Knight
Meridian Council 802

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL # 848
Jackson, Mississippi

It pleases me to report that our council has enjoyed, what I believe to be, an outstanding year.

Because of the cooperation our officers and members have given me, it becomes an easy task to give an accounting of my stewardship as Grand Knight.

For a number of years, our Council was financially distressed, which resulted in our facilities becoming run down for a lack of maintenance. Because of the diligent efforts and dedication of our Bingo and hall rental committees, we are beginning to enjoy financial soundness. At the beginning of my administration, I proposed a Three Year Master Plan to our Council for the refurbishing of our building and improvements to the grounds. A number of projects have already been accomplished, and a number of new ones are in the process of being accomplished or planned. Inclement weather has caused considerable delay to our outdoor projects. I consider our progress as good, but much still remains to be done.

I do not propose to outline a litany of the accomplishments of our Council during the past year. The Inter-Council Competition Reports we have submitted speak for themselves. I am proud of the things we have done, but there are several that stand out to the extent that they are extraordinary and I shall address myself to these.

EASTER FLOOD - The families of two of our members were the victims of this great flood. Our Council held a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit and the proceeds from this activity and from other contributions amounted to \$600.00 This money was distributed to the affected families. In addition, several of our members assisted in cleanup operations after the flood, notably Brothers Tom Collins and Bob Lambert.

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - On September 2, our Council celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of its founding. The day's activities began with a Holy Mass concelebrated by Bishops Brunini and Houck. The banquet was preceded by a Hospitality Hour. Our guests were seated at splendidly set and decorated tables arranged by the Ladies Auxiliary. We were honored to have as our guest speaker Past State Deputy Hilton Seymour. As highlights, a mortgage burning ceremony was held, signifying our Council's new debt-free status and the presentation to Mayor Dale Danks of a plaque recognizing his outstanding contribution to the Jackson community.

HURRICANE FREDERIC - Our Council presented a check for \$500.00 to Bishop Howze, Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Hurricane Frederic Relief Fund. This money represented the proceeds from one night of Bingo and donations from several of our members and friends of the Knights of Columbus.

MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER - Our Chaplain, Father Tony Pudenz, held the Marian Hour of Prayer at St. Dominic's Hospital Chapel on February 1. This service was so well received that our Chaplain decided to make it a part of each First Friday Holy Hour for the balance of this year.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION - For the first time, our Council held a Day of Recollection for its members and families at the Council Home. Our Chaplain, Father Tony Pudenz, held outstanding conferences and celebrated Holy Mass. We were extremely pleased with the turnout.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT - The Mississippi State Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament was hosted by our Council this year. There was an excellent turnout and one of the five teams representing Natchez Council #1034 emerged victorious. Co-managers for this event were Brothers Saab and Kajdan, assisted by Brothers Schemmel, Rhodes, Lamparty, Graham and Moots.

BASKETBALL FREE THROW FINALS - On March 22, our Council held the State Finals of the Basketball Free Throw Tournament at the St. Joseph High School Gymnasium. State Youth Director Ken Simon expressed his appreciation for the fine show of contestants and for our Council's assistance. Council Youth Director John Schemmel was responsible for making the arrangements and the Ladies Auxiliary for the sandwiches and soft drinks the contestants enjoyed after the journey. We are deeply grateful to Principal Robert Luckett of St. Joseph High School for making the gymnasium facility available to the Knights of Columbus for this activity.

I would be remiss in not giving proper recognition to President Nell Lambert and the Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies of the Auxiliary gave the Council outstanding services, especially at the Seventy Fifth Anniversary celebration and the other activities outlined above. In addition, their contributions to the Covered Dish suppers held every first Tuesday of the month have been instrumental in increased attendance at our Surge Program planning meetings held immediately after.

A lot of time and hard work has gone into our efforts this past year. But we feel very proud of what we have accomplished and we are looking forward to another year of unabated effort in the quest to attain our goal as the best Council in Mississippi.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers and Surge Program directors for their cooperation without which we could not have accomplished that which we have.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Kajdan
Grand Knight

VICKSBURG COUNCIL, NO. 898
Vicksburg

The progress report of the Knights of Columbus Council #898, of Vicksburg, Ms., is summarized below. The following officers were installed in July, 1979. I would like to thank all these officers and members who worked to make this a successful year.

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Recorder
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee

Rev. Gerald Hurley
Robert C. King, Jr.
Zenon Sucharski
William Sadler
William Lauderdale
Donald Brown
Walter Reynolds
Bob Rippi
Gerald Kendricks
Larry Brun
Linn McDuff
Alfred McDivett
A. L. Sullivan
V. O. Banchetti

Following activities were achieved by the Council this year:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Quarterly Communion
2. Get well and Sympathy Cards
3. Clergy Day of Appreciation
4. K. C. Members served as Ushers
5. Raised \$1000.00 for Priest Education

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Members helped clean highways
2. Letters sent to State House and Senate on Decency and Pro-Life

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. The Council celebrated its 75th Anniversary with Open-House followed by Dance and Dinner
2. Labor Day Picnic for Parish
3. The Council had two Admission Degrees
4. The Council had several dances during the year
5. The Council purchased a new flag for the Home
6. Tootsie Roll Project for retarded citizens
7. Insurance Night
8. The Council had dinners every Friday Night
9. Award Night honoring Past Grand Knight's of Council
10. Memorial Services for deceased members
11. Council had Open-House and Dinner on St. Patrick and Columbus Days

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Sponsored Boy Scout Troup
2. Assisted C. Y. O.
3. Assisted Students of St. Aloysius High School

4. Christmas Party for children
5. Cook-out and Swim Party for Boy-Scouts
6. Use of Council Home for Regional C. Y. O. Meetings

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Living Rosaries
2. Hosted Family Night
3. Assisted on Scholarships and Loans
4. Survivors Assistance
5. Memorial Committee.

Sincerest thanks and appreciation to Officers and Brethren who worked to make this year a success. My thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, without whose help, much would not have accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. King, Jr.
Grand Knight, Council 898

BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL # 1034 **Natchez**

Only July 9, 1979, the following officers were duly installed by Brother George Souderes, Past District Deputy at a meeting for members and their wives.

Grand Knight	Freddie N. Biglane
Deputy Grand Knight	George E. Hude
Chaplain	Msgr. Thaddeus Harkins
Chancellor	Billy Key Smith
Warden	John R. Junkin, II
Recorder	Thomas Piazza
Advocate	Peter T. Burns, Jr.
Lecturer	Mike Biglane
Inner Guard	Parnell Burns
Outer Guard	Richard Spence
Trustees	Bill Hall (3 years)
	L. Conway Aubic (2 years)
	A. B. Tuccio (1 year)

This event was followed by a buffet supper and social hour.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Natchez Council had a very successful year in 1979-1980 year. We hosted the 1979 State Convention where we won two of the five State Awards. One in Community Activity and the other in Family Activity. We also won the State Bowling Tournament held in Jackson, plus the Singles title, and came in second in the Doubles Event and All Events catagories.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Membership chairman Freddie Voss reported that since the last convention we have conducted two Admissions degrees for a total of six new members and three reinstatements.

Our council was saddened by the loss of Brother Rollin S. Armstrong.

CHURCH ACTIVITY

1. A designated group of brothers continue to serve as ushers, lecturers, and collection auditors for weekly church services.
2. Clean up, fix up church property committee far exceeded the 40 hour requirement.
3. We had one brother who donated an elevator to the Church, and two other brothers who installed it, for the benefit of the handicap.
4. Chairman and committee head up participation in a retreat at a nearby retreat house. This is held in July and January annually.
5. Hold Communion Sunday quarterly.
6. We continue our Catholic Information Program by supplying the Parish pamphlet racks with literature from Supreme.
7. Again we sponsored the Keep Christ in Christmas Program by distributing material throughout the Parish and the Church.
8. The councils 4th Degree members were the honor guard at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.
9. Participated in the Priest Education Fund.
10. The council meetings are closed with a prayer for vocations.
11. Members serve on the Parish Council and the Cathedral School Board.
12. Distributed Pro-Life material throughout the parish and the community.
13. On November 11, 1979 Memorial Services were held at the Council hall for our deceased members. This was followed by a breakfast.
14. We held a vocation program for the children of the parish.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1. Distributed book covers to Cathedral Schools.
2. A special program on Drug Abuse was sponsored by the Council at Cathedral Junior High for the kids and their parents.
3. John Sanguinetti III, Chairman of Decency Committee contacted all local theaters news stands urging them not to subscribe to pornographic material.
4. The council recognized Columbus Day with a supper. An article was placed in the paper and the messages played on the radio.
5. We joined with the American Legion, V. F. W., Army Reserve, National Guard, and others in recognition of Veterans Day in Memorial Park at 11:00 a. m. on 11-11-79.
6. We let the Newcomers Club use our club for their annual banquet.
7. The brothers of our council assisted the Garden Clubs of Natchez by participating in the Natchez Pageant held four nights a week for the month of March.
8. We also promote citizenship by having many of our members in political office.
9. We again participated in the Statewide Tootsie-Roll Drive for the mentally retarded children.
10. For the sixth year in a row we sponsored an Open Softball Tournament to raise money to send our two softball teams to the State K. of C. Tournament.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

1. We sponsored the 1979 State Convention
2. We sponsor four bowling teams in the Merchants Bowling League.
3. We also sponsor a softball team in the Men's Summer League in Natchez. We came in second in 1979.
4. Both our bowling and softball teams participate each year in the State K. of C.'s Tournament.
5. We select a Knight of the Quarter.
6. We select a Family of the Month and have been since the program started.

7. We hold an Awards Night once each year for brothers who have earned 25 year pins, Honorary Life or other recognitions. This was held on September 29, 1979.
8. Our visitation committee takes a basket of fruit or candy to any brother who is hospitalized.
9. The Council sponsors a spaghetti benefit twice a year to raise funds for the club.
10. For the 14th straight year we held our annual K. of C. bus trip to a L. S. U. football game.
11. We publish a newsletter on the events happening in the club.
12. Brother Roy Powers conducted Insurance night on February 25, 1980.
13. We hold an annual tournament in horseshoes, pool, and bowling.
14. We publish activities in local newspaper, church bulletins, and Miss. Today.
15. We helped raise money for the Priest Education Fund.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

1. We sponsored the President's Physical Fitness course with the students of Cathedral High School and members of the club.
2. In May as we have for so many years sponsored a brothers' son to Boys State.
3. We sponsor both a Boys Scout and Cub Scout troop. We have done this for 33 years.
4. Each year we distribute book covers.
5. On January 26, 1980 we held the annual Free-Throw Competition for the Natchez area and had 65 participants.
6. On December 19, 1979 we held our Christmas party for the children and grandchildren of members at the council hall.
7. We assisted the C. Y. O. by donating money to make their annual trip to the Satillo Mission. Our wives have also baked cakes and cookies to help the members to raise money to go to the State C. Y. O. Convention.
8. Council members help throughout the year to raise money for the Cathedral High Athletic program and also the caring of the football field and basketball gym.
9. We had a number of brothers who coached in the T-Ball and Little League programs in the City League.
10. We entertain, along with the Athletic Association of Cathedral High, the various sports teams with a supper each month at the club.
11. For the 3rd year we sponsored the River City Bowl Football game. This year we had North Natchez High of Natchez and Hammond High of Hammond, Louisiana.

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY

1. The Natchez K. of C.'s families worked as they always have done for the past several years on the Cathedral Fall Festival. This is a family project which involves the whole family. The K. of C.'s and their wives run the games on Saturday night and on Sunday the children join in to help with the work and also to participate.
2. We have deceased family members who participate in all of our programs.
3. We present a Family of the Month Award each month.
4. We held our annual Christmas dance and supper for members and their wives at the council hall.
5. We had a member whose wife was dying of cancer, and as a council we raised \$1,400.00 just from the members of the club to help defray some of the expenses.
6. We had members and their wives participate in a marriage encounter program held at St. Mary's Cathedral.
7. On Holy Thursday night we had our annual Watch of the Blessed Sacrament. This involves members, wives, sons, and daughters.
8. Every year the four bowling teams that we have in the Merchants Bowling League throw a picnic on Lake St. John for their wives.

Submitted respectfully by,
 Freddie Biglane
 Grand Knight, Council # 1034
 Natchez, MS

BILOXI COUNCIL NO. 1244
Biloxi

On July 12, 1979, the officers of the council were duly installed by Joe Gollenger, worthy District Deputy, at an open dinner meeting for members, their wives and prospective members and guests.

Council officers for 1979-80 are:

Chaplain
Chaplain Emeritus
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Advocate
Recorder
Warden
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Lecturer
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustees:

Rev. Robert Higginbotham
Msgr. John J. O'Reilly
Frank Tarrant
Ross Bertucci
Billy Gollott
Guy B. Roberts
Freddie Steinwinder III
David Poulos
Charles T. Harrison
Harry L. Steinwinder
Hilton Seymour
David Roberts
Tim Lamey
Gerald F. Lamey
Freddie Steinwinder Jr.
Dennis Ladnier Sr.

Deputy Grand Knight Ross Bertucci served as General Program Director with activities directors. He supervised and carried out the following activities.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Ivon Arguelles, Director

1. The Council this year set up a team of workers to help two of the smaller parishes out of the eight parishes in Biloxi in their annual bazaars. The help went to St. Louis and St. John's Parishes. A total of 20 men spent three days helping with the bazaars, averaging 8 to 10 hours per day. Ivon Arguelles, Catholic Activity chairman, works with parishes in the Biloxi area securing commentators and lecturers through the Knights of Columbus.
2. Under the good of the order in each meeting 5 or more minutes are taken in which the Chaplain gives meditation and prayer. Usually he reflects on the life of a saint or passages from scripture. At the close of all of our meetings we pray for our sick and deceased brothers and their families.
3. On Thursday night, February 14, 1980, our council sponsored their annual Clergy-Religious night supper. At the supper all the religious of the Biloxi area were honored guests. They were recognized for their dedicated service to the area.
4. On November 15, 1979, the Council conducted its annual Memorial Services for deceased members. A con-celebrated Memorial Mass was offered with Bishop Howze as the main celebrant assisted by Msgr. Kevin Bambrick, Msgr. Gregory Johnson, and Msgr. John O'Reilly.
5. A corporate communion was held on Sunday, February 24, 1980, at the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Church for members and their families. Breakfast was served following Mass at the Knights of Columbus home.
6. Keep Christ in Christmas program was kicked off on November 15, 1979, with the distribution of bumper stickers.
7. Give assistance regularly to Ladies Auxiliary. We assisted the ladies at their

- annual rummage sale. Proceeds for the sale went to the Saltillo Mission.
8. On November 21, 1979 the council hospital committee visited the sick in local hospitals.
 9. The council donated \$923.41 to the D'Iberville General Assembly fourth degree for use in operational funds. This is an annual donation made to the fourth degree.
 10. Vocation night was held on March 24. Fr. Bob Higginbotham conducted the program and showed a film strip.
 11. On Sunday, May 6, 1979 the council participated in the Rosary March in Biloxi.
 12. On Sunday, October 28, 1979, we conducted a Mariner Hour at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the B. V. M.
 13. The council participated in the ceremonies for the arrival of and the departure of the Pilgrim Statue of Fatima on its trip to Biloxi.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: David Poulos, Director

1. Council sponsors a Blood Bank for its members and families.
2. The Columbus day broadcast of Supreme Knight was aired on WLOX Radio in Biloxi, on October 12, 1979. On October 11, 1979 we conducted a Columbus Day Program in conjunction with the Knight of the Quarter Banquet. The Supreme Knight Columbus Day Broadcast was played during the banquet.
3. Blood Pressure Checks are held periodically by two of our members who are nurses. These are normally held on Thursday night meeting nights with 60 to 70 members in attendance.
4. On October 15, 1979, the council hosted a KICK OFF SUPPER for the workers of the 40th Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic. In attendance were representatives from the different clubs and sororities in the City of Biloxi who help the Biloxi Knights of Columbus each year in putting on the annual classic. All proceeds from the bowl goes to local charities.
5. On November 23, 1979 the Biloxi Council 1244 hosted the 40th Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic. This is the oldest high school classic in existence. The proceeds from this event which amounted to \$3500 was donated to the Biloxi Doll & Toy Fund and the St. Vincent DePaul Societies in the Biloxi area. The Doll and Toy Fund distributes toys to underprivileged children at Christmas.
6. The Biloxi Knights of Columbus has articles appearing in the daily and weekly newspapers in its city and also in the Catholic paper, Mississippi Today.
7. On Sunday, December 23, 1979 the council delivered their annual Christmas gifts of a ham and turkey to the nuns, brothers, and priests of the area. They were delivered to the following: nuns at Santa Maria Retirement Home; nuns at Holy Angels Nursery; nuns at Sacred Heart Convent; Nuns at Nativity B. V. M. Convent; nuns at Our Lady of Fatima Convent; brothers at Notre Dame High School; Rev. John O'Reilly, chaplain emeritus of the Biloxi Council 1244; and Rev. Robert Higginbotham, chaplain of the council.
8. On Sunday December 23, 1979, the council delivered their annual Christmas Baskets to the needy families in the Biloxi area. They delivered 12 baskets valued at \$120.00 per basket.
9. The council distributed pro-life bumper stickers throughout the city.
10. The Biloxi council sponsored a float in the annual Biloxi Mardi Gras parade in 1980 and won first place and \$100.00. The float was a replica of the Cuevas Settlement on Cat Island and was decorated by the Ladies Auxiliary.
11. The Biloxi Council lends the use of their hall to the Gulf Coast Stamp Club for its monthly meetings. The club's membership is made up of people from the entire Gulf Coast.
12. The Council donated \$25.00 to the Newman Club at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.
13. The council sponsored a booth in the French Club bazaar on Sept. 1 and 2, 1979.
14. The council conducted a Cancer Night Program on Feb. 28, 1980.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Marvin Newman, Director

1. On June 16, 1979, council sponsored a dance for members and families and guests.
2. On Thursday night July 12, 1979, the Knight of the Second Quarter Banquet was held for members and guests. At this time the Columbian's Squire of the Knight for the quarter was also presented. A new program was also initiated at the banquet known as the Biloxi Council 1244 Knights of Columbus Policeman and Fireman of the Quarter Award.
3. On Sunday July 29, 1979, the Council's annual Family picnic for members, families and guests was held at Camp Wilkes. A full day of activities was enjoyed by everyone.
4. The council sponsored a softball team to the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Softball tournament held in Meridian, Miss. on April 10, 11, 12, 1979. All members on this team are members of the Biloxi Council Knights of Columbus.
5. On Saturday August 25, 1979, a council dance was held for members families, and guests.
6. On Sunday September 16, 1979, the council sponsored a trip to New Orleans to attend the New Orleans-Philadelphia football game. Members and guests made the trip.
7. Ladies Night was held on Thursday night September 27, 1979, recognizing the ladies auxiliary and all the assistance and contributions they make to the council. At this banquet the new officers of the Auxiliary were installed by past state deputy Hilton Seymour.
8. On Thursday night, October 11, 1979, the Knight of the Quarter supper and Columbus Day program were presented for members, families, and guests. The Squire of the Quarter and the Biloxi Policeman and Fireman of the Quarter awards were also presented.
9. On Thursday, October 25, 1979, a fish fry was held for the members.
10. Dance for members and guests was held at the council hall on Saturday, October 25, 1979. This was the council's annual Harvest Ball Dance.
11. The council sends a news bulletin every two months to all members, state officers, and chairmen.
12. On Friday night, November 23, 1979, following the Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic the council held an appreciation supper for all the people who worked so hard to make the Shrimp Bowl a success.
13. On Saturday night, November 24, 1979, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a pot luck supper for the Biloxi Knights of Columbus 1244 members and families.
14. On Saturday, December 15, 1979, the council sponsored their annual Christmas dance for members, families, and guests.
15. On Saturday, December 1, 1979, the council sponsored its annual party (Christmas Party) for it's bingo workers.
16. On December 31, 1979, the council held its annual New Years Eve Dance for members, families, and guests at the Biloxi Community Center with breakfast following the dance at the council home.
17. On Thursday night, January 31, 1980, the Knight of the Quarter supper was held. Awards were also presented to the Squire of the Quarter, and the Policeman and Fireman of the Quarter.
18. On March 8 and 9, 1980, the council sponsored four teams to the Mississippi State KC Bowling Tournament in Jackson, Miss.
19. On Thursday March 13, 1980 the annual Insurance Night Program was presented by Bro. Roy Powers from Meridian.
20. The council conducted a pool tournament and trophies were presented to the winners.
21. On May 31, 1979, the council donated \$1500.00 to Notre Dame High School to be used towards the purchase of a bus. The \$1500. will be made in three annual payments of \$500. each.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Bob Ladnier, Director

1. On March 30, 1980, the annual Biloxi K. C. Easter Egg hunt for members families was held at the council hall. Over 250 Children were in attendance.
2. This year Biloxi council 1244 sponsored boy scout troop 213 for the 48th consecutive year.
3. On September 6, 1979, YOUTH NIGHT was held at which time we recognized council sponsored boy scout troop 213, the council sponsored squires, the Kline Coquet Columbian Squires circle, and the Knights of Columbus Little League team.
4. Council sponsors the Kline Coquet Columbian Squires Circle and sponsors a little league team in the city of Biloxi Little League.
5. The columbian squire of the quarter award is presented quarterly to one of its members at the Knights of Columbus quarter awards banquets.
6. Made annual donation of \$50.00 to Nativity B. V. M. Elementary School.
7. On Saturday January 19, 1980, the council youth basketball free throw contest was held at Notre Dame High School. The winners will go on to the state playoffs.
8. On Sunday December 16, 1979, the annual Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren of the Biloxi council was held at 2 p.m. with over 250 children in attendance. Gifts were given to the children and games were played with prizes for the winners. Refreshments were served.
9. The Biloxi Council conducted their annual fund raising raffle for the eight CYO's in Biloxi to help defray expenses for the annual convention. Raffles off was a \$100.00 Saving Bond and a \$50.00 Saving Bond. Each CYO received the monies they sold on raffle tickets.
10. On Thursday, March 13, 1980, council approved spending of \$125.00 to sponsor a girl from Sacred Heart High School to Miss Lion All State Band Convention.
11. On Thursday, March 13, 1980, council approved sponsoring a boy and girl to boy and girl State.
12. On October 31, 1979, council conducted its annual Halloween Party for its members children and grand children in the KC Hall with over 100 children in attendance. Games were played and prizes awarded. Refreshments were served.
13. On Saturday December 8, 1979, council sponsored its annual Christmas Party for its sponsored boy scout troop 213.
14. On Sunday, January 20, 1980, Columbian Squire Circle conducted their corporate Communion Sunday with the knights as guests.
15. On August 15, 1979 the council presented their annual scholarships to a daughter and a son of a member. The scholarship of \$500 is presented to the two students each year.

