

Knights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL



80TH ANNUAL

State Convention

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
80TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Friday, April 27, 1984

The 80th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus was convened at 6:00 p.m. with State Deputy Robert Fratesi calling the meeting to order. After the open prayer and pledge of allegiance to our flag, convention chairman Joe Goellner introduced Mayor Dal Dank, Jr., who welcomed the Knights of Columbus to the City of Jackson.

State Secretary Wiley Price, Jr. responded on behalf of the State Council after which State Deputy Robert Fratesi officially called the convention to order.

State Warden Daniel Farrell checked 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 1983 State Convention on a proper motion and seconded. The minutes were then passed out to all of the delegates in attendance. State Deputy Robert Fratesi 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: Wiley Price, Jr., Gerald W. Rose, Henry A. Kajdan, Pete Carrubba, Johnny Kerley.
2. MILEAGE & PER DIEM: Dennis Ladnier, Richard Hollingsworth, Charles Carr, Charles D. Bounds, Zeon Suchapski.
3. RESOLUTIONS: Joseph Goellner, Don Oldmixon, PSD, Gil O'Flynn, Stanley Swentkowski, Tom Zettler, Dave Atteberry, PSD.
4. STATE K OF C AUDIT: Norman Kiehm, PSD, Luis V. Borrell, MD, Tommy Ontiveroz, Bill Koeppe, Curtis Allen, Sr.
5. K OF C FOUNDATION AUDIT: Same as #4.
6. ELECTION TELLERS: Hilton Seymour, PSD, Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. PSD, Dave Atteberry, PSD.
7. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jesse Quinn, PSD, Jerry Santucci, Jody Knight, Paul Reuter, Parnell Burnes.
8. CEREMONIALS: John P. Myers, PSD, Dan Farrell, Hilton Seymour, PSD, Harry D. Green, Sr., John Maloney.
9. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Larry Campbell, Richard Hoda, Raymond H. Lyons, Ross Bertucci, Greg Niloet.
10. MEMBERSHIP: Rodney Sandoz, PSD, Marvin Lott, John Szymonik, Ronald Grillo, Michael A. Russell, Ken Lubbers, Charles Collins.

11. SERVICE PROGRAM: Forest Taylor, Robert J. Murrah, Richard L. Mahoney, Dominic Verona, Roy Nonenmacher, Basil Moots, Benny Ducan, Paul Artman, Jr., Bob Hubbard, James Erickson, Edward Warner, Robert W. Pittman, Bruno Fava, Anthony George, D. P. DiNicola, Raymond Marciulionis, Gordon Cowie, Dennis Ott.

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. These reports were reproduced for distribution to all of the delegates.

State Deputy Robert Fratesi then introduced our guest from Supreme Council, Albert V. Fortunato, Supreme Director, from Jackson, Florida.

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

Saturday, April 28, 1984

The State Deputy opened the second business session and called on State Chaplain Rev. Francis J. Scott to lead us in prayer followed by a pledge of allegiance by the Fourth Degree Master Paulino Carrubba.

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 80th 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

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| State Chaplain | Rev. Francis J. Scott |
| State Deputy | Robert Fratesi |
| State Secretary | Wiley Price, Jr. |
| State Treasurer | Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr. |
| State Advocate | Joseph B. Goellner |
| State Warden | Daniel C. Farrell |
| Past State Deputy | Don Oldmixon |

COUNCIL DELEGATES

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 802 | Luis V. Borrell MD | Thomas Zettler |
| 848 Jackson | Henry A. Kajdan | Henry C. Wilson |
| 898 Vicksburg | Zeon Sucharski | Charles Marchall |
| 1034 Natchez | Francis P. Burns | Richard Spence |
| 1244 Biloxi | Gerald Rose | Ross C. Bertucci |
| 1522 Bay St. Louis | Robert Hubbard III | Carl A. Arnold |
| 1583 Gulfport | D. P. DiNicola | N. G. Pitalo |

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|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1605 Pascagoula | John F. Szymonik | Mark C. Frederic |
| 1908 Hattiesburg | Tommy Ontiveroz | John A. Stevens |
| 2134 Greenville | Paul Artman, Jr. | Bill Koeppe |
| 2180 Laurel | Richard A. Hollingworth | Ralph C. Gatezman |
| 2945 Leland | Jerry Santucci | Leon Shapley |
| 2969 Clarksdale | Stanley Swentkowski | Jim Glover |
| 3328 Yazoo City | James C. Erickson | Louis Shipp |
| 4472 Pass Christian | Edward Warner | Greg Niolet |
| 4898 Long Beach | Pete Carrubba | John Smith |
| 5267 Greenwood | Robert W. Pittman | Robert Upchurch |
| 5556 Cleveland | Marvin L. Lott | Victor Aguzzi, Jr. |
| 5654 Ocean Springs | Curtis L. Allen Sr. | Fred Liscoe |
| 6555 Shelby | Bruno Fava | Joe Bramuchi |
| 6592 Bassfield | Charles Carr | Johnny Kerley |
| 6765 Starkville | None | None |
| 6872 Picayune | Raymond Marciulionis | Lester Carr |
| 7087 Kiln | Jody G. Knight | O. J. Shiyou |
| 7120 Southaven | Lawrence M. Campbell | Ronald H. Duncan |
| 7211 Lumberton | Charles D. Bounds | Oscar Authement |
| 7440 Philadelphia | Anthony George | David H. Duncan |
| 7854 Clinton | Charles F. Collins | George J. Saab |
| 7910 Gulfport | Raymond H. Lyons, Jr. | J. P. Casse Thompson |
| 7915 Brookhaven | Paul Reuter | Joseph Phillips |
| 7974 Columbus | Michael A. Russell | Ron Puhr |
| 8038 Pearl | Gordon Cowie | Freddie Roberts |
| 8054 McComb | Dennis H. Ott | Charles Brill |
| 8285 Jackson | Medrick Gaspard | Basil Moots |
| (Orange Grove) | (St. Therese) | |

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

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|-------------|-----------------------|
| District #1 | Kenneth Lubbers |
| District #2 | Norman L. Kiehn |
| District #3 | Basil E. Moots |
| District #4 | John J. Maloney |
| District #5 | Not in attendance |
| District #6 | Joseph W. Sero |
| District #7 | Gilbert O'Flynn |
| District #7 | Robert C. Hubbard III |
| District #8 | Harry D. Green, Sr. |

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| John P. Myers | Jesse J. Quinn |
| Hilton Seymour | Dave Atteberry |
| Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. | Rodney Sandoz |
| Morman L. Kiehn | Don Oldmixon |
| (Listed as a District Deputy) | (Listed as a State Officer) |

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini
 Bishop Joseph L. Howze
 Bishop William D. Houck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
 Gerald W. Rose
 Henry A. Kajdan
 Pete Carrubba
 Johnny Kerley
 Wiley Price, Jr.

STATE DEPUTY REPORT

The State Deputy's report for the 1983 - 1984 fraternal year will concern itself in two parts. Briefly is an account of my stewardship of the office in which you have entrusted me and next will be my own evaluation of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi and some directions in which we should take to strengthen our order.

Immediately following the election of officers at the 79th annual convention, I completed my State Secretary's duties by compiling information and printing of the convention minutes. Then became the task of putting together a State Family of District Deputies, State Directors and State Chairmen who would be dedicated to the Knights of Columbus in carrying out its goals. These knights were selected and immediately started to perform their duties with much enthusiasm.

Each year the State Deputy is required to attend a national workshop meeting conducted for State Deputies. This past year this meeting was held in Washington, D. C. on June 17, 18 and 19, 1983. The sessions were helpful in providing an overview of projected programs and a explanation of administrative and other procedures for the upcoming year. This meeting was highlighted with our audience with the President of the United States and concluded with a Solemn Mass at the National Shrine in which we dedicated the second 100 years of our order to Mary.

The annual organizational meeting was held at the Ramada Inn in Greenville on the weekend of July 9 and 10, 1983. This meeting was well attended by the state family. The information gathered in Washington along with State objectives was passed on to all in attendance. His excellency Bishop Joseph B. Brunini presided at the Installation Mass and all State Officers was installed to the elected position.

The School of Columbianism this year was incorporated with the District Meetings. Two Districts combined for this meeting and both District Deputies assisted in relating the information to the Councils. This is the first year for this arrangement and was met with much success, however I feel that more detailed deliverlies should be given to the councils.

Your State Deputy also attended a State Deputies school which was held in New Haven, Conn. on December 6 through 11, 1983. This school which was held for the first time paved the way in the future for all first year State Deputies. This type of meeting will be conducted in June each year where first year State Deputies will arrive at the beginning of the week and the second year State Deputies will follow on the week end for the general meeting.

In addition to these business sessions, myself along with Past State Deputy Don Oldmixon and Joseph Goellner represented this jurisdiction as delegates to the Supreme Convention in Columbus, Ohio on August 2, 3 and 4, 1983.

Although I have not visited all of the councils in the State, I have managed to enjoy the hospitality from most of them. The office of the State Deputy is always open for an invitation to any council function. I do encourage all councils to invite not only the State Deputy but any of the State Officers to any function they may have.

Turning to a consideration of the State of the order in Mississippi, I would focus attention on several areas of concern. The first being membership. Leaving a more detailed report to our membership committee, I would like emphasize the status of our order. As of April 1, 1984, we are in second place in division five with an

increase of only 230 in this fraternal year, however this is mainly because of our low suspension rate. The total members gained before suspension is as low as the jurisdiction that is in 5th place. It would seem clear that a membership of 4000 knights is not proportional to a Catholic population which exceeds 96,000. Brothers we must face the fact that we are not selling columbianism to many good Catholic men in this state.

Many factors can be attributed to the membership. One being our Ceremonials status. Mississippi at this time has 11 first degree teams certified with a possibility of more in the near future. Every council should have its own First Degree Team. We have only one certified second degree team located in Biloxi. Mississippi is the only jurisdiction within the continent of the United States that does not have a certified third degree team. We are grateful for our neighboring jurisdictions, Alabama and Louisiana who have assisted us on occasions with this problem. However they have their own State to consider and many times they are overworked so we must plan our degree work at their convenience. We have conducted only two formation and knighthood degrees this past year, one in Gulfport and the other in Natchez. There is another scheduled in Biloxi on May 27. Plans are being made for the coast and Jackson area to undertake and solve this problem, for many 1st Degree knights lose interest and become impatient by waiting for advancement in our order.

This year we have a record in state program participation. These totals will be related to you later by our State Program Director. But while we are participating well in this program we are weakening in some other important areas. The most important being our Vocations Program. We seem to be placing this program on the back shelf. We must have concentrated efforts in this field and submit reports to the state accordingly. Another in the Family of the Month program. This year our jurisdiction has sent to Supreme only 21 applications for Family of the month, ten of these were supreme monthly winners. This is period from July 1983 through February 1984. The list which was passed out to you reflects the councils participating.

This past year Supreme individual Council Awards for the fraternal year 1982-83 was presented. This state had 17 of its 34 councils to win an award. Three was awarded the Founders Award, 1 the Father McGivney Award, 12 the Columbian Award and only 5 the Star Council Award. Most of our councils are performing the requirements for various Supreme Awards but they are failing to submit the proper forms.

Again this year as we have had in the past, this state sponsored a Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. At the State Contest in the boys division only 4 participated in the 11 year old group, 3 in the 12 year old, 6 in the 13 year old and 3 in the 14 year old group. In the girls division 3 participated in the 11 year old group, 4 in the 12 year old, 4 in the 13 year old and 4 in the 14 year old group. Brothers this is our youth, some of them, future Knights of Columbus members. As you can see out of a possibility of 34 contestants in each group of competition, this is a very poor showing. Again I say, while we are excelling in some areas we are falling down considerably in others.

I am proud to report that all councils submitted their July 1983 Audit Reports and all but one council submitted their January 1984 report. The delegate information for the convention was received by this office from 32 of the 34 councils prior to the convention. All but 3 councils submitted the Fraternal Activity Survey Report. In

compiling the figures, Mississippi donated \$231,473.00 and 76,560 man hours to charity. In comparison to the number of councils we have I think this is great.

In the area of communications I feel that we are not using our Diocesan newspaper as much as we should. There has been many weeks especially in the Mississippi Today without an article relating to the Knights of Columbus. In regard to our state newsletter, the Magnolia Knight, Our editor, Larry Campbell has done an outstanding job. His only problem is not having enough information to print. This situation should be stressed especially upon the State Family. We have been called upon twice this year to contact our U. S. Senators on what the Knights of Columbus considers a key issue. One being the Tax Tuition Credit Bill in which both of our Senators voted to table this bill. The other bill concerning prayer in public schools, even though the bill failed, both of our Senators voted for it.

As for new council development progress, we are on the threshold of establishing 2 new councils, one at Holley Springs and the other being located in Corinth. Both of these areas lack just a few members of having the required 30 members. Other areas such as Tupelo, Grenada, Indianola, Crystal Springs, Port Gibson and possibly 2 more in the Jackson vicinity will be pursued within the next few weeks. We should have at least 5 new councils by our next State Convention.

In the eye of others, our image is reflected and we are judged by the way we conduct ourselves in the Church and in the Community. You Grand Knights will be remembered by the accomplishments and contribution you have made to your council. Whether it is a success or failure will depend upon you. Your task must be fulfilled in the short one or two years you hold office. Your history in the Knights of Columbus will be made within this time. There is no tomorrow. I would urge all Grand Knights to give special attention to the need to conduct more effectively the basic organizational business of the order in this jurisdiction. This order must become a force through which men of awareness can work to direct the course of life into morally meaningful channels.

