

Knights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL



92nd Annual
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
92ND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**First Business Session
Friday, April 26, 1996**

State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III called the Delegates to order at 6:06 p.m. He then called Convention Chairman and Grand Knight of Meridian Council #802 Bob Leo to the podium to introduce Councilman Richard Coleman of Ward 2 who welcomed the Delegates to Meridian. Councilman Coleman also serves as President of the City Council.

State Secretary Guy S. Todaro, Jr. gave the response on behalf of the State Council to Councilman Coleman's address.

State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III called to order and opened the First Business Session of the 92nd Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction at 6:25 p.m. State Warden Ted V. Knowles verified that all present possessed a current membership card of the Third Degree. State Chaplain Reverend Father Jeffrey Waldrep opened the meeting with a reading from Ephesians I and a prayer. Tony Dardeau, Jr., State Community Activities Director lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Deputy then recognized Julius Broussard delegate from Biloxi who made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 91st Convention. The motion was properly seconded and approved.

State Warden Ted Knowles then explained the seating of the delegates for the Second Business Meeting scheduled for Saturday morning. He then had his assistants pass out copies of the Resolutions to be presented to the Delegates.

State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III introduced Supreme Director Albert J. Benedetti from Pittsburgh. His wife Gina is also in attendance at the Convention.

State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III recognized State Family Director, Rockie Kunstman who made an appeal for a brother knight with a medical disability.

State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III recognized Terry Hurst, Grand Knight of Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport who presented Gulfport St. James Council 11541 with their new council banner.

The State Deputy then recognized the delegates (Grand Knight Mack McCarney and Deputy Grand Knight Don Cox) of our newest council, the Wiggins/Lucedale Council No. 11654.

State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III appointed the following convention committees and asked that they meet and report in writing at the appropriate times during the convention.

The committees listed below are appointed to assist in the work of the convention. With the exceptions of the Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, Audit Committee, and the election tellers, all committees are expected to meet between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 1996 at the place designated by the chairman. Each committee, except the election tellers, will make a written and oral report to the convention when called upon. In the event a delegate is not present, then his council's alternate will be expected to serve in his place.

Committee Appointments

The committees were as follows:

1. **Credentials:** Guy S. Todaro, Jr., State Secretary, Leon Shapley #2945, Bill Gatzman #2180, William Hincks #4898, Lawrence Cavanaugh #6592, John Laurenzi #2969, Elbert Cuevas #7087, John O'Dwyer #9124.
2. **Resolutions:** Bruce Pabon, State Advocate, Fritz Oberlies #11541, Jesse Quinn, Jr. PSD #5267, Salvatore Tomaso #8848, Thomas Zettler IPSD #802.
3. **Audit:** Bradley Burden #5267, Robert Leo #802, Greg Rottman #898, Danny Lechner #9409 DD #9, Thomas Wedig, Jr. #6872 DD#7.
4. **Ceremonials:** Ted Knowles, State Warden, Joseph Goellner #1908, Terry Lott #9234, William Koepp #2134, Albert Rocconi #5556, John Lewis #10216, Joe Serio #8054.
5. **Public Relations:** Kenn Rains, Magnolia Knight Editor, Scott Dibbs #802, Mark Beyea #9543, David Hughes #2180, Don Cox #11654, Bobby Weldon #9409, Richard Warren #1034, Lonnie Parvin #9673.
6. **Election Tellers:** Robert Fratesi PSD #2134, Dennis Ladner PSD #1244, Wiley Price, Jr. PSD #802.
7. **Financial Secretaries:** Henry Kajdan #848, George Souderes #1034, Harry Steinwinder #1244, Robert Hudson #10901 DD #1, Patrick Quinn #5267, Gene Trahan #8038, Michael Bucciattini #1908, Eddie Merriman, Jr. #10443, and all Financial Secretaries present at the Convention.
8. **Membership:** Dennis Riecke, State Membership Director, John Ward #7910, Lynn Eberhart #9543, Aaron Achord #7915, Carl Brouhard #5654, Harvey Mitchell #1522, Edward Evans #7974, William Reynolds #10901.
9. **Good of The Order:** Lessie Ladner #4472 DD #8, Buddy Cupit #5654 DD #10, Ray Billeaud, Jr. #7087, Hollis Moran #9958, Warren Doiron #898 DD #4, Curt Stasny #7211 DD#6, Natale Zummo #8038 DD #5.
10. **State Convention:** Stanley Swentkowski PSD #2969, William Davis #1244, Dennis Deister #10216, David DiLorenzo #4898, Claude Vinson, Sr. #8760, Doug Simmons #8285, Danny Leatherwood #8912.
11. **Mileage and Per Diem:** Keith Merritt, State Treasurer, Emile Vial, #6872, Charlie Morlino #2945, John Bernardi #2134, Gordon Coker #7120, Cecil Jones #8760.
12. **Pro-Life:** Ken Lubbers, State Pro-Life Chairman, Antoine Otto #5654, Fred Roquemore #7854, Michael Craft #1583, Julius Broussard #1244, George Roberts #10499, Charles Bounds #7211, Fred Clark #1605, William Ebel #6765.