MEMBERSHIP: Jerry Gollott, Director

1. 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.
2. We held an admission degree on August 30, 1979, on May 17, 1979, and on January 10, 1980.
3. On October 21, 1979, the Biloxi degree team traveled to Picayune to conduct a formation and knighthood degree. 23 candidates were initiated.
4. On November 11, 1979, the Biloxi degree team traveled to Meridian to conduct a formation and knighthood degree. 38 candidates were initiated.
5. On January 13, 1980, the Biloxi degree team traveled to Pascagoula to conduct a formation and knighthood degree. 32 candidates were initiated.
6. Our council was saddened this year with the loss of Brothers Lee Gutierrez, Sr., Phillip Dellenger, and Elmer Duvigneau.
7. Council conducted the second and third degree in Biloxi on June 10, 1979 with 43 candidates initiated.

8. The council traveled to Clarksdale for second and third degree on March 22 and 23, 1980. 43 candidates were initiated.
9. On July 29, 1979 the officers and committee chairman attended a District Deputy meeting in Pascagoula.

Respectfully submitted by:
Frank Tarrant, Grand Knight

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL NO. 1583
Gulfport

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Fund raising bingo of which St. John's Parish shares in the net profit.
2. Erected manger scene at the council home at Christmas.
3. Annual Clery and Religious Night...In connection with this program one of the Sisters was presented a check for an addition to her wardrobe and one of the priests was given a check for a new suit.
4. Right to Life Program presented.
5. Assisted Pastors of the various parishes by serving as lectors, ushers, and other positions as needed.
6. Party for senior citizens of the parishes in the council area.
7. Donated \$7,000 to St. John's High School.
8. Going away gift to Father Bob Bowen.
9. Financial aid to flood victims in central Mississippi in 1979.

YOUTH:

1. Boy Scout Troop 209 sponsored.
2. Cub Scout Pack sponsored.
3. Sent 2 Boy's to Boy's State.
4. Sent 2 Girl's to Girl's State.
5. Swimming lessons to boys and girls.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Annual picnic for members on July 22, 1979.
2. Hawaiian Luau sponsored for members at the pool.
3. Sponsored a bowling team.
4. Sponsored a softball team.
5. Participated in the "Tootsie Roll" Program.
6. Insurance program for members.
7. Golf tournament for members.
8. Operated a swimming pool.
9. Swimming lessons for adults.
10. Regular visits to local Veteran's Hospital.
11. Sending Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy Cards to Members.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Donated 75-80 pints of blood to American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Participated in several admission Degrees in Council Home.
2. Participated in Knighthood and Formation Degrees in Pascagoula.

Signed

Charles M. Underwood, Grand Knight

MSGR. P. J. CAREY COUNCIL NO. 1605 **Pascagoula**

Delegates and Brother Knights:

The goal of this Council is to promote the ideology of Columbianism, work with and for the community, promote brotherhood within the Council, unite families, and seek to inspire initiative and Catholicity in out youth.

It is with great pleasure I submit the following report of the activities of Msgr. P. J. Carey Council 1605 for the fraternal year 1979-1980.

On July 14, District Deputy Joe Goellner installed the newly elected officers of the Council and the Ladies Auxiliary. At this time also Past State Master Lamar Cox installed the newly elected officers of the Fourth Degree Assembly.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Quarterly corporate communion for members and family
2. Religious Appreciation Night
3. Marian Devotion Hour
4. Memorial Mass for deceased members
5. Donated to Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Held annual Tootsie Roll Drive
2. Participated in Elks Flag Day ceremony
3. Participated in Veterans' Day Flag ceremony
4. Participated in city-wide Beautification Program

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Family of the Month award
2. July 4th picnic for members and families
3. Labor Day picnic for members and families
4. Christmas Party for members and families

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Sponsor Boy Scout Troop
2. Sponsor Little League Baseball Team
3. Sponsor Soccer Team
4. Sponsor boy to Boy's State
5. Donated use of hall to CYO for fund-raising activities

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Knight of the Quarter award
2. Held pool tournament
3. Sponsor a team in local bowling league
4. Participated in KC State Softball Tournament
5. Participated in KC State Bowling Tournament
6. Have monthly social for members and wives
7. Held annual Msgr. P. J. Carey Awards Banquet
8. Supported Ladies' Auxiliary
9. Held Insurance Night
10. Erected Nativity Scene at Singing River Hospital
11. Membership went to New Orleans Saints football game
12. Held four admission Degrees and welcomes 17 new members
13. Hosted a Formation and Knighthood exemplification

I want to congratulate Brother Louis Frederic who was chosen as the Knight of the Year for 1979-1980.

I wish to express my thanks to all the members for their time, effort, and hard work expended after the devastation of Hurricane Frederic. A special thanks to Brother Henry Jahnke for taking "Disaster Chairman" and working hard and long to restore our Council home and grounds.

I would like to thank all the officers, chairmen, members, and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their help, time, efforts, and cooperation during this past year. We have enjoyed a very fruitful year and all this is because of the labors of each. We have grown together, not necessarily in size, but in Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. Frederic, Grand Knight

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL, NO. 1908 Hattiesburg

The duly elected and appointed officers of our Council were installed with appropriate ceremony by our worthy district deputy, Billy Herrington. the installation ceremonies included a covered dish supper and social attended by members, their wives, and guests.

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Recording Secretary
Advocate
Treasurer

Rev. John Burke
Ricky Nause
Glenn White
Erray Manuel
Neal McCloud
Walter Yates
Ed Dugas
Louis Csaszar
Bill Kerley
Dick Cargill

Council 1908 has continually progressed in all fields of Knights of Columbus related activities. We have completed all phases of the Inter-Council Competition including Honor and Distinguished Council requirements, membership requirements and Insurance quotas.

In addition, we gave a scholarship donation of \$450.00 to Sacred Heart School in order to help those less fortunate who wish to attend the fine school in our Parish. This money will be divided among students according to need.

On October 7, our council held a parish Bar-B-Que along with the CYO. The purpose of this was to help raise funds which were donated to the CYO for much needed activities they otherwise would not have been able to participate in. This project grossed over \$800.00.

In order to contribute monetary funds to the many worthwhile projects we are called upon to donate to, it is necessary to raise funds in various ways. Council 1908 held a shotgun raffle in December selling tickets for \$1.00 each awarding a prize for the most tickets sold. A Remington 1100 shotgun was given. In July, we set up a booth at Paul B. Johnson State Park selling various items to raise funds. Over 30,000 people were in attendance. This gave the Knights of Columbus great publicity while we made money and had an enjoyable day.

October 28, our council sponsored a Living Rosary for all members in our Parish. We actively involved families, children and parish members by having them stand in as participants. Everyone received such a blessing from this, that it was repeated in December.

A Christmas Party was held with the CYO at a local Rest Home for the aged. Our council donated presents and refreshments plus a visit from Santa Claus.

In January, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived in Hattiesburg for public display and festivities. A procession was included using members of our council as bearers for this statue into the church.

Family activities are recognized as a very important and necessary part of council life. In December we held Superbowl Sunday. The men grilled burgers and hotdogs, popped corn, and had plenty to eat and drink for everyone. Besides the game for entertainment, Bingo was played for the ladies and various children's games were played.

When a council has a great a year as ours did in growth and enthusiastic participation, it makes you proud to be a part of such an organization as the Knights of Columbus. I wish to thank my fellow officers and all the dedicated members of Council 1908 for making this a truly successful year. I also express my gratitude to the diligent women of the Ladies Auxillary for their unending support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Nause, Grand Knight

FATHER KORSTENBROECK COUNCIL NO. 2134
Greenville

Newly elected officers were installed on July 12, 1979, by our Worthy District Deputy Eddie Lueckenbach. Following the installation a meal was served for members and wives.

Council Officers for 1979-1980 are:

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Recorder
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Advocate

Danny Hillhouse
Joe Tonos
Charles Verbal
Bill Koepp
Paul Bell
Rev. Frank Corcoran
Frank Dantone

Chancellor
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Membership
House Committee

Claude Marchesini
Charles Ammons
James Rester
Jimmy Hyde
Ronnie Tubertini
Eddie Lueckenbach
Robert Fratesi
Paul Artman
Jimmy Wuestenhofer, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Conducted first and second degree initiations in Greenville. On August 15th 4 men were initiated.
2. Lost 3 members by death.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Members serve as ushers, lectures and gift bearers during Mass.
2. Knights of Columbus members raised money with spaghetti dinner for priest education fund.
3. Knights of Columbus had a booth Parish Fair to raise money for church and school.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held 4th of July picnic for members and guests.
2. Held a dance one week before Halloween and Christmas.
3. Bingo every Saturday night.
4. Participated in Columbus Day Program
5. Held memorial services for deceased members.
6. We participated in State Bowling Tournament.
7. We participated in State Softball Tournament.
8. An Insurance Night was held with our regional Insurance Agent attending.
9. We held an Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the parish.
10. Hold pot of gold at the conclusion of every meeting.
11. Sold chances on football board on Mississippi State games with their opponents.
12. Hold Las Vegas night to raise money for convention.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Our club is being used by the local homebuilding Association for their monthly meetings.
2. Many members have donated blood to Red Cross.
3. Raise money for mentally retarded by selling Tootsie Rolls.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We sponsor a Boy Scout Troop.
2. Had a Halloween Party and haunted house for the children of the parish.
3. Had Christmas party for children of the parish.

I would like to thank everyone that has worked to help us get through this year and prepare for the State Convention.

Fraternally Submitted,
Danny Hillhouse
Grand Knight

LAUREL COUNCIL NO. 2180
Laurel

In July of 1979, the following Knights were duly elected and installed by the District Deputy:

Chaplain	Rev. Liam Pentony
Grand Knight	Dennis Wargel
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Gully
Recorder	Bruce Keen
Chancellor	David Hughes
Warden	Mark Powers
Advocate	Jeff Karns
Inside Guard	Kelly Hutchins
Outside Guard	Bud Herring
Trustee	Renold Ledel
Trustee	James Thaggard
Trustee	James Murphy
Treasurer	John P. Myers
Financial Secretary	James F. Hunter

A summary of the year's activities conducted by each chairman is as follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Conducted Quarterly Communion Sundays
Donated to Priest Education Fund
Members served on Parish Council and School Board
Erected "Keep in Christmas" Billboard
Conducted Parish Dinners and annual Parish Picnic
Sponsored a Vocations Sunday
Donated manpower to modify Church Pews.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Conducted Tootsie Roll Drive
Installed playground equipment in school yard
Donated Christmas toys to Salvation Army
Conducted hospital visitations
Assisted in Immaculate Conception School Halloween Carnival
Donated manpower for spaghetti supper benefit for school.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Conferred Admission Degree on three new members
Hosted a District Council meeting
Sponsored pot luck suppers for brotherhood during year
Helped nuns move to new assignment
Conducted District-wide softball tournament to aid seminarians
Sponsored Insurance Day.

C. G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL NO. 2945
Leland

ACTIVITIES 1979-80

A. CHURCH

1. Supported parish fair raffle by buying a \$100.00 chance.
2. Sent get well cards and Mass cards to sick parish members and families of deceased.
3. Members served as lectors, gift bearers, and ushers.
4. Members helped set up for parish fair.
5. Members serve on Parish Council.

B. COUNCIL

1. Sold basketball and football pool to raise money.
2. Sold tickets and concessions for rodeo to raise money.
3. Had a party for K. C. members and wives on Lake Ferguson.
4. Participated in K. C. Softball tournament in Meridan.
5. Painted outside of K. C. Hall and had new ceiling installed on inside.
6. Sold Barbecued chicken for Priest Education Fund.
7. Gave money to family of deceased K. C. member - JOHN CAROLLO

C. YOUTH

1. Co-Sponsored local Miss Teenage America Candidate.
2. Christmas party for children of parish.
3. Easter Egg hunt for children of parish.

D. COMMUNITY

1. Tootsie Roll amounted to \$1,002.00 for mentally retarded; this years drive to be held May 3rd.
2. Gave money to Junior Auxiliary for needy families holiday basket.
3. Placed a float on Deer Creek to aid Chamber of Commerce in Christmas decoration.

OFFICERS FOR THE 1979-80 YEAR

Chaplain	Father Charles Loyacano
Grand Knight	Tony Zepponi
Deputy Grand Knight	Louis Fratesi
Chancellor	Albert Bassi
Recorder	Dennis Hull
Financial Secretary	Richard Columbus
Treasurer	Charlie Morlino
Lecturer	Leon Shapley
Advocate	Sam Carollo
Warden	Steve Fratesi
Inside Guard	Louis Santucci
Outside Guard	Jimmy Giachelli
Trustee	Mike Columbus
Trustee	V. J. Cefalu
Trustee	Jerry Santucci

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Zepponi

CLARKSDALE COUNCIL NO. 2969

Clarksdale

The progress report of the Knights of Columbus Council, Number 2969 of Clarksdale, Miss., is summarized below. Officers installed in July, 1979 are listed first. Relatives and families witnessed the installation and attended the covered dish supper which followed.

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Recorder
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Program Director

Rev. Bernard Haddican
Tony Antici
Davey Gaddy
Pete Elardo
Louis Barbieri
Kinsey Coleman
Tommy Agostinelli
Owen Mayfield
Mel Underwood
Bobby Tarzi
Richard Rogers
Frank Whitehead
Richard Antici
Glen Rutz
Val Soldivela

CHURCH ACTIVITIES--Ned Turner, Chairman

1. We held our annual Day of Recollection on Feb. 3, 1980.
2. We distributed 600 "Keep Christ In Christmas" bumper stickers.
3. Members of the Council helped with church clean-up when the ground's deeper died.
4. Our clergy night was held in March, which honored the three local priests and nuns of the community.
5. We donated \$1,000 to the Priest's Education Fund.
6. We had a vocations program on Oct. 6, 1979, with Council from Jackson and Delta cities invited.
7. Our annual Memorial Mass was held on Nov. 29, 1979 for all deceased members with more than 80 family members and friends of the deceased members present.
8. Our four quarterly communions were held during the year.
9. We have continued our program of sending get well and sympathy cards to members of the parish.
10. Members of the Council help build booths and man them for the annual parish fair for support of St. Elizabeth's School.
11. Council members serve as ushers and commentators for St. Elizabeth parish.
12. At least one member of the Council and family represented the Council at every Mass during Lent.
13. Members of the Council serve on the parish council and schoolboard.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, Brad Dantone, Chairman

1. Our Council distributed "this is our flag" posters throughout Clarksdale.
2. The Council sponsored the Columbus Day program sent by Supreme on the local radio stations.
3. The Council participated in Clarksdale's annual Christmas parade along with other civic organizations.
4. The Council donated Holiday bread baskets for the needy prior to Christmas.
5. The Council donates the use of the Council Home to King's Daughters, bridge clubs for tournaments since the proceeds are for charity.

6. Our Council has instituted a Legion of Decency phone line to provide movie ratings of those being shown at local theaters.
7. Our annual Fourth of July Picnic was attended by more than 200 people.
8. We have bingo on each Tuesday and Friday nights for the Coahoma County area.
9. We participated in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
10. The Council continues to operate a blood donor program for the benefit of Council, parish and community members.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, Roy Brown, Chairman

1. We held a Formation and Knighthood degree ceremony on March 23.
2. We held a clean-up day at the Hall.
3. We donated to the local Heart Fund through a local nursing home.
4. The Council sold football pools on Ole Miss, Mississippi State, five college bowl games, the super bowl and the baseball world series.
5. Several dances were held for the enjoyment of members and guests.
6. The Council formed an admission degree team.
7. Our Council hosted a district meeting in September.
8. The Council has received publicity on numerous projects from local media.
9. We maintain a bulletin board at the Council home to provide information to members.
10. The Council held a KC insurance night, where a representative discussed Knights of Columbus insurance and membership recruiting.
11. Our Council participated in the state KC softball tournament after winning the Clarksdale city tournament.
12. The Council conducted an installation of officers ceremony, which was followed by a supper.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES, Larry Antici, Chairman

1. The Council donated the use of out Hall and members chaperoned a dance for the CYO with the proceeds being used for charity.
2. We also donated the use of the Hall for a spiritual program for youth.
3. Members and the youth met to see a film and have a discussion on drug abuse which was presented by members of the local Mental Health Center.
4. The Clarksdale Council is sponsoring both a boy and girl to their respective youth states.
5. The Council sponsored a cookout for all altar boys of the parish.
6. Council members assisted the ladies auxilliary in hosting a Christmas party for children of the parish.
7. Council members have been assisting and coaching CYO athletic teams.
8. The Council gave a \$50 savings bond to the eighth grade winner of a pro-life essay contest we sponsored.
9. The Council donated use of the Hall to the CYO for them to hold their monthly meetings.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES, Robert Agostinelli, Chairman

1. Family members of deceased Council members have been welcomed to participate in all our programs.
2. The Council held an information night on marriage encounter on January 23.
3. The Council sponsored a steak supper for families of the Council.
4. We had our family corporate communion on February 3, 1980.
5. The Council sponsored the annual Easter egg hunt for young people of the parish.
6. The Council sponsored and participated in a CPR course with the assistance of staff members of the local hospital.
7. The Council sponsored dances during the year for members and their wives on halloween and New Year's Eve.

MEMBERSHIP, Emilio Zepponi, Chairman

Activities under this heading include the fact we have more than passed our prescribed goal for recruitment. During the year our degree team has conducted several admission degree ceremonies at the Council Home and all together have welcomed 24 new members into the Clarksdale Council and during this fiscal year have also had four reinstatements.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Antici, Grand Knight

**JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL NO. 3328
Yazoo City**

The progress report of Council #3328 of Yazoo City, Mississippi is as follows, covering the period from 1 July 1979 through 22 April 1980. New Officers were installed in July by District Deputy Al McDevitt at our Council Mall. Also, the Ladies Auxilliary Officers were installed on this date. Food and drink were served after the ceremonies by the Ladies Auxilliary.

Officers installed were as follows:

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Financial Secretary
Chancellor
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate
Warden
Chaplain
Lecturer
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
One Year Trustee
Two Year Trustee
Three Year Trustee

Doug Hornback
Norman Damiens
Jimmy Erickson
John Malatesta
Louis Shipp
Vincent Glorioso
Joe Coco
Jon Pickett
Father John Egan
James Orsborn
Pat Rush
Phillip Coco
Tom Rush
Michael Erickson
Louis Shipp

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Sponsored a football pool for the State and Ole Miss games and, also, another pool for the Bowl games.
2. Raised approximately \$10,000 for Tootsie Roll program which was used to found a local A. R. C. in Yazoo County through the special efforts of Brother Louis Shipp.
3. Mrs. Vincent Jessee is our ARC Representative for Yazoo County.
4. Held special services for deceased Brothers.
5. Sponsored softball team that won 1st place in state K. C. Tournament.
6. Assisted and supported CYO. Offered council facilities to same.
7. Donated \$100.00 to CYO in their efforts to raise funds for St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital. Members also participated in Christmas Carol night throughout community to raise funds for same.
8. Held meeting with Brother Roy Powers who spoke on "The Good of the Order."
9. Presented 1st place trophy for softball to Brother Joe Coco. We are proud of these young men for their splendid record, but especially for this act of gratitude toward Brother Coco who everyone loves. Brother Joe Coco is and always has been their biggest supporter.

9. Council helped with all bingo games held at Council Hall for different activities.
10. As usual, our Council has made a gift of \$330.00 to the Priest Education Fund in monthly contributions. We are proud of our support of this most worthy cause since it's conception.
11. Pro-Life movement was observed with Brother Louis Shipp, State K. C. Pro-Life program chairman conducting.
12. Our Tootsie Roll Drive is off to a very good start this year with Brother Tom Rush at the helm. We anticipate a much bigger and better drive this year.
13. We are pleased to announce that we organized a 1st Degree Team and held the initiation in March. We proudly added nine new Brothers to our ranks.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Members serve in church choir and serve on Parish Council.
2. Nearly 100% of membership actively participated in church pledge drive, with headquarters for drive being in Council Mall.
3. Held Pilgrim Virgin Hour of Prayer in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Members helped with Heart Fund Drive.
2. Council donated \$25.00 to Heart Fund.
3. Member serves as Officer of the County Easter Seal Society.
4. Members serve on Board of Directors for church Day School and, also, volunteer services to same.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Members assisted and participated in CYO Christmas Caroling to raise funds for St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital.
2. Hosted and participated in basketball game to benefit CYO and Methodist youth group.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Hornback, Grand Knight

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL NO. 4898
Long Beach

Dear Brother Knights,

It is with great pleasure that I submit the following report for the fraternal year 1979-1980. The following officers were elected and installed:

Chaplain	Rev. Robert Bowen
Grand Knight	Paulino J. Carrubba
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert M. Mitchell
Chancellor	James D. Curet
Recorder	Steven D. Cottini
Financial Secretary	Rodney J. Sandoz
Warden	Henry L. Webb.
Treasurer	Edward F. Hatem
Lecturer	Pete H. Carrubba
Advocate	David L. Cobb
Inside Guard	Dan Biggerstaff

Outside Guard
Trustees

Joseph Van Cloostere
John W. Smith
William A. Seal Jr.
Christopher C. Carrubba

Since the installation several changes have been made in the roster of officers. Father Jack Cawley, our new chaplain, replaces Father Robert Bowen, who was sent to another parish. Patrick Bishop replaces Steven Cotinni as recorder, Joseph Van Cloostere replaces Christopher Carrubba as trustee, and Sam La Rosa replaces Joseph Van Cloostere as inside guard.

