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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL



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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
77TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Friday, April 24, 1981**

The 77th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus was convened at 6:00 P. M. with Grand Knight Wiley Price, Jr. of Council No. 802 presiding. Grand Knight Price welcomed the convention on behalf of the Meridian Council. He then introduced Mayor I. A. Rosenbaum who welcomed the Knights of Columbus to the City of Meridian.

State Secretary Don Oldmixon responded on behalf of the State Council after which Grand Knight Price 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 being delayed, the State Deputy called upon the Immediate Past State Chaplain Fr. Michael Kelleher to lead in the opening prayer. Immediately following 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 the Supreme Director Charles P. Riesbeck, Jr. 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 1980 Convention were distributed, a motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion carried.

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, Pat Smith, Basil Moots, Robert Overley
2. MEMBERSHIP: George Fero, Roy Nonenmacher, Bob Lambert, Bob Mitchell, Walter Reynolds
3. SERVICE PROGRAM: Mike Leleux, Billy Harrington, Frank Tarrant, Bob Hubbard, George Hude
4. CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Ed Lueckenbach, F. J. Bartlett, Bobby Acy, Parnell Burns
5. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Leonard Tarrant, Victor Aguzzi, Leslie Blaise
6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Charlie Abadie, Dick Benton, Earl Domitry, Albert Rocconi, Fritz Oberlies
7. YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Ken Simon, Pat Oldmixon, Alex Belenchia, Joe Tonos



8. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES: Joe Goellner, Louis Shipp, T. J. Avaltroni, Bill Koeppe
9. CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES: Tom Zettler, Bill Seal, P. S. D. Dave Atteberry, Ted Applewhitie, Leon Shapley
10. CEREMONIALS: PSD Hilton Seymour, "Doc" Ladnier, John Cox, John Kerley, Carl Hornback
11. MILAGE & PER DIEM: Robert Fratesi, Bernard Frederic, Ed Dugas, Stanley Orgeron
12. STATE K OF C AUDIT: Frank Whitehead, Walter Abidie, Gerald Hunter
13. GOOD OF THE ORDER: PSD George Scheiderman, Fr. Frank Corcoran, Paulino Carrubba, O. J. Shiyon
14. RESOLUTIONS: Wiley Price, PSD Dave Atteberry, PSD Norman Kiehm, PSD Fred Westbrook, Lawrence Campbell
15. AUDIT OF K OF C FOUNDATION: PSD Pat Myers, Wm. Gully, Greg Niolet, Victor Hageman, Tom Rush
16. NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT: Roy Powers, Jim Hunter, Gustave Kinler, Oscar Authement, Lynn Cook
17. ELECTION TELLERS: PSD John Cabibi, PSD Norman Kiehm, PSD Hilton Seymour

The State Deputy requested that the Grand Knights turn in their annual reports to the State Secretary. 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 1980-81:

Fr. Brian Carroll	Chaplain
Wiley Price, Jr.	Grand Knight
Pat Smith	Deputy Grand Knight
James Vaughn	Chancellor
Jeff Schoeneck	Warden
Gary Benton	Advocate
Chris Brown	Recorder
Ronald DiPalma	Treasurer
David Gleason	Financial Secretary
Jack Collins	Lecturer

Freddie McCoy  
Joe Furlan  
Thomas Zettler  
Jack Schons  
Drennen Smith

Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
3 Year Trustee  
2 Year Trustee  
1 Year Trustee

Pat Smith served as the General Program Director and supervised the following major activities:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Mel Brumfield, Director**

1. Knights of Columbus members regularly serve as lectors, ushers, and eucharistic ministers at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Churches.
2. The Council sponsored a breakfast for First Communicants and their families on 20 April 1980.
3. The Council conducts a quarterly corporate Communion.
4. The Council sponsors a tithing program to both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Churches from our weekly bingo profits.
5. Provided a gratuity to Parish Priest and Convent Sisters.
6. Assisted with St. Patrick's School Spring Festival by aiding in setting up and running various booths and games.
7. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" program with billboard on heavily traveled street.
8. Sponsored "Know Your Fellow Parishioners" program two weekends in January. Donuts and coffee were provided after all weekend Masses.
9. Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation, Diocese of Jackson, addressed Council members and their wives 10 February 1981 at the Council Hall.
10. Sponsored Vocations Program, 5 April 1980 for Parish CYO.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Jack Shons, Director**

1. Visitation program conducted the last Thursday of each month to East Mississippi State Hospital by the Brothers.
2. Conducted a "Know Your Community" presentation. The highlight was the presentation to Governor Winter of the second Monsignor Burns Award.
3. Sponsored a boy for Boys State.
4. Donated the Council Hall to the Channel 22 CB Club for a charity fund raising event, "Battle of the Bands."
5. Participated in the 1980 Tootsie Roll Drive.
6. Grand Knight presented a check for \$3,787.00 to the Lauderdale Association of Retarded Children.
7. Council donated \$727.00 to St. Vicent De Paul Society in honor of deceased member who maintained and distributed clothing and other contributions for that organization.
8. Co-sponsored "Fun Festival I" with Channel 22 CB Club, local radio station, and local beer distributor with proceeds going to Lauderdale Association for Retarded Citizens.
9. Columbus Day Program and social conducted 11 October 1980 at Council Hall.
10. Provided Christmas basket to needy family just before Christmas.
11. Council members manned Salvation Army Christmas Pot and rang bells, 13 December 1980, at local shopping mall.
12. On 21 December 1980, Council held Christmas Party for men in Ward "C", East Mississippi State Hospital and gave each patient a flannel shirt as a Christmas gift.
13. On January 22, 1981, Council Members and their families participated in the Pro-Life Rosary at Council Hall.



**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Jim Carey, Director**

1. Sponsored a council softball team which participated in the KC State Softball Tournament and won the Sportsmanship Award.
2. The Council continued to conduct our Wednesday and Friday night Bingo games.
3. Conducted installation of Council Officers with a reception following.
4. The Council has an on-going Knight of the Quarter program.
5. The Council publishes our monthly "K of C-Gram" newsletter.
6. Conducted Admissions Degrees on 13 May, 24 June, 14 October, 1980, and 24 February 1981.
7. Held recognition banquet 18 October 1980.
8. On 28 February 1981 held annual Insurance Night with State General Agent and guest speaker, followed by a pot luck social.
9. Health program presented by Brother Knight physician to Council Members at Hall on 31 March 1981.
10. Drug Abuse Program: Alcoholism film presented by the Navy Drug Abuse Program Director to Council members at the Hall on April 7, 1980. The presentation was followed by a social with chili and beer.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Roy Powers, Jr., Director**

1. Conducted a graduation breakfast for graduates of Parish School.
3. Made donations to the Parish sponsored Boy Scout Troop for Summer Camp fees including the entire cost for one boy.
4. Donated Council Hall for CYO functions 1 November, 1980 and 10 January 1981.
5. Toys for children in local hospitals were distributed 24 December 1980 by Council members.
6. On 31 January 1981, conducted basketball free throw program at local gym and sponsored winners attendance at State level in Jackson, 28 March 1981.
7. Donated Hall for Boy Scout District function 21 February 1981.
8. Held Benefit Bingo 21 March 1981, raising over \$3,200.00 for savings bonds for outstanding Parish School graduates, scholarships for Catholic Junior College students, and donation to Priest Education Fund.
9. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop 7 and 28 for a trip to Pensacola for a day's cruise on the USS Lexington.
10. Awarded approximately 15 scholarships to graduating Catholic Seniors for enrollment in the local Junior College.
11. Installed playground equipment at the Parish schoolyard.

**FAMILY LIFE: Mouise Richards, Director**

1. Conducted a Memorial Day family picnic with games for all ages.
2. Conducted a Labor Day picnic with games for all.
3. Participate in Family of the Month Program. Three families from our Council have received plaques from Supreme.
4. Sent fruit baskets or flowers to Brothers and their family members in the hospital.
5. Provided for flowers or Masses at the death of family members of Brother Knights.
6. Marian Hour of Prayer Family Rosary conducted 28 October 1980.
7. On 21 December 1980, Council Christmas Party was held at Hall with Santa Clause delivering gifts to children of members.
8. On January 24, 1981, held family social and dinner at Hall. Film "Promise of Life" was shown.
9. On November 11, 1980, celebrated Deceased Members Mass and Commemorative Service at Hall with deceased members families.

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.

Wiley Price, Jr.  
Grand Knight  
Meridian Council 802

**JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL #848  
Jackson, Mississippi**

The following is a report on the activities of the John T. Savage Council No. 848, Jackson, Ms. for the year 80-81.

**CHURCH**

1. First Friday services are held each month in the St. Dominic hospital chapel.
2. Members serve as Lay Ministers, Lecturers, Commentators, Ushers, and Gift Bearers for the nine parishes of Jackson.
3. Keep Christ in Christmas bumper stickers were placed on members autos.
4. Corporate communion is held in each members parish quarterly.
5. A Day of Recollections was held in the council home.
6. A program of fellowship and a dinner for the religious community of Jackson was held at the council home.
7. A Memorial service for all deceased Brothers was held by the council.
8. A 65th anniversary mass with coffee after was held at St. Therese church for Brother Ruwaldt. Brother Ruwaldt completed his 65th year as a Knight on Dec. 7, 1980. His home council is in Oklahoma.
9. The council presented a plaque to Father Balser for his services to the council and the community on his 25th anniversary as a Priest.
10. The 4th degree honor guard members have supported the parishes during masses at Christmas and during the two anniversary masses.
11. The Church of God holds its services in the council home every Saturday morning.

**COUNCIL**

1. Every Saturday night a steak supper and bingo is held to help support the council.
2. Every first Tuesday a covered-dish supper, with the meat provided by the council, is held in the council home. After many of these suppers special programs were presented for the Knights and their wives.
3. Every fifth Tuesday, a game night is held for all members and their families.
4. A New Years Eve dance was sponsored by the council.
5. Blood has been donated when needed by members.
6. Two teams were sent to the bowling tournament in Pascagoula.
7. A newsletter is mailed to all members and other interested persons ten times a year.
8. The council sponsored a Formation and Knighthood degrees in March and have conducted admissions degree initiation throughout the year as needed. The 2nd and 3rd degree initiation caused a loss of about 150 dollars to the council. Because of the



high cost of housing the initiation team, the council recommends that the District Deputies sponsors all 2nd and 3rd degree initiations when the team must stay overnight, with the cost split by the councils in the district or districts if two or more District Deputies sponsors the initiation.

9. This year's Tootsie Roll Drive raised near 5300 dollars for the mentally handicapped. The Jackson, council believes that more money could have been raised in May and that the drive being moved to April hurt the final results because: 1. The firemen were holding their drive for the burn center, 2. The number of people going to the reservoir was reduced, 3. The AmVets were selling poppies, 4. The rain kept some workers off the streets. The Jackson council recommends that each council be allowed to set its own dates for the Tootsie Roll Drive within a set period of time (ie. 1 April to 1 June) because the councils know their communities and could plan for a more productive drive. The insurances could be written in such a way to allow for random dates provided the councils give the State Deputy its dates before a cut-off date (ie. 1 February).

10. The mid-winter state meeting was held in Jackson in December.

11. The council's Ladies Auxillary is very active in all activities and the relationship between the groups is outstanding.

12. A spaghetti dinner and bingo will be held on May 31, for the St. Judes rebuilding fund. St. Judes church was destroyed in Jan. 81 by fire.

## COMMUNITY

1. Members provide transportation for blind members to council and church activities.

2. Christmas baskets were provided to needy families.

3. Members kept score for the handicap bowling tournament, provided needed help at the special olympics, and assisted with their Christmas dance.

4. The council sponsored Fourth of July and Labor Day programs for all friends of the council.

5. The council provides funds to support the Pro-Life booth at the Mississippi State Fair.

6. Members assisted the Salvation Army in its Christmas fund raising drive.

## YOUTH

1. A football bowl game between league champs within Jacksons grade and private schools was held in November. The bowl game supports the councils scholarship program.

2. Local and state-wide basketball free throw contests were held in Jackson.

3. Co-sponsored with the Ladies Auxillary the children Christmas party and the Easter egg hunt.

4. The council has provided funds and time to the local CYO's and to the REACH program.

## FAMILY

1. Provided names to Supreme for its Family of the Month program.

2. Deceased wives of Brother Knights participate in many of the council activities.



## VICKSBURG COUNCIL NO. 898

### Vicksburg

The Progress Report of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 898 of Vicksburg, Mississippi for 1980-1981 is summarized herein.

Officers installed in July 1980 are listed below. Relatives and families witnessed the installation and attended the supper which followed the installation.

Grand Knight	Zenon (Sonny) Sucharski
Deputy Grand Knight	Larry Brun
Chancellor	William Fulcher
Financial Secretary	William F. Lauderdale
Warden	George Lee
Recorder	Walter Reynolds
Treasurer	Don Brown
Trustee	Alfred McDevitt
Trustee	Bob King
Trustee	A. L. Sullivan
Inside Guard	Chad Sonnek
Outside Guard	C. Dwyer

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Council 898 sponsored three 1st degree initiations and participated in two 2nd and 3rd degree initiations in Natchez and Jackson. Council 898 performed initiations to Yellow Dogs in Natchez and Greenville.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. The quarterly communion observance is always a very meaningful and rewarding activity and afterwards breakfast is served in the council house.
2. We enjoyed sponsoring clergy, nuns and teachers for Catholic school night, which was well attended and everyone enjoyed the fine meal. Our members are involved in church as commentators and Deacons, and any other project as called for.
3. Council held Living Rosary outside council home in October and December. This was the most impressive ceremony and well attended not only by K. C. members but Nuns and even by non-Catholic.
4. Our Council Home 898 is always open to many organizations: C. Y. O., Catholic High School Programs, Boy Scouts, and many programs and gatherings are held through out the year. Our doors are always open to guests and friends and we make them feel at home.
5. On the 4th of July we had a celebration with roast pigs and fireworks display at night. Not only K. C. families but their friends enjoyed the day and evening in beautiful country surroundings on our Council home grounds and swimming pool.
6. Family picnic on Labor Day is well known in the Vicksburg area. This is just like an open house event for which not only K. D. families look forward but citizens of Vicksburg. This is a family event with fun for all ages.
7. Vicksburg Council 898 again contributes \$1,000 to further education of Priest.

#### COMMUNITY:

1. We started our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally retarded with a radiothon from WKYV. In our effort to help the needy our members' effort raised over \$3600.

2. In December our members worked on Christmas food baskets for the needy in Vicksburg and surrounding areas. We delivered 36 baskets which included clothes, toys, food and hams. Total value approximately \$3,000.
3. To spread more Catholic teachings the Council sponsored five minute Rosary Program over WKYV radio each day in October, November and December. We are considering sponsoring the whole year.
4. We sponsor and support Boy Scout Troop #7. We sponsor Little League Baseball Team. K. C. Softball team was sponsored and in 1980 finished 1st in their league.
5. Many of our members participated in blood donors bank and participated with the Salvation Army Kettles ringing the bell program taking second place to raise money for the Salvation Army.

#### COUNCIL:

1. Each Saturday we have family supper at minimum cost, cooked by one of our K. C. members. This is a great success as it turned out to be outstanding international cuisine menus. In the summer time swimming parties at our swimming pool are delightful for all and well attended.
2. Columbus Day celebration and St. Patrick dinners are outstanding family programs, helping with good family entertainment and good fellowship.
3. In November a memorial service honored our deceased members, and Mass was offered in the Council home. We never forget our brothers.
4. The Ladies Auxiliary was active giving the Council a helping hand when asked. Christmas party for members children and grandchildren was outstanding. One Santa gave each attending a Christmas present provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. Easter egg hunting was well organized by the Ladies Auxiliary and you must see the smiling faces of our children picking up not only colored Easter eggs but chocolate candy and even little rabbits. No one went home without a gift.
5. Working together with the Ladies Auxiliary is a family program. It is truly easy to accomplish things in the Council when members and their wives are involved.
6. We are building a grill pit completely with a cover that will permit using it in all weather conditions. Our members accomplished much more but we only put the high lights as space is short in this program book. There is always something going on in our Council 898.

I submit this report on behalf of members of Council 898 and our Ladies Auxiliary. Whatever was accomplished, they were the ones who did it. They gave me the helping hand, advise and prayers. They came up with ideas and solutions. They gave me the chance to be your Grand Knight. They put trust in me and this I will never forget and I will assure you the experience I gained this year I will share with Future Grand Knights for the betterment of our Council 898 and Columbianism in Mississippi. There is a lot to be done yet for the Church, Community, and Knights of Columbus in Mississippi, with working together and God's blessing this will be done in years to come.

My fellow Brother Knights, this is our report. Yes, our report. Thanks to your accomplishments, I present this report to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zenon (Sonny) Sucharski  
Grand Knight  
Council 898



**BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL, NO. 1034**  
**Natchez, Mississippi 39120**

On July 14, 1980, the following officers were duly installed by District Deputy Robert C. King, Jr. at a meeting for members and their wives.

Grand Knight	George E. Hude
Deputy Grand Knight	Parnell Burns
Chancellor	John Junkin II
Recorder	Tom Piazza
Treasurer	Clem Eidt
Advocate	Peter Burns, Jr.
Warden	Richard Spence
Inside Guard	Charles Mardis
Outside Guard	Mike Biglane
Trustee 3 yr.	Fred Biglane
Trustee 2 yr.	Bill Hall
Trustee 1yr.	Conway Aubic

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

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS:**

The Natchez Council had a very successful year in 1980-81. We won the state softball championship in Greenville, MS. Also in Greenville, MS. at the state convention the Natchez Council won five state level awards. We received the Outstanding Youth Activity award for sponsoring the Annual River City Bowl, and the Outstanding Family-Life award for our promoting family involvement in K. of C.'s activities by presenting Family-of the Month certificates to involved active families.

Freddie Biglane, Grand Knight of the Local Council, was named State Knight of the Year for 1979-80. A new award, State Family of the Year, was presented to Oscar Manceaux and the late Hazel Manceaux. In recognition of all our many church, council, youth, family life, and community activities, the Natchez Knights of Columbus received the Distinguished Council Award.

**MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:**

The Natchez Council was held four admission degrees and one second and third degree initiation since our last convention. We added 19 new members and 3 reinstatements. Our council was saddened by the death of five Brothers.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

1. A designated group of Brothers continue to serve as ushers, lectures, and collection auditors for weekly church services.
2. Clean up, fix up church property committee far exceeded the 40 hour requirement.
3. Chairman and committee head up participation in a retreat at a nearby retreat house. This is held in July and January annually.
4. Hold communion Sunday quarterly.
5. We continue our Catholic information program by supplying the Parish pamphlet racks with literature from Supreme.
6. Again we sponsored the Keep Christ in Christman program by distributing material throughout the Parish and the Church.

7. The Councils 4th degree members were the honor guard at midnight mass on Christmas Eve.
8. Participated in the Priest Education Fund.
9. The Council meetings are closed with a prayer for vocations.
10. Members serve on the Parish Council and the Cathedral School Board.
11. Distributed Pro-Life material throughout the Parish and the community.
12. On November 2, 1980 Memorial services were held at the Council hall for our deceased members. This was followed by a Breakfast.
13. We held a vocation program for the children of the parish.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

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.
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 seventh 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 ACTIVITIES:

1. We sponsor four bowling teams in the merchants bowling league.
2. We also sponsor a softball team in the men's summer league in Natchez.
3. Both our bowling and softball teams participate each year in the state K. of C. tournaments.
4. We select a Knight of the quarter.
5. We select a family of the month and have been since the program started.
6. 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 October 13, 1980.
7. Our visitation Committee takes a basket of fruit or candy to any Brother who is hospitalized.
8. The Council sponsors a spaghetti benefit twice a year to raise funds for the club.
9. For the 15th straight year, we held our annual K. of C. bus trip to an L. S. U. football game.
10. We publish a newsletter on the events happening in the club.
11. Brother Roy Powers conducted insurance night.
12. We hold an annual tournament in horseshoes, pool and bowling.
13. We publish activities in local newspaper, church bulletins and Miss. Today.
14. We help raise money for the Priest Education Fund.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. We sponsored the Presidents 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 34 years.
4. Each year we distribute book covers.
5. On January 31, 1981 we held the annual free-throw competition for the Natchez area and had 60 participants.
6. On December 17, 1980 we held our Christmas party for the children and grandchildren or members at the Council Hall.
7. We assisted the C. Y. O. by donating money to make their annual trip to the Sattilo 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 have 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 4th year we sponsored the River City Bowl Football game.

#### FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:

1. The K. of C. 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 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 members and their wives participate in a marriage encounter program held at St. Mary's Cathedral.
6. On Holy Thursday night we had our annual watch of the Blessed Sacrament. This involves members, wives, sons, and daughters. Every year the four bowling teams that we have in the Merchants Bowling League throw a picnic on Lake St. John for their wives.
8. Held a 1st annual pig roast on a Sunday. This was a very successful event for the entire family and had over 175 persons present.
9. A skating party was held in November for members, wives and children.

Submitted Respectively By,  
George E. Hude  
Grand Knight, Council #1034  
Natchez, MS.



**BILOXI COUNCIL #1244**  
**Biloxi, Mississippi**

On July 3, 1980, the officers of the council were duly installed by Rodney Sandoz, Worthy State Deputy, at an open dinner meeting for members. Their wives and prospective members and guest.

COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 1980-81 are:

Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higginbottam
Chaplain Emeritus	Msgr. John J. O'Reilly
Grand Knight	Frank Tarrant
Deputy Grand Knight	Ross Bertucci
Chancellor	Billy Gollott
Advocate	Steve Ferrill
Recorder	Mark Blackmon
Warden	Marvin Newman
Treasurer	Charles T. Harrison
Financial Secretary	Harry L. Steinwinder
Lecturer	Hilton Seymour
Inside Guard	Gerald Rose
Outside Guard	Leroy Hebert
Trustees	Fredie Steinwinder Jr.
	Gerald Lamey
	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 a day. Ivon Arguelles, Church Activity chairman, works with the different parishes in the Biloxi area securing commentators and lectures through the Knights of Columbus.
2. Under the good of the order in each meeting about 5 minutes or more is taken, where the Chaplain gives a few minutes of meditation and prayer. Usually he tells a story of some saint or reads a part 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 12, 1981 council sponsored their Annual Clergy-Religious Night Supper. At the supper all the religious of the Biloxi area were honored guest, and were recognized for their dedicated service to the area.
4. On November 13, 1980, Council conducted its Annual Memorial Services for deceased members. A con-celebrated Memorial Mass for the deceased members were celebrated with Msgr. Gregory Johnson as the main celebrate assisted by Msgr. John O'Reilly and Rev. Robert Higginbottam.
5. KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS;;; On November 18, 1980 the annual keep Christ in Christmas Program was kicked off with the Distribution of the Bumper Stickers. Two Billboards were erected throughout the city.
6. Give assistance regularly to Ladies Auxiliary. Assisted ladies in their annual rummage sale, where proceeds go to the Salitto Missions.

7. Council donated \$1,065 to the D'Iberville General Assembly fourth degree, for use in operational funds. This is an annual donation to the fourth degree.
8. Vocation Night was held on March 24, 1981. Fr. Anthony Arguelles conducted the program.
9. On Thursday Night March 25, 1981 we conducted a Mariner Hour at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the B. V. M.
10. On Sunday, May 11, 1980 the council participated in the Rosary March in Biloxi.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: David Previto, 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, 1980. On October 16, 1980 we conducted a Columbus Day Program in conjunction with the Knight of the Quarter Banquet. The supreme Knight 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 7, 1980 the council hosted a KICK OFF SUPPER for the workers of the 41st 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 Game goes to local charities.
5. On November 21, 1980 the Biloxi Council 1244 hosted the 41st Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic. This is the oldest high school classic in existence. The proceeds from this event which amounted to \$9600. was donated to the Biloxi Doll and Toy fund and the St. Vincent De Paul Societies in the Biloxi area. The Doll and Toy Fund distributes toys to the 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 Tuesday, December 23, 1980 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.
8. On Monday, December 22, 1980 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.
9. The council distributed Pro-Life bumper stickers throughout the city.
10. 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.
11. The council donated \$25.00 to the Newman Club at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.
12. On November 6, 1980 the Biloxi Council sponsored a program on Drug and Alcohol Abuse to which every person in the community who was interested was invited.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Marvin Newman, Director**

1. On November 22, 1980 council sponsored a dance for members and families and guests.
2. On Thursday night August 14, 1980 the Knight of the Second Quarter Banquet



was held for members and guests. At this time the Columbian's Squire of the quarter was also presented. Also the Biloxi Policeman and the Fireman of the Quarter Award was presented.

3. On Sunday August 3, 1980 the Councils 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 Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Softball Tournament held in Greenville, Miss.

5. On Saturday, December 20, 1980 a council dance was held for members, families and guests.

6. On Sunday, October 5, 1980 council sponsored a trip to New Orleans to see the New Orleans Saints play.

7. On Thursday night, October 16, 1980 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.

8. On Thursday night, October 30, 1980 a fish fry supper was held for the members.

9. On Saturday, December 20, 1980 a council dance was held for members, families and guests. A Christmas dance.

10. The council sends a news letter every quarter to all members, state officers and chairman.

11. On Friday night, November 21, 1980 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.

12. On Saturday, December 6, 1980 the council sponsored its annual Christmas party for it's bingo workers.

13. On December 31, 1980 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 hall.

14. On Thursday night, January 15, 1981 the Knight of the Quarter supper was held. Awards were also presented to the Squire of the Quarter and the Biloxi Policeman and Fireman of the Quarter Awards.

15. On April 11, and 12, 1981 the council sponsored seven teams to the Mississippi State KC Bowling Tournament in Pascagoula, Miss.

16. On Thursday night, March 12, 1981 the Annual Insurance Night Program was presented by Bro. Roy Powers from Meridian, Miss. Bro Vincent Sherry of Biloxi, presented a program on wills.

17. Council donated \$200.00 to Notre Dame High School for a new sign for the school.

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Mark Landry, Director**

1. On Saturday, April 18, 1981 the Annual Biloxi KC Easter Egg Hunt for members families was held at the Council Hall. Over 200 children were in attendance.

2. This year Biloxi Council 1244 sponsored boy scout troop 213 for the 49th consecutive year.

3. Biloxi Council sponsors the Kline Coquet Columbian Squire Circle.

4. The Biloxi Council sponsors the Biloxi Knights of Columbus Little league team in the Biloxi Recreation Dept. Little League Association.

5. The Columbian Squire of the Quarter Award is presented quarterly to one of its member at the Knights of Columbus Knight of the Quarter Awards Banquets.

6. Made Annual donation of \$100.00 to Nativity B. V. M. Elementary School.

7. On Sunday, December 21, 1980 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.

8. On February 26, 1981 The Biloxi Council conducted their Annual Fund raising raffle for the eight CYO's in Biloxi to help defray expenses for the annual state convention. Raffled was a \$100. Saving Bond and a \$50.00 Saving Bond. Each CYO received what they sold on the raffle.
9. On Thursday March 5, 1981 council approved sponsoring a girl to girl state.
10. On Thursday night April 2, 1981 the council approved sponsoring a boy to boys state.
11. Council sponsored a girl form Sacred Heart High School to the Mississippi Lion All State Band Convention.
12. On October 31, 1980 the Council Conducted it's Annual Halloween Party for its members children and grandchildren in the KC Hall with over 125 children in attendance. Games were played and prizes awarded. Refreshments were served.
13. On Saturday, December 13, 1980 council sponsored its Annual Christmas Party for its sponsored Boy Scout troop 213.
14. On Sunday, January 18, 1981 the Columbian Squire Circle conducted their annual Corporated Communion Sunday with the Knight of Columbus as their guests.
15. On August 14, 1980 council presented their annual Scholarships to a Daughter and a Son of a member. A scholarship of \$500.00 each is presented for one year.

**MEMBERSHIP: Jerry Gollott, Director**

1. The Biloxi Council is very proud of our Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degree Teams. These dedicated men travel throughtout the state when needed to exemplify the degrees to our new brothers Knights.
2. We held Admission Degrees in The Biloxi Council Chambers on July 20, Sept. 18, Oct. 12, Dec. 11, 1980 and March 26, 1981.
3. On June 1, 1980 the Biloxi Degree Team traveled to Natchez, Miss. to conduct a formation and knighthood degree for 24 candidates.
4. On Sunday, July 20, 1980 the Biloxi council conducted a formation and knighthood degree in Biloxi Chambers for 39 new brother Knights.
5. On September 28, 1980 the Biloxi Degree team travel to Greenville, Miss. to conduct the formation and knighthood degree for 36 candidates.
6. On Sunday, October 12, 1980 the Biloxi degree team travel to Seneca, Miss. to conduct the formation and knighthood degree for 17 candidates.
7. On March 1, 1981 the Biloxi Degree team travel to Jackson, Miss. to conduct the Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degrees for 23 candidates.
8. On Sunday, March 29, 1981 the Biloxi Degree team travel to Pascagoula, Miss. to conducted the Amission, Formation and Knighthood Degrees for 77 candidates.

1. The Biloxi Council presented a check of \$2,821.02 to the Harrison County Association for Retarded Citizens, as a result of the annual tootsie roll drive.
2. This Years Donation to the KC Mississippi Priest Education fund is \$806.80.
3. The Biloxi Council purchased a \$100.00 ticket on a raffle of \$10,000 from the Kiln Council Knights of Columbus.
4. The Biloxi Council purchased a \$100.00 ticket on a raffle of \$10,000 from the Notre Dame Booster Club.
5. The Biloxi council took a \$50.00 ad in the Joppa Shrine Circus Program.
6. The Biloxi Council purchased an ad in the Miss. Elks State Convention Program.
7. Donated \$100.00 to KC Little League team to have a party at the close of little league season.



8. Purchased a 1/2 page ad in the Notre Dame Football Program for \$50.00.
9. Purchased ad in Biloxi AAU Boxing Tournament Program, for \$50.00.
10. Donated \$100.00 to Harrison County Mentally retarded citizen for sponsoring two children to summer camp.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
 Frank Tarrant  
 Grand Knight

**PERE LE DUC COUNCIL NO. 1522**  
**Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi**

The Knights of Columbus, Pere Le Duc Council #1522, instituted Sunday, December 18, 1910 and which celebrated its 50th Anniversary, its Golden Jubilee, as one of the most active and meaningful Councils in the State of Mississippi in the year 1960, found itself slowly deteriorating, and from 1966 onward, for approximately fourteen years, became virtually stagnant with no significant effort to develop any programs for membership, Church, youth, community, or family. Serious consideration was given to the cancellation of this Council's Charter. A chosen few leaders from the State and local levels were determined not to permit this to happen.

In July 1980, elections were held which resulted in new officers being installed. They were: Bob Hubbard, Grand Knight; Tony Scavo, Deputy Grand Knight; Father Francis Farrell, Chaplain; George DiBenedetto, Treasurer; George Hammer, Recording Secretary; Joe Benvenuti, Financial Secretary; Joe Richardson, Chancellor; Donald Ladner, Advocate; Lionel Baxter, Warden; J. Norton Haas, Inside Guard; Tony Morreale, Outside Guard; Bob Goodsell, Trustee (1); Noel Fuente, Trustee (2); C. J. Piazza, Trustee (3).

The above Officers were installed on July 15, 1980, at a beautiful banquet with Bishop Howze as guest of honor; State Deputy Rodeny Sandoz; District Deputy Bill Seal, and their wives, and more than fifty couples in attendance. The attendance and the enthusiasm shown at this affair proved that the spirit of the Knights of Columbus was still alive in this Council.

This marked a new beginning for the Pere Le Duc Council and under the leadership of its new Officers the effort for new members and activities were instituted.

A Memorial Service Mass, conducted at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in Bay St. Louis, by Father Francis Farrell for our Deceased Brother Knights:

BORN	BROTHER KNIGHT	DIED
1905	John A. Egloff	1972
1907	T. G. Stechmann, Sr.	1975
1908	Samuel Compretta	1976
1914	Arthur M. Miller	1976
1923	Thomas G. Hayes	1977
1928	Laverne A. Garcia	1979
1909	Vincent A. Morreale	1979
1893	Joseph V. Cacioppo	1979
1915	George E. Heitzmann	1979



1916	A. D. Benvenuti, III	1980
1895	Louis J. Moreau	1980
1910	Lucien C. Perniciaro, Sr.	1980

This service was exceptionally well attended, which again indicated the strong interest still existing in the Knights of Columbus.

This incentive instilled the desire in the new Officers to work harder to develop an active Council once again.

Corporate Communion were reinstituted for each second Sunday of the month at Our Lady of the Gulf Church. This was the first attempt at any Church activity for fourteen years, the attendance was excellent.

In October 1980 a Marian Procession was held by the Knights of Columbus, again with excellent results.

A Christmas Party was organized and held with excellent attendance.

Repairs were begun on the exterior of the Knights of Columbus Hall. Repairs to the roof, exterior repairs and exterior painting, the ground floor interior front portion of the building was also renovated with paint and paneling.

Things were rolling along now! In January 1981 ten additional members were picked up as reinstatements or transfers.

In February 1981, Council #1522 held its first initiation of new members in fourteen years. We initiated twenty-one new members. This was just the beginning. Again in February, just two weeks later, we initiated in the first degree six more new members and picked up three transfers.

In March 1981, we initiated seven more Knights in the first degree.

To-date, fifty-three new members, transfers, and reinstatements have been effected.

On April 15, 1981 a second and third degree initiation was held at Pascagoula, Mississippi. The first of its kind in many years, and the second largest ever held in the State of Mississippi. A total of seventy-nine Knights were initiated into the second and third degree, nineteen of those from Pere Le Duc Council #1522.

Enthusiasm is running high! The following appointments have been made:

BROTHER KNIGHT	POSITION
Joe Richardson	Financial Secretary(Replacing Brother Joe Benvenuti)
Paul Seckso	Program Director
Mel Estrade	Church Activities
Tom Flynn	Community Activities
Jim McCarthy	Council Activities
Jim Thriffley	Youth Activities
Richard Smith	Membership Director
Open	Family Activities
JohnBezou	Home Building Maintenance
Open	Chancellor
Open	Lecturer

Committees are in the process of being appointed. Directors are meeting and planning activities for the remainder of the fiscal 1980 and for fiscal 1981.

In April 1981, we conducted the Annual "Tootsie Roll Drive", our quota was \$1,200.00. With new leadership and new found enthusiasm we went over the top with a collection of more than \$2,400.00, double the quota.

The bi-monthly meetings are in excellent attendance. In March 1981 we had an "Insurance Night" for the Knights and their ladies. We have since instituted a bi-weekly column in the Sea Coast Echo, the local newspaper, entitled "Knights' Notes".

On Holy Thursday the Mass of the Last Supper at Our Lady of the Gulf Church was conducted by Brother Knights Father Francis Farrell and Father Henry McNery with Brother Knight David Truetel as Commentator and twelve Brother Knights as the "Twelve Apostles" and Brother Knights as Ushers. We had the Knights of Columbus serving our Church and community as it is intended. That same evening we had "Adoration" during the hours of 9:00 & 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 & 12:00 midnight with fifteen Knights of Columbus in attendance during each period.

On Monday, April 20, 1981 a dinner-social was held at the Hall for the Knights and their ladies. Approximately one-hundred people were expected. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Bill Seal, wife of the District Deputy, who spoke on installing the Ladies Auxiliary for Council #1522.

**BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL NO. 1583**  
**Gulfport, Mississippi**

No report submitted.

**MSGR. P. J. CAREY COUNCIL #1605**  
**Pascagoula, Mississippi**

The officers elected in June 1980 assumed their responsibilities on July 1, 1980 and presided over the first regular meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 1980.

The officers together with the officers of the 4th Degree and the Ladies Auxillary were installed on Saturday, July 19, 1980. The installation of the officers of Council #1605 were installed by District Deputy Joseph Goellner. The following officers were installed.

**Co-Chaplains**

**Grand Knight**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**  
**Chancellor**  
**Recorder**  
**Financial Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Lectures**  
**Advocate**

**Fr. Bernard Farrell**  
**Fr. Patrick McDermott**  
**John W. Cox**  
**Harry D. Green, Sr.**  
**Charles Voelkel**  
**Walter Perez**  
**Willie Scheller, Sr.**  
**Lamar W. Cox**  
**Thomas E. Easter**  
**Les Baker**

Warden	James C. Frew
Inside Guard	Frank Turner
Outside Guard	Leland Gager
Trustee	Joe Goellner
Trustee	Julius Martin
Trustee	B. R. Frederic

In March 1981, Trustee Joe Goellner resigned the office and the council elected Eugene F. St. Amant, Sr. to finish Goellner's term as trustee.

The Grand Knight appointed the following committee chairman to serve during fraternal year 1980-81:

Director of Programs	Harry D. Green, Sr.
Church Activities	Charles Voelkel
Vocations	Charles Voelkel
Right to Life	Charles Voelkel
Community Activities	Walter Perez, Jr.
Council Activities	M. H. Hudson, Sr.
Family Activities	Quentin Hardage
Youth Activities	Les Baker
Director of Membership and Retentions	John F. Szymonik
Director of Tootsie Roll Drive	James E. Frew
Director of Lounge - Buildings & Grounds	Lamar W. Cox
Chairman of Lounge	Edward H. Hudson, III
Chairman of Buildings & Grounds	Thomas E. Easter
Captain of Degree Team	Julius Martin
Boy Scouts	Jon Geisbush

#### CORPORATE COMMUNIONS:

The council participated in three corporate communions during the year. Each corporate communion was followed by a breakfast at the council hall. From one-hundred to one-hundred and fifty members and members of their families participated.

The first corporate communion was hosted by Our Ladies of Victories Parish on Sunday, September 21 with Bishop Joseph L. Lawson celebrating the mass; the second was hosted by Sacred Heart Parish on December 14th with Father Bernard Farrell celebrating the mass; the third was hosted by St. Mary's Parish with Msgr. Eamon Mullins celebrating the mass. The 4th Degree Assembly #1605 furnished an honor guard on each occasion.

The council continued the policy of having a social each 4th Tuesday for members, wives, and guests. The attendance varied from one-hundred to one-hundred and seventy five. Dinner, prepared by the Kitchen Committee, was served on each occasion.

The social on September 23rd was dedicated to membership. The Membership Committee assisted by Br. George Fero, State Membership Chairman presented the program. Each member was requested to bring a prospective member. A number of new members were obtained as a result of this program.

The social on October 21 was the councils annual Religious Appreciation Dinner. All Priests, religious, brothers, and permanent deacons within the deanery were invited



to attend. Most accepted the invitation. Bishop Joseph L. Howze attended giving the Invocation and Benediction. The Rev. Paul Tipton, President of Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama was the guest speaker.

The social on November 25th was dedicated to the Memorial Mass for deceased brothers. Mass was celebrated in the Council Hall with Chaplain Fr. Bernard Farrell as celebrant. The mass and dinner was well attended.

December was a busy month. Santa Claus visited the younger generation on Sunday, December 21, distributing candy and conversation. Monday December 22nd the council invited all CYO's in the Diocese of Biloxi to be entertained and to entertain the choir from the Saltillo Mission; approximately three-hundred teenagers attended the party. Bishop Joseph L. Howze also attended. The program, preceding the dance, was performed by the Saltillo Choir. Tuesday, December 23rd was the annual adult party of the council approximately one-hundred attended; the ladies prepared their favorite dishes for this occasion.

The program for the January 27th social was turned over to Br. George Fero, District Insurance Agent, he discussed K of C insurance and introduced the Hon. Roland Mestayer who spoke on Willis. A question and answer session followed the discussion.

The program for the February 24th social was dedicated to vocations. The program was presented to members, wives, and guests (including teenagers) by the Rev. Tony Arguellas, Diocese Vocation Director.

The program for March 28th was the annual awards night. The council was honored by the presence of State Master Henry Jahncke, State Secretary Don Oldmixon, State Advocate Wiley Price, Jr., State Warden Dennis Ladnier, Sr., and District Deputy Joseph B. Goellner. The guest speaker was State Chaplain Fr. Frank Corcoran. The Msgr. P. J. Carey awarded for the Knight of the Year was presented to Br. Edward F. Hudson, III, Bro. Willie Scheeler, Sr. was awarded a plaque for 25 years service as Financial Secretary of the council. Certificates of merit were presented to Bro. Mack H. Hudson, Sr., E. J. Murray, Louis Frederic, Thomas E. Easter, Nathan O'Brien, Fletcher Songe, John Devera and John Guesbush for services to the council during the year. In addition certificates were presented to non-members Frank Godwin and John Thompson.

The council has been discussing with the priests in the area the needs of the Catholic School System. As a result of the discussion the program for the social on April 27th will be the Plight of Catholic Education in the area. The school boards are to present the program.

A total of 18 candidates received the admission degree prior to the socials on October 21st, January 27th and March 24th. The councils admissions degrees team performed the ceremony.

During the year the following families were recognized as the family of the month:

The Harry Green Family	July
The Carl Muse Family	August
The E. J. Murray Family	September
The T. E. Easter Family	October
The Lamar Cox Family	November
The Mack Hudson Family	December

The Louis Frederic Family  
The Jon Geisbush Family  
The Les Baker Family

January  
February  
March

Several of the families received plaques or prizes due to the council having attained its quota of increased membership during the month of their selection.

The council also recognized the following as Knights of the Quarter:

Br. Kenny Novac  
Br. Les Baker  
Br. John F. Szymonik

Quarter ended in September  
Quarter ended in December  
Quarter ended in March

The council hosted picnics on July 4th and Labor Day for members, families, and house guests. Between 150 and 200 participated in the July picnic, games were provided for children. Between 500 and 600 participated in a seafood picnic on Labor Day, games were provided for children and adults.

The council hosted a second and third degree initiation on March 29, 1981. There were seventy-six (76) candidates receiving the degrees. The degree team from the Biloxi council performed the ceremonials. State Officers in attendance were State Deputy, Rodney J. Sandoz, State Master Henry Jahnke, State Secretary Don Oldmixon, State Advocate Wiley Price, Jr., State Warden Dennis Ladnier, Sr., and District Deputy Joseph B. Goellner. Preceding the ceremonies the candidates attended 9:00 A.M. mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish. State Chaplain Fr. Frank Cocoran celebrated the mass assisted by Father Patrick McDermott.

The council participated in the following community activities:

Flag Day June 14th with BPO Elks Lodge #1120

Armistice Day Program with American Legion on November 11, 1980

Members joined the Elks in giving a party for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Biloxi.