13. Service Programs: Thomas Chady, State Program Director

- A. Church: Louis Zylka, State Church Activity Director, Harville Richardson #9673, James Leatherwood #8912, James Farris #7120, Lloyd Everhart #7854, Don Tiblier #9124, Andrew Mitchell #1522, Wade Ditcharo #7915.**
- B. Council: Rich Lieding, State Council Activity Director, Ralph Corrado #7974, Rick Peneck #8054, Warren Rese #4472, Wilson John, Sr. #7211, Thomas Thornton #898, Mathias Zelenka #1605, Ed Croal #11541.**
- C. Youth: Jim Lambert, State Youth Activity Director, Darren Cowart #1034, Chris Daley #6592, Anthony Moran #9958, Richard Finimore #2969, Doug Cocilova #5556, Mike Miglorianzi #10499.**
- D. Family: Rockie Kunstman, State Family Activity Director, Matt Yapit #9409, Gordon Cowie #8038, Marcel Crudele #8848, Arthud Dunn #9094, Mac McCahey #11654, J. J. Bedford #848, Reveral Ladner #4472.**
- F. Community: Tony Dardeau, State Community Activity Director, Joe Tannehill #9234, Peter Sukanek #10901, John Beggs #6765, Buddy Honeycutt #10443, Arnold Fuller #7910, Louis D'Andrea #5654, Andrew Hurst #1583.**

The First Business Session was closed by prayer by State Chaplain, Father Jeffrey Waldrep at 6:40 p.m. The Delegates adjourned for the Friday night dinner social.

Grand Knight's Reports

**Monsignor John J. Burns Council 802
Meridian, Mississippi
Robert J. Leo**

It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to have served as Grand Knight of this historical and great Council.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge those officers and committee chairmen who served and summarized the activities of the Council for the 1995-96 fraternal year.

The Council officers were duly installed by worthy District Deputy Natale Zummo at the installation ceremony with members wives and guests present held on July 11, 1995.

The following officers for 1995-1996 fraternal year were installed. They are as follows:

Chaplain.....	Father James Brett
Grand Knight.....	Robert J. Leo
Deputy Grand Knight	Wayne Griffin
Chancellor	Bill Webster
Financial Secretary.....	Tom Zettler PSD
Recorder	John Harwell
Warden.....	Joe Bailey
Treasurer.....	Craig Melancon
Advocate.....	Frank Polizzi
Inside Guard.....	Mack White
Outside Guard.....	David Smith
Trustee	Dr. Luis Borrell
Trustee	Wiley Price PSD
Trustee	Scott Dibbs
Program Director.....	Paul Carpenter
Church Director.....	John Maloney
Community Director.....	Jack Schons
Youth Director.....	Frank Polizzi
Family Director.....	Wayne Griffin
Council Director.....	Mouise Richards
Membership Director.....	John Harwell
Bingo Chairman.....	John Maloney

Paul Carpenter served as the general Program Director and supervised the following activities:

Church Activities: John Maloney, Director

1. On-going corporate communion, St. Patrick, St. Josephs, and Holy Rosary Mission.
2. Council members led the Rosary before all masses in the month of May and October.
3. Support for Father Sunds, Father Brett, and Father Brown on their individual vacations.
4. Support for seminarians Jerry Daniels and John Bohn each month.
5. Tithe to St. Patrick, St. Josephs, and the Holy Rosary Mission.
6. Council furnishes donuts and coffee each Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. mass.
7. Council members assisted and welcomed Sister Andre Burkhart in moving into her new apartment.
8. Continued support for all night 1st Friday vigil.
9. Purchased new cover for caskets.
10. Purchased microwave oven for the church parish center

11. Donated \$2,000 to the Dwelling Place.
12. Council sponsored a Marian Hour of Prayer at St. Patrick Church for members and parishioners.
13. Council purchased Rosary Tapes to be given to all parishioners who wished to have one.
14. Donation of \$400 to conformation class bibles.
15. Deceased members mass at the cemetery.
16. On-going corporate communion breakfast.
17. First communion breakfast.
18. Rosary after each meeting in the month of May.

Community Activities: Jack Schons, Director

1. On-going visitation to the East Mississippi State Hospital.
2. Awarded the MSGR. John J. Burns Award for outstanding community service to Mr. Bill Crawford.
3. Aided two (2) families to cover some of their hospital bills.
4. Participated in the 1995 Tootsie Roll drive.
5. Participated in the Bell Ringers to raise money for the Salvation Army.
6. Provided gifts to the patients at East Mississippi Hospital.
7. On-going support for Adopt-A-Highway program by adopting a 2-mile stretch of Hwy. 19 to clean.
8. Held a 4th of July watermelon party for patients at East Mississippi State Hospital, also a Christmas party.
9. Said Rosary before masses in January to Oppose Abortion.
10. Donate four turkeys to Loves Kitchen.
11. Sponsored a city league soft ball team.
12. Donation of \$100 to Del'eepe Deaf Center.

Council Activities: Mouise Richards, Director

1. Invited a Teacher and a Nurse from Meridian High School to give a talk on today's youth in high school.
2. Sponsored a Knights of Columbus softball team in a church league.
3. Held socials for members and their wives.
4. Council has an on-going Knight of the Month and Knight of the Quarter program.
5. On-going program to provide fruit baskets to hospitalized members and families.
6. Council members assisted at Wednesday night bingo for our charity functions.
7. Council hosted the 1996 92nd Knights of Columbus Mississippi State Convention.
8. Elected a Knight of the Year.
9. Council held a member horse-shoe tournament.
10. Council held a New Year's Eve party for members and their families.