Our Program Director is Robert Mitchell, and Committee Directors are Membership--James Curet, Church--Joseph Van Cloostere, Council--Frank La Rosa, Community--David Cobb, Youth--William Peneguy, Family--William Seal.

MEMBERSHIP

Thus far with a strong effort by our membership committee we have been able to show a net increase in membership of seven new members. Current activities indicate that a larger increase will be achieved by the end of the Fraternal year.

CHURCH

Members of council held night watch vigil of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday night, 4-12-79.

Council contributed \$800.00 to Vincentian Priest Education Fund, \$800.00 to Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund, and \$200.00 to the Josephite Priest Education Fund.

Council presented a going away gift to Fr. Sauebier.

Council presented a going away gift to Sister Marie Charles.

Brother Knights serve as Lecturers, extraordinary Ministers of communion, commentators and ushers.

Marian night held at St. Thomas Church, 9-10-79. Approximately 150 brother knights, wives and parishioners attended.

Vocations Program was held on 3-26-80. Sister Martha of Sacred Heart discussed life as a sister. Mike Vega and Don Eddonds from Divine Word Seminary discussed Priest Vocations. R. M. Mitchell discussed marriage vocation. Punch and cake was served.

Clergy night held for Vincentian Community. Over 100 Priests and Nuns attended. 9-19-79

Brother Knights helped clean up church grounds after hurricane Fredric (5 knights 10 hrs. each)

Members of council installed christmas crib scene in front of St. Thomas church. Council made its donation for priest education for 1980--\$1100.00 to the Vincetian Community, and \$900.00 the Diocese of Biloxi.

COMMUNITY

Donated \$50.00 to Carnival Association of Long Beach. (This group supports St. Thomas Catholic School)

Contributed \$50.00 to Salvation Army for hurrican Frederic victims.

Drug abuse program was held on 4-2-80. The program was conducted by Deputy J. Johnson to the 4th, 5th and 6th grades students of St. Thomas Catholic School, Long Beach, MS sponsored by our council.

Health Program was held on 2-4-80. Dr. T. Yarnell, Clinical Psychologist conducted the program. His talk was on "How stress can destroy your physical

health. Brother knights and their wives attended.

Our Pro-Life Program was held on 1-7-80. The program was conducted by Mary Tiningsbon, a member of the Gulf Coast Coalition for life.

Council participated in the State Tootsie Roll Drive in May 4-5-6, 1979. Council collected over \$1500.00.

Joint meeting of 3rd and 4th degrees to hear community leaders discuss annexation of areas beyond Long Beach City limits.

Senatorial candidate Harry Allen spoke to the brother knights at our home on 10-25-79 about the upcoming election.

Sponsored Rodeo Queen for Long Beach Fishing Rodeo--\$25.00.

Council has paid dues and become a member of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The Decency Committee continues to monitor local stores to see that immoral material is not made available to our youth.

Council rents the hall at less than break-even rate to provide a place for senior citizens to have a "hot" noon day meal.

Council donated \$150.00 to Carnival Association of Long Beach.

Council provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy. This was a joint effort with our ladies auxiliary.

COUNCIL

Knight of the quarter Banquets for the first three quarters of the fraternal year. Knights honored were Brother James Curet, Brother Adam DiLorenzo, and Brother Floyd Bishop, respectively.

Council sponsored a bowling team for the state bowling tournament. Council members participated in installation of state officers 7-8-79. Also sponsored hospitality room for state officers.

Council held installation of officers banquet and Knight of the Year Banquet on 7-14-79 for members and wives. Brother Robert Mitchell was honored as Knight of the Year.

Council assists Ladies Auxiliary by allowing ladies to operate a bingo game during the council's regular Friday Nite Bingo. (Ladies game is played after the 10th regular game.)

Council has continued to keep family members of deceased brothers involved in council functions-picnic, Knight of the Quarter etc. The deceased members families are still on our mailing list.

Assisted Ladies Auxiliary with their annual flea market 10-21-79. Proceeds to be donated to Priest Education Fund.

A special plaque was awarded to Mrs. Thelma Van Cloostere for her diligent work in the flea market.

Insurance Night held on 11-3-79. Brother Roy Powers spoke to the Knights and their wives on the many benefits of the K of C Insurance Program.

Submitted publicity articles of council events for publication.

Conducted Admission Degree at Council Home:

Aug. 20, 1979 Initiated 3

Sept. 17, 1979 Initiated 2

Oct. 15, 1979 Initiated 2

Feb. 18, 1980 Initiated 4

YOUTH

Sponsored banquet for Dixie Youth Team at council home and awarded trophies. 6-27-79. (minor league baseball)

Donated \$100.00 to sponsor "Cardinals" minor baseball team of Long Beach.

Council presented savings bonds of \$25.00 to sixth grade graduates (outstanding boy and girl) in May 1979.

Contributed \$15.00 to Long Beach High School for Annual ad.
 Became sponsor of Boy Scout Troop #300 on 9-1-79. Contributed \$100.00 to the troop.
 Donated \$25.00 to Biloxi Youth Rally, Sponsored by Diocese of Biloxi.
 Council sponsored the con of one of our members to youth state.
 Council sponsored Christmas Party for members children and underprivileged children, 12-16-79.
 Council donated \$100.00 to send Long Beach High Seniors to the Presidential Class Room in Washington, D. C.
 Council sponsored Basketball Free Throw, Local 12-8-79, State 3-22-80.
 Council donated \$25.00 to Diocese of Biloxi Resource Center for films.
 Council sponsored fish fry to help send Long Beach High School Band to Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C. Raised \$1300.00.
 Assisted Local C.Y.O. by donating \$25.00 to their treasury. We also allowed the C.Y.O. to have bake sales at our Friday night bingo when they need to raise funds. Two of our members are C.Y.O. counselors.

FAMILY

Council sponsored Annual Family Picnic on 7-29-79 at Flint Creek Water Park, Wiggins, MS. Fifty member and their families attended. Father Flenton Kilmoury celebrated a Field Mass in the pavillion.
 Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for members families on 4-15-80.
 Quarterly Communion for knights and their families each quarter. Coffee and do-nuts at council home after mass.
 Memorial Mass celebrated by Father Jack Cawley, our Chaplain, in council home on 11-19-79. Brother knights and their wives, and members of deceased members families attended. Cake and coffee was served after the mass.
 Council Christmas Party with the Ladies Auxiliary on 12-16-79.
 Third and Fourth Degree had a joint Christmas function on 12-19-79.
 Sincerest thanks and appreciation to the officers and brothers who gave so unstintingly of their time and talents in the interest of Columbianism. Special thanks to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, without whose help much would not have been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
 Paulino J. Carrubba

MSGR. JOHN F. CLERICO COUNCIL 5267
Greenwood

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY AND BROTHER KNIGHTS,

The following are the council happenings since our last convention. I cannot say that we are too proud of them, but are trying very hard to rejuvenate the spirit of Columbianism, with hopes of doing much better in the coming year.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES:

1. Many of our brothers serve in the Holy Mass as Ushers, Commentators, Lecturers and Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Members of our council cleaned and waxed the floors in the Parish Center.
3. Held one corporate communion followed by donuts and coffee.
4. Several members and wives served as sponsors for the Youth Program.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Members have on numerous occasions cooked and served hamburgers after the Sunday Night Meetings.
2. Hosted Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the Parish on Easter Sunday on the council grounds. Refreshments served to all.

MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE:

1. Have initiate two members into admission degree.
2. Accompanied two members to Clarksdale for 2nd and 3rd degrees.
3. Have been visited several times by State Agent Roy Powers who always has a word of encouragement for new members and the benefits that can be obtained with Knights of Columbus Insurance.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. A Monthly Knight Letter is mailed to all members & widows of our deceased brothers.
2. A well advertised Tootsie Roll Campaign netted \$5,107.50.
3. Have meeting notices published weekly in Church Bulletin.
4. Had Columbus Day Address of Supreme Knight broadcast over local Radio Station.
5. Maintain Council Bulletin Board in Council Chamber.

FRANTERNAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Have monthly dinner social with every other month including wives and guests.
2. Officers Robes are worn at Installation and Intiation Meetings.
3. Held Memorial Mass for Departed Brothers in Council Chamber which was well attended by members, wives, guests and widows of our deceased brothers.
4. Held Christmas Dance with Grover Duke Band for members & Guests.
5. Ran three football pools namely on Ole Miss, State and the Bowls.

As I stated at the beginning we are not to proud of this report but are striving and hoping for a renewal of spirit during the coming Year.

Fraternally,
Ed Gaston, Jr. Grand Knight

FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL NO. 5556 Cleveland

Officers were installed July 24 with the District Deputy Edward Lueckenbach present. A supper followed for all the members and their wives.

Chaplain

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor

Recorder

Financial Secretary

Treasurer

Lecturer

Advocate

Warden

Inside Guard

Rev. John Leonard

Albert Rocconi, Jr.

Vic Aguzzi, Jr.

Richard Aguzzi

Marvin Lott

Dr. William LaForge

Sidney Richmond

Albert Rocconi

Michael Rocconi

Michael Fioranelli

David Rocconi

Outside Guard
Trustees 3 years
Trustees 2 years
Trustees 1 year
Program Director
Membership Director
Council Activities
Church Activities
Community Activities
Youth Activities

Doug Cocilova
John Aguzzi
Albert Rocconi
Ned Fioranelli
Vic Aguzzi
Roy Cocilova
Henry Mosco
Ned Fioranelli
Bill Killen
Sidney Richmond

CHURCH

We have Masses said for deceased members and their families. Brother Knights serve as commentators and lectors. Knights keep church grounds clean and put up manger scene each Christmas. Knights bought sign of "Keep Christ in Christmas" and had it put on a billboard. Knights had a group communion and then went to eat breakfast.

COMMUNITY

We had a Columbus Day broadcast.

MEMBERSHIP

We had two members to complete all three degrees and one member to finish his second and third degree. We had a new member to transfer to our council.

COUNCIL

We had spaghetti supper, football pool, concession for fund raising projects. We had a bocci tournament. We send get well cards to sick brothers and family. We gave money to Care Inn for Christmas. Council played in state softball tournament and in city league. We have three or four dances each year to raise money for our council.

YOUTH

We held a youth basketball freethrow and took winners to Jackson for state shoot-offs. We help with CYO youths.

Respectfully Submitted,
Albert Rocconi, Jr. Grand Knight

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

On June 6, 1979 the following officers were elected:

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chaplain
Chancellor
Recorder
Financial Secretary

Leonard Tarrant
Robert O'Brian
Rev. George Murphy
Louis Schaub
Norman Thompson
Irwin Oberneufemann

Treasurer
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustees

Lecturer
Membership Director
Program Chairman

James Morris
Harold Cox
Leonard Allen
Willie Barry
Roland Roberts
George Fero
Merril Seymour
Frances Catchot
Steve Scharnhorst
Richard Tinsley
Robert O'Brien

All of the members were installed by District Deputy Joe Goellner on July 11, 1979.

MEMBERSHIP: Richard Tinsley Director.

1. A membership drive was held at both of the local parishes, increasing the membership by 16 members.
2. A total of two admission degrees were held by the council degree team.

CHURCH ACTIVITY: Willie Barry Director

1. Cooperative communion on the fourth Sunday of each month.
2. Furnish Knights of Columbus rosaries to the parish priest to be given to new members of the parish.
3. Lecturers are active in the parish.
4. Members serves as ecumenicals ministers.
5. Held priest educational fund raffle.
6. Held memorial services for deceased brothers.
7. Masses offered for the deceased brothers and they are enrolled in a perpetual mass.
8. Prayers recited after the meeting for deceased brothers, sick and distressed.
9. Supported the parish bazaar and retreat with numerous members.
10. Members serves on the parish council and as officers of the Holy Name.
11. Members took part in the parish lenten program.
12. Council provided punch for the Holy Communion reception.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY: Peter Ryan Director

1. Took part in the annual tootsie roll program
2. Sponsored annual Knight of Columbus Invitational Golf Tournament .
3. Publish quarterly news letter.
4. Held a Knight of the Quarter Award night each quarter.
5. Broadcasted the Columbus Day Program on local radio station.
6. All council publicity published in all three local newspapers.
7. Visitation to other council by brothers.
8. Deceased members families included in council activities.
9. Held pro life night. Film on abortion shown.
10. Sponsored two riders in the St. Jude bike ride.
11. Sponsored a trip to a football game at the Super dome.
12. Held a council Christmas party for members and guest.
13. Held a Knight of the Year award, presented to Leonard Tarrant.
14. Presented gifts to Whitfield State Hospital.
15. Held a high blood pressure program.
16. Participated in the farewell program for the parish priest.
17. A new council home was built by the members.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Tommy Brochard Director

1. Displayed the America flag in front of local business on holidays.
2. Council participated in the annual 1699 landing pageant.
3. Deceased members families are included in council activity.
4. Participated in the keep Ocean Springs beautiful program
5. Gave Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets to the needy.

YOUTH ACTIVITY: Carl Andres Director

1. Presented the Rev. Frances Deignan religious award to the outstanding graduate of St. Alphonsus.
2. Presented a check to the Ocean Springs exceptional children.
3. Honored the columbian squires.
4. Held a Christmas party for the children.
5. Held Knight of Columbus free throw
6. Participated the State shoot-off.

VOCATION PROGRAM: Louis Schaub Director

1. Council put out prayer cards and bumper stickers in parish churches.

PRO-LIFE PROGRAM: Russell Marcellius Director

1. A film on abortion was presented to the council under the good of the order.
2. The council participated in the rose for life program.

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM: Richard Eckert.

1. Held a mass for members and families.
2. Served on the president council on family life on local and state committee.
3. Consecrated the families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
4. Homes of the families blessed by local priest.
5. Held a family communion Sunday.

In conclusion, I want to thank all the officers, committees, and the members who have been so active and cooperative in working together for the success of our council.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Tarrant, Grand Knight

**MALACHY BURNS COUNCIL 6592
Bassfield**

On behalf of the members of Malachy Burns Council 6592, Bassfield, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit this report of our activities for 1979-80.

The following officers were elected for the year and installed with appropriate ceremony by our District Deputy, Brother Billy Harrington:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Warden
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Recorder
Advocate
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustees

Rev. Michael Kelleher
Walter Daley
Ted Applewhite
Roger Kirby
Francis Burns
Billy Harrington
Johnny Kerley
Charles Carr
Robert Graves
Roland Daley
Billy Delancey
Gene Daley
Jack Morton
Bobby Thompson

MEMBERSHIP:

During the year we have conducted two Admission Degrees with six new members, and one transfer. We now have a total of 89 members.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

The renovation of our church both inside and outside has continued as our primary activity during the year. We have spent approximately 1500 hours working inside the church and expect to complete this phase this month. We will begin work on the outside as soon as the weather permits. Our members continue to be active in assisting our pastor by serving as lectors, ushers and commentators. Members also serve as C. C. D. teachers and have attended vocations workshops. Several vocations programs have been presented to the youth of the parish. We hosted the annual parish homecoming on Labor Day and have continued to care for parish property and the cemetery. We negotiated with the St. Regis Paper Company for the acquisition of a parcel of land to be used as a parish cemetery in the future. We participated in the benefit softball tournament in Laurel to aid area seminarians and promoted and participated in the Diocesan Fund Raising Campaign. We have initiated the formation of a parish council and seven members are now serving on this committee. We also initiated the formation of a parish building committee to supervise the upkeep of parish property. On special occasions we have placed flowers in the church in honor of our deceased members and have honored our First Communicants with a reception for them and their families. We made contributions to our pastor's vacation fund as well as toward his expenses in attending the National Convention. Members promoted and attended devotions to the "Pilgrim Statue". We conducted the Marian Hour of Prayer in December and constructed and erected nativity scenes during the Christmas Season.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Our year started with our participation in the Tootsie Roll Drive and continued into the fund-raising campaigns of the Kidney Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis, St. Jude's, Red Cross, Heart Fund and Special Olympics. We held a blood pressure screening

day for parishoners and initiated the collection of food, clothing, etc., to aid hurricane victims on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We had the Columbus Day Message broadcast on the local radio station and promoted patriotism by providing transportation to the polls on election day and providing assistance in completing the Census questionnaire. We constructed out "K. C. Express" and provided rides for the children during National Library Week. Our members initiated the formation of a community Little League and T-Ball League and have spent countless hours constructing facilities, coaching and supervising approximately 150 children. They also perform as coaches for the ladies softball team as well as having our own two teams who participate in local leagues. We held a "Turkey Shoot" during the holidays and have hosted several dinner-dances for the adults of the parish and community. We attended meetings informing the community of the Hospice Concept in medical care and promoted the National Mental Retardation Awareness weekend.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Our activities began with a number of our members and wives attending the State Convention in Natchez and returning to conduct our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We have continued our Knight of the Month program as well as our monthly social meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. One of these joint socials featured a seafood supper prepared by members with insurance agents Supreme Council and State Council attending. We held two First Degree Formations and attended one Second and Third Degree Initiation in Biloxi. We sponsored two teams in the State Softball tournament in Meridian and have presented gifts of appreciation to the outgoing Ladies Auxiliary president and past grand knight. We have held memorial services for our deceased members and have made special efforts to include their families in our activities. We chartered a bus and 44 members and wives attended a New Orleans Saints football game in New Orleans. Members attended district meetings and hosted a social night for the clergy of the area. We have designated the first Sunday of the month as Communion Sunday for members and their families.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was well attended and enjoyed by the children. We honored our high school and college graduates with a special Mass and breakfast prepared entirely by members. We have sponsored several dances for the youth of the parish and community as well as supervising all the activities of the C. Y. O. We treated members of the C. Y. O. to an all-day outing at the local recreation area. We have appointed a Scholarship Committee and have established criteria for awarding an annual scholarship. We held a cook-out for the local high school football team and coaches and distributed bookcovers to the local schools. We asked local law enforcement officers to present a program on drug abuse for the youth which was well attended and presented special vocations and pro-life programs to the C. Y. O. We sponsored area youth in the County and Regional Punt, Pass and Kick competition and Halloween and Christmas were celebrated with parties for the children.

FAMILY LIFE:

We have designated the first Sunday of each month as Communion Sunday for members and their families and have encouraged participation of spouses and guests in our monthly social meetings. We contributed \$100 toward travelling expenses of the wife of a hospitalized member. We have continued to promote family activities with parties, games, outings, etc.

Walter Daley, Grand Knight

GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNCIL NO. 6765
Starkville

The officers for this year were installed with appropriate ceremony by our District Deputy, Dick Benton. A reception followed at Knight Richard Vasek's summer home on Oktibbeha County Lake.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. John Marquart
Grand Knight	James Heitz
Deputy Grand Knight	Philip Dimino
Chancellor	Ken Simon
Recorder	John Scalzo
Warden	Frank Trocki
Treasurer	William Caskey
3 yr. Trustee	John Obringer
2 Yr. Trustee	Richard Benton
1 yr. Trustee	Richard Vasek

Other office holders are:

Program Director	James Heitz
Church Activities	John Obringer
Community Activities	Lynn Cook
Council Activities	Bo Carter
Youth Activities	Philip Dimino
Family Activities	Dale Krane

The council has been quite active this year. Our program should qualify us for Honor and Distinguished Council.

Again this year, our major effort has been the Tootsie Roll Drive. The council was responsible for net collection of \$4,490. The agencies which received donations were: Right to Succeed, Inc. (adult homes for the developmentally disabled to be located in the Golden Triangle Region); Mississippi Very Special Arts Festival (a regional art festival conducted annually at Mississippi State University); Regional Mental Health Complex (preschool in Columbus and Skills Unlimited Center in Starkville for developmentally disabled); CCARC, Inc. (preschool in West Point for the developmentally delayed); the Lowndes County Association for Retarded Citizens. Frank Trocki has assumed the Drive Chairmanship for upcoming years.

The second outstanding project of our council is the annual Car Raffle. For the fourth year in a row the council raffled off either a car or cash. As a result of these raffles the council has invested \$10,000 in a Money Market Instrument as a basis for our building fund.