The council sponsored tootsie roll drive in May 1980, netted \$3,276.19. The tootsie roll drive in April 1981, netted \$4,686.59 which has been forwarded to Past State Deputy Dave Atteberry. The council contributed \$1,000.00 to the Biloxi Diocese Share Program; \$500.00 to the Saltillio Mission; and assisted a Brother in Distress by paying household expenses and house payment for the period September through December; tuition at Catholic schools were paid from September through April and will be paid for May for two (2) children of the Brothers in Distress. The council contributed to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund \$6,750.00 at the last convention and is contributing \$8,750.00 to the fund at this convention.

The council during the year purchased three parcels of property for further expansion. The parking area has been enlarged by rocking an area 150' x 120'.

Respectfully submitted,  
Msgr. P. J. Carey Council #1650  
Grand Knight



**BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL NO. 1908**  
**Hattiesburg, Mississippi**

No report submitted.

**FATHER KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL, NO. 2134**  
**Greenville, Mississippi**

On behalf of Father Korstenbroek Council No. 2134, Greenville, I am proud to report the following activities for the fraternal year 1980-81:

**Membership:**

Council 2134 hosted a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree initiation September 28, 1980.

**Youth Activities:**

1. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop #71.
2. Sponsored Cub Scout Troop.
3. Provided the use of tennis courts to St. Joseph High School.
4. Sponsored a Halloween party for children of the parish.
5. Sponsored a Christmas party for children of the parish.
6. Sponsored an Easter Egg hunt for children of the parish.
7. Presented E. J. Lueckenbach Scholarship to graduate of St. Joseph High School.
8. Presented pen and pencil set to outstanding graduate of St. Joseph High School.

**Council Activities:**

1. Held Fourth of July Picnic for members and families.
2. Distributed Knight Letter.
3. Held Fifth Wednesday socials for members and wives.
4. Held bingo every Saturday night.
5. Held fishing trip for members.
6. Host to State K. of C. softball tournament
7. Provided concession stands for tournament.
8. Participated in State bowling tournament and won 3 of 5 places.
9. Held tennis tournament for members and families.
10. Provided supper for Homebuilders Assoc. every month.
11. Held Las Vegas Night.

**Church Activities:**

1. Held spaghetti dinner for Priests Education Fund and raised \$1600.00.
2. Set up and took down booths for Parish Fair.
3. Sponsored booth at parish fair.
4. Visited sick in the hospitals regularly.
5. Supported Pro-Life movement.
6. Sent perpetual Mass cards to families of deceased members.
7. Participated in Mass as lecturers, commentators, ushers, choir members, and special Eucharistic ministers.
8. Provided three "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards.

**Community Activities:**

1. Participated in Tootsie Roll Drive and made \$2400.00.
2. Sponsored a boy to Boys State.
3. Presented Columbus Day Program on the radio.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Tonos  
Grand Knight

**LAUREL COUNCIL NO. 2180**  
**Laurel, Mississippi**

No report submitted.

Installation of the following officers took place in July 1980.

Grand Knight	Tony Zeponi
Deputy Grand Knight	Louis Fratesi
Chancellor	Albert Bassi
Financial Sec'y	Richard Columbus
Treasurer	Charlie Morlino
Recorder	Dennis Hull
Advocate	Sam Carollo
Lecturer	Leon Shapley
Warden	Steve Fratesi
Inside Guard	Louis Santucci
Outside Guard	Jimmy Giachelli
Trustee	Mike Columbus
Trustee	V. J. Cefalu
Trustee	Jerry Santucci

The following activity report covers the period from April 1980 through April 15, 1981:

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - Andy Petro**

1. Two new members received first degree on July 9 and third degree on September 28.
2. One member transferred from Vicksburg council.

**CHURCH DIRECTOR - Albert Bassi**

1. Donated \$350 to Priest Education Fund with proceeds from barbecue chicken dinner.
2. Donated \$25 to St. James Softball Team.
3. Set up booths for annual parish fair.
4. Members participated in parish choir for confirmation and Easter.
5. Members regularly acted as ushers and lectors at mass.

**COUNCIL DIRECTOR - Charles Morlino**

1. Participated in Tootsie Roll Drive and donated \$1,068.
2. Held various projects to raise funds for council activities.
3. Had a outing on Lake Ferguson for members and wives.
4. Participated in State Softball Tournament in Greenville.
5. Had several socials for members and wives.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR - V. J. Cefalu**

1. Sent get well cards to the sick.
2. Masses were said for deceased parishoners
3. Erected Christmas float for Deer Creek pageant.

**YOUTH DIRECTOR - Dennis Hull**

1. Held local basketball free throw contest.
2. Presented annual Easter Egg Hunt for parish children.
3. Held Christmas Party for parish children.
4. Honored the graduating seniors of the parish with a steak dinner.
5. Had an outing honoring the Altar Boys.
6. Made a donation to the National Teen Contest.

I want to thank my fellow officers and committee chairmen who have worked so hard this past year to carry out the programs just noted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony Zepponi,  
Grand Knight

**CLARKSDALE COUNCIL NO. 2969  
Clarksdale, Mississippi**

Dear Brother Knights:

Enclosed is a copy of the Grand Knights's Report for Council 2969 of Clarksdale, Mississippi. The report has been made in conjunction with our inter-council competition reports for the year ending June 30, 1981.

I sincerely regret that I am not able to attend the convention this year in Meridian, since I feel it would be a very rewarding experience for me.

We are very proud of our Council's activities and work that was performed during this past season and I hope you will find this report of interest and value.

Sincerely yours,  
Gary Gainspoletti  
Grand Knight

**CHURCH**

1. Church clean-up and fix-up. During the month of August, 1980, Brother Knights, Brad Dantone, Jerry Farrish, and Albert Grattafiori, participated in a clean-up of the



interior of the church and waxing and polishing the floors. Brother Fred Zepponi, Jr., worked in trimming and making neat the church shrubbery. The time spent by these brothers in working around the church in clean-up and fix-up activities exceeded 40 hours.

2. The Parish was donated the use of the Council Hall for a dinner in late May honoring the graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Elizabeth Parish.

3. Council 2969 supplies many of the ushers for the Parish under the leadership of Brother Knight, Brad Dantone, who is in charge of ushers for the church during this coming year.

4. A number of Brother Knights are also serving as lectors and commentators for the church. Brother Ed Cwiklik, who has recently been transferred due to his employment with the Social Security Administration, has assisted greatly in instituting a program of education and training for lectors, which will become mandatory for all persons desiring to serve as lectors in the future.

5. The Council is actively participating in preparations for the annual Parish Fair to be held on September 9, 1980. Many Council members will be building booths for the fair as well as serving as workers on the night of the fair. The Council has changed its usual meeting date from Thursday, September 4, 1980, to Wednesday, September 3, 1980, in order that as many Knights as possible may participate in the building of the booths and setting up of the fairgrounds on the night of September 4.

6. Quarterly corporate communion for the Council was held on August 31, 1980.

#### **COUNCIL:**

1. Council 2969 has conducted two first degree initiations, one on August 7, 1980, when two new Brothers were received, and the other on August 21, 1980, when one more Brother was initiated into the first degree.

2. On August 17, 1980, the Grand Knight, Gainspoletti, Past Grand Knight, Tony Antici, Trustee, Glen Rutz, and District Deputy, Frank Whitehead, attended the district meeting held in Southaven.

3. The Council participated in the state softball tournament held in Greenville on the weekend of August 8, 1980.

4. Installation of new officers was held on Sunday, August 31, 1980, following the 10:30 a.m. mass attended by the Knights and their families, with a covered dish luncheon for the Knights and families at the Council Hall.

5. Also on August 31, 1980, following the initiation of officers, Past Grand Knight Tony Antici, was honored with the presentation of a plaque recognizing his exemplary three-year service as Grand Knight of Council 2969. Presentation was made by incoming Grand Knight, Gary Gainspoletti, and Financial Secretary, Louis Barbieri.

6. Council blood bank continues to operate and presently has 21 pints of blood available.

7. Council 2969 continues to send get well and sympathy cards to all members and families.

8. The Council, in September, began sponsoring a bowling team in the City League.

#### **PRO LIFE:**

1. Council 2969, on August 28, 1980, sent a telegram to United States Representative, Jamie Whitten, who represents the First Congressional District of Mississippi, urging his support for the Hyde Amendment, which was to come before the House of Representatives during the week of September 2, 1980.

2. The Council also advised other Clarksdale churches of the forthcoming vote on the Hyde Amendment and made available information on how to send telegrams urging Representative Whitten to support the Amendment, as well as the cost of sending such telegrams. This information was welcomed by most area ministers.

#### COMMUNITY:

1. Council 2969 continued to provide, free of charge to the public, a telephone movie rating service, with the movie ratings, which are recorded on the telephone answering service providing by the Catholic Motion Picture Council.
2. Council 2969 continues to sponsor bingo for the Clarksdale community at the Council Hall on Tuesday and Friday nights.
3. In June, 1980, the Council donated the use of its pool to youngsters from Immaculate Conception Parish, a predominantly black Parish located in Clarksdale.
4. Council 2969, during the summer months, sponsored two softball teams in the Clarksdale Church League.

#### YOUTH:

1. The St. Elizabeth CYO was donated the use of the Hall for its meeting in the months of June and July.
2. The Council also gave the CYO the use of the Council pool in August for swim-a-thon to raise money for charitable purposes.
3. On August 30, 1980, the CYO was given the use of the Council Hall for a social.

#### FAMILY:

1. Family corporate communion was held on August 31, 1980.

#### CHURCH:

1. Council has donated the use of the Hall for St. Elizabeth Parish Ladies Auxiliary to use during the first week of December, 1980.
2. Council has also donated the use of the Hall for a CYO Christmas party scheduled for December 21, 1980.
3. Council furnished sponsors for CYO overnight on Saturday, November 1, 1980. Father Michael O'Brien from Jackson led the session for the youth of the community.
4. Council has undertaken to provide all workers necessary for the holding of a potluck dinner for all members of the Parish following the 10:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, November 16, 1980.

#### COUNCIL:

1. Our Health Services program for the year started with the holding of a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course at the Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in September. This session, which consisted of eight hours instruction over two nights, was designed primarily for Council members and their wives. However, due to availability of places in the class, teachers from St. Elizabeth School were also given an opportunity to participate in this valuable instruction. Brother Herb Caillouet, our Health Services Chairman, was in charge of setting up this program and hopes to set up another one for the Council in the spring, if enough interest warrants.
2. At the meeting on November 6, 1980, the Council heard a program on tax and financial planning presented by Brother Primo Sbravati and other members of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants.



### PRO-LIFE:

1. Council sent telegrams to U. S. Senators Cochran and Stennis urging support of the Hyde Amendment before the United States Senate.
2. Pro-Life Chairman Tony Antici has received 1,000 leaflets from the Christophers entitled, "Choosing Life", which will be distributed at St. Elizabeth's and other area churches.

### COMMUNITY:

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CUMULATED  
- FUNDS  
- VATED

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1. On October 4, 1980, several Council members participated in the Clarksdale Junior Auxiliary sponsored Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. All Council members who participated completed the 20-mile course, and with the aid of \$100.00 donated by the Council, raised in excess of \$500.00 for St. Jude. Among the Council members participating were Grand Knight Gary Gainspoletti, Community Chairman Tim Roberts, David Poe, Bill Youngblood, and Program Chairman Ewin Henson.

2. On Monday, October 13, 1980, Columbus Day, the Columbus Day tape furnished by the Service Department was broadcast over Radio Station WROX through the aid of Brother Paul Galtelli, station manager.

3. Council has donated money to the City of Clarksdale to help provide a sign welcoming the public to the City.

4. Council has approved the rental of two costumes for use by the Chamber of Commerce in the annual Clarksdale Christmas parade to be held the first week of December. Council members are also planning to assist the Chamber by serving as parade security personnel.

5. Brother Herb Caillouet, Health Services Chairman, with the assistance of Mrs. Nancy Comish, a Registered Nurse at the Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, presented a brief program on the principles of cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the Clarksdale Noon Lions Club.

### YOUTH:

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1,000.00

1. On September 18, 1980, CYO officers and advisers presented a report to the Council meeting on coming CYO programs and also thanked the Council for its past support, in addition to requesting continued assistance.

2. Council has purchased a volleyball and net for the St. Elizabeth School.

3. Council members have been serving as officials for CYO volleyball games.

### FAMILY:

1. Council contributed \$25.00 to help sponsor a family life supplement to be published in Mississippi Today.

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### CHURCH:

On March 29, 1981, Council 2969 sponsored a vocation program for youth and adults of St. Elizabeth Parish. This program was held at the Council Hall, which was donated, along with refreshments, for the persons participating in the program, which was presented by Sister Janice Downs, S. C. N., of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Bro. Frank, S. C. J., of Walls, Mississippi. The program presented was excellent and a fine attendance was had despite very inclement weather.

2. Pro-Life pamphlets were distributed under the leadership of Pro-Life Chairman, Tony Antici, at all masses during the weekend of December 13 and 14. Pamphlets which were left after this weekend have been made available to ministers of other



area churches. The Pro-Life program of Council 2969 has continued to contact government representatives urging them to favor pro-life legislation.

3. Under the leadership of our new church director, Gayle Simpson, who took over for Bro. Gene Doyle, the church chairman for this year who suffered a heart attack, a devotion to Mary is being planned for May, 1981.

1. Quarterly communion for the first quarter of the year was held on March 8, 1981.
2. Quarterly communion for the second quarter of the year is planned for the first weekend in May.
3. Under the leadership of Bro. Pete Elardo and Bro. Richard Antici, football pools were arranged for the college bowl games in December and January, and the Superbowl game in January.
4. The Council sponsored, for the first time, a bowling team in the Clarksdale City League. At last report, the bowling team was doing quite well for a first year organization, having held first place during a portion of the league season against competition from many seasoned teams sponsored by other organizations and businesses.
5. On November 24, 1980, a memorial mass was held for deceased members. Thanks to the efforts of Tony Antici to assure that all Knights and families of deceased Knights were aware of this event, a very good attendance was had. Mass was said by Msgr. McKenna. The entire experience was felt to be very moving by all those present.
6. On December 31, 1980, the Council held its annual New Year's Eve dance with a very good turnout. Music was provided by a local group, Vision.
7. On February 14, 1981, the Council held its Valentine's Day dance featuring music by Grand Track. Thanks largely to the effort of Bro. Emilio Zepponi, the dance proved to be one of the most successful social events the Council had during the year.
8. On January 8, 1981, a first degree initiation was held, admitting two new members, Paul Chamoun and Michael Youngblood.
9. On March 5, 1981, the first degree was conferred by the first degree team of Council 2969 on four new members of the Helena, Arkansas, council.
10. Semi-annual audits for June and December, 1980, were completed and submitted as scheduled.
11. During the course of the current year, the Council has maintained good public relations in the community with news of the Council's participation in the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon, youth activities, and the Tootsie Roll Drive being reported by the local press, and with meeting times being published in the newspaper and in a local magazine.
12. Honored as "Knight of the Quarter" for the first quarter was Bro. Tony Antici, and for the second quarter, Bro. Ewin Henson.

#### COMMUNITY:

1. The 1981 Tootsie Roll Drive was essentially completed on April 4, 1981. Under the leadership of Bill Youngblood and Stanley Swentkowski, co-chairmen, the drive has to date raised in excess of \$3,000.00 with further contributions expected from donors who have been contacted but whose donations have not yet been received. This year's goal is to purchase a van, with matching funds, for use of the City schools. This van will be specially equipped to aid the mentally handicapped.
2. In December, 1980 under the leadership of Bro. Dominic Tavoletti, and through the assistance of several other Knights, the parish distributed Christmas baskets to the needy.
3. In early 1981, Council 2969 donated to the Tele-thon held for support of cerebral palsy research.

4. The Council donated an American flag to the St. Elizabeth School in December, 1980.
5. On November 19, 1980, the use of the Council Hall was donated to the parish for a Thanksgiving dinner for the elderly sponsored by the parish Ladies Auxilliary.
6. On December 7, 1980, the use of the Council Hall was donated to the Kings' Daughters of Clarksdale for a charitable bridge tournament.
7. In December, 1980, the Council donated \$500.00 to O. C. Jones, a guest member, and his family following a severe heart attack suffered by Mr. Jones.

#### YOUTH:

1. Council 2969 has provided coaches for the CYO basketball teams, with Brothers Charlie Sbravati and Davey Lee Farris, Jr., serving in these capacities.
2. Council 2969 has also provided tournament officials for CYO basketball in March, 1981.
3. The Council purchased \$50.00 worth of advertising for the CYO in conjunction with the CYO State Convention.
4. Council 2969 is sponsoring Shannon Robinson to the 1981 Girls' State to be held in May.
5. Council 2969 sponsored Miss Presley Gainspoletti, daughter of Gary and Jamie Gainspoletti, in the Clarksdale Miss Le Petite Contest. Presley was chosen as Fourth Alternate.

#### FAMILY:

1. In December, 1980, the Council sponsored its annual Christmas party for children, with Bro. Vito Sbravati serving as Santa Claus for this occasion.
2. Also in December, a Christmas party was held for Brothers and their wives.
3. The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Council 2969 has been scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 19, 1981.

#### OFFICERS AND AREA CHAIRMEN - 1980 - 81

Grand Knight - Gary Gainspoletti	4-4332 (Bus.) 7-4584
Deputy Grand Knight - Val Soldevila	4-2356 (Bus.) 4-9426 71684
Recorder - Jack Eichenberg	
Chancellor - Tommy Agostinelli	
Treasurer - Ed Cwiklik	
Advocate - Owen Mayfield	
Warden - Reno Sabbatini	
Inside Guard - Gayle Simpson	
Outside Guard - Billy Joe Sabbatini	
Area Chairmen:	
Program Director - Ewin Henson	7-5251 (Bus.) 7-5394
Church Director - Gene Doyle	4-8094 (Bus.) 4-2195
Community Director - Tim Roberts	7-7062 (Bus.)
Pro-Life Chairman - Tony Antici	4-2197
Health Services - Herb Caillouet	7-3211 (Bus.)
Council Director - Davey Gaddy	7-1407

Public Relations - Ronnie Marascalco	4-6110 (Bus.) 7-4985
Family Director - Fred Zepponi	4-2112
Youth Director - Charlie Sbravati	4-4332 (Bus.) 4-6185
Membership - Val Soldevila	4-2356 (Bus.) 4-9426

**JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL NO. 3328**  
**Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194**

The progress report of Council #3328 of Yazoo City, Mississippi is as follows, covering the period from 1 July 1980 through 22 April 1981. New Officers were installed in July by District Deputy Robert King at our Council Hall. Also, the Ladies Auxilliary Officers were installed on this date. The Council served food and drink after the ceremonies for all in attendance.

Officers installed were as follows:

Grand Knight	Doug Hornback
Deputy Grand Knight	Norman Damiens
Financial Secretary	Jimmy Erickson
Chancellor	Jody Carr
Recorder	James Orsborn
Treasurer	Vincent Glorioso
Advocate	Graham Boyd
Warden	Charlie Brock
Chaplain	Fr. John Egan
Lecturer	Tom Castle
Inside Guard	Phillip Coco
Outside Guard	Pat Rush
One Year Trustee	Tom Rush
Two Year Trustee	Michael Erickson
Three Year Trustee	Louis Shipp

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

1. Sponsored a football pool for the Mississippi State and Ole Miss games and, also, another pool for the Bowl games.
2. Sponsored softball team.
3. Donated \$100.00 to CYO in their efforts to raise funds for St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital.
4. Held insurance night with Brother Roy Powers. John Kelly, Special Agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Jackson, was guest for the occasion.
5. Members cooked catfish supper for all men of the Parish.
6. Council made facilities available to Catholic adult education classes on Sunday mornings.
7. Council made gift of \$330.00 to the Priest Education Fund as usual.
8. Pro-Life movement was observed on Pro-Life Sunday, some members wrote letters to their Congressmen in support of Pro-Life Legislation. Our own Brother Louis Shipp's example as State K. C. Pro-Life Chairman was inspiring.
9. Ten members attended degree exemplifications in Jackson with five members receiving the 2nd and 3rd Degree and two new members receiving 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees.



**Outside Guard  
Trustee**

Henry L. Webb  
John W. Smith  
William A. Seal Jr.  
Paulino J. Carrubba

Our Program Director is Bruce Carver. Committee Directors are: Membership, Norman McDonald, Jr.; Church, Joseph Van Cloostere; Council, Michael Rowen; Community, Paulino J. Carrubba; Youth, Floyd Bishop; Family, Michael Necaie.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Thus far, with a strong effort by our membership committee, we have been able to show a net increase in membership of 12 new members. Current activities indicate that a larger increase will be achieved by the end of the fraternal year.

**CHURCH**

1. Members of the Council held a night watch vigil of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday 1980.
2. Council contributed \$1100.00 to the Vincentian Priest Education Fund and \$900.00 to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund.
3. Council presented a gift to our pastor, Father John P. Cawley for his anniversary.
4. Council members operated a beverage booth and organized games for the Parish's 75th anniversary celebration.
5. Council sponsored a vocations program on 3-15-81. Fifty young people from the C. Y. O. attended. Father Jeff Malpiede discussed religious vocations and Grand Knight Robert M. Mitchell discussed marriage as a vocation. Hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. were served to the youth.
6. Council members serve as lecturers, extraordinary Ministers of Communion, commentators, and ushers.
7. Keep Christ in Christmas-Council purchased a new crib scene and displayed it in front of St. Thomas Catholic Church during the Christmas season.
8. Council donated \$20.00 to allow Brother Bill Boggs to purchase rosaries and pamphlets to pass out to the sick when he visited the hospital.
9. Our Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Wombach, held a recollection service concerning Lent on 3-16-81 for the members of the council.

