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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 78TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, April 23, 1982

The 78th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus was convened at 6:00 p.m. with Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour introducing the Grand Knight of Council # 1244, Ross Bertucci. Grand Knight Bertucci welcomed the convention on behalf of the Biloxi Council. He then introduced Mayor Gerald Blessey who welcomed the Knights of Columbus to the City of Biloxi.

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

State Warden Michael Leleux and his assistants checked current membership cards and vouched that only qualified Third Degree members were present. State Chaplain Fr. Frank Corcoran lead in the opening prayer. Immediately following prayer the members present pledged allegiance to the flag.

The delegates voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1981 State Convention on a motion made by Past State Deputy Rodney Sandoz and seconded by Ross Bertucci. State Deputy Don Oldmixon then introduced the State Officers and our distinguished guest Supreme Director Julian Joseph. He recognized the Grand Knights from the six new councils.

Minutes from the 1981 State Convention was passed out and a motion was carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

State Deputy Oldmixon 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: Robert Fratesi, Edwin Henson, III, O. J. Shiyou, John Parsons
- 2. MEMBERSHIP: Bill Seal, Jr., John Cox, Lynn Cook, Nick Pitalo
- 3. SERVICE PROGRAM: Joe Goellner, Gary Benton, Richard Hoda
- CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Louis Shipp, Joe Zelasko, Bob O'Brien, J. B. Holland, Bill Koeppe
- COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: George Fero, Victor Aguzzi, John Obringer, Oscar Authement
- COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Frank Whitehead, Henry Wilson, Paul Artman, Leslie Blaize.
- 7. YOUTH ACTIVITIES: John McWaters, David Duncan, Riley Nelson, Ed Dugas.
- 8. FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Bernard Frederic, Al McDevitt, Jeff Taylor, Leo Ridge
- 9. CEREMONIALS: Hilton Seymour, George Saab, Ken Lubbers, Albert Rocconi
- 10. RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: S. Charlie Pluff, Greg Niolet, Jim Hagan, Johnny Stevens.
- 11. MILEAGE & PER DIEM: Wiley Price, George Hude, Charlie Morlino, Bobby Acy

- 12. STATE K OF C AUDIT: Rodney Sandoz, Tony Antici, Leonard Tarrant, Ambrose Dunn.
- 13. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fred Biglane, Bob Hubbard, Leon Shapley, Ed Gaston, Jerry Junter
- 14. RESOLUTIONS: "Doc" Ladnier, PSD W. F. Laforge, PSD George Scheiderman, Jim Hunter, PSD Dave Atteberry
- 15. AUDIT OF K OF C FOUNDATIONS: PSD Pat Myers, Dennis Farrell, John Smith, Al Bernard
- NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT: Paulino Carrubba, Dennis LaRochelle, John Jeanson, Lloyd Addison.
- 17. ELECTION TELLERS: PSD Jesse Quinn, PSD Fred Westbrook, Jr., PSD Norman Kiehm

A Motion was made and seconded and passed that we dispense with the reading of the Grand Knights Reports. The Grand Knights' Reports were turned in to the State Program Director in a form to compete in the State Program Competition. The format used made it impractical to print in its existing state. Upon the request of the State Deputy these reports are omitted from the convention minutes.

The State Deputy Requests all Grand Knights turn in scrapbooks, newsletters and all other type of competitive reports for judging for their various awards.

After announcements were made that was related to the evenings activities the meeting was closed with a prayer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1982

The State Deputy opened the second business session and called on State Secretary to lead in prayer followed by a Pledge of Allegiance by the Fourth Degree Master.

The State Deputy clarified the eligibilty of the delegates and also informed the body who had floor and voting priviledges.

The State Secretary was called on to give the report of the Credential Committee.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Credential Committee, report that we have verified credentials of the following delegates to the 78th Annual State Convention and certify that they are entitled to the full privileges of the Convention, excepting that the District Deputies and Past State Deputies have no voting privileges unless listed also as council delegates.

STATE OFFICERS

State Chaplain	Fr. Frank Cocoran
State Deputy	Don Oldmixon
State Secretary	Robert Fratesi
State Treasurer	
State Advocate	Dennis E. Ladnier
State Warden	Michael T. Leleux
Past State Deputy	

COUNCIL DELEGATES

8054 McComb

Gary Benton
Henry C. Wilson
Alfred E. McDevitt
George E. Hude
Ross Bertucci
Bob Hubbard
John A. McWaters
John W. Cox
Ed Dugas
Paul Artman
Dennis Farrell
Leon J. Shapley
Tony Antici

Greg Niolet William A. Seal, Jr. S. E. Gaston, Jr. Victor Aguzzi, Jr. Robert C. O'Brien Bruno Fava Ted Applewhite Lynn Cook Albert J. Bernard O. J. Shiyou John Parsons Oscar Authement David H. Duncan George Saab Dennis LaRochelle John Jeanson Lloyd Addison Daniel Farrell

Jim Hagan Conrad J. Richard, Sr. Riley W. Nelson Frederick N. Biglane Frank Tarrant Leslie Blaize Nick Pitalo B. R. Frederic Johnny Stevens Bill Koepp James F. Hunter Charlie J. Morlino F. Ewin Henson III None Jeff Taylor John W. Smith Bobby Acy Albert Rocconi, Jr. James L. Tarrant, Jr. David Malatesta **Bobby Thompson** Jim Hietz Jerald Hunter Richard Hoda Ken Lubbers Leo Ridge, Jr. J. B. Holland, Jr. Joseph Goellner Curtis Klien

Richard Mahoney Basil Moots

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Charles R. Brill

District #1
District #2
District #3
District #4
District #5
District #6
District #7 Oscar J. Authement (also delegate)
District #7 District #8 Louis G. Hemler
District #8
District #9 Forest Taylor

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

John P. Myers Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. George R. Scheiderman Dave Atteberry Hilton A. Seymour Norman L. Kiehm Jessie J. Quinn Rodney Sandoz

This committee recommends that when initial forms are mailed to individual councils for the purpose of listing delegates, information listed in section 12 paragraph A of Charter Constitution Laws be included on a cover letter or the form itself.

Also this committee suggest that emphasis be placed for individual councils to report their delegates and alternates prior to attending the state convention.



Respectfully Submitted Robert Fratesi, Chairman John Parsons Ewin Henson

April 1982

Mr. Donald H. Oldmixon State Deputy - Mississippi Route 3 - Box 212 Poplarville, Mississippi 39470

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Oldmixon.

In this year of Centennial, when all kinghts of Columbus and their families are caught up in a spirit of celebration, it gives me great joy to extend fraternal greetings to the delegates and attendees as you gather in Convention.

While we wish the Order as a whole, and each Knight, a "Happy Birthday" it might be well to pause for a moment to reflect on why this birthday is such a happy one. First and foremost, we can rejoice in the fact that, over the last 100 years, our Brothers past and present have uved up to, and indeed benefited from, the legacy left us by our reverced format: Father Michael J. McGaney. Here was a man who read not only the signs of his times, but could envision the ever-present need for a Catholic lay organization devotes to the principles of caucity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In the intervening decorder strom 1882 to the present, we Knights of Columbus have remained true to our purpose of service to the Church and our priests, to country and community, to our families, our mannels and to the less fortunate.

We have been blessed by God with truly outstanding knights over the years, men whose loyalty and devotion to Columbianism both inspired their peers and showed the way for each succeeding generation. Now, in 1982 and beyond, we are the ones whose charge it is to keep our Order strong and vital.

As we celebrate 100 years with justified pride, my message to you this day is one of rededication. Recommit your allegiance to the bonds which bring us together as a Columbian family and as Catholic families. Reawaken your enthusiasm for the programs of the Order, and resolve to spread our story to others who are not yet within our ranks.

May our Blessed Lady watch over and guide us all, and bring us into the second century ever under her motherly mantle.

With warmest personal regards and with the good wishes of my fellow officers and directors, I am

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The preceding letter from our Supreme Knight was not read during the meeting, however it was placed in the convention handbook for all to read.

STATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Worthy State Deputy and fellow officers Worthy Brother Julian Joseph, Supreme Director & fellow Knights. I am privileged to serve as your State Chaplain and to make this annual Chaplain's Report.

On behalf of Bishop Brunini, Bishop Howze, the pastors and religious of the Dioceses of Jackson and Biloxi, I take this opportunity to officially thank the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction for their generosity in providing a leadership in so many areas of the Church.

We are celebrating history this year. One hundred years ago, a young priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, curate of St., Mary's Parish in New Haven, had a vision of uniting Catholic men in a society through which they might advance the ideals of their faith. The objectives were to provide a system of fraternal insurance to care for the widows and orphans of members; to provide fellowship among the members and to aid the cause of religion and to perform charitable educational and patriotic works for the benefit of their fellowman and their nation.

In my two years as State Chaplain I have visited a number of Councils and have seen the ideals of Father McGivney in action. Some Councils are stronger than others but all are doing their part. One such strong Council is our host Council of Biloxi who are celebrating 75 years of existance. Every Council in our State has been touched by them in some way.

I call upon every Council to be active in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in your parish. We reach out into our community and invite people who are not Catholic and have no religious affiliation to come to classes provided in your parish and learn about Catholicism. We share our faith with others.

I Call upon every Council to look to the Spiritual life of your Council and help fellow members who may be weak in faith. Many members are lost because of weakness in faith. They are lost not only to the Council but sometimes to the Church. I call upon you to look up members who have left your Council for some reason or other and see how they stand with the Church today. Appoint a member as an Evangelization Chairman and work with your Chaplain on this. Remember, Jesus has told us to leave the 99 and go after the one who was lost.

The Mississippi Knights have given great leadership to our Bishops and Church and I call upon you for greater efforts in this Centennial Year. May God bless your continued efforts and be assured you are always in my prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Frank Corcora State Chaplain

ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE DEPUTY

To: The Officers and Members of the 78th annual Convention meeting of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus.

According to the Rules and Laws of the Order, and the By-Laws of the Mississippi State Council, I respectfully submit this report of the status of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. This report, in summary form, reflects only the highlights of the past twelve months since it would be almost impossible to list all the great works accomplished by the Mississippi Knights.

INITIAL ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

Immediately following the election of Officers and the ending of the 77th Annual Convention, the State Officers Elect met in Long Beach on Sunday, May 17th to review the recommendations received in response to our request for suggestions to the various appointive positions in the State Family. Shortly thereafter, appointments were made to all the District Deputy positions and to the State Program Directors and State Committeemen positions. Plans were also made for the Organizational Meeting and Installation of Officers and preliminary plans for the Schools of Columbianism.

STATE DEPUTIES' MEETING

The annual mid-summer instructional meeting of the Order's State Deputies was held in Clearwater Beach, Florida on June 19, 20, and 21, 1981. The official opening of our CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION began at this meeting and it was a great honor for me, as your State Deputy, to take part in so historic an event. The Order's membership Campaign to Honor the Priesthood and the Founding Fathers was presented and all aspects fully explained and goals set for each jurisdiction. Mary and I fully enjoyed these days of fraternal associations with my fellow State Deputies.

STATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION

The annual State Family meeting and Installation of Officers were held at the Sawmill Ramada Inn in Laurel on the weekend of July 11 and 12. This meeting was well attended; the participants formulated the State Programs for the year; were acquainted with the duties of each position and the details of programs outlined at the State Deputies Meeting in Clearwater Beach. Needless to say all really enjoyed the fraternal association with their brothers and their families. His Excellency Bishop Joseph L. Howze presided at the Installation Mass and was so gracious as to install the State Officers Elect in their respective offices.

SCHOOLS OF COLUMBIANISM

At the Schools of Columbianism, initiated this year and patterned after similiar schools in the Louisiana and other jurisdictions, conducted at Gulfport on July 19th. Bassfield on July 26th and at Greenwood on August 9th; we instructed the council officers in their respective duties, presented the State's Program to the councils, and fielded questions on duties, programming, ceremonials and other related subjects. Our instructors did a really great job of putting the schools on.