Youth Activities: Frank Polizzi, Director

1. Conducted a Council Free Throw Contest.
2. Participated in the Mississippi State Free Throw Contest.
3. Donated \$400 to Alter Server trip.
4. Donated money to the boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts.
5. Sponsored a science project.
6. Held a creative contraption contest St. Patrick School.
7. Held various essay contests at St. Patrick School, such as Columbus Day Poster Contest.
8. Visited children in the four local hospitals on Christmas Eve and handed each child a gift from Santa.
9. Held a Halloween party for members' children.
10. Donated \$100 to the C.Y.O. Convention Ad.
11. Donated \$1,000 to the Close Up program.
12. Donated \$100 to the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet.

13. Established a \$1,000 scholarship for children of Knights going to a local community college.
14. Held Graduation breakfast for graduates and their families.

Family Activities: Wayne Griffin, Director

1. Held a Christmas party for the children of members of the Council. Presents were given out.
2. Council member played Santa Claus for children at the four local hospitals.
3. Participated in the Family of the Month program.
4. Council held a Sweet Hearts Night and a Casino Night for members wives and guests.
5. Elected a Family of the Year.
6. Had a Family Breakfast after corporate communion.
7. Held a Family Day Picnic.
8. Donation to the Family Right to Life.
9. Held a Deceased Members' Mass.
10. Had a Family Christmas party at the Council home.
11. Donated \$500 to the Wesley House for Abused Children and a needy family.
12. Donated \$100 to the Meridian Right to Life program.
13. Donated \$100 to the Mississippi Right to Life program.
14. Donated \$200 to the Crisis Pregnancy Center.
15. Held a 4th of July picnic for members and their families.

Although these are not all of the activities that were conducted by our Council, they are a small portion of what our Council has accomplished throughout the year. Council 802 continues to be a very strong and active organization with dedicated Knights willing to perform any task put before them.

We have also had our joyous moments with two (2) of our Knights receiving their 50-year pins. They were Brother Joe Bailey and Brother Andy Thomas.

We have also had our sad times with the passing of five (5) of our Brother Knights this year. They were Brother Andy Stockton, Brother Joe Mosby, Sr., Brother Andy Thomas, Brother Richard Lofquist, Brother Theodore Jurdt S.T. These Brother Knights will always live in our minds and our hearts.

In closing, I would like to thank all of my fellow officers and members for their loyal support and cooperation through my first year as Grand Knight. It is this kind of loyal support that makes Council 802 the great Council that it is, and you have my heart felt gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Leo
Grand Knight

**John T. Savage Council 848
Jackson, Mississippi
J. J. Befort**

In July, 1995, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed, followed by a covered dish with the Ladies Auxiliary.

Officers for 1995 and 1996:

Chaplain.....	Deacon, Arnold Pancratz
Grand Knight.....	J. J. Befort
Deputy G. N.....	George Rutherford
Financial Secretary.....	Henry Kajdan
Chancellor.....	G. Dumiller
Recorder.....	
Treasurer.....	Ted Payment
Advocate.....	Joe Miller
Warden.....	Fred Cunningham
Trustees.....	George Saab, Gerald Graham, Ivan Lambert

Church Activities:

Served as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir members. Did church repairs, contributed \$3,000 to St. Peter's for Building Fund.

Community Activities:

1. Participated in Jackson's Biggest Baby Shower
2. Tootsie Roll Drive
3. Mental Health programs
4. Collected food & clothing for the poor
5. Participated in several honor guards
6. Attended two meetings in Pearl and one in Madison
7. Distributed 10,000 book markers to Jackson schools and libraries
8. Contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Council Activities:

1. Family Outing on Father Balsa's boat
2. KC Christmas Party at St. Peter's
3. Mass for Deceased members
4. Awarded 97 certificates to Altar boys at St. Richard's, St. Peter's, and St. Mary's
5. Named Chester Lamparty Knight of the Year
6. Marian Hour February 13, 1996
7. Spaghetti Dinner for Scholarship Fund
8. 17th Annual Basketball tournament held at St. Richard's, St., Mary's, and St. Therese
9. Participated in the Family's of the month
10. Contributed moneys to the St. Peter's CYO
11. Sent Birthday and Get Well cards to members

We hope to have our membership quota after the exemplification in Vicksburg.

In closing I would like to thank our members, chairmen, and directors for their support and their efforts in carrying on the work of the Knights of Columbus. It has been a pleasure to serve the Brother Knights this fraternal year.

Fraternally yours,
J. J. Befort
Grand Knight

**Vicksburg Council 898
Vicksburg, Mississippi
Thomas Thornton**

Grand Knight.....	Thomas Thornton
Deputy Grand Knight	Greg Rottman
Chancellor	Jerry Boland
Warden.....	Billy Wilson
Advocate	Steve Vedros
Financial Secretary.....	Chad Sonnek
Treasurer.....	George Roesch
Recorder	Mike Lee
Trustee	Alan Derivaux
Trustee	Bobby Evans
Trustee	Al McDevitt
Chaplain.....	Father Robert Dore
Lay Chaplain	Jimmy Speyerer
Inside Guard.....	Vince Chiarito
Inside Guard.....	Joe Montalbano
Outside Guard.....	Rory Ros

The Council had a successful year including activities in all five areas of the Knights of Columbus Service Program. A summary of membership and highlights are noted below.

