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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
79TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, April 22, 1983

The 79th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus was convened at 6:00 p.m. with State Deputy Don Oldmixon calling the meeting to order. After the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance to our flag, convention chairman John Cox introduced the Grand Knight of Council #1605, Harry Green who welcomed the convention on behalf of the Pascagoula Council. He then introduced Mayor Roy T. O'Bryant, Jr. who welcomed the Knights of Columbus to the City of Pascagoula.

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

In the absence of State Warden Michael Leleux, State Deputy Oldmixon appointed Harry Steinwinder to check travel cards and vouch that only qualified Third Degree members were present.

The delegates voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1982 State Convention on a proper motion and seconded. The minutes were then passed out to all of the delegates in attendance. 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, 848 No. 1, 2134 No. 1, 5556 No. 1.
2. MILEAGE & PER DIEM: Wiley Price, Jr., 1034 No. 1, 1908 No. 1, 2945 No. 1, 3328 No. 1.
3. RESOLUTIONS: Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. Rodney J. Sandoz, PSD, Norman L. Kiehm, PSD, 2969 No. 1.
4. AUDIT: John P. Myers, PSD, 1244 No. 1, 5556 No. 1.
5. AUDIT OF K OF C FOUNDATION: Same as 4. above.
6. ELECTION TELLERS: Hilton A. Seymour, PSD, William F. Laforge, PSD, George R. Schiederman, PSD.
7. GOOD OF THE ORDER: 1605 No. 1, 802 No. 1, 1583 No. 1, 5267 No. 1, 6555 No. 1.
8. CEREMONIALS: Forest Taylor, Hilton A. Seymour, PSD, 8038 No. 1.
9. PUBLIC RELATIONS-NEWSLETTER: Larry M. Campbell, Ken Lubbers, Richard Hoda, 1522 No. 1, 2180 No. 1.
10. MEMBERSHIP: William A. Seal, Jr. S. Charlie Fluff, 7974 No. 1.
11. SERVICE PROGRAM: Joseph B. Goellner, Michael T. Leleux, Louis Shipp, George C. Fero, Frank Whitehead, Stanley Oregeron, Bernard Frederic, Robert S. Everard, Basil E. Moots, Rickey Nause, John McWaters, Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. PSD, F. J. Bartlett, Tom Zettler, Dave Atteberry, PSD, Paulino J. Carrubba, Jesse J. Quinn, PSD, 5556 No. 1, 898 No. 1, 4472 No. 1, 6592 No. 1, 7910 No. 1, 8054 No. 1, 6765 No. 1, 7087 No. 1, 6872 No. 1, 7440, No. 1, 7915 No. 1.

The State Deputy then called for all Grand Knights reports to be turned in that had not been previously mailed before the deadline. It was reported that most of these reports had been mailed to the State Deputy around April 1, 1983. These reports were reproduced for distribution to all of the delegates.

State Deputy Oldmixon then announced the changes in this years format of the state convention and elaborated on future conventions. He then introduced our guest from Supreme Council, Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Administrator, New Council Development.

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

Saturday, April 23, 1983

The State Deputy opened the second business session and called on Larry Campbell to lead in prayer followed by a pledge of allegiance by the Fourth Degree Master.

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 79th 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 Chaplains	Rev. Michael Kelleher
Not in attendance	Rev. Bernard Haddican
State Deputy	Don Oldmixon
State Secretary	Robert Fratesi
State Treasurer	Wiley Price, Jr.
State Advocate	Dennis E. Ladnier
State Warden	Michael T. Leleux
Past State Deputy	Rodney J. Sandoz

COUNCIL DELEGATES

802 Meridian	John J. Maloney	Thomas R. Zettler
848 Jackson	Henry C. Wilson	Robert Lambert
898 Vicksburg	Zennon Sucharski	Alfred E. McDevitt
1034 Natchez		None
1244 Biloxi	Ross Bertucci	Frank Tarrant
1522 Bay St. Louis	Bob Hubbard	Carl A. Arnold
1583 Gulfport	D. P. DeNicola	H. Lee Rouse
1605 Pascagoula	Harry D. Green, Sr.	Vincent P. Ros
1908 Hattiesburg	Johnny Stevens	Ricky Nause
2134 Greenville	Paul C. Artman	Carl Wuestenhoefer, Sr.
2180 Laurel	Ralph W. Gatezman	George Harrison
2945 Leland	Leon Shapley	Mike Columbus
2969 Clarksdale	Mel Underwood	Benny Duncan
3328 Yazoo City	Graham Boyd	
4472 Pass Christian	Greg Niolet	Eddy Warner
4898 Long Beach	Pete Carrubba	John Smith
5267 Greenwood	S. E. Gaston, Jr.	Robert Upchurch
5556 Cleveland	Ned Fioranelli	Henry Mosco
5654 Ocean Springs	Robert C. O'Brien	James L. Tarrant, Jr.

6555 Shelby	Joe Bramuchi	David Malatesta
6592 Bassfield	Johnny Kerley	Charles Carr
6765 Starkville		None
6872 Picayune	Al. J. Bernard	Gilbert O'Flynn
7087 Kiln	Jody G. Knight	Richard Hoda
7120 Southaven	Lawrence M. Campbell	
7211 Lumberton	Roy J. Nonenmacher, Sr.	James Authement
7440 Philadelphia	Francis T. Smith	David H. Duncan
7854 Clinton	Joseph B. Goellner	George J. Saab
7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove)	Dennis A LaRochelle	Casse Thompson
7915 Brookhaven	Paul F. Reuter	
7974 Columbus	Richard L. Mahoney	Michael A. Russell
8038 Pearl	Daniel C. Farrell	Charles Grosche
8054 McComb	Charles R. Brill	Dennis Ott
8285 St. Therese	Basil Moots	Rick Gaspar

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District #1	Kenneth Lubbers
District #2	Norman L. Kiehm
District #3	Basil E. Moots
District #4	Richard Benton
District #5	Ted L. Applewhite
District #6	Oscar Authement
District #7	Paulino J. Carrubba
District #8	John W. Cox

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

John P. Myers
 Hilton A. Seymour
 Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.
 Norman L. Kiehm (Listed as a District Deputy)
 Jesse J. Quinn
 Dave Atteberry
 Rodeny J. Sandoz (Listed as a State Officer)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Henry Mosco
 Henry Wilson
 Ned Fiornelli
 Robert Fratesi

STATE DEPUTYS REPORT

At this time the State Deputy chose to give his report orally. He covered such areas as the states involvement in programs, the success of our Tootsie Roll Drive. He covered our present status of membership and our progress on New Council Development. State Deputy Oldmixon informed us of the better coverage in the state by our Insurance Agents and how we still need to be better involved in Vocations. He covered the success of our State Newsletter and again elaborated on our future state conventions.

STATE SECRETARYS REPORT

Status of membership by council in Mississippi as of April 1, 1983 as compared with totals as of April 1, 1982. Figures are based of monthly report of membership form Supreme Council.

COUNCIL	1982	1983	INCREASE	DECREASE
802 Meridian	132	130		2
848 Jackson	165	154		11
898 Vicksburg	337	333		4
1034 Natchez	243	239		4
1244 Biloxi	430	410		20
1522 Bay St. Louis	197	201	4	
1583 Gulfport	350	372	22	
1605 Pascagoula	293	332	39	
1908 Hattiesburg	128	113		15
2134	223	239	16	
2180 Laurel	59	66	7	
2945 Leland	53	56	3	
2969 Clarksdale	220	210		10
3328 Yazoo City	74	62		12
4472 Pass Christian	37	43	6	
4898 Long Beach	145	152	7	
5267 Greenwood	88	85		3
5556 Cleveland	98	100	2	
5654 Ocean Springs	119	127	8	
6555 Shelby	44	41		3
6592 Bassfield	99	110	11	
6752 Starkville	43	38		5
6872 Picayune	52	46		6
7087 Kiln	53	61	8	
7120 Southaven	54	41		13
7211 Lumberton	48	48		
7440 Philadelphia	39	25		14
7854 Clinton	50	63	13	
7910 Gulfport Orange Grove	43	53	10	
7915 Brookhaven	31	41	10	
7974 Columbus	51	60	9	
8038 Pearl	-	41	41	
8054 McComb	-	35	35	
8285 St. Therese	-	31	31	
TOTALS	3998	4158	282	122

A new gain of 160 members if reflected by this report. Included are 1288 Insurance members and 2870 Associate Members. Also included in these totals are 102 Honorary members, 305 Honorary Life members and 301 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 Roy Rush Powers Nelson Walker J. W. McCrea	1605 Pascagoula Fred Mann, Jr. Joe Stiglets Eugene F. Stamant, Sr. William Brett Bill Beach	5556 Cleveland Michael S. Malone
898 Vicksburg James J. Carrigan	1908 Hattiesburg Paul Williams	5654 Ocean Springs William R. Toche Melvin E. Ryan
1034 Natchez Medal Baroni William J. Main W. J. Byrne Rev. Thomas Tuile	2134 Greenville John M. Tonos Tony Landi I. J. Loyacono	6872 Picayune Louis G. Hemler Thomas N. Patterson Royce V. Skantz
1244 Biloxi Albert Mallard Robert J. Gilly Sylvester J. Cheniche	2945 Leland Premo Sabbatini	7120 Southaven James Grady Gaines
1522 Bay St. Louis John E. Ridgley, Sr.	2969 Clarksdale James J. Agostinelli	7915 Brookhaven Mathew E. Grudzien
1583 Gulfport Anthony J. Bertucci Msgr. T. E. Williams John Gershbacker Charles Koberger	3328 Yazoo City Ernest Conant Marcel Fontana	
	4898 Long Beach M. J. Benigno	Respectfully Submitted, Robert Fratesi State Secretary

STATE TREASURERS REPORT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Mississippi State Council
July 1, 1982 through April 14, 1983

CASH RECEIVED:

Cash on hand as of July 1, 1982	3,703.96
Per Capita Tax first half of year 1982-83	7,246.60
Per Capita Tax second half of year 1982-83	7,320.00
St. Mary's Renovation Fund	240.00
Miscellaneous Cash and Redeposit of Check	659.43
Total Cash as of April 15, 1983	19,170.39

EXPENDITURES:

Organizational meeting, mileage and rooms July 1982	1,042.84
Organizational meeting, meal and meeting room	467.10
Mid-winter meeting (Mileage)	234.30
Installation and mid-winter meeting masses	50.00

Meal and food for mid-winter meeting	733.45
Badges for State Officers and Committeemen	110.50
Newsletter expense	1,567.97
State Deputy expense	176.25
State Secretary expense	154.66
State Treasurer expense (Stamps)	20.00
Souvenirs pins for Supreme Convention	75.00
State Convention material	135.20
Frame for Charter	58.30
1982 Convention books and State Council Directory	1,135.43
Transfer of funds from checking account to saving account	2,000.00
K of C school of Columbianism	257.05
St. Mary's Renovation to Supreme	1,000.00
Tootsie Roll Supplies	241.18
50 Candidates Kits	53.93
Subscription of Columbia Magazine to Mississippi Libraries	37.80
Checks for Mississippi State Council checking account	14.37
Mississippi State Council scrap book supplies	130.11
Total Disbursements	9,695.44
Total cash received (checking account) as of April 15, 1983	19,170.39
Total expenditures as of April 15, 1983	9,695.44
Total checking account as of April 15, 1983	9,474.95
Interest on checking account as of April 15, 1983	166.84
Total checking account funds available as of April 15, 1983	9,641.79
Total saving account as of July 15, 1983	3,094.01
Interest on saving account as of April 15, 1983	142.46
Total saving account as of April 15, 1983	3,236.47
Total all funds available as of April 15, 1983	12,878.26

Respectfully Submitted
Wiley Price Jr.
State Treasurer

STATE ADVOCATES REPORT

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

During the year 1982-1983 I attended the following State and Council activities.

1. Installation of State Officers and organization of State programs in Jackson.
2. Helped with the State Softball tournament in Biloxi.
3. Attended the State mid-winter meeting in Jackson in December.
4. Attended a 2nd and 3rd Degree initiation in Pascagoula.
5. Participated in the State Bowling tournament in Gulfport.