**COMMUNITY**

1. Council donated \$35.00 to the Long Beach Fishing Rodeo for an ad in their program 1980.
2. Council sponsored the Rodeo Queen Candidate for the Long Beach Fishing Rodeo in the sum of \$25.00, 1980.
3. Council sponsored the Installation banquet for the Carnival Association of Long Beach on 5-31-80.
4. Council donated the use of the Council home to a Boy Scout troop for their Awards Night.
5. Council sponsored a drug abuse program for the 5th and 6th grade students of St. Thomas School on 3-11-81. The program was presented by Officer Vic Robbins, Special Youth Drug Officer of the Harrison County Sheriff's Dept.
6. Council's health program was held on 4-6-81. Mrs. M. Baptista, R. N. explained the dangers of high blood pressure and took the blood pressures of the members present.

7. Our Pro-Life program was held on 2-16-81. Mrs. Mary Ann Eadie of the Mississippi Right to Life Council spoke and presented films on the subject of abortion.
8. Council participated in the state Tootsie Roll Drive for 1980 on May 2, 3, and 4. Council collected \$2523.79.
9. Council had members check for immoral material being made available to children at local stores.
10. Council rents home at a less than break-even rate to provide a place for senior citizens to have a hot noonday meal.
11. Council packed and delivered Christmas baskets to the needy families on 12-21-80.
12. Council donated \$75.00 to the Carnival Association of Long Beach for an ad in their program. The C. A. L. B. supports St. Thomas School.

#### COUNCIL

1. Knight of the Quarter banquets for the first two quarters of the fraternal year were given. Knights honored were Brother Bruce Carver and Brother Joseph VanCloostere.
  2. Council sponsored our bowling team to the state bowling tournament.
  3. Council sponsored Fourth Degree exemplification on 5-18-80.
  4. Council hosted the State Installation of Officers and provided a hospitality room for the participants.
  5. Council held its Installation of Council Officers' banquet on 7-19-80. The Fourth Degree and Ladies' Auxiliary officers were also installed. Robert M. Mitchell was voted Knight of the Year.
  6. Council assists Ladies' Auxiliary by allowing ladies to operate a bingo game during the Council's regular Friday night bingo.
  7. Council publishes activities in the local newspapers.
  8. Council sponsored Columbus Day radio broadcast on station WGCM, Gulfport, MS, on 10-12 and 10-13 of 1980.
  9. Council assisted Ladies' Auxiliary with their annual flea market on October 18-19, 1980 for the Priest Education Fund. A special spaghetti dinner was served.
  10. A special plaque was awarded to Mrs. Thelma VanCloostere for her diligent work in the flea market for the Priest Education fund.
  11. Insurance night was held on 2-28-81. Brother Bill Wolfe spoke on K of C insurance and had a guest speaker from the Social Security Administration.
  12. Our Council's First Degree team visited the Bay St. Louis Council and performed three First Degree services.
  13. Conducted Admission Degree at Council home.
- October 20, 1980 initiated 16, December 17, 1980 initiated 3, February 2, 1980 initiated 24, March 16, 1980 initiated 5.

#### YOUTH

1. Council sponsors "Lady Bugs" girls' softball team of Long Beach, Ms. with \$150.00 donation.
2. Council sponsors "Cardinals" minor league baseball team of Long Beach, Ms. with \$100.00 donation.
3. Council presented Savings Bonds of \$25.00 to sixth grade graduates of St. Thomas School (Outstanding Boy and Girl) in May, 1980.
4. Council sponsored a cook-out for the C. Y. O. on 6-8-80 to thank them for their excellent help in the Tootsie Roll Drive.
5. Council assisted the local C. Y. O. with donations and use of our Council home.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Members serve in Church Choir and serve on Parish Council.
2. Members assisted at daily Mass everyday during Lent and often throughout the year.
3. Nearly 100% of membership actively participated in Church pledge drive with the Council Hall as Headquarters for the drive.
4. Parish Renewal Program was held in part in the Council Hall.
5. Reception for the 1981 Confirmation class and Bishop Brunini was held in the Council Hall after Confirmation.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Members involved with Heart Fund Drive.
2. Member serves as county officer for the Easter Seal Society.
3. Members serve on board of Directors for Church Day School, and, also volunteer services to same.
4. Annual Charity Bazzarr held in the Council Hall.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Assisted and supported CYO and their projects. Made Council facilities available to same.
2. Assisted and participated in CYO Benefit Basketball game and Spaghetti Supper.
3. A Father and Son Outing is planned, as well as, family activity and picnics for the entire parish.
4. Funds were appropriated for blackboards to be used in CCD classes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Hornback  
Grand Knight

## **MSGR. LEECH COUNCIL #4472 Pass Christian, Mississippi**

The following is a report of the activities which Msgr. Leech Council No. 4472 has taken part in. These activities all took place from December, 1980 through March, 1981. This report is respectfully submitted this the 24th day of April 1981, by Grand Knight Greg Niolet.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Council Corporate Communion
2. Family Communion
3. Knights of Columbus members as Lectors and Commentors
4. Keep Christ in Christmas Ad.
5. Council Retreat
6. Painted the school gym
7. Sponsored Clergy Night



#### FAMILY LIFE

1. Family Social - Parish Supper Knights of Columbus sponsored
2. Family Communion
3. Family Breakfast
4. Family party at St. Pauls Gym
5. Marriage Encounter
6. Had a Family Rosary

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Help Catholic Youth Organization
2. Basketball Free Throw Contest
3. Worked as Guards at State CYO Convention
4. Members Work with Boy Scouts
5. CYO Retreat (Day of Recollection)
6. Members work in City Baseball Program
7. Members help coach in St. Pauls Basketball Program.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Newsletter
2. Visit Various Councils In Area
3. Knight of Quarter and Insurance Night
4. Publish News in Local Paper
5. Members work ACCO Teachers
6. Help with Church Bingo
7. Run Concessions at Bingo

#### COMMUNITY

1. Flag Raising
2. Visits to Nursing Homes
3. Members belong to Rotary & Chamber of Commerce
4. Holiday Baskets
5. Had Fireman of Year Award
6. Help City with Mardi Gras Parade

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL, NO 4898** **Long Beach, Mississippi**

It is with great pleasure that I submit the following report for the fraternal year 1980-1981. The following officers were elected and installed:

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

Rev. Joseph Wombach  
Robert M. Mitchell  
Bruce G. Carver  
Norman McDonald Jr.  
Albert Henrion  
Rodney J. Sandoz  
Michael Rowen  
Edward F. Hatem  
Pete H. Carrubba  
Pete H. Carrubba  
Dan Biggerstaff

6. Council sponsors Boy Scout troop #300 of Long Beach, Ms.
7. Council sponsored the children's Christmas party on 12-20-80. Santa Claus arrived on a Long Beach fire engine.
8. Council donated \$25.00 to the C. Y. O. to offset their convention expense.
9. Council sponsored a free throw contest on 2-28-81 in Long Beach, Ms. and went to Jackson, Ms. on 3-28-81 for state finals. Council had two contestants finish in 2nd place.

#### **FAMILY**

1. Council sponsored the Annual Family Picnic on 8-17-80 at Flint Creek Water Park in Wiggins, Ms. Fifty members and their families attended. Father John P. Cawley celebrated a field Mass in the pavillion.
2. Council sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt and party for members' families on Easter Sunday, 1980.
3. Council has continued to keep family members of deceased brethren involved in Council functions and on our mailing list.
4. Council awarded the "Family of the Year" award to Ed and Margaret Hatem on 7-19-80.
5. Council sponsors a family quarterly Communion.
6. Council members participated as family groups in a Marian hour of prayer at St. Thomas Church on 10-27-80.
7. Council co-sponsored a family Christmas party with the Ladies' Auxiliary on 12-20-80.
8. Father John P. Cawley celebrated a Memorial Mass for deceased members on 11-17-80. Wives of some of the deceased Brothers attended the service.

Sincerest thanks and appreciation go to the officers and Brothers who gave so unselfishly 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,

Robert M. Mitchell  
Grand Knight

#### **MSGR. J. F. CLERICO COUNCIL NO. 5267 Greenwood, Mississippi**

On July 9, 1980 the following officers of the council were duly installed by Edward A. Lueckenback, District Deputy. A reception was held for members, wives and guests.

Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Financial Secretary  
Advocate  
Treasurer  
Recorder  
Warden

Bobby Acy  
Louis Naaman Jr.  
Robbie Upchurch  
Joe Nassar  
Lee Abraham Jr.  
Ralph Gatzman  
Jacque Diette  
Earl Naron

Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
Lecturer

Harry Hitchins  
Santo Tumminello  
Luther Troop

#### MEMBERSHIP:

On April 15 five new members were initiated into the council. We acquired 3 more members through transfers and we lost 1 member due to transfer and 3 members due to deaths.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

##### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. We had corporate communion periodically with fair attendance. Coffee and donuts were served.
2. A mass was held in memory of deceased Brothers of our council.
3. We raised \$500.00 for Priest Fund.
4. A goodly number of members served as lectors and ushers at all masses.
5. We has a Christmas Billboard put in East Greenwood during the season.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Monthly social night.
2. Sponsored 3 football pools; Ole Miss, MS State, Bowl Pools
3. Tootsie Roll program was carried out.
4. Hosted a district meeting.
5. Participated in the softball tournament in Greenville.
6. Started Bingo on a weekly basis with very good response.
7. Membership drive with Father Cochran as guest speaker, everyone enjoyed a free fish fry.
8. Presented a film on Pope John PaulII, with theme being of Papial Visit.
9. Sent donation to a member of the parish who in the semminar for Priesthood.
10. By laws were changed, changing voting quorm from 18 to 12.
11. Hall is rented numerous times through the year.
12. We had a Christmas supper for members, wives and guests with a local singing group as entertainment.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Gave a donation to Montgomery County Special Olympics.
2. A Easter Egg hunt was enjoyed by all the children of the parish, which we had at the hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members for their support and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobby Acy  
Grand Knight



**FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL NO. 5556**  
**Cleveland, Mississippi**

We began our year's activities with the installation of officers on July 8, 1980. The following officers were installed:

Grand Knight	Vic Aguzzi, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Henry Mosco
Chancellor	Richard Aguzzi
Recorder	Marvin Lott
Treasurer	Sideny Richmond
Advocate	Micheal Fioranelli
Warden	Michael Rocconi
Inside Guard	Roy Cocilovia
Outside Guard	Michael Malone
Financial Secretary	W. F. LaForge
Lecturer	Mandy Fioranelli
Trustees:	
3 year	Albert Rocconi, Jr.
2 year	John Aguzzi
1 year	Ned Fioranelli

This was an open meeting with friends and relatives invited, followed by a supper. District Deputy Edward Luckenbach was present at the installation.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Committee Head - Ned Fioranelli**

1. Commentators & Ushers - Lectures at Mass.
2. Helped with maintenance of church grounds & equipment.
3. Had "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard put up.
4. Fixed outdoor bulletinboard for church.
5. Bought Nativity statues for church.
6. Contribute to Priest Educational Fund.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Committee Head - Mike Rocconi**

1. Joint activities with civic groups by renting hall at discount.
2. Gave \$25.00 to Booster Club of Cleveland for band uniforms.
3. Participated in blood drive for city.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Committee Head - Ronald Aguzzi**

1. Sponsor K of C softball team. Participated in state tournament.
2. Assist Ladies Auxiliary with Christmas party for youth.
3. Had Christmas Dance and New Year's Dance.
4. Spaghetti supper - over 1,000 served.
5. Award night for Brother Joe Correro for 27 year service for National Weather Service.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Committee Head - Doug Cocilovia**

1. Gave gifts to graduating seniors.
2. Sponsor basketball free throw with an entry in each class.
3. Will sponsor Catholic boy and girl to Boy's State and Girl's State in July.
4. Gave donation CYO for trip to Saltito, Mexico.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Committee Head - Mike Fioranelli

1. Had two
2. Admission degrees - February 25th and March 10th - taking in six (6) new members.

**FAMILY LIFE:** Committee Head - Marvin Lott

1. Family of month competition.
2. Grand Knight attended marriage encounter.
3. Donation to Pro-Life program.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Aguzzi, Jr.,  
Grand Knight

**FRED L. WESTBROOK SR. COUNCIL 5654**  
**Ocean Springs**

On June 4, 1980 the following officers were elected;

Grand Knight	Leonard Tarrant
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert O'Brien
Chaplain	Fr. Ivan Weis
Chancellor	Frank Hilt
Recorder	Richard Tinsley
Financial Secretary	Irwin Oberneufemann
Treasurer	James Morris
Advocate	Harold Cox
Warden	Leonard Allen
Inside Guard	Willie Barry
Outside Guard	Harold Allen
Trustee	George Fero
Trustee	Frank Catchot
Trustee	Fred Liscoe
Lecturer	Peter Ryan
Membership Director	Fred Westbrook Jr.
Program Chairman	Robert O'Brien

All of the members were installed by District Deputy Joe Goellner on July 2, 1980.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Fred Westbrook Jr. - Director

1. Held a prospective members night and shown a film on the Knights of Columbus.
2. A total of 2 admission degrees were held by the council degree team.

**CHURCH ACTIVITY:** Willie Barry - Director

1. Cooperative communion on the 4th Sunday of each month.
2. Lectures are active in the Parish.
3. Members serves as ecumenical ministers.

4. Raised funds for Priest education fund.
5. Held memorial services for deceased members.
6. Masses offered for the deceased brothers, and they are enrolled in a perpetual mass.
7. Prayers recited after the meeting for deceased brothers sick and distressed.
8. Support the parish bazaar and retreat with numerous members.
9. Members serve on the parish council and as officers of the Holy Name.
10. Members took part in the parish lenten program.
11. Council provide use of the hall for parish renewal.
12. Held a marion hour of prayer.
13. Held a prayer hour for Brother Iving orination.
14. 40 hrs. of clean up at the church.
15. Participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program.

**YOUTH ACTIVITY: Carl Andres - Director**

1. Presented a check to the Ocean Springs exceptional children.
2. Held a Christmas party for the children.
3. Held the Knight of Columbus free throw.
4. Presented the Rev. Frances Deignon religious award to the outstanding student at St. Alphonsus.
5. Presented the Fred L. Westbrook Sr. award to the highest scholastic student.
6. Sponsored Girl scout troop 434.
7. Held Youth vocation program.

**VOCATION PROGRAM: Frank Hilt - Director**

1. Recited the prayer for vocations before each meeting.
2. Distributed prayer cards and bumper stickers in parishes.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Donald Benezue - Director**

1. Gave Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets to the needy.
2. Council participated in the annual 1699 landing pagent.
3. Presented the Firemen and policemen of the year award.
4. Gave donation to the police dept. narcotic program.
5. Displayed the American flag in front of local businesses on holidays.
6. Distribute magazines to local hospitals.
7. Award night for people in the community who helped the council.
8. Give donations to the Gulf Coast Battered Women Organization monthly.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY: Peter Ryan - Director**

1. Took part in the annual tootsie roll program.
2. Publish quarterly news letters.
3. Held Pro-Life night film on abortion shown.
4. All council publicity published in all 3 local newspapers.
5. Deceased members families included in council activities.
6. Held a council Christmas party for members.
7. Held a Knight of the year award presented to Frank Hilt.
8. Visitation to other councils by brothers.
9. Broadcast the Columbus Day program on local radio station.



10. Sponsored a trip to a football game at the superdome.
11. Sponsored annual Knight of Columbus Invitational Golf Tournament.
12. Held Knight of the Quarter for all four quarters.
13. Held a recognition and award night.

PRO-LIFE: Russell Marcelluis - Director

1. Held a Pro-Life program, with guest speaker from the Gulf Coast Pro-Life organization.
2. Sold precious feet and donated the profit to the Gulf Coast Pro-Life Organization.

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM: Richard Eckert - Director

1. Held a mass for members and families.
2. Consecrated the families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
3. Homes of the families were blessed by local priest.
4. Held a family communion Sunday.
5. Held a picnic for the families.
6. Family outing to the saints game in New Orleans.

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,  
Lenoard Tarrant  
Grand Knight

**SHELBY COUNCIL NO. 6555**  
**Shelby, Mississippi**

REPORT - Shelby Knights of Columbus

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4. Council gave Father Jim Kircher, Pastor \$25.00 for Christmas.
5. Council gave \$60.00 towards the Sixty and over Bingo.
6. Council sponsored a spaghetti dinner and cleared \$820.24.
7. Donated \$100.00 to annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
8. Council held monthly social meetings with refreshments and films on the History of the Knights of Columbus.
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Deputy Grand Knight  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer

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Michael Belenchia  
Joe Radicioni  
Charles Chicorelli

Respectfully submitted,  
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Respectfully submitted

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**MALACHY BURNS COUNCIL 6592**

**Bassfield, Mississippi**

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 1980-81.

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  
Ted Applewhite  
Johnny Kerley  
Bob Everard  
Roland Daley  
Billy Harrington  
Charles Carr  
Bobby Thompson  
Francis Burns  
Mike Carr  
Charlie Harrington  
Jack Morton  
Bobby Thompson  
Walter Daley

**MEMBERSHIP:**

During the year we have conducted three Admission Degrees with six new members. We now have a total of 96 members.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

The renovation and maintenance of our parish buildings have consumed a large portion of our time and efforts during the past year. Among our projects has been the painting of the outside of the church, repairs to the roof and steeple of the church, repair and painting of the rectory, remodeling the inside of the rectory, and repairing the heating and cooling systems in the rectory and parish hall. Our members continue to assist our pastor by serving as lectors, commentators and ushers. We have participated in the Vocations Program and made a sizeable contribution to a seminarian now studying for the priesthood. During the Advent Season we conducted special services each Sunday evening with members providing transportation for the sick and elderly. During the Christmas Season we sponsored a party for the elderly preceded by a communal anointing of those wishing to receive the Sacrament. We conducted the Marion Hour of Prayer and constructed billboards and Nativity scenes during the Christmas Season.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Our activities for the year began with a number of our members attending the state convention in Greenville and returning with some very treasured awards. The annual Tootsie Roll Drive followed very shortly and as in previous years a good showing of the dedication of our members was evident in this endeavor. One of our most enjoyable activities is the monthly joint social meeting held with the Ladies Auxiliary. These meetings and the pot-luck dinner which follows are enjoyed by all. We have conducted several joint fund-raising projects with the Ladies Auxiliary. We conducted three First Degree Formations and attended one Second and Third Degree in Lumberton and one in Jackson. Two teams of our members participated in the state softball tournament. We have held memorial services for our deceased members and continue to make special efforts to include their families in our activities. A highlight of the year was the bus trip to New Orleans for the Saints football game. The Insurance Representative has visited our council on several occasions and every effort has been made to assist him in his work. A most memorable experience occurred when our Past Grand Knight and his wife traveled to Atlanta to accept the International Church Activity Award at the National Convention. Our K. C. Newsletter is published and distributed regularly and our members regularly visit with the sick and support and comfort the bereaved members of our parish.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Our participation in the Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Handicapped started our year in community activities. Other fund-raising campaigns which we participated in include The Red Cross, Kidney Foundation, Heart Fund, Cystic Fibrosis, St. Jude's, and Special Olympics. Our members serve as coaches and umpires for the local youth baseball teams as well as for the ladies softball teams. We conducted "Turkey Shoots" before thanksgiving and Christmas and performed in the Christmas Pageant in December. We sponsored an "Open House" in which parish memorabilia was displayed as well as our council awards. This event was well attended and many old acquaintances were renewed. We hosted dinner-dances for New Year's, Valentine's, Labor Day and Thanksgiving in addition to a Halloween Costume Ball. Pro-Life literature has been distributed and members have been urged to write to their senators and congressmen regarding this issue.



### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

We continue to sponsor and chaperone dances for the youth of the parish and community on a regular basis. In May we honored our graduates and their parents with a breakfast prepared entirely by members and followed this with a special recognition service during Mass. Our scholarship program has now been revised and at this time several applications have been received. We hosted an appreciation dinner for the local high school football team and coaches and provided transportation and supervised some of the team members attending two college football games. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas party were well attended and enjoyed by all. Members spend many hours supervising and coaching the younger children in the community baseball and T-ball leagues.

### **FAMILY LIFE:**

We have sponsored several family outings during this year, and continue to promote family activities with parties, softball games, picnics, etc., as well as our joint monthly social meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. Our most significant Family Life Activity was the Family Advent Service held on each of the four Sundays of Advent. These services were well attended and most inspirational, especially to the young adults of the parish.

Respectfully submitted

Ted Applewhite, Grand Knight

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNCIL NO. 6765**  
**Starkville, Mississippi**

No report submitted.

**PICAYUNE COUNCIL NO. 6872**  
**Picayune, Mississippi**

No report submitted.

**FATHER ALEXANDER C. DENIS COUNCIL NO. 7087**  
**Kila, Mississippi**

### **OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

Grand Knight  
Chaplain  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Recorder  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer

O. J. Shiyou  
Father Tom Stepanski  
Edward Shiyou  
Berlin Necaie  
Michael T. Leleux  
Richard Hoda  
Earl Amsworth

Advocate  
 Warden  
 Inside Guard  
 Outside Guard  
 Trustee  
 Trustee  
 Trustee  
 Program Chairman  
 Membership Chairman

Wayne Cuevas  
 Elbert Cuevas  
 William Bond  
 Herman Lizana  
 John L. Cuevas  
 Clifford Lizana  
 Joseph Cuevas  
 Michael L. Leleux  
 Edward Shiyou

The Kiln, Ft. A. C. Kenis Council held 2 admission degrees. November, 1980, installed by our own Admission Degree team.