Membership Activities

The Council conducted three First Degree Exemplifications during the fraternal year which initiated a total of 25 new members. The total number of members as of the end of the fraternal year was 308.

Church Activities

The Council continued monthly breakfasts to benefit the Diocesan Mission Church in Saltillo, Mexico. The money raised is delivered by members to the mission annually along with medicine and other requested materials. The Council again honored retired religious by preparing holiday meals for the Sisters of Mercy in Vicksburg. The annual Spaghetti Dinner raised money for the Priest Education Fund and was the most successful yet. The Council also provided support for various parish church activities.

Community Activities

The Council continued monthly support of the Meals on Wheels program including preparation and delivery of meals. The Council decorated and entered a float in the annual City Christmas Parade. Members prepared and served refreshments at local events including the Miss Vicksburg Beauty

Pageant and the Run Through History 10K Run/Walk. The Council also conducted a drive to collect donations of food, toys and books for a local community center.

Council Activities

The Council meets weekly and members pray the rosary before each regular meeting. At the start of the year, a Mass was held at the Council home in conjunction with the installation of Council Officers and Ladies Auxiliary Officers. The Council hosted a district meeting at which lunch was served and the Council pool was open for visitors. The Council also joined the world wide web with a home page on the Internet to highlight Council activities.

Family Activities

The Council recognized families throughout the year by participation in the Family of the Month Program. Families were recognized at quarterly awards dinners. Family activities included the annual Fourth of July and Labor Day Picnics on the Council grounds. The Council also continued Pool and Burger Nights each Friday during the swimming season. In addition to maintaining the Memorial for the Innocent Victims of Abortion, a rosary was prayed at the site.

Youth Activities

The Council held the annual Free-throw Contest for youth. The Council also supports many school projects at the Vicksburg Catholic Schools including cooking for the Play-A-Day-In-May-Away fundraising festival. Members designed and installed a computer network at the Catholic Elementary school. The Council hosted its annual Children's Christmas Party and Children's Easter Egg Hunt at the Council home. Support is also given to Boy Scouts and CYO.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Thornton
Grand Knight

**Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034
Natchez, Mississippi
Richard Warren**

In July 1995, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, J. Warren Doiron, Jr. Dinner followed and was enjoyed by members, wives, and invited guests.

The officers for the 1995-1996 fraternal year are as follows:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Al Camp
Grand Knight.....	Richard Warren
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Joe Garrity
Chancellor.....	Audley Case
Financial Secretary.....	George Souderes, Jr.
Recorder.....	Patrick Doherty
Treasurer.....	Conrad Anderson, Jr.
Warden.....	Henry Foggo, III
Advocate.....	Walter Brown
Inside Guard.....	Charles Bergin
Outside Guard.....	Harrell Cothren
Trustees.....	Darren Cowart Michael Tatum Richard Spence
Program Director.....	Joe Garrity
Church Director.....	Audley Case
Community Director.....	William Geoghegan, Jr.
Council Director.....	Donnie Holloway
Family Director.....	Darren Cowart
Youth Director.....	Walter Brown
Membership Director.....	Henry Foggo, III
Lecturer.....	Donnie Holloway

The 1995-96 fraternal year was a busy one for Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034, under the guidance and supervision of our very dedicated Program Director. All mandatory reports were submitted to Supreme and State Council. The only area our Council lacked was attainment of a 5% net gain in membership. This goal was missed by being one member short of our goal. We did have a ten member increase and held a First Degree Exemplification on August 28, 1995. Our Council is in the process of creating our own First Degree Team and should be ready for certification in the near future.

The following is a brief summary of our Council's activities during the 1995-96 fraternal year:

Church Activities:

1. Donated \$1,200 to Priest's Education Fund.
2. Made Council home available for Church activities.
3. Members served as ushers, lecturer, CCD teachers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Choir members.
4. Brothers attended annual retreat in Manressa.
5. Sponsored and served meal for Vacation Bible School picnic.
6. Brother heads Parish Maintenance program.
7. Council members held work nights at local Catholic School for maintenance during football season.
8. Sponsored and held Parish Blood Drive.
9. Provided refreshments for RCIA program two times.

10. Sponsored youth to Saltillo, Mexico Mission

Community Activities:

1. Held annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
2. Made donations to Community Stewpot.
3. Made donations to Natchez Children's Home.
4. Members help with Habitat for Humanity and member serves on Board.
5. Held fundraiser for Catholic Charities at annual Southern Outdoorsman Expo and raised over \$1,400.
6. Brothers visit sick and elderly.
7. Brothers serve on Parish School Board and Public School Board and Brother Knight heads Mayor's War on Drugs program.

Council Activities:

1. Held 90th Anniversary celebration of our Council and awards night.
2. Held semi-annual spaghetti benefit.
3. Held monthly pancake breakfast.
4. Sponsor bowling team in local league.
5. Hosted State Bowling Tournament in February.
6. Co-sponsor Church softball team in City league.
7. Held three fishfrys during Lent.
8. Conducted very successful membership drive.
9. Council publishes quarterly newsletter.
10. Held steak night for benefit of Council programs.
11. Council participates in local history pageant by raising American Flag.
12. Made Council scrapbook and submitted book at State Convention.