SUPREME CONVENTION

The 99th annual convention of the Supreme Council was held in Louisville, Ky., August 18, 19, and 20, 1981. It was a real honor for me to join with the delegates from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Guatemala in these historic deliberations. I say, historic, as the highlight of this convention had to be the establishment of the VICARIOUS CHRIST fund for the Holy Father. Imagine a gift of ten million dollars, the interest therefrom to be used by the Holy Fathers inperpetuity.

THE MISSISSIPPI PROGRAM FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

The annual Knights of Columbus campaign to aid the mentally retarded needed \$61,204.70 in 1981. With matching federal and state funds a grand total of \$140,048.47 was received by the mentally retarded in Mississippi. 25 councils participated in this year's drive and we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Knight who worked hard to make this drive such a grand success. This is the biggest problem that we do as a state council and Brother Dave Atteberry, PSD, who chaired this committee, is asked to stand as we acknowledge his great leadership and dedication for these less fortunate citizens.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT, MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE

Our state council is charged with the responsibility of promoting the Order through our subordinate councils by providing whatever effort, support or service is needed. No matter the effort at the state council level, if our local councils fail to respond to the leadership of the supreme and state councils, Columbianism suffers. This year I'm happy to report, we have added six new councils to our ranks and we are delighted to have them seated at this the CENTENNIAL Convention. Through the team efforts of our District Deputies and New Council Development Coordinators the new councils at Clinton, Orange Grove, Brookhaven, Columbus, Pearl and McComb are alive and growing. We anticipate councils at Jackson, Canton, Gautier and Forest in the near future. Membership as we would expect, with the additions of so many new councils has swelled dramatically. From 3,798 members as of July 1, 1981 we have as of April 1, 1982 added 360 new members, however with suspensions of 136 members, our gain drops to a net of 224 for an overall total of 4022; breaking that old 4000 barrier and placing us in 1982-83 into Division IV. As membership grows so also does INSURANCE, and I am happy to report that our Agency Department has kept pace. Our General Agent Roy Powers has put on additional help and now has a full time staff of two field agents and one part time agent.

NEW CEREMONIALS

Many of you may not be aware but our Ceremonials, more than any other single aspect of Columbianism has actually been responsible for spreading our Order across this and other continents. We have this year made considerable changes in our Ceremonials and this has caused considerable hardships on our councils. I am happy to report, however, that four councils have been certified in the Admissions Degree ritual and one in the Second or Formation Degree ritual. Work continues in all of the geographical areas of the state by councils preparing for certifications in degree rituals. In the interim, we have been fortunate in acquiring the services of degree teams in Alabama and Louisiana to help us during this trying and difficult period. Six

major exemplifications have been held and one other is scheduled this fraternal year. Area participation in both candidates and fiscal responsibility will enable us to hold degree work in the extreme northern portions of the jurisdiction.

CENTENNIAL

Less than 30 days ago we celebrated Founder's Day...a special one at that...the 100th one. Yes, the Centennial of our Order. Here in Mississippi we marked the day with many special occasions. The official one, however, was in Meridian, birthplace of Columbianism in this jurisdiction. Father Brian Carrol, Chaplain of Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802, District Deputy Thomas R. Zettler; Grand Knight Gary Benton; General Agent Roy R. Powers and Myself, in the presence of news media and others, placed a wreath on the graves of the charter Grand Knight and charter Chaplain. Throughout the year we have marked the event with exemplifications dedicated to the Priesthood and to the Founding Fathers, and many local councils have had Centennial celebrations within their council programs.

COMMUNICATIONS

During this past year much effort, time and financial support has gone into the improvement of communications in our jurisdiction. To date it is apparent that sixty cents of your state per capita assessment will be spent on producing the MAGNOLIA KNIGHT. Our co-editors Ken Lubbers and Larry Campbell have done a really remarkable job of building this newsletter with very limited input from the majority of the state family. For many months our distribution ran into difficulties and the newsletter was late, causing your editors a few gray hairs, however, in working with the postal authorities we have been able to speed delivery from Southaven to the coast in four days, and for bulk mail that is fast. Our telephone committee has been used twice this year, utilizing the nine district deputies to call each grand knight, state officer, state director or committeeman, past state deputy and faithful navigator within his district. This has worked very well and we will continue to use this means for rapid communications whenever necessary.

PROBLEMS FACING US

In any growing organization problems or challenges continue to arise and must be faced, solutions sought, and new and innovative programs initiated to solve or meet the challenges. As your elected leader, I feel that it is my duty to point our some of the areas of concern. First, I feel we must look at our current operational procedures and to question whether or not these are the most efficient that we can adopt. Next, are we utilizing our leadership effectively? Are we really training leaders for the future, or are we simply leaving this to chance? Are we getting the most from our fiscal resources? Could this money be used more effectively in other areas? At our convention, is the current structure the most efficient use of the time and talents that we have brought together from across the state at considerable expense? Are the printing of the convention proceedings in the traditional form fulfilling the best needs of the present and the future for this information?

Answers to these and other areas of concern are not easy to come by, and to this end I plan on enlisting the aid of the Past State Deputy's Committee.

CONCLUSION AND THANKS

It has been my privilege to have travelled over much of the state attending many social events and local and state council functions. I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your gracious invitations and magnificent hospitality. I also want to thank my fellow officers, District Deputies and State Directors and Committeemen for their dedicated service and support during the past historic year. All of the successes are due to their untiring efforts on behalf of Columbianism in this great jurisdiction. I want to thank my wife Mary for her help and support during this period, only with her care and concern would any of this have been possible, as my declining health would have precluded my travelling and carrying out many of my duties. Finally I want to thank my Creator for the talents that are mine, as his gift, and which enabled me through your confidence and election, to have served you as State Deputy this past twelve months. I have been honored and deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Oldmixon, State Deputy

REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY

Status of membership by council in Mississippi as of April 1, 1982 as compared with totals as of April 1, 1981. Figures are based of monthly report of membership from the Supreme Council.

NO. OF MEMBERS

COUNCIL	1981	1982	INCREASE	DECREASE
802 Meridian	138	132		
848 Jackson	177	165		6
898 Vicksburg	340	337		12
1034 Natchez	243	243		3
1244 Biloxi	410	430	20	
1522 Bay St. Louis	175	197	22	
1583 Gulfport	346	350	4	
1605 Pascagoula	264	293	29	
1908 Hattiesburg	108	128	20	
2134 Greenville	230	223	20	_
2180 Laurel	53	59	6	7
2945 Leland	51	53	2	
2969 Clarksdale	214	220	6	
3328 Yazoo City	70	74	4	
4472 Pass Christian	35	37	2	
4898 Long Beach	137	145	8	
5267 Greenwood	85	88	3	
5556 Cleveland	99	98	3	
5654 Ocean Springs	114	119	5	1
6555 Shelby	46	44	3	
6592 Bassfield	97	99	2	2
6765 Starkville	60	43	2	
		73		17

6872 Picayune	55	52		3
7087 Kiln	45	53	8	
7120 Southaven	49	54	5	
7211 Lumberton	42	48	6	
7440 Philadelphia	35	39	4	
7854 Clinton	•	50	50-	
7910 Gulfport	-	43	43	
7915 Brookhaven	-	31	31	
7974 Columbus	-	51	51	
TOTALS	3718	3998	331	51

A new gain of 280 members is reflected by this report. Included are 1182 Insurance members (this is an increase of 45 over last year) and 2816 Associate members. Also included in these totals are 93 Honorary members, 301 Honorary Life members and 309 Inactive members.

The following named members have been reported by their council as deceased since our last convention. Let us all remember these brothers in our prayers.

802 Meridian Martin F. Stroble	1583 Gulfport Dr. Robert E. Aiken John S. Cabibi	6765 Starkville Charles A. Portera Francis E. Rhodes
848 Jackson Wardell Joseph 898 Vicksburg Joseph T. Balzli	Emerson P. Cassady Anthony Grandis Emery L. Haluska George B. Huth Louis J. LaRosa	7211 Lumberton Ralph Todd Clemment J. Schwajohn
Bartholomew Bonelli Clement V. Coccare Louis F. Mahoney Alfred J. Messina Frank J. Schlosser Albert E. Tucker	Benjamin F. Randall 1605 Pascagoula Solomon H. Frederic Henry C. Jahnke Charles B. Martin, Sr. Gerald A. Stevens	2945 Leland Anthony J. Bariola 2969 Clarksdale Msgr James T. McKenna
1034 Natchez Edgar L. Gill Michael J. Mulvihill, Jr. August J. Stone, Sr.	2134 Greenville A. L. Fava, Sr. Fred Petro, Jr. James L. Shamoun	1522 Bay St. Louis Nelius A. Favre August J. Scafidi, Jr.
Howland S. Brochard John Pisarch Sam Sicuro	2180 Laurel C. Nolan Bush	Respectfully Submitted

Robert Fratesi State Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Mississippi State Council July 1, 1981 through April 24, 1982

CASH RECEIVED:

Cash on hand as of July 1, 1981 Balance of cash transfer from Past State Treasurer Per Capita Tax first half of year 1981-82 Per Capita Tax second half of year 1981-82 St. Mary's Renovation Fund Miscellaneous Cash and Redeposit of Check Transfer of funds from Citizens Bank to Merchants and Farmers Bank	4,000.00 3,785.92 6,783.60 7,095.95 2,075.00 220.36 5,775.82
Total Cash as of April 24, 1982	29,736.65
EXPENDITURES:	
Organizational meeting, rooms July 1981	1,068.90
Organizational meeting, mileage July 1981	670.60
Organizational meeting, meals and meeting rooms July 1981	701.40
Installation Mass	25.00
Newsletter expense	2,187.43
Past State Deputy postage (stamps)	18.00
Present State Deputy operational expense	548.54
State Treasurer expense (stamps and telephone calls)	50.56
Souveniers sewing for Supreme Convention	25.00
Subscription of Columbia Magazine to Mississippi Libraries	37.80
Subscription to Right of Life	12.00
100 Certificates of Recognition	29.50
100 Third degree decals	11.35
Checks for Mississippi State Council checking account	25.36
Frame for Charter	68.35
K of C school of Columbianism	580.70
1981 Convention books and State Council Directory	1,418.70
Tootsie Roll Supplies	254.67
Marin hour expense	3.51
Program Directors expense	221.92
50 Candidates Kits	53.29
Transfer of funds to Savings Account	4,000.00
St. Mary's Renovation to Supreme	1,000.00
Lease on printing to Mississippi Foundation	1.00
Mississippi Today (Bishop Brunini 25th Anniversary)	112.50
Mid Winter Conference (Mileage, meal and mass)	979.75
Checks for Mississippi State Council new checking account	18.01
Transfer of funds to new checking account	5,775.82
Total Disbursements	19,899.66
Total cash received (checking account)	28,604.20
Total expenditures as of April 24, 1981	19,899.66
Total checking account as of April 24, 1982	9,836.99

Interest on checking account	25.06
Total checking account funds available as of April 24, 1982	9,862.05
Total saving account as of April 24, 1982	4,000.00
Interest on saving account as of April 24, 1982	94.01
Total saving account as of April 24, 1982	4,094.01
Total all funds available as of April 24, 1982	13,956.06

Respectfully Submitted Wiley Price, Jr. State Treasurer

REPORT OF STATE ADVOCATE

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 1981-82, I attended the following state and council activities.

- 1. State meeting and installation of Officers in Laurel.
- 2. Went to Meridan to participate in the state Softball tournament.
- 3. State meeting in Yazoo City.
- 4. Visited Meridian with the Biloxi Degree Team to initiate members in the Admission and Formation Degrees.
- 5. Went to Brookhaven to Initiate members in the Admission Degree to organize their council.
- 6. Participated in the Admission Degree for the organization of the Council in Orange Grove.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Ladnier, Sr. State Advocate Mississippi Jurisdiction

REPORT OF STATE WARDEN

State Deputy, Supreme Director, State Chaplin, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Delegates:

The office of the State Warden is to assist the State Council at the State meetings in seeing to it that only paid up members in good standing are present at state meetings, and to assist the State Deputy at state functions.