In closing I would like to express my thanks to those who worked with me over the past year, the State Officers, State Directors, State Chairman, General Agent, Grand Knights and especially the District Deputies. This year has been rewarding and educational. It has given me the opportunity to come in contact with hard working christian men, both nationally and more especially within our own jurisdiction. I would like to show my appreciation to the Bishops of this State for their full support in our endeavors. And finally I am grateful to all of the Knights in the State of Mississippi for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your State Deputy this year.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Robert Fratesi
State Deputy

STATE SECRETARYS REPORT

Status of membership by council in Mississippi as of April 1, 1984 as compared with totals as of April 1, 1983. Figures are based of monthly report of membership from Supreme Council.

| COUNCIL | 1983 | 1984 | INCREASE | DECREASE |
|------------------------------|------|------|----------|----------|
| 802 Meridian | 130 | 136 | 6 | |
| 848 Jackson | 154 | 148 | | 6 |
| 898 Vicksburg | 333 | 352 | 19 | |
| 1034 Natchez | 239 | 234 | | 5 |
| 1244 Biloxi | 410 | 422 | 12 | |
| 1522 Bay St. Louis | 201 | 191 | | 10 |
| 1583 Gulfport | 372 | 373 | 1 | |
| 1605 Pascagoula | 332 | 349 | 17 | |
| 1908 Hattiesburg | 113 | 123 | 10 | |
| 2134 Greenville | 239 | 260 | 21 | |
| 2180 Laurel | 66 | 73 | 7 | |
| 2945 Leland | 56 | 59 | 3 | |
| 2969 Clarksdale | 210 | 221 | 11 | |
| 3328 Yazoo City | 62 | 60 | | 2 |
| 4472 Pass Christian | 43 | 48 | 5 | |
| 4898 Long Beach | 152 | 147 | | 5 |
| 5267 Greenwood | 85 | 83 | | 2 |
| 5556 Cleveland | 100 | 104 | 4 | |
| 5654 Ocean Springs | 127 | 129 | 2 | |
| 6555 Shelby | 41 | 37 | | 4 |
| 6592 Bassfield | 110 | 113 | 3 | |
| 6765 Starkville | 38 | 30 | | 8 |
| 6872 Picayune | 46 | 53 | 7 | |
| 7087 Kiln | 61 | 64 | 3 | |
| 7120 Southaven | 41 | 86 | 45 | |
| 7211 Lumberton | 48 | 50 | 2 | |
| 7440 Philadelphia | 25 | 22 | | 3 |
| 7854 Clinton | 63 | 70 | 7 | |
| 7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove) | 53 | 56 | 3 | |
| 7915 Brookhaven | 41 | 43 | 2 | |
| 7974 Columbus | 60 | 65 | 5 | |
| 8038 Pearl | 41 | 49 | 8 | |
| 8054 McComb | 35 | 44 | 9 | |
| 8285 Jackson (St. Therese) | 31 | 48 | 17 | |
| TOTALS | 4158 | 4342 | 229 | 45 |

A new gain of 184 members is reflected by this report. Included are 1343 Insurance Members and 2999 Associated Members. Also included in these totals are 97 Honorary Members, 333 Honorary Life Members and 318 Inactive Members.

The following named members have been reported by their council as deceased since our last convention.

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 802 Meridian | 1034 Natchez | 1244 Biloxi |
| John S. Mosby | Thomas J. Cobb, Jr. | John S. Ware |
| Martin T. Bullock, Sr. | James T. O'Neill | Albert L. Mangin |
| | Francis Perrault | George J. Collins, Jr. |
| 848 Jackson | Rev. Patrick Moran | George Petro |
| John M. Sullivan | Henry Czizzi | Arsane Galy |
| John A. Minninger | | |
| Alex A. Loveritich | | 1522 Bay St. Louis |
| Luther Frank Thomas | | Lucien J. Gellis |
| Victor H. Lott | | Sylvester J. Benigno |
| | | Richard E. Kosbab |

1583 Gulfport
J. R. Cain, Sr. (P.G.K.)
L. A. Mallon
H. H. Rettig, Sr.
Dr. Gerard T. Johnston
Ernest Demarest
Adolf "POP" Oberlies

1605 Pascagoula
Francis Murray (P.G.K.)

1908 Hattiesburg
Lawrence Durocher

2134 Greenville
C. W. Harmon, Sr.
Frank Rosella, (S. A.)

2969 Clarksdale
William A. Croizer
Louis Bolgeo

4898 Long Beach
Selce J. Plauche

5267 Greenwood
Philip Correro
Joseph Lipovac

5556 Cleveland
Dr. John K. Abide
Dr. Dominic Tumminello
Ned Aguzzi

5654 Ocean Springs
Merlin E. Ryan
Wesley R. Ladner
Forrest J. Johnson
Edwin S. Dick
Charles Van Court

6555 Shelby
Gus Radicioni

6972 Picayune
Thomas Settle

7440 Philadelphia
M. H. Savell
John W. Guthrie

8054 McComb
L. P. Ford

Respectfully Submitted,
Wiley Price, Jr.
State Secretary

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
July 1, 1983 to April 15, 1984

CASH RECEIVED:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Received From Past Treasurer | 4271.97 |
| Installation Meal Rebate | 226.10 |
| Interest On Account | 332.49 |
| 1982 - Per Captia Tax | 146.70 |
| St. Mary's Fund | 50.00 |
| *Per Captia Tax - 83/84 | <u>21,776.80</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | 26,804.06 |

EXPENDITURES:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Magnolia Knight | 2383.91 |
| '83 Convention Book | 1142.35 |
| School of Columbianism | 413.77 |
| Bank Fees | 36.83 |
| Bishop Brunini | 25.00 |
| Pro Life | 15.00 |
| Supreme Council (Supplies) | 74.50 |
| State Free Throw (Basketball) | 100.00 |
| St. Mary's Fund (New Haven, Conn.) | 1000.00 |
| State Council (Convention) | 565.12 |
| Mileage (Mid-Winter Conference) | 551.40 |

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| Installation of State Officers (Supplies) July '83 | 1805.63 |
| Library Subscription (Columbian Magazine) | 37.80 |
| Degree Work (Gulfport) | 19.80 |
| State Operating Expense, Postage | 182.45 |
| Tootsie Roll Program | 199.00 |
| Phone Expense | 38.70 |
| Greco Printing | 40.89 |
| State Deputy - Expense | 193.50 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 203.61 |
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| TOTAL AMT. PAID OUT | 9029.26 |
| Cash Balance As Of April 15, 1984 | 17,774.80 |

*To include re-deposited council check

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Landier, Sr.
State Treasurer

STATE ADVOCATE REPORT

As State Advocate it was my duty to attend various State and Council functions during the year 1983-84 and to give advice on all matters involving the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

I had the pleasure of attending the following functions during the year:

1. Installation of State Officers and organizational meeting in Greenville.
2. Second and third degree initiation in Natchez.
3. 1983 Supreme Council Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
4. State mid-year meeting in Jackson.
5. Annual Knight of the Year awards banquet in Pascagoula.

I was asked for advice by various councils, state chairmen, and officers on the following subjects:

1. The administrative and financial relationship between the local council and the "Columbus club & etc.", a separate chartered non-profit organization with the State of Mississippi for the purpose of owning property.
2. The functional relationship between the local council and the Ladies Auxillary.
3. A clarification of sections 12a and 94 of the Supreme Bylaws which pertain to the election of the second delegate to the State Council.
4. If local council officer elections could be held at a time other than between May 15 and including June 15 as stated in Section 128 of the Supreme Bylaws.
5. To recommend changes and additions to the State Council Bylaws which would clarify specific sections and present them as resolutions at the State Convention.

The State Advocate's Office has been an interesting and challenging responsibility this year. Therefore, I feel a sense of accomplishment while realizing many of the above subjects need to be studied further and training information developed for the local council officers. My sincere thanks to you, my brothers, for the opportunity to serve you this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph B. Goellner
State Advocate

STATE WARDEN'S REPORT

Started the year off by attending the installation of officers and organizational meeting in Greenville.

Attended the Mid-year meeting held at John Savage Council #848 on Dec. 11th.

Attended two first degree exemplifications, at Pearl Council #8038 and St. Theresa Jackson Council #8285.

Accompanied contingent of candidates from Jackson area councils to exemplification of first, second and third degrees of our order, at Natchez, Ms.

Was present at Awards Night Banquet and ceremonies March 10th in Pascagoula, Ms. at Monsignor Carey Council #1605 for one of the most impressive evenings I have ever had the pleasure of being invited to. Although the awards were very nice, they were dwarfed by the accomplishments of the knights from the council.

With brother knight Joe Goellner our State Advocate, we chaired a meeting of interested men at St. Pauls Church in Brandon, Ms. There were many questions concerning the origin of our order, what we stand for, and what the Knights of Columbus are doing today. We distributed a considerable amount of literature. In addition we cited some of our own personal and memorable experiences as knights.

Attended Founder's Day celebration at John T. Savage Council #848 on March 25th. In addition the council honored those members that had attained honorary and honorary life membership. Following the Hospitality hour, dinner was served by the council.

Made arrangements for those knights from the Jackson area who had not received 2nd and 3rd degrees of our order to receive them on Sunday, April 1st in Germantown, Tenn. The exemplification was held at Our Lade of Perpetual Help Council 7449. The two men that attended were from St. Jude's Council #8038.

I have received a set of second degree ceremonial books from District 3 D. D. Basil Moots and will be actively engaged in forming "the team" following the convention.

Have spent considerable amounts of time at many meetings this past year assisting the General Chairman for the 1984 convention. The particular areas of concern that my committees worked on were reservations, registration, and finance. We trust that our time and effort has made this convention a most enjoyable one for all our brother knights and their ladies.

I would like to thank three of my committee chairmen in particular. Deputy Grand Knight of Council #8038, Pearl, Freddie Roberts - Motel Reservations. George Mones, Holy Savior Council - Registrations, and Grand Knight Gorden Cowie, Council #8038 - Finance.

Respectfully submitted
Dan Farrell

DISTRICT DEPUTIES REPORT

DISTRICT #1

My thanks to State Deputy Robert Fratesi for granting me the privilege of serving as the District #1 District Deputy. Also, my apologies, and regrets, that I was unable to serve in a greater capacity the first year. My business activities, unfortunately, greatly curtailed my involvement.

Early in the fraternal year all council officers in District #1 were duly installed. A joint District Meeting/School of Columbianism was held in Greenville, in conjunction with District #2. My thanks to District Deputy Norman Keim for his help in setting this up.

It was my hope that the two new councils in the north would have been added to the roster by convention time, but we seem to have run into a snag in both Corinth and Holly Springs. Corinth needs seven more members to charter and Holly Springs only three. In spite of not yet being a full fledged council, Corinth seems to be the most active. In fact, they have put together a Mental Retardation Drive that may put some councils to shame. If results are any indication of preliminary work, success is theirs.

At our district meeting following the mid-year meeting, plans for a district wide admission degree, to be held in March, were made. At the time 21 candidates were initiated into the 1st degree. Interest was also voiced to have a 4th degree exemplification. Problems of hosting and location arose. The degree team from Memphis agreed to do the honors, in Memphis, and permission was granted. Presently 24 candidates from Northern Mississippi have made application, and will hopefully become 4th degree members on May 26th.

It is my hope that we will have at least one new council chartered, Holly Springs, before the end of the fraternal year.

Respectfully Submitted
Kennth L. Lubbers

DISTRICT DEPUTIES REPORT

DISTRICT # 2

District #2 is comprised of Councils 898 Vicksburg, 2134 Greenville, 2945 Leland, and 5267 Greenwood.

The duly elected officers of the councils of District #2 were all installed during the month of July. The installation ceremonies were all well attended. A District meeting in conjunction with a school of Columbianism was held along with District #1 at Greenville. In January the District meeting was held in Leland. All councils, with the exception of Greenwood, were represented at both meetings. During September it was my pleasure to present the Star Council Award to the Leland Council and the Columbian and Father McGivney awards to the Greenville Council.

All councils were visited several times during the year and the required audits were held. All councils were found to be very active and strong leadership was apparent. Probably the most urgent need in all councils of District #2 is that need for more

prolonged and stronger membership drives, and more attention paid to the retention of members. A gain of 47 new members was acquired and a loss of 7, showing a net gain of 40.

In Feb. I sanctioned the First Degree team of the Vicksburg Council. All councils in the District except Greenwood now have a First Degree Team functioning.

I wish to thank the officers of the councils of the District for their excellent cooperation and for the courtesy extended to me during this past year.

I also wish to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Robert Fratesi, for allowing me to serve as District Deputy. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve under him in the spread of Columbianism.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norman L. Kiehn PSD

DISTRICT DEPUTIES REPORT

DISTRICT #3

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as District Deputy of District three, which consisted of the John T. Savage Council 848, Jackson; James A. Moses Council 3328, Yazoo City; Holy Savior Council 7854, Clinton; St. Jude Council 8038, Pearl; and St. Therese Council 8285, Jackson; for the second year.

Installation of council officers was conducted with the appropriate ceremony in council 848 on July 5; council 3328 on August 10; 7854 on July 12; council 8038 on July 17; and council 8285 on July 24.

Holy Savior council 1st degree team has conducted the exemplification of the Admission Degree in the three Jackson councils and at Natchez. As of March 1, 1984, councils 8038 and 8285 have reached their quotas for the year in both members

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Four councils of the district attended the school of Columbianism, (848, 7854, 8038, 8285).