Family Activities:

1. Make Council home available for meeting place for local Right to Life program.
2. Sent resolutions to families of deceased Brothers and family members.
3. Hold annual Memorial service for deceased members.
4. Assisted new Parish family during Christmas with gifts and money because father had lost his job.
5. Pray for all Brothers or family members that are sick or in distress at all Council meetings.

Youth Activities:

1. Sponsor Boy Scout Troop 158.
2. Members serve as Scoutmasters, baseball and youth basketball and soccer team coaches.
3. Held annual Christmas Party for children.
4. Made Council home available for youth retreats.
5. Support and help with local CYO activities.
6. Helped conduct a class for altar servers.

In closing, I would like to say what an honor it has been to serve my Council as Grand Knight. The past two years have been very rewarding to me and my family. As I close out my final year as Grand Knight, I would like to thank all my officers and fellow members for their support and dedication to our Order.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Worthy District Deputy, J. Warren Dorion for his guidance and support of our Council. Also many thanks to our Worthy State officers for their continued support and assistance. I will continue to work hard for my Council as well as the Knights of Columbus and am very proud to be a part of a fine organization with the most dedicated

individuals I have every had the pleasure to be associated with. I am looking forward to many great years as a Knight of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard W. Warren
Grand Knight

**Biloxi Council 1244
Biloxi, Mississippi
Billy Davis**

Chaplain.....	Rev. Tony Arguelles
Grand Knight.....	Billy Davis
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Boney
Chancellor	Earl Robertson
Advocate	Frank Tarrant
Recorder	Jerry Gollotte
Warden.....	Al Kony
Financial Secretary.....	Harry Steinwinder
Treasurer.....	Charles Harrison
Lecturer.....	Sterns Pluff
Inside Guard.....	Ed Rugg
Outside Guard.....	John Bellman
Trustees	Julius Broussard
	Curtis Harrison
	Gerald Rose

Deputy Grand Knight Robert Boney served as General Program Director with activity directors under him. He supervised and carried out the following activities:

Church Activities:

1. Helped support a Seminarian with stipends.
2. Donated to the Priest's Education Fund.
3. Distributed Rosaries to CCD classes.
4. Issued certificates to Altar servers.
5. Distributed "The Beatitudes" book markers at St. Michael's Church.
6. Membership participates as lay ministers, CCD instructors, Eucharistic ministers, etc.
7. St. Louis Parish held their drawdown at the KC Hall.
8. The Council Hall was used by Bishop Howze for a special meeting.
9. Turkeys and hams were given to area nuns, priests, and brothers.
10. Requested Mass intentions for deceased members of Council Brothers' immediate family, and deceased Brothers.

Youth Activities:

1. Support and sponsor Boy Scout Troop 213.
2. Sponsored a Little League team.
3. Held Halloween and Christmas parties for membership's children.
4. Held an Easter egg hunt for the children.
5. Sponsored an essay contest.
6. Awarded four scholarships (two boys, two girls).

7. Donated ceramics to two CYO groups for use in fundraisers.
8. Sponsored youths to Boys and Girls State.

Council Activities:

1. Held four Knight of the Quarter banquets.
2. Held a pot luck barbecue and bingo for members.
3. Membership drives at Christ the King and St. Louis Churches.
4. Loaned the use of the Council Hall to a brother Knight for a drawdown to raise funds for a critically ill nephew.
5. For social nights out, sponsored trips to local casinos and invited other local Councils to participate.
6. Held a Council Christmas party.
7. Published a monthly newsletter.

Community Activities:

1. Held the annual community Shrimp Bowl game. Proceeds were given to the area Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund and St. Vincent De Paul Society.
2. Participated in mental retardation program (Tootsie Roll Drive).
3. Loaned use of the Council Hall for St. Louis Parish annual drawdown.
4. Loaned the use of Council facilities to the Bishop for his annual gathering.
5. Donated \$50 and members assisted with the Annual Cursillo Golf Tournament.

Family Activities:

1. Held the Family of the Month Program and selected the Family of the Year.
2. Randomly selected a newlywed couple from local parishes to receive a Family Bible.
3. Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Certificates from Supreme were issued to three couples.
4. Held family corporate communions at two churches.
5. Held our Annual Summer Family picnic.
6. Donated proceeds from the "Swing for Life Golf Tournament" to the Women's Crisis Center.
7. Sponsored a memorial service eulogizing deceased members.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy Davis
Grand Knight

**Pere LeDuc Council 1522
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
Harvey Mitchell**

Chaplain.....	Fr. Mike Sucharski, S.V.D.
Grand Knight.....	Harvey Mitchell
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Andrew Mitchell
Chancellor.....	Teddy Morel
Recorder.....	Irvin Kingston
Treasurer.....	T. J. Collier
Advocate.....	Leslie Blaze
Financial Secretary.....	Earl Bourgeois
Warden.....	Al Kingston, Sr.
Inside Guard.....	Raymond Meyers
Outside Guard.....	Gerry West
Trustees.....	3rd Year..... Rocky Kingston
	2nd Year..... Sam McCardle
	1st Year..... John Gonzales

Church Activities:

1. Supported two seminarians \$35 per month.
2. Donated \$1,500 to Bishop Howze for Priest Education Fund.
3. Provided over 350 manhours for OLG Crab Fest.
4. Provided Lectors—Commentators for Daily Mass over 350 hours.
5. Provided Eucharistic Ministers (approx. 100 hours).
6. Provided workers for Food Fest (approx. 250 hours).
7. St. Mary Cemetery Clean-Up (Last week of October, 90 hours).
8. Knight Servers Sunday as CCD Instructors.
9. Provide Mother's Day Supper after 8:30 Mass Sunday (20 manhours).