The following were the activities which the A. C. Denis Council 7087, completed during the dates of April 1, 1980, to March 31, 1981.

#### CHURCH PROGRAMS:

1. Placed vocation posters at White Cypress, St. Joseph & annunciation churches.
2. \$20.00 vocation program, made donation to the Ms. K. of C. Vocation program.
3. Sponsored a night of recollection with our Chaplin holding the evening program.
4. Keep Christ in Christmas put ads in the Bay St. Louis, Ms. paper during the month of December.
5. Held Rosery services for Parish in October 1980 as a devotion to Mary.
6. We had council members serve as Lecturers, Ushers and Eucrestic Ministers in our councils parishes, year round.
7. Held a Clergy night to honor our Parish Clergy, October, 1980.
8. We assisted the Parish Clergy in distribution of their Christmas baskets during Christmas, we did this in addition to our own distribution.
9. Our council members made up the work force of the Annunciation Fair held in May, 1980.
10. Our council assisted and gave all funds made from council cotton candy machine, \$700.00, at the 1980 Gumbo Festival which the council worked to assist the infant of Prague Church at White Cypress, Miss., which is part of the Annunciation Parish.
11. Our council made a \$50.00 donation to the PRJC Newman Club.
12. Our council members served on Ten Parish Councils of our Council Parishes.
13. Our council members assisted with labor at the Annunciation School Bingo.

#### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

1. Distributed our American Flag leaflets, for a patriotism program, July, 1980.
2. Sponsored radio Columbus Day Program over WXGR at Bay St. Louis, Ms.
3. Our council held joint activities with community organizations by having our Cotton Candy Machine aid the Civic Club functions: such as, horse shows.
4. Gave 16 baskets at Christmas for the needy.
5. Assisted the mentally retarded association of Harrison county.
6. Held St. Jude Bike-A-Thon to aid St. Jude Hospital, in Memphis, Tenn.
7. Gave donations to aid needy families in community.
8. Held blood pressure information night at a social, with Danny Hamby giving a talk, December 1980.
9. Held Drug Abuse program for community at social with Deputy Alvin Ladner giving a talk, January, 1981.
10. Held Pro-Life program with social, Danny Hamby giving a fine talk with film, February, 1981.

11. Held Tootsie Roll Drive collecting \$886.86, May, 1980.
12. Held Joint Fund Raiser with Picayune Touchdown Club, Picayune, MS., in J. J. Holcomb Bowl, November, 1980.
13. Presented certificate to Social Security representative Terry Gill from Gulfport office for insurance night.
14. Held Turkey shoot for community to aid needy families.

#### COUNCIL:

1. Our council published their activities in the Echo Newspaper of Bay St. Louis, Ms.
2. Our council held their awards night with the installation of officers, September, 1980.
3. Brothers of our council made visitations to Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, and held our District meeting at the Kiln, Ms., January, 1981.
4. Our council visited our Brothers who was hospitalized.
5. Our council presented a grave marker to Brother Hudson Family, upon his death.
6. Held Insurance night, November 15, 1980, with Social Security Representative from Gulfport, who gave us valuable information on Social Security.
7. Published monthly newsletter.
8. Held gumbo dinner for members.
9. Held beer & dogs for members after meeting.
10. Held fall dance for members, September, 1980 at VFW, Kiln, Ms.
11. Held Christmas dance at Annunciation School, December, 1980.
12. Have Knight of Quarter, to outstanding Knights, each Quarter Winners were: Herman Lazana, Edward Shiyu, Clifford Lazana & Michael T. Leleux.
13. Our Knight of the Year was Richard Hoda.

#### YOUTH:

1. Held the free throw contest at Annunciation School, also went to state shoot-off.
2. Held a youth social to feed the children who participated in the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon.
3. Sponsored a youth retreat at Nacaise Crossing and supplied food for the weekend.
4. Sponsored children Christmas party and gave gifts to children of Council members.
5. Council members supplied & built volleyball poles for use of CYO for Annunciation Parish.
6. Made \$50.00 donation to Newman Club at PRC Junior College.
7. Held Joint social with CYO at the January Social at the Drug Abuse Program.
8. Presented awards to the top fund raiser for the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon.

#### FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMS:

1. Continued to encourage families of deceased members to continue in our activities.
2. Held monthly socials during September thru February.
3. Held memorial service for Father A. C. David and held Family Mass at grave sight November 1, 1980.
4. Held devotion to Mary with rosary and mass and family communion, October 20, 1980.
5. Held Family Christmas Party with gifts for members.
6. Easter Mass, members attended mass with the family and attended Communion together.



7. Our Chaplin is one of the priest who direct Marriage Encounter.
8. Couples from the council went to Marriage Encounter weekends.

I feel that the accomplishments of this year has been the most ever accomplished by our Council since we have been formed. To the success of this year projects. I owe a great deal of gratitude to those who labored so long and hard to gain what we have accomplished. We have had more interest and concern toward the progress of our council. This year the good of our council has accomplished is a shining example of Columbianism in our parish.

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

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. Shiyu,  
Grand Knight

**HERNANDO DESOTO COUNCIL NO. 7120**  
**Southaven, Mississippi**

On behalf of the officers, past and present, as well as the men of our Council, it is indeed a pleasure to offer this report on the Hernando Desoto Council No: 7120, located in Southaven, Mississippi.

Following last years convention, Grand Knight James Higgins returned to Southaven excited and determined to make the final days of the 1979 - 1980 fraternal year highly successful, so that the incoming officers would have a sound base on which to launch the 1980 - 1981 fraternal year. In this regard, the Council conducted its' annual Tootsie Roll Drive with higher goals and greater enthusiasm than ever before. The net result was an increase of \$2,300.00, or 250%, over the previous years gross receipts. In accomplishing this, nearly the entire Council, and an additional 109 volunteers from the Southaven area, established a bond of mutual cooperation, and a climate that brought great respect to our Order. Additionally, the Mariion Hour of Prayer held in late June firmly established our Council as one rich in church tradition and committment to the spiritual life of the men of the Council, their families and the Catholic community at large.

Council elections conducted in June brought into office a group of men whose membership in our Order began with, or after the formation of our Council in 1978. In effect then, the leadership of our Council was entrusted to men with new enthusiasm and ideas. These officers made it their goal to build upon the rich traditions established since our chartering, while at the same time realizing that in great measure they too were establishing a path for others to follow.

At the first officers meeting following elections, it was decided that sound program planning, coupled with a patient, but consistent, program of membership development, would be undertaken. In this regard an annual activity calendar was established in detail. This calendar provided for a balanced program of activities in each service area, carefully designed to qualify the Council for Honor Council recognition and, hopefully, Distinguished Council designation. A prime consideration of this calendar was to establish a presence and a rapport with the five parishes

within the area served by our Council. This was to be accomplished by rotating Corporate Communion and blood pressure checks among those churches. In addition, it was decided to recognize each parish on a Sunday near their parish feast day, by hosting a social following their principal Sunday Mass. In the area of membership development it was decided that prospective members needed to be more carefully interviewed, in order to determine their commitment to the principals of our Order, and that their particular interest of service needed to be clearly defined.

Our 1980-1981 fraternal year began with a highly successful patriotic celebration on July 6. Fourth Degree members from our Council, assisted by other members of the Cardinal Stritch Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee, provided an honor guard for this celebration. Later in July we assisted with a Founder's Day picnic for Christ the King Church in Southaven, which was climaxed with an open air mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Brunini. July was closed with a pot luck supper honoring newly elected, as well as outgoing Council officers.

The month of August was highlighted by a family pool party for Knights and their families. Special guests at this party were the many volunteers who assisted with the Tootsie Roll Drive in May.

September was a busy month for the Knights as the parish celebration at St. Gregory's Church in Senatobia was held early in the month, and at mid-month, Knight's ran the parish picnic for Christ the King Church in Southaven.

Activities in October included an Admissions Degree on Columbus Day, followed by a joint social with Council 5062 in Memphis. Following a Corporate Communion at Sacred Heart in Walls, National Shut In Day was recognized by a visit to the Southaven Health Care Center on the third Sunday of the month.

November's activities included a Day of Recollection, a Mass for deceased members of the Order and helping Christ the King celebrate its' feast day with a special Mass and reception.

December opened with a Christmas party for Knights and their wives. Additionally during the week prior to Christmas, the Knights organized and transported the youth from Christ and the King Church on a Christmas caroling program. On the day after Christmas a check for \$500.00 was presented to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in memory of a youngster from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The new year opened with a Pro-Life Liturgy on the third Sunday in January, and a Pro-Life Program on the following Monday evening. Panel members included a representative from Birthright in Memphis and Father Elvin Sund, Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Jackson. The month concluded with a blood pressure check at Sacred Heart in Walls.

On Valentine's Day the wives of the Knights were honored with a dinner. This month concluded with a blood pressure check at Christ the King Church in Southaven, and Holy Spirit in Hernando. A Corporate Communion was held at Holy Spirit in connection with this blood pressure check.

A major highlight of our fraternal year occurred March 2 with a Religious Appreciation Dinner attended by the priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, Knights and their wives. We were especially honored to have Bishop William R. Houck in attendance. Later in March a Corporate Communion was held at St. Joseph's Church

in Holly Springs, followed by a reception for that faith community in honor of their Parish feast day. The month concluded with a kick off breakfast for the Tootsie Roll Drive and was highlighted by proclamations from the mayors of Southaven, Horn Lake and Hernando, declaring the first week of April as "Mental Retardation Week".

Our membership development program was highlighted by an open house in September, the conferring of the Admissions Degree on six (6) new members and the Knighthood of nine (9) fellow brothers.

Larry Campbell  
Grand Knight

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL NO. 7211**  
**Lumberton, Mississippi**

**OFFICERS:**

Chaplain  
Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Warden  
Guards  
Trustees  
Advocate

Rev. Ronald Herzog  
Leo Ridge  
Oscar Authement  
Edwin Cleveland

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

1. Parish fair - handled barbeque and all kitchen details.
2. Provided printing for church bulletin.
3. Scheduled commentators and ushers each month.
4. Family corporate Communion quarterly
5. Helped in renovation of Parish Hall.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

1. Sponsored community bingo for hospital - raised \$250.00
2. Presented 21 Care Packages to Lumberton Citizens Hospital to be distributed to those in need.
3. Tootsie Roll drive for mentally retarded. Worked Poplarville, Lumberton and Wiggins.
4. Provided magazines and newspapers for convalescent home and 2 hospitals.
5. Christmas baskets to 15 needy families.
6. Printed 2,000 letterheads for Association of Retarded Citizens of Lamar County.
7. Donations made to needy families, financial assistance.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

1. Printed newsletter for 1 year.
2. Presented Knight of the Year award.
3. Attended State convention.



4. Had a joint hospitality room at convention with Picayune and Kiln Councils.
5. Work date in parish.
6. Two men bowled in State Tournament.
7. Assisted Ladies Auxiliary with Halloween party for kids of both parishes.
8. Attended district Installation of Officers at Seneca.
9. Bingos every week raised money for charitable work and council operations.
10. Award night banquet. Honored council members, ladies, local officials and youth.
11. Boiled seafood dinner and fried catfish dinner for bingo workers and their wives.

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

1. Held Easter egg hunt for St. Joseph and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishes.
2. Gave Raymond E. Schlautman Memorial Scholarship to Nathan Oldmixon.
3. Gave Merit Scholarship to graduating senior at Lumberton High School.
4. Christmas party for youth with Santa along with family dinner.
5. Held monthly instructions for altar boys.

#### **FAMILY LIFE:**

1. Presented Family of the Year Award.
2. Family Corporate Communion and social.
3. Family social - Knights cooked meal.
4. Family Christmas party.

#### **INDIVIDUAL PURSUITS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

1. Lecturers, ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.
2. parish council members.

#### **DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM:**

1. Sponsored drug abuse program.

#### **HEALTH PROGRAM:**

1. Sponsored blood pressure readings provided by local nurses.

#### **PRO-LIFE PROGRAM:**

1. Passed out bumper stickers.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES:**

1. Memorial Mass for deceased brothers.

#### **INSURANCE NIGHT:**

1. Conducted insurance night.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow officers and all the dedication 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 Grand Knights turn in Scrapbooks, Newsletters, Individual Activities Reports for judging. He then requested that nominations for the various awards be turned in for judging.

After a number of announcements relative to the evenings festivities the State Deputy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Kelleher.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1981

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.

Master Henry Janche 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 Credential Committee, report that we have verified the credentials of the following delegates to the 77th 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

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

#### COUNCIL DELEGATES

802 Meridian  
848 Jackson  
898 Vicksburg  
1034 Natchez  
1244 Biloxi  
1522 Bay St. Louis

Thomas R. Zettler - Roy E. Powers, Sr.  
Basil E. Moots - Robert W. Lambert  
Zenon Sucharski - Walter L. Reynolds  
George Souderes - George E. Hude  
Frank Tarrant - Gerald F. Lamey  
Bob Hubbard - Leslie Blaize

1583 Gulfport  
1605 Pascagoula  
1908 Hattiesburg  
2134 Greenville  
2180 Laurel  
2945 Leland  
2969 Clarksdale  
3328 Yazoo City  
4472 Pass Christian  
4898 Long Beach  
5267 Greenwood  
5556 Cleveland  
5654 Ocean Springs  
6555 Shelby  
6592 Bassfield  
6765 Starkville  
6872 Picayune  
7087 Kiln  
7120 Southaven  
7211 Seneca  
7440 Philadelphia

F. J. Bartlett - Fritz Oberlies  
John W. Cox - Bernard R. Frederic  
Ed Dugas - Wm. C. Kinkope  
Joe Tonos - Bill Koeppe  
James F. Hunter - John P. Myers  
Leon J. Shapley - Jerry Santucci  
Frank Whitehead  
Tom Rush - Louis Shipp  
Gregory Niolet - Gustave Kinler  
Robert M. Mitchell - Paulino J. Carrubba  
Bobby Acy - Robert Overley  
Albert Rocconi, Jr. - Victor Aguzzi, Jr.  
James L. Tarrant, Jr. - George C. Fero  
Alex Belenchia - T. J. Avaltroni  
Ted Applewhite - Johnny L. Kerley  
Kenneth N. Simon - Lynn Cook  
Stanley J. Orgeron - Jerry Hunter  
O. J. Shiyou - Michael T. Leleus  
Lawrence Campbell - Victor Hageman  
Oscar J. Authement - Roy Nonenmacher  
David Duncan

#### DISTRICT DEPUTIES

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

#### PAST STATE DEPUTIES

John S. Cabibi  
John P. Myers  
Hilton A. Seymour  
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.  
Norman L. Kiehm  
G. R. Scheiderman  
Dave Atteberry

The committee recommends that the current system of dual delegate credentials be terminated and that the letter form now used be adopted as the official delegate credential form.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Don Oldmixon, Chairman  
Pat Smith, Basil Moots,  
Robert Overley, Sonny Sucharski



Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Sandoz:

Many exciting events are taking place in the Order as the Mississippi jurisdiction gathers in convention to assess past achievements and to plot a course for the coming year and beyond.

Enthusiasm is building as we approach the Centennial of Columbianism, and plans are underway to make our 100th Anniversary year a memorable one. Our pride in being Knights, in belonging to what has been called a "unique organization" of Catholic men, will be in the forefront of our celebration of a century of service to Church, community and fellow man.

While we celebrate the past, emphasis will be placed also on the present and future as we work together - through membership, insurance, council development and ceremonies - to implement programs in strengthening family life, vocations, Marian devotion, Catholic education and evangelization, among so many others, which serve to make us unique.

To the state officers and convention delegates, to your councils and especially to the families of this great jurisdiction, I send greetings and best wishes on behalf of my fellow officers and directors, in my own name, and in the names of your 1.3 million Brother Knights.

With prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide your deliberations, and that Our Lady will watch over us all, I am.

Fraternally,

Virgil C. Dechant  
Supreme Knight

#### **ANNUAL STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT 1980 - 1981**

My Brother Knights,

This is the second time I have been privileged to stand before you and give an account of the status of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi. Since last we met in convention in Greenville much has happened in the spread of Columbianism across this great state of ours. Each of you can be justifiably proud of the many noteworthy events that have occurred this past year.

Our fifth annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for the mentally retarded was conducted the week-end following the convention. This successful drive under the able leadership of PSD Dave Atteberry grossed over \$70,000 which is the highest amount since the program began. These contributions which were distributed throughout the state helped many of our less fortunate citizens to a better way of life. Our efforts were recognized by the Mississippi Association of Retarded Citizens when they named us the "Outstanding Citizens Group" and presented us with a plaque attesting to this fact.

In June, Josie and I were privileged to attend the State Deputies' meeting in New Haven, Connecticut. I can truly say that this was a personal highlight of this fraternal year. Every Knight dreams of seeing the birthplace of Columbianism and visiting the

Supreme Council Headquarters. During our visit we attended Mass at the gravesite of the founder of our great Order, Father Michael McGivney. This awe-inspiring occasion reminded us of the vision of this gentle young priest who founded an order of Catholic men which has grown over the years to the mightiest such organization in the entire world.

While in New Haven we attended the dedication of the Knight's Family Chapel in the Supreme Council building. This beautiful little chapel serves as a daily reminder that the Knights of Columbus has become more than just a Catholic Men's organization. We are truly family-oriented.

During our meeting we received presentations outlining the Order's programs and each State Deputy was given an opportunity to set goals for his jurisdiction. The goals set by me for Mississippi are well on their way to fulfillment, thanks to the efforts of each and every council in our jurisdiction.

Today we stand Number One in Division V for membership and with a little luck and some more effort we hope to finish out the year on top. To date we have added 291 new members to our councils in Mississippi and are only 69 short of our projected goal for the year. This should be easily attainable if each council will continue the good work from now thru June.

On the other side of the coin however, we have lost 132 members due to suspensions. As always this continues to be a problem. I urge each council to try harder to retain their membership and do all in their power to avoid further suspensions before the end of the fraternal year. It is only thru the retention of membership that we will be able to hold on to our Number One position.

As of today we have 12 councils that are eligible for Star Council Status with 6 other councils well on their way toward meeting their goals. Last year we had only 5 councils which merited this distinction.

I congratulate last year's winners of the Contest of Champions awards - Clarksdale with the greatest net gain in membership and Kiln with the highest percentage gain. This year's contest is a real horse race with a number of councils vying for the honors.

Our installation of State Officers was held in Long Beach on the week-end of July 12 and 13. The meeting was well attended and was designed to acquaint our State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen with the details of the programs outlined at the State Deputies meeting in New Haven. The enthusiasm generated at this meeting has helped to make this year's program successful.

During July, I traveled extensively to a number of councils to participate in their Installation of Officers ceremonies. The hospitality shown by each of these councils will long be remembered.

In August we attended the 98th Supreme Council in Atlanta, Georgia. Mississippi was well represented at the convention since it was within driving distance. The highlight of the meeting was the announcement that the Bassfield Council had been chosen as the winner of the Best Church Activity in the entire Order. I can think of no greater honor that could be bestowed on Mississippi than to know that one of our own councils had been picked in this most important category. This is a significant achievement for such a small council in a predominantly Protestant state to conduct a Church Activity deemed "Best" over all the other jurisdictions. Grand Knight



Walter Daley and his wife Rachel were guests of the Supreme Council as recognition of this achievement. They and the other members of the Bassfield Council deserve our sincere appreciation for a job "well done".

In December I attended the State Deputies Meeting in Chicago. At this meeting we were told of plans for our upcoming Centennial celebrations and shown the final revised ceremonials of the Order. This meeting was followed by our own mid-winter meeting held in Jackson Sunday December 14. At this meeting we outlined plans for the second half of the fraternal year.

As all of you know, each council was encouraged to form a new First Degree term to exemplify the new ceremonials. This team must be in place before the end of June, at which time the old ceremonial First Degree will no longer apply. PSD Hilton Seymour and the Biloxi Degree Team is in the process of putting together the new Second and Third Degrees which must be in place before the end of December.

During our mid-winter meeting, Mississippi was chosen with several other jurisdictions to participate in a pilot Vocations Program designed to create a greater awareness of the current vocations crisis and involve each council on a personal level with candidates for religious vocations. It is too soon to determine the success of this pilot program, but I am hopeful that the outcome will be favorable.

In connection with our Centennial celebrations for the coming year, I have appointed Tom Zettler of Meridian as our State Centennial chairman. He will serve in this position through October 1982. The Supreme Council has a number of programs planned to celebrate this historic occasion including promotion of the cause of sainthood for Father McGivney. Brother Zettler will be outlining the plans we have for Mississippi when he delivers his report, so I won't go further at this time.

The theme of the second half of our fraternal year has been "Back to Basics." The thrust of this program is to have each council participate in those basic programs of the Order which have proven so successful over the years. These programs if engaged in enthusiastically will help greatly in the spread of Columbianism.

One of the basic programs that has been most successful in our jurisdiction has been the Inter-Council Competition which is in its eleventh year. This year we added a membership goal of 5% net increase for each council wishing to attain Distinguished Council status. At first this seemed like a very difficult goal but 12 of our councils have already met or exceeded this goal. Program Director Mike Leleux has done an outstanding job administering this program, and I will leave further details to his report. I would like to say however, that I believe that this program has matured over the years to a point where I think it is time for a change in name. I suggest that from here on out it be called the Knights of Columbus Honors Program because while each council does compete with each other to be named "Best Council", the honor of being named Distinguished Council denotes a high standard of excellence which can only be measured by individual council achievement. I trust that at this meeting we will ratify such a name change or one similar to it.