Presented the Star Council Award to Holy Savior council, the Founder's and Columbian award to St. Jude council, and the Columbian award to St. Therese council.

The Jackson Metro councils are working on the 1984 convention.

The Jackson Metro councils manned the Pro-Life booth at the Ms. State fair.

St. Therese council manned the Vocation booth at the CYO convention.

I wish to express my appreciation to each of the councils in District Three who made my job 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 DEPUTY REPORT

DISTRICT #1/4

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for District 4 consisting of Council 802 Meridian, Council 6765 Starkville, Council 7440 Philadelphia, and Council 7974 Columbus.

All Council officers were installed during the months of July and August with appropriate ceremonies.

I attended the installation of State Officers and the mid-year meeting as required. I conducted a combined District Meeting and School of Columbianism for District 4 and District 6 at Council 802 Meridian and a District Meeting in January 1984 at Council 7974 Columbus.

A total of eight First Degree Exemplifications were held in District 4 from July 1983 through March 1984. Five First Degree Exemplifications were held at Council 802 with a total of 18 new members and three First Degree Exemplifications at Council 7974 with a total of 9 new members. I attended all but one of the exemplifications.

I encouraged and assisted Council 7440 with a membership drive and made arrangements for an exemplification at Council 802.

I visited all Councils in District 4 on a regular basis and performed the duties of District Deputy. All reports were submitted as required.

Councils 802 Meridian and 7974 Columbus completed full programs during the year and both Councils have met or surpassed the membership quotas.

I wish to express my appreciation to the officers and members of all the Councils in District 4 for the hospitality and cooperation they extended to me during this year.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Maloney, DD4

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

DISTRICT #5

No report turned in.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

DISTRICT #6

I installed the officers in Council 2180 on July 16, 1983. In my opinion their council is moving along at a good pace. They have brought in a few members, and had a few new forth degree members. They have sent in all reports according to the Grand Knight. Laurel also had one first degree member on Feb. 22, 1984. I have not made meetings in Laurel like I should have, but talked with them often.

I installed the officers in Council 1908 on August 10, 1983. They did not make the school of Columbiansim and have not sent in all reports on time. On Feb. 22, 1984 they hosted a first degree and brought in six (6) new members. The books as well as their meetings seem to be in order.

Lumberton Council 7211 got off to a bad start and the Grand Knight resigned. A new one was elected. Was hoping things would get better, but they seem to be suffering from what they call growing pains. They seem to have improved a little. No one from this council attended the school of Columbianism. I informed the new Grand Knight Doug Bounds if I could help him in any way he should let me know, and I would do what I could.

I installed the officers of Council 6872 on July 20, 1983. I am proud to report that this Council has done a complete about face and have things going in the right direction. They have had a few to quit coming to meeting, three to resign their office. There were other members ready to step in and take their place and keep things going the way they should. The Grand Knight in my opinion has put forth extra effort to get inactive members back. Some are back playing key parts in this new administration since it has taken the necessary action to correct the way the Council is conducted.

Respectfully submitted
Gilbert O'Flynn

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

DISTRICT #7

Worthy Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Deputy & Brother Knights;
My District is composed of 5 Southern Councils;
Council #1522, Bay St. Louis;
Council #1583, Gulfport;
Council #4898, Long Beach;
Council #4472, Pass Christian;
Council #7087, Kiln

Being in Public Office it is sometimes difficult to schedule meetings in the district due to Pre-set Meetings for the City Council and also being Grand Knight of Council #1522, for this I apologize. However, I have communicated with my Grand Knights quite extensively, by the way of the MAIL.

I attended all of my appointed District Deputy Meetings, wherever they were held. We, that is District Deputy of District #8 and myself held our required meetings, after the State meetings, debriefing to our respective councils.

Some Councils, because of a lack of monies, paid for dues, had to drop quite a few men from their rolls. Hopefully, this will change for the coming year.

Quite a few exemplifications for the Admission Degree were held for quite an increase in membership.

At this time I would like to thank Robert Fratesi, Mississippi State Deputy, for my appointment to the position of District Deputy and for his confidence in my ability to be a District Deputy.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank Brother Harry Green, District Deputy #8 for his invaluable assistance for our Schools of Columbianism and for his help and assistance.

Also I want to thank my Grand Knights for their help and assistance and for their co-operation in helping me try to complete the work of District Deputy.

Here's hoping the coming year will hold much more progress in the District and State in Columbianism and here's hoping that God will bless each and everyone of us and make us more productive in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Hubbard

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

DISTRICT NO. 8

It was my honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy of District No. 8 this year. District No. 8 consists of Council 1605 in Pascagoula, Council 1244 in Biloxi, Council 5654 in Ocean Springs, and Council 7910 in Orange Grove (North Gulfport).

Our Fraternal year began very impressively iwth the State Officers Installation and the State Deputy's meeting in Greenville on July 9th and 10th.

Installation of Council Officers was accomplished in July for Councils 1244, 1605, and 5654. Council 7910 held their installation ceremonies in August with Past District Deputy Forrest Taylor filling in for me, while I was out of town due to employment requirements.

Our first District 8 meeting and School of Columbianism was held on August 28, 1983, with all councils represented by the majority of their officers and many members. The State Deputy was in attendance with several of the State Officers.

I attended the mid-year meeting in Jackson on December 11, 1983, and found it to be very informative and helpful. On January 7, 1984, we conducted our District mid-year meeting and had a good turn out. Both the School of Coumbiansim and the mid-year meeting was hosted by Council 1244 in Biloxi. I want to extend my special thanks to Council 1244 for their cooperation and hospitality.

All four Councils of District 8 have been very active this year and have well rounded programs which exhibit true Columbianism. The Councils in Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, and Biloxi have active 1st Degree teams and have made their membership quotas.

In closing I would like to thank all of the Grand Knights and Officers of me District for the help and cooperation that I received during my visits to their Councils. I would especially like to thank our State Deputy, Brother Robert Fratesi, for allowing me the honor of serving the Knights of Columbus in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted
Harry D. Green, Sr.
District Deputy
District No. 8

INSURANCE AGENT REPORT

For everyone in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus Tower is a familiar landmark. For every Brother Knight, it's a symbol of security and strength of the Knights of Columbus Insurance. Even though our insurance can only be purchased by members and families. Our society is in the top 6% of all life insurers, with over \$8 billion of life insurance coverage in force.

In the last 10 years, our assets have more than doubled; insurance in force has increased 245% and the total premium income has grown 288%.

In 1983, we wrote policies worth \$1.5 billion. In that same year our members shared in the largest declaration of dividends ever announced, over \$50 million-more than we paid in death benefits.

Brother Knights have recognized our vibrant, dynamic program as a real source of pride and security worthy of their full participation. All our agents are Brother Knights. They offer virtually all kinds of life, health, and mortgage insurance as well as tax-deferred retirement annuities and programs to pay for your children's education.

Take pride in your organization; gain security for your family and strengthen your fraternal order.

Respectfully submitted
Henry Mosco
General Agent

REPORT OF STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I. OVERVIEW: This is the first part of a two-part report. This portion covers the summaries of the Councils reports and the accomplishments thereof. The second portion will cover in detail the findings of the Program Committee as appointed by the Worthy State Deputy.

II. STATISTICS: For the thirty-four Councils in the State, the following statistics are provided:

- (1). Number of Councils reporting - 28 or 82.35%.
- (2). Number of Councils with incomplete reports - 8 or 28.5% of Councils reporting.
- (3). Number of Councils reporting eligible for Honor Council Awards - 7 or 25% of reporting Councils.
4. Number of Councils reporting eligible for distinguished Council Awards - 12 or 43%.

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- (5) Small Councils reporting - 5 of 8 = 62.5% with 3 Distinguished and 1 Honor.
 - (6) Medium Councils reporting - 6 of 8 = 75% with 2 Distinguished and 1 Honor.
 - (7) Large Councils reporting - 9 of 10 = 90% with 3 Distinguished and 4 Honor.
 - (8) Extra Large Councils reporting - 6 of 8 = 75% with 4 Distinguished and 1 Honor.
 - (9) 21 of 28 Councils attended the School of Columbianism in accordance with the guidelines.

III.COMMENTS:

- (a) With the addition of a Fourth Council Category, it is evident that more participation was undertaken in the various program activities. We continue to function within the recommendations of the Supreme Council.
- (b). The "Point" System appears to be the only equitable method of objectively evaluating the activities of each Council.
- (c) The Council Program Directors have continued to increase their knowledge regarding the use of the guidelines and the Directors Report Form.
- (d) Program presentations in Schools of Columbianism provided "hands on training and examples" in a workshop atmosphere.
- (e) Special efforts were made to insure that all information presented in all workshops was the same.
- (f) It is felt that it is an unnecessary expense and effort to provide a critique to each Council for the October reporting period. Council Directors having questions or seeking information can contact the State Program Chairman by Telephone or letter.
- (g) State officers and Chairmen should insure that, all young and new Councils and others needing help, get any assistance needed and assist the District Deputy to provide it.
- (h) Projects that require extra manhours should continue to have extra point value.
- (i) Newsletter and Yearbook guidelines be continued with explanation and examples given in training workshops.
- (j) The use of Form SP2-nc for Supreme Program Awards for Best Single Activity worked well and is to be continued.
- (k) 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 may be too confusing.
- (l) Recommend that the State Program Committee in session at the State Convention through 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.
- (m) Reports for some specific areas of the requirement guidelines are available to the State Program Director as a matter of fact. However, it is suggested that a copy of the Council Newsletter be forwarded to the State Program Director.

Respectfully submitted,
Forest H. Taylor
State General Program Chairman

REPORT OF THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND 1953 - 1984

The Knights of Columbus in Mississippi have again come forth to help to educate our future priests. A total of \$35,856 was raised for this cause during the past year and divided as follows: The Diocese of Jackson received \$11,350 and the Diocese of Biloxi received \$24,506. This makes a total of over \$325,000 since the program started in 1953.

The two trophies awarded for this program went to The Msgr. P. J. Carey Council No. 1605, Pascagoula for the largest donation of \$10,000., and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council No. 7211 of Lumberton (Seneca) for the highest average per member (\$48.97).

A note should be made that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Meridian Council No. 802 joined with the Gulfport and Pascagoula Auxiliaries and each contributed \$100 to this program. We welcome your cooperation. Thanks.

It might be well to explain at this time if you are not familiar with this program--that it should be remembered that the money collected in the Diocese where the Council is located is donated and used by the Bishop of that Diocese.

I wish to thank all the Councils that have contributed this past year and approximately 92 percent of all the Councils have done so. Let's make it 100% next year. I also wish to thank Jesse J. Quinn, P. S. D. of the Jackson Diocese and Pauliono J. Carrubba State Master Fourth Degree, Biloxi Diocese, for their assistance during the past year.

I appreciate serving as State Chairman and want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Robert Fratesi for the trust he has placed in me.

Fraternally,
F. J. Bartlett
State Chairman

REPORT OF THE BISHOP GEROW MEMORIAL FUND 1953-1984

| Council No. | Location | 1953-82 | 1983 | 1984 | Grand Total |
|-------------|----------------|---------|-------|--------|-------------|
| 802 | Meridian | 14,113 | 2,118 | 2,250 | 18,481 |
| | Auxiliary | -- | 100 | | 100 |
| 848 | Jackson | 13,055 | 550 | 750 | 14,355 |
| 898 | Vicksburg | 19,300 | 2,000 | 1,700 | 23,000 |
| | Squires | 251 | --- | --- | 251 |
| 1034 | Natchez | 16,709 | 800 | 850 | 18,359 |
| 1244 | Biloxi | 17,790 | 800 | 878 | 19,468 |
| | Squires | 90 | -- | -- | 90 |
| 1522 | Bay St. Louis | 13,457 | 500 | 700 | 14,657 |
| | Auxiliary | | | | |
| 1583 | Gulfport | 22,750 | 1,225 | 3,413 | 27,388 |
| | Auxiliary | 50 | 100 | 100 | 250 |
| 1605 | Pascagoula | 46,645 | 7,100 | 10,000 | 63,745 |
| | Auxiliary | 200 | 100 | 100 | 400 |
| 1908 | Hattiesburg | 6,455 | 500 | 1,500 | 8,455 |
| 2134 | Greenville | 19,564 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 22,064 |
| 2180 | Laurel | 2,505 | 300 | 1,200 | 4,005 |
| 2945 | Leland | 8,230 | 1,032 | 500 | 9,702 |
| 2969 | Clarksdale | 13,570 | 600 | 600 | 14,770 |
| 3328 | Yazoo City | 8,140 | --- | 350 | 8,490 |
| 4472 | Pass Christian | 365 | 100 | 100 | 565 |
| 4898 | Long Beach | 9,751 | 750 | 1,200 | 11,701 |
| 5267 | Greenwood | 5,247 | 850 | 850 | 6,947 |

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|--------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 5556 | Cleveland | 4,450 | 500 | 500 | 5,450 |
| 5654 | Ocean Springs | 5,350 | 1,650 | 1,100 | 8,100 |
| 6555 | Shelby | 1,300 | 200 | 500 | 2,000 |
| 6592 | Bassfield | 900 | 50 | 50 | 1,000 |
| 6765 | Starkville | 675 | -- | -- | 675 |
| 6872 | Picayune | 1,575 | 1,000 | 1,040 | 3,615 |
| 7087 | Kiln | 335 | 500 | 625 | 1,460 |
| 7120 | Southaven | 90 | --- | -- | 90 |
| 7211 | Lumberton (Seneca) | 5,766 | 3,703 | 2,350 | 11,819 |
| 7440 | Philadelphia | 240 | 200 | 300 | 740 |
| 7854 | Clinton | 200 | 250 | 200 | 650 |
| 7910 | Orange Grove | 100 | 150 | 150 | 400 |
| 7915 | Brookhaven | --- | 100 | 200 | 300 |
| 7974 | Columbus | --- | 110 | 100 | 210 |
| 8038 | Pearl | 25 | 50 | -- | 75 |
| 8054 | McComb | --- | 500 | 500 | 1,000 |
| 8285 | Jackson-St. Theres's | -- | 25 | 100 | 125 |
| | Miscellaneous | 1,976 | | | 1,976 |
| Grand Totals | | 262,955 | 29,913 | 35,856 | 328,524 |

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT STATE CONVENTION

Membership, which should be our greatest concern in the District, seems to be taken lightly by some of our Councils and members. As in most organizations, only half of the members appear concerned with such a major area as membership.