Community Activities:

1. Bought Christmas Gift for Foster Children amounts to \$1,200.
2. Gave 50 Christmas Baskets to needy.
3. Mardi-Gras Float in Parade.
4. Tootsie Roll Drive.

Council Activities:

1. Donated 7 headstones for the unborn: St. Joseph, St. Ann, St. John, St. Clare, Our Lady of the Gulf, St. Rose, St. Augustine.
2. Have Bingo every Wednesday and Sunday nights.
3. Hold Rosary for 15 minutes before each meeting.
4. Perpetual Mass for Deceased Brothers Knights.
5. Visit Brother Knights who are ill

Youth Activities:

1. Participate in Free Throw Contest.
2. Members coach Little League Baseball.
3. Members serve as Coach for Girls Softball.

Family Activities:

1. Corporate Communion monthly.
2. Family of the Year Award.

3. Family Social (3rd Monday of each month).

Special Notation: Started Landfill for new KC Council on Seminary Drive.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Mitchell
Grand Knight

**Bishop Gunn Council 1583
Gulfport, Mississippi
Andrew T. Hurst**

Grand Knight.....	Andrew T. Hurst
Deputy Grand Knight	James L. Everett
Chancellor	Robert D. Roley
Recorder	Richard E. Bartlett
Treasurer	Karl E. Koberger
Advocate	Bill Ryan
Financial Secretary.....	Richard P. Moran
Warden.....	Gary Whitener
Inside Guard.....	Chuck Hedrick
Outside Guard.....	Chuck Favre
Trustees	1st Year
	2nd Year
	3rd Year.....
	Henry Lee Rouse
	Melvin J. Ray
	Nick G. Pitalo, Jr.

Highlights for 1995-1996

Bingo:	Total Received	\$205,127.00
	Total Prizes	\$158,707.00
	% spent on prizes	77%
	Total Expenditures	\$171,990.00
	Net Profit	\$33,137.00
	Donated to Charity	\$51,196.00
	% of Total to Charity	25%
April	15	K of C Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. Rosary at 7 p.m. before every regular business meeting except during Lent Stations of the Cross every Wednesday through Lent
May	14	Mother's Day Breakfast
	19	Tootsie Roll Drive
	20	Worker's Day Party

June		\$5,000.00 donated to St. James and St. John schools \$1,000.00 donated for trip to Saltillo, Mexico Worker, team members, candidates to Dedeaux #144
	1-4	8 ladies candidates for Ladies Cursillo
	11	Squires Softball Tournament
	14	Flag Day Observance
	22	K of C Family Picnic
	24	Awards Banquet
July	9	Spaghetti Dinner for Chantell Cox, burn victim. Worked in cooperation with local Shriners.
	21	Going Away party for Jerry Smith upon entering the Seminary
August	11-12	Took 3rd Place in State Softball Tournament
October	21	Columbus Day Steak Dinner Life Chain
November	7	Kid's Vote participation
	15	Dedication of Guy S. Todaro, Sr. Memorial Garden with Mass
	19	Thanksgiving Dinner, 12-2 p.m. for St. John, St. James, St. Joseph, and St. Theresa parishes.
	29	4th Degree meal, open to all, with circuit and county judges as speakers.
December	12	Nativity Scene lighting and party, with Christmas Carols
	17	Christmas Family Dinner
	26	K of C Ultrea at #1583
January 1996	24	Free Dinner, judicial program put on by 4th Degree
February	21	Outdoor Stations of the Cross each Wednesday, throughout Lent. Gulfport Mardi Gras Parade VA Mardi Gras Parade
March	16	K of C Drawdown; money to be given to Priest Education Fund Gifts presented to St. James, St. John, St. John High School, de l'Epee Deaf Center, Morning Star Pregnancy Center, and the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi.
Quarterly		Corporate Communions

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew T. Hurst
Grand Knight

**Msgr. P. J. Carey Council 1605
Pascagoula, Mississippi
Frederick T. Clark**

On July 22, 1995, the duly elected officers of Council 1605 were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Mr. Buddy Cupit. In attendance were the District Deputy's wife, Barbara and our Worthy State Secretary, Mr. Guy Todaro, Jr. and wife Lisa, our Worthy State Advocate, Mr. Bruce Pabon and his wife Marilyn, our Worthy State Warden, Mr. Ted Knowles and wife Vernie. A dinner was held following the installation.