6. It was my pleasure to help the Gulfport Degree team with an initiation for members from Long Beach and Pass Christian.

7. Attended the awards banquet at the request of Grand Knight Harry Green of Pascagoula on Founders Day.

I would like to thank the Mississippi Knights of Columbus for the honor and opportunity to have served as your State Advocate for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis "Doc" Ladnier Sr.
State Advocate
Mississippi Jurisdiction

STATE WARDENS REPORT Mississippi Knights of Columbus Warden Report

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplin, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Delegates to this 1983 Mississippi Knights of Columbus Convention.

Brothers:

This is my report of my second year as your State Warden.

After my election to my second term as your State Warden at the 1982 Convention at Biloxi, Ms. I attended the following State Meeting this past year. In May in Jackson, I met with the other State Officers to appoint the State Committeemen, in July in Jackson for the Summer Officers Meeting and installation of Officers, in Aug. I attended the School of Columbism at Gulfport. I was unable to attend the mid year meeting in Jackson due to my work taking me out of state, and was unable to attend the meeting.

In the past year I worked on the State scrap book committee to establish the first State Council Scrap Book. The experiences I have had as the Ms. Knights of Columbus Warden are some I will treasure the rest of my life. The State Officers and Committeemen are some of the Best in these United States and I am proud to have been part of the team, and especially State Warden Don Oldmixon for the leadership he showed this state during his term.

To close I wish to thank each and every Knight in this state who helped me during my terms as State Warden, you are the best, my friends, my brothers.

I can not finish this report without thanking my Wife Vicki and my two sons Mike and Eddie, for their help in my two years as State Warden.

To close I would like to make this memorial to a friend of mine, who past to his final reward this year. Brother Roy Powers our State Insurance Regional Representative was a friend, he made many pleasant memories for me about the Knights of Columbus. I will miss him greatly. Rest in Peace Roy.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. T. Leleux
State Warden

STATE GENERAL AGENTS REPORT

Dear Brothers

I (Henry Mosco) would like to say Thank You for making me your General Agent of Mississippi , or for accepting me.

I (Henry Mosco - G. A.); Roy Nonenmacher F. A.; Robert N. Walsh F. A. will do everything we can, to fulfill the need of the Brother Knights in the State of Mississippi.

In order for us to do this we will need the co-operation of you Brother Knights.

How? By giving us the opportunity to sit down with you and discussing your insurance needs. By giving us the opportunity to let you know what is available through the Knights of Columbus.

In 1982, our Deceased Brother Roy Powers was General Agent. Every goal he set was reached.

In 1983 we are going to have a better year, because we have the wheels of progress in motion and we have the momentum going.

God Bless You Brothers
Henry Mosco

STATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Brother Knights:

Before giving you the facts and figures concerning our membership program, I would like to take just a second to thank our Worthy State Deputy for allowing me to participate again this year in our State Program. I would also like to thank all of you who have worked so very hard this year and for many years to make our fine order the success that it is.

Now for the membership report which will be given in two parts.

We began our State Council year on April 1, 1982 with 31 councils and 3998 members. During the ensuing year we were able to add 3 councils for a total of 34 councils and a net increase of 160 members to bring us to a total of 4158 members.

As you know our State Inter-Council Program requires a 5% increase in membership and 17 of our councils achieved that goal. We **also had** 11 councils that ended the year with a loss. Two of our councils have failed to **add** any members this year.

Our Fraternal year began July 1, 1982 and **due** to our successful new council development program last year we moved into Division IV for the first time. By August 1 we were in first place in our Div. but we have since slipped to 5th.

As of April 1, 1983 we have brought 270 new members into the order but we have lost 138 for a net increase of 132 members. As you can see 138 lost members is a big handicap that we must overcome if we are to achieve the greatness in Mississippi that we have the potential for. It will come by closing the back door through which we are losing members.

Again many thanks to all of you for your many hours of hard work in the name of Colombianism and I am looking forward to working with you to further our goals in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bil Seal
Membership Chairman

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

As we conclude the 1982-83 State Program Year, it is my pleasure to report the achievement of a successful and rewarding year in Colombianism.

The year began last April at the conclusion of the 1981-82 year. Plans were established to evaluate the previous years program and recommend improvements for the new year. This was accomplished by the results of a State Awards Program Survey and a very successful program committee meeting at the convention. The results of the Survey and the committee's recommendations as reported at last year's convention was used to modify the State Program Activities.

The basic purpose, format and design of the Awards Program Guidelines and Report Form using the Point System was highly recommended again. Major modifications were to expand requirements and clarify definitions and descriptions of each project area. Newsletter and yearbook requirements were modified, also.

A new introduction this year was specific instructions for each council to prepare and enter nominations for the Best Single Activity in each program area; Church, Community, Council, Youth and Family Life.

Immediately upon reappointment for 1982-83, the State Program Committee began to develop this year's program. Our goal was to have the tentative program guidelines and report form available for instruction at the schools of Colombianism. Final modification and approval could not be completed until the State Summer Meeting in July. This delayed final information being distributed to each council until the fifth month of the Program Year.

A council report checklist was sent to all councils and District Deputies prior to the October and April report dates. Sixteen councils reported in October and twenty-one reported by the April 1st. deadline. Last year only seventeen councils reported.

The reports indicate increased program activity as well as a better understanding of how to report. We are especially encouraged by the number of councils who increased their program activities this year. The credit can be given in several areas, but the Schools of Colombianism must be considered as an important factor. With only one exception, all councils who reported, participated in the Colombianism Schools. Surely, the schools must have influenced the officers and chairmen of the participating councils.

The Executive Secretary of the State Council in Louisiana was our guest at the Mid-Year State Meeting. He complimented the quality of the programs we are conducting, specifically the Awards Program. Likewise, he suggested we address several areas for improvement. Hopefully, this can be done at the Convention Program Committee Meeting and details reported for consideration. Further details will be reported in the Program Committee Report.

The past two years as your State Program Director has been very rewarding for me. We carry out the Principles of the Order thru our programs and projects, therefore in this position one quickly learns the real reason for Columbianism.

My sincere appreciation to all who assisted in any way. A very special thank you to State Deputy, Don Oldmixon, for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph B. Goellner

DISTRICT DEPUTIES REPORT

DISTRICT NO. 1

Following the installation of State Officers and District Deputy's meeting on July 17, 1982, the officers of all councils in District No. 1 were duly installed.

A district-wide K of C Family Picnic/District Meeting was held August 22, 1982 with Clarksdale Council 2969 being host. Preliminary program plans for the forth-coming year were presented and discussed and the officers and members, their wives and families, enjoyed the amenities of the Clarksdale Council Home. Our thanks again.

All councils were visited at least once and a very enjoyable evening was had at the Mortgage Burning Banquet of Council 5556 in Cleveland in November.

Following the Mid-Year Meeting held in Jackson, a Second and Third degree exemplification was hosted by the Clarksdale Council on December 19th. Degree teams from Memphis put on the degrees.

New council formation in the Holly Springs and Corinth areas has taken the balance of my time since Christmas. A number of visits to the parishes of both cities showed favorable response and the Admission Degree team from Southaven Council 7120 administered the First Degree to twelve new members in Holly Springs and seven in Corinth. Corinth is blessed with quite a number of inactive Knights in the area. Both prospective councils are handicapped by the smallness of their respective parishes but are undaunted in their enthusiasm to see councils in their parishes.

Presently all councils are gearing up for this year's Mental Retardation Drive to be held the week following the State Convention.

My sincere thanks to State Deputy Don Oldmixon for allowing me the opportunity to serve under him as District Deputy of District #1.

Vivat Jesus,
Kenneth L. Lubbers, D. D. No. 1

DISTRICT NO. 2

All Council officers in District No. 2, consisting of 2134 Greenville, 2945 Leland, 3328 Yazoo City, and 5267 Greenwood, were properly installed according to the instructions as outlined by Supreme guidelines.

All Councils were visited periodically and audited. Two district meetings were conducted during the year. It is indeed very gratifying to see the results of the many projects put on by these Councils. Much vitality and hand work are demonstrated by the fact that two Councils should qualify as Distinguished Council, and the other two as Honor Council. Two have their own First Degree team and there have been four First Degree Exemplifications bringing into our Order a total of 34 new members. The District, however, suffered 24 suspensions, leaving a net total of plus 10.

This District Deputy attended two state meetings, a School of Columbianism, a vocation workshop, and two major Degree exemplifications.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve this year as District Deputy of District No. 2, and I wish to thank our Worthy State Deputy for this appointment. I also wish to express my thanks to each Grand Knight and their various Council Officers and members for the cooperation and hospitality shown me. A special thanks goes to Brother Leon Shapley, immediate Past Grand Knight of Leland Council, for his fine work as District Warden.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman L. Kiehm PSD

DISTRICT NO. 3

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as District Deputy of District 3 consisting of the John T. Savage Council 848, Jackson; Vicksburg Council 898, Vicksburg; Holy Savior Council 7854, Clinton; St. Jude Council 8038, Pearl; and St. Therese Council 8285, Jackson.

Installation of Council officers was conducted with the appropriate ceremony in Council 848 on July 6, Council 7854 on July 11, Council 898 on July 13, and Council 8038 on July 25, 1983. Council 8285 installation of officers will be after the 1983 convention.

I attended the State Deputies meeting and installation of State officers in July and the mid-winter meeting in December which were held in Jackson.

Holy Savior First degree team has conducted the exemplification of the admission degree in five of the districts councils for an increase of 49 members for the district as of the first of March. Councils 7854, 8038, and 8285 have reached their quotes for the year in both associate and insurance members, and Council 848 has reached its insurance quota.

Four Councils of the district had officers attend the school of Columbianism.

Holy Savior Council 7854 received the Star Council Award.

The Jackson metropolitan councils have been planning for the 1984 convention to be held in Jackson.

A Major degree exemplification was held in Vicksburg in November.

The Councils of the district were deeply saddened by the loss of General Agent Roy Powers, and members of the district attended the rosary in his honor. Our prayers continue for his family.

The centennial year was closed with Masses in Jackson and Vicksburg.

All major holiday were celebrated in Jackson and Vicksburg.

All the Councils have had a great year and their programs for the year have been a benefit to its members, church, and to the order. With their dedication the growth of their councils will continue.

I wish to express my appreciation to each of the Councils of District who made by duties so easy, and to all the Knights who made me and my wife feel so welcome each time we visited their Councils.

Respectively Submitted,
Basil E. Moots DD3

DISTRICT NO. 4

No report turned in.

DISTRICT NO. 5

No report turned in.

DISTRICT NO. 6

1. Visited all five councils several times during the year.
2. Called district meeting in Senaca to make arrangements for convention.
3. Also distributed materials from program director.
4. Called all Grand Knights several times.
5. Ordered all Tootsie Rolls on district level.
6. Attended school of instruction and vocation workshop.
7. Attended winter gathering of State Officers.
8. Installed all Council Officers in my district.

Oscar Authement
District Deputy

DISTRICT NO. 7

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights:

District No. 7 comprises Pere Le Duc Council No. 1522, Bay St. Louis; Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport; Msgr. Leech Council No. 4472, Pass Christian; and St. Vincent De Paul Council No. 4898, Long Beach.

The elected officers of the councils in the district were duly installed in accordance with the rules and ceremonials of the Order during the month of July at there respective council homes.

The councils in the district hold regular meetings in compliance with rules set forth by the Order.

Gulfport Council No. 1583 maintains an Admission Degree Team and I have had the privilege of Participating with them and observing their performance on several occasions throughout the district.

Exemplification of the Formation and Knighthood Degrees was held on March 27, 1983 at council 1522, Bay St. Louis, honoring Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant.

All councils in the district have had active programs during the year. Each of these councils is making a significant contribution to their Church and Community and have gone a long way to making Columbianism a viable influence across the district.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the councils in my district for the cooperation and consideration shown me during the year. I am especially grateful to State Deputy Don Oldmixon for affording me the privilege and opportunity to apply my talent and capability to the spread of Columbianism in the Mississippi Jurisdiction through my service as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Paulino J. Carrubba
District Deputy No. 7

DISTRICT NO. 8

It has been most gratifying to have enjoyed the privilege and opportunity to assist the Councils in District 8 in the practice of Columbianism. The appointment by the Supreme Council on the recommendation of the State Deputy as District Deputy District 8 provided the opportunity to grow in the understanding of the purpose of the Knights of Columbus.