This year we have seen increased participation by our councils in the "Family of the Month" program. This program gives us an opportunity to recognize outstanding families on the local level. To date six Mississippi families have been chosen in the Supreme Council "Family of the Month" drawings. Each family received a beautiful plaque depicting the Holy Family to commemorate their winning. I urge those councils not presently involved with this program to give serious consideration to participating in the future.



Throughout the year we have held six Second and Third Degree Exemplifications across the state. I was privileged to attend all but the one held in Jackson which I was unavoidably unable to attend. It was a real privilege to see over two hundred brother knights receive the honors of these degrees. I trust that I will be privileged to see at least one or two more before the end of my term of office.

One of the major disappointments of the past year was that we were able to develop as many new councils as we had hoped. This was not due to any lack of effort on the part of New Council Development Chairman Roy Powers or our District Deputies. Each of them followed up on every lead. Some of these leads seemed very promising at times but the time must be right if a new council is to be started. The groundwork has been laid and I am certain that we will see a number of new councils in the next year or two.

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It has been my privilege to attend many social events and meetings of councils all over Mississippi this year. I thank each of you for your gracious invitations and hospitality. I have met many fine people and will treasure these acquaintances and friends as I look back over the events of the past year.

I particularly wish to thank my fellow officers, District Deputies and State Chairmen for the help given me as they carried out their assigned duties with such care and concern this past year. If our programs are successful it is due to their dedication and the dedication of countless Knights in our jurisdiction who have thought enough of our great Order to promote the many good works that have been done in the name of the Knights of Columbus. No one person can do it alone. It takes team effort and spirit, and I think the Mississippi Knights have both.

I also want to thank my wife Josie for her help this past year. Her inspiration and words of encouragement and her patience with the many hours spent in carrying out my duties is deeply appreciated.

This past two years have been exciting for me. The rewards that come from helping to spread Columbianism cannot adequately be measured in human terms. To know that we are part of a great organization whose programs help spread Christ's gospel message of love is in itself a great reward. To be chosen to lead such a fine organization is indeed a great honor. I thank you for having given me this opportunity to serve as your State Deputy. It is one which I will deeply cherish and always remember. 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, 1981, as compared with totals as of April 1, 1980. Figures are based on monthly summary of membership status from the Supreme Council.

COUNCIL	NO. OF MEMBERS		INCREASE	DECREASE
	1980	1981		
802 Meridian	123	138	15	
848 Jackson	170	177	7	
898 Vicksburg	350	340		10
1034 Natchez	240	243	3	
1244 Biloxi	408	410	2	
1522 Bay St. Louis	134	175	41	
1583 Gulfport	352	346		6
1605 Pascagoula	234	264	30	
1908 Hattiesburg	128	108		20
2134 Greenville	257	230		27
2180 Laurel	51	53	2	
2945 Leland	51	51		
2969 Clarksdale	201	214	13	
3328 Yazoo City	71	70		1
4472 Pass Christian		35	35	
4898 Long Beach	137	137		
5267 Greenwood	94	85		9
5556 Cleveland	93	99	6	
5654 Ocean Springs	105	114	9	
6555 Shelby	51	46		5
6592 Bassfield	86	97	11	5
6765 Starkville	48	60	12	
6872 Picayune	63	55		8
7087 Kiln	36	45	9	
7120 Southaven	57	49		8
7211 Seneca	41	42	1	
7440 Philadelphia	35	35		
	3616	3718	196	94

A new gain of 102 members is reflected by this report. Included are 1137 Insurance members (up 39 from last year) and 2581 Associate members. Also included are 266 Honorary Life Members, 83 Honorary Members and 309 Inactive members.

Reports from the various councils indicate that God in His Infinite Wisdom has called the following members to their Eternal Home since our last convention:

Meridian	Vicksburg	Natchez
Bernard A. Cook	Frank F. Calloway	Everett H. Button
	Louis Gargaro	Jack Sewald
Jackson	Vincent A. Canizaro	James H. Keyer
Leon P. Bomar	Sidney P. Saucier	Louis J. Gonnellini
Dwight J. Hollowell	John M. Ryan	
Emile B. Cavallo	Elmer W. Jessmer	
	Joseph Ray Terry	

<b>Biloxi</b> Floyd L. Breal Fred Marchioni John P. Foley Joseph Lauro	<b>Hattiesburg</b> Leo J. Ferguson Milton R. Tucker Richard J. Cargill	<b>Greenwood</b> Phillip P. Correro W. H. Nored Joseph F. Marascalco Francis Unkle
<b>Bay St. Louis</b> Lucien Perniciaro A. D. Benvenuti, III	<b>Greenville</b> George Menhal	<b>Ocean Springs</b> John F. Belote Albert S. Westbrook Walter D. Milner Edwin T. Simpson
<b>Gulfport</b> A. J. Ingrassia Dr. W. H. Starr Edward M. Sternberg George A. Dillon Robert R. Miller	<b>Clarksdale</b> Keith K. Newman John E. Sommers, Jr. Odone Malavasi Rocco G. Morris	<b>Starkville</b> Joseph Phillips
<b>Pascagoula</b> Joseph V. Krebs, Sr.	<b>Yazoo City</b> Joseph F. Coco	<b>Picayune</b> Oscar J. Gelpi
	<b>Long Beach</b> Harold L. Dubisson	<b>Kiln</b> Frank H. Hudson

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  
April 24, 1980 through June 30, 1980

**CASH RECEIVED:**

Cash on hand as of April 24, 1980	9,163.09
Deposits	0
Total Cash as of June 30, 1980	9,163.09

**EXPENDITURES:**

1971 Convention expenditures Memorial Mass	25.00
Mileage and Per Diem	4,702.35
Newsletter Expense	242.10
Trophies, Badges, Lapel Pins	281.08
Vocation Expense, Orphans Fund	304.49
Stationary	43.50
Subscription to Columbia for Libraries 78-79; 79-80	75.60
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>5,674.12</b>
Savings Account as of April 24, 1980	1,142.73



Interest from April 24, 1980 thru June 30, 1980	14.99
Total Savings account as of June 30, 1980	1,157.72
Total cash as of June 30, 1980	9,163.09
Total expenditures as of June 30, 1980	5,674.12
Total funds available as of June 30, 1980 (checking)	3,488.97
Total funds available as of June 30, 1980 (savings)	1,157.72
Total of all funds available as of June 30, 1980	4,646.69

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Fratesi

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Mississippi State Council  
July 1, 1980 through April 24, 1981

CASH RECEIVED:

Cash on hand as of July 1, 1980	3488.97
Per Capita tax first half of year 1980 - 1981	6670.00
Per Capita tax last half of year 1980 - 1981	6786.00
Total cash as of April 24, 1981	16,944.97

EXPENDITURES:

Organizational meeting, per diem & meal July 1980	698.14
Installation mass July 1980	25.00
Trophies, Plaques, etc.	932.46
Souvenirs for Supreme Convention	112.50
1980 Convention yearbooks	1083.60
Newsletter expense and state directory	294.15
State Secretary's expense	88.91
Postage	93.00
Subscription of Columbia in libraries	37.80
Refund to State Treasurer	5.00
Refund on overpayment of Per Capita Tax	8.00
Midwinter meeting, mileage and meals	416.80
Total Disbursements	3,794.96
Savings account as of July 1, 1980	1157.72
Interest from July 1 thru March 31, 81	46.40
Total savings account as of April 24, 1981	1,204.12
Total cash received (checking account) as of April 24, 1981	16,944.97

Total expenditures as of Apr 24, 1981	3,794.96
Total funds available as of April 24, 1981 (checking)	13,150.01
Total funds available as of April 24, 1981 (savings)	1,204.12
Total all funds available as of April 24, 1981	14,354.13

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fratesi

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.

During the year 1980 - 1981, 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. Installation of officers in Starkville.
4. Exemplification of 2nd and 3rd degree in Lumberton, Jackson, and Pascagoula.
5. Admission degree in Meridian.
6. District meeting in Starkville.
7. Council meeting in Vicksburg.
8. State meeting in Jackson.
9. Recognition banquet in Pascagoula.

Respectfully submitted,

Wiley Price, Jr.  
Mississippi Jurisdiction

#### **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT DISTRICT # 1**

It has been my pleasure to serve this past year as District Deputy of District 1. the Councils in this district are Clarksdale, Shelby and Southaven.

I started the year by attending the Installation of State Officers in Long Beach in July. In addition to the Installation of Officers, where was a State Officers meeting and orientation meeting for District Deputies. This was a very informative meeting in which the State goals and program for the year were reviewed and discussed.

In July I conducted the Installation of Officers in Shelby and then in Southaven. Each installation ceremony was followed by a fine meal.

In August I had a district meeting which was hosted by the Southaven Council. The State Program for the year was reviewed with officers and other members present.

In August I also attended a swimming party held by the Southaven council in recognition and appreciation of the Tootsie Roll drive workers.

I also completed the installation of officers with the installation of officers of the Clarksdale Council.

In December I attended the Mid-Winter meeting of State Officers in Jackson.

In March I was pleased to attend a Clergy Appreciation Night hosted by the Southaven council. This was a fine event that was well attended by the clergy from the Southaven area as well as Auxiliary Bishop Houck.

This has been a very enjoyable year for me, although there were several goals that I did not accomplish.

In conclusion I wish to thank Worthy State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for allowing me to serve as District Deputy.

Frank Whitehead.

#### **REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT NO. 2**

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

It has been my honor to serve as District Deputy for the past two years in District 2. I have greatly enjoyed spending time at the councils in the district and meeting the brothers in this area. I held the installation of officers ceremony at each council and offered my help in their duties of leadership. Two district meetings were held, one in Leland, and one in Greenwood. I presented the state programs at each meeting and encouraged the councils to participate fully. I believe that all of the councils in the district are working towards the goals of the Order and will continue to be a credit to our Church and our community.

I wish to express my appreciation to State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for allowing me to serve as District Deputy for the past two years. He has provided excellent leadership and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Lueckenbach  
District Deputy District 2



**REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY  
DISTRICT NO. 3**

No report submitted.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY  
DISTRICT NO. 4**

The duly elected officers of Councils No. 802, No. 848, No. 6765, and No. 7440 were installed in July. The installation ceremonies were generally well attended and coupled with joint activities with members wives and families.

District meetings were hosted by Golden Triangle Council #6765 in September and January. At the first meeting the service program for the year was outlined. The January meeting was devoted primarily to the fund drive for the mentally retarded and reporting on the state meeting held in December.

John T. Savage Council #848 hosted the December meeting of the state council. They also hosted a formation of knighthood exemplification on March 1, 1981.

In addition to its other fine work, Msgr. John J. Burns Council #802 is the host for this year's state convention.

Preliminary work is underway toward the establishment of a new council in Tupelo. I feel that if pursued this can be accomplished during 1981.

Special thanks are due all Grand Knights of the district for the excellent cooperation courtesy extended to me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Benton  
District Deputy, District No. 4

**REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY  
DISTRICT NO. 5**

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 attended the state meeting and installation of officers in Long Beach in July.

Installation of council officers was conducted with appropriate ceremony in Bassfield in July, and in Hattiesburg and Laurel in August.

Programs for the coming year were outlined at the first district meeting in Bassfield in July. Representatives from all three councils attended this meeting.

In October it was my honor to present the Star Council Award to the Bassfield council.

I was unable to attend the district meeting in January at which Brother Dave Atteberry discussed the Tootsie Roll Drive but I visited all councils in February and outlined upcoming programs.

I would like to thank all the councils in my district for the cooperation I have received during the year. A special thanks to State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for permitting me to serve as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

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

#### **REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT NO. 6**

My Brother Knights:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Worthy State Deputy for allowing me to serve as District Deputy for District No. 6

The councils in my district are Picayune #6872, Kiln #7087, and Seneca #7211.

Business of the year began with the installation of council officers in each council home. The Kiln council hosted the mid year district meeting, where plans and programs were discussed the upcoming six months.

All the councils were very active in their local parishes and communities and displayed fine Columbianism in the projects held throughout the year.

In closing I would like to thank each Brother Knight and his family for their cooperation and hospitality throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick C. Oldmixon

#### **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

Worthy State Deputy,

District Seven consists of councils 1522 Bay St. Louis, 1583 Gulfport, 4472 Pass Christian, and 4898 Long Beach. All officers of these councils were properly installed as outlined by Supreme guidelines.

During the past year with the help of many people it has been very gratifying to serve as District Deputy of District Seven.

This year we have seen a tremendous revival of Bay St. Louis Council 1522 under the guidance of Grand Knight Bob Hubbard and his hard working group of officers and members. Under Bobs leadership we have seen the council come back from almost total collapse to a living thriving council. During March of 1981, 26 new members were brought into the order in this council and as of April first they have a net increase in membership of 45 members. It has been a number of years since this council has initiated even one member and this shows what can happen when you have a group of people like we now have in Bay St. Louis.

Another high point this year was the re-activation of council 4472 in Pass Christian. Grand Knight Greg Niolet and the officers and members of this council are to be congratulated for their efforts in forming this council and for jumping in and participating in a large number of the activities outlined in the inter-council competition program. I am sure that this council will continue to grow and be very active in Columbianism for many years to come.

I extend my personal thanks to Grand Knights Nick Pitolo of Gulfport, and Bob Mitchell of Long Beach and to the officers and members of these two councils for the excellent jobs that they did in their respective councils. A special thanks to the Admissions degree team from Long Beach for their help in establishing the Pass Christian council and for the many trips to Bay St. Louis for the initiations held there.

I think it obvious from this report that I have very much enjoyed serving as District Deputy this year, and I would like to thank State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for offering me this opportunity to serve and be a part of this great order.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Seal  
District Deputy

#### **REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY District #8**

The councils in district 8 are: Biloxi Council 1244, Msgr. P. J. Carey Council 1605, and Fred L. Westbrook Sr., Council 5654

The year began with the annual state summer meeting and installation of state officers in July at Long Beach. Also during July, officers of each council were duly installed at well attended open meetings.

The district meeting was held individually with each council. Most officers and committee chairmen attended with great interest. Supreme and State Program plans were presented and discussed.

Visits to each council revealed that program activities were functioning well during the year.

Membership activity was much improved. As of April 1, 1981, district totals were 151.5 percent of the quota and 100.0 percent of the insurance quota. Biloxi and Pascagoula hosted second and third degree exemplifications.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve the past two years as District Deputy for District #8. I would like to thank State Deputy Rodney J. Sandoz for the opportunity to serve and I sincerely thank the officers and members of each council in my district for your interest and cooperation.

It has been a pleasure serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Goellner  
District Deputy District No. 8



### **INSURANCE REPORT**

This report is submitted for the insurance for the State of Mississippi.

This report is submitted in behalf of the Powers Agency with the assistance of Bro. George Ford and William Wolfe. This is up-to-date as of April 1, 1981.

240 policies were written for a volume of 3, 545,000. This is quite a large increase over last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Worthy State Deputy, State Officers and District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries whose help made all of this possible.

I know that many Councils reached their insurance quotas, which, with other requirements, makes them eligible for our highest awards from Supreme.

Thank you, my Brothers, for your help in making our insurance program the success that it is. The warm and friendly welcome that all Councils gave to the field agents and myself is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy R. Powers  
General Agent

### **WORTHY STATE DEPUTY PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The State newsletter is now being produced in Lumberton. 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.

Due to the increased volume of articles to be printed, it has become quite a task for one man to accomplish. Hopefully, in the future, the State Council will be able to purchase their own equipment and the Public Relations Chairman will have more manpower to produce the newsletter.

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

# Knights of Columbus

## MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

### FINAL REPORT OF THE 1980 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	\$ 3,344.39	\$10,033.17	\$13,377.56
JACKSON *848	Hinds County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00
	R.E.A.C.H. (Religious Education & Activities for the Community Handicapped)	1,375.00	---	1,375.00
	Area 8 - Mississippi Special Olympics	500.00	---	500.00
VICKSBURG *898	Vicksburg Early Education, Inc.	2,636.22	---	2,636.22
NATCHEZ *1034	Pleasant Day Acre School	1,034.63	---	1,034.63
BILOXI *1244	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	2,821.02	8,463.06	11,284.08
BAY ST. LOUIS *1522	Mississippi Assn. for Retarded Citizens	817.50	3,270.00	4,087.50
GULFPORT *1583	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	769.50	2,308.50	3,078.00
	Harrison County Training Center	769.50	2,308.50	3,078.00
PASCAGOULA *1605	Jackson County Training Center	2,457.14	7,371.42	9,828.56
HATTIESBURG *1908	Forrest County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,939.46	5,818.38	7,757.84
GREENVILLE *2134	Washington County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,508.02	4,524.06	6,032.08
LAUREL *2180	Jones County Community Services Program	462.88	2,314.40	2,777.28
LELAND *2945	Washington County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	900.00	4,500.00	5,400.00
CLARKSDALE *2969	Clarksdale Special Olympics	867.75	---	867.75
YAZOO CITY *3328	Mississippi Assn. for Retarded Citizens	2,357.87	18,862.96	21,220.83
LONG BEACH *4898	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,892.84	3,785.68	5,678.52
GREENWOOD *5267	Leflore County School for the Handicapped	500.00	---	500.00
	Region VI MH-MR Workshop for Adult Mentally Retarded	3,701.22	11,103.66	14,804.88
CLEVELAND *5556	---	---	---	---
OCEAN SPRINGS *5654	Ocean Springs Youth Assn. for Exceptional Children	1,344.55	---	1,344.55
SHELBY *6555	---	---	---	---
BASSFIELD *6592	Jeff Davis County Special Education	873.50	---	873.50
	Lawrence County Special Education	624.43	---	624.43
	Marion County Special Education	1,151.86	---	1,151.86
GOLDEN TRIANGLE *6765	The Act Center	272.45	817.35	1,089.80
	Mississippi Very Special Arts Festival	500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
	Clay County Assn. for Retarded Children	500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
	Regional Mental Health Complex	1,332.65	11,993.85	13,326.50
	Lowndes County ARC Supervised Apartments	272.45	---	272.45
	Regional Mental Health Complex	272.45	817.35	1,089.80
PICAYUNE *6872	Pearl River Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,610.41	4,831.23	6,441.64
KILN *7087	South Mississippi Retardation Center	551.45	---	551.45
SOUTHAVEN *7120	Eudora Learning Center	2,269.77	2,269.77	4,539.54
SENECA *7211	Assn. for Retarded Citizens of Lamar County	374.10	---	374.10
	Pearl River Assn. of Retarded Citizens	314.03	942.09	1,256.12
PHILADELPHIA *7440	Neshoba Central TMR Boosters Club	1,814.18	---	1,814.18



# Knights of Columbus

## MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

### 1980 DISTRIBUTION OF STATE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FUNDS IN MISSISSIPPI

	ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS	AMOUNT DONATED	FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL DONATIONS
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Southeastern Softball Tournament Sponsor - Boswell Retardation Center	\$ 500.00	\$ ---	\$
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Annual Mississippi Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus Internship Program, George Hamm Animal Medical Center of Hattiesburg	3,000.00	3,000.00	6
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 13 Areas - \$300.00 each	All 13 Area Divisions of Mississippi Special Olympics - Statewide - All Counties	3,900.00	---	3
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.	Early Education Center	2,011.05	6,033.15	8
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Mississippi Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus Internship Program, Wendy's Greenville, Greenwood and Cleveland	3,000.00	3,000.00	6
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Sponsor - Statewide TV of the Mississippi Special Olympics State Games in Starkville over stations WLOX, WDAM, WJTV, WABG, WCBI, WTVA, WTOK, and WHTV on Saturday, May 23, 1981.	3,000.00	---	3
1980 Tootsie Roll Account Balance - \$36.43				
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE MISS. MENTALLY RETARDED - 1980		\$61,644.27		
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE MATCHING FUNDS - 1980			\$125,868.58	
ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI - 1980				\$187

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVE ATTEBERRY  
State Tootsie Roll Chairman



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
1980 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

	Council Number	GROSS: Total Revenue Received Before Deductions	NET: Income	Net Amount Per Member	Amount Returned to Council for Distribution	For State Distribution	Recommended Goal (net) for 1981 Tootsie Roll Drive
MERIDIAN	802	\$ 4,459.19	\$ 4,459.19	\$ 35.39	\$ 3,344.39	\$ 1,114.80	\$ 4,905.00
JACKSON	848	5,199.09	4,500.00	27.44	3,375.00	1,125.00	4,950.00
VICKSBURG	898	4,106.50	3,514.96	9.93	2,636.22	878.74	3,866.00
NATCHEZ	1034	1,409.75	1,379.51	5.70	1,034.63	344.88	1,518.00
BILLOXI	1244	4,270.96	3,761.36	9.29	2,821.02	940.34	4,137.00
BAY ST. LOUIS	1522	1,090.00	1,090.00	8.07	817.50	272.50	1,200.00
GULFPORT	1583	2,577.10	2,052.00	5.75	1,539.00	513.00	2,257.00
PASCAGOULA	1605	4,090.69	3,276.19	14.63	2,457.14	819.05	3,603.00
HATTIESBURG	1908	2,830.94	2,585.94	20.20	1,939.46	646.48	2,844.00
GREENVILLE	2134	2,500.69	2,010.69	7.79	1,508.02	502.67	2,211.00
LAUREL	2180	796.67	617.17	11.87	462.88	154.29	678.00
LELAND	2945	1,710.00	1,200.00	23.08	900.00	300.00	1,320.00
CLARKSDALE	2969	1,500.00	1,157.00	5.87	867.75	289.25	1,273.00
YAZOO CITY	3328	3,446.80	3,143.82	49.90	2,357.87	785.95	3,458.00
LONG BEACH	4898	2,867.79	2,523.79	18.69	1,892.84	630.95	2,800.00
GREENWOOD	5267	6,436.46	5,601.63	57.16	4,201.22	1,400.41	6,161.00
CLEVELAND	5556	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
OCEAN SPRINGS	5654	2,135.73	1,792.73	18.29	1,344.55	448.18	1,971.00
SHELBY	6555	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
BASSFIELD	6592	4,023.05	3,533.05	41.08	2,649.79	883.26	3,900.00
STARKVILLE	6765	4,893.00	4,200.00	85.71	3,150.00	1,050.00	4,700.00
PICAYUNE	6872	2,426.21	2,147.21	32.53	1,610.41	536.80	2,361.00
KILN	7087	886.86	735.26	20.42	551.45	183.81	809.00
SOUTHAVEN	7120	3,228.52	3,026.36	54.04	2,269.77	756.59	3,328.00
SENECA	7211	917.51	917.51	22.38	688.13	229.38	1,010.00
PHILADELPHIA	7440	2,944.47	2,418.90	69.11	1,814.18	604.72	2,660.00
1980 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE		70,747.98	61,644.27	27.26	46,233.22	15,411.05	70,920.00
1979 TOOTSIE ROLL BALANCE:							36.43
INTEREST ON SAVINGS:							1,396.01
NOTE: The interest on savings paid all of the expenses of the 1980 State Tootsie Roll Program.							
1979 TOTAL RESULTS		\$61,240.47	\$53,186.61	\$ 27.08	\$40,375.85	\$12,810.76	
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	49,355.22	-	38,131.44	11,223.76	

**19TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Bowling Tournament - April 11 & 12, 1981  
Pascagoula, MS**

Greenville #1	3032
Jackson #1	3031
Gulfport #1	3030
Pascagoula #2	2969
Biloxi #3	2920

**1st Place Doubles**

Rev. Bob Higginbotham  
Freddie Steinwinder III  
1287, Biloxi

**1st Place Singles**

Paul Hines - 672, Pascagoula

**1st Place All Events Scratch**

Chick Scheiderman - 1750, Greenville

**1st Place All Events Handicap**

Chick Scheiderman - 1957, Greenville

**High Game Scratch**

Paul Hine - 257, Pascagoula

**High Game Handicap**

Earl LeBouef - 262, Natchez

**REPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The 6th annual Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament was held at Ward Fields in Greenville, Mississippi on August 8th and 9th, 1980. Fourteen teams representing 11 councils participated in the double elimination tournament, they were Biloxi, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Greenwood, Leland, Meridian, Vicksburg and Yazoo City. Bassfield, Greenville and Natchez each had 2 teams representing their council.