For the first time since the initial formation of the council, an extensive membership drive has been started. Twelve new and transfer members have been added to our ranks and the end is not in sight. It is hoped that these new members will help our council grow stronger so that we can be an ever larger force for Columbianism in the Golden Triangle Region.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Heitz, Grand Knight

PICAYUNE COUNCIL, NO. 6872
Picayune

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Advocate

Recorder
Treasurer
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee 3 Year
Trustee 2 Year
Trustee 1 Year

Financial Secretary

Chaplain
Lecturer
Program Director
Church Director

Community Director
Council Director
Youth Director

Membership Director

Meetings: 1st Saturday and 3rd Thursday
Membership: 67

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Supplied coffee and donuts after each Sunday Mass at 10:15 A. M.
Held 5 church clean-up and fix-up days with a total of 62 hours work.
Gave rosaries to the first communicants and held a party for the families.
Held corporate communion of the quarter for the Knights.
Held 3 clergy appreciation parties.
Gave \$1000.00 to retiring Father Hynes for his retirement, also gave Father Hynes sister, Maureen, a special gift.
Held the Marian Hour of prayer at St. Charles Catholic Church which was attended by the Council Members and parish of St. Charles.
The Picayune Council took the responsibility to schedule the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and also returned the statue to New Orleans to provide for the transportation for the statue.
On Dec. 2, 1979, sponsored Father Robert DeGrandies Prayer Service at St. Charles Hall.
The Picayune Council wanted to do something special for the Church so the council supplied the funding and man power to revitalize the bells at St. Charles so that the bells could ring again since the bells had not functioned for a number of years.
Council 6872 during the month of December, ran ads all month on "Keep Christ in Christmas".
Council 6872, during the year, Kept Catholic Information Leaflets at the back of St. Charles.

Nicholas B. Wagner
Stanley J. Orgeron
John B. Huck
Douglas C. Takacs
Albert L. Bernard
Ignatius J. D'Antoni
William L. Clark
Gilbert L. O'Flynn
Tom Settle
Albert Bernard
Glynn R. Dubuison
Royce V. Skantz
Stan F. Wasowski
Oscar Gelpi
Jerald Hunter
Michael Leleux
Fr. Sylvester Hynes
Kelly J. Daigle
Stanley J. Orgeron
Douglas C. Takacs
Albert L. Bernard
Albert L. Bernard
Gilbert L. O'Flynn
Paul Schommer
Mark Wagner
Bruce Wagner
John B. Huck

Knights of Council 6872 served as Ushers, Commentators and Extra-ordinary Ministers.

Council 6872 aided all parish functions with either manpower, coffee or cokes during 1979-1980.

Council aided the Parish of St. Charles by scheduling the Alter Boys and also awarded them with certificate of merit.

COMMUNITY:

Council 6872 held Flag Raising Ceremonies with the Council Boy Scout Troop.

Held the Radio Program for Columbus Day on WJOJ and WRJW in Picayune.

Council 6872 held a joint venture with the organizations of Retired Persons of the Picayune Area by giving the Retired Person of the Year Award.

Picayune Council 6872 ran ads in the Picayune Item to encourage the citizens of Picayune to get out and vote in the fall elections in 1979.

Picayune Council filled 27 Christmas Baskets for distribution at Christmas.

Picayune Council, as a monthly project, has a Bingo at the Picayune Convalescent Home for the aged.

Council 6872 aids yearly the Pearl River Association fo Retarded Citizens by being members of the association. With Worthy Grand Knight Nicholas B. Wagner making the association meetings held at Carriere, Ms.

On the 3rd of July 1979, the Picayune Council gave our Flag Posters over the Picayune area. The Council also required their Flag pole on the church grounds.

Council 6872 sponsored A. A. R. P. Bingo proceeds were \$164.00.

Council supplied Potato Salad and Baked Beans for the Orphans of Pearl River County Picnic.

Aided in a Softball Tournament at Leetown, Ms., to buy Bibles for the State Prisoners.

Donated \$50.00 to the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Donated \$50.00 to the St. Judes Hospital.

Made numerous presentations of merit awards to members of the community for the support given the Knights during the 1979-1980 year.

Made \$5.00 donation to the Civic Womans Club for the Christmas Parade.

Held Christmas Party for the Old Folks at the Picayune Convalescent Home. Gave each of the persons who lives there a gift with Santa doing the honors.

COUNCIL:

Picayune Council had a Monthly Newsletter known as the "Brotherhood."

Picayune Council sent a delegation to the State K. of C. Softball Tournament.

Picayune Council sent a delegation to the State K. of C. Bowling Tournament.

Picayune Council sponsored a Knighthood Degree on Oct. 21, 1979.

At the end of each month, Picayune Council has a Knight of the Month and at the end of the Quarter, a Knight of the Quarter.

All major activities of the Council 6872 are published in the Picayune Item of Picayune, Ms., and items are sent to the Mississippi Today.

In July of 1979, the Picayune Council honored the members and people who aided during the year. This is done at the K. of C. Awards Banquet.

The Knight of the Year was presented at the time.

The installation of officers for the Picayune Council was held with District 6 Council in July at Picayune which included Kiln and Lumberton Councils.

Picayune, Kiln and Lumberton held a joint Hospitality Room in Natchez at the 1979 Knights of Columbus Miss. Convention. The Moon Room was used by all three councils.

Picayune held two Bingo workers dinners which were fine rewards for the long hours of work to produce the capital to run the Council.

Picayune sponsored 3 candidates to Biloxi for a Knighthood Degree.
Picayune held a Festival known as the Pig Picking Festival in May 1979.
After the Business Meetings of Council 6872, there is some food for the Council to partake in each month.
Quarterly Socials are given by the Council to promote new membership participation.
District meetings were attended by the Picayune Council 6872, one was in Picayune and another was in Lumberton.

YOUTH:

Picayune Council sponsors a Cub Scout Troop 5.
Picayune Council sponsors a Boy Scout Troop 351.
Picayune Council participated in the State Free Throw competition and has a State Champion. (Chris Vaughn).
Picayune Council sponsored youth socials during the year by furnishing a Juke Box records.
Aid with youth in Spiritual Program with Knights being teachers in the CCD Program at St. Charles.
Council 6872 held a Christmas Party for the CCD children of St. Charles in Dec. 1979.
Picayune Council was proud to increase the Henry P. Griggs Scholarship to \$1000.00 this past year. The 1979 winner was Andrew Gasper.
Council made a donation to help youth group to carpet their meeting room.
Council 6872 have Knights as sponsors of the youth of the parish.
Picayune Council, in May of 1979, took the altar boys to a day of fun at Pontchartrain Beach in New Orleans, La.
For Easter, the Saturday before Easter, a coloring party was held by the Knights so the children could help the old easter bunny out. Cake and cokes went fast.
Picayune Council honored the Catholic Youth of the Year. This is given yearly to show the interest the Picayune Council has in its youth.
At the November Social, the youth of the parish was invited to the Drug Abuse Program to better inform them of the dangers of drugs.

FAMILY LIFE:

Held a family Rosary on Oct. 24, 1979.
Held a family Corporate Communion on Oct. 24, 1979 in conjunction with the rosary.
Also had a Corporate Communion on Nov. 3, 1979.
Held a Christmas Party with Santa Claus and all the trimmings for the kids and presents for the Knights and wives.
Held a family Easter Egg Hunt April 15, 1979 with the kids finding the eggs and looking for the special gold ones which we had cash prizes for.
Held a Mothers Day Dinner with all the Knights showing special consideration to honor their mothers and mother-in-laws.
Honored family whose special work together was honored at the Awards Night by certificate of merit being given to the family for the work that the Bill Bligh family did to aid the Knights during the Pig Picking Festival.
Held Mass for deceased family members of our brother Knights during 1979-1980.
Past Grand Knight and wife made a Marriage Encounter in Aug. 1979.
Brother Bligh and his wife, Dolly, also made an Encounter also in Feb. 1980 scheduled couples for Marriage Encounter for St. Charles Parish.
Family Socials are held on Quarterly basis for Council 6872 usually a Covered Dish affair.

MEMBERSHIP:

During the year we have conducted six Admission Degrees with 8 new members and have reinstated one former member.

These are but a sample of the various activities conducted during the 1979-1980 year. I personally feel that Council 6872 had a year of growth both spiritually and materially.

Fraternally in Christ,
Nicholas B. Wagner, Grand Knight

FATHER ALEXANDER C. DENIS COUNCIL NO. 7087 **Kiln**

Newly elected officers were installed on June 23, 1979 by District Deputy Pat Oldmixon. A dinner was served to the members and their wives following the installation.

Grand Knight	O. J. Shiyou
Chaplin	Fr. Pierre Hissey
Deputy Grand Knight	Edward Shiyou
Chancellor	Berlin Necaie
Recorder	David Necaie
Financial Secretary	Jimmy Ray Hoda
Treasurer	Richard Hoda
Advocate	Wayne Cuevas
Warden	Tommy Pavolina
Inside Guard	Guy Gross
Outside Guard	Herman Lizana
Trustee	John L. Cuevas
Trustee	Clifford Lizana
Trustee	Joseph Cuevas
Program Director	David Necaie
Membership Director	Edward Shiyou

The following activities were achieved by the Council:

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Vocation Program
2. Drug Abuse Program
3. Health Program
4. Pro-Life Program
5. Memorial Service for Deceased Members
6. Insurance Night
7. Assist Local C. Y. O.
8. Tootsie Roll Drive

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Sponsor a Retreat
2. Keep Christ in Christmas Program
3. Sponsor a Council Corporate Commission
4. Catholic Information Program
5. Serve as Lecturers, Commentators, & Ushers
6. Clergy Night
7. Clean Up & Fix Up
8. Participate in Prayer Meetings
9. Newman Apostolate

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Joint Activities with other organizations
2. Promote Citizenship
3. Holiday Baskets for the needy
4. Host Barbeque Festival for Annunciation Parish
5. Host a supper for all the people who help us in the Barbeque Festival
6. Honor Miss. Rita Necaize with a plaque for her many years for helping with the Annunciation Church Fair.
7. Visiting the elders and sick in the hospital.
8. Participate in community horseshows with cotton candy machine to help needy people.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Participate in athletic events
2. Assist Ladies Auxillary
3. Sponsor a Formation and Knighthood Degree
4. Select Knight of the Quarter
5. Select Knight of the Year in our Council
6. Publish activities in newspaper
7. Awards Night
8. Inter-Council visitation

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Basketball free-throw contest
2. Sponsor youth social
3. Sponsor spiritual program for youth
4. Sponsor children Christmas
5. Distribute K. C. book covers
6. Bought supplies for C. Y. O.
7. Held Teenage Dance

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES

1. Deceased family continuance in all programs
2. Family social
3. Family Rosary in October
4. Family corporate communion
5. Family Christmas Program
6. Family Easter Program (Brother Knights attended communion together)

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks and appreciation to the officers and members for their support and co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted
O. J. Shiyon, Grand Knight

HERNANDO DESOTO COUNCIL NO. 7120 Southaven

Also serving Hernando, Olive Branch, Holly Springs, Walls, & Senatobia

On behalf of the members of the Hernando Desoto Council No. 7120, Southaven, MS, it is my privilege to submit the report of our activities for 1979-1980.

This is the second year of the existence of Council #7120. The following officers were elected for the year and installed with appropriate ceremonies by our District Deputy, Brother Frank Whitehead:

Chaplain	Rev. Anthony D'Angelo, S. C. J.
Grand Knight	James Higgins
Deputy Grand Knight	Wallace LaSalle
Chancellor	Larry Campbell
Recorder	Victor Hageman
Treasurer	Ray Harrington
Advocate	George Guerieri, Sr.
Financial Secretary	James Neville
Warden	Warren Shallcross
Inside Guard	Allen Baneck
Outside Guard	Joe Terney
Trustees	Ken Lubbers, Joe Albersman, C. H. Doty, Jr.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES - Gene Miller, Director

Recite the Rosary prior to each business meeting for the intention of fostering vocations in the state of Mississippi. Sponsored the first and only "Traveling Rosary" in Mississippi. This was our most significant church activity for the year. The Traveling Rosary originated in Council 5062, Memphis, TN. and had its first appearance in Mississippi in August, 1979, by Council 7120. Council 7120 will obtain the Traveling Rosary and schedule its use throughout the State of Mississippi during the month of June, 1980. The Traveling Rosary is about 60 feet in length, made of large wooden beads and crucifix. The beauty of the Traveling Rosary is that it is presented by 60 persons holding the individual beads. Assisted in the celebration of four Corporate Communion Masses at Christ the King Church, Southaven; Holy Spirit Church, Hernando, Sacred Heart Church, Walls; and St. Joseph's at Holly Springs. Breakfast or coffee and doughnuts were served after each mass. Many of our members serve as lectors, ushers, and gift bearers. One of the highlights during the Christmas season was the Council's participation in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program and the living Nativity Scene. On March 17th Council members participated in our first Annual Clergy Night Dinner which was a great success. Participated in a special Memorial Mass for deceased members of the area parishes.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Grady Gaines, Director

One of the most significant activities of the year was our participation in the 7th annual community picnic held on the grounds of Christ the King Church in Southaven. Knights manned the bingo tent, many of the game booths, and assisted in the cooking and serving of food. Assisted the Memphis Area Knights in the Monsignor Theron J. Walker Kidney Foundation Drive. Assisted Whitehaven, TN Council 5062 in the bingo tent at the St. Peter's Orphanage Picnic. Organized a Knights of Columbus mixed bowling league. Eight teams of four have been having a real "Ball" every Wednesday night. Sponsored first Annual Community Fall Festival - a potluck dinner and dance. Participated in the Pro Life Rally at Central High School in Memphis. Sponsored a community Pro Life Program consisting of a lecture and slide presentation by the Tennessee Volunteers for Life. Provided speakers for patriotism talks at area grade schools. Assisted in socials for the elderly at local nursing home. Sponsored a drug abuse program with special emphasis toward youth of the community.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - John Parsons, Director

Council publishes monthly newsletter for all members and selected councils throughout the state. Assisted Whitehaven Council 5062 in the bingo tent at the St. Peter's Orphanage picnic. Presented the film, "Promise of Life" at our July social meeting which was attended by wives and prospective members. After installation of officers for the year, a potluck dinner and dance was enjoyed by all. Largest and most successful council activity has been the annual side of beef raffle to raise operating funds. Most all council members and their families participated in the first annual "Traveling Rosary." Twelve to fifteen members and their wives enjoy weekly bowling in the newly-formed Knights of Columbus bowling league. Assisted the Memphis Area Knights in the Msgr. Theron Walker Kidney Fund Drive. A most memorable occasion was the awards and recognition dinner held at Robilio's Restaurant in September. Council members participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program and also the living nativity scene at Christ the King Church, Southaven. Council sponsored the first and what we hope to be an annual activity - the Youth Carolers for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Held an Insurance night - Brother Roy Powers gave us the details. On behalf of Council 7120, the Grand Knight presented a check for \$740.62 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis - the proceeds from the Youth Carolers efforts during the Christmas season. Participated in a Fourth Degree exemplification in Memphis. Three members of the council received the honors of the Fourth Degree. Approximately ten council members, wives and guests attended the annual "Buddy Night" at the Schlitz Belle in Memphis. One new member resulted from the Buddy Night festivities. Council members and families participated in the Pro Life rally at Central High School in Memphis. Sponsored boy and girl attendance at CYO convention in Jackson. Sponsored potluck dinner and dance for the St. Jude's Youth Carolers. Organized Admission Degree team. Two admission degrees were held resulting in six new members for the council. Participated in the Formation and Knighthood Degrees at East Memphis Council 4312. One of our most enjoyable activities of the year was our first Annual Clergy Night dinner held at Sacred Heart School Cafeteria in Walls, MS. All of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, Brothers, and Deacons in North Mississippi were honored for the help and spiritual direction given to the council throughout the year. This year we enjoyed a very active inter-council visitation program between Whitehaven (Tenn.) Council 5062 and East Memphis Council 4312.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Ray Harrington and Larry Campbell, Directors

A panel of Youth Counselors was established for the Junior and Senior Youth Organizations. Three Council 7120 members and their wives comprise the panel. Our best youth activity for the year was the Christmas Caroling programs to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. The Youth Carolers presented their programs in Overton Square and at two local department stores in Memphis. A total amount of \$740.62 was raised and given to St. Jude Hospital in the name of Mandy Courts of Christ the King Parish and Angie Fleener of Southaven, two children who are being treated at the hospital. A drug abuse prevention program was well attended by the youth of our community. The Basketball Free Throw Contest was held at Sacred Heart School in Walls. Six of the Sacred Heart Youth went on to the Regional Contest. In appreciation for the tremendous job done by the Youth Carolers, the council sponsored a potluck dinner and dance. The council sponsored a boy and girl representative to the CYO Convention held in Jackson. Youth organizations newsletter funded by the council. Council members act as chaperones and provide transportation for youth outings. Very enjoyable entertainment was provided by the youth groups for the Clergy Night Dinner. Many of the Senior Youth will assist the Council in the Mentally Retarded Tootsie Roll campaign.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Jim Pryor, Director

There was full family participation in our Corporate Communion and breakfasts. One of our most enjoyable family activities was the Traveling Rosary. Not only did families of the council members participate but also a large number of other families of Christ the King Church participated in this very moving experience. The film, "Promise of Life" was enjoyed by a number of families present for this program. Families of nearly every member of the council were involved in one way or another in the 7th Annual Christ and the King Community Picnic. Several of the families enjoyed the weekend campouts and outings sponsored by the Council. Families participated in the Pro Life Rally at Central High School in Memphis. Council sponsored a Pro Life Program, a lecture and slide presentation presented by the Tennessee Volunteers for life.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES - Ken Lubbers, Director

If viewed strictly with members in mind, our fraternal year 1979-80 was a disaster. True, since the last State Convention, we have gained several new members through initiation and also transfer, but nothing to compare with the phenomenal growth we experienced during our founding year. However, I prefer to view this past fraternal year from another dimension - that of growth from within - of strengthening the foundation laid the year before. Yes, we lost membership, but those who went by the wayside were not an asset to the Council. They were actually a financial millstone around our necks. Those who remained are Council 7120, dedicated to the cause of Columbianism. I see the year ahead as another year of growth where numbers will come into play. We have displayed to our fellow Catholic men that we are truly dedicated men - dedicated to our Church, our families, our community and also to each other. That dedication, that example, is laying the foundation for the growth of years to come.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL NO. 7211 Lumberton

OFFICERS:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Warden

Guards
Trustees

Advocate

Rev. Thomas White
Leo Ridge
Pat Oldmixon
Edwin Cleveland
Jerry Goellner
James Schlautman
James Byrd
Hubert Byrd
Bernard Harrington
Oscar Authement
Theodore B. Niemeyer

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Billboard put up on Hwy. 11 "Keep Christ in Christmas."
2. Parish fair - handled barbeque and all kitchen details.
3. Holy Thursday - nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 P.M. till 12:00 midnight.
4. Provided printing for church bulletin in April.
5. Scheduled commentators and ushers each month.
6. Family corporate Communion quarterly.
7. Worked on church septic tank - 2 men 3 hrs.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored a community Tootsie Roll Dance and provided chaperones.
2. Presented 21 Care packages to Lumberton Citizens Hospital to be distributed to those in need.
3. Tootsie Roll drive for the mentally retarded net \$1,567.54. Worked Poplarville, Lumberton and Wiggins.
4. Assisted Pearl River Association for Retarded Citizens in building a float for the Picayune city's birthday parade.
5. Provided magazines and newspapers for convalescent home and 2 hospitals.
6. Two men assisted P.R.A.R.C. with food booth at fund raising activities.
7. Christmas baskets to 15 needy families.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Printed master newsletter head for 1 year.
2. Presented Knight of the Month Award each month.
3. Presented Knight of the Year Award.
4. Had a work detail for first bingo registering all card patterns and serial numbers - 5 people 4 hrs.
5. Attended State Convention.
6. Had a joint Hospitality Room at Convention with Picayune and Kiln Councils.
7. Work date in parish May 26th - 8 men 3 hrs.
8. Attended Fourth Degree at Meridian - 2 men new "Sir Knights".
9. Two men bowled in State Tournament in Jackson.
10. Assisted Ladies Auxiliary with Halloween party for kids of both parishes.
11. Attended district Installation of Officers at Picayune.
12. July 13th bingo workers party sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary.
13. Dug out foundation and poured concrete for flagpole at the church. Hoisted flagpole and welded and bolted in place. "Old Glory Flies".
14. Bingos every week raised money for charitable work and council operations.
15. Award night banquet August 23rd. Barbeque chicken dinner. Honored council members, ladies, local officials and youth.
16. June 23rd work day - 8 men 4 hrs.
17. Hosted cocktail party and dinner for mid-year District meeting.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Five boys to a mini-retreat in Gulfport.
2. Held Easter egg hunt at St. Joseph and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishes.
3. Provided chaperones for C. Y. O. dances each month.
4. Provided adult supervision and transportation to St. Ben's vocation workshop in Covington for our local youth.
5. Altar boy outing at Camp Shelby - 7 boys attending an all day affair.
6. Two men man snack bar and cook supper for C. Y. O. diocesan workshop. Over 125 C. Y. O.ers attended - August 18th.
7. Co-sponsored and provided adult advisors for C. Y. O.
8. Gave the Raymond E. Schlautman Memorial Scholarship to Miss Julie Harriel.
9. Christmas party for youth with Santa.
10. Free-throw scheduled. Rained out, poor attendance, only 5 participants.
11. Co-sponsored youth social on Halloween.
12. Provided transportation and sponsored Youth Vocations Awareness Weekend at St. Ben's.

FAMILY LIFE:

1. Presented Family of the Month each month.
2. Presented Family of the Year Award.
3. Family Corporate Communion and Social - April 28th.
4. Family Social - June 16th.
5. Family Social - May 12th, honoring mothers. The Knights cooked the meal.
6. Family Christmas party.
7. Family Vocations program - October 14th.

INDIVIDUAL PURSUITS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Lecturers, ushers and Eucharistic Ministers
2. Parish council members.
3. Participated in Ministries Program in Jackson.

DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM:

1. Sponsored drug abuse program March 5, 1980.

HEALTH PROGRAM:

1. Sponsored a blood pressure readings provided by local nurse.

PRO-LIFE PROGRAM:

1. Passed out bumper stickers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

1. Memorial Mass for deceased brothers on November 17, 1979.

INSURANCE NIGHT:

1. Conducted Insurance Night on February 19, 1980.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow officers and all the dedicated members of Council #7211 for making this a truly successful year. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have served you as your Grand Knight for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Ridge, Grand Knight

The State Deputy then requested that the Grand Knights turn in Scrapbooks, Newsletters, Activities Reports for judging. He then requested that nominations for the various Awards be turned in by 9:30 A.M. Saturday for judging.

The State Deputy made the following announcement:

A PRO-LIFE MUST! One O'Clock Saturday, please make certain that your pro-life chairman, Ladies Auxiliary representative, Grand Knight and others visit the Pro-Life workshop at the Ramada Inn.

During the convention we are pleased to host Judi Lindsey, the assistant director for the Committee for a Human Life Amendment. From her Washington, D. C. office, Mrs. Lindsey represents the U. S. Bishops in the Right to Life Movement. Judi Lindsey at this session will present vital remarks. Please come for this and remember that during this session Pro-Life Awards will be presented to many Councils and individual Knights.

ALL THIS SATURDAY 1:00 P. M. RAMADA INN!!!!

Supreme Advocate Judge John M. Murphy was escorted to the dias and presented to the Convention. He spoke briefly to the group. The State Deputy thanked the Supreme Advocate and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with a prayer led by Father Frank Corcoran.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1980

The State Deputy opened the second convention session at 9:50 A.M. and called upon the State Warden to check that all members present were active Third Degree members. The State Warden so vouched.

Father Frank Corcoran, State Chaplain, led the convention in prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Secretary was called upon to give the report of the Credentials Committee.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Credentials committee, report that we have verified the credentials of the following delegates to the 76th Annual State Convention and certify that they are entitled to the full privileges of the convention, excepting that District Deputies and Past State Deputies have no voting privileges unless listed also as council delegates.

STATE OFFICERS

State Chaplain
State Deputy
State Secretary
State Treasurer
State Advocate
State Warden
Past State Deputy

Father Frank Corcoran
Rodney J. Sandoz
Don Oldmixon
Robert Fratesi
Wiley Price, Jr.
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.
Dave Atteberry

COUNCIL DELEGATES

802 Meridian	Thomas R. Zettler	Chris G. Brown
848 Jackson	Henry J. A. Kajdan	Conrad J. Richard
898 Vicksburg	Robert C. King, Jr.	Walter Reynolds
1034 Natchez	Freddie Biglane	Max Voss
1244 Biloxi	Frank Tarrant	Gerald Lamey
1522 Bay St. Louis	F. J. Bartlett	Fritz Oberlies
1583 Gulfport	Bernard R. Frederic	Lamar W. Cox
1605 Pascagoula	Ricky Nause	Buddy New
1908 Hattiesburg	Danny Hillhouse	Joe Tonos
2134 Greenville	John P. Myers	James F. Hunter
2180 Laurel	Tony Zepponi	Mike Columbus
2945 Leland	Frank Whitehead	Davey Gaddy
2969 Clarksdale	Emile Carrier	Graham Boyd
3328 Yazoo City	Paulino J. Carrubba	John W. Smith
4898 Long Beach	Ed Gaston, Jr.	Jessie Quinn, Jr.
5267 Greenwood	Albert Rocconi, Jr.	Marvin Lott
5556 Cleveland	Leonard Tarrant	F. L. Westbrook, Jr.
5654 Ocean Springs	Joe Bramucci	Bruno Fava
6555 Shelby	Walter Daley	Ted Applewhite
6592 Bassfield	James Heitz	Lynn Cook
6765 Starkville	Nicholas Wagner	Michael T. Leleux
6872 Picayune		O. J. Shiyu
7087 Kiln	James L. Higgins	Kenneth L. Lubbers
7120 Southaven	Leo J. Ridge, Jr.	Patrick C. Oldmixon
7211 Seneca		
7440 Philadelphia		

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District 1	Frank A. Whitehead
District 2	Edward A. Lueckenbach
District 3	Al McDevitt
District 4	Richard Benton
District 5	John A. Harrington, Jr.
District 6	Patrick C. Oldmixon
District 7	
District 8	Joseph B. Goellner

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

John S. Cabibi	Norman L. Kiehm
John P. Myers	W. F. LaForge
Hilton A. Seymour	G. R. Schiederman
Ely P. Shapley	Jessie J. Quinn, Jr.
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.	Dave Atteberry

Respectfully submitted,
Don Oldmixon, Chairman
Thomas Zettler, Gerald Lamey
Graham Boyd

The State Deputy then read the following letter from the Supreme Knight:

The State Deputy then injected a sorrowful on receiving and reading the following communication:

Joseph M. Ros P. S. D. Dies in South Carolina.

Joseph M. Ros, past state deputy of Mississippi died in Georgetown, South Carolina on March 29 at the age of 86.

Ros was born in Scranton, MS. on Dec. 9, 1893. He joined Monsignor P. J. Carey Council No. 1605 in Pascagoula, Ms. in Sept. 1925. He served the council as grand knight and in 1927 was elected State Warden, serving two terms. He was elected State Deputy in 1931. In April 1948 he transferred to Georgetown Council No. 3067. He also served as grand knight of that council. At his death he was an honorary-life member of the Third and Fourth Degrees.

He was retired from his post as a mill agent for a paper mill.

Ros is survived by his wife, Sadie, 7 sons, 3 daughters, 40 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

SUPREME KNIGHT'S LETTER

Mr. Rodney J. Sandoz
State Deputy
135 Mount Bass
Long Beach, MS 39560

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Sandoz:

Vivat Jesus.

Once again it is my privilege and pleasure to greet the officers, delegates and guests who have gathered in Greenville to participate in the annual convention of the great jurisdiction of Mississippi.

The time of this meeting, when Brother Knights and their families gather in fraternal unity, is particularly auspicious in that 1980 is the first year of a new decade. If we can consider 1979 as a prelude to the next 10 years, it is no exaggeration to state that the visits of our Holy Father to Mexico, to the East and Midwest of the United States and to the Philippines have provided a stirring impetus to the Eighties. Further pastoral journeys to Canada and to the Western U. S. would make his "K. of C. itinerary" almost complete.

Wherever he has traveled, Pope John Paul II has brought a message to the world that is particularly applicable to the Knights for, in many cases, his programs are our programs. Among others, I can cite increased devotion to Our Lady; promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life; defense of innocent human life; strengthening family life-all stemming from the Gospel; all proclaimed by His Holiness as causes worthy of pursuit.

That is one reason why our current membership campaign pays tribute to our Holy Father. Programs are fine on paper. Implementation, and results, depend on manpower - on men, and families, committed to making the programs work.

So, in the 1980's, we need membership to assure that our Order will remain strong.

However, new membership alone will not guarantee success. The ongoing involvement of our present members is a sine qua non for the advancement of Columbian ideals in an often unreceptive world.

You are gathered in convention to evaluate the state of the order as regards projects underway and goals yet to be attained. Let these days before you-as a State Council and as individual Knights-a time of rededication and recommitment to our principles. May the enthusiasm so generated be an impetus for the coming fraternal year, and indeed, for the coming fraternal decade and beyond.

In the name of the Supreme Council, the officers and directors and your brother Knights everywhere, I extend best wishes to you and commend your every accomplishment. My prayer is that Our Blessed Lady will be every at your side.

Fraternally yours,
Virgil C. Dechant, Supreme Knight

ANNUAL STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT 1979-1980

My Brother Knights,

As I stand before you today to give an account of the status of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi and my stewardship as your State Deputy, I am reminded of those who have stood in this position before me and the many great achievements that have been made in our state in past years. When you elected me one year ago, I pledged to do all that I could to carry on this fine tradition and to see that Mississippi continued to grow in the spirit of Columbianism.

The first months after the election but before actually taking office were busy ones for me as I finished my duties as State Secretary by compiling the minutes of the 75th Convention and began to put together a team of District Deputies and State Chairman who would be dedicated to carrying out the goals of the Knights of Columbus. I think that the team we have today is an outstanding group of Knights and I thank each of them for all the work they have done during this fraternal year.

In June I attended a State Deputies' workshop in Clearwater, Florida at which was outlined the Supreme Council's program for the coming year. At this meeting Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant reminded each of us that the primary duty of a State Deputy is to insure that the Knights of Columbus remains truly Catholic in each jurisdiction and at all times upholds the proud title of "Right arm of the Church". I can truly say that we in Mississippi are doing this.

The installation of state officers was conducted by Bishop Howze in Long Beach the weekend of July 7 - 8. During this weekend an orientation meeting was held to familiarize the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen with the details of the program outlined in Clearwater. This meeting was well attended and each of us came away with a renewed enthusiasm to promote the cause of Columbianism in our state.

In August, I was privileged to attend the 97th annual Supreme Convention held in San Diego, California. Attending with me were my wife Josie, Past State Deputy Dave Atteberry, State Chaplain Father Kelleher, Brother Nassar of Greenwood, and several members of the Biloxi Council including Past State Deputy Hilton Seymour. I have many fond memories of this Convention, but the highlight was the announcement by the Supreme Knight that Mississippi had captured the first place position in Division V of the Order's membership program thus making Past State Deputy Atteberry eligible for an all expense paid trip to Rome. This is truly significant when you consider that this is the third time in six years that Mississippi has been so acclaimed.

During the convention Mississippi was again honored as Grand Knight Ricky Nause of Hattiesburg was picked as one of only ten Grand Knights in the entire order to accompany the winning State Deputies to Rome. But this was not all. Each and every district in the state met its membership quota and fourteen of our twenty-five councils achieved Star Council status.

At the close of the convention I was presented with a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe and was requested, as were the other State Deputies, to take this portrait back to our home states and have it circulated from council to council for a special hour of prayer to Our Blessed Mother. This portrait, specially blessed by Pope John Paul II, has circulated through many councils already and I am certain that the devotion shown to Our Lady by the many thousands of persons throughout the state will bring God's blessings on our families, our councils, our state, and our nation. I thank each of you who have worked to make this project a success.

This year we initiated the "Magnolia Knight" newsletter to keep the councils of the state informed as to what is happening in the state. This newsletter which is put out monthly goes to all State Officers, District Deputies, State Chairmen, Grand Knights and other key council officers and chairmen. It is a vehicle by which we can communicate with each other regarding items of news that are important to the programs in our state. Each of you is urged to contribute articles of interest as often as you can. I thank State Secretary Don Oldmixon and Public Relations Chairman Leo Ridge for their dedicated efforts in making this newsletter interesting and relevant. They have put in many long hours on this very special project.

Insurance is an important part of the over-all Knights of Columbus program and we now have a resident Mississippian directing this facet of Columbianism. General Agent Roy Powers has been criss-crossing the state promoting the insurance program with great results and in his many travels he has made several contacts in places where we hope to establish new councils. These contacts will bear fruit in time and we trust that within short order we will see the establishment of new councils in several other towns and cities across the state.

At the beginning of my term of office I set as a membership goal the addition of one new member for each day of the year using as our theme "EACH ONE REACH ONE-A KNIGHT A DAY". Admittedly this was an ambitious goal but one I truly thought could be attained in light of the achievements of the previous years. I wish that I could report to you today that we are on target, but with 275 days already over through the month of March we have brought in only 185 new members. We do have a long way to go. We must try harder.

One of the tougher duties I have had as State Deputy was the writing of so many letters to members in danger of suspension from our Order. To date I have written 164 such letters in response to Notices of Intent to Suspend and while this is not a pleasant task, I regard it as a most important one because it has given me an opportunity to explain the value of the Knights of Columbus for one last time to those who for whatever reason have lost interest in our cause. I feel that this program has been successful because of the 164 I have written to, 97 have reconsidered and kept their membership and the majority of those who did not were those who had moved to other states.

Recruitment of new members as well as retention of existing members is vital to the growth and stability of our Order and both topics will be covered more fully by the respective chairmen as this meeting progresses.

I would like to make mention of the tremendous effort made by our councils in last year's Tootsie Roll Program to aid the mentally retarded. Because of your efforts and the matching Federal Funds these unfortunate Mississippians received over \$300,000 in financial aid. I will leave the details to Dave Atteberry but I strongly urge each of you to work to make this year's program even better.

In December I attended a workshop for State Deputies in Corpus Christi, Texas. The program for the second half of the fraternal year was outlined at this time and we have demonstrated to us the proposed new First, Second, and Third Degree ceremonials. These new ceremonials are in the process of being refined and will probably be introduced later in the year. They are very impressive and require much participation on the part of both candidates and members. In the meantime we will continue to use the present ceremonials and I wish to thank Past State Deputy Seymour and the Biloxi Degree Team for the fine degree work they put on for us in Picayune, Meridian, Pascagoula, and Clarksdale. We hope to have another exemplification in the Natchez area in the very near future.

Our mid-winter meeting was held in Jackson this year and it too was well attended. The Jackson council as usual was a most gracious host. At this meeting I regretfully announced the resignation of Father Michael Kelleher as State Chaplain because of his many pressing pastoral duties. Father Kelleher served the state faithfully and well and his services are much appreciated.

After consultation with the other state officers and district deputies, I prevailed upon Father Frank Corcoran of Greenville to accept the post of State Chaplain. Father Corcoran is known to many of you for his many years of dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus and we welcome him as State Chaplain and look forward to a long and fruitful association.

The Bishop Greco Membership Program ended in December at which time we had added 128 new members to our ranks in honor of this great native Mississippian. In connection with this program each district deputy and grand knight was eligible for a chance to win an all expense paid trip to Disneyworld provided they achieved the membership goals set by the Supreme Council. Three of our district deputies and five of our Grand Knights were eligible for the state's drawing. District Deputy Richard Benton and Grand Knight Nick Wagner were our states' winners. Brother Wagner was chosen by the Supreme Council as one of the 10 national grand knight winners and he and his family will receive a trip to Disneyworld. The membership campaign for the second half of the fraternal year honors Pope John Paul II and once again there are a number of fine prizes for those who participate.

In January we had a very unique opportunity to publicize the works of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi. We were the guests on three one-half hour segments of the "Faith of Our Fathers" program aired on WLOX-TV. These programs beamed throughout South Mississippi on three successive Saturday evenings were designed to spur an interest in the Knights of Columbus. The first program outlined the mission and goals of the Order in Mississippi and featured a discussion of how the Knights are a relevant force for the promotion of Christian ideals and family participation in Church and community. The second program dealt with our contributions to the fostering of vocations and the third dealt with our state-wide Tootsie Roll Program to aid the mentally retarded. It is impossible to estimate the true value received from these programs. The costs would have been substantial if we had to pay for this TV time. I have had many people say that they thought the programs were excellent and gave them a glimpse of the Knights of Columbus they had not realized before. Several of them have since sought to join our Order.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of our state's Intercouncil Competition Program. In reflecting back over these years we note that this program has grown from very modest beginnings to a point where today it is participated in by almost every one of our councils. It is a program that has spurred a spirit of friendly competition among the councils and has caused Columbianism to spread throughout Mississippi. I appreciate each council's efforts in regards to this program and I commend State Program Director Mike Leleux for his able administration of the programs. Brother Leleux and the other state directors and chairmen will be reporting on this and the other State programs and I don't want to steal too much of their thunder at this time.

In the area of new council development we were able to bring about the formation of a new council in Philadelphia thus bringing our total number of councils to 26 in the state. We are hopeful that there will be one or two more additional ones added before the end of the year.

I was privileged this past year to attend a number of council functions across the state, not as many as I would have liked, but as many as time and circumstance would permit. In each council I was met with fond remembrances and I thank all of you for your kind invitations. My wife Josie and I will always treasure the many acquaintances we have made this past year and hope that we can continue these friendships throughout the years.

In conclusion I want to thank my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors, and State Chairmen for the help you have given me this past year. It is only through your generous contribution of time and talent that we have been able to see the Knight of Columbus grow and prosper in Mississippi. It is your dedication to Columbianism that has made possible whatever achievements were made this past year. No one man could do it all and I would certainly have been lost without your help and advice, and for this I am truly grateful.

The Knights of Columbus is a vibrant organization in the State of Mississippi. Through our many programs we have been able to help in the spread of Christ's gospel message to love one another. By the practice of the great principals of our Order-Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism-we prove daily that we are truly the finest Catholic, Family, Fraternal organization in the world. It is awe inspiring and truly humbling to have been chosen to lead this fine organization- the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. I thank each of you for this tremendous opportunity you have given me to serve as your State Deputy. I am truly grateful. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney J. Sandoz, State Deputy

REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY

Status of membership by council in Mississippi as of April 1, 1980, as compared with totals as of April 1, 1979. Figures are based on monthly summary of membership status from the Supreme Council.

Council	No. of members		Increase	Decrease
	1979	1980		
802 Meridian	119	123	4	
848 Jackson	163	170	7	
898 Vicksburg	362	350		12
1034 Natchez	240	240	-	-

1244 Biloxi	380	408	28	
1522 Bay St. Louis	136	134		2
1583 Gulfport	332	352	20	
1605 Pascagoula	225	234	9	
1908 Hattiesburg	125	128	3	
2134 Greenville	255	257	2	
2180 Laurel	55	51		4
2945 Leland	52	51		1
2969 Clarksdale	194	201	7	
3328 Yazoo City	64	71	7	
4898 Long Beach	129	137	8	
5267 Greenwood	97	94		3
5556 Cleveland	91	93	2	
5654 Ocean Springs	98	105	7	
6555 Shelby	52	51		1
6592 Bassfield	84	86	2	
6765 Starkville	49	48		1
6872 Picayune	61	63	2	
7087 Kiln	31	36	5	
7120 Southaven	51	57	6	
7211 Seneca	37	41	4	
7440 Philadelphia	New	35	35	
TOTALS	3482	3616	158	24

A new gain of 134 members is reflected by this report. Included are 1098 Insurance members (down 14 from last year) and 2518 Associate members. Also included are 255 Honorary Life Members, 70 Honorary members and 303 Inactive members.

Reports from the various councils indicate the following members have died since our last convention:

Meridian	Hattiesburg
John J. Bulna	Jack Forte
George Newton, Sr.	Herman Brondum
Natchez	Clarksdale
Rollin S. Armstrong	Sam Parolli
Biloxi	H. W. Wilson
Elmore Duvigneaud	Robert Grattafiori
Lee Gutierrez, Jr.	Long Beach
Peter Maerza, Jr.	Cecil B. Creel
Vicksburg	Ocean Springs
Erwin M. Jones	Wm. F. Dale, Jr.
Joe Marsicano	F. W. Kiernan, Sr.
Pascagoula	Leland
Msgr. Patrick J. Carey	John O. Carolla
George T. Humphreys	Gulfport
Guilford L. Akins	Joseph Huber
Verne L. Strahan, Jr.	Joseph M. Gipson
Greenville	Rev. John T. Martin
William D. Hancock, Jr.	Augustus D. Alfonso, Sr.
Richard M. Outzen	
Fr. Eugene Chatagnier	

Eternal Rest Grant to these our Brothers, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted
Don Oldmixon, State Secretary

Financial Statement
Mississippi State Council
July 1, 1979 through April 24, 1980

CASH RECEIVED:

Cash on hand as of July 1, 1979	0
Received from State Treasurer to open account	5.00
Transfer of funds from past State Treasurer	2204.95
Refund of bank service charge	9.00
Per Capita tax from year 1978-1979	323.12
Per Capita tax from first half of year 1979-1980	4587.04
Per Capita tax from last half of year 1979-1980	4604.94
Newsletter equipment	253.00
Total cash as of April 24, 1980	11,987.05
Transfer of savings account August 1979	1,105.79

EXPENDITURES:

Organizational meeting, per diem & meal July 79	566.10
Installation Mass July 79	25.00
Trophies, Plaques, Jewels, Etc.	525.15
1979 Convention book	735.00
Per diem owed for 1979 Convention	50.00
Supplies owed from year 1978-1979	136.82
Newsletter expense	303.60
Bank charges	23.52
Vocation Expenses	47.79
Mid winter meeting, meal and rental Dec. 79	110.43
Membership in Morality Program	25.00
Postage - State Deputy	178.33
Supplies from Supreme Council	2.80
State Secretarys expense	94.42
Total Disbursements	2,823.96

Savings account deposit - Aug 79	1,105.79
Interest from Aug 79 thru Apr 80	36.94
Total Savings account as of April 24, 1980	1,142.73
Total cash received (checking account) as of Apr. 24	11,987.05
Total Expenditures as of April 24, 1980	2,823.96
Total funds available as of April 24, 1980 (checking)	9,163.09
Total funds available as of April 24, 1980 (savings)	1,142.73

Total of all funds available as of April 24, 1980

10,305.82

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Fratesi

STATE ADVOCATE REPORT

The duty of the State Advocate is to give advice to the State Council on all matters involving the Constitution and Laws of the order.

With the help of Past State Deputy Hilton Seymour, Past State Deputy John Myers and Brother F. J. Bartlett, I was able to get most of the Resolutions from the 53rd Annual Convention 1957 to the 75th Annual Convention 1979 into one book.

During the year 1979-1980, I attended the following state and council activities:

1. State meeting and Installation of officers, in Long Beach.
2. Installation of Officers in Meridian.
3. Represented the State Council at Boswell Retardation Center for there special olympic.
4. Exemplification of the 2nd and 3rd degree in Biloxi and Meridian.
5. Admission degree in Meridian on October 27, 1979, January 28, 1980 and March 25, 1980.
6. District meeting in Starkville.
7. Admission Degree of 17 candidates in Philadelphia, Miss.
8. The 75th Anniversary of Vicksburg Council 898.
9. State Council Meeting in Jackson.
10. District meeting in Meridian.