When we look at our suspensions in the Mississippi District, and also the withdrawal records, it appears many councils need to look very closely at some aspect of their organizations and programs, because the loss of members is too large in relation to the new members we are recruiting.

There is always a reason why a member leaves an organization, some of these reasons we cannot overcome, but we need to have an active retention committee in each of the Councils to find out why these Brothers are leaving.

For those who have already left our Brotherhood, how many Grand Knights and District Deputies have organized any type of effort to personally contact these Brothers and urge their return. Don't just send the necessary forms and a letter but show the personal touch with a visit by two or more active Brothers.

New members are a great asset and a must to our District and our Order, and we should never let up on our effort to keep recruiting, but let us stop and realize we cannot keep losing members at the rate we are doing, and still keep Mississippi proud and healthy in the Knights of Columbus programs and assistance we provide to others.

Soon now we are going back to our Councils and begin the selection and election of our Council officers for the upcoming year. Lets stop and select the leadership which has the Knights of Columbus at heart and will strive to make Mississippi Number One where we should always be. Then we can put forth our programs and assistance to those that need the help of the Knights of Columbus.

Without growth of new members and the retention of the current members, each of us should be able to forecast the future, and it certainly will not be as bright as we know it should be.

Fraternally yours,
George C. Fero
Membership Director
Mississippi State Council

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT - 1983-1984

Reports from a significant number of councils around the state have been received and these reflect well conceived, planned, and executed Council Activity Programs. The local Program Directors and their Council Activity Chairmen deserve much credit.

It was especially gratifying to see several Councils submit a description of their best project in the Council Activity area, and that these "best" projects reflected a family orientation. Family involvement certainly leads to successful Councils. It is suggested that every local council report on their best Council Activity project.

Each council should strive to better their programs by having as many council members as possible actively participate, and if the program involves the entire family, so much the better. For this purpose, effective communication is paramount. Individual Councils are urged to establish an active Public Relations program and to circulate their news in the Magnolia Knight. Another effective means of communication is the inter-council newsletter exchange, in which each Council should ideally participate.

Each local council Program Director, in making use of the newsletters of other councils as source material, would be able to select from a broad range of ideas for proposal to his Council, and thereby generate some new ideas which might spur greater participation.

Finally, it is gratifying to see so many programs statewide which show that the First Degree Principle of Charity is alive and operative. It is in this, our love of our brothers through Charity, that we are known.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Mahoney
Council Activity Director

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT

The community activities of various councils have continued to make good progress and have stepped up their efforts to make its presence known in their communities. One example is council #802's "Matty Hersee Project". Our Brother Knights have undertaken this project to further help the less fortunate in our society. They have provided the needs and work (with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary) to brighten the drab areas in the Meridian Charity Hospital. We must continue to advertise and publicize our activities in our communities.

Our councils throughout the state have installed the drug abuse programs and the distribution of catholic literature. Our tootsie roll drive has improved.

In conclusion I would like to thank the reporting councils for their support. Keep up the good work Brother Knights!!

Respectfully Submitted
Robert J. Murrah

FAMILY LIFE REPORT

Dear State Deputy Fratesi:

Thank you for your reminder of the convention report covering our activities for the past year.

We have made some progress, but on the other hand have much room for improvement. One thing we must continue to develop within our Brotherhood is "Recognition" of things we do. The opportunity factor for "Spreading the Word" to our community, our church, and our own council must come from within our council.

We have had some council participation in our Family of the Month Program (last count indicated five councils participating). We do need some stronger participation from each council and it's a program that should be given firmer support from each Grand Knight.

Recommendations for what the Program can do are:

- (1) Shows gratitude toward Brother and his family
- (2) Gives esteem
- (3) Improves the Growth of Council
- (4) Helps development of the Council
- (5) Exemplifies the Basic Principles of Columbianism (Love of God-neighbor and self)
- (6) Re-affirms to others their conviction of faith in their daily life.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. Verona
Family Chairman

YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

No report turned in.

CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT

No report turned in.

ANNUAL VOCATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Vocations Committee held it's organizational meeting in Jackson in July. A five (5) point program was formulated and adopted by the State Family. Some activity was shown in each project but I am happy to report the most improvement was in the "Adopt a Seminarian" program. In response to my letters sent to each District Deputy and Grand Knight in the Mississippi jurisdiction several weeks ago, many councils have adopted at least one and as many as four Seminararians through financial support, prayers, cards and letters. This is a marked improvement from

past years. I pray that by this time next year, the State Vocations Chairman will be able to report that all councils in the State of Mississippi has adopted at least one Seminarian.

Vocations Workshops were held in Jackson and Gulfport (Orange Grove) in November. Over all twenty-eight Knights representing twenty-one Councils attended these workshops. Father Charles Venus, Biloxi Diocese Vocations Director, and Father Chuck Siebenand, Jackson Diocese Vocations Director with the assistance of Sister Sharon Sullivan presented excellent workshops. The discussions were most informative and inspirational. Lists of names of the current Jackson and Biloxi Seminarians were distributed.

Both Annual CYO Conventions held in February in Jackson and in Biloxi provided vocations displays and hand out materials. My thanks to the members of the Knights of Columbus Councils in these areas who helped distribute the literature.

The Members of the State Vocations Committee would like to express their appreciation to State Deputy, Robert Fratesi, the State Family, the District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Vocation Chairmen and all for their active participation in the Vocation Program this year.

I would like to personally thank Father Charles Venus and Father Chuck Siebenand for their personal commitment and dedication in coordinating the many vocations activities throughout the past year. It was through their efforts, the Vocations Program was a great success.

Yours in Christ,
Roy J. Nonenmacher, Sr.
State Vocations Chairman

PRO-LIFE

My 3rd year as Pro-Life chairman has continued to be an awarding experience and each event adds to my education.

The human life amendment has not passed yet and the loss of thousands of lifes continues. Abortion clinics are opening up throughout the state and all Knights need to continue to show their support for these unborn baby by writing their congressman and assisting their local pro-life organizations.

Plan parenthood has started a movement to provide their abortion material to schools throughout the state. All families with children should be on the lookout for this material and let the schools know you do not approve of this program.

The Knights of Columbus continue to have a position on the state right to life board. The state RTL continues to mail pro-life information to all the councils in the state.

The following council provided pro-life material to the state fair booth:

Council 802, 1034, 1522, 1583, 2134, 2180, 3328, 5654, 6765, 6592, 7082, 7910, 7854, 7915, 7974, 8054 and 8285. I wish to express my appreciation to each of these council for supporting this project.

Respectively submitted,
Basil E. Moots
Pro-Life Chairman

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION REPORT

As of March 1, 1984 our current membership is 4300 strong. The Mississippi district membership has increased by 250; but due to loss of current membership of 72, our net increase is only 178. These 72 Brother Knights who were not retained, not only means a loss in members, but a loss in experience and knowledge as well to the Order.

New members are a vital asset and the life-blood of the Knights of Columbus. Without new members we have no new ideas and growth for future years, but do not forget the efforts we need to put forth to reinstate the 72 Brothers who have dropped by the wayside. A special thanks goes out to every Brother Knight who sponsored a new member or reinstated a Brother this year. Each of you are a part of the REcruitment & Retention Committee. The Mississippi District is currently #2 in Division V. We need to pull together and recruit as many new Brother Knights as we can to gain the #1 spot for Divisions V. I challenge each Brother Knight to ask one new member to join our organization of Catholic men and make the Mississippi District #1 again.

Respectfully submitted,
Marvin L. Lott, Chairman
Recruitment and Retention

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The 1983-84 New Council Development Plans were outlined at the State Organizational Meeting at the beginning of the Fraternal year. District Deputies were given the primary responsibility to plan and conduct organizing efforts within their individual districts. The state chairman would serve as the coordinating contact on the state level for each District Deputy. Prime locations were selected in each District and developmental kits ordered.

Locations such as Waveland, Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst, Woodville-Port Gibson, St. Richard-Jackson, St. Paul-Jackson, Canton, Tupelo, Corinth, and Holly Springs.

Some effort has been made to develop most locations listed, but our success has been small. Holly Springs, and Corinth are almost complete. A few more members in each location will complete the charter. Both locations have been conducting program activities as members of the Southaven Council. Hopefully, they will charter by the end of the Fraternal year.

Why was the productivity lower than desired? Should we change our strategy? Certainly a thorough review should be conducted and other options considered. It should be a priority for the next program year, and begin now.

The following questions and statements are offered for consideration.

1. By-Laws give the District Deputy the administrative responsibility for developing new councils. What assistance should he have during the organizational period?
2. Should there be a New Council Development Committee or Chairman on the state level.
3. Should New Council Chairman and Membership Director be the same?
4. What Criteria should be used to determine potential locations?
5. How much should State Officers be expected to assist with developing new councils?

6. Should credit be given thru the State Awards Program to existing councils who assist in establishing new councils? If so, how credited?

The Supreme Council recommends we should strive to have a council in every parish. Brothers, the opportunity is there. Let's begin now!

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Goellner
State New Council Development
Chairman

CEREMONIALS REPORT

Worthy State Deputy:

The following councils have certified first degree teams which were certified prior to the current year or were certified during this year, 802, 898, 1244, 1583, 1605, 2134, 2945, 5556, 5654, 7120, and 7974.

The following councils are in the process of organizing first degree teams and it is hoped they will be certified in the near future.

The Pascagoula council has organized a second and third degree team, but as yet have not been certified.

As far as have reported to me there have been second and third degree initiations held in Natchez and Gulfport during the past year.

It appears that progress has been made in certified first degree teams this year, but little in the way of a certified second and third degree team.

Fraternally yours,
John P. Myers
Chairman

REPORT TO CONVENTION:

Decency Committee
Paul Artman, Chairman

It has been through the interest and efforts of our State Deputy that, for the first time, our state council has directed activities toward a decency program. It has been my pleasure, even in a meager fashion, to help establish primary direction for our Mississippi decency program. I hope our initial year's efforts will only grow bigger, better, and stronger.

Through the year our decency committee has attempted to promote interest in this program to local councils, council leadership, and brothers. Our goal has been to illustrate the great problem, seek the establishment of council decency committees, and give some direction about solving local problems that develop within the field of decency. Through 1983-1984 there has been no lack of information or updates nationally on this subject.

In the future life of this committee it is suggested that the state council include a related area in the program guidelines for the establishment of local council decency committees and at least one project under such committee. Through continued decency efforts the Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus can and will have a vital impact in solving this nagging community problem. Thank you for allowing me to serve. It is with sincere fraternal regards that I respectfully submit this report.

Fraternally yours,
Paul C. Artman, Jr.

TO: All District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Council Members

FROM: Ricky Nause & Dave Atteberry, State Mental Retardation Co-Chairmen

SUBJECT: 1984 Knights of Columbus Mental Retardation Program

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 Knight, their families, and their 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 \$70,000.00 in 1983. We achieved this goal, and with your enthusiasm and devotion to this project, we collected a net income of \$71,398.82.

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 1984 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 \$75,000.00 for the State of Mississippi in 1984. 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 1983 trophy with a net income per member of \$187.50. The State Deputy will present the highest gross income per Council Trophy to the Jackson Council. They collected a gross income of \$8,059.20. 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, 1984.

This year we ask you to use the week of April 30th through May 6th to collect for this drive. The first part of the week is for business donations and Friday the 5th and Saturday the 6th for city-wide drive. Our insurance for workers collecting for this drive will only be in effect on Friday May 5th, and Saturday, May 6th.

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 canister 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 1983 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

1983 DISTRIBUTION OF STATE MENTAL RETARDATION DRIVE FUNDS IN MISSISSIPPI

| | ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS | AMOUNT DONATED | FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS | ACCUMULATED TOTAL FOR DONATE |
|--|--|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL | To implement Eleven Regional Very Special Arts Festival for the MR | 2,648.78 | 2,648.78 | 5,297.5 |
| MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 13 Areas — \$300.00 each | All 13 Area Divisions of Mississippi Special Olympics - Statewide - All Counties | 3,900.00 | — | 3,900.0 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERVICES, INC. | Early Education Center | 2,648.78 | 7,948.34 | 10,596.1 |
| MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL OLYMPICS | Mississippi Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus Internship Program. | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 6,000.0 |
| MISSISSIPPI ASSN. FOR RETARDED CITIZENS | Three Workshop Training Programs | 2,648.79 | 5,297.58 | 7,946.2 |
| MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL | Sponsor - Statewide TV of the Mississippi Special Olympics State Games in Starville over stations WLOX, WDAM, WJTV, WABQ, WGBI, WTVA, WTOK, and WHTV on May 18, 19, 20, 1984 | 3,000.00 | — | 3,000.0 |
| 1983 Totals Roll Account Balance— | | | | |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE MISS. MENTALLY RETARDED — 1983 | | 63,017.59 | | |
| TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE MATCHING FUNDS — 1983 | | | 78,000.65 | |
| ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI — 1983 | | | | 141,018.2 |
| ACCUMULATED TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE MENTALLY RETARDED IN MISSISSIPPI TO DATE | | | | 2,218,578.8 |

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
1963 MENTAL RETARDATION DRIVE

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to the interest on savings paid all of the expenses of the 1983 State Mental Retardation Program.