Trophies were presented to the First, Second and Third place winners. They were,

First Place - Natchez #2  
Second Place - Biloxi  
Third Place - Bassfield #1

The Sportsmanship Trophy was presented to the Meridian team.  
The beer drinking award was won by the Greenville Council.

A meeting was held during the tournament and Meridian was chosen the site for the 7th annual Mississippi Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament in 1981.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Fratesi

The State Deputy presented a gift on behalf of the State Council to the PSD John P. Myers for his dedicated service in auditing the State Tootsie Roll Account over the past several years.

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

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25, 1981**

The State Deputy opened the third session with a prayer led by Father Kelleher at 2:10 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 Convention, Meridian, Mississippi April 25, 1981**

So far, during the current year, our membership has surpassed 3700 in the Mississippi District. This was done with an increase of 291 members, but we only had a net increase of 159. These 132 Brother Knights who were not retained, not only means a loss in members, but in experience and knowledge to the Order.

New members are a vital asset and are the life blood of the Knights, because without the new members we have no new ideas and growth for future years. But do not forget the effort we need to put forth to re-instate the 132 Brothers who have dropped by the wayside.

A special thanks goes out to every Brother Knight who sponsored a new member or re-instated a Brother this year. Each of us are a part of the Membership Committee, so we are waiting for each of the other Brother Knights to bring in their new member.

Mississippi is currently Number One in Division Five, with only a small lead, so we need everyones help to keep us Number One for 1981.

Remember, your prospect is just waiting for you to ask him to join our Brotherhood, so lets do it tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Fero  
Membership Director

#### **WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, STATE CHAPLIN, STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, & FELLOW KNIGHTS.**

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus, has, in past years, had a program which has given to Councils a tool, which each Council in the state could use to make their Council an active working one. This program has been called the Inter Council Competiton Program. This year, as in years past, the program has had it's successes and failures.



I have in two years as Program Chairman of the state tried to give of my ability to improve this program, so Councils would participate and in the same effort try to make a program which Council did participate, and win a state award, the award would represent and accomplishment.

To judge the success of an effort you must be able to have facts and figures to weight the result. By the result the number of councils which have gained the honor of Honor Council we the State of Miss. where 5 Councils. The Councils which have attained the honor of the most Distinguished award of the Distinguished Council Award numbered 7 Councils. You may ask why a decrease in councils attaining the Distinguished Council Award? The Qualification to increase the requirements to include a 5% increase has got to be the major reason. Their may be those who would suggest that we may drop this requirement from being a requirement to become a Distinguished Council. My response to that is what better way to judge the quality of a council, than if that Council's total accomplishments of all of their committeemen. In most cases more so. The Council does not perform any projects with out brothers to do them. And you have got to have more members to make the order grow. To the councils who will win the Distinguished Council you can certainly be proud of your accomplishment.

This past year I went to the State Summer meeting at Long Beach. I attended the Winter meeting at Jackson. I attended the District meeting at Pascagoula with District Deputy Joe Galdner to present the state Program. I also attended the District Meeting at Bay St. Louis with State Deputy Rodney Sandoz and Bill Seal the district's District Deputy. I was also in attendance at the Pass Christian Councils Meeting giving some aid to the new councils Programs committeemen. I attended Knighthood degrees at Biloxi and Lumberton during the year.

This year has brought many satisfying moments to me. I have seen some fine gains in Columbism this year. The State Council has gotten another Council in Pass Christian. I have seen some councils across the state flower into some very active Councils. This brings out a fact that if just a few Knights will participate in the Councils Programs how effective a Council can be.

This year you will see new awards which the State Council will present tonight. We hope you will be impressed by them and encourage each council to try even harder to gain these and show them in your Councils trophy cases. For the effort each council performs to accomplish these awards are hard work.

The two years I have served this state in this capacity has been very rewarding. I have gotten to know many of you, and had been given the opportunity to learn by action what Columbianism is in the Mississippi Knights of Coumbus. To our State Deputy Rodney, I certainly thank you for the opportunity you gave me by appointing me to this position, and thank you brothers of the state Knights of Columbus for all of your help.

In closing let me say the Knights of Columbus is a great organization. The good we do threw our programs are examples of this fact. Weather the program is the Tootsie Roll campagne, Free throw Campagne, aiding any number of charities from the St. Jude Hospital to the United Way, assisting the Elderly in Convalesent Homes, Helping a Church to completely refurbish the church from top to bottom or aiding the KC' local CYO. The Knights of Columbus was there. Brothers you where there, because brothers, you are the Mississippi Knights of Columbus.

## REPORT FROM PROGRAM DIRECTORS MEETING

1. To change the name of the Intercouncil Competition program to the Mississippi Knights of Columbus awards program. The reason is clear that the councils who participate in the program are really competing against themselves, more than any other council. The State council is really giving awards on councils accomplishments, not competitive accomplishments.
2. The method of judging, be changed, to a point system. Where the councils accomplishments will be judged on all projects rather than prescribed, with exception of the mandatory projects which are found in the distinguished council qualifications.
3. The method of judging the best small and large council be by a total point basis, based on the point system outlined with this suggested list of changes.
4. That the method of reporting be changed to one report a year and that be taken off the Grand Knight's report which has to be submitted to the State Council for convention. This report would be submitted at the first of April rather than at the convention.
5. I also suggest that for the next two years the qualification to have two admission degrees be removed to give councils a chance to learn the new admission degree.
6. The following is the suggested point system which could be implemented if the State Council wishes to go to the point system on our awarding of awards.

### POINT SYSTEM

Each councils project will count for 20 points, additional points from 5 to 10 can be earned upon the amount of additional man hours put forth to do the project.

#### EXAMPLE:

A council makes a donation to the Heart Fund---20 points, but the council used 5 Brothers, collecting on the streets for 8 hours to collect the donation. This is a basis for additional points +10 additional points. If only a check from the treasury would have been needed, no great number of man power would have been needed. So the greater number of points is not justified. Any project taking more than 20 man hours would get +5 points. Any project taking more than 40 man hours would get +10 points. To qualify for the honor and distinguished awards, the following point brake down would be implemented:

Each of the following point brake downs would have to be made.

Report officers 50 points (must be made for honor and distu.) Audits for June and December 50 points (must be made) for honor and distu. Attain a 5% increase in membership (Have to have for distinguished council) mandatory projects for distinguished council.

#### VOCATION:

Marisan Hour of Prayer	Church Projects	20 points each/40 Total
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**HEALTH PROGRAM:**

Insurance Night                      Council Programs                      20 points each/40 Total

**DRUG ABUSE:**

Tootsie Roll                      Community Projects                      20 points each/40 Total

**ASSIST CYO OF COLUMBIAN SQUIRES:**

Free throw competition                      Youth Projects                      20 points each/40 Total

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

Family Mass                      Family Life Project                      20 points each/40 Total

**EACH COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:**

Church 140 points for distinguished 100 points for honor  
Council 140 points for distinguished 100 points for honor  
Community 140 points for distinguished 100 points for honor  
Youth 140 points for distinguished 100 points for honor  
Family 140 points for distinguished 100 points for honor

A total point total of 1000 points will entitle a council to distinguished council  
A total point total of 800 points will entitle a council to honor council

By December 1, reports from Grand Knights should be to District Deputy.  
District Deputy should have status by winter meeting for presentation.

**REPORT OF THE CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**

The Committee recommended the following to improve church activities:

1. Recitation of the rosary before or at the end of each meeting.
2. More participation in the church liturgy by serving as lectors and communicators.
3. Emphasis on family participation in the liturgy.
4. More suggested activities provided to local councils by State Committees.
5. Emphasis on participation in parish renewal program.
6. Renewed emphasis on memorial services for deceased members at the council level.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Lueckenbach, Chairman  
Committee Members  
F. J. Barlett  
Bobby Acy

I would like to commend each Grand Knight for the hard work they have been involved in during the past year. They are to be congratulated for a job well done. There are several more councils participating in the inter council competition this year.



In closing I want to thank State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for offering me this job and for his continuous support and encouragement. I hope that my efforts have contributed to the progress that the Mississippi Knights have made this year.

Respectfully submitted  
Leonard Tarrant  
State Council Activity

The council activity committee reviewed the council activities reports for the past year. The council as a whole participated very well. This committee feels the biggest problem is that, not the council participation, but the failure to fill the report forms out.

This committee feels that the guidelines for the scrapbook needs to be made a little clearer for the councils to fully understand. Looking at the scrapbooks for this year many of the guidelines were not properly followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leonard Tarrant, Chairman  
Victor Aguzzi, Leslie Bkauze

#### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Chairman - Ken Simon

Members: Pat Oldmixon, Alex Belenchia, Joe Tonos

Council Shootoffs - January

No regionals held, State Shoot Offs could be in February. Left up to the discretion of State Deputy and State Youth Activity Chairman.

Suggest that rules for free throw be uniform throughout all staes. Check with Supreme on rules.

Suggest that Jackson be site of the State Free Throw Tournament, if Jackson Council assures to host.

Suggest that the State Implement a talent show program for youth. Possibly each council have a local talent show and the winners of these to participate in a state talent show.

Ken Simon

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

**Ken Simon**

The Championship Free Throw Shoot off was held at St. Joseph's gymnasium in Jackson, MS on Saturday, March 28, 1981.

There were 7 Knights of Columbus Councils represented and 41 boys and girls participated in the shoot offs.

The Honorable State Deputy Rodney Sandoz was present and awarded trophies to the winners.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Simon, Youth Activities Director

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1980-81**

This Activity as a whole is still operation on a popular and well accepted progress. Of the councils reporting, which seems to be smaller in coming this year, seems most of the councils throughout the state are staying within the guidelines authorized by Supreme and State officers. A letter was sent to all councils and Program Directors explaining the new year expectations, emphasizing membership as well new councils being a strong goal for the coming year. Local options seem to be fairing out well with all accounts showing that this is much easier to report and agreeable by all parttaking. The Publicity received through the Tootsie Roll Program is still proving to be the best Community Activity. The TOP Exposure for now received through this state wide program in retardation is growing in leaps and bounds and may prove in the near future that this field will not be able to get along without us. I still say as I have for the last three years that Community Activities through Assisting the old, Mentally Retardies, and other local projects will build your council fast. I wish to thank State Deputy Rodney for assisting him in this the State Community Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles F. Abadie

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Since each local council knows best the need of their communities, it is the opinion of this committee that most community activity projects should be optional with the local council.

However, we strongly recommend that State and Supreme Council projects, such as:

1. Decency Committee
2. Columbus Day Programs
3. Support of the mentally retarded

Be supported as strongly as possible by each local council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard D. Benton  
Fritz J. Oberlies  
Albert Rocconi, Jr.

## STATE FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES ANNUAL REPORT

This year marks the third year that Family Life Activities have been emphasized to the point of inclusion in the Intercouncil Competition. Probably the most visible evolutionary change within the Knights of Columbus for the past few years has been this emphasis on enhanced Family Life Activities by local councils at the urging of the Supreme Council. It is quite apparent that many councils are putting a major emphasis on Family Life Activities. Council bulletins and interim Intercouncil Competition reports attest to this fact.

At the state level, a major emphasis was placed on making the local councils aware of the scholarship and aid monies available for student education through the Supreme Council.

For next year, I would make five recommendations:

1. Use "Surge with Service" for new ideas.
2. Include the families of deceased brother knights in activities.
3. Participate in the "Family of the Month" program.
4. Observe special holidays such as Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter with family affairs
5. Report your activities to the State Family Life Director.

Let's make next year the best yet for Family Life Activities.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Heitz  
State Family Life Director

## FAMILY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Brothers:

After carefully reviewing The Family Life Category of the Intercouncil Competition Status Report and the recommendations of the State Family Director in his annual report, the Family Life Committee wish to make the following additional recommendations:

A. More Emphasis be placed on Praying The Family Rosary. Each council should sponsor an environment which the families of the council could Pray The Family Rosary together as a family. Hopefully, this would urge more families to pray at home also.

B. Family of the month program be conducted in all councils.

C. Parish renewal programs that are conducted for the adults be enlarged and modified to include the children. Councils should sponsor or co-sponsor with other parish organizations plans for parish renewal for the total family.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Shipp  
William Koeppe  
T. J. Avaltroni  
Joe Goellner, Chairman



## **REPORT OF CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE**

A verbal report was rendered by the Chairman PSD Hilton Seymour.

### **PRO-LIFE**

When our State Deputy Called to ask me if I would accept the chairmanship of the Pro-Life Committee, I hesitated to accept again. My first year as Pro-Life Chairman, I did not know what to do or what needed to be done. As the year progressed, I learned a lot about Pro-Life. I did accept--with the thought that I could do better.

The first thing I did was to watch and listen to the candidates that were running for the Presidency to see who would come out with the best Pro-Life stand. Mr. Reagan was the most forthright of the candidates in saying that he regarded the unborn as human persons, that he favored legal protection of their right to life.

Next, I prepared a fact sheet on how our Senators and Representatives viewed the Human Life Amendment. This research was done so you could see how you wanted to vote in November. I submitted this information to be printed in the October newsletter. However, for some reason, this fact sheet was not printed in our newsletter. Therefore, I quit using the newsletter to print my letters. Instead, after this, I started writing the Pro-Life Chairman of each council.

I asked each Pro-Life Chairman of the councils in the state to ask their priest to use some of the Pro-Life material that was sent to them by the Supreme Council Office in the homily on Sunday, October 5 (Respect Life Sunday).

The next order was the let you know that it was the time for a Human Life Amendment. This kickoff was set to go along with the March on Washington on January 22, 1981, and I asked that you write to your Congressional Delegation in support of the amendment.

Then, in November and December, the local paper in Yazoo City started to print an ad for therapeutic abortions that you could obtain in Jackson. I began to work to see if I could get these ads out of the paper. But this is not as easy as you might think. Since someone paid for the ads, under law, the paper was required to print them. So, our only alternative was to run an advertisement next to their aid showing that there was something else a person could do rather than have an abortion. Since I did not have any money at my disposal, my council appropriated \$300.00 to run our ad. However, just as suddenly as the ads were started, they stopped; and, the illustration we had worked up to counteract the abortion ad was never printed.

Perhaps this matter needs to be looked into in other areas of the state in order to determine if this problem exists in other cities.

As the year went on, it was decided by the Pro-Life Committees around the country that now was the time to try and get a Human Life Bill passed in Congress. This Bill would only take a simple majority vote to get passed.

These few programs were not many in number, but very important ones.

At this time, I would like to suggest that future State Chairman need to be instructed as to what is expected of them and what means are at their disposal in the way of money, materials, etc. in order to continue the important work in Pro-Life matters.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the State Pro-Life Chairman for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Shipp  
Pro-Life Chairman

#### **REPORT OF VOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

The vocations committee met at the July 1980 organizational meeting in Long Beach and formulated plans for the furtherance of vocations in the state with the recommendation to the local councils for suggested projects such as prayer for vocations before and after meetings, sponsor youth to week end retreats at St. Joseph's Seminary in Covington, La., have vocation nights for the adults and youth of the parishes, etc.

Mississippi was picked as one of the eight councils to participate in a pilot program for vocations to encourage local councils to sponsor candidates for the priestly or religious life, by contributing from council funds \$500.00 or more in the course of the fraternal year to any seminarian or aspirant to religious life, for such things as payment of tuition, board, clothing, books travel expenses, etc. and the council would be refunded \$100.00 by the Supreme Council for each \$500.00 spent. Also each candidate was also to be given moral support along with the financial aid. To date none of the councils have reported any information on this project.

John P. Myers, PSD  
State Vocations Chairman

#### **REPORT OF "THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND" 1980-1981**

I am happy to announce that we have exceeded last year's total by \$2,720. This brings our grand total since the fund was started in 1953 to approximately \$235,433.

In 1953 we started this program with a donation of \$125 from the four Coast Councils-- Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Biloxi, and Pascagoula and now we are receiving contributions from most of our 27 Councils and Squire Circles, and Ladies Auxiliary Units.

I am sure that most of you know that the Council's contribution is given to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Council is located. In 1981, we gave Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, Bishop of Jackson a total of \$6,670 and to Bishop Joseph L. Howze, Bishop of Biloxi a total of \$15,971.

I want to take this opportunity to mention a few outstanding Councils: Pascagoula Council donated \$8,865 (\$100 was raised by the Ladies Auxiliary; Long Beach Council donated \$900 but in addition contributed \$1,100 to the Vincentian Fathers who staff

their parish Church; the Seneca Council donated \$2,300 and it is one of the smallest Councils (40-42 members). These are just highlights.

I wish to thank all of the Councils that have participated in this program and the sacrifices that they have made in time, money, and effort...I do appreciate your cooperation. I also wish to thank State Deputy Rodney Sandoz for the honor and privilege of serving as State Chairman.

Following is a list of the Councils and the amount which they have contributed during the past years.:

**"THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND"**  
**1953-1981**

Council No.	Location	1953-1979	1980	1981	Grand Total
802	Meridian	10,113	2,000	1,000	13,113
848	Jackson	11,585	500	500	12,585
898	Vicksburg	16,100	1,000	1,000	18,100
	V. Squires	251	---	---	251
1032	Natchez	14,509	600	750	15,859
1244	Biloxi	15,359	825	806.80	16,990
	B. Squires	90	---	---	90
1522	Bay St. Louis	12,157	---	800	12,957
1583	gulfport	19,150	1,200	1,200	21,550
1605	Pascagoula	23,380	6,500	8,765	38,645
	P. Auxiliary	200	---	100	300
1908	Hattiesburg	5,555	250	350	6,155
2134	Greenville	15,264	2,000	1,600	18,864
2180	Laurel	2,055	150	200	2,405
2945	Leland	7,155	350	350	7,855
2969	Clarksdale	10,870	1,000	---	11,870
3328	Yazoo City	7,810	330	330	8,470*
4472	Pass Christian	315	---	---	315
4898	Long Beach	6,951	900	900	8,751
5267	Greenwood	3,697	300	500	4,497
5556	Cleveland	3,550	250	300	4,100
5654	Ocean Springs	3,100	200	300	3,600
6555	Shelby	850	150	150	1,150
6592	Bassfield	600	100	100	800
6765	Golden Triangle	375	100	100	575
6872	Picayune	689	286	100	1,075
7087	Kiln	25	10	50	85
7120	Southaven	--	--	90	90
7211	Seneca	40	444	2,300	2,744
7440	Philadelphia	--	25	100	125
	Miscellaneous	1,976	---	---	1,976
Grand Totals		\$193,771	19,471	22,191	235,433

\*Yazoo City sends their donation monthly.

\*\*All figures have been rounded-off-in total columns.