Council Officers

Chaplain.....	Rev. Gerard Cleary
Grand Knight.....	Frederick T. Clark
Deputy Grand Knight	Matt Zelenka, Jr.
Chancellor	John Syzmonik
Warden.....	Jerry Kennedy, Jr.
Financial Secretary.....	Mark Frederic
Treasurer.....	Ernest Falgo, Jr.
Recorder	Jerry J. LeBlanc
Advocate	Jim McCarty
Inside Guard.....	Mark LaDouceur
Outside Guard.....	Duwane Weber
Trustees	B. R. Frederic
Trustees	Guy Todaro, Jr.
Trustees	Ted Knowles
Lecturer	Denny Denmark

Activities

Matt Zelenka, Jr., Program Chairman

Church Activities: Jerry J. Leblanc, Chairman

1. Held Corporate Communion at parishes served by our Council (Our Lady of Victories, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Ann).
2. Barbecued chicken and helped prepare other food for Sacred Heart Parish picnic.
3. Knights active as Eucharist Ministers, lectors, ushers, parish Council, music, RCIA sponsors, finance committee, Cursillo leaders and kitchen, Arise leaders and kitchen.
4. Donated \$5,000 to Priest's Education Fund.
5. Held a Religious Appreciation Banquet to honor the priest, nuns, and deacons of our area.
6. Held a Vocations Program in conjunction with Religious Appreciation Banquet for parents of High School Seniors with Fr. Michael Kelleher as speaker "On his religious Life".
7. Said the "Rosary" before every meeting.
8. Participated in the "Rosary Rally" at the Gulf Coast Coliseum.
9. Conducted a Marian Hour of Prayer.
10. Donated \$500 each to Resurrection Catholic High School, Resurrection Catholic Grade School, St. Peter's Catholic School, and Monsignor Mullin Scholarship Fund administered by our Council.
11. Donated to CYO group.
12. Hosted Memorial Mass and Banquet in honor of deceased members for members, and widows and families deceased member.

Community Activities: Duwane Weber, Chairman

1. Participated in state "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the mentally retarded and handicapped.
2. Hosted Tootsie Roll Appreciation Banquet.
3. Sponsored a drug and alcohol abuse program.
4. Held a Red Cross blood drive.
5. Held Christmas party for member and community kids with gifts and food.
6. Distributed Christmas baskets to 16 needy families in the community.

Council Activities: Tony Wigley and Jim McCarty, Co-Chairmen

1. Installed newly elected officers at our annual installation banquet. In attendance were State Secretary Guy Todaro, Jr. and his wife Lisa, State Advocate Bruce Pabon and his wife Marilyn, State Warden Ted Knowles and his wife Vernie, and District 10 District Deputy Buddy Cupit and his wife Barbara.
2. Celebrated 4th of July with our Annual Picnic.
3. Celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a dinner and a dance.
4. Honored deserving Brothers with Knight of the Month, Quarter and Year.
5. Published a monthly newsletter with a calendar of events.
6. Participated in K of C State Softball Tournament.
7. Participated in K of C State Bowling Tournament.
8. Sponsored a Certified First Degree Team and several First Degree Exemplifications.
9. Sponsored a Certified Second and Third Degree Team and held six Exemplifications during the year.
10. Council had social night each Tuesday night when regular business meetings were not scheduled with most of the third Tuesdays of each month being a meal social.
11. Held Awards Banquet.
12. Have billiard tables available for members and guest.
13. Special aid given to several members in distress.
14. Hosted Hospitality Room at Convention serving Shrimp Salad, snacks, beer and soft drinks.
15. Made liaison with Council's Ladies Auxiliary and they agreed to take charge of Hall Decorations for all our functions and also agreed to be our communication vehicle in establishing a telephone committee to disseminate information to our members.
16. Have Bingo every Friday night to raise funds to support all our activities.

Family Activities: Guy Todaro, Jr., Chairman

1. Held Fraternal Benefits Social for Members and their wives or girlfriends.
2. Hosted a Pro-life Nights Social with a speaker and food.
3. Honored deserving Family of the Month and Year.
4. Held adult Christmas Party for members and guest.
5. Held New Year's Day Party for members and guest.
6. Donuts, coffee, milk and juice furnished after each Corporate Communion.

Youth Activities: Ernest Falgo, Jr. and Denny Denmark, Co-Chairmen

1. Sponsored Boy Scout Troop 230.
2. Maintained Msgr. Eamon T. Mullin Scholarship Fund to assist deserving Catholic youths to attend Resurrection Catholic School.
3. Sponsored Christmas Party for kids.
4. Several members serve as coaches in youth sport activities.
5. Donated over \$9,000 in cash and use of hall to area Catholic Schools.
6. Donate the use of our hall each Sunday night at way below our cost to Resurrection Catholic School Bingo to raise funds for use of our local Catholic schools.

Membership Activities: Ted Knowles and B. R. Frederic, Co-Chairmen

1. Held membership drive at three of our local parishes with assistance of six State Officers. Resulting in seven new members and promises from many more. Effort is continuing.
2. Started a public relations campaign to inform the parishes of the Knights of Columbus and what we do and what we are about. Have Knight of Columbus news published in the various parish newsletters and the local news media.

Closing Statement:

I want to thank our State Officers for their help and encouragement—they were always there when we needed them. To the officers, directors, chairmen and workers of our Council—Three Cheers, (no, three cheers is not enough)—three million cheers. You deserve it for putting up with me. And the the Ladies Auxiliary, you all have been great in your support of this Council and of me. Three million cheers to you also. This 1995-96 year has been great and it was great only because of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred T. Clark
Grand Knight

**Bishop Fahey Council 1908
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.**

As I complete my second term as Grand Knight, it is my pleasure to acknowledge those who served, and summarize the activities for 1995-96 Fraternal Year.