Knights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

FINAL REPORT OF THE 1983 MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

| COUNCIL NAME AND NUMBER | ORGANIZATION RECEIVING DONATIONS | AMOUNT DONATED | FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS | ACCUMULATED TOTAL FUNDS DONATED |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MERIDIAN #802 | Lauderdale County Assn. for Retarded Citizens | 2,934.87 | 8,804.61 | 11,739.48 |
| JACKSON #848 | Hinds County Assn for Retarded Citizens | 2,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 10,000.00 |
| | R. E. A. C. H. (Religious Education & Activities for the Community Handicapped) | 2,200.00 | ----- | 2,200.00 |
| | Area 8 -- Special Olympics | 850.00 | ----- | 850.00 |
| VICKSBURG #898 | Vicksburg Child Development Center | 300.00 | ----- | 300.00 |
| | 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 | 1,000.00 | ----- | 1,000.00 |
| BILOXI #1244 | Harrison County Assn. for Retarded Citizens | 1,992.28 | 7,969.12 | 9,961.40 |
| BAY ST. LOUIS #1522 | | | | |
| GULFPORT #1583 | Harrison Co. Training Center Harrison Co. Assn. for Retarded Citizens Miss. Special Olympics | | | |
| PASCAGOULA #1605 | | | | |
| HATTIESBURG #1908 | Forrest County Asso. for Retarded Citizens | 690.50 | 2,070.00 | 2,760.50 |
| | Pine Belt Work Activity Center | 690.50 | 2,070.00 | 2,760.50 |
| GREENVILLE #2134 | Washington County Asso. for Retarded Citizens | 2,351.73 | ----- | 2,351.73 |
| LAUREL #2180 | Pine Belt Work Activity Center | 377.85 | 2,644.95 | 3,022.80 |
| LELAND #2945 | Washington County Asso. for Retarded Citizens | 900.00 | ----- | 900.00 |
| PASS CHRISTIAN #4472 | Harrison County Asso. for Retarded Citizens | 750.00 | ----- | 750.00 |
| LONG BEACH #4898 | | | | |
| GREENWOOD #5267 | Region VI MH-MR Workshop for Adult Devel. Disabled Leflore County School for Handicapped Children Salvation Army | 3,750.00 1,000.00 500.00 | 11,250.00 ----- ----- | 15,000.00 1,000.00 500.00 |
| CLEVELAND #5556 | Delta Medical Mental Health Center | | | |
| OCEAN SPRINGS #5654 | Miss. Special Olympics #12 | 804.16 | ----- | 804.16 |
| BASSFIELD #6582 | | | | |
| KILN #7087 | Hancock Industries | 472.50 | 1,417.50 | 1,890.00 |
| SOUTHAVEN #7120 | Eudora Learning Center | 1,631.32 | 1,631.32 | 3,262.64 |
| SENECA #7211 | Assn. for Retarded Citizens of Lamar County Pearl River Assn. for Retarded Citizens | 1,000.00 679.69 | 3,000.00 2,039.07 | 4,000.00 2,718.76 |
| PHILADELPHIA #7440 | Neshoba County Assn. for Retarded Children | 3,375.00 | ----- | 3,375.00 |
| CLINTON #7854 | | | | |
| COLUMBUS #7974 | Lowndes County Asso. for Retarded Citizens | 2,059.19 | 4,118.38 | 6,177.57 |
| GULFPORT #7910 | | 225.00 | ----- | 225.00 |
| MCCOMB #8054 | Southwest Mental Health Complex | 1,531.00 | 4,593.00 | 6,124.00 |
| CLARKSDALE #2969 | Coahoma County Training Center | 1,738.10 | ----- | 1,738.10 |
| STARKVILLE #6765 | Right to Succeed, Inc. | 2,550.00 | ----- | 2,550.00 |
| PICAYUNE #6872 | Pearl River Assn. Retarded Citizens | 2,002.50 | ----- | 2,002.50 |
| ST. THERESE #8285 | Hinds County Assn. Retarded Citizens | 325.00 | ----- | 325.00 |
| | REACH | 340.00 | ----- | 340.00 |
| | Baddour Memorial Center | 325.00 | ----- | 325.00 |
| | Miss. Special Olympics Area 8 | 325.00 | ----- | 325.00 |

REPORT OF THE LAISON OFFICER
TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF
THE STATE K. OF C. COUNCIL

Worthy State Deputy:

This is a review of the relationship of the State Council and the State Ladies Auxiliary. It is an observation of desires and solid facts that have been accomplished during the past year.

I have felt that a needed improvement has been accomplished in the communication between State Auxiliary President and the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi.

My first notation of this report is to recognize the Outstanding Leadership that Mrs. Terry Nause has rendered to the State Ladies Auxiliary and indirectly to the State Council of the Knights. Many things have come to pass in the Two (2) years she has served as State President.

The first point that we all must appreciate is the expansion of local auxiliaries. From a beginning of six (6) affiliated auxiliaries there is now eleven affiliated active ones and two (2) in the forming stage. This is an outstanding accomplishment.

2. The State Ladies auxiliary functions very similarly to the State Council of the Knights.
3. The District Regent as representative of the State President acts in the same capacity as the District Deputy.
4. In most cases the District Regent has acted as installing officer of local Auxiliary Officers in her Region.
5. Districts of the Ladies Auxiliary are duplicates of the Districts of the Knights.
6. Congratulations to President Nause on the establishment of the monthly Presidents News Letter that she instituted during her term. It is hoped that it will be continued in the future and possibly be sent to the local council.
7. It is noted that in order to keep the State Auxiliary more involved with the Knights, chairpersons were appointed in the fields of Pro-Life and Mental Retardation.
8. It is noted that each local Auxiliary is to be issued a State Charter and that they will be ready for distribution at the State Convention.
9. Our congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary for the three (3) Statewide awards.
1. Membership percentage increase. 2. Scrapbook Award. and 3. Service Activity Award. This is a very laudable group of Awards.
10. I would like to suggest that each Council of the Mississippi Jurisdiction appoint a local Liaison Officer to work with the local Ladies Auxiliary to develop a closer and coordinated relationship between the Ladies and the Knights. This Officer could be a part of the activities of the Family Directors area.

11. In those Councils that have an organization of Ladies of the Knights that are not affiliated with the State Ladies Auxiliary, it is suggested to the leadership of these councils that you make a concerted effort to have your Ladies affiliate with the State Auxiliary. It can only mean much better activities and programs for all concerned. You only get out of an organization what you put into it.

12. Finally as we close this fraternal year I as your Liaison Officer wish to Congratulate the following Councils for having an Auxiliary that is Affiliated with The State Ladies Auxiliary. From the Oldest council to one of the Youngest Councils, namely 1. Meridian #802; 2. Jackson #848; 3. Vicksburg #898; 4. Biloxi #1244; 5. Gulfport #1583; 6. Hattiesburg #1908; 7. Long Beach #4898; 8. Ocean Springs #5654; 9. Bassfield #6592; 10. Lumberton #7211; 11. Orange Grove #7910. also we have prospective affiliates at McComb #8054 and Cleveland #5556. It is hoped that by this time next year all councils will have their name on this list.

This the second year of the Liaison Officer post has had success to a greater extent than in its initial year but I believe that it is a valuable link between the Auxiliary and the Knights. In future years it will blossom into its full potential.

My sincere thanks to State Auxiliary President Mrs. Terry Nause as she completes her term of office. I wish her the very best for her future endeavors in Columbianism in the State Jurisdiction.

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

MISSISSIPPI STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT

The Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament for 1983 was hosted by Natchez Council 1034 in August of 1983.

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

First Place - Natchez, Second Place - Biloxi, Third Place - Bassfield

REPORT OF MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT Natchez - February 24 - 25, 1984

The 22nd Annual Knights of Columbus Handicap Bowling Tournament was held in Natchez, Mississippi, at the River Gate Bowl on February 24 - 25, 1984. There was a steak supper held at the Council home after the team events were bowled. Sunday morning, before the 2nd shift of bowlers bowled doubles & singles, there was a business meeting. It was decided to hold the 23rd Annual Tournament in Gulfport with Long Beach Council as host. The 24th Tournament will be held in Clarksdale and the 25th will be held on the Coast, with either Biloxi or Pascagoula as host.

There were 19 teams from 9 councils entered in the competition and there were 88 members that competed in the events. Trophies were presented to the winners of the team events as follow: Bassfield - First Place; Greenville #2 - Second Place; and Long Beach #1 - Third Place.

The All Events Scratch Trophy was donated. - Won by Frank LaRosa

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts:

| | Team | Doubles | Singles | All Events HDCP | Total |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Prize Fee | \$341.25 | \$314.60 | \$314.60 | \$261.00 | \$1,231.45 |
| Bowling Fee | 384.75 | 356.40 | 356.40 | | 1,097.55 |
| Tourn. Exp. | 34.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | | 100.00 |
| Total | \$760.00 | \$704.00 | \$704.00 | \$261.00 | \$2,429.00 |

Expenditures:

| | Team | Doubles | Singles | | Total |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Prize Fee | 226.25 | 284.60 | 299.60 | 246.00 | 1,056.45 |
| Trophies | 115.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 175.00 |
| Bowling Fee | 384.75 | 356.40 | 356.40 | | 1,097.55 |
| Tourn. Exp. | 34.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | | 100.00 |
| Total | \$760.00 | \$704.00 | \$704.00 | \$261.00 | \$2,429.00 |

OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST

4-MAN TEAM EVENT (1 prize to each 5 entrants, 19 entrants)

Trophies to 1st three teams and 5 individual members of the first place team.
115.00 Prize money 1st four teams: \$226.25

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Bassfield - 3104 | 86.25 |
| 2. Greenville #2 - 2960 | 64.00 |
| 3. Long Beach #1 - 2932 | 44.00 |
| 4. Clinton #1 - 2880 | 16.00 |
| Natchez #4 - 2880 .. Tied | 16.00 |
| TOTAL | \$341.25 |

DOUBLES EVENTS (1 prize to each 5 entrants, 44 entrants)

Trophies for 1st place team only.

30.00

Prize money to first nine teams: \$284.60

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Greg Bernardi & John Bernardi - 1305 | 72.00 |
| 2. Randy Zelenka & Matt Zelenka III - 1296 | 56.00 |
| 3. B. B. Barnes & Kermit Kline - 1295 | 40.00 |
| 4. Sal Lembo & Sam Monistere - 1249 | 30.00 |
| 5. Frank Farnier & Tom Jackson - 1218 | 22.00 |
| Walter Maier & J. D. Bourgeois - 1218 . Tied | 22.00 |
| 7. Tim Burns & Andrew Burns - 1208 | 18.00 |
| 8. Machan Azar & Bill Koepper - 1205 | 14.00 |
| 9. Robert Fratesi & Chick Scheiderman - 1190 | 10.60 |
| Total | \$314.60 |

SINGLES EVENTS (1 prize to each 5 entrants, 88 entrants)

Trophy for 1st place only.

15.00

Prize money to first 18 places: \$299.60

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Robert Agostinelli - 702 | 39.00 |
| 2. Jimmy Holland - 671 | 32.00 |
| 3. Kermit Kline - 650 | 27.00 |
| 4. Bernard Frederic - 628 | 24.00 |
| 5. Miro Ferracci - 623 | 22.00 |

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|------------------------------|------------|
| 6. Nick Pitalo - 621 | 21.00 |
| 7. Bob Ferguson - 616 | 19.00 |
| 8. Adam Dilorenzo, Jr. - 612 | 18.00 |
| 9. Steve Frederic - 611 | 16.00 |
| 10. Chester Zadrozny - 609 | 15.00 |
| Mark Frederic - 609 | Tied 15.00 |
| 12. J. D. Bourgeois - 608 | 12.00 |
| 13. Matt Zelenka, Jr. - 606 | 10.00 |
| 14. Kenny Novak - 602 | 9.00 |
| 15. Ben Dilorenzo - 601 | 7.00 |
| Richard Spence - 601 | Tied 7.00 |
| 17. Parnell Burns - 599 | 4.00 |
| 18. B. B. Barnes - 598 | 2.60 |
| TOTAL | \$314.60 |

ALL EVENTS HANDICAP (1 prize to each 5 entrants, 84 entrants)

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|---|------------|
| Trophy for 1st place only. | 15.00 |
| Prize money for first 17 places: \$246.00 | |
| 1. B. B. Barnes - 1899 | 38.00 |
| 2. Robert Agostinelli - 1864 | 31.00 |
| 3. Charles Burns - 1861 | 25.00 |
| 4. Kermit Kline - 1844 | 21.00 |
| 5. Greg Bernardi - 1821 | 18.00 |
| 6. John Bernardi - 1818 | 16.00 |
| 7. Adam J. Dilorenzo, Jr. - 1801 | 15.00 |
| 8. Nick Pitalo - 1796 | 13.00 |
| Robert Carr - 1796 | Tied 13.00 |
| 10. J. D. Bourgeois - 1794 | 11.00 |
| 11. Pat Miller - 1788 | 10.00 |
| 12. Bernard Frederic - 1784 | 9.00 |
| 13. Miro Ferracci - 1782 | 7.00 |
| 14. Frank Farner - 1780 | 6.00 |
| 15. James Fogarty - 1774 | 5.00 |
| Tim Burns - 1774 | Tied 5.00 |
| 17. Machan Azar - 1770 | 3.00 |
| TOTAL | \$261.00 |

Saturday Afternoon April 28, 1984

After the meeting was opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance, State Deputy Fratesi called upon the remaining committees for their reports.

REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

| STATE OFFICERS | MILES | MILEAGE | PER DIEM | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|
| Rev. Francis J. Scott | 184 | 36.80 | 60.00 | 96.80 |
| Robert Fratesi | 115 | 23.00 | 60.00 | 83.00 |
| Wiley Price Jr. | 93 | 18.60 | 60.00 | 78.60 |
| Dennis E. Ladnier Sr. | 165 | 33.00 | 60.00 | 93.00 |
| Joseph B. Goellner | 10 | 2.00 | 60.00 | 62.00 |
| Daniel C. Farrell | 9 | 1.80 | 60.00 | 61.80 |
| Don Oldmixon | 112 | 22.40 | 60.00 | 82.40 |
| TOTAL | 688 | 137.60 | 420.00 | 557.60 |

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------|-------|
| Bishop Joseph B. Brunini | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Bishop Joseph L. Howze | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Bishop William D. Houck | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |

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|-------|--|--|--------|--------|
| TOTAL | | | 180.00 | 180.00 |
|-------|--|--|--------|--------|

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| Kenneth Lubbers | 222 | 44.40 | 60.00 | 104.40 |
| Norman S. Kiehlm | 115 | 23.00 | 60.00 | 83.00 |
| Basil E. Moots Paid as Delegate | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| John J. Maloney | 93 | 18.60 | 60.00 | 78.60 |
| Joseph W. Serio | 158 | 31.60 | 60.00 | 91.60 |
| Gilbert O'Flynn | 112 | 22.40 | 60.00 | 82.40 |
| Robert C. Hubbard III | 172 | 34.40 | 60.00 | 94.40 |
| Harry D. Green Sr. | 184 | 36.80 | 60.00 | 96.80 |

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|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOTAL | 1056 | 211.20 | 420.00 | 631.20 |
|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|-------|
| John P. Meyers | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Hilton A. Seymour | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Fred L. Westbrook Jr. | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Norman L. Kiehlm | | | Listed as a District Deputy | |
| Jesse J. Quinn | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Dave Atteberry | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Rodney J. Sandoz | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Don Oldmixon | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |

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|-------|--|--|--------|--------|
| TOTAL | | | 360.00 | 360.00 |
|-------|--|--|--------|--------|

REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

| COUNCILS (2 FROM EACH) | MILES | MILEAGE | PER DIEM | TOTAL |
|------------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| 802 Meridan | 93 | 18.60 | 60.00 | 78.60 |
| 848 Jackson | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| 898 Vicksburg | 44 | 8.80 | 60.00 | 68.80 |
| 1034 Natchez | 102 | 20.40 | 60.00 | 80.40 |
| 1244 Biloxi | 165 | 33.00 | 60.00 | 93.00 |
| 1522 Bay St. Louis (1) | 172 | 34.40 | 60.00 | 94.40 |
| 1583 Gulfport | 157 | 31.50 | 60.00 | 91.40 |
| 1605 Pascagoula | 184 | 36.80 | 60.00 | 96.80 |
| 1908 Hattiesburg | 88 | 17.60 | 60.00 | 77.60 |
| 2134 Greenville | 115 | 23.00 | 60.00 | 83.00 |
| 2180 Laurel | 84 | 16.80 | 60.00 | 76.80 |
| 2945 Leland | 108 | 21.60 | 60.00 | 81.60 |
| 2969 Clarksdale | 151 | 30.20 | 60.00 | 90.20 |
| 3328 Yazoo City | 125 | 25.00 | 60.00 | 85.00 |
| 4472 Pass Christian | 168 | 33.60 | 60.00 | 93.60 |
| 4898 Long Beach | 162 | 32.40 | 60.00 | 92.40 |
| 5267 Greenwood | 142 | 28.40 | 60.00 | 88.40 |
| 5556 Cleveland | 185 | 37.00 | 60.00 | 97.00 |

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|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5654 Ocean Springs | 169 | 33.80 | 60.00 | 93.80 |
| 6555 Shelby | 200 | 40.00 | 60.00 | 100.00 |
| 6592 Bassfield | 105 | 21.00 | 60.00 | 81.00 |
| 6765 Starkville | 95 | 19.00 | 60.00 | 79.00 |
| 6872 Picayune | 148 | 29.60 | 60.00 | 89.60 |
| 7087 Kiln | 160 | 32.00 | 60.00 | 92.00 |
| 7120 Southaven | 222 | 44.40 | 60.00 | 104.40 |
| 7211 Lumberton | 112 | 22.40 | 60.00 | 82.40 |
| 7440 Philadelphia | 81 | 16.20 | 60.00 | 76.20 |
| 7854 Clinton | 10 | 2.00 | 60.00 | 62.00 |
| 7910 Gulfport (Orange Grove) | 157 | 31.40 | 60.00 | 91.40 |
| 7915 Brookhaven | 56 | 11.20 | 60.00 | 71.20 |
| 7974 Columbus | 147 | 29.40 | 60.00 | 89.40 |
| 8038 Pearl | 9 | 1.80 | 60.00 | 61.80 |
| 8054 McComb | 158 | 31.60 | 60.00 | 91.60 |
| 8285 Jackson (St. Therese) | 0 | 0 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| TOTAL | 7965 | 1593.00 | 4020.00 | 5615.22 |

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Ladiner, Sr.
Richard Hollingtonworth
Charles Carr
Charles D. Bounds
Charles Marshall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI INC.
AUDIT OF THE TOOTSIE ROLL ACCOUNT
3/31/84

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Balance 4/1/83 | \$2865.93 | |
| Deposits | 74852.25 | |
| Interest Earned | 1086.65 | \$78804.83 |
| Withdrawals | | 74000.00 |
| Balance 3/31/84 | | \$ 4804.83 |

CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Check Book Balance 4/1/83 | (\$ 200.28) | |
| Deposits | 74000.00 | \$73799.72 |
| Checks Written and Cleared | | 56210.47 |
| Balance | | 17589.25 |
| Outstanding Checks | | 16345.77 |
| Balance | | 1243.48 |
| Old Outstanding Checks Cancelled | | 2976.78 |
| Check Book Balance 3/31/84 | | 4220.26 |

BANK STATEMENT

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bank Balance 4/1/83 | (\$ 200.28) | |
| Deposits | 74000.00 | \$73799.72 |
| Checks Written and Cashed | | 56210.47 |

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|---|-----------|----------|
| Plus Outstanding Checks Cancelled | | 2976.78 |
| Bank Balance 3/31/84 | | 20566.03 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | | |
| 1396 2/17/84 Andrew Hartig Agency Inc. | \$ 155.10 | |
| 1439 1/8/84 Clinton Arc | 416.81 | |
| 1440 1/8/84 Early Education Center | 416.81 | |
| 1441 1/8/84 Very Special Arts Festival | 2648.78 | |
| 1442 1/8/84 Christian Education Services | 2648.78 | |
| 1443 1/8/84 Miss Special Olympics | 3000.00 | |
| 1444 1/8/84 Miss ARC | 2648.79 | |
| 1445 1/8/84 Miss Special Olympics | 3000.00 | |
| 1452 2/14/84 Jeff Davis Co. Special Education | 705.35 | |
| 1453 2/14/84 Marion Co. Special Education | 705.35 | 16345.77 |
| Bank Balance 3/31/84 | | 4220.26 |

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.

It was noted that for the past several years the State Treasurer's Report covered the period July 1 through April 14th. The committee recommends that it somehow be worked out so that the entire year shall henceforth be covered in the Financial Statement and by the Audit.

Knights of Columbus Audit Committee
 Norman L. Kiehm P. S. D.
 Luis V. Borrell M. D.
 Tommy Ontiveroz
 Bill Koeppe
 Curtis Allen Sr.

REPORT ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The present activities of the State Program we think are fine and we feel that they should in general be continued. We do recommend that they continue to be reviewed and constantly be changed so we can strive for greater improvement.

This committee has the following recommendations for future consideration:

1. That the program reports for the State Program be turned in monthly or quarterly in lieu of semi-annually and that only the final report for the competition have a cut off date.
2. That all councils be encouraged to submit articles to Miss. Today on their activities in hopes that the paper will publish these articles to let our Catholic population know more about what we Knights are doing.
3. That the councils in the Northern Diocese make a special effort thru receptions, etc. to see that our new Bishop in this diocese has the opportunity to meet not only the Catholics of their community but the mayors, supervisors, senators, and other important people in their community.

4. That the State Program director publish a summary of the program director's report after the convention showing the final status of each of the councils in the state competition for the year.
5. That the various councils be encouraged to see that the widows of our Knights be invited to participate in the various activities of our councils as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. PSD-Chairman
Parnell Burns
Jody S. Knight
Elbert Cuevas
Paul Reuter
Jerry Santucci

REPORT OF THE CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE

The committee met this afternoon and it was determined that there are at least eleven councils with certified First Degree Teams and there are four or five more councils in the process of organizing First Degree Teams.

The Biloxi Council has a certified Second Degree Team and are working on a Third Degree Team and expect it to be certified within the next three or four months.

We find that there have been second and third degree exemplifications held in Natchez and Gulfport during the past year. A second and third degree exemplification will be held in Biloxi on May 27, 1984 and a First Degree will be held in Biloxi on Thursday May 24, 1984.

The committee has determined that there are some things in the Third Degree that appear a little offensive and should be looked into by the Supreme Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
John P. Myers, PSD, Chairman
Hilton A. Seymour, PSD
Daniel Farrell
Harry Green, Sr.
John Maloney

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT 1984 Convention

Since the 1983 Convention we have published 11 issues of the Magnolia Knight. Our mailing list has the names of approximately 850 people. We have done a lot of work on our mailing list and are presently inputting the revised list onto computer discs. When this is completed we anticipate that our circulation will approximate 500 persons. This will result in a substantial savings in supplies and postage. We anticipate that our new mailing list will be completed for the next issue (May/June). The major problem besetting the Magnolia Knight again this year has been not receiving newsworthy information on a timely basis. As a result, the **Magnolia**, we believe is not meeting the potential for keeping the Jurisdiction informed on current issues. We must again ask that our District Deputies and State Chairmen make a special effort to contribute material for the Magnolia Knight. At the present time we do not anticipate any major changes in format or publication.

however should this convention wish to recommend certain changes, we would be most happy to accommodate in any way possible.

Larry Campbell
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the Membership Committee meet to discuss the status of membership in the state of Mississippi.

It was pointed out that as of April 1, 1984 we were number 2 in Division V with a net gain of 230 members. While this is a respectable increase in membership we are still very far behind the number 1 jurisdiction, Newfoundland, which has a net increase of 419. It appears vistually impossible for Mississippi to overtake Newfoundland by the end of June. With this in mind, we would urge all councils to be certain to get rid of any members now who must be suspended before the end of the fraternal year so we can start next year off properly and once again bring Mississippi back into the number 1 position in Division V.

As far as new members are concerned we fell that the "one-on-one" program is the best way of getting new members. While we certainly want "quality" members we fell that we must go for "quantity" and build the quality once a member gets into the order. Some suggestions for building this quality include--

1. Educate the new members concerning what it means to be a Knight.
2. Put the new member to work on a project of his choice immediately.
3. Make the new member always feel welcome.

We need to stress the V. I. P. program each council and recognize those who have brought in new members.

We need better support from local clergy. Perhaps the State Chaplain could be requested to write each pastor in the State urging them to give greater support to the Knights of Columbus.

We urge each council to set up their own First Degree team, and have frequent initiations even if they have only one or two candidates.

The State sorely needs a certified Third Degree team. Too much time elapses between the time a member joins the order and the time he gets his Third Degree.

A suggestion was made that we have more competition between councils to see which will have the highest percentage gain in new members. Perhaps the State Council could give a prize in addition to the awards for the best performing council.

Regarding retention of members, the following thoughts were suggested--

1. We need to have better personal contact with members who are in danger of suspension.
2. The rention committee should be composed of members who like to talk to other members and who will make this personal contact.
3. Many of our members have fallen on hard times. We owe it to them in charity to work with those members who want to remain members but find it impossible to meet their dues payments.

We do not feel that new council development should be combined with membership. This can best be handled by the District Deputy with the help of other interested members in each district. We should consider giving an award to each council that helps sponsor a new council. This would be an incentive for councils to participate in helping to develop new councils.

When we look at all of this we can either "see problems" or "see opportunities". We feel we have great opportunities. Our goal must be to have a council in every parish, and have every eligible man a member of the Knights.

We need to bridge our "generation gap" and bring in young prospective members. We need this new blood to keep our councils going. We can tap the vigor of our youth if we can challenge them and hold their interest with meaningful programs. We can capitalize on the wisdom of our older members by challenging them to take these new members under their wings, show them what the Knights are all about, and get everyone involved.