The following is a list of what activities I attended at state and council activities during 1981-82:

- 1. Forth Degree, Pascagoula Council
- 2. Installation of State Officers and Organization of state Programs, Laurel
- 3. Attended the installation Laurel Council Officers

- 4. Attended the installation of Lumberton Council Officers
- 5. Served as one of the School of Columbianism Team members, at Gulfport, Bassfield, and Greenwood.
- 6. attended Knighthood Degree Pascagoula Council.
- 7. Attended the installation of Kiln Council Officers
- 8. Assisted at the organizational meeting at North Guifport and Orange Grove
- 9. Attended the Midyear meeting of the State Officers at Yazoo City.

I would like to thank the Mississippi Knights of Columbus for the honor and opportunity to have served you during this past year. I would like to thank our State Deputy Don Oldmixon and my fellow state officers for the cooperation which was shown in making this past year one of the best the Mississippi Knights of Columbus has ever had.

To close, I would like to thank the councils of which I attended functions for the fine Fraternal hospitality which was shown to my wife Vicki and I this past year will long be remembered, thank you all.

> Respectfully submitted. Michael T. Leleux Mississippi Knights of Columbus Warden

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT DISTRICT NO. 1

District No. 1 is comprised of Southaven, Clarksdale and Shelby. Hernando DeSoto Council #7120 is located at Southaven. Clarksdale Council #2969 at Clarksdale and Shelby Council #6555 at Shelby.

MEMBERSHIP - This fraternal year the district exceeded its membership quota by 167%. All councils are actively recruiting. One council tripled its membership quota. We have had less suspensions this year than in any previous years.

DISTRICT MEETINGS - I am sorry to say that we did not find an opportune time for formal district meetings with the other councils in the district. However, there was a lot of business carried on by telephone.

SERVICE PROGRAMS - All the councils did quite well in the area of service programs, particularly with the centennial celebrations. The Grand Knights reports describe the individual councils accomplishments in the service programs.

CEREMONIALS AND DEGREES - I guess one of the things we're most proud of in District 1 is the first degree team which is made up of members of Council 7120 in Southaven. 7120's first degree team has been going strong for about a year now. This team was the first to be certified in Miss. using the new ceremonials. So far the team has performed four times - twice for Council 7120 in Southaven adding 6 new members: once for Council in Cleveland, adding 5 new members; and just recently the team reached a high in their career when 9 candidates received the formation degree at Pearl. So far, 7120's degree team has been responsible for 20 new members into our order. The team is always ready so put them to work.

We are also proud of the fact that the newest insurance representative is out of District 1 from Council 7120.

I was priviledged to install the officers for all three councils during the early part of the fraternal year.

We had a good representation of all the Councils at the School of Columbianism in Greenwood last August.

The Marian Hour of Prayer was a great success and through the efforts of all the Councils, the attendance at all churches was extremely good.

I think all of us in District 1 have had a great year and I want to thank the Grand Knights, and other officers and members of each of the councils for a great job well done. You can certainly look for bigger and better things out of the "Yankee" part of the state during the coming year.

James L. Higgins

DISTRICT 2

Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights

It has been my pleasure to serve this year as district deputy of District 2 of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. The councils that are in my district are 5267-Greenwood 5556 Cleveland, 2945 Leland.

I attended the state installation of state officers in Laurel in July. In addition to installation of officers, there was orientation of meeting for newly appointed district Deputy.

In July, I conducted the installation of officers in Greenwood, Leland, and Cleveland. Each installation was followed with a family social. The fellowship was great and I enjoy meeting each officer and their families.

In August, I held a district meeting host by Cleveland council. The food was great and so was the fellowship. The state programs for the year were discussed.

In August I attended the School of Columbianism held in Greenwood. The meal was prepared by Greenwood council and was very good.

I was unable to attend the winter meeting which was held in Yazoo City in December.

In January, we held a district meeting in Leland. We were honored with a good meal prepared by the Leland Council. Plans were discussed on the Tootsie Roll Drive and other programs coming up this spring.

We took the names of each council that were planning to attend the state convention to be held in Biloxi, Ms. April 23, 24, & 25. The names were to be turned in to Hilton Seymour, convention Chairman. At all the meetings I presented the state programs and encouraged the council to participate fully. I believe all the councils in the district

are working towards the goals of the order and will continue to be a credit to our church and community.

I wish to express my appreciation to each council in my district for putting forth their best effort to attain the goals that they have set forth, and their honest friendship. I would also like to express my heartwarm appreciation to our State Deputy, Donald Oldmixon for allowing me to serve as District Deputy this pass year. He has provided excellent leadership and guidance as well as his friendship.

Respectfully Submitted Marvin Lott District Deputy #2

DISTRICT NO. 3

Brother Knights:

District No. 3 is made up of councils: 898 Vicksburg, 2134 Greenville and 3328 Yazoo City.

All council officers were duly installed at open meetings held in their respective council homes during the month of July.

During the course of this year all councils of District 3 were active in promoting Columbianism in their communities. They have also strived to meet some of the requirements in the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Award program. Through the year the councils have worked diligently to retain membership but are having difficulty.

I must extend my apologies to our Worthy State Deputy and the councils of my district. I have neglected my duties during the past months, letting private and personal projects absorbe the time necessary to perform my duties.

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy for asking me to serve the Knights of Columbus. I am looking forward to better years in the future.

Respectfully Submitted, Walter L. Reynolds District Deputy District No. 3

DISTRICT NO. 4

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Director, State Officers and Delegates:

District 4 consists of Meridian Council 802 Starkville Council 6765, Philadelphia Council 7440 and Columbus Council 7974.

With the exception of the installation of the Starkville Council Officers, I attended all

of the prescribed meetings and functions. I would like to thank our State Deputy for filling in for me during my absence there.

Of course the highlight of my year thus far has been the establishment of our new council in Columbus under the able leadership of Grand Knight Lloyd Addison and Deputy Grand Knight Richard Mahoney.

Current District membership figures stand at increases of 633.3% overall and 300% in insurance.

In addition we are currently pursuing the possibility of a new council in the Newton Forest area and are working there with Father Remegis Kozak on this formulation.

There are many people I would like to thank but most expecially my home council and our Grand Knight Gary Benton for their complete and total support of my efforts as District Deputy of District 4.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas R. Zettler District No. 4

DISTRICT NO. 5

Jackson 848:

Membership - still replacing members lost to four new councils.

Working on programs for young members.

Council, Youth and Family programs working together and overlapping involving and receiving support from entire membership.

Community program working with mentally retarded in several fields, offers assistance to Salvation Army and others in their assistance to needy or disabled. Saltillo mission financially supported in funds and personnel.

financial standing adequate sometimes, unless generousity overloads good sense of self preservation.

Auxiliary, sound and active.

Natchez 1034

Membership - will have to replace some new members lost also to new councils otherwise slow.

Council, Youth and Family programs moving well.

Community working into their active season.

Financial maintaining necessary operating expenses.

Still holding out without an auxiliary.

Bassfield 6592

Membership not far from top of potential.

Council, Youth and Family programs have many overlapping activities with a healthy need for all member participation, maximum effort by all members a concensus. Financial: money in Bank is of no concern, if there is enough to help a needy request.

When there is none, they raise some.

Ladies work hard, should have a very active auxiliary.

Clinton 7854

Membership - new council, still bringing in new members-excellent!

Council, Youth and Family programs are building faster than they were expecting but they are coping well. Their activities are well matched with their enthusiam and their future is all UP.

Community liason efforts being established and will participate with community as soon as needed.

Still feel too young to take on an Auxiliary but under consideration for near future. Financial: working for a building fund for new home.

Brookhaven: 7905

Membership - has great potential for expansion.

Enthusiasm great but a little cautious.

Financial: funds slim but should improve by end of first year.

St. Jude's Council 8038 Pearl

I really don't have much to report on St. Jude's except it was hatched on Easter week and is feathering out fast.

They have some very capable leadership and with Father Quinn's help they will be heard from in the near future.

District 5 is very fortunate in having six such dedicated priests as chaplins of our councils. I shall continue to encourage our council officers and members to show their appreciation and count their blessings.

Many of our council officers attended training programs this year. This knowledge enabled our councils to enjoy more accomplishments with better results than ever before. If their efforts continue, Columbianism will have a fitting 100th celebration.

Fraternally, Bob Lambert District Deputy No. 5

DISTRICT NO.6

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Don Oldmixon, for asking me to be a District Deputy. I hope that I have not failed him. I visited all of the councils in my district on several occasions. Which are Hattisburg, Laural, Seneca while adding 25 Knights to the State Council. I went to organizational meetings with the State Deputy in McComb and other locations. I attended all schools of instruction and vocations work shops. I attended several state meetings this year. My district has reached its membership and insurance quota. This year has been most rewarding to me and I want to thank all my brothers for making it a happy and successful one.

Oscar J. Authement District No. 6

DISTRICT NO. 7

Worthy Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Deputy and Brother Knights

My District is comprised of Council #1522, Bay St, Louis; #6872, Picayune; #7087, Kiln.

At the start of the year, meeting attendance was poor, due to various reasons, with the help of the State Deputy (Don Oldmixon) and the Grand Knights attendance for all three councils is now excellent.

Even though all three councils were deeply involved in remodeling their homes, they managed to become quite involved in Church, Council and Community Activities.

Our supreme quota for membership is 200% and for insurance it is 166.6%. This is outstanding.

All three Councils were well represented in all state functions, schools, and projects.

It was very unfortunate that soon after being appointed, I became very ill iwth serious heart problems. I couldn't perform my duties such as Council visitations as I felt I should. Thank God that my health has improved immensely since my retirement, and I think that my involvement will be considerably increased.

I would like to thank our State Deputy, Don Oldmixon for my appointment, and Grand Knights Bob Hubbard (Bay St. Louis), Al Bernard (Picayune), O. J. Shiyou (Kiln), and the members of their Councils for making me feel welcome and comfortable by their support and spirit of true Columbianism.

Respectably Submitted, Louis G. Hemler District Deputy No. 7

DISTRICT NO. 8

At the beginning of the fraternal year District No. 8 consisted of Bishop Gunn Council #1583, Gulfport; Monsignor Leech Council #4472, Pass Christian; and St. Vincent DePaul Council #4898, Long Beach. On November 24, 1981, the District was augmented by the institution of Father Harry Wade Council #791; at St. Joseph Parish in Gulfport.

I attended the Installation of State Officers and Organizational Meeting in Laurel, the school of Columbianism in Gulfport, the vocational work shop at St. Joseph parish in Gulfport, and the mid-year meeting in Yazoo City. At each of these meetings valuable information was imparted to us to assist in the discharge of our duties as District Deputies.

The exemplification of the Admission Degree was conducted in the councils for an increase of forty-six new members.

Periodic visits to each council indicated great efforts were being made to implement all phases of program activities.

In September the Star Council Award was presented to Monsignor Leech Council in Pass Christian and to St. Vincent DePaul Council in Long Beach.

The centennial program in the district was slow in starting, but gained momentum as the year progressed.

Contributions to St. Mary's renovation has been approved and remitted by each council in the district.

Dedication is the prime mover of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. This was proud by Bishop Gunn Council of Gulfport when, under the able leadership of Grand Knight John McWaters, and with the assistance of Chief Counselor Louis Palmer and several other dedicated Brothers, their efforts were rewarded by the institution of Squire Circle #3091 on February 20, 1982, with a total of forty-two members.

The council has also reactivated the Ladies Auxiliary. In a true expression of Columbianism Council 1583 has also contributed \$8,000.00 to the St. John Inter-parochial High School and \$24,000.00 to the St. John Elementary School System.

To State Deputy Don Oldmixon, State Warden Mike Leleux and General Agent Roy Powers, my sincerest thanks for your invaluable assistance at the first organizational meeting at St. Joseph's.

I also wish to express my appreciation to the councils of District No. 8 for the courtesy and cooperation extended to me, especially when visiting their council homes.

Respectfully submitted, Paulino J. Carrubba District Deputy, District No. 8

DISTRICT NO. 9

It is indeed an honor to have served as District Deputy, District No. 9 during the Columbian year 1981-1982. Therefore, I first desire to express my sincere gratitude to our Worthy State Deputy, Brother Don Oldmixon for entrusting me with this tremendous challenge and responsibility.

District No. 9, is composed of Biloxi Council, No. 1244; Msgr. P. J. Carey Council, No. 1605; and Fred L. Westbrook Sr. Council No. 5654.