The Councils within the jurisdiction of District 8 are 1244 Biloxi, 1605 Pascagoula, 5654 Ocean Springs, and 7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove).

The year began with attendance at the Organizational Meeting of the State Council at which time District Deputies were installed and the activities for the ensuing year discussed.

The Officers of three Councils were duly installed by the District Deputy at open meetings as were the Officers of Ladies Auxillaries of two of the Councils. The Officers of one of the Council were installed by a Past State Deputy as they insisted on being installed prior to the official appointment of the District Deputy.

Two of the Councils were represented at the School on Columbianism held in Gulfport in July.

The 1st Degree Team of Council 1605 participated in five (5) degree exemplifications with a total of 36 candidates all attended by the District Deputy. The District Deputy also attended one 1st degree explification by the Degree Teams of Councils 1244 and Council 5654 with 3 and 7 candidates respectely. Council 5654 Degree team initiated candidates for Council 1522, Bay St. Louis. Council 7910 does not have a 1st Degree Team. Candidates from Council 7910 are initiated by Council 1583, Gulfport. The four Councils have as of February 28, 1983 a net increase of 49 members for the

Fraternal Year which will end June 30, 1983. Three of the Councils have attained their membership quota. One Council has neither a net increase or a net decrease in membership. Two of the four Councils have also exceeded or equaled the insurance quota. The membership chairman and the insurance representative are to be commended for their good work.

Three visits to business meeting of each of the four Councils were made by the District Deputy during the Fraternal Year. All Councils are diligently working toward high achievement in the promotion of Columbianism. There is no lack of leadership in any of the four Councils. A review of records maintained by the Recorder, the Financial Secretary, and the Treasurer of all four Councils indicates that records are being maintained as required by the Supreme Council.

The District Deputy and Officers of three of the four Councils attended the Mid-winter Conference in Jackson on Sunday, January 12th. A District meeting to discuss activities of the Mid-winter Conference was hosted by Council 5654 on February 4, 1983. All four Councils in the District were represented.

Council 1605 hosted a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification with the District of Louisiana supplying the Degree Teams. Two Councils from District 8 and one from District 7 provided candidates. The class was designated as the Reverend Frank Scott Class.

The District and Council 1605 are sponsoring a Third Degree Team. The team is working toward certification in June or July.

The Columbian Squires are most active in Council 1244. Council 5654 is attempting to reactivate their Squire Circle. The other two Councils show no indication of developing a Squire Circle.

The District Deputy extends his thanks and gratitude to the Officers and Members of the Councils within District 8 for their cooperation and patience shown to him during this Fraternal Year.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Cox
District Deputy No. 8

CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

There is not much to report. I had hoped to use Vocations as my main project for the year. This is such a pressing matter. We need more priests and fast. The future of the Church does not look good if we do not have more vocations to the priesthood. As I said in a previous report in the "Magnolia Knight", there are certain conditions in our present situation, both in secular society and in the Church, which are undoubtedly having an effect on the church vocations picture. Among these conditions may be mentioned the widening gap between rich and poor segments of society, the widespread disease of lawlessness, decline in public morality, the abortion mentality, the divorce mentality, and the weakening of family ties. Within the church, there is polarization, confusion in teaching and preaching, numbers of alienated Catholics, and other problems. Clearly, the Knights of Columbus Vocations Programs cannot address itself to all of these problems.

Louis Shipp
Church Director

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES REPORT

According to the reporting procedures, the activities for the local councils have been enthusiastic and well planned for the past year. Most all of the projects were used to involve the families of the Councils, which is a credit to the Program Directors and his personnel of the council.

More of the local councils should use their newsletter to circulate the news and information that is printed in the Magnolia, the State newsletter.

Each of the Councils should strive to better their programs by having an active public relations program and including the entire family in as many of the activities as possible.

To evaluate each of the local council programs, each director should first insure that the program is made available to each and everyone in the council who would like to participate. If a program is attended by a few, the program should be evaluated to see why. Remember, we are a Brotherhood of activity, not a select activity for just a few.

Respectfully Submitted,
George C. Fero
Council Activity Director

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

My Brother Knights,

First of all I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Don Oldmixon, for the honor and privilege of serving as State Family Activities Director for this fraternal year.

Second, I would like each member of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus to ask his council officers, "How active are we in Family Activities in our council?" The answer may surprise you.

As Family Activities Director I would like 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.

7. Encourage Family participation at the Marian Hour of Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. Frederic
Family Activities Director

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT

No report turned in.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

No report turned in.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Vocations Committee was extremely active during the past year as the Vocations Program was being implemented. The eight point program formulated by the Vocations Committee was adopted by the State Family at the organizational meeting held in Jackson in July. Activities have been reported in seven of the eight projects outlined in the State Vocations Program.

Vocations Workshops held in Biloxi and Jackson during November were a tremendous success. Thirty four Knights representing 14 Councils attended the seminars. Both Father Charles Venus, Vocations Director for the Biloxi Diocese and Father Chuck Siebenand, Vocations Director for the Jackson Diocese presented excellent workshops. Group discussions during both workshops were most inspirational.

The Diocesan Vocations Directors mailed 652 letters to graduating seniors during the year to stimulate the Vocations Awareness Program. The names of seniors were supplied to the Vocations Directors by the local Councils. Seniors were reminded of the religious vocations as a way of life but that selecting another profession was also considered a vocation and was blessed by God.

Both annual CYO Conventions held in February provided vocations displays and hand out material. Father Chuck Siebenand held a vocations workshop in conjunction with the CYO Convention held in Jackson. Father Thomas of St. Joseph's Seminary touched on vocations activities during his Learning to Pray Workshop conducted in Biloxi. I attended this CYO Convention and was very much impressed with the workshops and the behavior and attitude of our young Catholics.

Both Vocations Directors have completed their vocations slide presentations which are available to all councils upon request. Father Charles Venus presented his slides at the Biloxi Vocations workshop which certainly was a moving experience. Father

Chuck Siebenand provided his slide presentation at the six vocations workshops he and Sister Sharon Sullivan conducted in the Diocese of Jackson during January.

Vocations programs were presented at the Jackson workshop held in August and the Mid-Winter Meeting held in Jackson during December. Programs were also provided for all councils that requested a vocations presentation.

The majority of Councils across the State supported and implemented the Eight Point Vocations Program. Members of the Vocations Committee would like to express their appreciation to the State Deputy, Don Oldmixon, the State Family, Grand Knights, Council Vocations Chairmen for their active participation in the Vocations Program.

I personally want to commend Father Charles Venus and Father Chuck Siebenand for their personal commitment and dedication in coordinating the many vocations activities during the past year. Because of their diligent efforts, the Vocations Program was a great success.

Yours in Christ,
Robert S. Everard
State Vocations Chairman

REPORT OF THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

1982-1983

We have again been successful in our campaign to raise money to help educate future priests for Mississippi. A total of \$30,243.87 was raised for this purpose and divided as follows: Diocese of Jackson \$11,715.27 and the Diocese of Biloxi \$18,528.60. Since this program started in 1953 over \$290,000 has been contributed to this program.

The five newest councils are to be congratulated for their contributions and cooperation: Brookhaven No. 7915; Columbus No. 7974, Pearl No. 8038; McComb No. 8054, and Jackson (St. Therese's) No. 8285.

Two Trophies were awarded for this program again this year.

1. The Msgr. P. J. Carey Council No. 1605 of Pascagoula was awarded the trophy for the largest donation of \$7,100.
2. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council No. 7211 of Lumberton (Seneca) had an average of \$77.14 contribution per member, thus receiving a trophy.

For the benefits of those who are not familiar with this program it should be stated that the money remains in the Diocese where it is collected (where the Council is located) and is used by the Bishop of that Diocese.

I wish to thank all the Councils that have contributed this past year. Also, I wish to thank Jesse J. Quinn, P. S. D. of the Jackson Diocese and Paulino J. Carrubba, State Master Fourth Degree for the assistance given in the Biloxi Diocese. I appreciate the

privilege of serving as State Chairman and extend my thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Don Oldmixon for the trust he placed in me.

Fraternally,
F. J. Bartlett
State Chairman
"Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund"

Following is a list of the Councils and the amount they have contributed since 1953:

REPORT OF THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND 1953-1983

Council No.	Location	1953-1981	1982	1983	GRAND TOTAL
802	Meridian	13,113	1,000	2,118	16,231
848	Jackson	12,585	500	550	13,365
898	Vicksburg	18,100	1,200	2,000	21,300
	Squires	251	---	---	251
1034	Natchez	15,859	850	800	17,509
1244	Biloxi	16,990	800	800	18,500
	Squires	90	--	--	90
1522	Bay St. Louis	12,957	500	500	13,957
1583	Gulfport	21,550	1,200	1,225	23,975
	Auxiliary	25	25	100	125
1605	Pascagoula	38,645	8,000	7,100	53,745
	Auxiliary	300	100	100	500
1908	Hattiesburg	6,155	300	500	6,955
2134	Greenville	18,864	700	1,500	21,064
2180	Laurel	2,405	100	300	2,805
2945	Leland	7,855	375	1,032	9,262
2969	Clarksdale	12,570	1,000	600	14,170
3328	Yazoo City	8,470	330	330	9,130
4472	Pass Christian	315	50	100	465
4898	Long Beach	8,751	1,000	750	10,501
5267	Greenwood	4,497	750	850	6,097
5556	Cleveland	4,100	350	500	4,950
5654	Ocean Springs	3,600	1,750	1,650	7,000
6555	Shelby	1,150	150	200	1,500
6592	Bassfield	800	100	50	950
6765	Starkville	575	100	---	675
6872	Picayune	1,075	500	1,000	2,575
7087	Kiln	85	250	500	835
7120	Southaven	90	---	---	---
7211	Lumberton	2,784	2,982	3,703	9,469
	(Seneca)				
7440	Philadelphia	125	115	200	440
7854	Clinton	---	200	250	450
7910	Orange Grove	---	100	150	250
7915	Brookhaven	---	---	100	100
7074	Columbus	---	---	110	110
8038	Pearl	---	25	50	75

8054	McComb	---	---	500	500
8285	Jackson	---	---	25	25
	(St. Therese's)				
	Miscellaneous	1,976	---	---	1,976
Grand Totals		236,683	25,402	30,243	292,328

PRO LIFE REPORT

My second year as Pro Life chairman has continued to an awarding experience.

The human life amendment has not been passed yet and all Knights need to continue to show their support to this protection of the unborn. As a new attempt is being made in congress we need to increase our letter writing to our congressman.

Pro Life billboard posters have been given to the state RTL committee again this year.

I have continued in the position of a trustee of the state RTL. Mailing from the RTL committee keeps all councils informed on Pro Life subjects.

Over 100,000 pieces of Pro Life material was given out to attenders of the State Fair, also knights assisted in maning the booth.

Respectively Submitted
Basil E. Moots

LIASON OFFICER TO THE LADIES AUXILLIARY REPORT

Worthy State Deputy:

This being the first annual report of the State Knights of Columbus Liason Officer to the State Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus it is to be one of observation and opinion and recommendations rather than a report of accomplishments.

As you know the office was created as an aid to and communication with the State President of the State Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Mrs. Terry Nause. Its purpose was to keep her informed of the desires of the State Council in regard to the State Ladies Auxiliary.

The office has proven as an aid in communication in several areas.

1. It has helped to pattern the organization of the auxiliary along the lines of the State Council.
2. It has helped to develop the function of the District Regent similar to that of the District Deputy.
3. It has suggested the use of the District Regent as installing officer of local Auxiliary Officers in her Region.
4. It has served as a link between Councils, that do not have an active affiliated Auxiliary, and the organization of an Auxiliary, by the District Regent.