Respectfully submitted,
Wiley Price Jr., State Advocate
Mississippi Jurisdiction

Following a verbal report by the State Warden, the State Deputy called upon our Supreme Advocate Judge John M. Murphy for a few remarks; Judge Murphy spoke on the results of the Order's study "Awareness of Young People in the church". Many of the results are suprising and have not as yet been published. He also spoke on Natural Moral Alternatives with special reference to the Billings Method of Family planning.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT NO. 1

It was my honor to serve as District Deputy for the no. 1 District in the State.

This district is composed of Clarksdale Council 2969, Shelby Council 6555 and Southaven Council 7120.

I attended the State Officers meeting and installation of State Officers in Long Beach in July. The state council competition was reviewed and discussed at that meeting.

Following this meeting I installed the officers in the various councils in my district. Each installation was followed by a social and a fine meal.

The Clarksdale Council hosted the first district meeting at which the State Inter-Council Competition requirements were presented.

In September I was privileged to go to the Southaven Council for a presentation of awards supper. At this meeting I presented their council with the Star Council Award, the Founders Award and the Columbian Award.

In December I attended the Mid-Winter State Officers meeting. Additional information was presented at this meeting, especially in regard to the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Following that meeting, I held the second district meeting that was hosted by the Shelby Council. We had a good turnout and a fine meal was served.

In concluding I wish to express my thanks to Rodney Sandoz for allowing me to serve as District Deputy and to the councils in my district for the cooperation given this past year.

Respectfully submitted
Frank Whitehead

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT NO. 2

It was my honor to serve as District Deputy for District No. 2 this past year. District No. 2 consists of the following Councils:

Council 2134, Greenville
Council 2945, Leland
Council 5267, Greenwood
Council 5556, Cleveland

My activities as District Deputy began when I attended the installation of State Officers and State meeting in Long Beach in July. Following the State meeting, I visited all of the Councils in District No. 2 for installation of Council officers.

A district meeting was held in Greenville during August to present the State programs for the coming year.

I attended the winter state meeting in Jackson and brought back the Tootsie Roll program and materials for all Councils in the District.

The second District meeting was cancelled due to an ice storm on the meeting day, but I had personal and telephone contact with the Councils during this period.

Other activities in which I participated as District Deputy included presentation of Star Council Awards to the Greenville and Leland Councils, and the presentation of the first place national trophy to Jim Reeves, winner of his age group in the Free Throw Contest. Jim was sponsored by the Leland Council.

As we approach the end of the fraternal year, I am pleased to report that all Councils in my district are functioning well and that each Council is making an important contribution to the brothers, the Church, and the community.

Finally, I wish to thank State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for selecting me to serve as District Deputy this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward A. Lueckenbach
District Deputy, District No. 2

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT NO. 3

District No. 3 consists of Vicksburg Council 898, Natchez Council No. 1034, and Yazoo City Council No. 3328.

I attended the state meeting in Long Beach, MS for the business meeting and the installation of the new state officers. At the business meeting, we discussed the different programs and made plans for the coming year.

Held installation of Council officers in Yazoo City Council No. 3328 in July. This was an open meeting for members and their families and friends. Held installation of Council officers in Vicksburg Council No. 898 in July and this was also an open meeting which was very well attended by family and friends. Past District Deputy George Sounderes, Jr. of Natchez, installed the officers of Natchez Council No. 1034 in July.

On 19 August 1979 the First District Deputy meeting was held in Vicksburg at the council home of 898. In attendance at this meeting was State Insurance Agent, Roy Powers, members from Yazoo City and Vicksburg councils. We discussed plans for the coming year, talked about the inter-council competition, reporting council activities to the proper sources, council newsletters, Pro-life campaign, Family Life activity, and community activities. Brother Roy Powers talked briefly on keeping members and getting suspended members back into the councils. Brother Powers encourage everyone to get strongly behind Bishop Greco's Membership Drive.

In September, it was an honor for me to present the Star Council award from the Supreme Office to the Natchez Council No. 1034, for a job well done for the year 1978-79. (Congratulations once again NATCHEZ)

The Second Degree meeting was on 27 January 1980, this meeting was also held in Vicksburg. The first order of business was a film showing Pope John Paul II visit to the United States and a special audience the Pope gave the Supreme Officers of the Knights of Columbus during his visit.

I reported on the items that came up at the Mid-Winter State Officers meeting, then discussions were held on the Marian Hour of Prayer, the Tootsie Roll Drive for Mental Health, Membership, Per Capita Tax, Admission Degree and the Audit Report. Attendees at this meeting were members from Yazoo City and Vicksburg Councils.

Due to working in the Mobile District Army Corps of Engineers in the Hurricane Frederic recovery operations, I was away from the Vicksburg area for three months, thus making my visits to each of the councils limited. I want to apologize to District No. 3 for this.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred E. McDevitt
District Deputy, District No. 3

**REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
District No. 4**

The councils in District #4 are: Msgr. John J. Burns, Council No. 802 Meridian; John T. Savage Council #848 Jackson, Golden Triangle Council #6765, Starkville, Columbus and West Point; and Father Judge Council #7440 Philadelphia.

The year began with the installation of state officers and District Deputies at Long Beach in July.

This was followed by the installation of officers in the existing councils of the district in July.

A district meeting was held in Starkville. In September with excellent attendance. Plans for the fraternal year were made at this meeting.

The efforts of a number of brother knights came to fruition with the installation of the Father Judge Council No. 7440 in Philadelphia. Special note should be made of the efforts of Brother Roy Powers in getting his council started.

The mid winter meeting of the state council was held in Jackson and hosted by Council No. 848.

A second district meeting was hosted by Meridian Council No. 802 at which the fund drive for the mentally retarded was the major topic.

All councils in District No. 4 are participating in the drive to help the mentally retarded.

Special notice should be taken of the 75th Anniversary of the John T. Savage Council No. 848 in Jackson. Illness unfortunately prevented my attendance of the banquet and mortgage burning but Bro. Powers, who filled in for me, reported an excellent affair.

It was my honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy of District 5, consisting of Hattiesburg Council 1908, Laurel Council 2180 and Bassfield Council 6592.

I was unable to attend the State meeting and installation of state officers held at Long Beach in July. I did receive all information from our State Deputy and this was passed on to the councils in my district at our first district meeting held in Hattiesburg on July 24.

Officers were installed in Laurel in July and in Hattiesburg and Bassfield in August.

In October I presented the Star Council Award to the Bassfield council and in December this same award was presented to the Hattiesburg council. Both of these activities were well attended by Knights and their wives.

I attended the State meeting in Jackson on December 9, and on December 16 a second district meeting was held in Laurel with General Agent Roy Powers attending. The Pope John II Campaign was discussed as well as other programs.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the councils in my district for their cooperation and consideration during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Harrington, Jr.
District Deputy District No. 5

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, My Brother Knights;

I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy for appointing me District Deputy and giving me the opportunity of serving Picayune, Kiln, and Seneca councils.

The year started off with attending the state organizational meeting at Long Beach on July 7, 1979. The meeting was very informative and the information I received was passed on to my councils at our district meeting held in Picayune.

On July 28, 1979 we held a district installation of officers. I felt this would be good for Columbianism, in that, the district consisting of fairly new councils this would give members and their wives the opportunity to become acquainted. Our Worthy State Deputy Rodney Sandoz and my neighboring District Deputy Bill Seal attended the installation.

In September I traveled to Picayune and Seneca councils to present them with the Star Council Award which both had qualified for.

In November a district horse shoe pitching contest was planned, and was to be hosted by the Kiln council. Due to conflicting dates with the councils the event was canceled and never re-scheduled. During the month also, with the help of brother Roy Powers, and other knights in the district, we attempted to start a new council at White Cypress, but we didn't have the response needed. The portrait of our Lady was in the district during this month, and each of the councils sponsored the Marion Hour Devotion.

On December 9, 1979 I attended the state mid-year meeting where the programs for the upcoming six months were discussed. This information I passed on to my councils at our district meeting held on January 11, 1980 hosted by the Seneca council.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the councils in my district, for the neglect of my duties during the past months, as my work schedule has not permitted me to perform my duties as I would have liked to.

In closing I would like to thank all the brother knights in my district for their hospitality when I was in their council homes, and for the cooperation during the year. I would again like to thank the Worthy State Deputy for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as district deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick C. Oldmixon
District Deputy District No. 6

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT NO. 7

Mississippi State Council
Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights:

District 7 is made up of councils 1522 Bay St. Louis, Council 1583 Gulfport, and 4898 Long Beach.

All council officers were duly installed at Installation of Officer Banquets held in their respective council homes.

During the course of this year both Gulfport and Long Beach councils have been very active in promoting Columbianism in their respective cities. Both of these councils are participating in the State inter-council competition program, and Gulfport has achieved a much higher level of achievement than in past years. Both councils are also striving to achieve their assigned membership quotas. Bay St. Louis Council remains inactive in almost all areas and appears content to remain in that status.

I must extend my apologies to our Worthy State Deputy and to my Brother Knights. During this past year I have failed to accomplish what I feel was necessary for a successful year. I had high hopes of establishing a new council in the western part of my district and also of helping Bay St. Louis begin the road back to what they once were.

Please accept my thanks for allowing me to serve the Knights of Columbus again this past year and I am looking forward to serving our order in future years.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. A. Seal, Jr.
District Deputy

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT 8

It was my honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy of District No. 8. District No. 8 consists of Biloxi Council 1244, Pascagoula Council 1605, and Ocean Springs Council 5654.

I began the year by attending the Annual State Meeting on July 7, and 8, in Long Beach. A business meeting was held on Saturday. Sunday began with mass and installation of the state officers. A second business meeting followed at which final plans and objectives for the year were given.

On July 11, 12, and 14 officers of councils at Ocean Springs, Biloxi, and Pascagoula were installed. Each council held open meetings and they were well attended.

The first District Meeting was held and hosted by Pascagoula on July 22, 1979. Plans and objectives were presented with comments and suggestions welcomed. A short work session in each program area was enjoyed by all.

Visits to each council revealed that program activities were functioning well and reports and records were in compliance. Even in the wake of Hurricane Frederick that struck the southeast Miss. Gulf Coast, program activities had only a short delay. Many members had heavy damage to personal property and each council home received some degree of damage.

I attended the State Mid-Winter Meeting in Jackson. Plans for the rest of the year were made.

The second District Meeting was held in each individual council. More council officers and committee chairmen attended with great interest.

Each council has held several admission degrees and Pascagoula Council hosted a second and third degree exemplification on January 13, 1980.

Ocean Springs Council dedicated a new home on March 15, 1980. They are to be congratulated for it took many hours of hard work from each member.

The Columbian Squires are active in Biloxi and Ocean Springs. A circle at Pascagoula is about to be reactivated. The first Open House Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 1980.

Hopefully by the end of the fraternal year each council will have received many awards in recognition of their efforts.

I wish to thank each council in my district for the cooperation given during the year. It's been a pleasure working for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph B. Goellner
District Deputy District No. 8

My Brother Knights

I would like to thank you for the support of your K of C Insurance program during the past year. The support of your State Deputy and the State Officers and Chairman has been great. Without it we could not have accomplished as much as we have.

Also, you Grand Knights have done a tremendous job of promoting the Order's Insurance program. Thank you, it makes our job a little easier. I would like to thank the Financial Secretaries for sending me the form 100's on all the new members and the many changes they handle. Please keep those coming to me.

With all this assistance we were able to have twenty-one councils hold Insurance Information nights, either for the members or for the members and wives. From these insurance nights there have been many good interviews and I feel that many services have been rendered to your members and their families. Never have I visited a council and not been warmly received at the meeting. The same is true when I visited the members in their homes. Much of this is because the Grand Knights have promoted the main reason for the Knights of Columbus.

The plans are to put full-time men in the areas across the state as soon as we can locate the right man. I know several have recommended men to me and I have not appointed them as Field Agents. Please understand that when we do not appoint a man to this job we are really doing him a favor since the procedure that we follow tells us that this man, in all respects, is a good man but selling insurance is not what he is qualified to do. We would be going him an injustice if we hired him. Believe me, I would like nothing better than to have a man serving every council as fast as I can.

This past year I did get to schedule the insurance nights as I had planned but then I had only a short time to cover a lot of territory. Next year, with the approval of the State Deputy, I would like to schedule a definite time to visit the councils in my area and spread them out over the period from May through March. It has been hard to try and visit your councils on short notice.

As we did last year, we will award a trophy to the councils in each area that have demonstrated an outstanding job of promoting our insurance program in their councils. This will be mailed to you. Not many councils qualified for Insurance Awards. As for those that did, your award will be coming in the near future. His agency sold over 200 policies in this jurisdiction, but most of these were to members' families. I suppose the long time without representation has taken its toll. With 8 1/2 million in force in Mississippi, we will reach our goal of 10,000,000 by year's end.

On behalf of Bill Wolfe from Picayune and myself, thank you, Brother Knights.

Roy Powers
General Agent

The State Deputy then closed the second session with a prayer at 12 noon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25th, 1980

The State Deputy opened the third session with a prayer led by Father Corcoran at 2:00 P. M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Warden vouched that all present were qualified to remain.

The State Deputy called upon the remaining committee chairmen for their reports.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Report:

During this administration our membership has surpassed the 3600 in the Mississippi District. This was done with a net gain of only 97 members. Each and every Brother knows the State Membership Committee is composed of everyone of

us. No other Brother Knight can know your prospects. and your council area better than you do.

New members are a vital asset and the life blood of our Order, but do not forget the retention of our current Brother Knights. The loss of a current member is not only a loss in number, but a loss in the experience and knowledge we have gained from these Brothers.

Special thanks in the membership area is extended to our Second and Third Degree Team from Biloxi, who through their dedication and efforts keep our incoming new members at its high level of motivation.

Secondly, our Insurance Representative, Roy Powers, is one of our Brothers whose talks and actions express Columbianism everyday. His efforts are also seen in the number of applications he turns in as he crisscrosses our state.

Many thanks to these and to every Brother Knight who has brought in a new member throughout the year. 1980 is still young and we know the other Brothers are still looking for their candidates. With our untiring efforts, Mississippi will be back where it belongs, Number One.

Respectfully Submitted,
George C. Fero
Membership Director

**1979-1980
Mississippi Knights of Columbus Program
Chairman Report**

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplin, Supreme Advocate, State officers, District Deputies, State Committeemen and Brother Knights.

The 1979-1980 State Intercouncil Competition Program has come to close for another year. This year will be remembered as one of change. The change being to a more difficult standards for those councils who participated in the program, due to increased qualifications.

The Marian Hour was added as a qualification to the Honor Council. This with the addition of a complete addition of qualification in Family life to the States, other divisions in Church, Community, Youth, and Council, made the program more difficult. Because of these five separate categories and the additional requirements to have 5 projects to attain the Honor Council qualification in each of the five categories. The Councils which received the Honor and Distinguished Council can certainly be proud of the accomplishments which these Councils attained.

Of 26 Councils in the State of Mississippi K of C;

This year 14 Councils received the Honor Councils Requirements.

There were 13 Councils receiving the Distinguished Council requirements.

The Appraisal of the ICC Program for 1979-1980 can be made in 2 ways. There were a small number who qualified for the Honor and Distinguished Council requirements. Was this because of the difficulty of the requirements or to the lack of interest in the ICC Program? As Program Director I feel the reason is that the stiffness of the qualification caused the small number who qualified for the Honor and Distinguished Awards. This being the reason the councils who did attain the awards can be proud of their accomplishments and so can the other councils of the state.

As Program Chairman I can not fail to mention those councils who during the year took the Leadership to aid the State Council in the State Councils Programs. Jackson Council, Long Beach, Natchez, Greenville, Meridan, Clarksdale, Picayune, Pascagoula, & Biloxi.

All held some Project whether it was the convention, Atheletic Activity State meetings, or Knighthood Degrees. If it were not for these Councils hosting the function, we the Knights of Columbus of Mississippi would cease to function.

Brothers we are all Knights of Columbus, a Honor of which we all can say we are, but as Knights of Columbus let us ask not what the Knights of Columbus can do for us but what can we do for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. In the years to come this State Council will need more help more than ever. So let us be as Christopher Columbus explored the possibilities of how you can help the operation of the Knights of Columbus.

I want to thank our worthy State Deputy Rodney J. Sandoz for the Honor he bestowed on me by appointing me State Program Chairman. I am truly thankful for the Honor to have served the State Knights of Columbus during this past year. There were things I felt I could of done better, but due to time and circumstances which limited my time; I did the best I could do. Last but not least again thanks to all of you officers and Knights of Columbus of Mississippi for the help given me during this year. Without your help the Projects preformed would of never been done.

Fraternally
Michael T. LeLeaux
State Program Chairman

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCIL PARTICIPATION:

- 18 Councils competed by filling reports.
- 14 Councils completed Honor Council Requirements.
- 13 Councils achieving Distinguished Council Requirements.

Projects which were not participated in it at all, by councils.

SUGGESTED IDEAS TO THE ICC PROGRAM

1. Five percent membership increase be a requirement to the distinguished Council qualification.
2. Reporting of project should be done by the tenth of the reporting months. This qualification will be considered for the judging for best large and small Council only. As in the past this will not be a requirement to qualify for honor and distinguished Council.
3. It is suggested by the Committee that a uniform trophie for honor Council, distinguished council, and best large and small council be established for at least a ten year basis. This would allow the State Council to secure, to appropriate and secure and ample amount of trophie's and establish and amount which would secure a cost factor for the State and set a present as to a particular trophie for a particular award.
4. The Marian hour being such a success as it was should be considered as a project for the next fraternal year. If the Our Lady of Guadalupe Program can not be secured another devotion to Mary will be considered for the 1980-81 fraternal year.

5. Financial secretaries are urged to forward the names and addresses of the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program Director, and five program chairman to the State Publicity Director as soon as elections and appointments have been completed for 1980. This being the central for proper mailing of the new letter.

Fraternally
Michael T. Leleaux, Chairman

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Fr. Frank Corcoran - Greenville
Jim Bartlett - Gulfport
Chris Brown - Meridan
Ted Applewhite - Bassfield

1. Responsibility of Grand Knight to educate each director on their committee duties.
2. Family Corporate Communion every quarter.
3. Convention Booklet be made available to chairperson to examine what other councils are doing on Church activities.
4. Encourage recitation of Rosary at end of each meeting.
5. Encourage more participation in ministries of the Church, the Diaconate Program.
6. Involved in Religious Education of Youth and Adults.
7. Year of the Family
One night of the week without parish meetings where family will stay at home together.
8. Knights of Columbus relationship with priest.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Brown, Chairman

The Council Activities Program in the councils were poorly reported. Seven out of the twelve large councils qualified for Honor Council under Council Activities. Seven out of thirteen small councils qualified. Seven of the twenty-five councils did not report anything under Council Activities. The newsletter and athletic program are the most participated in. It seems the optional program was a very welcome idea this year. I hope in the years to come the Grand Knights will emphasize on their program directors the value of these reports, knowing that all the councils participated in these programs but failed to make their reports.

I would like to thank Rodney Sandoz and Mike Leleux for their help.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Tarrant
Chairman, Council Activities

The Council Activities committee reviewed the Council Activity reports for the past year. The councils as a whole participated very well. This committee seems to see that the biggest problem is that, not the council participation, but the failure to fill the report forms out. This committee recommends that the Grand Knights instruct their Programs Directors to fill out these forms in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Tarrant, Chairman
Earl Dimitry, Ed Gaston,
Tony Scavo, Ed Leuckenbach

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Worthy Sirs:

The 1980 Free Throw Basketball Competition opened in November 1979 with 12 out of 25 Councils participating. This was not as impressive as last year's participation, when 18 out of 25 Councils participated.

Also, due to the lack of participation, limited budgets and various other reasons, the Regional Contests were not held this year. Only one contest was held; The State Championship Shoot Offs were held in Jackson on March 22 with all 12 Councils participating.

The State Winners were:

AGE GROUP	SPONSORING COUNCIL	WINNERS	SCORE
11 Yr. Girl	7087 (Kiln)	Priscilla Necaise Rt. 2, Box 453 Pass Christian	13/25 39571
12 Yr. Girl	1908 (Hattiesburg)	Diana Doherty 506 Southeast Circle, Hattiesburg	19/25 39401
13 Yr. Girl	7087 (Kiln)	Wanda Necaise Rt. 2 Box 453, Pass Christian	19/25 39571
14 Yr. Girl	5654 (Ocean Spring	Allison Pleasant 1201 Desoto, Ocean Springs	10/25 39564
11 Yr. Boy	802 (Meridian)	Mike Kattamar 5904 17th Place West, Meridian	20/25 39301
12 Yr. Boy	6872 (Picayune)	Chris Vaughn 1520 Third Avenue, Picayune	19/25 39466
13 Yr. Boy	1034 (Natchez)	Clay Wirtz Rt. 6, Box 444, Natchez	22/25 39120
14 Yr. Boy	1908 (Hattiesburg)	Tommy Skiets 517 Southern Ave., Hattiesburg	18/25 39401

Trophies were presented to each winner individually. The names of these winners have been submitted to Supreme for international competition.

I would like to thank the John T. Savage Council # 848, Jackson, for sponsoring this years State Championship and for the assistance and cooperation received from Brother Knights of all participating Councils.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as your State Youth Activities Director again this year. I feel that this is a worthwhile youth activity and hope every Council will make an effort to continue sponsoring this activity in the future.