My official duties as District Deputy began with the installation of the State Officers and the mid-summer meeting in Laurel, Ms., on July 11-12, 1981. However, having been previously notified of my impending appointment, I immediately made arrangements to have pre-installation meetings with the officers of the individual councils. These meetings were held during the last two weeks of June, 1981.

The duly elected officers of the individual councils were installed during the month of July, 1981, and in this regard, I am pleased to report that I solicited and obtained the services of Brother George Simon as my District Warden, and I am most grateful for his invaluable service.

Immediately after the planning and organization meeting in Gulfport in July, a meeting was held with each Council which was well attended by the pertinent officers and committee members. Much interest and enthusiasm was generated for the Supreme and State Programs.

Membership and Insurance continues to be a problem; however, overall results as of April 1, 1982, shows a District membership of 229.19% of total and a District insurance membership of 54.5% of total. In this regard, I am pleased to report that Council No. 5654 has attained both membership and insurance quotas. Also, the records of the Financial Secretary and the District Deputy indicate that Council 1605 has reached its membership and insurance quotas; however, this is not reflected in Supreme Council's report. This condition is attributed to an error in reporting on the new Form 100.

I attended the mid winter meeting in Yazoo City, Ms., on December 13, 1981, and in January, 1982, held a meeting with each individual council to evaluate the first six months of work, and to finalize the various programs for the remainder of the year.

Quarterly official visits to each council indicated that all committees are generally performing adequately and are attempting to meet all program requirements. Councils are generally conducting meetings within the Supreme Council guidelines, and all council records are in good order.

With the implementation of new ceremonials, I am pleased to announce that through the efforts of the council members, each council has a certified first degree team, and there is also a second degree team in the district, Biloxi, #1244. A total of 17 degree exemplifications were held during the first three quarters of the year as follows:

First Degrees - Pascagoula, 1605 - Six
Biloxi, 1244 - Four
Ocean Springs, 5654 - Three
Second Degrees - Pascagoula, 1605 - Two
Third Degrees - Pascagoula, 1605 - Two

I extend my personal thanks to the officers and members of Msgr. P. J. Carey Council, No. 1605, and Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654 for their outstanding efforts in promoting Columbianism and Council development. I especially thank Brother John Cox, Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council, and Brother Robert O'Brien, Grand Knight of Ocean Springs for the extra-ordinary courtesies afforded to Mrs. Taylor and myself on many special occasions. Too, I would be much remiss if I did not take the opportunity to thank my wife, Anna Mae, for her forbearance and support during the past year.

Again, I thank the Worthy State Deputy for the privilege of serving as District Deputy for this very special Columbian year, and I stand ready to assist the State and local councils in any manner whatsoever in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Forest H. Taylor, DD. District No. 9

INSURANCE REPORT

Our General Agent, Roy Powers being absent the insurance report was given by field agent Ray Harrington.

Brother Knights:

One of the main reasons that the Knights of Columbus was founded 100 years ago was to provide for the widows and orphans. This has been possible through the insurance program. All Brother Knights need to be aware that not only does it provide protection for our families, but also it is funding some 92% of our order's operational cost. It is a sad fact that only 25% of the members choose to take advantage of the benefits. This is why the promoting of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program is everyone's business if we are to continue to grow and take on new responsibilities. We, the entire Brotherhood, can be proud of the fact that the insurance program is alive and well, and is growing by leaps and bounds during our centennial year. To give you some idea of this, in 1981 over \$1.25 billion was written through out the order. In march of this year we experienced an all time high writing month of over \$150 million worth of business. The agency department paid out to its' certificate holders more in dividends, than they did in death claims.

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There has been some concerned about some councils reaching their membership and insurance quotas. With the new form 100's each council has within its' means for obtaining their membership and insurance quotas. This is because of the incentive that the new member insurance plan offers. In addition, the Board of Directors recently voted to extend the new member insurance plan to ALL members of the order. Now there is no excuse why insurance with the Knights is not possible for all members. By using the new form 100's to its' fullest all councils will achieve the quotas that are required. At the financial secretaries meeting this weekend, we will again explain and clarify the procedure of submitting the new member insurance with the new forms.

We appreciate the cooperation received through out the year. In all fairness and respect IF 100% cooperation had been received in promoting the new member insurance program the outcome would have been exceptional!

On behalf of myself, Ray Harrington, Tom Griffin, and Fritz Oberlies we thank you for your continued cooperation and look forward to greater things in this fraternal year in the Great Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted, Roy R. Powers, GA

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Brothers:

During the 1981-82 fraternal year we have been very fortunate to bring 360 new members into our order, but we have lost 136 for a net gain of 224. Due to the formation of four new councils now on record, we have been able to maintain our lead in division V. These four councils have added a total of 147 new members and with a little adding and subtracting you will find that without these four new councils we would be in serious trouble, because our lead over the Georgia jurisdiction is only 55 members. During the next two months we must all work very hard to achieve several membership goals, not the least of which will be closing the door through which we are losing members that we have worked so hard to bring into our councils. Assuming that we are able to do that, we will then be able to see our other goals much easier to reach. As part of our State Awards Program we were given a quota of a 5% net increase in membership from last April first until now. I remind you that this is a different time frame than that used by Supreme and that it is based on additions and suspensions, but is not affected by either transfers or deaths.

Let me again caution you that we must work very hard to reduce our suspensions and losses and to push harder than ever for the next few weeks. Remember that we still must meet our quotas assigned by Supreme Council to qualify for the Father McGivney, founders, and Star Council Awards.

As of now, three councils are shown as not adding any new members during the year: 4472 Pass Christian, 6555 Shelby and 7440 Philadelphia.

I would like to close by thanking our State Deputy for allowing me to serve in this capacity and to thank you for your work that you have all put in this year and in the years past; and "Good Hunting In Your Quest For New Members".

Respectfully submitted Bill Seal Membership Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Magnolia Knight is now being published in Southaven. After last year's organizational meeting two pieces of duplicating equipment were purchased by the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Foundation. This equipment is being used by the Mississippi State Council to print the Magnolia Knight and in return to the Foundation the State Council to print the Magnolia Knight and in return to the Foundation the State Council covers all printing costs for the Mental Retardation Program.

This past year nine (9) issues of the Magnolia Knight were published with a circulation of over 600. There were two major problems this year and these were: the many address changes during the year and the failure of many to submit material by the 15th of the month deadline.

Future plans call for computerizing the mailing list to facilitate more complete and more accurate mailing and eliminate the laborous task of monthly manually updating the mailing list.

A 15th of the month deadline will again be adhered to and everyone is urged to cooperate with this request. It is expected that next year's circulation will increase to approximately 800 and that the newsletter printing cost will be 21 cents per copy. In view of the cost of publication we must urge everyone to make a sincere effort to utilize the Magnolia Knight as a means of communication.

To keep the work of Columbianism ever present in the public eye we again urge all councils to submit newsworthy articles to the Mississippi Today and their local newspapers.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Campbell and Ken Lubbers Public Relations Co-Chairmen

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Deputy then called upon our Supreme Director Julian Joseph, P. S. D. of Michigan, for a few remarks. After several announcements concerning meeting places of various committees the meeting was closed with a prayer led by Father Frank Corcoran.

On April 21, 1981 the Monsignor P. J. Carey Council #1605, of the Knights of Columbus, Pascagoula, Mississippi adopted Resolution #8 to read:

Whereas, The survival of Catholic schools is imperative to the Catholic Church and to Catholic families in the State of Mississippi, and

Whereas, Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in Mississippi are being sorely pressed to achieve their historical goals.

Be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Mississippi, at their Annual Convention, commit themselves to support Catholic schools and Catholic education in the State of 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

Therefore:

Worthy State Deputy Don Oldmixon accepted this as a Convention Mandate and subsequently appointed Paul N. Seckso, Deputy Grand Knight, Pere Le Duc Council #1522, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi as CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Aside from interviewing the dedicated educators in both the Jackson and Biloxi

Dioceses, other known sources of information were researched to offer a comprehensive study of the problems with practical recommendations for adoption by the Knights of Columbus.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

How does the Catholic school fit into the world in which we live?

The Vatican Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education answers some of these questions through a continuing committment of Catholic schools to excellence, scholarship, and spiritual formation.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic school is receiving more attention in the Church. In the Council's Declaration "Gravissimum Educationis", it is discussed in the wider sphere of Christian education.

To develop these same ideas, more specifically dealing with the educational values of the Catholic school, it is in these values we find the fundamental reason for the Catholic school's existence and the basis upon which the genuine apostalate is to be found

It also addresses itself to those responsible for Catholic school education - parents, teachers, young people and school authorities, and urges them to pool their resources and the means at their disposal to enable Catholic schools to provide a service to the community and the apostleship.

Some reasons for the existence of Catholic schools:

- 1. Education in the faith.
- 2. Ensure the presence of a Christian mentality in today's pluralistic society.
- 3. To ensure strong character formation in her children.
- 4. To teach man to distinguish between values which enable and those which degrade.
- 5. To inspire truly Christian living and the formation of apostolic communities in the face of materialism, pragmatism, and the technocracy of contemporary society.

There is considerable unrest in the field of education, both secular and religious.

Numerous new educational theories, means and methods, are being devised, debated, proposed and adopted in an attempt to educate the present generation.

In this world of high technology, computer science, space-age living, and in the midst of the most advanced material progress and earthly comforts, we still do not produce true happiness.

Education as an end in itself, or founded in material things of this earth, cannot produce happiness. Education which fails to take-in to consideration the first and last principle, which is God, the goal of all perfection, fails miserably.

The Catholic school is thus dedicated to the development of the whole man, since in Christ, the Perfect Man, all human values find their fulfillment and unity.

Therefore: We Knights of Columbus, Christian leaders of our community, must dedicate ourselves to our beloved youth, and to those whose duty and office is the work of Christian education.

In a recent study of Catholic youth, ages 14-29 years, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center for the Knights of Columbus and presented by Mr. William McCready to the National Catholic Education Association at their National Convention in New York City in July 1981, the following is noted:

- 1. While the views of this age group differ from official Church teaching, 41% attended Mass at least twice monthly.
- 2. "Schools are an important element in a religious 'turning point' which occurs for many individuals in their twenties. The main reason for the school's influence is that they connect individuals more closely to the Catholic community."
- 3. McCready said, "Young Catholics have a relaxed attitude toward the institutional Church and 25% of them attend Mass once a year and still consider themselves as Catholics.
- 4. Twenty-six percent read a spiritual book recently. Twenty percent said they have been involved in a religious discussion group. Seventy-five percent did not agree that the Pope was infallible in matters of faith and morals.

Ninety-five percent disagreed with the Church's teaching on birth control. Ninety percent agreed that divorced persons should not remarry.

Only seventeen percent felt that pre-marital sex was wrong.

Majority opinions were in accord with the Church's teaching on the wrongfulness of homosexual relations and abortion on demand.

- 5. McCready said, "Evidence shows that Catholic schools may be more important than ever", but noted, "a defensiveness among students". McCready suggested, "It is time to attack defensiveness in a forthright manner and insist that people who feel that schools are not a good use of the Church's resources come-up with alternatives."
- 6. Eighty-eight percent of the respondents had had some kind of Catholic school instruction, at the elementary level.

Sixty-four percent of that eighty-eight percent had attended Catholic grade school for some time.

Thirty-six percent of that eighty-eight percent completed all of their elementary schooling in Catholic schools.

- 7. McCready said, "The Church did a presentable job at the elementary level. But the high school level was lined with bad news."
- 8. Fifty percent of the respondents had no religious instruction.

Of the other fifty percent, twenty-five percent attended Catholic high schools and twenty-five percent attended CCD Classes.

Seventy-three percent of those who attended public schools said there were years when they received no religious instruction. Their reason had little to do with the availability or quality of the religious instruction offered.

Fifty percent of that group said they had no interest in the instruction.

Thirty-six percent said that they did not attend because of peer presure, lack of parental interest, or that they "already knew enough religion".

Historically, Catholic education found its organization, financial support, and teaching talent through the teaching orders of the Church. There are many and complicated reasons for the diminishing of the service to Catholic education by the religious orders. The foremost of these is the lack of new vocations. Another is the cost of educating and qualifying the religious to become teachers.