5. It is hoped that it will be a means, in the next year, to develop a new Auxiliary development program.
6. It can be the means to encourage the affiliation of all existing ladies groups with the State Auxiliary.
7. The need to have a local Council officer or committee as a link between the local Auxiliary and the local Council is evident. This could lead to a more revelant relationship between the State Council and the State Auxiliary.
8. It is evident that an intense new auxiliary organizational development effort is needed.
9. With 34 Councils in the State and only 6 affiliated auxiliaries in the State Auxiliary, as of the printing of the 1982-1983 State Council directory, a great effort is needed to induce the existing ladies organizations to become affiliated with the State Auxiliary.
10. The State Auxiliary is very well set up both state wide and on the district level with district regents in all but two districts.
11. It appears that each council must put forth an intense effort to form an auxiliary and insist that it affiliate with the State Auxiliary even to the point of contributing the \$1.00 state dues, per member, from council funds.
12. It is recommended that the Liason Officer be continued as a means to convey the desires of the State Council to the State Auxiliary.
13. It is also recommended that each council have a liason officer as a link between the local council and local auxiliary or as an organizing leader to take steps to form an auxiliary, if one does not exist.
14. It is also recommended that if a local liason officer is appointed that he coordinate his efforts with the District Regent, in his District, if there is a District Regent.
15. The first year has had limited success but none the less it has been successful and in the future can lead to the desired communication between the State Council and the State Auziliary as was the original intent.

I wish to thank State Deputy Don Oldmixon for the appointment as first State Liason Officer and hope I have met his expectations. To the new incoming State Deputy I wish to state that I will continue in this capacity if he sees fit to reappoint me.

My sincere thanks to State Auxiliary President Mrs. Terry Nause.

Fraternally submitted,
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. P. S. D.
Liason Officer

The State Deputy then reminded the delegates that some of the councils are still not reporting to Supreme Council their semi-annual audit report. Also that the Fraternal Activity surveys are to be sent in soon. He reported that the St. Mary's renovation fund was falling short. Various donations were volunteered from the floor, they being; Meridian, \$100.00; Kiln, \$50.00; Bay St. Louis, \$100.00; Hattiesburg, \$50.00, and Clinton, \$100.00. This amount covered the shortage and the State Deputy expressed his appreciation to the councils.

After announcements on meeting places for the remaining committees, Ross Bertucci, Grand Knight of the Biloxi Council reported on the Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament.

MISSISSIPPI STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT
1982

The Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament for 1982 was hosted by Biloxi Council 1244 on August 14th and 15th, 1982. There were 14 Councils represented, fielding 16 teams:

Shelby	Pascagoula
Yazoo City	Leland
Clarksdale	Meridian
Greenville	Cleveland
Hattisburg	Natchez (2 teams)
Bassfield (2 teams)	Gulfport
Vicksburg	Biloxi

The tournament was double elimination played under A. S. A. rules and the outcome was as follows:

First Place - Natchez
Second Place - Pascagoula
Third Place - Bassfield

The site for the 1983 tournament was decided by a vote of the State Officers after the participating Councils of the 1982 tournament were deadlocked in a tie. The Natchez Council won this vote and will host the 1983 tournament.

Fraternally,
Ross Bertucci, Grand Knight
Biloxi Council 1244

The dates were announced for the 1983 softball tournament to be held in Natchez on August 12, 13 and 14. Also the bowling tournament will be held in Natchez on the last weekend in February, 1984.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

The Public Relations efforts this year consisted of publishing the "Magnolia Knight," our State newsletter. Since Convention 1982 eleven issues were published and the mailing list has grown to include nearly 950 knights, ladies, priests and state and supreme personnel. We continue to have difficulty with receiving articles and communications for the newsletter and typing current mailing lists. Despite these difficulties we feel we have had a good year.

Following Convention 1982 an arrangement was made with the postal service to pre-sort and bag the newsletter so that it would be handled more quickly once in the mailing channels. This has greatly improved the speed with which the newsletter has been received.

Although the "Magnolia Knight" is a major item in the State Council budget, it is an essential tool in communication and must be continued even though we feel readership on the part of some is poor.

Because of the magnitude of publishing the "Magnolia Knight" at least two knights must share responsibility for its publishing and mailing.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Jean Higgins and Mrs. Francine Parsons for their help in typing many of the articles. A special thanks also to the CYO at Christ the King in Southaven for their help in assembling, sorting and mailing.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence M. Campbell
Public Relations Chairman

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Subject: Organizational Structure of Miss. State Council

Purpose:

- a. To Suggest a method to improve administrative functions of the state organization and to encourage other suggestions and modifications to existing procedures.
- B. To enhance and unify the administrative responsibilities of the State Family by providing greater continuity within the organization during each and future fraternal years.
- C. To outline the reporting and functional responsibilities of the State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and District Deputies within the authority of present Supreme and State Constitution and Bylaws.

The committee felt that the suggested outline of reporting and organization is an

excellent one, however, it was felt that the State Deputy and his officers should be allowed the latitude to determine whether or not such organization would best suit the needs of the State Council in formulating their program for the coming year. Therefore, no resolution is submitted concerning this idea.

Rodney J. Sandoz, P. S. D.
Norman Kiem, P. S. D.
Pete Carrubba,
Dennis Ladnier

MENTAL RETARDATION PROGRAM REPORT

The Knights of Columbus in Mississippi have had another successful Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Retarded in Mississippi. This money will be distributed to over 75,000 mentally retarded persons in Mississippi. We will send everyone a final distribution report when we receive all of the data from the Councils.

We want to thank each and every brother Knight, their families, and friends of the Knights of Columbus, and the Mississippi Association for Retarded Citizens, for all of their hard work in helping others who cannot help themselves. We set a goal of \$65,000.00 in 1982. We did not achieve this goal, but with your enthusiasm and devotion to this project, we collected a net income of \$60,460.51.

The Mississippi State Council will again act as the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi. I have asked the District Deputies to act as District Chairmen for the 1983 program.

The District Deputies will present this program to the Grand Knights at their District Meeting in March or April. The Grand Knights are asked to present the program to the membership at a council meeting prior to the Drive.

The Grand Knights should have appointed a Local Council Chairman and sent his name and address to me. We ask your serious consideration in selecting a Local Chairman, and give him your full support and aid in selecting his Committee Chairman.

We have set a Net Income Goal of \$70,000.00 for the State of Mississippi in 1983. We should achieve this goal if we maintain our enthusiasm in this program. We hope that each and every one of you will visit your local Mentally Retarded Association and see how your contribution has helped that organization. If you need any stimulation in this program, that visit will be all that you will need. Not every Council participated last year. We hope that every Council will participate this year.

The State Deputy presents a trophy to the Council that collects the largest net income per member. The Philadelphia Council won the 1982 trophy with a net income per member of \$105.89. The State Deputy will present the highest gross income per Council Trophy to the Jackson Council. They collected a gross income of \$7,345.42. We all want to congratulate both of these fine Councils for their extraordinary work for the Mentally Retarded in Mississippi.

The proceeds of this drive will be sent to us and we will deposit your proceeds in an account for the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi. The co-signers of

this account will be the State Deputy and the State Directors. When you send your Council Disbursement Fund Request Form to us with your Federal Tax Exempt letter, we will return your funds immediately. Remember, ALL funds must be disbursed prior to June 30, 1983.

This year we ask you to use the week of May 2nd through May 8th to collect for this drive. The first part of the work is for business donations and Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th for city-wide drive. Our insurance for workers collecting for this drive will only be in effect on Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the net will be for the State Council Retarded Program and seventy-five percent (75%) of the net for local council retarded programs. The money raised must be spent to aid in the area of mental retardation and only that area.

Remember, with every two cases of Tootsie Rolls you receive one cap and one cannister bank free. Additional caps and cannisters may be ordered at a nominal cost, but don't wait until the last minute. If aprons are needed they can be ordered from N. Henry and Sons, Inc., 1644 N. Honore Street, Chicago, IL, 60622. The cost of the aprons are \$3.50 each, plus \$1.50 handling charge per order -- and postage -- (United Parcel Service.) Direct your correspondence to the attention of Mr. David von Bergen.

All monies less the cost of Tootsie Rolls and aprons should be forwarded to the State Co-Chairmen immediately on completion of the drive. Billing for Tootsie Rolls and aprons will be to the ordering individual (council) and they should be paid for at that level with monies withheld from the total receipts for that purpose only -- no other monies can be expended. Strict control by councils should be exercised in all areas of this program. Tootsie Roll orders of 50 cases or more will be sent freight prepaid -- smaller councils can consolidate their orders through their District Deputy and take advantage of prepaid freight. The District Deputy will order for all councils in his district. The interest on savings paid all of the expenses of the 1981 State Mental Retardation Program.

A program outline, along with a set of guidelines and sample proclamation, are enclosed for your convenience to promote the drive. As soon as the project is completed, send all monies to State Co-Chairmen, Ricky Nause and Dave Atteberry, with report forms as indicated.

A full report will be made to all members in every council as soon as the project is completed.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact us. I would appreciate it if you would invite me to your council to help explain this program.

Good luck to each council.

Fraternally yours,
Ricky Nause - Dave Atteberry
State Mental RETardation Co-Chairmen



Knights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

1982 DISTRIBUTION OF STATE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FUNDS IN MISSISSIPPI

	ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS	AMOUNT DONATED	FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL FUNDS DONATED
VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL	To Implement Eleven Regional Very Special Arts Festival for the MR	1,072.71	2,145.42	3,281.13
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 13 Areas — \$300.00 each	All 13 Area Divisions of Mississippi Special Olympics - Statewide - All Counties	3,900.00	-----	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.	Early Education Center	2,072.71	6,218.13	8,290.84
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS	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	Three Workshop Training Programs	2,072.71	4,145.42	6,218.13
MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL	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 21, 22, 23, 1983	6,000.00	-----	3,00.00
1982 Tootsie Roll Account Balance—				
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE MISS. MENTALLY RETARDED — 1982		60,460.51		
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE MATCHING FUNDS — 1982			105,946.04	
ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI — 1982				166,406.55
ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI TO DATE				2,078,561.40

Respectfully submitted
 RICKY NAUSE
 DAVE ATTEBERRY
 State Mental Retardation Co-Chairmen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
1982 MENTAL RETARDATION DRIVE

	Council Number	GRSAS Total Revenue Received Before Deductions	NET Income	Net Amount Per Member	Amount Returned to Council for Distribution	Per State Distribution	Recommended Goal (Net) For 1983 UNO
MERIDIAN	802	4,601.74	4,601.74	34.34	3,451.30	1,150.44	5,100.00
JACKSON	848	7,345.42	6,800.00	38.63	5,100.00	1,700.00	7,500.00
VICKSBURG	886	4,766.74	4,000.00	11.36	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,400.00
NATCHEZ	1034	500.00	500.00	2.06	375.00	125.00	550.00
BILOXI	1244	2,429.59	1,939.59	4.58	1,454.69	484.90	2,200.00
BAY ST. LOUIS	1522	2,438.81	1,953.50	9.96	1,465.12	486.38	2,200.00
GULFPORT	1583	2,309.61	1,735.13	4.91	1,301.43	433.70	2,000.00
PASCAGOULA	1605	4,826.35	4,058.85	13.84	3,044.13	1,014.72	4,400.00
HATTIESBURG	1908	4,424.89	3,630.89	28.14	2,723.17	907.72	4,000.00
GREENVILLE	2134	6,557.92	5,067.92	22.81	3,815.94	1,271.98	5,500.00
LAUREL	2180	1,146,392	901.38	15.27	676.04	225.34	1,100.00
LELAND	2945	1,525.46	984.59	28.78	738.44	246.15	1,200.00
CLARKSVILLE	2969	---	---	---	---	---	---
YAZOO CITY	3328	---	---	---	---	---	---
PASS CHRISTIAN	4472	291.61	291.61	7.88	218.71	72.90	350.00
LONG BEACH	4888	2,729.65	2,500.00	17.60	1,875.00	625.00	2,800.00
GREENWOOD	5267	5,909.35	5,034.77	57.67	3,775.00	1,259.77	5,500.00
CLEVELAND	5556	460.00	460.00	4.70	345.00	115.00	500.00
OCEAN SPRINGS	5654	1,290.10	1,045.10	9.33	783.83	261.27	1,200.00
SHELBY	6555	---	---	---	---	---	---
BASSFIELD	6592	1,883.01	1,792.40	18.10	1,344.30	448.10	2,000.00
STARKVILLE	6765	---	---	---	---	---	---
PICAYUNE	6872	---	---	---	---	---	---
KILN	7087	460.00	390.00	8.79	270.00	90.00	400.00
SOUTHAVEN	7120	2,869.62	2,438.16	43.53	1,826.62	611.54	2,700.00
SENECA	7211	3,053.19	3,053.19	64.96	2,289.89	763.30	3,400.00
PHILADELPHIA	7440	4,619.78	4,128.78	105.89	3,087.34	1,032.44	4,500.00
CLINTON	7854	970.97	854.67	17.44	641.00	213.67	950.00
COLUMBUS	7974	2,523.94	2,307.24	24.73	1,730.43	576.81	2,550.00
1982 MENTAL RETARDATION DRIVE		69,834.18	60,460.51	24.73	45,342.38	15,118.13	(64,450.00)
1981 MENTAL RETARDATION DRIVE		72,034.92	62,816.32	25.21	47,093.53	15,722.79	
INTEREST ON SAVINGS						410.87	

NOTE: The interest on savings paid all of the expenses of the 1982 State Mental Retardation Program.