## **NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT**

We feel that we must have and should have the complete cooperation of the State Deputy, and the District Deputies of the areas that should be developed. We feel that the Bishops and Priests of undeveloped area should be called upon by the State Deputy, the District Deputies, and insurance agents to get new Councils started. We feel at this time that Brookhaven, Clinton, McComb and Tupelo areas, should be called upon immediately. We feel that these areas should be worked individually by all the new Council teams.

In as much as this is a new fraternal year in the State of Mississippi's jurisdiction and that most persons in all positions will be relatively new from the State Deputy to Grand Knights. We want to reserve time in District Meetings, and mid-winter meetings to familiarize them with our new Council Development. We sincerely appreciate all the contributions from all of the brothers that put forth any efforts to support the new Council Development.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy R. Powers  
New Council Development Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

The State Centennial Activities Committee has been established to provide a vehicle for a planned and unified observance of this great order's centennial anniversary on the State level.

While no formal guidelines have yet been established, I assure you that such will not be the case in the near future. We are all privately proud of our membership in the Knights of Columbus. One of the main functions of this committee will be to educate the public as to this justifiable pride.

There is no end to the possibilities that lie ahead to accomplish this aim.

As a start, each Council is requested to provide to me, as Chairman, the name of a member of their Councils who will serve in the capacity as Council Centennial Chairman as soon as possible.

In the near term, I will correspond with these appointees to start formulating our centennial activities.

This will not and cannot be a dormant committee. We as members of the greatest Catholic men's organization in the world deserve far more.

I am privileged and humbled to have been appointed by our Worthy State Deputy Rodney Sandoz, to promote this organization to which we all belong.

You'll be hearing from me and you can bet on it.

Fraternally,  
Tom Zettler  
Chairman

## REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

### STATE OFFICERS

Father Frank Corcoran	192	38.40	60.00	98.40
Rodney Sandoz	162	32.40	60.00	92.40
Don Oldmixon	148	29.60	60.00	89.60
Robert Fratesi	192	38.40	60.00	98.40
Wiley Price	0	0	60.00	60.00
Dennis Ladnier	166	33.20	60.00	93.20
Dave Atteberry	88	17.60	60.00	77.60

### Councils (2 From Each)

802 Meridian	0	0	60.00	60.00
848 Jackson	93	18.60	60.00	78.60
898 Vicksburg	134	26.80	60.00	86.80
1034 Natchez	192	38.40	60.00	98.40
1244 Biloxi	166	33.20	60.00	93.20
1522 Bay St. Louis	172	34.40	60.00	94.40
1583 Gulfport	157	31.40	60.00	91.40
1605 Pascagoula	154	30.80	60.00	90.80
1908 Hattiesburg	88	17.60	60.00	77.60
2134 Greenville	192	38.40	60.00	98.40
2180 Laurel	57	11.40	60.00	71.40
2945 Leland	184	36.80	60.00	96.80
2969 Clarksdale	198	39.60	60.00	99.60
3328 Yazoo City	125	25.00	60.00	85.00
4472 Pass Christian	168	33.60	60.00	93.60
4898 Long Beach	162	32.40	60.00	92.40
5267 Greenwood	142	28.40	60.00	88.40
5556 Cleveland	185	37.00	60.00	97.00
5654 Ocean Springs	169	33.80	60.00	93.80
6555 Shelby	200	40.00	60.00	100.00
6592 Bassfield	105	21.00	60.00	81.00
6765 Starkville	95	19.00	60.00	79.00
6872 Picayune	148	29.60	60.00	89.60
7087 Kiln	160	32.00	60.00	92.00
7120 Southaven	222	44.40	60.00	104.40
7211 Seneca	112	22.40	60.00	82.40
7440 Philadelphia		8.20	30.00	38.20

### District Deputies

1. Frank Whitehead				Paid As A Delegate
2. Edward Lueckenbach	192	38.40	60.00	98.40
3. Robert C. King, Jr.				Not In Attendance
4. Richard Benton	95	19.00	60.00	79.00
5. John Harrington	105	21.00	60.00	81.00
6. Patrick Oldmixon	148	29.60	60.00	89.60
7. William Seal, Jr.	162	32.40	60.00	92.40
8. Joseph Goellner	154	30.80	60.00	90.80

Past State Deputies (Per Diem Only)

John S. Cabibi	60.00
John P. Myers	Paid As A Delegate
Hilton A. Seymour	60.00
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.	60.00
Norman L. Kiehm	60.00
George R. Schiederman	60.00
Dave Atteberry	Paid As A State Officer

Honorary Chaplain

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini	60.00
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**FINANCIAL SECRETARIES MEETING**

The meeting of the Financial Secretaries of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus was called to order at 10:00 a.m. April 25, 1981 by Chairman David C. Gleason, host Financial Secretary.

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

Richard Tinsley (SUB)	Ocean Springs 5654
Marvin Lott (SUB)	Cleveland 5556
Guy Todaro, Sr.	Gulfport 1583
George F. Souderes, Jr.	Natchez 1034
George Bronson	Picayune 6872
Stephen P. Theobald	Pass Christian 4472
James F. Hunter	Laurel 2180
Walt G. Schelhab	Jackson 848
William D. Kinkopf	Hattiesburg 1908
William J. Scheeler Sr.	Pascagoula 1605
Joe Richardson	Bay St. Louis 1522
Bill Lauderdale	Vicksburg 898
Harry L. Steinwinder	Biloxi 1244
Richard Hoda	Kiln 7087
Ray Harrington	Southaven 7120
David C. Gleason	Meridian 802
Guests	
Fritz J. Oberlies	Gulfport
Charles P. Riesbeck	Supreme Director

A discussion was held on Per Capita.

A discussion was held on Intent to Suspend by the Financial Secretaries and The Supreme Representative Charles P. Riesbeck stated "It has proved to do its job. It falls back on the individual councils to make sure they collect from the members their dues while the bill is low and then it wouldn't be necessary to use the form. It is a good tool---if used properly.

A discussion was held on various methods of getting dues paid on time. It was



discussed by various members on how to get long standing first degree members off to their 2nd and 3rd degree.

It was stressed that the VIP Program should be put into effect by all councils for membership drives.

It was also stressed the importance of keeping your council records up to date as to a members true initiation dates.

Supreme Director Charles P. Riesbeck spoke to the group and expressed his pleasure as to what he witnessed at the Financial Secretaries Meeting.

The meeting recognized Willie J. Scheeler Sr., Financial Secretary of the Pascagoula Council on his 25th year as a Financial Secretary and the announcement of his retirement this year.

It was also noted that this is the 25th year of the Financial Secretaries

Meeting, founded by Fritz J. Oberlies in 1956.

The meeting was closed at 11:00 a.m. with a prayer by the Supreme Director.

David C. Gleason, Chairman  
Harry Steinwinder, Recorder

The State Deputy recognized Willie J. Scheeler, Sr. of Pascagoula on his 25 years of devoted service as financial Secretary to Msgr. P. J. Carey Council of Pascagoula.

### **THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Your committee is pleased to make the following report:

The programs of activity now in effect in the Mississippi Jurisdiction are excellent and we recommend that all be continued. A special commendation should be given to the "Tootsie Roll" program. The Mississippi Knights are now receiving recognition from people of all faiths for our efforts in this area.

The State Bowling and Softball are successful programs but we recommend more participation. The committee feels that each council should try to send at least one team.

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.

We, as your committee, urge that councils encourage intercouncil activity within their respective districts as it is apparent that a closer feeling of brotherhood would result.

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

Your committee recommends the adoption in Principle of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus awards program and that the new State Deputy and his committee chairmen work out the Implementation of the New Program at their organizational meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Past State Deputy, G. R. Schiederman  
Chairman  
Paulino Carrubba  
O. J. Shiyu

The State Deputy then recognized Supreme Director Charles P. Riesbeck, Jr. of Ohio for remarks.

The Supreme Director commented on the Programs of the Mississippi State Council with special emphasis on our Priests' Education Fund and the Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally retarded. He touched on the insurance features of the Order, new council development and increased leadership development within the State. Citing the accomplishment of the Mississippi Jurisdiction he said, "Bigger isn't always better."

After announcements and remarks by the State Deputy and the State Advocate the afternoon session was closed with a prayer led by State Chaplain Father Frank Corcoran at 4:05 p.m.

#### **THE CONVENTION AWARDS BANQUET**

The Convention Awards Banquet was held at the Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802 Hall at 7:00 p.m. The principal speaker of the evening was Supreme Director Charles P. Riesbeck, Jr. of Ohio.

During the banquet, the following awards were presented:

1. The Hilton Seymour Award of the year was presented to the Pascagoula Co. no. 1605.
2. The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Memorial Award for the Knight of the Year was presented to State Advocate Wiley Price, Jr. of Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802 of Meridian.
3. Bowling Tournament Awards for the 19th Annual event were presented to the following:

#### **Team Events:**

The last place award - Biloxi No. 1244, Team #1  
3rd place - Gulfport Co. No. 1583, Team #1  
2nd place - Jackson Co. 848, Team #1  
1st place - Greenville Co. N. 2134, Team #1

#### **Doubles Event**

Fr. Bob Higginbotham and Freddie Steinwinder III, Biloxi

**Singles Event**

Paul Hines, Pascagoula

**All events handicap**

Chick Scheiderman, Greenville

**All events Scratch**

Chick Scheiderman, Greenville

**High Game Handicap**

Earl LeBouef, Natchez

**4. The Tootsie Roll Program Awards were presented as follows:**

Highest total dollar award - Greenwood No. 5267

Highest dollar per member award - Golden Triangle No. 6765

**5. The State Deputy presented certificates of Appreciation to the State Officers, District Deputies and State Chairmen for the work done during the fraternal year.**

**6. Jimmy Bartlett, Chairman of the Priests' Education Fund, presented checks to the Jackson and Biloxi Diocese totaling \$22,191.00 to be used for the education of men studying for the priesthood.**

**7. The State Deputy thanked those councils who had hosted a state event during the year, citing Long Beach for Installation of Officers and Organizational Meeting; Jackson for the Mid-Year meeting; Meridian for the 77th Annual Convention. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their support and called upon their State President, Mary Oldmixon to make presentations. Membership Award - 2nd place Long Beach, 1st place Seneca. Traveling Trophy (best scrapbook) 3rd place Yazoo City, 2nd place Long Beach, 1st place Hattiesburg.**

**8. Supreme Council New Council Development Award - DD Bill Seal for Pass Christian.**

**9. Membership Awards (greatest percent net gain)**

District 1	Southaven
District 2	Greenville
District 3	Natchez
District 4	Meridian
District 5	Bassfield
District 6	Kiln
District 7	Bay St. Louis
District 8	Pascagoula

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

**Honor Council Award**

Bassfield, Southaven, Pascagoula, Natchez, Jackson, and Gulfport

**Distinguished Council Award**

Lumberton, Kiln, Cleveland, Pass Christian, Biloxi, Long Beach, and Meridian



**Scrapbook**

Small Council - Kiln  
Intermediate Council - Bassfield  
Large Council - Biloxi

**Newsletter**

Small Council - Lumberton  
Intermediate Council - Meridian  
Large Council - Pascagoula

**Best Small Council**

Kiln

**Best Large Council**

Meridian

11. The Bishop Brununi Vocation Award for the Jackson Diocese was presented to the Meridian Council.

The Bishop Howze Vocations Award for the Biloxi Diocese was presented to the Lumberton Council.

12. The Family of the Year Award was presented to the Thomas R. Zettler family of the Meridian Council.

13. The following Supreme Council Activity Awards were presented.

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

Bassfield Council  
Biloxi  
Meridian  
Lumberton  
Bassfield

**SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1981**

The State Deputy opened the fourth session by calling upon Fr. Corcoran to lead the convention in prayer at 10:47 a.m. The prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT OF THE FOURTH DEGREE  
District of Mississippi**

To: 77th Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus, Meridian, Mississippi

Former Master George Fero conducted a successful exemplification of the Fourth Degree in Long Beach, Mississippi on May 18, 1980 utilizing the Degree Team from the Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly Pascagoula.

In September 1980 I was informed by the Supreme Master that I had been selected to relieve Master Fero as Master of the Fourth Degree, District of Mississippi. Those of you who were in attendance at the District Meeting as delegates or visiting Sir Knights in April 1980 know that Master Fero at that time did not desire for his name

to be submitted for renomination. I am quite confident had Master Fero's name been submitted for renomination the Supreme Master would have seen fit to reappoint George Fero for another term as Master District of Mississippi Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Before proceeding with this report, I would be remiss, if I did not state that the District of Mississippi Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus prospered and grew under the able guidance of Former Master Fero. The transfer of the mantle of responsibility was effected smoothly and most efficiently without disruption because of the complete and up-to-date set of records and files maintained by Former Master Fero. Again my thanks to Former Master Fero.

To continue my report, as Master of the District of Mississippi I intend to carry out the duties of the Master's office to the best of my ability and in the best interest of the Order during my tenure of office.

The Religious Education Fund remains in affect as in previous years and at the present time the Fourth Degree is sponsoring the religious education of a Brother and a Sister in the Near East through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Since assuming the office of Master I have visited six assemblies in the District as well as attending three Admission Degrees, one Formation and Knighthood Degree, and the Provincial Meeting held in Gretna, Louisiana.

One of the problems confronting any organization is membership, the Fourth Degree is not immune to this problem. Without the continuing interest and concern of the membership of an organization to increase its membership, the organization tends to become stagnated. With stagnation comes loss of productivity, loss of interest, apathy and worst of all downfall.

However, as the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction continues to grow and flourish under the capable leadership of the State and Local Council Officers, so should the Fourth Degree grow as more and more members of the Third Degree become eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree of this great Order of ours.

Nevertheless, the Fourth Degree will not and can not grow at the equivalent or proportionate rate until it functions as a complete and unified body of dedicated Sir Knights. Complete unification requires each member and each assembly to act as a unit to do their utmost in carrying out to the fullest extent possible those projects and obligations that are assigned or delegated by the Supreme, Provincial, District and Local Officers to which the assemblies belong.

In addition to the foregoing, each member of the Fourth Degree must become a dedicated one-man recruiting force with a goal of attracting new members through percept and example. Only in this manner will you be able to attract the fine Catholic gentlemen that are available and only waiting to be asked. In doing so we should be able to double the membership of the Fourth Degree in the Mississippi District.

I believe that every assembly can and should make a determined effort to set as a goal, a goal that may not be easily attained, but at least a goal that presents a challenge and a starting point to have as a minimum one third of the membership of each council under its jurisdiction to become active members of the Fourth Degree. You must however, remember, that in most cases those Third Degree members that are eligible to become members of our distinguished Order must be approached and asked.

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled to be conducted in Pascagoula, Mississippi at the Msgr. P. J. Carey council home on Saturday May 23, 1981. The Vice Supreme Master, John H. Shields, as well as several District Masters of the Bienville Province will be in attendance for the day and evenings activities.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Former Master Fero and all the other Former Masters of the Mississippi District and to express my heartfelt appreciation for their capable and most welcome assistance during my first months in office.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Henry C. Jahnke, Master  
District of Mississippi

The K of C Audit Committee met and reviewed the records of the State Treasurer. Bank Statements, ledger book, paid bills and cancelled checks were reviewed. No discrepancies were noted.

It was felt that the Worthy State Treasurer is maintaining good records and is properly accounting for funds received and disbursed.

K of C Audit Committee

Ricky Nause  
Gerald Hunter  
Frank Whitehead, Chairman

#### AUDIT OF THE TOOTSIE ROLL ACCOUNT 3/31/81

##### Savings Account

Balance 4/1/80	\$1396.01
Deposits	61644.27
Interest Received	849.05
Total	\$63889.33
Withdrawals	62200.00
Balance 3/31/81	\$1689.33

##### Checking Account

Check Book	
Balance 4/1/80	\$251.02
Deposits	62200.00
	\$62451.02
Checks	59370.29
Balance Check Book 3/31/81	\$3080.73

##### Bank Statements

Balance 3/31/80	\$1897.02
Deposits	62200.00
	\$64097.02



Checks	55841.98
Bank Balance 3/31/81	\$8255.04
Less Outstanding Checks:	
1227 Miss Spec Olympics Area 4	300.00
1233 Miss Spec Olympics Area 10	300.00
1245 Forrest Co. ARC	1939.46
1246 Lownes Co. ARC	272.45
1247 Act Center	272.45
1248 Miss Very Spec Arts Festival	500.00
1249 Clay Co. ARC	500.00
1251 Regional Mental Health Complex	272.45
1956 Miss Assn for Retarded Children	817.50
	5174.31
Bank Balance as of 3/31/81	\$3080.73

Greg Niolet  
 Vic Hagen  
 Tom Rush, Jr.  
 John P. Myers, PSD

### 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, Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802 Meridian, Mississippi, has been such an excellent host to this 77th 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:

#### 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 Bruini and to Bishop Howze for use at their discretion.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption  
ACTION:

#### 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 no 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 public libraries in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption  
ACTION:

#### 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

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 Handicapped Bowling Congress. Time and dates to be set at the discretion of the host council, which is the Jackson 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:

#### 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 802 of Meridian 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:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6**

Whereas, Supreme director Charles P. Riesbeck, Jr. 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 Riesbeck and extend to him a cordial invitation to return and visit our jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

**RECOMMENDATION: Adoption**

**ACTION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 7**

Whereas, the Supreme Council credits subordinate councils \$6.00 per year per "Inactive" member on the council rolls and,

Whereas, the Supreme Council bills each Subordinate Council \$2.50 per capita and \$.80 for Catholic Advertising per member on the council rolls and the State Council bill each council \$4.00 per capita per member per year for a total of \$7.30 per year. Each council is penalized \$1.30 per year for having "Inactive" and honorary members on their rolls.

Be it resolved: That the State Council bill the subordinate council \$2.70 per capita assessment per year on each "Inactive" and honorary member on the council rolls in Lieu of the full assessment.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BILOXI COUNCIL 1244**

Note: An "Inactive" member is one who is no longer a member, but has insurance with the supreme office and they carry them on the roll of the council and designate him as an "Inactive" member and count him in the total membership of his council.

**RECOMMENDATION: Adoption**

**ACTION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

Resolution adopted by the P. J. Carey Council at the Knights of Columbus at a special meeting held on April 21, 1981.

The undersigned, the duly elected secretary of the P. J. Carey Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby certifies that the following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the council on April 21, 1981:



Where, the survival of Catholic schools is imperative to the Catholic Church in Mississippi and to the Mississippi Catholic families; and

Whereas, Catholic primary and secondary schools in Mississippi are being sorely pressed in achieving their historical goals;

Therefore, be it resolved that the State of Mississippi convention of the Knights of Columbus commit itself to support Catholic Schools and Catholic Education in Mississippi whenever and however possible;

Be it further resolved that the State Convention appoint a committee on Catholic Education to study the plight of Catholic Schools in Mississippi and to develop specific programs to assist Catholic Education.

**RECOMMENDATION: Adoption**

**ACTION:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 9**

Whereas, the cost of living has hit also the convention and since the cost of food and related items necessary to put on a decent and enjoyable affair for the state membership has increased in cost and

Whereas we do not want to disillusion any council from hosting the annual by substituting a loss of funds to their council and

Whereas the next convention to properly and satisfactorily put on has the host council looking at an almost \$4,000.00 deficit.

Be it resolved that the registration fee for future conventions be placed at \$30.00 per person.

**RECOMMENDATION: Adoption**

**ACTION:**

### **STATE CHAPLAINS REPORT**

The report of the State Chaplain was given orally and no written report was submitted.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The State Deputy then called for the election of officers for the 1981-82 fraternal year. There were 58 members present and entitled to vote. The results were as follows:

#### **State Deputy**

Mike Leleux nominated Don Oldmixon of Poplarville. There being no other nominations, the State Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for his election.

#### **State Secretary**

Joe Tonos nominated Robert Fratesi of Greenville. There being no other nominations the State Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for his election.

#### State Treasurer

John Cox nominated Bernard R. Frederic of Pascagoula; Tom Zettler nominated Wiley J. Price, Jr. of Meridian. Upon balloting Wiley J. Price, Jr. was elected.

#### State Advocate

Frank Tarrant nominated Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. of Biloxi; Larry Campbell nominated Joe Goellner of Pascagoula; Walter Reynolds nominated John Ferracci of Vicksburg. Upon balloting Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. was elected.

#### State Warden

Ted Applewhite nominated Bill Harrington of Bassfield; Vic Aguzzi nominated Mike T. Leleux of Kiln. Upon balloting Mike T. Leleux was elected.

The State Deputy then called for election of a third delegate to the Supreme Convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Robert Mitchell nominated Paulino Carrubba; Tom Zettler nominated Roy Powers; Bernard Frederics nominated Robert Fratesi; and Fritz Oberlies nominated Father Frank Corcoran. Pauline Carrubba, Robert Fratesi and Father Frank Corcoran all declined the nominations. There being no other nominations the State Deputy directed the State Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of Roy Powers.

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

- 1st Alternate - Mike Leleux
- 2nd Alternate - Bernard Frederic
- 3rd Alternate - Frank Tarrant

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

1983 - Pascagoula

1982 site will be Biloxi and was reaffirmed.

Because of a pressing schedule Charles Riesbeck, Jr. addressed the Convention session and then asked to be excused.

The State Deputy called upon Hilton Seymour, Chairman of the 1981 convention for an update on planning.

Then he asked Father Frank Corcoran, the State Chaplain, to address the convention with a prayer.

The State Deputy declared the convention adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Oldmixon, State Secretary