Presently, far too many Catholic schools are without the support of the religious as teachers and must operate competitively with other private and public schools for teaching talent. Public schools are tax-supported and many private schools are independent businesses and charge sizeable tuitions.

Some schools are able to supplement and defray tuition costs through their athletic programs. However, this opportunity is not available to all schools, especially elementary schools.

The State of Mississippi to divided into two Catholic Dioceses, the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses.

Jackson is the larger of the two, numbering approximately sixty-five counties with a population of approximately 1,889,276 people. The Biloxi Diocese is comprised of seventeen counties, and has shown a faster growth-rate than the Northern and Central parts of the State. The population of the Biloxi Diocese is approximately 580,000 people.

According to Monsignor Paul Canonici, Director of Educational Services for the Jackson Diocese, "There are five high schools and twenty elementary schools in the Jackson Diocese with an enrollment of 6,200 students."

"The peak enrollment in Catholic schools in Mississippi was 16,804 students in 1956-66, the results of a steady rise in the previous 10 years. After that, the schools followed a national trend downward, probably related to the rising cost of Catholic education and losses of many religious teachers."

"For the past 10 years, enrollments have been rather constant with about 12,000 students in the State. Each Diocese has about 6,000 students enrolled."

In "Mississippi Today's Anniversary Special Edition" dated January 29, 1982, Monsignor Canonici was asked what he would like to see happen in the field of education in the next three years. These are some of his replies:

1. "I would like to see the students in Catholic schools receive tuition assistance and tax credits."

- 2. "I would like to see our schools receive some financial relief through local foundations and trust funds."
- 3. "I would like to see strong Religious Education Programs in every school in our Catholic system."
- 4. "I would like to see a Religious Education Coordinator in every parish at least working part-time."
- 5. "I would like to see Area Religious Consultants who would serve clusters of parishes in the Diocese."

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The foregoing has established the necessity for the continuing support of Catholic schools. The study, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus further supports this conclusion.
- 2. Catholic school population in Mississippi peaked in 1965-66 at 16,804 students. While population in Mississippi has grown in the last 10 years, the population of Catholic school students has remained constant at approximately 12,000 students. Reasons for the decline were:
 - A. High tuition cost.
 - b. The loss of religious orders as teachers.
- 3. Catholic schools must compete with private and public schools for teacher talent, who are able to offer better benefits and salaries.
- 4. The "Plight" of Catholic education is a financial one. The high tuition costs results from a combination of factors:
 - A. More lay teachers to replace the religious teachers.
 - b. Higher salaries and greater benefits.
 - c. Higher maintenance cost.
 - d. Higher overhead, I. E. insurance, books, etc.
- 5. Monsignor Canonici summarized it very well:
 - a. Catholic schools must receive tuition assistance and tax credits.
 - b. Catholic schools should receive financial relief through local foundations and trust funds.
 - c. Catholic schools should have a strong religious program in every school.
 - d. Religious Coordinators and Consultants should be appointed to cover every parish.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the "plight" of Catholic education is not just a problem for the State of Mississippi, but a National problem.

That, Catholic education is at the very foundation of Christian morals and values, and ranks in importance to any issue demanding our attention.

That, the Knights of Columbus of the State of Mississippi call upon Supreme Headquarters of the Knights of Columbus to institute a National program of support for "Tuition Tax Credits" as presently proposed by President Reagan. As the Knights of Columbus once united to put "Under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, we must unite to establish "Tuition Tax Credits".

Knights of Columbus everywhere, individually and collectively, should support the Packwood-Moynihan Bill S. 550 for "Tuition Tax Credits" and anyone can obtain additional information from the United States Catholic Conference, Department of Education, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20005, Area Code 202-659-6864, Campaign for Educational Assistance.

That Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the State of Mississippi investigate the "Adopt a Student Program" which is a Fund-Raising Program for Catholic Schools, lay-oriented, and has already met with some success in several parishes in Mississippi. For further information, contact Mr. Thomas J. Bradley, Adopt A Student Program, 1635 West Flower Circle North, Phoenix, Arizona 85015 (601) 252-3058.

Respectfully submitted, Paul N. Seckso Catholic Education Chairman

Saturday Afternoon April 24, 1982

The State Deputy opened the third session with a prayer led by the State Secretary and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Fourth Degree Vice Master.

The State Deputy called upon the remaining committees for their reports.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

This past year has been a real learning experience about the Pro Life movement locally, within the state, and nationally.

The human life amendment has not been passed yet, but the Knights and other Right to Life Committees are working on this and or a Human Life Bill to insure congress protects the life of the unborn.

Councils within the state have had Pro-Life programs of which some were limited and others were very outgoing. Four councils used billboards to show their support and the state council has provided ten billboards to replace the ones used by the RTL. These billboards were provided at no costs except for the cost of the posters. Two councils have had joint meeting with their local RTL committees. Three councils have shown RTL movies.

The State council has a permanent seat on the State RTL board as a Trustee. The Pro-Life chairman will fill this position. The State RTL committee is providing all councils at no cost to the state council or to the local councils.

Respectfully Submitted Basil E. Moots Pro-Life Chairman State Council

FREE THROW COMMITTEE REPORT

April 23, 1982

To: Worthy State Deputy, State Officers & Brother Knights
From: Ken Simon, State Free Throw Chairman
RE: 1981-82 Free Throw Championships
The 1981-82 Free Throw Basketball Competition opened in December with 25
Councils participating.

Regional contests were not held this year due to limited budgets and various other reasons. Only the State Championship Shootoffs were held this year in Jackson at St. Richard's Gym on March 13th.

The State winners were:

AGE GROUP	SPONSORING COUNCIL	WINNERS	SCORE
11 Yrs. Girl	(7854) Clinton	Anna Marie Harvel	8/25
12 Yr. Girl	(7087) Kiln	Priscilla Necaise	16/25
13 Yr. Girl	(1034) Natchez	Misty Smity	18/25
14 Yr. Girl	(2945) Leland	Margaret Bush	13/25
11 Yr. Boy	(1908) Hattiesburg	Steward Ladner	21/25
12 Yr. Boy	(7854) Clinton	Keith Dowdy	18/25
13 Yr. Boy	(1583) Gulfport	David Williamson	19/25
14 Yr. Boy	(7854) Clinton	Charles Hopkins	17/25

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

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

It has been a privilege to serve as your State Free Throw Chairman again this year.

Respectfully submitted: Ken Simon State Free Throw Chairman

MENTAL RETARDATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To District Deputies and Grand Knights:

I hope that everyone has a successful Tootsie Roll Drive this year. It takes a vast amount of preparation in planing and carrying through this project. I would like to commend everyone for their dedication and hard work to probably the most important and rewarding of all our undertakings.

Although the hardest part of the job is almost over, there are several phases left to perform. I remind you that these last few steps are the most important and must be accomplished on time.

Foremost is the deadline for completing and mailing your audit and check for net proceeds. The net proceeds along with your audit must be mailed by May 11, to Ricky Nause, 707 Crestview Drive, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401. Make check payable to The Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi.

Request for council disbursement funds may be filed as soon as the net proceeds have been turned in. Mail the Disbursement Request Form to Ricky Nause at the above address.

Again thanks for your dedication. Mail your necessary forms on time. This is extremely important.

Fraternally, Ricky Nause Mental Retardation Chairman

CENTENNIAL REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Director, State Officers and Brother Knights:

The Centennial year is moving forward in an effort to recount some of this memorable year's activity. I will start with our original project: the Support in the Renovation of St. Mary's Church. Thus far the jurisdiction has collected \$2215 from the donations of 21 of our councils.

In addition we have dedicated the many exemplifications in the jurisdiction to honor the clergy.

There have been numerous activities and functions on the local level, which have been designed to promote the centennial.

On Founder's Day, March 29, as has been previously mentioned, the State Deputy laid remembrance wreath at the graves of the first Grand Knight and the first Chaplain of the Great Jurisdiction.

Cetainly this magnificient convention can do nothing except enhance the centennial atmosphere of our order.

In closing, I would like to commend all of you. Your every action reflects your pride in this wonderful association of Catholic men.

I would like to thank Larry and Ken for their support of the centennial in the Magnolia Knight. Their's is such a thankless job that their tremendous efforts often go unrewarded but is such an addition to our effort.

To the six new councils of our jurisdiction, what a memorable way to start your effort in Columbianism - in the centennial year. Make your mark in the second hundred.

To all of you, my thanks.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Zettler

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

To continue, to strive, to have a council in every Parish of the State. Insert an existing council to become a big brother and sattellite another Council from another Parish. Insert this as a Columbus Awards Program, and not down grade a council or a person for leaving an existing council to form a new council.

To continue to strive to make this a family presentation, and a family program within the Parish activities working with the Parish Council.

This Award Program should be established under the council activities program, and family life activities.

Respectfully submitted, Paulino Carrubba Chairman Comm. Lloyd Addison John Jeanson Dan Ferrell

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT

The 7th annual Miss. State K. C. tournament was held in Meridian in August at the Sammy Davison Complex. Fifteen teams participated in the double elimination tournament.

Trophies were awarded as follows: First place - Pascagoula Second Place - Natchez II Third Place - Gulfport

Sportsmanship was awarded to Gulfport Beer drinking trophy awarded to Bassfield

Respectfully submitted Gary Benton

BOWLING TOURNAMENT REPORT

On March 13 - 14, 1982 the 20th Annual Bowling Tournament was held at Lauril Lanes in Jackson. 20 teams entered and 50 double teams and 100 singles were bowled. The entry fee of \$2.00 per bowler covered nice trophy awards and case prizes along with bowling fees and tournament expense. The 1st place team event was won by Pascagoula team #1 with a score of 3028. 2nd place Pascagoula #2 with a 2974 and 3rd place team by Greenville #2 with a 2931.

The doubles were won by Greg Bernardi and John Bernardi of Greenville with a score of 1306. The singles was won by John Bernardi of Greenville with a singles score of 682.

The All Events handicap first place was Greg Bernardi of Greenville with a score of 1897 and first place scratch by John Bernardi with a 1643 all events.

The trophys were given out at the banquet the Saturday night of the Convention. All cash awards were mailed to the individuals prior to the convention.

The tournament will be held in Gulfport the last weekend in Feb. 1983 at the triangle lanes with all arrangements already completed.

This tournament has been enjoyed fraternally and as a sport of skill. The fellowship of over 100 brothers participating is very much enjoyed by all no matter who wins. Lets keep this event a perpetual event in our series of activities.

Respectively submitted, George Saab, Tournament Manager

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER REPORT

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.

Columbian Squires Programs should be promoted by each Council if possible.

Knights of Columbus and Parish Councils should strive to work together with the C. Y. O. so they could become a vibrant part of religious education programs in the State.

Knights of Columbus and Parish Councils should work together with their parishes for the betterment of the parish.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Biglane Bob Hubbard, Chairman Leon Shapley Ed Caston Jerry Hunter

RECRUITING AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

1. Recruiting:

This Committee feels that this area speaks for itself, being #1 in Region V. If it works don't fix it. As of 1 April we have gained 360 members while for the same period losses 136. Approximately 35% loss verses gains. Congratulations to each and every membership of each Council.

- 2. Retention:
- a. This Committee feels that retention should start when a candidate apears before the Admission Committee.
- b. When a candidate is interested in the first degree his committee assignment should be given along with his membership card.
- c. A member well informed of what is going on in his local council and what is being done on a state level is generally a member that will take an active part in his Council.
- d. Communications between new members and the older members and council officials should be a two way street. Both up and down.
- e. We encourage our Supreme Officers to work out some type plan in aiding Councils in Retention of membership. They, the Supreme Council do an outstanding job in promoting Recruiting on a year around basis.
- f. We encourage our state program chairman to incorporate a program to recognize councils that do an outstanding job of retention.

3. Congratulations to the following Councils: Pascagoula - 325% membership gain Hattiesburg - 320% membership gain Southaven - 300% membership gain Kiln 250% membership gain

Charlie Pluff, Chairman Greg Niolet Johnny Stevens Bobby Thompson Kenneth Lubber

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee has reviewed the following subjects and wishes to make a status report and recommend certain additions and changes. They are:

A. STATE PROGRAM AWARDS GUIDELINES

1. The basic format using the divisions of honor, distinguished, and best council with the point system worked well.

2. Make school of Columbianism and monthly or quarterly council newsletter mandatory requirements for distinguished award.