Knights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

FINAL REPORT OF THE 1982 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	Miss. Industries for the Developmentally Disabled	3,451.30	10,353.90	13,805.20
JACKSON #848	Hinds County Assn for Retarded Citizens	2,325.00	6,975.00	9,300.00
	R.E.A.C.H. (Religious Education & Activities for the Community Handicapped)	2,025.00	-----	2,025.00
	Area 8 — Special Olympics	750.00	-----	750.00
VICKSBURG #898	Vicksburg Early Education, Inc.	2,000.00	-----	2,000.00
	Warren County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00
NATCHEZ #1034	Pleasant Day Acres School	375.00	-----	375.00
BILOXI #1244	Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens	1,454.69	5,818.76	7,273.45
BAY ST. LOUIS #1522	Hancock Industries	1,465.12	11,720.96	13,186.08
GULFPORT #1583	Harrison Co. Training Center	433.81	2,169.05	2,602.86
	Harrison Co. Assn. for Retarded Citizens	433.81	1,301.43	1,735.24
	Miss. Special Olympics	433.81	-----	433.81
PASCAGOULA #1605	Singing River Industries	3,044.13	9,132.39	12,176.52
HATTIESBURG #1908	Forrest County Asso. for Retarded Citizens	879.00	1,758.00	2,637.00
	Pine Belt Work Activity Center	1,846.00	12,922.00	14,768.00
GREENVILLE #2134	Washington County Asso. for Retarded Citizens	3,815.94	-----	3,815.94
LAUREL #2180	Pine Belt Work Activity Center	676.04	4,732.98	5,409.02
LELAND #2945	Washington County Asso. for Retarded Citizens	738.44	-----	738.44
PASS CHRISTIAN #4472	Harrison County Asso. for Retarded Citizens	218.71	-----	218.71
LONG BEACH #4898	Harrison Co. Training Ctr. for Exceptional Children	1,875.00	-----	1,875.00
GREENWOOD #5267	Region VI MH-MR Workshop for Adult Devel. Disabled	3,275.77	9,827.31	13,103.08
	Leflore County School for Handicapped Children	500.00	-----	500.00
CLEVELAND #5556	Delta Medical Mental Health Center	345.00	-----	345.00
OCEAN SPRINGS #5654	Miss. Gulf Coast YMCA	783.83	-----	783.83
BASSFIELD #6592	Marion County Special Education	672.15	-----	672.15
	Jeff Davis County Special Education	672.15	-----	672.15
KILN #7087	Hancock Industries	270.00	810.00	1,080.00
SOUTHAVEN #7120	Eudora Learning Center	1,828.62	1,828.62	3,657.24
SENECA #7211	Gulf Coast Mental Health Center	290.60	871.80	1,162.40
	Assn. for Retarded Citizens of Lamar County	1,026.22	3,072.66	4,098.88
	Pearl River Assn. for Retarded Citizens	973.07	2,919.21	3,892.28
PHILADELPHIA #7440	Neshoba County Assn. for Retarded Children	3,097.34	-----	3,097.34
CLINTON #7854	Early Education Center	641.00	1,923.00	2,564.00
COLUMBUS #7974	Lowndes County Asso. for Retarded Citizens	1,730.43	2,300.00	3,460.86

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUDIT REPORT

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the records of the State Treasurer. Bank Statements, ledgers, books, paid bills and cancelled checks were reviewed and no discrepancies were noted.

K of C. Audit Committee
John P. Myers, P. S. D.
Henry Mosco
R. C. Bertucci

AUDIT OF THE TOOTSIE ROLL ACCOUNT

Savings Account	
Balance 4/1/82	
Deposits	\$1268.41
Interest Earned	60460.51
	1137.01
Withdrawals	\$62865.93
Balance 3/31/83	60000.00
	\$2865.93

Checking Account	
Check Book Balance 4/1/82	
Deposits	680.91
	60000.00
Checks written	\$60680.91
Deficit	60881.19
	(\$200.28)

Bank Statement	
Bank Balance 4/1/82	
Deposits	\$17872.00
	6000.00
Checks written and cashed	\$77872.00
Bank Balance 3/31/83	56841.44
Less Outstanding Checks	\$21030.56
1233 Miss Special Olympics Area 10	
1246 Loundes County ARC	\$300.00
1247 Act Center	272.45
1251 Regional Mental Health Complex	272.45
1278 Washington Co. ARC	272.45
1350 Miss Special Olympics	558.00
1351 Harrison County Assn.	433.81
1352 Harrison County Training Center	433.81
1362 Marion Co. Special Education	433.81
1367 Pleasant Day Acres School	672.15
1368 Delta Med. Mental Health Center	375.00
1370-1382 Miss. Special Olympics Areas 1-14 \$300.00 each	345.00
1384 Very Special Arts Festival	3900.00
1385 Christian Education Services	1072.71
1386 Miss. Assn for Retarded	2072.71
1387 Miss Special Olympics	2072.71
1388 Miss Special Olympics	3000.00
	3000.00

1391 Hancock Ind.	1465.12
1392 Andrew Harteg Inc.	155.10
1393 Ricky Nause	123.56
	21230.84
Bank Balance 3/31/83	(\$200.28)

R. C. Bertucci
Henry Mosco
John P. Myers

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The programs of the activity now in effect are excellent and we recommend they all be continued. We feel Councils especially participate in the following activities:

Tootsie Roll Drives
State Bowling & Softball Programs
Free Throw Competition
Support of Ladies Auxiliary
Support of Columbian Squires and/or CYO
Support & Work with Parish Councils
Encourage Inter-Council Activities within Districts
Regular Social Activities - Quarterly or Monthly

Your committee has the following new suggestions which we recommend.

1. All Councils present programs which recognize and promote the History of Columbianism (2nd Century of Service).
2. Promote the Knight of Columbus Insurance program on all correspondence.
3. The following color schemes be adopted for name badges for Council and State Officers.

Local Council Officers - Blue with White Letters
State Officers - Gold with Black Letters
Past Local Council Officers (PGK) Purple with White Letters
Past State Officers (PSD) Silver with Black Letters

Respectfully submitted,
Harry D. Green, Sr. Chairman #1605
John Maloney #802
D. P. Nenicola #1583
Joe Bramuchi #6555
S. E. Gaston Jr. #5267

CEREMONIALS REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

I was extremely pleased and honored to be appointed to the position of State Ceremonials Chairman, and to serve in that capacity at the request of the State Deputy, and with the approbation of the Supreme Knight, Brother Virgil Dechant.

However, I accepted this awesome responsibility with some trepidation for two reasons. First, I was hospitalized at that time having undergone radical surgery, and extensive radiation therapy; and secondly, I knew that I was accepting a position usually reserved and cherished by a Past State Deputy.

It was my intention to institute two major degree teams in the State jurisdiction-one in the Northern sector, and one from the Southern sector, comprised of members from Councils in Districts 7 and 8. At this point in time, members of Pascagoula Council #1605 and Ocean Springs Council #5654 have joined forces and organizations and rehearsals are being undertaken for a second and third degree team. It is our objective to have the teams ready for operation prior to the end of this Columbian year.

To those Brother Knights who have committed themselves to this endeavor, I express my grateful thanks, and to those who declined for whatever reason, I respect your decision.

Respectfully submitted,
Forest H. Taylor
State Ceremonials Chairman

DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVE AND PROTOCOL REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

In my capacity as the Aid to the State Deputy for the Biloxi Diocese, I was privileged to represent the State Deputy at the Awards Night, and Clergy Appreciation Night at MSGR P. J. Carey Council, 1605, Pascagoula, Ms., attended the Bowling Tournament in Gulfport, and the Exemplification of a Major Degree in Bay St. Louis, Ms. Additionally, it was my sad duty to attend the funeral services of our good friend and Brother Knight, Brother Roy Powers.

As Protocol Chairman, I wrote Articles for Publication in the Magnolia Knight, and counseled with Council Officers when requested to do so. My desire as Protocol Chairman was-and is-to restore the dignity and decorum to the Knights of Columbus that is lacking in so many Councils. I am sure that with the cooperation of District Deputies and Council Officers, this will be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
Forest H. Taylor

REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

State Officers				
Rev. Michael Kelleher	124	24.80	60.00	84.80
Rev. Bernard Haddican (not in attendance)	0	0	0	0

Don Oldmixon	93	18.60	60.00	78.60
Robert Fratesi	300	60.00	60.00	120.00
Wiley Price, Jr.	154	30.80	60.00	90.80
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.	21	4.20	60.00	64.20
Michael T. Leleux (not in attendance)	0	0	0	0
Rodney J. Sandoz	39	7.80	60.00	67.80

District Deputies

Kenneth Lubbers	366	73.20	60.00	133.20
Norman L. Kiehm	300	60.00	60.00	120.00
Basil E. Moots	184	36.80	60.00	96.80
Richard Benton (not in attendance)	0	0	0	0
Ted L. Applewhite (not in attendance)	0	0	0	0
Oscar J. Authement	93	18.60	60.00	78.60
Paulino J. Carrubba	39	7.80	60.00	67.80
John W. Cox	0	0	60.00	60.00

Past State Deputies (Per Diem Only)

John P. Myers	0	0	60.00	60.00
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Councils Delegates (2 From Each Council)

802 Meridian	154	30.80	60.00	90.80
848 Jackson	184	36.80	60.00	96.80
898 Vicksburg	226	45.20	60.00	105.20
1034 Natchez (not in attendance)	0	0	0	0
1244 Biloxi	21	4.20	60.00	64.20
1522 Bay St. Louis	49	9.80	60.00	69.80
1583 Gulfport	34	6.80	60.00	66.80
1605 Pascagoula	0	0	60.00	60.00
1908 Hattisburg	96	19.20	60.00	79.20
2134 Greenville	300	60.00	60.00	120.00
2180 Laurel	108	21.60	60.00	81.60
2945 Leland	292	58.40	60.00	118.40
2969 Clarksdale	335	67.00	60.00	127.00
3328 Yazoo City (1 Delegate)	229	45.80	60.00	105.80
4472 Pass Christian	44	8.80	60.00	68.80
4898 Long Beach	39	7.80	60.00	67.80
5267 Greenwood	280	56.00	60.00	116.00
5556 Ocean Spring	18	3.60	60.00	63.60
6558 Shelby	327	65.40	60.00	125.40
6598 Bassfield	124	24.80	60.00	84.80
6765 Starkville (not in attendance)	0	0	0	0
6872 Picayune	83	16.60	60.00	76.60
7087 Kiln	65	13.00	60.00	73.00
7120 Southaven	366	73.20	60.00	133.20
7211 Lumberton (1 Delegate)	93	18.60	60.00	78.60
7440 Philadelphia	195	39.00	60.00	99.00
7854 Clinton	194	38.80	60.00	98.80
7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove)	34	6.80	60.00	66.80
7915 Brookhaven (1 Delegate)	176	35.20	60.00	95.20
7974 Columbus	244	48.48	60.00	108.80
8038 Pearl	184	36.80	60.00	96.80

8054 McComb	158	31.60	60.00	91.20
8285 St. Therese (1 Delegate)	184	36.80	60.00	96.80

NOTE: 2nd Delegate for Councils 7211 & 8285 paid as District Deputies.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Johnny Stevens
 Graham Boyd
 Leon Shapley
 Wiley Price, Jr.

STATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Program Committee met at 1:00 p.m. April 23, 1983. This year the State Deputy modified the design and scope of responsibility of the State Program Committee by combining committees previously meeting separately into one. He assigned all State Program Activity Directors, most State Chairmen, specific Delegates, invited State Officers, Grand Knights, and Council Program Chairmen to meet as one unit chaired by the State Program Director. We were to evaluate the 1982-83 State Program and recommend modifications for 1983-84.

Approximately thirty members attended and wish to make the following observations and recommendations:

1. Overall structure and objectives of the State Program are in accordance with Supreme recommendations and serve the basic needs of each local council.
2. State Awards Program using the point system is a valuable tool to motivate and evaluate local council programs.
3. The Awards Program Guidelines and Program Directors Report Form are better understood this year. Only modifications to further clarify and update should be made. Major areas are discussed herein.
4. Program Directors Reports due from councils on October 15 and April 1st. were sufficient to report and analyze activity.
5. Program presentations in Schools of Columbianism should be modified to provide "hands on training and examples" in a workshop atmosphere.
6. Special efforts be made to insure that all information presented in all workshops is the same.
7. State Program Director provide a critique to each council, submitting an October Program Directors Report, advising improvements in program and reporting procedures.
8. Provide list of audited point totals for the April 1st. Program Directors Report.
9. State officers and Chairmen should insure that, all young councils and others needing help, get any assistance needed and assist the District Deputy to provide it.
10. Provide additional explanation and training on how to calculate and record bonus points on the Program Directors Report. Projects that require extra manhours should continue to have extra point value.

11. Newsletter and Yearbook Guidelines be continued with explanation and examples given in training workshops.

12. The use of Form SP2-nc for Supreme Program Awards for Best Single Activity worked well and should be continued with further explanation of preparation requirements.

13. Provide expanded guidelines for preparing Grand Knight, District Deputy, State Chairmen and State Officer Reports for preparation of a booklet for distribution to Officers, Delegates, etc. at the convention.

14. Explore possibility of modifying the formats of the Grand Knights and Program Directors Reports so that the same information could be copied (example-optional program projects) and not be written separately for each report. Caution: Major changes in format maybe to confusing.

15. Recommend that the State Program Committee meeting at the State Convention thru its critique of the previous year and its recommendations be the basic guideline for the next program year with the opportunity for minor changes to be made by the succeeding State Program Committee. Local councils need basic guidelines between April and July to plan its programs during the first months of the Program Year.

16. Modifying the Convention Agenda for expanded committee meeting time worked well. The involvement of all State Activity Chairmen, Grand Knights, Program Chairmen and etc. in one program meeting should be continued again next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Goellner
State Program Director
and all members of
State Program Committee

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Our 1982-83 New Council Development efforts began at the State Summer Meeting as the District Deputies were given the primary responsibility. They were to be assisted by a key contact person assigned per location and the insurance representative. The State Chairman would serve as the coordinating contact for each District Deputy. Prime locations were selected in each District and development kits were ordered from Supreme. A goal of six new councils was considered reasonable.

Thus far, efforts have netted one chartered council, St. Theresa in Jackson and two locations, Holly Springs and Corinth-Bonneville, which are about fifty percent complete. Other areas are scheduled for development activity prior to July 1983.

Our success this year is much less than last year when six new councils were added. What caused the difference? What should our recommended strategy be for next year? The following questions and statements are offered for consideration by next years Officers, District Deputies, Chairmen and committees.

1. Bylaws give the District Deputy the administrative responsibility for developing new councils. What other assistance should he have during the organization period?
2. Should there be a New Council Development Committee on the State Level?

3. Who should be responsible for development strategy at the State Level?
4. What criteria should be used to determine potential locations?
5. Some large councils have several large parishes in area. Should additional councils be developed?
6. Should consideration be given to small parishes with less than 100 family units?

The New Council Development Committee at last years convention recommended we strive to have a council in every parish. Also, they suggested credit be given thru the State Awards Program to existing councils who assist in establishing new councils.

The future development of the Order in Mississippi is the Question. How it is to be accomplished has yet to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph B. Goellner
State New Council
Development Chairmen

The meeting was then closed so everyone could attend the awards presentation which commenced immediately following.

State Don Oldmixon at the beginning of the awards program expressed his appreciation to all for their support and hard work during the past year.

Awards was presented to the councils as follows:

New Council Award went to Basil E. Moots, District Deputy for organizing a new council in Jackson, St. Therese.

An award from Supreme Council was presented to District Deputy Norman L. Kiehm for organizing a new First Degree Team in his district.

Vocation Program Award - #7211 Lumberton

Honor Council Award - #802 Meridian, #848 Jackson, #898 Vicksburg, #1244 Biloxi, #1522 Bay St. Louis, #1583 Gulfport, #1908 Hattiesburg, #3328 Yazoo City, #7120 Southaven, #7974 Columbus, #8038 Pearl, #8054 McComb, #8285 St. Therese.

Distinguished Council Award - #1605 Pascagoula, #2134 Greenville, #2945 Leland, #4898 Long Beach, #5654 Ocean Springs, #7087 Kiln, #7211 Lumberton, #7854 Clinton.

Best Newsletter Award - Large Council - #1605 Pascagoula, Intermediate Council - #1908 Hattiesburg, Small Council - #7854 Clinton

Ladies Auxilliary Membership Award - #4898 Long Beach

Ladies Auxilliary Best Yearbook - Large - #1522 Bay St. Louis, Intermediate - #7087 Kiln, Small - #7211 Lumberton

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

Priest Education Award - Highest Donation - #1605 Pascagoula, Highest Amount Per member - #7211 Lumberton

Bowling Awards - Team Event - 1st - Greenville #2
2nd - Biloxi #2
3rd - Long Beach #1

Doubles Events - 1st - T. Applewhite & C. Carr - Bassfield
2nd - G. Bernardi & J. Bernardi - Greenville

Singles Event - 1st - Ronald Hagensee - Gulfport
2nd - Willie Fair - Jackson

All Events Scratch - Ronald Hagensee - Gulfport

All Events Handicap - Joe Tuccio - Natchez

THE CONVENTION AWARDS BANQUET

The Convention Awards Banquet was held in the Jackson County Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. The Banquet started with a procession and introduction of all dignitaries. After the introduction the entire assembly joined in singing of the National Anthem. The principal speaker for the evening's function was Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Administrator, New Council Development from the Supreme Council Office.

During the banquet the following awards were presented;

The Hilton Seymour Award - #1605 Pascagoula

The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award - Domenic J. Verona, Greenville #2134.

Ladies Auxilliary Scrapbook Award - 1st #7211 Lumberton, 2nd #5654 Ocean Springs, 3rd #1908 Hattiesburg.

Service Activity Award - 1st #1583 Gulfport, 2nd #4898 Long Beach, 3rd #848 Jackson

Supreme Awards - Church Activity - #802 Meridian, Community Activity - #7854 Clinton, Council Activity - #7211 Lumberton, Youth Activity - #7854 Clinton, Family Life Activity - #802 Meridian

Best Council Awards - Small Council - #7854 Clinton, Intermediate Council - #7087 Kiln, Large Council - #1605 Pascagoula

Vocations Award - Jackson Diocese - #7854 Clinton, Biloxi Diocese - #7211 Lumberton

District Deputy Award - Basil E. Moots, District #3

Family of the Year Award - The James Safigan Family - Clinton Council #7854

F. J. Bartlett, State Chairman of the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Priest Education Fund reported at that time the total receipts was \$28,443.87.

Sunday Morning April 24, 1983

The meeting was called to order by State Deputy Oldmixon and after an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag, the delegates were seated in order by councils.

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 23, 1983 by Chairman Bernard Frederic, 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.

William F. Lauderdale	Vicksburg
David Gleason	Meridian
Gordon Cowie	Pearl
Charles Collins	Clinton
Bill Kinkopf	Hattiesburg
Jimmy Wurstenhofer	Greenville
Irvin Obernueferman	Ocean Springs
Herman Ditcharo	McComb
Kenneth Lubbers	Southaven
Joseph M. Nassar	Greenwood
Walt Schielhab	Jackson (848)
Guy S. Todaro, Sr.	Gulfport
J. P. Thompson	Orange Grove
Harry Steinwinder	Biloxi
Bernard R. Frederic	Pascagoula
Rick Gaspain	Jackson (8285)
Fritz Oberlies	Guest
Tom Smith	Supreme

The Financial Secretaries held an open debate on the increase of per capita. Various opinions were presented and a vote was taken:

NO - 9

Yes - 7

with the understanding that an accounting of what the increase would be used for.

Various topics were discussed.

Supreme Representatives Tom Smith spoke to the meeting. He stated that the Financial Secretary is the backbone of the Order and that it is a thankless job. He said that the Supreme Office depends on the Financial Secretary to help fill them in when they need information.

Various questions were presented to the Supreme Representatives from the floor with many benefits gained from the session. He stated the Supreme Office favors a Final Withdrawal Card over suspension. He stated that a State Financial Secretary

Seminar will be started by Supreme in the near future with a workshop put on by a Supreme Representative.

Meeting Closed at 11:15 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. Frederic, Chairman
Harry L. Steinwinder, Recorder

REPORT OF THE 4TH DEGREE

To: 79th Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus, Pascagoula, Mississippi

In October 1982, I was informed by the Supreme Master that I had been selected to relieve Master George Fero as Master of the Fourth Degree, District of Mississippi.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Former Master Fero for his invaluable assistance during my first few months in office.

In the interest of maintaining a closer working relationship with the assemblies the District has been divided into four areas with a Marshal in each area. Appointed to serve as Marshals in their respective areas were: Area One; which covers Pascagoula, Biloxi, Gulfport and Long Beach; Sir Knight Bernarde Frederick of Pascagoula; Area Two: Laurel, Hattiesburg, and Natchez: Sir Knight Charles Lombardo of Hattiesburg; Area Three; Meridian, Jackson, and Vicksburg; Sir Knight William Karn; Area Four; Clarksdale, Greenwood, Cleveland, and Greenville; Sir Knight William LaForge of Cleveland. These Sir Knights, along with other duties, will assist the District Marshal, Norman McDonald, when in their area.

A meeting was held in Jackson for Area Three on January 15. The assemblies participating felt that this was a step in the right direction. A meeting for Area Two was scheduled in Hattiesburg for February 13 however due to my sudden and unexpected incapacitation, the meeting was canceled. More meetings will be scheduled throughout the District.

Since the convention last year there have been two Exemplifications of the Fourth Degree in the District. Former Master Fero conducted an Exemplification on August 29, 1982, hosted by Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly of Pascagoula with 21 candidates. The Bishop Gerow Assembly of Jackson was host of an Exemplification on March 6, 1983. Former Master Lamar Cox acted for me at the Exemplification. There were 38 candidates. The Degree Team of Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly of Pascagoula, under the able leadership of Marshaland Degree Team Captain Bernard Federick, performed the ceremonies for both occasions.

We will soon have the 15th assembly in the Mississippi District. Sir Knight Bob Hubbard, Grand Knight of Pere Le Duc Council 1522 of Bay St. Louis, has requested the re-activation of Pere Le Duc Assembly #0660. All necessary requirements and except for a minor detail will soon be forwarded to Supreme for conformation.

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

Since assuming the office of Master I have visited four assemblies in the District as well as attending three Admission Degrees, the Provencial Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Installation of the Master of Louisiana District One, in New Orleans.

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard has been active in many areas of the District at wakes, funerals, Corporate Communion, and Confirmations.