Respectfully submitted:
Kenneth N. Simon
Youth Activities Director

Community activities wishes to report this activity as a whole seems to have had another great year. As per the inter-council competition status report, it proved most councils are making and staying on target, according to projects outlined by Supreme and state officers. A letter was sent to all councils and program directors explaining the New Year expectations. Optionals did very well once again and have proven again this two years that local option helps community activities in what your area is needed. The publicity received through community activities have really proven we are around - especially Tootsie Roll Program through T. V. exposure. I feel Community Activities is accomplishing in the state of Mississippi its real purpose "TOP EXPOSURE". I want to thank State Deputy, Rodney J. Sandoz, for this director position and the Membership for successful programs. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the KC's of Mississippi as State Community Activities Director. It also has been an honor to serve on the state level for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles F. Abadie, Jr.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES MET IN RAMADA ROOM 2 - 11

1. Decency committee is not functioning to the capacity of our order. Only six Councils reported any activities and due to the nature of our order, we should have more emphasis placed on this particular category. Recommende - Appoint Committee
2. Columbus Day Program - a free allotment of Bill Boards, Records are only for the request, yet only 8 of 25 Councils participated. Recommended-Home State Deputy-or each District Deputy at least order the record of his Councils.
3. Publicity is Community Activity-Why not place this or a going Program into action every month-Purchase Bill Boards-Put in Paper how backing High Blood Pressure Programs Etc.
4. Leave Optional Projects Along. Seem to be very much in the going.

We the Community Activity Committee so recommend the above:

Charles F. Abadie, Jr.
Harrisburg Chairman
Frank Tarrant, Biloxi
Louis Shipp, Yazoo
Alfred McDevitt, Vicksburg

FAMILY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Worthy Brothers:

At the start of our Fraternal year, we included family activities into the inter-council competition. This program is working very well with strong participation in the Christmas and Easter programs. The Family Socials and deceased family members are taking part in the Council's programs.

The weakest part seems in the Family Rosary and the Family of the Month programs. We recommend that more councils take part in these.

We strongly urge all Grand Knights in the coming year to help in sending reports in on time. Please have your local family Activities Chairman send the reports to the State Family Director.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. King, Jr., Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Public Relations Committee was primarily concerned with communications within the State Council and to this end the monthly newsletter was expanded and put on an official basis.

Beginning in July, a preliminary issue was produced in time for the State's Organizational meeting. Regularly thereafter, a monthly newsletter was issued each month but January. A call was put out to name the newsletter and the name "Magnolia Knight" was chosen.

The committee feels that the newsletter is not being utilized to its fullest possibilities, in that individual members of the State Council and councils have produced separate communications to a small portion of our State family creating a lack of communication to our whole State family. This is also expensive and may cause duplication.

We are now producing the State newsletter in Lumberton on parish equipment. We are grateful for this but it was felt that we should make an attempt to purchase equipment for the State Council in hopes that some day we could be self-sufficient. As you know, the State Council has no monies for this type of production and it is intended to go out to all the Council officers, committeemen and State officers and committeemen. In the future, it is hoped that all members of the Knights of Columbus in the state will receive one of these newsletters.

At the State Mid-Year meeting, we requested \$100.00 from each council so we could buy this equipment. This proposal was put to those in attendance on a strictly volunteer basis. Thus far, we have received \$300.00. We had hoped that each council would support this endeavor.

The 26 councils in the state are greatly separated and this newsletter is intended to let all councils know what is happening. If your council has something to share with the other councils, this State newsletter will enable all councils to know at one time. Your support is needed to close the communication gap and make each of us better informed as to what is happening in the State. If you have any ideas that will enable us to do a better job, please let us know.

In Mid-October, the Mississippi State Council was offered the opportunity to televise three 30 minute programs on "Faith of Our Fathers" in Biloxi. A meeting was set for this reason with Fr. Bill Vallor and State officers. It was decided to air one program on Family Life, one on Vocations, and one on Mentally Retarded. Another meeting was set for December at which time the direction for these three programs was decided. The three programs were aired the following three Saturdays. This did not cost the State Council anything but the time to do it. We are now in the process of trying to acquire these tapes for reviewing by individual councils.

In conclusion, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the vote of confidence you have given us and we appreciate the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Ridge
State Public Relations
Chairman

REPORT OF CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE

Worthy Brothers,

There were numerous admission degrees exemplified in the state this fraternal year. There were five exemplifications of the Formation and Knighthood Degrees in the State administered by the Biloxi Degree team. The host councils were Biloxi, Pascagoula, Picayune, Meridian and Clarksdale. A Formation and Knighthood Degree is scheduled for Natchez on June 1, 1980.

With the growth of our membership in Mississippi, the Ceremonials Committee highly recommends the establishment of at least one more Formation and Knighthood Degree Team. A council could do this individually or collectively with another council. It would certainly help the Biloxi team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Doc Ladnier
Lamar Cox
Freddie Biglane

PRO LIFE

I was unable to attend the State Meeting held in Long Beach, Mississippi, on July 7 and 8, 1979, at the Ramada Inn.

I was able to attend the next meeting in Jackson on December 9, 1979, as well as two district meetings held in Vicksburg, Mississippi. At the Jackson meeting, I outlined some projects I had tried on the local level, through the education of the young, as an experiment. This was done through the CCD classes at St. Mary's in Yazoo City. We have hopes of this being done all over the entire state of Mississippi.

In one of our newsletters, I requested the various councils throughout the state to write to the President, their Senators, etc. and tell them that unless they vote to outlaw abortion, five unborn children will be killed every thirty seconds.

It was with pleasure that I read in the last newsletter that we would have a display booth on Pro-Life set up here at the convention.

I ask you again here today to please let President Carter know how you feel about the abortion issue. Ask that he nominate men and women who care for and respect all human life, both unborn and born, as replacements for Justices of the Supreme Court.

It was reported in the publication "Court" that watchers predict Justices Thurgood Marshall, age 71, and Lewis Powell, age 72, will join William Brennan in "retirement" at the end of the summer of 1980.

I have written letters to HEW Secretary Patricia Harris urging her not to fund in-vitro fertilization. In-vitro fertilization (creating so-called "test tube" babies) is a procedure by which human beings are conceived in a laboratory. I understand that the clinic was approved; and to date, they have had no luck in the fertilization of an embryo at the Norfolk, Virginia clinic.

There is much to be done in the future concerning the Pro-Life issue. However, just remember that if we educated the young like they should be, we would not need pro-life organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Shipp
Pro-Life Chairman

REPORT OF THE VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The State Council Vocations Committee met in Jackson in July 1979 for the purpose of setting up a program to commence immediately to promote vocations in the State of Mississippi. The program recommended to the councils was as follows:

1. Prayer for Vocations, opening and closing each council meeting.
2. Adult leadership follow-up sessions stressing role of laity and development of leadership conducted by team from St. Benedict Seminary on October 6, 1979 at Clarksdale, October 13, 1979 at Laurel and October 20, 1979 at Gulfport.

It is understood that these sessions were poorly attended.

3. Three vocations weekend workshops for boys at St. Benedict Seminary Covington, La. on October 27-28, 1979, April 12-13, 1980 and April 19-20, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,
John P. Myers, Chairman

REPORT OF THE "BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND" 1979-1980

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce that we have again gone "over the top" from the previous year for the "Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund". Our total collected this year is \$19,471 which exceeds last year's quota by \$4,370. This brings out over-all grand total to \$213,242 since this fund was started in 1953 with a donation of \$125 from each of 4 Councils.

I am sure that most of you know that this money is given to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Council is located for the education of future priests in Mississippi.

Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson received \$8,455 and Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi received \$10,866.

The Long Beach Council should have a special mention because they actually raised \$2,000 towards the education of future priests, however, \$1,100 was given to the Vincentian priests who have served their parish for many, many years and \$900 to our fund. Vicksburg, Greenville, and Gulfport were in the high brackets.

The Pascagoula Council is to be especially congratulated upon its most generous contribution of \$6,500.

In general all of the Councils increased the donations. The Seneca Council increased its donation ten-fold.

I wish to thank all of the Councils that have participated in this program for generous contributions particularly in this period of high inflation and I also wish to thank State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for the honor of serving as Chairman of this program.

Following is a list of the Councils which made contributions:

"THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND"
1953-1980

Council Number	Location	1953-1978	1979	1980	Grand Total
802	Meridian	9,113	1,000	2,000	12,113
848	Jackson	11,285	300	500	12,085
898	Vicksburg	15,100	1,000	1,000	17,100
	V. Squires	200	51	---	251
1032	Natchez	13,801	708	600	15,109
1244	Biloxi	14,559	800	825,60	16,184
	B. Squires	90	---	---	90
1522	Bay St. Louis	11,497	660	---	12,157
1583	Gulfport	17,950	1,200	1,200	20,350
1605	Pascagoula	20,225	3,155	6,500	29,880
	P. Auxiliary	100	100	---	200
1908	Hattiesburg	5,205	350	250	5,805
2134	Greenville	13,564	1,700	2,000	17,264
2180	Laurel	1,905	150	150	2,205
2945	Leland	6,805	350	350	7,505
2969	Clarksdale	10,170	700	1,000	11,870
3328	Yazoo City	7,480	330*	330*	8,140
4898	Long Beach	6,151	800	900	7,851
5267	Greenwood	3,397	300	300	3,997
5556	Cleveland	3,300	250	250	3,800
5654	Ocean Springs	2,800	300	200	3,300
6555	Shelby	700	150	150	1,000
6592	Bassfield	500	100	100	700
6765	Golden Triangle	275	100	100	475
7862	Picayune	357	332	286.10	975
7087	Kiln	---	25	10	35
7120	Southaven	---	---	---	---
7211	Seneca	---	40	444.83	484
7440	Philadelphia	---	---	25	25
	Miscellaneous for 1978 and prior years	2,291			2,291
		\$178,820**	\$14,951	19,471	213,242***

Totals

*Yazoo City sends their donation monthly.

**An Approximate \$250 error--typographical or mathematical in past

***All figures have been rounded-off.

Respectfully submitted,
F. J. Bartlett
State Chairman

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.
1979 FINAL RESULTS OF THE TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI

	COUNCIL NUMBER	GROSS INCOME	NET INCOME	NET AMOUNT PER MEMBER	AMOUNT RETURNED TO COUNCIL FOR DISTRIBUTION	FOR STATE TO COUNCIL DISTRIBUTION
MERIDIAN	802	\$ 5,043.31	\$ 5,043.31	\$ 46.69	\$ 3,782.48	\$ 1,260.83
JACKSON	848	4,342.68	3,600.00	22.08	2,700.00	900.00
VICKSBURG	898	1,827.60	1,383.60	3.97	1,037.70	345.90
NATCHEZ	1034	381.39	381.39	1.60	286.04	95.35
BILOXI	1244	1,836.77	1,392.77	3.62	1,044.58	348.19
BAY ST. LOUIS	1522	1,000.00	1,000.00	7.29	750.00	250.00
GULFPORT	1583	2,646.00	2,206.00	6.98	1,654.50	551.50
PASCAGOULA	1605	3,484.30	2,966.60	13.67	2,224.95	741.65
HATTIESBURG	1908	2,432.63	2,000.00	17.54	1,500.00	500.00
GREENVILLE	2134	2,186.41	1,710.92	6.95	1,283.19	427.73
LAUREL	2180	1,862.70	1,450.35	21.65	1,087.76	362.59
LELAND	2945	1,800.80	1,336.00	24.74	1,002.00	334.00
CLARKSDALE	2969	2,054.76	1,433.16	8.09	1,074.87	358.29
YAZOO CITY	3328	1,636.59	1,458.99	25.15	1,094.24	364.75
LONG BEACH	4898	1,997.79	1,527.99	12.12	1,146.00	381.99
GREENWOOD	5267	5,725.80	5,107.50	54.34	3,830.63	1,276.87
CLEVELAND	5556	—	—	—	—	—
OCEAN SPRINGS	5654	1,646.53	1,415.65	17.92	1,061.74	353.91
SHELBY	6555	—	—	—	—	—
BASSFIELD	6592	5,626.42	5,182.42	75.11	3,886.82	1,295.60
STARKVILLE	6765	4,933.90	4,489.90	99.78	3,367.43	1,122.47
PICAYUNE	6872	3,245.51	3,245.51	59.01	2,434.13	811.38
KILN	7087	680.00	608.96	19.64	456.72	152.24
SOUTHAVEN	7120	967.88	734.44	22.95	550.83	183.61
SENECA	7211	1,775.84	1,567.64	52.25	1,175.73	391.91
PHILADELPHIA (City)		2,134.86	1,943.51	—	1,943.51	—
1979 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE		\$ 61,240.47	\$ 53,186.61	\$ 27.08	\$ 40,375.85	\$ 12,810.76
1978 TOOTSIE ROLL BALANCE					224.33	224.33
INTEREST ON SAVINGS: \$851.73 (Less 1979 TR Program Expenses \$418.73)					433.00	433.00
NOTE: The Interest on Savings paid all of the Expenses of the 1979 Tootsie Roll Program.						
1978 TOTAL RESULTS		\$ 66,173.33	\$ 57,896.88	\$ 25.88	\$ 43,707.03	\$ 16,755.09
1977 TOTAL RESULTS		62,908.36	53,022.84	29.31	40,580.80	12,121.39
1976 TOTAL RESULTS		62,132.78	49,355.20	—	38,131.44	11,223.76



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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

FINAL REPORT of the 1979 MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

COUNCIL NAME AND NUMBER	ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS	AMOUNT DONATED	FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL FUNDS DONATED
MERIDIAN *802	Lauderdale County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	3,782.48	11,347.44	15,129.92
JACKSON *848	Hinds County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00	\$ 4,800.00
	Area 8 Special Olympics	400.00	—0—	400.00
	R.E.A.C.H. (Religious Education & Activities for the Community Handicapped)	1,100.00	—0—	1,100.00
VICKSBURG *898	Vicksburg Early Education, Inc.	1,037.70	3,113.10	4,150.80
NATCHEZ *1034	Adams County Assn. for Retarded Citizens (Pleasant Acre Day School)	286.04	858.12	1,144.16
BILOXI *1244	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,044.58	3,133.74	4,178.32
BAY ST. LOUIS *1522	Mississippi Assn. for Retarded Citizens	750.00	6,000.00	6,750.00
GULFPORT *1583	Harrison County Training Center	827.25	2,481.75	3,309.00
	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	827.25	2,481.75	3,309.00
PASCAGOULA *1605	Jackson County Training Center	2,224.95	6,674.84	8,899.79
HATTIESBURG *1908	Forrest County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00
GREENVILLE *2134	Washington County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,283.19	3,849.57	5,132.76
LAUREL *2180	Jones County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,087.76	3,263.28	4,351.04
LELAND *2945	Washington County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,002.00	3,006.00	4,008.00
CLARKSDALE *2969	Clarksdale-Cohoma County Day Care Center	1,074.87	3,224.61	4,299.48
YAZOO CITY *3328	Mississippi Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,094.24	8,753.92	9,848.16
LONG BEACH *4898	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,146.00	3,438.00	4,584.00
GREENWOOD *5267	Region VI-MH-MR Center Workshop for the Adult Mentally Retarded	3,330.63	9,991.89	13,322.52
	Leflore County School for the Handicapped	500.00	—0—	500.00
CLEVELAND *5556	---	---	---	---
OCEAN SPRINGS *5654	Ocean Springs Youth Assn. for Exceptional Children	1,061.74	3,185.22	4,246.96
SHELBY *6555	---	---	---	---
BASSFIELD *6592	Jefferson Davis County Special Education	1,553.09	4,659.27	6,212.36
	Lawrence County Special Education	781.92	2,345.76	3,127.68
	Columbia Public School Special Service	1,551.81	4,655.43	6,207.24
GOLDEN TRIANGLE *6765	Right to Succeed, Inc.	1,500.00	300,000.00	301,500.00
	Mississippi Very Special Arts Festival	500.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
	Regional Mental Health Complex	793.11	7,137.99	7,931.10
	CCARC, Inc. - Pre-School Program for Developmentally Delayed	183.24	549.72	732.96
	Lowmes County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	391.08	1,173.24	1,564.32
PICAYUNE *6872	Pearl River Assn. for Retarded Citizens	2,434.13	7,302.39	9,736.52
KILN *7087	South Mississippi Retardation Center	456.72	1,370.16	1,826.88
SOUTHHAIVEN *7120	DeSoto County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	550.83	2,203.32	2,754.15
SENECA *7211	Mississippi Assn. for Retarded Citizens	514.30	4,114.40	4,628.70
	Pearl River Assn. for Retarded Citizens	661.43	1,984.29	2,645.72
PHILADELPHIA (City)	Neshoba County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,943.51	5,830.53	7,774.04



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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

1979 DISTRIBUTION OF STATE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FUNDS IN MISSISSIPPI

	ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS	AMOUNT DONATED	FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL FUNDS DONATED
MISSISSIPPI ASSN. FOR RETARDED CITIZENS M.A.R.C.	M.A.R.C. State Assn. On the job training project grant for mentally retarded individuals throughout the state. Its purpose will be to promote meaningful employment of mentally retarded persons by business and industry.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,500.00
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 13 Areas - \$300.00 each	13 Area Divisions of Mississippi Special Olympics	3,900.00	---	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.	Early Education Center	910.76	2,732.28	3,643.04
RIGHT TO SUCCEED, INC.	Construction of 2 houses for retarded 200 to 1 matching funds	1,500.00	300,000.00	301,500.00
MISS. SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Mississippi Special Olympics/Annual Knights of Columbus Internship	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
A VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL	Workshops - Exhibits - Performances, etc.	500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
MISS. SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Southeastern Softball Tournament Sponsor - Boswell Retardation Center	500.00	---	500.00
1979 Tootsie Roll Account Balance - \$224.33				
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE MISS. MENTALLY RETARDED - 1979		\$53,186.61		
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE MATCHING FUNDS - 1979			\$768,462.01	
ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI - 1979				\$821,148.62

Respectfully submitted,
DAVE ATTEBERRY
State Tootsie Roll Chairman

REPORT OF NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMITTEE

Roy R. Powers - Chairman
Davey Gaddy
Kenneth Lubbers
Marvin Lott

My Brother Knights:

We did establish a new council in Philadelphia #7440. Many thanks for the assistance of the Past State Deputy, Dave Atterberry, our Worthy District Deputy, Dick Benton, Past District Deputy, Lynn Cook and to our Worthy State Advocate, Wiley Price, in getting this council going.

We are at present trying to do the necessary ground work contacting priests and lay people in the following towns: Brookhaven, McComb, Clinton, Canton and Tupelo. I personally have visited these towns several times to get things started with them.

I feel strongly about the new council development and I am looking forward to working with the District Deputies and Membership Director, George Fero, in this, the growth and progress of our Mississippi Jurisdiction. Our quota was one. We attained that, but let us set ourselves a goal of two new councils in the state.

My thanks go out to the Worthy State Deputy and District Deputy for their continued support and for asking me to undertake this most important task.

The new council development committee feels that the State Deputy should issue a letter to all pastors of parishes that do not have councils with information on the Knights of Columbus, and ask consideration in forming a council in their area. This letter should be followed through with the district deputies and their committees contacting the pastors of these parishes.

Fraternally,
Roy Powers

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION REPORT

As of April 1, 1980, Mississippi has gained 185 members and lost 88 members for a net of 97 gained to put us in seventh place in Division V of the national standings.

Five Councils show a decrease in membership, six councils show no change in membership, and fifteen councils show an increase in membership. More emphasis definitely needs to be placed on the importance to the councils of actively seeking new members.

Presently, the state membership stands at 3544. This is the highest that your membership has ever been. For your information each time the State of Mississippi adds one new member, we break our own state total membership record.

Brothers, one of the best methods to measure the progress of a state or local council is by membership gain or loss. Do things right and you attract new members. Do them wrong and you lose. It's just that simple.

We recommend that we go back to our own councils; improve and increase the activities of those councils to where we are proud of them, and then ask other fellows to join with us to do the important work of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. P.S.D. Chairman
Buddy New
Bruno Fava
Walter Reynolds
Joe Goellner

REPORT ON THE MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 18TH ANNUAL STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 18th Annual Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament was held in Jackson, Mississippi on March 8 and 9 at Larwil Lanes.

A total of 22 teams participated in the tournament with the greatest number of teams from Natchez, a total of five.

The team event took place on Saturday afternoon and the doubles and singles events on Sunday. The winners were as follows:

Team Event: First Place - Natchez #3
Second Place - Greenville #2
Third Place - Jackson #1

Singles Event: George Souderes, Natchez
Doubles Event: Baker and Mann, Pascagoula
All Events Handicap: John Schaffer, Biloxi
All Events Scratch: John Park, Jackson

A steak supper was held at the John T. Savage Council Home, followed by a business meeting. It was voted that the 19th Annual Tournament in 1981 would be hosted by the Pascagoula Council with the site of the tournament being the bowling establishment in Gautier.

Tournament managers for the 18th Annual Bowling Classic were George Saab and Henry Kajdan. John T. Savage Council wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the councils and participants for their excellent cooperation. Because of this, the tournament ran smoothly and was successful in all respects.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry A. Kajdan, G. K.
Co-Manager

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT

The 5th Annual Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament was held in Meridian, August 10, 11, and 12 at Sammy Davison Complex. There were 12 Councils participating with 15 teams playing the double elimination tournament.

1st Place winner-----Yazoo City
2nd Place winner-----Biloxi Purple
3rd Place winner-----Biloxi Gold

Trophies were presented to 1st, 3nd, and 3rd place winners.

Sportsmanship-----Bassfield #1
 Beer Drinking Trophy-----Bassfield Council
 Most Valuable Player-----Dave McInnes of Yazoo City

The 6th Annual Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament will be held in Greenville, Mississippi in August of 1980.