3. Raise minimum point requirement for distinguished award from 1100 to 1200 points.

4. Update the suggested optional program activity list using activities reported on this years Grand Knights reports.

5. Expand and clarify the definitions and descriptions of each guidelines area, specifically how to qualify and define optional projects and bonus points.

6. The requirement that Grand Knight reports, entered for honor, distinguished and best council award consideration and be postmarked on or before April 1, each year, should be continued.

7. The number of official activity reports be increased to two - October 1st and April 1st.

8. The 5% membership increase requirement for distinguished award was discussed. The committee's decision was to retain this requirement. To be rated distinguished, a council must make a considerable effort to recruit members and this could be achieved by each council.

B. GRAND KNIGHT REPORT FORM

1. Basic format needs to be changed to have specific areas to record mandatory function requirements of honor and distinguished entries.

2. Add front sheet for listing of council officers and committee chairmen.

3. Remove the space between the distinguished mandatory program projects. A discription is not necessary.

4. Add page two for each section of the optional program project section.

C. YEARBOOK GUIDELINES

1. Add section to allow a completed Grand Knights report to be used.

 Amend rules to include placing of news articles which cover more than one activity area. Articles or columns published in local newspapers should be encouraged.

D. NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

1. No additions or changes recommended.

2. Need to encourage more councils to publish newsletters. It is a very important means of communication to the membership.

E. SUPREME AWARDS FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITY

1. Need specific instructions for preparing and entering nominations for each activity; church, community, council, youth, and family life which are presented at the state convention.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Benton Richard Hoda Ted Applewhite Freddie Biglane Joe Goellner, Chairman

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

My Brother Knights,

The 1981-82 Program year was an extremely active and educational experience. The activity began immediately after the convention last year as our State Deputy appointed me as your Program Director.

Plans were begun in two major areas, the state council awards program and for the first annual schools of Columbianism. As recommended by last years convention, the state awards program was to be redesigned. So, a new outline was prepared for discussion and approval of the state committee at the state summer meeting.

The new approved awards program guideline was based on a point system, designed to guide and encourage council participation in planning and achieving their individual program activity goals. A major effort was made to remove council vs council competition as in past programs.

We believe one of the state councils primary responsibilities is to provide leadership to local councils. To accomplish this responsibility, the state guidelines were designed to include those mandatory functions and projects which are recommended by supreme that all councils should participate. Also a list of optional projects were recommended in the guidelines, but the selection of the project for individual council participation was the council's specific choice.

Each mandatory function, program project, special option, and optional program project was given a point value to be credited for each completed project. A point total of 800 or 1100 minimum, plus other guideline requirements would entitle a council to honor or distinguished status. The distinguished council with the highest point total in each division, small, intermediate, and large, will be awarded the best council award.

To assist in reporting each council activities, a Grand Knights report form was developed with the same general format of the awards program guidelines.

Since this was new designed program format, a major effort was made to explain its details with a specific effort to council officers and committee chairmen. Extra time was taken at the schools of Columbianism and other meetings. The District Deputies were charged with the responsibility to assist within their Districts and to report all unanswered questions for clarification.

They were asked to give progress reports at the state mid-winter meeting and all in attendance did so.

Fourteen Grand Knights reports were received with the postmark of 4-1-82 or earlier. Two others were received after that date. So they may be included in the convention minutes.

As stated in the awards program guidelines, all reports considered for awards are to be audited and all questions clarified before certification.

To evaluate the awards program, a survey form was developed and sent to all state officers, district deputies, most state program chairmen, and all grand knights. The result of this survey will be used in considering changes in the awards program and discussed as part of the state program committee report.

I wish to thank everyone who assisted in the development presentation of this years state awards program. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Goellner State Program Director

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT

State Convention 1982

The Council Activities for the local councils cannot be fully evaluated in this report due to the new annual reporting procedures. But from the council newsletters that were received from the councils, each council showed an enthusiastic year for all activities.

Most councils I have talked to prefer the new reporting procedures due to less paper work and the optional programs were well received.

I believe that the Council Activity in the local councils was greatly increased this year due to the Centennial Program and the increased coverage of the "Magnolia Knight". It would be a great benefit to each member if the Magnolia Knight were made a part of each council's newsletter. In this manner, every Brother Knight would know what is happening at all levels in their District.

Respectfully Submitted, George C. Fero Council Activity Director

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY REPORT

The community activities of the various councils appear to have continued to make progress in making the presents of the various councils known in each community. However, we feel that more could and should be done to further this effort.

First, we feel that each council should take a closer look at their individual community to see how they could be of further service to their community.

Second, each council could probably do a better job of publicizing the activities that they do, whether it is a community activity, youth activity, church activity or council activity. In other words, we should let the community know that the Knights of Columbus are active.

It should be noted that the Tootsie Roll Drive and its accomplishments are still the No. 1 community activity in the state. Also, the Centennial Year ads on T. V. have been good in letting the public know more about the Knights of Columbus.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy for allowing me to serve as State Community Activity Chairman.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Whitehead

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Chairman - John A. McWaters

Members - Reley Nelson, David Duncan, David Miller, J. B. Holland

The committee recommended the following improvement to the youth activities.

- 1. Each council should attempt to organize a Columbian Squires Circle. At present, there are only two active circles in the state Biloxi and Gulfport Councils. (A Squires Circle serves as a "pool" from which fresh young Knights may emerge.)
- 2. Each council should formalize programs for youths, beginning with age five.
- 3. Suggest that the State Deputy and State Youth Directors schedule the Basketball Free-throw events.
- 4. Support the local C. Y. O. of each council.
- 5. Those councils sponsoring Boy Scouts formalize sound programs, and keep them active.
- 6. Those councils not presently sponsoring a Scout Unit or Columbian Squires consider such, as these young men are our future leaders.
- 7. Council consider sponsoring a female or male youth to Boys and/or Girls State.

Respectfully submitted, John A. McWaters Chairman

FAMILY ACTIVITY REPORT

Worthy Brothers,

The Family Activity Committee wish to make the following recommendations:

- 1. Family of the month program be held in each Council.
- 2. Each Council promote and encourage Praying the Family Rosary.
- 3. Promote the "Family That Prays Together Stays Together" slogan by a Family Bible reading at home.
- 4. Encourage each family to attend Mass as a Family Unit.
- 5. Each Council Support, or sponsor a Parish Renewal program involving the family.
- 6. Encourage a "Family Penance Commitment" by attending penance services as a Family rather than as individuals.

Respectfully submitted, B. R. Frederic Al McDevitt Jeffrey Taylor Leo Ridge, Jr.

CHURCH ACTIVITY REPORT

At the start of the year, I listed eleven things that I wanted to see done. These were: The Pilgrim Virgin; CCD Programs; CYO and other parish youth organizations; Renewal Weekends; volunteer to provide lectors or commentators; Keep Christ in Christmas; sponsor a council corporate communion; sponsor a Clergy Night; clean up, fix up, paint church property; support the Newman apostolate at junior colleges; and Vocation Program.

Perhaps the most crucial form of the educational mission of the parish is the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Most of the young people of the Catholic Church will be introduced to their faith through the CCD Program, or not at all.

One of the most worthy pronouncements of Vatican II was the appeal for greater unity, understanding, and ecumenism among all other religions. I hope this has been accomplished by councils having a Clergy Night.

For sometime now, the Knights of Columbus have been working to put Christ back in Christmas--to make the Christ Child and his birthday uppermost in the minds and hearts of people. It is not too early to put these plans into next year's list of things to do.

The Church's mission to teach remains constant, but educational needs and possibilities are changing constantly on the local scene. Many Catholic schools have been forced to close their doors. Your Council can work with those in charge of education for the parish by helping to determine how many Catholic school-age

children are actually attending Catholic schools or are attending CCD classes and what the needs for the future are. In the Catholic parishes of today, as they struggle to break out of settled patterns and become authentic Christian communities bringing the challenge of the Gospel to the larger secular community, the opportunity before the Knights of Columbus is clear.

Fostering vocations is a basic Christian obligation; and in fulfilling it, Knights and their families live up to their own vocations as lay members of the Church.

Another question to ask ourselves is how can an organized group such as the Knights of Columbus help foster a sense of brotherhood and community in the rest of the parish? Pool your imaginations, energies, brains, and religious goal to work to help better your community. Your dedication to the high ideals of our Order means that you want to channel your individual and corporate leadership and talent into worthwhile programs for the common good of all.

Respectfully submitted, Louis Shipp Church Activities

REPORT OF THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND 1953 - 1982

I am happy to announce that we have again been successful in reaching our hoped for goal and exceeding it. We exceeded last year's by \$961 (and there is a good chance that one more Council will respond with a check within the next ten days.)

Congratulations and thanks to our newest contributor, Council No. 8038 located at Pearl and which was just recently organized. Also, a special mention should be made of the Clinton Council No. 7854 and the Father Harry Wade Council No. 7910 which each made their first donation.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 and to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Msgr. P. J. Carey Council, Pascagoula, for their donations.

For the benefit of the new Councils and their members I would like to mention that your donation is given to the Bishop of your Diocese. This year we gave Bishop Howze, Bishop of Biloxi, \$17,757.40 and to Bishop Brunini, Bishop of Jackson, the sum of \$6,645.00. This brings since 1953 a grand total of \$261,085.

The State Council authorized two trophies for this program and they were awarded for the first time in April, 1982.

One trophy was awarded to the Council that made the largest donation to the fund. The first recipient was the Msgr. P. J. Carey Council No. 1605 of Pascagoula which donated \$8,000.

The other trophy was bases on the largest contribution per member as of membership on July 1, 1981. This was won by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council

NO. 7211 Lumberton (Seneca) which had an average of \$66.27 per member.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the Councils that have assisted in this program and feel sure that they will be rewarded for their generosity in other ways. I also wish to thank District Deputy Paulino J. Carrubba who was co-chairman. I am deeply indebted to our Worthy State Deputy Donald Oldmixon for the honor and privilege of serving as State Chairman during the past year.

Attached is a list of the Councils which have made contributions during the past year and a summary of previous donations.

Fraternally yours,
Paulino J. Carrubba
Co-Chairman
F. J.Bartlett
Chairman - Bishop Gerow
Memorial Fund

REPORT OF THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND 1953 - 1962

Council					
No.	Location	1953-1980	1981	1982	Grand Totals
802	Meridian	12,113	1,000		
848	Jackson	12,085	500	500	13,085
898	Vicksburg	17,100	1,000	1,200	19.300
	V. Squires	251		•••	251
1034	Natchez	15,109	750	850	16,709
1244	Biloxi	16,184	806	800	17.790
	B. Squires	90			90
1522	Bay St. Louis	12,157	800	500	13,457
1583	Gulfport	20,350	1,200	1,200	22,750
	L. Auxiliary			25	25
1605	Pascagoula	29,880	8,765	8,000	46,645
	L. Auxiliary			100	200
1908	Hattiesburg	5,805	350	300	6,455
2134	Greenville	17,264	1,600	700	19,564
2180	Laurel	2,205	200	100	2,505
2945	Leland	7,505	350	375	8,230
2969	Clarksdale	11,870	700**	1,000	113,570
3328	Yazoo City	8,140	330	330	8,800*
4472	Pass Christian	315		50	365
4898	Long Beach	7,851	900	1,000	9,751
5267	Greenwood	3,997	500	750	5,247
5556	Cleveland	3,800	300	350	4,450
5654	Ocean Springs	•	300	1,750	5,350
6555	Shelby	1,000	150	150	1,300
6592	Bassfield	700	100	100	900
6765	Starkville	475	100	100	675
6872	Picayune	975	100	500	1,575
7087	Kiln	35	50	250	335
7120	Southaven	••	90		90

7211	Senecas	484	2,300	2,982.40	5,766	
7440	Philadelphia	25	100	115	240	
7854	Clinton			200	200	
7910	Orange Grove	***		100**	100	
7915	Brookhaven					
7994	Columbus					
8038	Pearl			25	25	
8053	McComb					
	Miscellaneous	1,976			1,976	
	Grand Total	\$213,242	23,441	24,402	261,085	

^{*}Yazoo City sends their donation monthy; **Received too late for annual report. All figures rounded-off in totals.