Membership is the basic requirement of any viable organization. Without new members no organization can long survive. However, membership is not the only facet of the spectrum. In order to create interest in our Order we must have an active program. A program with enough charisma to keep the members we now have and to make others want to join our ranks. These are the areas in which we will devote our energies and talents.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulino J. Carrubba
Master
District of Mississippi

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

This resolution was presented by a committee established by the State Deputy in order to update our State By-Laws.

BY-LAWS -- MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

In accordance with State Deputy Donald Oldmixon's appointment of a committee to make a through study of the present by-laws, then draw up a new set of by-laws, the committee met at Biloxi, Mississippi on Sunday, October 31, 1982.

The committee meeting was opened with a prayer by Chairman John P. Myers, PSD, at 1:15 p.m. with committee members Hilton Seymour, PSD; Rodney Sandoz, PSD; Dave Atteberry, PSD; present and committee member Fred Westbrook, PSD absent. Ex-Officio Chairman, State Deputy Donald Oldmixon, was also present. The following are the proposed new by-laws.

BY-LAWS MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ARTICLE I NAME AND JURISDICTION

This organization shall be known as the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and its jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the State of Mississippi.

ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The State Council shall have power to enact and enforce all laws necessary and proper for its government and for the government of its subordinate councils, but no such laws shall be valid if the same shall be in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE STATE COUNCIL

Section 1: The Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, shall be convened annually between the first day of April to and including the first day of June in each year. The date of said annual meeting shall be determined by the State Deputy. The regular notice of such annual meeting shall be given to each subordinate council by the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed thereof.

Section 2: Place of Holding Annual Meetings: The State Council, in Convention assembled shall elect State Officers, delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention, receive reports of State Officers and Committees, discuss and act upon the affairs of the Order in the State, adopt policies and programs for the good and welfare of the Order and transact such other business and enact such laws, rules and regulations as may be consistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

Section 4: Membership: The officers and members of the State Council shall be those provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Anyone not a member of the State Council will not have the privilege of the floor, unless by unanimous consent of the State Council meeting.

Section 5: Order of Business: The State Deputy shall call the State Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on the first day of the Convention and the following shall be included in the order of its business:

1. Call to order.
2. Confirming current membership cards.
3. Prayer by the Chaplain.
4. Reading of the minutes.
5. Announcement of personnel of convention committees.
6. Submission of Grand Knights' reports of the activities of their councils.
7. Report of committee on credentials.
8. Reading of communications.
9. Report of State Chaplain.
10. Report of State Deputy.
11. Report of State Secretary.
12. Report of the State Treasurer.
13. Report of State Advocate.
14. Reports of District Deputies.
15. Report of committee on resolutions.
16. Reports of other committees.
17. Election of State Officers, delegates and alternates to Supreme Convention.
18. Selection of convention city.
19. Unfinished business.
20. New business.
21. Prayer by the Chaplain.
22. Adjournment.

Section 6: Committees: The State Deputy shall appoint the following convention committees:

1. On Credentials--to consist of at least 3 members of which the State Secretary shall be a member and chairman.
2. On Mileage and Per Diem--to consist of at least 3 members, of which the State Treasurer shall be a member and chairman.
3. On Resolutions--to consist of 5 members, which shall include the State Advocate as a member and chairman, and shall include, when practicable, 2 or more Past State Deputies, one of which shall be the immediate Past State Deputy.
4. On Audit--to audit the accounts of the State Treasurer, to consist of at least 3 members.
5. On State Council Convention--to consist of members determined by the State Deputy to coordinate the State Convention.
6. All other committees of which provisions has been duly and regularly made, or which may be deemed necessary to facilitate the work of the convention.

Section 7: State Deputy to Preside: The State Deputy shall preside at all sessions of the State Council, and shall ex-officio, a member of all committees thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the State Council and the Constitution and Laws of the Order. In his absence, the most immediate Past State Deputy available shall preside in his stead over the meetings of the State Council.

Section 8: All sessions of the State Council shall be conducted in the third section.

Section 9: All State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and committees shall prepare their reports in typewritten form for submission to the State Secretary.

ARTICLE IV PROCEEDINGS OF STATE COUNCIL

Section 1: State Secretary to Furnish Blanks: The State Secretary shall prepare and furnish to the Grand Knights of each subordinate council on or before the first day of March in each year, credential blanks for the ensuing annual meeting of the State Council.

Section 2: Roll of Convention: The State Secretary shall prepare a roll containing the names of all delegates and alternates from the credential blanks presented to and filed with him, which said roll shall be compiled and delivered to the State Deputy prior to the first session of the State Council, and said roll shall constitute the roll of the State Council until the report of the credentials committee has been submitted and the permanent roll determined by the action of the State Council.

Section 3: Delinquent Assessments: Subordinate Councils failing to pay any assessments levied by the State Council or Supreme Council, shall not be entitled to representation in the State Council until all such arrears are paid.

Section 4: The roll shall not be called to vote on any question other than an election, except upon the request of at least 1/3 of the delegates eligible to vote at the session, expressed by standing vote.

Section 5: Expenses of Delegates: The expenses of the State Officers, delegates, District Deputies, and Past State Deputies to the State Council meeting shall be determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting. Mileage figures, if applicable, will be based on figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department.

ARTICLE V POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: State Deputy: The State Deputy shall preside at all sessions of the State Council and shall appoint all of its committees, except as otherwise herein provided. He shall be the chief executive of the Order in the State and possess all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by the laws and rules of the Order and by these by-laws. He shall countersign all checks drawn against the funds of the State Council, in the hands of the State Treasurer, and none of the moneys or funds of the State Council shall be otherwise disbursed. He shall have power to call meetings of State Officers and all Committees provided for the State Council, the expense thereof to be charged to the State Council on presentations of itemized statements, as in these by-laws provided, and he shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the State Council.

Section 2: State Secretary: The State Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the State Council. He shall issue a notice of all assessments levied by the State Council and do all things necessary and proper to secure due payment thereof to the State Treasurer. He shall report in writing at the annual meeting of the State Council, and shall perform such other and different duties as the State Council or the State Deputy may from time to time lawfully assign him, and shall furnish the Committee on Resolutions with such information as may be required by it pertaining to the laws and affairs of the State Council, as the same may be of record in his office. The State Secretary shall prepare a complete printed report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the State Council, and a copy of said report shall be furnished to each State Officer, District Deputy, Committee Chairmen and Grand Knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction on or about the following July 1st.

Section 3: State Treasurer: The State Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the State Council and promptly deposit the same in the name of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a depository designated by the State Officers, or a majority of them, and will promptly issue checks, countersigned by the State Deputy, in payment of accounts approved by the State Deputy.

Section 4: State Advocate: The State Advocate shall be the legal advisor to the State Council on all matters involving questions of the law. It shall be the duty of the State Advocate, upon request, to advise the State Officers on all matters pertaining to the constitution and laws of the Order, and upon the constitutionality of any proposed law or resolution of the State Council.

Section 5: State Chaplain: The State Chaplain shall conduct all religious exercises of the State Council and shall advise the State Council and the officers thereof on matters of religion and Catholic practice, and proposed resolutions or laws of the

State Council involving such matters shall be referred to him by the Resolutions Committee for his advice and counsel before same shall be referred to the convention. He shall make an annual report in writing to the State Council.

Section 6: State Warden: The State warden shall act as warden of the State Council at all of its meetings and perform such further duties as may be lawfully required of him by the State Deputy and the State Council.

ARTICLE VI STATE COUNCIL FINANCES

Section 1: Manner of Payment: All checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper or obligations of any kind or character owing to the State Council shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and all withdrawals, of its funds from the authorized depository shall be in the name of Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, by written check signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the State Deputy.

Section 2: Levying of Assessments: The per capita assessment by the State Council shall operate upon the membership as of January 1st and July 1st of each year. On the January 1st assessment the Councils shall be billed by the following February 1st and on the July 1st assessment the Councils will be billed by the following August 1st and said assessments shall be based upon the membership figures furnished by the Supreme Council as of record on January 1st and July 1st of each year and shall be due and payable by February 28 and August 31. All other assessments levied by the State Council shall be due and payable sixty days after the date of levy, unless otherwise duly provided.

Section 3: State Council Expenses: The State Treasurer is authorized to pay out of the general fund of the State Council all sums necessary to pay the appropriations authorized and made by the State Council, the expenses of the State Council Meeting, the authorized expenses of officers and committees, and all other expenses duly authorized by the State Officers, but no such payment shall be made of any item of expense unless and until a properly itemized statement thereof shall be filed with the State Deputy.

Section 4: Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be \$4.00 per member per year, in accordance with Section 118, paragraphs C & D of the Supreme Council By-Laws, provided, however, the per capita tax may be changed by 2/3 vote of the State Council meeting or as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section 1: Rules: The election of the State Officers and delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be held in a manner to comply in all respects with the constitution and laws of the Order.

Section 2: Nominations: All nominations of officers, delegates, and alternates shall be made from the floor. No nominating speech shall exceed 5 minutes unless a different rule be established by majority vote of the meeting. Second shall be limited to stating their name and council.

Section 3: Tellers: Three tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer to assist with the balloting. The counting of ballots shall be open to all duly qualified third degree members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Section 4: Unanimous Ballot: When only one candidate is nominated for any office, the State Council, upon proper motion, direct the State Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for such candidate, without balloting.

Section 5: Order of Election: The order of election shall be as follows. State Deputy--State Secretary--State Treasurer--State Advocate--State Warden--Delegates to the Supreme Convention--Alternates to said delegates.

Section 6: Manner of Conducting: When the nominations shall have been closed for each state office, the names of the candidates for that office shall be written in large letters on the blackboard so as to be plainly legible to all delegates, and plain sheets of paper shall be distributed to each delegate with instructions to write thereon just one name, the choice of that delegate for that particular office. When the nominations for delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so nominated shall be plainly written on the blackboard, and the delegates shall write on their ballot the exact number of names for the position to be filled, and shall cast the same in one ballot. The same procedure shall be followed in the election of alternates, who shall be designated in the order of their preference, according to the vote electing them, provided that only insurance alternates shall fill vacancies for insurance representatives. In case of a tie vote, the State Deputy shall designate which one shall serve. In the selection of the convention city, the names of the cities that have invited the convention shall be written on the blackboard, and each delegate shall write on his plain ballot the name of one of these cities as his choice.

Section 7: Balloting: Where a contest exists for any position to be filled, the voting shall, in all cases be done by secret, written ballot. The balloting shall be done in the following manner. The State Secretary shall call, from the permanent roll of the State Council Meeting, the names of those persons entitled to vote and as each name is called, such member will deposit his ballot in the receptacle provided therefor.

Section 8: Majority: In all cases of election to any State Office, a majority of all votes cast be necessary to elect. In the event there are more than two candidates for a single office, and a ballot fails to produce a majority for any candidate, written balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the smallest vote on the preceding ballot being dropped from the following ballot until a candidate shall have received a majority of all votes cast.

Section 9: Who Shall Nominate: Any member entitled to the floor at the State Council Meeting may nominate a candidate for any office to be filled.

ARTICLE VIII EMERGENCY PROVISION IN THE EVENT THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING CANNOT BE HELD

In the event, by reason of law, government edict, war, or other proper cause, no annual meeting of the State Council is held in any year or succession of years, the following regulations shall apply to the functioning of the State Council until the next State Council Meeting shall be held:

Section 1: All State Officers shall continue in office as if reelected until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Vacancies arising in State Offices shall be filled by a majority vote of the State Officers in meeting assembled, the person so elected to hold office for the balance of the term of the office he succeeds, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2: The state per capita tax set at the last State Meeting shall remain in effect until the next State Meeting is held, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 3: All annual appropriations provided for at the last State Meeting shall be deemed renewed from year to year, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 4: All resolutions of the last State Meeting directing the carrying on of any activity, or vesting an authority in a particular person or committee, shall be deemed renewed from year to year, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 5: To provide for conditions not anticipated at the last previous Annual Meeting, the State Officers are vested with the following powers affecting the foregoing provisions:

a. They may adjust the state per capita tax from year to year, but may not exceed the tax set at the last Annual Meeting.

b. They may reduce or eliminate the appropriations made for any committee or purpose, in accordance with changing conditions.

c. They may create new committees needed to meet a need not anticipated at the last Annual Meeting.