We have great opportunities if we will only act. We can and should be Number 1 and if each of us does his part in membership, we will be Number 1 again.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney J. Sandoz
Chairman

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN REPORT - Part 11

I. First, as a correction to Part I of this report, and in apology to the Councils concerned, let it be amended to read in Section II, Item #3: Number of Councils reporting and eligible for Honor Council Awards - 10 or 30% of reporting Councils.

Section II, Item 4: Number of Councils reporting and eligible for distinguished Councils - 14 or 46% of reporting Councils.

II State Program Committee Report:

A. Participation in the 1983 - 1984 State Program - Best Project Reports was less than 15% Statewide.

1. Because of this, the State Program Committee strongly urges participation of local Councils in reporting their most outstanding accomplishments in the areas of Church, Council Community, Youth and Family Activities.

B. We feel that the optimum Council program should be based on a consistent, well balanced, year round program in each of the areas of Church, Council, Community, Youth and Family Activities.

C. As a specific recommendation, we urge the use of Form Sp2-NC-181, obtainable through the Supreme Council, as a means of simplifying the reporting of each council's outstanding activities.

D. The Service Program Committee met and passed the following resolutions:

1. That the District Deputies continue to conduct Schools of Columbianism according to the District format as established during the 1983-1984 Program Year.

2. That the District Deputies receive copies of the completed Activity Reports and Best Project Report, which should be distributed to the local District Councils during the School of Columbianism.
3. That Second-half Program Year Activity Report forms be given to the District Deputies for distribution to local Councils at the mid-year meeting.
4. That projects of a continuing nature of involving more than 40 manhours during the program year be awarded an additional five (5) bonus points.
5. That separate face sheets for application for Honor and Distinguished Council awards be included in the package for the Activity Report.
6. That the period for evaluation of periodic council newsletters be considered April 1 - March 31. It is urged that newsletters be sent to State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen.
7. That one of the two current mandatory projects for Distinguished Council awards be made mandatory for Honor Council awards. The choice of project would be at the discretion of the local Council.
8. That the mandatory project for the Community category be modified from Drug Abuse Program to "either Drug Abuse or a Decency Program".
9. That the State Deputy should petition Supreme Council for a copy of the membership report readout to be sent to the State Program Director for the purpose of verifying the membership requirement.
10. That a certified First Degree Team be made mandatory for the Distinguished Council Award. A two year waiver of the requirement for new councils only, based on the April 1 - March 31, program year, shall be granted to give new Councils a chance to work toward establishment of a First Degree Team.
11. That, in an effort to foster increased participation in State Program Activities, a Most Improved Council Award be awarded to the Council, regardless of size, showing the most improvement from the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,
Service Program Convention Committee
Forest H. Taylor, Chairman

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

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

Awards Presented:

The following Councils received awards qualifying for Honor Councils: Vicksburg, No. 898; Bay St. Louis, No. 1522; Jackson, No. 848; Hattiesburg, No. 1908; Laurel, No. 2180; Bassfield, No. 6592; North Gulfport, No. 7910; McComb, No. 8054; and Greenwood, No. 5267.

The following Councils received awards qualifying for distinguished Councils: Biloxi, No. 1244; Gulfport, No. 1583; Pascagoula, No. 1605; Greenville, No. 2134; Meridian, No. 808; Ocean Springs, No. 5654; Clinton, No. 7854; Kiln, No. 7087; Columbus, No. 7974; Southaven, No. 7120; Brookhaven, No. 7915; St. Therese, No. 8285; Cleveland, No. 5556; and Picayune, No. 6872.

Best Council news letters awards were presented to:

1. Small Council Division - St. Therese, No. 8285
2. Medium Council Division - Lumberton, No. 7211
3. Large Council Division - Hattiesburg, No. 1908
4. Extra Large Council Division - Bay St. Louis, No. 1522

Best Council Year Book awards were presented to:

1. Small Council division - McComb, No. 8054
2. Medium Council Division - Kiln, No. 7087
3. Large Council Division - Meridian, No. 802
4. Extra Large Council Division - Pascagoula, No. 1605

Bowling Awards

Team Event

1st-Bassfield 2nd-Greenville #2 3rd-Long Beach #1

Double Events

1st-Greg Bernardi & John Bernardi 2nd-Randy Zelenka & Mart Zelenka III
3rd-B. B. Barnes & Kermit Klien

Single Events

1st-Robert Agostinelli 2nd-Jimmy Holland 3rd-Kermit Kline

All Events Handicap

1st-B. B. Barnes

Awards presented for the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund:

1. Highest Donation per Council, Pascagoula, No. 1605
2. Highest Donation per Member, Lumberton, No. 7211

BILOXI COUNCIL

NO. 1244

Worthy Grand Knight:

Our annual State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Jackson, Mississippi on April 27, 28 and 29, 1984. Very soon you will be receiving information about this convention from the convention committees and our Worthy State Deputy.

In this regard, I am enclosing a form which you should fill in and return to me no later than April 20, 1984. The information you check on this form will be used to determine the winner of the award which I present each year to the outstanding council in the Mississippi jurisdiction. Every council, at least one year old, is eligible and the small council has as much chance of winning as do the larger councils.

Please list the number of members in your council as of April 1, 1984. This information should be taken from the monthly statement which you receive from

the monthly statement which you receive from the Supreme Secretary, in this instance, the one you receive in early March, plus or minus any changes in your council for the month of March.

I am also requesting that you furnish me with the Admission Degree information noted at the end of this letter. I trust that you will find it possible to return the completed form to me no later than the date requested.

Looking forward to seeing you at the convention, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
Hilton A. Seymour, P. S. D.
318½ Bohn St.

Degrees since
July 1, 1983

| Admission degree: Date | No. of Candidates |
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QUALIFICATIONS FOR HILTON SEYMOUR AWARD

Council Name And Number _____

Check each activity that your council participated in.

- Aid to Newman Clubs ()
- Visiting and Assisting the Sick ()
- Blood Bank Donors ()
- Social, Dances and Banquets ()
- Family Entertainment and Picnics ()
- Memorial Services ()
- Masses and Rosaries for Deceased Brothers ()
- Recognition Nights ()
- Visiting Vet. Adm. and Mental Hospitals ()
- Telephone System to Alert Membership ()
- School Scholarship and Athletic Programs ()
- Issue Monthly Bulletin ()
- Exchange Bulletins with Other Councils ()
- Submit News to Local Newspaper ()
- Submit News to Diocesan Paper ()
- Submit News to Radio and T. V. ()
- Submit News to Columbia Magazine ()
- Bulletin Board in Council Home ()
- Received Outstanding Publicity ()
- Sponsor Baseball, Softball, Bowling, Golf, etc. ()
- Christmas Party ()
- Columbus Day Program ()
- Entertainment at Meetings ()
- Sponsor Float in Local Parade ()
- Participate in Scouting Activities ()
- Sponsor Boy to Boy's State ()

Sponsor Girl to Girl's State()
 Sponsor Contestants in Civic Events()
 Question Box Study Club()
 Corporate Communion()
 Aid and Counsel to CYO()
 Civic Campaign for Needy Children()
 Mother-Daughter Banquet()
 Sponsor Squires Circle()
 Day of Recollection and Novenas()
 Rosary Recitation Meeting()
 Catholic Advertisement()
 Nocturnal Adoration()
 Religious Talks and Movies()
 Display Crucifix()
 Apostolic Lay Leader Participation()
 Initiation (Conducted or Participated In)()
 Number of Members Who made a Retreat()
 Number of Members in Your Council as of April 1, 19____ Insurance____,
 Associate____, Hon.____, Hon. Life____, Total____
 Other Activity()
 Other Activity()
 Other Activity()
 Other Activity()

The Past State Deputy Hilton A. Seymour Award for Outstanding Columbian Activity for the year 1983-1984 was won by Biloxi Council No. 1244.

Councils that have won the award since its' inception are:

1959-Vicksburg Council No. 898
 1960-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 1961-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 1962-Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908, Hattiesburg
 1963-Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802, Meridian
 1964-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 1965-Pascagoula Council No. 1605
 1966-Father Rotondo Council No. 5556, Cleveland
 1967-Father Korstenbroek Council No. 2134, Greenville
 1968-Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council No. 5654 Ocean Springs
 1969-Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034, Natchez
 1970-Msgr. John F. Clerico Council No. 5267, Greenwood
 1971-Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport
 1972-Clarksdale Council No. 2969
 1973-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 1974-St. Vincent DePaul Council No. 4898, Long Beach
 1975-Vicksburg Council No. 898
 1976-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 1977-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 1978-Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport
 1979-Clarksdale Council No. 2969
 1980-Biloxi Council No. 1244
 John T. Savage Council No. 848, Jackson
 1981-Msgr. P. J. Carey Council No. 1605, Pascagoula

Respectfully submitted,
 Hilton A. Seymour, P. S. D.

Knights of the Year - 1964 - 1984

| Name | City | Council # | Year |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|------|
| 1. John Laurenzi | Clarksdale | 2969 | 1964 |
| 2. Arlis Grey | Pascagoula | 1605 | 1965 |
| 3. F. J. Bartlett | Gulfport | 1583 | 1966 |
| 4. Howard Bodiun | Biloxi | 1244 | 1967 |
| 5. Wm. F. LaForge | Cleveland | 5556 | 1968 |
| 6. C. Medric Warren | Jackson | 848 | 1969 |
| 7. Joseph M. Nassar | Greenwood | 5267 | 1970 |
| 8. August J. Stone | Natchez | 1034 | 1971 |
| 9. Joseph Semmes, Jr. | Meridian | 802 | 1972 |
| 10. Robert Fratesi | Greenville | 2134 | 1973 |
| 11. J. L. Tarrant, Jr. | Ocean Springs | 5654 | 1974 |
| 12. Percy Nause | Meridian | 802 | 1975 |
| 13. Nick Cappello | Meridian | 802 | 1976 |
| 14. Don Oldmixon | Picayune | 6872 | 1977 |
| 15. Dennis Ladnier | Biloxi | 1244 | 1978 |
| 16. David Necaie | Kiln | 7087 | 1979 |
| 17. Freddie N. Biglane | Natchez | 1034 | 1980 |
| 18. Wiley Prize, Jr. | Meridian | 802 | 1981 |
| 19. Oscar Authement | Lumberton | 7211 | 1982 |
| 20. Dominic J. Verona | Greenville | 2134 | 1983 |
| 21. Emilio Zepponi | Clarksdale | 2969 | 1984 |

THE CONVENTION AWARDS BANQUET

The Convention Awards Banquet was held in the Delta Room, Holiday Inn Downtown 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 Albert Fortunato, Supreme Director.

During the banquet the following awards were presented;

The Hilton Seymour Award - #1244 Biloxi

The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Knight of the Year Award - Emilio Zepponi, Clarksdale #2969

Ladies Auxilliary Service Award - Orange Grove 7910

Ladies Auxillary Scrapbook Award - Lumberton

Ladies Auxilliary Service Award - 1st #7910 Orange Grove, 2nd #4898 Long Beach, 3rd #7211 Lumberton.

Ladies Auxilliary Scrapbook Award - 1st #7211 Lumberton, 2nd #4898 Long Beach, 3rd #5654 Ocean Spring.

Best Council Awards were presented as follows:

1. Small Council Division - St. Therese, No. 8285
2. Medium Council Division - Kiln, No. 7087
3. Large Council Division - Meridian, No. 808
4. Extra Large Council Division - Pascagoula, No. 1605

Activity Awards were presented to:

1. Meridian Council No. 802 - Church Activity
2. Clinton Council No. 7854 - Community Activity
3. Picayune Council No. 6872 - Council Activity
4. Kiln Council No. 7087 - Youth Activity
5. Clinton Council No. 7854 - Family Activity

Awards presented for the best vocation programs:

1. Bishop Howze, Biloxi Diocese, Picayune, No. 6872
2. Bishop Brunini, Jackson Diocese, Meridian, No. 802

The Family of the Year award was presented to the Stephen P. Nick Family of Greenville.

The Outstanding District Deputy Award was presented to: Harry Green, Sr., District No. 8.

F. J. Bartlett, State Chairman of the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Priest Education Fund reported at that time the total receipts was \$35,518.00. The Jackson Diocese received \$11,058.00 and the Biloxi Diocese received \$24,460.00.

Sunday Morning April 28, 1984

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES MEETING

The meeting of the Financial Secretaries of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on April 28, 1984 by Chairman Rodney Sandoz, PSD. The opening prayer was offered by Supreme Director Al Fortunato.

The following councils were represented by their financial secretaries or designated representatives.

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Guy S. Todaro, Sr. | 1583 Gulfport |
| John J. Maloney | 802 Meridian |
| Earl W. Maron | 5267 Greenwood |
| William C. Kenpop | 1908 Hattiesburg |
| Emile Vial | 6872 Picayune |
| Harry L. Steinwinder | 1244 Biloxi |
| Steven Snyder | 848 Jackson |
| Bernard Frederic | 1605 Pascagoula |

Ken Lubbers
Norman Kiehn
Herman Dilitario
J. P. Casse Thompson
Rodney Sandoz
Vincent J. Canzaro
Ronald Purparo
Al Fortunato

7120 Southaven
2134 Greenville
8054 McComb
7910 Orange Grove
4898 Long Beach
Insurance Agent
Guest
Supreme Director

A discussion was held concerning the recent increase from \$6.00 to \$9.00 dollars dues for Honorary Members. Most councils present indicated they are doing this but some has not begun as yet.