TOOSIE ROLL AUDIT REPORT

Savings Account	
Balance 4/1/81	\$ 1,689.33
Deposits	62,847.32
Interest Earned	1,231.76
Total	65,768.41
Withdrawals	64,500.00
Balance 3/31/82	1,268.41
Checking Account	
Check Book Balance 4/1/81	\$ 3080.73
Deposits	64,500.00
Total	67,580.73
Checks Written	66,899.82
Balance Check Book 3/31/82	680.91
Bank Statement	
Balance 3/31/81	\$ 3080.83
Deposits	64,500.00
Total	67,580.73
Checks written and cashed	49,708.73
Bank Balance 3/31/82	17,872.00
Less Outstanding Checks	
1233 Miss. Special Olympics Area 10	300.00
1246 Loundes County ARC	272.45
1247 Act Center	272.45
1251 Regional Mental Health Complex	272.45
1278 Washington Co. ARC	558.00
1295 Pleasant Acre Day School	750.00
1307 Miss. Special Olympics	3000.00
1309 Miss. Special Olympics	3000.00
1312 Miss. Special Olympics Area 3	300.00
1317 Miss. Special Olympics Area 8	300.00

1319 Miss. Special Olympics Area 10	300.00
1326 Harrison Co. ARC	1030.55
1328 Andrews Hartez Insurance	150.00
1329 Speedy Reproductions	46.10
1330 McRaes	25.00
1331 Clarksdale Municipal Spe Sch District	2465.45
1332 Columbus Public School	1469.96
1333 Jeff Davis Co Special Education	1469.96
1334 Washington Co. ARC	1208.72

Bank Balance 3/31/82

17,191.09

680.91

John P. Myers Dennis Farrell

STATE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

The report for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive is on page 53, 54 & 55.

K of C Audit Committee Rodney Sandoz Tony Antici Leonard Tarrant Ambrose Dunn

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

State Officers

Father Frank Corcoran Don Oldmixon Robert Fratesi Wiley Price Jr. Dennis Ladnier Sr. Michael T. Leleux Rodney J. Sandoz	281 71 281 166 0 61	56.20 14.20 56.20 33.20 0 12.20 3.60	60.00 60.00 60.00 69.00 60.00 60.00	116.20 74.20 116.20 93.20 60.00 72.20 63.60
James L. Higgins Marvin Lott Walter Reynolds Thomas R. Zettler	355	71.00	60.00	131.00
	293	58.60	60.00	118.60
	207	41.40	60.00	101.40
	166	33.20	60.00	93.20

Robert Lambert Oscar J. Authement (Paid as a delegates) Louis G. Hemler Paulino J. Carrubba	165 0 61 18	33.00 0 12.20 3.60	60.00 0 60.00 60.00	93.00 0 72.20 63.60
Froset Taylor	0	0	60.00	60.00
Past State Deputies (Per Diem Only)				
John P. Myers Hilton A. Seymour Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. Norman L. Kiehm George R. Schiederman Jessie J. Quinn, Jr. Dave Atteberry			60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00	60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00
Honorary Chaplain				
Bishop Joseph B. Brunini Bishop Joseph L. Howze			60.00 60.00	60.00 60.00
Councils Delegates (2 From Each Council)				
802 Meridian 848 Jackson 898 Vicksburg 1034 Natchez 1244 Biloxi	166 165 207 205 0	33.20 33.00 41.40 41.00 0	60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00	93.20 93.00 101.40 101.00 60.00
1522 Bay Saint Louis 1583 Gulfport 1605 Pascagoula	27 12 21	5.40 2.40 4.20	60.00 60.00 60.00	65.40 62.40 64.20
1908 Hattiesburg 2134 Greenville 2180 Laurel 2945 Leland	78 281 109 273	15.60 56.20 21.80 54.60	60.00 60.00 60.00	75.60 116.20 81.80 114.60
2969 Clarksdale 3328 Yazoo City (No Delegates) 4472 Pass Christian	316 0 23	63.20 0 4.60	60.00 0 60.00	123.20 0 64.60
4898 Long Beach 5267 Greenwood 5556 Cleveland 5654 Ocean Springs	18 261 293	3.60 52.20 58.60	60.00 60.00	63.60 112.20 118.60
6538 Shelby 6592 Brassfield 6765 Starkville	4 308 106 249	.80 61.60 21.20 49.80	60.00 60.00 60.00	60.80 121.60 81.20
6872 Picayune 7087 Kiln 7120 Southaven	61 41 355	12.20 8.20 71.00	60.00 60.00 60.00	109.80 72.20 68.20 131.00
7211 Senca 7440 Philadelphia 7854 Clinton	71 202 175	14.20 40.40 35.00	60.00 60.00 60.00	74.20 100.40 95.00

7910 Orange Grove (North Gulfport)	12	2.40	60.00	62.40
7915 Brookhaven (1 Delegate)	155	31.00	60.00	91.00
7974 Columbus	255	51.00	60.00	111.00
8038 Pearl	137	27.40	60.00	87.40
8054 McComb (1 Delegate)	165	33.00	60.00	93.00
	137	27.40	60.00	87.40

Respectfully submitted Wiley Price Sr. George Hude Charlie Morlino Bobby Acy

The State Deputy then called on Bishop Brunini for a few words. He commented on the help they are receiving from the Knights of Columbus.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Bishop Brunini.

THE CONVENTION AWARDS BANQUET

The Convention Awards Banquet was held at Coliseum Convention Center at 7:00 p.m. The Banquet started with a procession and introduction of all Dignataries. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in Lieu of singing the national anthem. The principal speaker for the evening's function was Supreme Director Julian F. Joseph of Michigan.

Before the awards were presented the following letter was read from Past State Deputy John S. Cabibi who died shortly after it was written.

Worthy Past State Deputies,

I deeply regret that my illness prevents me from joining with you for the first time since our association was formed.

This convention was very important to me as it would have been my 55th consecutive one, and because we are celebrating the 100th year of our order and the 75th year of Biloxi Council.

My years as a Knight of Columbus have brought me special happiness. In service as a State Deputy, the challenge of helping to develop the Mississippi State Constitution my work on many resolutions committees and most especially on the resolutions committee for Supreme Council, as well as the first general insurance agent for our fair state, have all provided me with a rich rewarding and full life. It is my fondest wish that our younger members can find the same joy as reward for their labors which I received.

John S. Cabibi

During the banquet the following awards were presented:

The Hilton Seymour Award - Pascagoula #1605

The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award - Oscar J. Authement, Council 7211, Lumberton

Honor Council Awards - 848 Jackson, 2134 Greenville, 2969 Clarksdle, 6592 Bassfield and 7854 Clinton

Distinguished Council Awards - 1583 Gulfport, 1605 Pascagoula, 5654 Ocean Springs, 7087 Kiln, 7120 Southaven and 7211 Lumberton.

Newsletter Awards - Small Council 7087 Kiln, Intermediate Council - 6592 Bassfield, Large Council - 1605 Pascagoula

Priest Education Fund Award - Highest Donation - 1605 Pascagoula, Highest Amount Per Member - 7211 Lumberton

Mental Retardation Award - Highest Donation - 848 Jackson, Highest Amount Per Member - 7440 Philadelphia

Vocations Award - Bishop Howze - 7211 Lumberton, Bishop Brunini - 7854 Clinton

Scrap Book Award - Small Council - 7211 Lumberton, Intermediate Council - 6592 Bassfield, Large Council - 1522 Bay St. Louis

Vocation Support Award - 848 Jackson

Supreme Awards - Church Activity - 1583 Gulfport; Community Activity - 1244 Biloxi; Council Activity - 6592 Bassfield; Youth Activity - 1583 Gulfport; Family Activity - 1583 Gulfport

Best Council Awards - Small Council - 7211 Lumberton, Intermediate Council - 5654 Ocean Springs, Large Council - 1605 Pascagoula

Contest of Champions Award - Membership Gain - net 1522 Bay St. Louis, Membership Gain - % 1522 Bay St. Louis

New Council Development Awards - Robert Lambert, Joseph Goellner, Thomas Zettler, Michael Leieux, Paulino Carrubba, Forest Taylor State Deputy Appreciation Awards - Forest Taylor, Joseph Goellner, Biloxi Council

Best District Deputy of the Year - Forest Taylor

Family of the Year - Herman Cooper Family, Council 7854 Clinton

Ladies Auxilliary Scrap Book Award - 1908 Hattiesburg

Ladies Auxilliary % increase in Membership - 1583 Gulfport

State Bowling Trophies were awarded to:

Team Events: 1st. place - Pascagoula #1, 2nd place - Pascagoula #2, 3rd place - Greenville #2

Doubles Event - John Bernardi, Greenville, Greg Bernardi, Greenville

Singles Event - John Bernardi, Greenville

All Events - Greg Bernardi, Greenville

All Events Scratch - John Bernardi, Greenville

An electric wall clock was presented to Supreme Director Julian Joseph by John Cox, Grand Knight Pascagoula Council.

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 1982

The State Deputy Called to order this mornings session with a prayer by our State Chaplain and a Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE 4TH DEGREE

To; Mississippi State Convention

The Fourth Degree in the Mississippi District suffered a great loss this year with the death of Master, Sir Knight Henry Jahnke. Sir Knight Jahnke carried the Fourth Degree across Mississippi and to other Districts he visited as Mississippi's Master.

But we have also had good news and an event of high honor bestowed on the Mississippi District with the appointment of Past State Deputy Sir Knight Dave Atteberry as Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province. We of the Fourth Degree know that with Sir Knight Atteberry leading the Province, the highest of goals are in store for the Degree, was State Deputy. Columbianism will grow whereever he is at.

Forms and reports are not in from all Assemblies in the District, but this should be complete within the next month. The District is still sponsoring a priest and nun's education in the Near East. Not all Assemblies in the District are participating in these District funds and programs and this puts a burden on the Assemblies that are active.

An Exemplification for the District is planned for July 11th in Long Beach, hosted by the St. Vincent DePaul Assembly

Currently the working staff for the District is comprised of the Master, District Marshall, District Marshall/Degree Team Captain, a diocesian Marshall for each Diocese, and two Marshall Aides. These dedicated men proved a great asset to the District throughout the entire year.

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

Respectfully submitted, George C. Fero Master

Past State Deputy Hilton Seymour then gave an oral report pertaining to our State Ceremonials Committee.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES MEETING REPORT

The meeting of the Financial secretaries of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on April 24, 1982 by chairman Harry L. Steinwinder, host Financial Secretary.

A prayer was offered by Brother Joseph Nassar senior Financial Secretary.

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

Joseph M. Nassar Greenwood Irwin W. Obernueferman Ocean Springs Stephen P. Thebald Pass Christian William C. Kinkopf Hattiesburg Guy S. Todaro, Sr. Gulfport William F. Lauderdale, Sr. Vicksburg Henry Mosco Cleveland Charles F. Collins Clinton Louis Hemler Picayune Bernard R. Frederick Pascagoula Basil E. Moots Pearl Walt G. Schielhab Jackson Herman Ditcharo McComb Ray Harrington Southaven Harry L. Steinwinder Biloxi Fritz Oberlies Guest

There was a brief discussion on ordering council supplies with emphasis on "Candidate Kits."

There was a discussion on increasing initiation fees but it was decided to leave the fee as now established.

It was explained to all present the proper handling of the new form 100. It was also pointed out that each council should periodically instruct or remind their members to update their insurance policies as regards their beneficiaries.

Brother Joseph Nassar made a motion that if the local council forms any committee that involves finances that the Financial Secretary should be a part of that committee. Motion was voted on and passed.

There were various other minor topics discussed.

It was noted that Permanent Deacons are not given automatic Honorary Life Membership. This is an honor reserved for Priest and Religious Brothers only.

The meeting was closed at 11:20 a.m. with a prayer by Brother Joseph Nassar.