Section 6: State Officers and Committee Chairmen shall continue to make their annual reports in writing, which shall be printed and a copy sent to each Council about July 1 of each year.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1: In the event authorization is needed to carry on the functions of the State Council which goes beyond the authority herein vested, the State Deputy shall submit a resolution covering the authority needed to all the Councils in the state. The adoption of such resolution by a majority of the Councils in the state shall have the same force and effect as if said resolution was adopted at a meeting of the State Council.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS AND RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Amendments: These by-laws or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Council by a two-thirds vote of the persons qualified to vote at said meeting. Provided, however, that where notice of a proposed amendment to these by-laws shall have been given, by mail, to the Grand Knight of each subordinate council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, at least 60 days prior to the date set for the opening of the Annual Meeting, the amendment covered by such notice may be adopted by a majority vote of the members qualified to vote at such meeting.

Section 2: Void By-Laws: Severability: Any by-law, or portion thereof officially determined to be in conflict with the constitution and laws of our Order, shall be forthwith null and void. All provisions hereof not effected by such determination shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: Suspension of By-Laws: Any of these by-laws may be suspended at any session of the State Council by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the session in which the motion for suspension is made.

Section 4: Majority Vote: A majority of the members of the State Council shall constitute a quorum. Except where otherwise provided in these by-laws or by the constitution and laws of our Order, a majority vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting of the State Council shall prevail on any questions.

Section 5: Robert's Rules of Order: Except as otherwise provided herein and in the absence of a standing rule, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the State Council.

Section 6: All previous by-laws and amendments are hereby repealed and revoked as of date of ratification of these by-laws by the State Council Meeting.

The committee meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

John P. Myers, PSD, Chairman
Hilton Seymour, PSD
Rodney Sandoz, PSD
Dave Atteberry, PSD
Donald Oldmixon, State Deputy
Fred Westbrook, Jr. PSD, absent

RECOMMENDATION:

We Recommend the adoption of the resolution to up date our State By-laws with the approval of Supreme Council.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

WHEREAS, The cost of living continues to rise to a steady increase causing a fiscal problem to the State Council not only in day to day operations and services, and

WHEREAS, projected expenses of this years State Convention are expected to use seventy-five percent of the total annual per capita income, and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no easing of this inflationary increase in sight, and

WHEREAS, if we expect to continue services to our local councils and membership in the next few fraternal years, and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 4, be amended to read as follows:

Per Capita Tax: The percapita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be six dollars (\$6.00) per member per year, payable one half (1/2) on August 1st each year bases on the membership figures of July 1st, and the other one-half (1/2) payable on February 1st each year based on the membership figures of January 1st, in accordance with Section 118, paragraph C & D of the Supreme Council By-Laws, provided however, the per capita tax may be changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Council meeting or as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Oldmixon, State Deputy

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, Council No. 1605, Pascagoula, Mississippi, has been such an excellent host to the 79th Annual Convention and

WHEREAS, the officers members and their wives have arranged to 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

RESOLUTION NO. 4

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

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, Twentieth Annual Handicap

Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Biloxi and

WHEREAS, members from throughout the jurisdiction participated in the tournament in

WHEREAS, it is the express desire by vote of participants to again hold this activity in 1984.

Now therefore by it resolved, that the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense itself, the Official Mississippi Knights of Columbus 21st Annual Handicapped Bowling Congress. Time and dates to be set at the discretion of the host council, which is the Natchez 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

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 1034 of Natchez 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.

An amendment was submitted to this resolution.

Recommend the Resolution No. 7 read that the K of C Softball Tournament be held on a rotation bases between the northern section of the state, the Central section of the state and the southern portion of the state on an annual basis. The north shall consist of Councils, #7120 Southaven #2969 Clarksdale, #6538 Shelby, #5556 Cleveland, #2134 Greenville, #2945 Leland, #5267 Greenwood, #6765 Starkville and #7974 Columbus.

The Central shall consist of #848 Jackson, #1034 Natchez, #802 Meridian, #898 Vicksburg, #3328 Yazoo City, #7440 Philadelphia, #7854 Clinton, #8038 Pearl and #8285 St. Therese.

The South shall consist of #1244 Biloxi, #1522 Bat St. Louis, #1583 Gulfport, #1605 Pascagoula, #1908 Hattiesburg, #2180 Laruel, #4472 Pass Christian, #4898 Long Beach, #5654 Ocean Springs, #6872 Picayune, #7087 Kiln, #7211 Lumberton, #7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove) #7915 Brookhaven, #8054 McComb and #6592 Bassfield.

The tournament shall begin on a rotation basis in the year 1984 in the northern section. The section of the state hosting the tournament will select which team will

host the tournament and submit to the state deputy not later than 22nd of April of the current year as to which team will host the tournament. If no team desires to host the tournament the district deputy will pass the option on to the next district, not penalizing that district of the coming year to host the tournament.

Respectfully submitted,
Council # 2969 Clarksdale.

ACTION: Amendment passed by delegate vote.

RECOMMENDATION OF RESOLUTION: Adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, Supreme director Tom Smith 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 Smith and extend to him a cordial invitation to return and visit our jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, per capita assessed by the State Council has been and is a burden for larger councils, and

WHEREAS, local council expenses are increasing proportionally with the inflated economy, and

WHEREAS, the payment of delegates for attendance at State Convention comes from per capita assessments with larger councils paying more without additional representation, and

WHEREAS, a whole committee, that of determining mileage and per diem, could be eliminated, and,

WHEREAS, a permanent solution is needed for this inequitable situation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each local council pay its delegates expenses to the State Convention and that per capita assessments by the State Council be reduced proportionality.

RECOMMENDATION: Rejection.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL 1583

Be it resolved that the State Convention be a State Council Function to be held at Biloxi and Jackson on alternate years. With the cost of convention be shared by all Councils on a per capita bases.

Respectfully submitted,
D. P. DeNicola, Grand Knight

RECOMMENDATION: Rejection.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, all state jurisdictions going to the Supreme Convention are allocated delegates in accordance to their total membership, and,

WHEREAS, all councils of this jurisdiction are allocated two voting delegates each to the State Convention, in accordance with Chapter II, Section 11 and 12 of the charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, and,

WHEREAS, the small councils by virtue of being allocated two voting delegates have the same voting rights as does the larger councils, and,

WHEREAS, the allocation of two voting delegates, regardless of size of the council, is contrary to the allocation of voting delegates to the Supreme Council, and,

WHEREAS, per Capita Tax, both the Supreme Council and State Council is levied on each council based on total memberships in the council, and,

WHEREAS, the larger councils of this jurisdiction pay the major share of the revenue of the State Council, due to their large membership, and,

WHEREAS, since the voice in developing the policies and purposes of the State Council as well as the assessment of per capita tax has no relationship to the membership of the council, and,

WHEREAS, the small council is deprived of any incentive to increase membership in order to gain representation based upon membership, and,

WHEREAS, in order not to increase the cost of State Council meetings, by increasing the member of delegates to permit equitable representations, now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chapter II, Section 11 and 12 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus be amended by the Supreme Council so that the voting delegation of the State Convention shall consist of two (2) delegates from each council in the province and that the delegation shall cast a total equivalent to one vote for each member of its council as reported by the Supreme Council as of Last day February preceding the date of the State Convention.

RECOMMENDATION: Rejection.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, of the Amended By Laws, Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, per diem expenses of the State Officers, Delegates, District Deputies and Past State Deputies, to the State Council meeting for the ensuing year, are hereby fixed and established to be paid at \$30.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at 20 cents per mile, one way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department, Past State Deputies in attendance will be paid the per diem for two days, and no mileage.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,
Resolution Committee
Dennis Ladnier
Rodney Sandoz
Norman Kiehm
Mel Underwood
Pete Carrubba

Resolution submitted by the Public Relation Committee:

Be it resolved that the Magnolia Knight continue to be the official organ of communication for the State Council of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Be it further resolved that means be found to improve problems in the area of mailing list compilation and update and the receiving of newsletter material on a timely basis. And be it further resolved that the State Deputy empower the Public Relations Chairman to obtain the services of others as necessary on a fee basis for the timely completion of the newsletter.

Public Relation Committee
Larry Campbell, Chairman
Ken Lubbers
Richard Hoda
Bill Gatzman

ACTION: Upon vote from the delegates this resolution was passed.

REPORT OF THE 1983-1984 STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention Committee which was appointed by the State Deputy after the 1982 Convention has selected Jackson as the site for the 1984 State Convention. The Jackson area councils; #848, #7854, #8038, #8285 have accepted to co-host and to provide the physical support necessary for an excellent and enjoyable convention. The State Convention Committee including the State Deputy will be financially responsible for any profit or loss. Therefore, all actions by the General Convention Committee will be subject to approval of the State Convention Committee.

The State Deputy appointed me as the General Convention Chairman. I was charged with the responsibility to organize the various committies, research and recommend a site, develop a temporary agenda, present a budget and recommend a registration fee to the State Deputy by March 1, 1983. These responsibilities were accomplished.

The State Convention Committee has dedicated the convention in honor of his Excellency Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, who will retire in June 1984.

The Holiday Inn - Downtown in Jackson was selected. There is ample space for all functions to be held under one roof. A block of 275 rooms, available hospitality suites, meeting and banquet facilities have been reserved. Additional rooms are on standby if needed.

The convention dates are April 27-29, 1984. The basic agenda planned by the committees is similar to past conventions.

Pre-registration is a must to provide the best estimates for housing, food and etc. Details for pre-registration and purchase of tickets will be provided later. As each year a ticket package is included in the registration fee. Separate tickets may be purchased for individual events.

Unfortunately, history has not provided us with statistics from previous conventions except the individual experience of some members. This year we have the State Convention Committee to compile and provide the statistics for future years. The information from the 1983 Convention will be used to update the estimated budget for 1984.

The best estimated cost of the items usually included in the registration fee is approximately \$40.00. This is verified by statistics of this convention. The only way it can be done for \$30.00 is to cut quality or the quantity of items included. To avoid this the registration fee must be increased.

We hope to provide you with a very enjoyable convention at the most economical cost. We will do everything in our power to accomplish it.

Looking forward to seeing you in 1984.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Goellner
General Convention Chairman

State Pro-Life Chairman, Basil Moots asked if the State should continue to sponsor a booth at the Mississippi State Fair. It was the general consensus of the delegates that we should continue this booth with pro-life material.

The State Deputy explained the Knights of Columbus stand on Tuition Tax Credit and the method of how we can act upon. Cards were distributed to the delegates as samples to be filled out and mailed to their congressman asking for their support on the upcoming amendment.

ELECTION OFFICERS

The State Deputy then called for the election of officers for the 1983-84 fraternal year. There were 67 voting members present. The results were as follows:

State Deputy

Carl Wuestenhofer, Sr. nominated Robert Fratesi of Greenville. There being no other nominations, the State Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for his election.

State Secretary

Thomas Zettler nominated Wiley Price, Jr. of Meridian. There being no other nominations, the State Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for his election.

State Treasurer

Ross Bertucci nominated Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. of Biloxi. Benny Duncan nominated Larry Campbell of Southaven. Upon balloting Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. was elected.

State Advocate

Larry Campbell nominated Joseph Goellner of Clinton. There being no other nominations, the State Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for his election.

State Warden

Charles Groshe nominated Dan Farrell of Pearl. Joseph Goellner nominated Jim Higgins of Southaven. Upon balloting Dan Farrell was elected.

The State Deputy called for a third delegate to the Supreme Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio. George Saab nominated Joseph Goellner of Clinton. Ross Bertucci nominated Hilton Seymour of Biloxi. Upon balloting Joseph Goellner was selected.

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

1st Alternate - Hilton Seymour

2nd Alternate - Norman Kiehm

3rd Alternate - John P. Myers

There being no nominations for the site of the 1985 State Convention, the State Deputy announced that the State Convention Committee will have to choose a site.

Dan Farrell remarked of the outstanding job and the many achievements by our State Deputy for the past 2 years. The entire delegation acknowledged this and State Deputy Don Oldmixon was given a standing ovation.

The State Deputy then adjourned the 79th Annual State Knights of Columbus Convention.