A discussion was held concerning the 25 consecutive years required for Honorary Membership. Some present felt it is unfair to allow a person to become an honorary member unless he has at least 25 years consecutive years membership immediately prior to becoming age 65. It was pointed out however that the 25 consecutive years could have been followed by a lapsed and re-instatement and still make a eligible when he reaches age 65.

Discussion was held on several topics including:

1. Lower dues for members under age 26.
2. Status of members convicted of felony.
3. Possible elimination of student loans by the Supreme Council.
4. Computer programs for financial secretaries.

It was pointed out that some financial secretaries were having difficulty processing Notice of Intent to Suspend. Financial Secretaries are urged to acquaint themselves with the procedures for this and be certain to suspend all members before June 15 who cannot absolutely be saved so as to start next fraternal year with a clean slate.

The insurance agent discussed the proper handling of the new form 100.

All financial secretary were urged to secure a current copy of the financial secretary handbook from Supreme. It was pointed out that this contains valuable information on how to conduct the affairs of this office.

Supreme Director Al Fortunato addressed the group and praised the financial secretaries for the job they do for their councils. He indicated that financial secretaries can be the "best friend" a Grand Knight can have because of the link between the Financial Secretary and Supreme and the knowledge that the Financial Secretary gains over the years.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney Sandoz
Chairman

Report of the Fourth Degree
District of Mississippi

To: 80th Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus,
Jackson Mississippi

The Fourth Degree has been active in many areas of the District with participation in church functions, including Confirmations, Corporate Communions, Special Feast Day services, wakes and funerals for Sir Knights, council and assembly anniversaries, and clean-up programs of church properties and cemeteries. Also civic functions including flag raising, parades and other community projects.

The Religious Fund continues with 100% participation to support a novice and a

The Religious Fund continues with 100% participation to support a novice and a semenarian through the Near East Welfare Association under the directorship of Msgr. John G. Nolan.

The District is also contributing to the renovation of the Statue of Liberty. The Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly of Meridian is accorded the singular honor of being the first assembly in the District to have attained the goal of 100% contribution of \$5.00 per member for a total of \$200.00. I am sure that the other assemblies will pick up the gauntlet and strive to make the Mississippi District 100% for the Statue of Liberty.

Since the 1983 Convention we have added another Assembly to the District. I am pleased to announce the re-admission of the Pere Le Duc Assembly of Bay St. Louis. We now have fifteen assemblies in the District. Welcome back Pere Le Duc.

Membership is the life blood of any organization and as such the District has initiated a program for a continuous membership drive to off-set natural attrition and other losses, to increase our membership and to augment the experience of the old with the vitality of the new, thereby assuring an active and progressive Fourth Degree in the Mississippi District.

An Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held in Pascagoula on Sunday October 16, 1983, sponsored by the Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly, with 26 members receiving the honors of the Fourth Degree. On Sunday April 8, 1984, the Bishop Gunn Assembly sponsored an exemplification in Gulfport with 32 Third Degree members receiving the honors of the Fourth Degree. Both exemplifications were conducted by the District Degree Team from the Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly of Pascagoula.

There will be an exemplification of the Fourth Degree in Vicksburg on Sunday August 19, 1984, sponsored by the Vicksburg Assembly. All Third Degree members in good standing and having received the First Degree twelve months prior to the Fourth Degree exemplification date are eligible and are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Paulino J. Carrubba
Master, Mississippi District

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

The following is a list of the living past state deputies that have served the Mississippi jurisdiction:

1934-1937 John A. O'Keefe
1948-1950 I. Semmes Luckett
1950-1952 John P. Myers
1952-1954 John F. Smith
1957-1959 Hilton A. Seymour
1961-1963 Ely P. Shapley
1963-1965 Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.
1965-1967 Charles Sherman
1969-1971 Norman L. Kiehm
1971-1973 William F. LaForge
1973-1975 George H. Scheiderman
1975-1977 Jesse J. Quinn
1977-1979 Dave Atteberry
1979-1981 Rodney J. Sandoz
1981-1983 Don Oldmixon
1983-

Those listed above who are in attendance at this convention (those present are indicated by a _____ mark) are entitled to two days per diem, unless they are also a delegate, in which case they would be entitled to mileage.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilton A. Seymour, Pres.
Past State Deputies Assn.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, the By-laws of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus were revised and approved at the 1983 State Annual Convention and by the Supreme Board of Directors and

Whereas, the text of Article III Section 2 does not adequately describe the topic indicated, "Place of Holding Annual Meeting", and

Whereas, Article III Section 3 of previous by-laws, "Purpose of Annual Meeting", was omitted entirely from the revised by-laws and

Whereas, the topic "Purpose of Annual Meeting", and it's descriptive text as written in Article III Section 3 of the previous by-laws is a necessary part of existing by-laws.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Article III Section 2 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Place of Holding Annual Meeting: The State Council, in annual Convention assembled, may determine the place of holding the annual meeting, but upon its failure to so act, or upon the subsequent development that the city

designated cannot hold the convention, then the State Officers shall fix the place of such annual meeting.

Be It Further Resolved, that Article III Section 3 be added to read as follows:

Section 3: Purpose of Annual Meeting: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, Article VI Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws describe the amount of Per Capita Tax to be collected per member per year and

Whereas, the amount of Per Capita Tax is stated in a numerical amount, and

Whereas, any future changes in the amount of Per Capita Tax will require the State Council By-Laws to be submitted to Supreme for approval and

Whereas, The Supreme Advocate has recommended that this section be worded without a stated numerical amount and with clear reference to a previous Resolution of The State Council which set the amount of Per Capita Tax.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Article VI Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4: Per Capita Tax: The Per Capita Tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be the amount per member per year approved at the last State Council Meeting on which a Per Capita Tax Resolution was adopted, payable one-half on August 1 each year based upon the membership figures of July 1 and the other one-half payable on February 1 each year based upon the membership figures of January 1 in accord with Section 118 (c) and (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.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, Article III Section 6 (5) of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws entitled on State Council Convention is improperly placed in these By-Laws and

Whereas, in Article V Section 1 the State Deputy has the power to appoint all State Council Committees.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that Article III Section 6 (5) be here by deleted from

the Mississippi State Council By-Laws.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, our late Holy Father Paul VI called upon the bishops of the world to address the problem of the Catholic people living in Latin America by supporting missionary work in that area, and

Whereas, in 1968 his Excellency Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, directed that a mission staffed by priest from the Diocese of Jackson be established in Saltillo, Mexico, and

Whereas, this Mission in Saltillo, Mexico is still being staffed by a priest from the Diocese of Jackson and is presently being supported by both the Diocese of Jackson and its neighboring diocese to the south, the Diocese of Biloxi, and

Whereas, both the Diocese of Jackson and the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to the continuing support of the Mission in Saltillo, Mexico, and the spiritual well-being of the souls therein, and

Whereas, Father Patric Quinn, Pastor of the Mission in Saltillo, Mexico, has asked that the Knights of Columbus, Mississippi State Council, assist him in alleviating the serious problem of people living in substandard housing or in homes that because of their condition and the lack of public housing would not normally be inhabited at all.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus, Mississippi State Council, establish a building fund to provide monies to the Mission in Saltillo, Mexico, to construct new homes or modify existing homes, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus, Mississippi State Council undertake an annual state wide fund raising project to provide the monies for this building fund, and

Lastly, Be It Resolved, that this building fund be named in the honor of Bishop Joseph B. Brunini on the occasion of his retirement as Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, following his having served as a priest for 50 years and a bishop for 25 years, and to whom this, the 1984 convention of the Knights of Columbus, Mississippi State Council, has been dedicated.

RECOMMENDATION: REFER TO STATE DEPUTY
ACTION: REFERRED TO STATE DEPUTY

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the Jackson area councils; John T. Savage Council #848, Clinton Council #7854, Pearl Council #8038 and St. Theresa Council #8285 have been such excellent host to the 80th annual convention and

Whereas, the officers, members and 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 councils for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 6

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

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 7

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

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

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the State Council authorize the Supreme Council to continue the subscription to Columbia Magazine for public libraries in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

ARESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, Twenty-First Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Pascagoula and

Whereas, members from throughout the jurisdiction participated in the tournament and

Whereas, it is the express desire by vote of participants to again hold this activity in 1985.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mississippi state Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the Official Mississippi Knights of Columbus 22nd Annual Handicapped Bowling Congress. Time and dates to be set at the discretion of the host council.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mississippi State Council present appropriate trophies at no expense to itself and as provided by the Bowling Association, to the winners if certain events conducted in the tournament.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 9

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 2969 of Clarksdale as Host Council. Time and date to be set at their discretion and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mississippi State Council present appropriate trophies. at no expense to itself, and as provided by the Softball Association, to the winners of certain events conducted in the Softball Tournament.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, Supreme director Albert V. Fortunato, Sr. and his wife Betty have honored this State Council with their 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 Supreme Director Fortunato and his wife Betty and extend to them a cordial invitation to return and visit our jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION
ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, Bishop Joseph B. Brunini has resigned in cognizance with the guidelines of the Holy See and

Whereas, he faithfully served his total ministry in our jurisdiction and

Whereas, 25 years of his service has been as Sheppard to the church in Mississippi and

Whereas, he has served our Order as State Chaplain and Honorary State Chaplain and has been a staunch and dedicated supporter and member of our Order for over 50 years and

Whereas, his personal guidelines and leadership in the areas of social justice and change have resulted in a greater awareness of these problems in our own jurisdiction.

Now, Be It Resolved, that the delegates and members of this convention fully recognizing their inability to adequately reward our Bishop for his service, pray that through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, continued blessings will come upon him and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that all members of this jurisdiction remember him in their daily prayer life.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, our Holy Father has named Bishop William R. Houck as the Sheppard of the Diocese of Jackson and

Whereas, Bishop Houck has accepted this appointment with humble obedience to the will of our Pontiff and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi jurisdiction through the Delegates to this convention desire to accord suitable recognition to him on this occasion.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that his Brother Knights in convention assembled openly and publicly endorse this appointment and enthusiastically offer our support and prayers as he begins this phase of his ministry.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, the Ceremonial Committee has met and considered the ceremonials status in the Mississippi jurisdiction, and

Whereas, the committee considered in particular, a portion of the third degree ceremony, namely the portion on page 39, wherein the "TM" confronts the "C" and uses a term in regards to the "C's" mother giving the name in question, this committee feels that this portion could have an adverse effect on the legitimate candidates in the class.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the State Deputy discuss this matter with the Ceremonials Committee at the June State Deputies meeting and

Be It Further Resolved, that if the Ceremonials Committee sees fit to continue the use of the "C" character that a very special instruction to be given to the "TM" to be positively certain that his expose (Reference Page 51) be complete and clearly understood.

RECOMMENDATION: REFER TO STATE DEPUTY FOR FURTHER CONSOLTA-TION WITH SUPREME

ACTION: REFER TO STATE DEPUTY

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Gorllner, Chairman
Don Oldmixon PSD
Gil O'Flynn
Stanley Swentkowski
Thomas Settler
Dave Atteberry PSD

REPORT OF THE STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE, 1984

During the past 12 months I met with the Executive Committee of the 1984 Convention four times, 2 in Clinton and 2 in Jackson. Planning, following our tentative guidelines progressed smoothly and has resulted in this Convention.

Joe Goellner, chairman of the 1984 Convention, will fill you in on details. Also during this period numerous contacts were made concerning a location for the 1985 Convention.

Finally in the early part of this year the State Deputy informed me that Meridian would like to meet with representatives of the State Convention Committee and discuss the possibility of hosting the 1985 Convention. After coordinating with the State Deputy, the State Secretary Wiley Price and District Deputy John Mahoney of Meridian, I met with them and members of Council 802 in Meridian on Sunday, March 25 of this year. After a discussion of the State's Convention guidelines and a question and answer period; Council 802 agreed to host the 1985 Convention in Meridian under State guidelines with no financial responsibility on the part of the council; if facilities are available on the dates required. Accordingly I remained overnight and met with sales representatives of the Howard Johnson and Holiday Inn NE on Monday. After surveying available facilities and coordinating dates, tentative arrangements were made to use the Howard Johnson Motel as the convention headquarters with the Holiday Inn NE being used as companion facility. Plans were also made to meet with motel representatives in early May, after the 1984 Convention was finished to sign contracts for required facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald H. Oldmixon
State Convention Committee Chairman

A Resolution made by Hilton Seymore for mileage and Per Diem for State Officers, Delegate, District Deputies and Past State Deputies to remain as is.

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The State Deputy then called for the election of officers for the 1984-85 fraternal year. There were 71 voting members present. The results were as follows:

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

A motion was made by Pete Carrubba and second by Gordon Cowie that the remain State Officers be elected to service another year in their present capacity.

Motion carried.

The State Deputy called for a third delegate to the Supreme Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado. J. P. Casse Thompson nominated Wiley Price of Meridian, Gordon Cowie nominated Joseph Goellner of Clinton, Dave Atteberry nominated Rodney Sandoz of Long Beach. Upon balloting Wiley Price was elected.

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

1st Alternate--Joseph Goellner
2nd Alternate--Rodney Sandoz
3rd Alternate--Paulino Carrubba

The 1985 State Convention will be held in Meridian, Mississippi.

There being no nominations for the site of the 1986 State Convention, the State

Deputy announced that the State Convention Committee will have to choose a site.

Biloxi Council 1244 and Columbus Council 7974 put in a bid for the 1987 State Convention.

There have been no further business to be brought before the State Council the State Deputy then adjourned the 80th Annual State Knights of Columbus Convention.