Harry L. Steinwinder, Chairman David C. Gleason, Recorder

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, Council No. 1244, Biloxi, Mississippi, has been such an excellent host to this 78th 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 Missisippi Jurisdiction, and that a check in this amount be presented to Bishop Brunini and to Bishop Howze for use at their discretion.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

Whereas, the dissemination of the type literature in Columbia Magazine would reach those who might not otherwise be exposed to same.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the State Council authorize the Supreme Council to continue the subscription to Columbia Magazine for 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 Meridian, 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 20th Annual Handicapped Bowling Congress. Time and dates to be set at the discretion of the host council, which is the Gulfport 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 1244 of Biloxi 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 direction Julian Joseph 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 Joseph 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, Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas, we exemplify this principle each time we aid our brother Knights; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of the Fort Wayne, Indiana area were quick to come to the aid of their brother Knights in Mississippi following the devastation of Hurricane Camille in 1969; and

Whereas, our brother Knights in the Fort Wayne area have been the victims of the recent spring floods in Indiana;

Now be it resolved that, the Mississippi State Council solicite contributions from each council in the state to aid the victims of the Fort Wayne, Indiana floods; and

Be it further resolved that, the contributions collected from each council be sent to the State Deputy of Mississippi who will in turn forward these contributions to the State Deputy of Indiana for distributions to the flood victims in the Fort Wayne area along with a copy of this resolution.

Passed by unanimous consent April 5, 1982 by St. Vincent De Paul Council 4898, Long Beach, Mississippi for presentation at the Mississippi State Council meeting to be held April 25, 1982 at Biloxi, Mississippi.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLUTION FOR THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION April 23, 24 & 25, 1982 Biloxi, Mississippi

SUBMITTED BY BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL NO. 1583 Gulfport, Mississippi

Whereas, Fort Wayne, Indiana was recently subject to severe flooding and loss of property; and

Whereas, in 1969 the Gulf Coast of Mississippi suffered untold losses from Hurricane Camille and.

Whereas, many persons from over the entire United States came to our help at that time;

Be it Resolved: That some type of volunteer donation if possible of \$75.00 to \$100.00 from all Councils in the State that are able to do so be collected and sent to the State Deputy of Indiana for the use of Knights in the flooded area that are in dire need of assistance.

Submitted by Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583.

We had two resolutions about the same thing one of the resolutions call for a specific amount and the other asked for a donation. Since we cannot subject a council to an amount we will read the second resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

The following resolution is presented by the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Knight of Columbus, Gulfport, Mississippi is presented to the State Council at Biloxi.

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus is now celebrating its Centennial,

And Whereas, their history has been published relating to this period;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that each Council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction present to each major public library within its area a copy of this history... The History of the Knights of Columbus 1892-1982.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10

Whereas the "plight" of Catholic education is not just a problem for the State of Mississippi, but a National problem.

Whereas, Catholic education is at the very foundation of Christian morals and values, and ranks in importance to any issue demanding our attention.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Mississippi call upon Supreme Headquarters of the Knights of Columbus to institute a National program of support for "Tuition Tax Credits" as presently proposed by President Reagan. As the Knights of Columbus once united to put "Under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, we must unite to establish "Tuition Tax Credits".

Knights of Columbus everywhere, individually and collectively, should support the Packwood-Moynihan Bill S. 550 for "Tuition Tax Credits" and anyone can obtain additional information from the United States Catholic Conference, Department of Education, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20005, Area Code 202-659-6864, Campaign for Educational Assistance.

That Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the State of Mississippi investigate the "Adopt a Student Program" which is a Fund-Raising Program for Catholic Schools, lay-oriented, and has already met with some success in several parishes in Mississippi. For further information, contact Mr. Thomas J. Bradley, Adopt A Student Program, 1635 West Flower Circle North, Phoenix, Arizona 85015 (602) 252-3058.

ACTION RECOMMENDATION: Adoption

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The State Deputy then called for the election of officers.

STATE DEPUTY - Michael Leleux nominated Don Oldmixon for the 1982-83 year. There being no other nominees, Brother Oldmixon was elected by Acclamation.

STATE SECRETARY - George Scheiderman nominated Robert Fratesi. There being no other nominees, Brother Fratesi was elected by Acclamation.

Paulino Carrubba made a motion that all State Officers remain the same for the coming year. This was seconded by John Cox. The motion carried.

The State Deputy then called for election of a third delegate to the Supreme Convention. Jim Hunter nominated Pat Myers, O. J.; O. J. Shiyou nominated Mike LeLeus; B. R. Frederic nominated Lamar Cox; George Saab nominated Joe Goellner; Ted Applewhite nominated Walter Daley; Bill Smith nominated Paulino Carrubba. The following were nominated but withdrew their names, Norman Kiehm and Ken Lubbers made a motion that the 2nd, 3rd and 4th most votes serve as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Alternates, Respectively. This was seconded by Leon Shapley. The motion carried.

The nominees were elected as such:

Delegate	Joseph Goellner
1st Alternate	Mike Leleux
2nd Alternate	Pat Myers
3rd Alternate	

There being no nominations for the site of the 1984 State Convention, the State Deputy announced he would form a committee to study a central location.

The 1983 site was reaffirmed to be in Pascagoula.

The State Deputy expressed his appreciation to various individuals and then called upon Convention Chairman Hilton Seymour for any closing remarks.

Immediately following the disbursing of checks by our State Treasurer the meeting was closed with a prayer led by our State Chaplain Father Frank Corcoran.

The State Deputy then adjourned the 78 Annual State Knights of Columbus Convention.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL 1981 MENTALLY RETARDED DRIVE

For State Goal (Net) Distribution For 1942 MRD	977.53 4,400.00 1,350.00 6,000.00 875.00 3,700.00 2,000.00 861.75 3,900.00 603.00 2,800.00	485.36 2,200.00 1,171.64 5,200.00 856.25 3,900.00 1225.40 2,800.00 203.81 900.00 186.00 1,200.00	821.82 3,700.00 - 3,000.00 128.94 800.00 676.85 3,000.00 1,354.24 5,900.00	115.00 600.00 255.61 1,800.00 - 400.00 979.98 4,300.00 509.80 3,500.00 103.37 600.00 103.37 600.00 262.91 1,200.00 956.17 4,200.00	5,319.89 (71,300.00) 402.90 15,722.79 682.07
Amount Returned to Council for Distribution	2,932.60 4,050.00 2,475.00 750.00 2,585.25 1,809.00	1,456.08 3,514.95 2,568.75 1576.22 611.46 558.00	2,465.45 - 386.84 2,030.55 3,987.73	345.00 766.86 - 2,939.92 1,529.41 1,003.73 310.13 2,783.38 788.71 2,868.51	45,884,81 1,208.72 47,093.53
Net Amount Per Member	29.62 30.68 9.30 4.27 8.40	5.59 30.86 9.13 15.68 14.59	15.43 16.12 21.15 59.74	4.89 9.30 42.61 33.99 25.74 9.19 72.28 109.27	25.21
NET:	3,910.13 5,400.00 3,300.00 1,000.00 3,447.00 2,412.00	1,941.44 4,686.59 3,425.00 2101.62 815.27 744.00	3,287.27 515.78 2,707.40 5,341.97	460.00 1,022.47 3,919.90 2,039.21 1,338.30 413.50 3,711.17 1,061.62 3,824.68	61,204.70 1,611.62 62,816.32
GROSS: Total Revenue Received Before Deductions	3,910.13 6,137.36 3,790.00 1,120.33 3,937.00 2,902.00	2,554.40 5,691.59 4,172.60 2101.62 1,060.27	3,587.27 705.78 3,012.80 6,020.97	558.00 1,365.47 - 4,409.90 2,529.21 1,338.30 609.50 4,018.12 1,051.62 4,216.68	70 423.30
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\$ 15,411.05

\$46,233.22

\$ 61,644.27 \$ 27.26

\$ 70,747.98

1980 TOTAL RESULTS



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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

FINAL REPORT OF THE 1981 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	\$ 2,932.60	\$ 14,663.00	\$ 17,595.60
JACKSON • 848	Hinds County Assn. for Retarded Citizens R.E.A.C.H. (Religious Education & Activities for	1,800.00	9,000.00	10,800.00
	the Community Handicapped) Area 8 — Mississippi Special Olympics	1,650.00 600.00		1,650.00 600.00
VICKSBURG •898	Warren County ARC - Sheltered Acres Vicksburg Early Education, Inc.	500.00 1,975.00	500.00 5,925,00	1,000.00 7,900.00
NATCHEZ *1034	Pleasant Day Acre School	750.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
BILOXI +1244	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	2,585.25	7,755.75	10,341.00
BAY ST. LOUIS +1522	Hancock Industries	1,809.00	9,045.00	10,854,00
GULFPORT # 1583	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens Harrison County Training Center	728.04 728.04	2,184.12 2,184.12	2,912.16 2,912.16
PASCAGOULA +1605	Singing River Industries	3,514.95	10,544.85	14,059.80
HATTIESBURG •1908	Pine Belt Mental Health and Retardation Forrest County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,000.00 1,568.75	3,000.00 1,568.75	4,000.00 3,137.50
GREENVILLE -2134	Washington County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1208.72	3626.16	4834.88
LAUREL +2180	Pine Belt Laurel Work Activity Center	611.46	5,503.14	6,114.60
LELAND •2945	Washington County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	558.00	1,674.00	2,232.00
CLARKSDALE • 2969	Clarksdale Municipal Separate School District	2,465.45		2,465.45
PASS CHRISTIAN •4472	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Children	386.84	1,160.52	1,547.36
LONG BEACH +4898	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens Harrison County Training Center	1,030.55 1,000.00	2,061.10 2,000.00	3,091.65 3,000.00
GREENWOOD •5267	Leflore County School for the Handicapped Region VI MH-MR Workshop for Adult Mentally Retarded	500.00 3,487.73	10,463.19	500.00 13,950.92
CLEVELAND *5556	Delta Community Mental Health Services	345.00	1.035.00	1,380.00
OCEAN SPRINGS *5654	Miss. Gulf Coast YMCA	766.86		766.86
BASSFIELD •6592	Jeff Davis County Special Education Columbia Public School Special Ed	1,469.96 1,469.96		1,469.96 1,469.96
COLDEN TRIANGLE •6765	The Act Center Lowndes County ARC - Supervised Apart, Program Skills Unlimited	225.00 225.00 1,079.41	900.00 20,508.79	1,125.00 225.00 21,588.20
PICAYUNE +6872	Pearl River Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,003.73	3,011.19	4,014.92
KILN •7087	Hancock Industries	310.13	1,550.65	1,860.78
SOUTHHAVEN #7120	Eudora Learning Center	2,783.38	2,783.38	5,566.76
SENECA -7211	Gulf Coast Mental Health Center Assn. for Retarded Citizens of Lamar County Pearl River Assn. of Retarded Citizens	197.90 310.95 279.86	593.70 932.85 839.58	791.60 1,243.80 1,119.44
PHILADELPHIA •7440	Neshoba County Assn. for Retarded Children 54	2,868.51	2,868.51	5,739.02



Unights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

1981 DISTRIBUTION OF STATE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FUNDS IN MISSISSIPPI

	ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS	AMOUNT DONATEO	FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS	ACCUMULATED
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS	Southeastern Softball Tournament Sponsor - Boswell Retardation Center	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 500.00
VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL	To Implement Eleven Regional Very Special Arts Festivals for the MR	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 13 Areas - \$300.00 each				3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Early Education Center SERVICES, INC.		2,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI, INC. Purchased Printing Equipment for State Mentally Retarded Program		1,200.00		1,200.00
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL Mississippi Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus Internship Program. Wendy's Starkville-Columbus		3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
MISSISSIPPI ASSN. FOR RETARDED CITIZENS	Two Workshop Training Programs	1,219.89	2,439.78	3,659.67
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 22, 1982	3,000.00		3,000.00
1981 Tootsie Roll Account Balance	- \$1,689,33	+		
\$1,007.31 used to purchase p	rinting equipment for program	1,208.72		
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE I	MISS. MENTALLY RETARDED - 1981	\$61,205.70 \$61,413.42	3,626.16	
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE M	ATCHING FUNDS 1981		\$140,048.47 \$143,674.63	4.834.88
ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVE	D BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSI	PPI _ 1981		\$201,253,17 \$206,068.05
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Respectfully submitted
DAVE ATTEBERRY
State Tootsie Roll Chairman