Councils participating were: Biloxi, Bassfield, Natchez, Cleveland, Greenville, Leland, Clarksdale, Yazoo City, Picayune, Gulfport, Pascagoula and Meridian.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Wiley Price Jr.
 Grand Knight, Council 802

Report of Mileage and Per Diem

State Officers	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Father Frank Corcoran	0	0	50.00	50.00
Rodney Sandoz	272	40.80	50.00	90.80
Don Oldmixon	262	39.30	50.00	89.30
Robert Fratesi	0	0	50.00	50.00
Wiley Price	192	28.80	50.00	78.80
Dennis Ladnier	281	42.15	50.00	92.15
Dave Atteberry	203	30.45	50.00	80.45
Councils (2 from each)				
802 Meridian	192	28.80	50.00	78.80
848 Jackson	115	17.25	50.00	67.25
898 Vicksburg	84	12.60	50.00	62.60
1034 Natchez	154	23.10	50.00	73.10
1244 Biloxi	281	42.15	50.00	92.15
1522 Bay St. Louis	No Delegates			
1583 Gulfport	272	40.80	50.00	90.80
1605 Pascagoula	300	45.00	50.00	95.00
1908 Hattiesburg	203	30.45	50.00	80.45
2134 Greenville	0	0	50.00	50.00
2180 Laurel	199	29.85	50.00	79.85
2045 Leland	8	1.20	50.00	51.20
2969 Clarksdale	71	10.65	50.00	60.65
3328 Yazoo City	71	10.65	50.00	60.65
4898 Long Beach	272	40.80	50.00	90.80
5267 Greenwood	52	7.80	50.00	57.80
5556 Cleveland	35	5.25	50.00	55.25
5654 Ocean Springs	285	42.75	50.00	92.75
6555 Shelby	51	7.65	50.00	57.65
6592 Bassfield	168	25.20	50.00	75.20
6765 Starkville	146	21.90	50.00	71.90
6872 Picayune	262	39.30	50.00	89.30
7078 Kiln (1 only)	277	41.55	50.00	91.55
7120 Southaven	134	20.10	50.00	70.10
7211 Seneca	227	34.05	50.00	84.95
7440 Philadelphia	No Delegates			

District Deputies				
Frank Whitehead	Paid As A Delegate			
Edward Lueckenbach	0	0	50.00	50.00
Al McDevitt	84	12.60	50.00	62.60
Richard Benton	146	21.90	50.00	71.90
John Harrington	168	25.20	50.00	75.20
Patrick Oldmixon	Paid As A Delegate			
William Seal, Jr.	Not In Attendance			
Joseph Goellner	300	45.00	50.00	95.00

Past State Deputies				
John S. Cabibi		50.00		
John P. Myers	Paid As A Delegate			
Hilton A. Seymour		50.00		
Ely P. Shapley		50.00		
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.	Paid As A Delegate			
Norman L. Kiehm		50.00		
W. F. LaForge		50.00		
George R. Schiederman		50.00		
Jessie J. Quinn, Jr.	Paid As A Delegate			
Dave Atteberry	Paid As A State Officer			

Respectfully Submitted
 Robert Fratesi
 Pat Oldmixon
 Lynn Cook
 Nick Wagner

REPORT OF THE STATE K OF C AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee examined the books of the State Treasurer and found them to be in good order. The Committee would like to congratulate the Treasurer for an excellent job during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ricky Nause, Chairman
 Fritz Oberlies
 Danny Hillhouse
 Michael Leleux

Worthy State Deputy:

An audit of the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi Inc. as of March 31, 1980 revealed the following:

Checking Account:

Balance on hand April 1, 1979	\$ 2142.44
Deposits	55325.88
Total	\$57468.32
Checks Written	55571.30
Balance	\$ 1897.02
Outstanding Checks	1860.59
Balance in Checking Account 3/31/80	\$ 36.43

Balance in Bank 3/31/80		\$1897.02
Outstanding Checks		
#1186 Very Special Arts Festival	\$ 500.00	
#1190 Harrison County Assn.	1146.00	
#1193 Andrew Hartig Agency	150.00	
#1194 Dave Atteberry	64.59	1860.59
Balance per Check Book		\$ 36.43

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 4/1/79	\$ 1212.50
Deposits	55012.49
Total	\$56224.99
Withdrawals	55325.88
Balance	\$ 899.11
Interest Earned	496.90
3/31/80 Balance	\$ 1396.01

Respectfully Submitted,
 John P. Myers, PSD.
 Bruno Fava
 Max Vass
 Frank Whitehead
 Joe Bromuchi

FINANCIAL SECRETARY MEETING

The meeting of the Financial Secretaries of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus was called to order at 10:30 A.M., April 26, 1980 by Chairman Paul Bell, Host Council's Financial Secretary.

In attendance were the following Financial Secretaries or their designated representatives:

Meridian 802	David G. Gleason
Jackson 848	Walt G. Schilhab
Vicksburg 898	W. F. Lauderdale
Biloxi 1244	Harry L. Steinwinder
Gulfport 1583	Guy S. Todaro, Senior
Pascagoula 1605	William J. Scheeler
Greenville 2134	Paul Bell
Laurel 2180	James F. Hunter
Greenwood 5267	Joseph M. Nassar
Cleveland 5556	W. F. LaForge
Picayune 6872	G. Broussard

Guests:

Supreme Representative	Judge John M. Murphy
Fritz J. Oberlies, Past Master 4th Degree, Mississippi Jurisdiction and originator of the Financial Secretary meeting in 1956, Bishop Gunn Council #1583, Gulfport, Ms.	
Jerry Santucci, Leland Council #2945	

Chairman Bell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes for the 1979 meeting were read, were corrected to add the name of Paul Bell, Greenville #2134 which was omitted and correct the spelling of Walt G. Schilhab's name. The 1979 minutes were approved and accepted as corrected.

Harry L. Steinwinder made a motion that the reading of the Masonic and KC letter not be re-read as copies had been sent to all Financial Secretaries, seconded by G. Broussard. Motion carried.

Old Business

Harry Steinwinder emphasized the importance of the F. S. sending all the information in to the State Deputy or Secretary as soon as possible after the elections. Also get your records current and keep them up. Purge your roster and obtain all degree dates as the Supreme Council needs them for permanent records.

New Business

The question was brought up concerning "The intent to suspend" program, is it beneficial to the various councils? No one present seemed to think so but it was also mentioned that it has been successful overall for the Supreme Council.

Discussion was very informative and lengthy on the matter of Honorary Membership and Honorary Life Membership.

Chairman Bell introduced the Honorable Judge John M. Murphy, Supreme Advocate. He spoke briefly to the F. S. group and answered questions for different members, especially concerning Honorary Membership and Honorary Life Memberships.

W. F. Lauderdale asked if the F. S. should seek out those eligible for H. M. & H. L. M. - no necessarily so - but optional.

H. L. Steinwinder asked about transfers - amount receiving council has to pay and how far could the Form 100 be backdated - is there such a practice - not that he knew of.

Also non-profit bulk mail stamp or cancellations - can we use it - obtain a tax exemption certificate from Supreme Advocate's office and then negotiate with the local postmaster.

If gross receipts are less than \$10,000 annually - fill out a Form 990 and keep them on file, over \$10,000 annually fill out and file with IRS.

Columbus Clubs need to check out any legal aspects when purchasing properties and proceed with caution.

Council Trustees should prepare semi-annual audits with F. S. and Treasurer present.

Supreme Advocate was thanked for attending our meeting.

Motion made by W. G. Schilhab that the host council's F. S. become the group's recording secretary the next year, seconded by G. Broussard. Motion carried.

Chairman Bell closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy S. Todaro, Senior
(Acting) Recorder

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT Mississippi District

To; Mississippi State Convention

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi District held their Exemplification in Meridian on August 26, 1979 where twenty one (21) new Sir Knights were initiated into the Fourth Degree.

Another Exemplification is now scheduled for May 18th in Long Beach with the St. Vincent DePaul Assembly as host.

All Assemblies in the Mississippi District have completed all required forms and reports for the year 1979.

As the District has completed fees for the education of a priest and a nun through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, the delegates at the Biennial meeting voted to sponsor another nun and priest through the same Association.

Starting in 1981 at the Exemplification banquet, the District will have a Sir Knight of the Year and an Assembly of the Year award presentation. This is a new project on Assembly competition that we hope will further Columbianism in the Mississippi District Fourth Degree. This project was approved by the delegates at the Biennial meeting.

The Mississippi District has its own degree team and the team is fully functioning with all its own equipment.

Currently the staff of the Fourth Degree on the District level has been increased to include the Master, District Marshall, District Marshall/Degree team Captain, a Diocesan Marshall for each Diocese, and two Marshall's Aides. These Sir Knights have been a valuable asset in expanding the Fourth Degree activity in the District.

The District has been represented at various functions outside of the area as guest of various other District Masters and Knights of Columbus functions.

With the leadership of one fourteen Assemblies, the Mississippi District is striving for and will increase its activity in all phases of the orders work.

Respectfully submitted,
George C. Fero
Master

After announcements and remarks by the State Deputy and the State Advocate, the State Deputy presented the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, Bishop of the Jackson Diocese to the convention. After a few remarks the Bishop led the Convention in a closing prayer and the State Deputy adjourned the afternoon session at 4:00 P. M.

THE CONVENTION AWARDS BANQUET

The Convention Awards Banquet was held at 7:00 P.M. in the Greenville Mainstream Center. The principal speaker of the evening was Supreme Advocate Judge John M. Murphy, who spoke on Moral Alternatives. We must not just condemn but must be ready to offer viable alternatives. He also spoke on another quality of life, the life of the spirit. Using the conclusions of "A Survey of Young Catholic Youths of America", the Judge pointed out that the most important influence of young married Catholics are their spouses. Highlighting a few of the other findings of the report he stated that the Blessed Mother Mary is Alive and Well in the Church in America today; that the two most important influences on the life of the young are the mother of the family and the parish priest. The two most important reasons for a decline in vocations to the religious are lack of encouragement of mothers' and clergy. He closed with the admonishment that we must teach by example and love.

During the banquet, the following awards were presented:

1. The Hilton Seymour Award of the year was presented to Biloxi Council #1244 and second special award to the John P. Savage Council No. 848 of Jackson.

2. The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Memorial Award for the Knight of the Year was presented to Freddie N. Biglane, Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034 of Natchez.

3. Bowling Tournament Awards for the 18th Annual event were presented to the following:

Team Events

G. K. Freddie N. Biglane, Natchez #3

G. K. Danny Hillhouse, Greenville #2

G. K. Henry Kajdan, Jackson #1

Singles event

George Sourdes of Natchez

Doubles Event

G. K. Bernard Frederic for Pascagoula's Fred Mann, Jr. and Les Baker

All events handicap

G. K. Frank Tarrant for John Shaeffer of Biloxi

All events scratch

G. K. Henry Kajdan for John Park of Jackson

4. The State Deputy presented certificates of Appreciation to the State Officers, District Deputies and State Chairmen for the work during the past year.

5. Jim Barlett, Chairman of the Priests' Education Fund, presented checks to the Jackson and Biloxi Diocese totaling \$19,471.00 to be used for the education of men studying for the priesthood.

6. The State Deputy thanked those councils who had hosted a state event during the year, Long Beach, Jackson and Greenville. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their support and called upon their State President, Sara Cargill to make presentations. Long Beach won the membership award and Hattiesburg, the scrapbook award.

7. A plaque was presented to G. K. Henry Kadjan on behalf of Bro. Ambrose B. Dunn of Jackson for his suggestion that won the State Newsletter Naming Contest.

8. The following Inter-Council Competition Awards were presented by Program Director Mike Leleux:

Honor Councils
Ocean Springs
Distinguished Councils

Meridian
Jackson
Natchez
Biloxi
Seneca

Hattiesburg
Clarksdale
Long Beach
Bassfield

Starkville
Picayune
Kiln
Southaven

Best Newsletter

Small Council
Medium Council
Large Council

Seneca
Hattiesburg
no entry

Best Scrapbook

Small Council
Medium Council
Large Council

Kiln
Meridian
Biloxi

Best Large Council

Biloxi

Best Small Council

Bassfield

9. The Bishop Joseph Howze Vocations Award was presented to Seneca Council #7211.

10. The following Supreme Council Awards were presented.

Best Church Award
Best Community Award
Best Council Award
Best Youth Award
Best Family Life Award

Bassfield Council
Meridian Council
Ocean Springs Council
Natchez Council
Natchez Council

11. The Mississippi Family of the year award was presented to Oscar and Hazel Manedux of Natchez.

Sunday morning, April 27, 1980

The State Deputy opened the fourth session by calling upon Bishop Brunini to lead the convention prayer at 10:45 A.M. The prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Your committee is pleased to make the following report:

We recommend that all programs of activity now in effect in the Mississippi Jurisdiction be continued. Particular emphasis is addressed to the "Tootsie Roll" program for the benefit of retarded citizens. This effort exemplifies the basic principles of our order, the unity of our fraternity in providing charity for those most in need. Much praise and admiration has been directed to the Knights in Mississippi from people of all faiths. We commend all the brothers who made this possible.

The "Free Throw" competition is a good wholesome activity for our children. This program is a growing one and is compatible with our new look of Family Participation.

Bowling and golfing tournaments along with the softball tournament are successful programs, but they could use more participation. Further statewide programs of activity in other fields is recommended.

It has been called to the attention of this committee that in years past, there seems to have been a greater sense of fraternity because of frequent intercouncil visits. At that time, it was apparent that a closer feeling of brotherhood existed in the several councils. Your committee strongly recommends that the individual councils within easy access of one another encourage more frequent intercouncil visits.

It is the opinion of this committee, that any of the several councils not participating in a recognized state activity should not be penalized through loss of points in consideration of state awards, provided however, that they should have some alternate local activity.

We recommend that any council not presently having a Ladies Auxillary make every effort to establish one and have it affiliate with the State Ladies Auxillary.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilton Seymour, Chairman
Emile B. Carriere
Pauline Carrubba

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, Fr. Korstenbrock Council No. 2134 Greenville, Mississippi, has been such an excellent host to this 76th 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 host council for the superior manner in which they have discharged their responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Be it resolved, That the State Council authorize the expenditure of \$150 to each diocese in the name of the Catholic Orphans in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, and that a check in this amount be presented to Bishop Brunini and to Bishop Howze for use at their discretion.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

WHEREAS, The Dissemination of the type literature in Columbia Magazine would reach those who might not otherwise be exposed to same,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Council authorize the Supreme Council to continue the subscription to Columbia Magazine for the public libraries in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION:

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Knights of Columbus, Eighteenth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Natchez, and

WHEREAS, Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in this tournament in Jackson, and

WHEREAS, It is the express desire by vote of participants to again hold this activity in 1981

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi Knights of Columbus 19th annual Handicap Bowling Tournament for its membership, said tournament to carry and official sanction by the American Bowling Congress. Time and dates to be set at the discretion of the 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 tournament.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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 State Knights of Columbus Annual Softball Tournament for its membership said tournament to carry the official

sanction of the American Softball Association and delegating Council 2134 of Greenville 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.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, Supreme Advocate Judge John Murphy has honored this State Council with his presence, and

WHEREAS, His address 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 Brother Murphy and extend to him a cordial invitation to return and visit our Jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

RECOMMENDED: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, The year 1980 has been designated as the year of the Family, and
WHEREAS, The Supreme Council is appealing for family participation in Council activities, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That all Councils adopt the slogan "VIVAT FAMILIA" in response to the Supreme Council's appeal and promote its employment in all of their activities, correspondence, monthly newsletters, etc.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Bishop Fahey Council #1908, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, would like to submit the following resolution to the Mississippi State Council Resolution Committee for its approval and forward to the Supreme Council Resolution Committee for its consideration.

RESOLUTION, "That the Knights of Columbus Mississippi State Council recommended that the name of immediate past State Deputy G. David Atteberry be placed before the Supreme Council as a candidate for the office of Supreme Warden of the Knights of Columbus."

WHEREAS, G. DAVID ATTEBERRY served the Mississippi Jurisdiction as State Deputy from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979 with loyalty and dedication to our order.

WHEREAS, during his two terms of office as State Deputy he received the Supreme Knights Award each year.

WHEREAS, during the 1978--1979 fraternal year the Mississippi jurisdiction finished number 1 (one) in division "V" in supreme recruitment-retention rewards program.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, Communications (as we say the lack of) has been and continues to be one of the major factors limiting the growth of Columbianism within our State, and,

WHEREAS, A giant step has been made to bridge this gap with the creating of the monthly state Newsletter, now reaching two hundred and sixty-five of our thirty six hundred members at no additional cost to our local councils, and

WHEREAS, If we could reach the additional membership, the cause of Columbianism within the State could be greatly served.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That each council be assessed ten cents per member per year to support the monthly mailing of the State Newsletter to the entire membership within the State.

RECOMMENDATION: NO ACTION

ACTION: NO ACTION

RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, The current method of computing the State Council Per capita Tax is based upon the membership figures as of September 1st & March 1st creates a fiscal hardship on the State Council, and,

WHEREAS, The per capita based on the March 1st membership figures is payable by the 1st of April, and

WHEREAS, Membership figures for that period are generally not received before the 15th to the 17th of the month, and,

WHEREAS, Mailing and other administrative duties delay the receipt at council level to one at most two weeks before due.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VI Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, be ammended by Resolution to read "The Per Capita Tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be \$2.75 per member per year payable $\frac{1}{2}$ on August 1st of each year based on the membership figures of July 1st, and other $\frac{1}{2}$ payable February 1st each year based on the membership figures of January 1st, in accordance with Section 118 paragraphs C & D of the Supreme Council B-Laws."

RECOMMENDATION: Referred to the State Deputy

ACTION: Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, The cost of living having been on a steady increase and this is causing a financial problem for the operation of the State Council, and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1, provides for the amendment of State Council By-Laws, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ARTICLE VI, Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be \$4.00 per member per year, payable $\frac{1}{2}$ on August 1st of each year based on the membership figures of July 1st, and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ payable February 1st each year based on the membersip figures of January 1st, in accordance with Section 118 paragraphs C & D of the Supreme Council By-Laws, provided however, the per capita tax may be changed by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the State Council meeting or as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

RECOMMENDATION: Referred to State Deputy to take action.

ACTION: By motion from the floor - ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, The cost of attending the Annual State Meeting continues to rise each year, and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1, provide for the amendment of State Council By-Laws, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Article IV, Section 5 be amended to read as follows:

The expense of Delegates: The expense of the State Council meeting will be 20 cents per mile one, way based on mileage figures furnished by the State Highway Department and \$30.00 per day per diem for two days. Past State Deputies in attendance will be paid \$30.00 per diem for two days and no mileage.

RECOMMENDATION: Referred to State Deputy for action.

ACTION: Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, We the Picayune Council 6872 do hereby ask the Mississippi Knights of Columbus to consider the following motion, and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We, the Picayune 6872, interested and concerned in the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, do here make a motion to insure the continued participation of the State Officers and State Committeemen in State meetings. The Picayune Council does make the motion to have the state Officers and State Committeemen's mileage, both ways from their prospective houses to the site of the State Knights of Columbus Winter meeting, be paid by the State Council. Also to have their meals paid on the day of the meeting, if the State Council can afford it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we the Picayune Council do hereby make this motion as to insure that the Mississippi Knights of Columbus will continue to have strong participation from the elected Knights which we elect to hold the offices of the State Council and not throw undue financial stress on any officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we the Picayune Council 6872 do as your favorable consideration upon this motion we do not make.

RECOMMENDATION: No Action

ACTION:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The State Deputy then called for the election of officers for the 1980-1981 fraternal year. There were 54 members present and entitled to vote. The results were as follows:

Brother Mike Columbus moved that the present State Officers be re-elected by acclamation. There being no objection to this motion, duly seconded and no other nominations, the State Deputy requested that the State Secretary cast one ballot for the current State Officers for their election.

The State Deputy then called for election of a third delegate to the Supreme Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga. Mike Leleux placed the name of Don Oldmixon, State secretary, of Poplarville in nomination. There being no other nominations the State Deputy directed the State Secretary to cast one ballot for his election.

The State Deputy then called for the election of their alternates to the Supreme Convention and the following were elected:

- 1st Alternate - Wiley Price
- 2nd Alternate - Mike Leleux
- 3rd Alternate - John Cabibi

The following convention sites were approved by vote of the State Council upon request by the respective councils:

- 1981 - Meridian
- 1982 - Biloxi

There being no further business to come before the Council, State Deputy Sandoz called upon the State Chaplain to render the State Chaplain's report and then close the 76th Annual State Convention with a prayer.

Worthy State Deputy, and Brother Knights

I am happy to serve as your State Chaplain. I appreciate what my predecessor, Father Michael Kelleher, did as your State Chaplain and I will try to continue the good work. On behalf of Bishop Brunini, Bishop of Jackson; and Bishop Howze, Bishop of Biloxi, I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi jurisdiction for their generosity in providing leadership in so many areas of the church. As I listened to the reports I can see that the Knights are very active and I am happy to be a part of this fraternal organization.

Like my predecessor, I will try to encourage more Priests, especially Pastors, to be active in Columbianism. I feel that more of our Brother Knight Priests should attend the annual conventions and I call upon all councils to reach out and invite Priests to attend. We are aware that Priests are changed from parish to parish and some find themselves in parishes without a council. Let us keep them active in Columbianism as their next assignment may be your parish. Invite them to your council meetings. I look forward to your cooperation during the year and ask that you remember me in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Frank Corcoran,
State Chaplain

The State Deputy declared the convention adjourned at 1215 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Oldmixon, State Secretary