After concluding a successful Program Year at the 1995 State Convention with a "Top Gun Award" for more than ten percent gain in membership, other State Program Awards, and the Star Council Award from the Supreme Council, Council members began to plan the new year with increased dedication.

Immediately after the election of officers in June, committee chairmen were appointed and a workshop was planned for the officers and chairmen. On June 24, 1995, a workshop was held to review the previous year and establish plans for the new year. The meeting was followed by a cookout and pool party for members and families.

On July 15, 1995, the following officers were duly installed by District Deputy, Curt Stasny:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Charles Venus
Grand Knight.....	Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Phillip Graf
Chancellor.....	Mark DeLaHunt
Financial Secretary.....	Michael Bucciantini
Warden.....	William L. Kerley
Treasurer.....	Patrick Rothscadl
Recorder.....	Robert Eddy
Advocate.....	John Donahue
Inside Guard.....	William Jarrett
Outside Guard.....	Heath Thompson
Trustee 3 yrs.....	William Kinkopf
Trustee 2 yrs.....	Michael Anderson
Trustee 1 yr.....	John Lang

The following members served as Director, Chairmen and Assistant Chairmen of various committees:

Membership Director	Mark DeLaHunt
Assistant Director	Larry Bellipanni, Jr.
Program Director	Phillip Graf
Church Activities	William L. Kerley
Assistant Chairman	Robert Eddy
Community Activities	John Lang
Assistant Chairman	Bill Jarrett
Council Activities	Alvin Justelien
Assistant Chairman	Michael Anderson
Youth Activities	Russ Handley
Assistant Chairman	Heath Thompson
Family Activities	Ken Robinson
Assistant Chairman	Peter Hanks
Tootsie Roll Drive	Bill Jarrett
Assistant Chairman	Bill Kinkopf
Consultant	John Lang

A Summary of the Program Activities are as follows:

Church Activities:

1. Council sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer at St. Thomas Parish for members and parishioners of all Parishes.
2. Members serve as lectors and servers at Weekday and Saturday Morning Masses each week.
3. Members serve as lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers at Sunday Masses.
4. Council members worked on several maintenance and repair projects as the Parish Maintenance Committee.
5. Vocation Prayers are recited at the opening and close of each Council Meeting
6. Council donated \$100 to Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School.
7. Council contributed \$200 to Priest Education Fund.
8. Council members organized and provided cooking team for two Fish Fries at St Thomas Parish on Fridays during Lent.
9. Council committee coordinated the setup, cooking, and take down of the Sacred Heart Parish Seafood Jamboree.
10. Council committee erected and removed the booths for the Sacred Heart School Fall Festival.
11. Council organized and hosted the annual St Thomas Parish Picnic and Swim Party on Council grounds.

Community Activities:

1. Council conducted Tootsie Roll Drive during May 1995.
2. Council participated in Casino Night for the Mentally Retarded at the area Civitan Camp.
3. Council donated \$ 200 to support of the Lamar County Life League
4. Council provided workers to assist on Habitat for Humanity Project.
5. Council sponsored a Crawfish Boil for all workers on the Tootsie Roll Drive.
6. Council Visitation Committee visited home-bound members and parishioners in the area

Nursing Homes.

7. Council donated \$ 50 to the Hattiesburg Police Department's "Shop With A Cop Program".

Council Activities:

1. Council promoted, assisted, and participated in the Annual Parish Blood Drive.
2. A Council Newsletter keeps members informed of Council activities.
3. Parish was invited to the Mass, Installation Ceremony and Social for the Installation of Officers.
4. Council hosted a First, Second and Third Degree Exemplification for all Councils in the state.
5. Seven Council officers and chairmen attended one of the Schools of Columbianism Meetings.
6. Council sponsored an Adult Co-ed Softball Team in the City League.
7. Council donated use of facility and pool to Dixie Youth Baseball teams coached by Council members.
8. Six Council members and wives attended the 1995 State Convention in Jackson.
9. Council Team played in State Softball Tournament.
10. Council held the Second Annual Right to Life Golf Tournament.
11. Council held an Awards Dinner and Membership Recognition Night.
12. Council sponsored a workday to cleanup property, repair and paint Council buildings.
13. Council provided a portable barbecue grill on a trailer which was used for Council fundraising projects, socials, and community organizations.

Youth Activities:

1. Council sponsored a "Back to School" Swim Party for CYO.
2. Council held local Basketball Free-throw Contest.
3. Members and wives serve as chaperons at CYO functions.
4. Council gave \$ 100.00 to CYO youth for Cancer treatment.
5. Council sponsored Boy Scout Troop with members serving on Scouting Committee and Scoutmasters.
6. Council sponsored Cub Scout Troop with members serving on the Troop Committee.
7. Council sponsored a Scout Roundup Swim Party.
8. Council held Children's Christmas Party. Children brought gifts to be donated to needy children.
9. Council provided chaperons, snacks and beverages for a Youth Benefit Dance for needy child.
10. Donated \$ 150.00 to sponsor a boy to Boy's State.
11. Council sponsored a Rummage Sale and donated funds to the CYO Trip to the Saltillo Mission.
12. Sponsored a water safety course for 5th and 6th grade students at Sacred Heart School.

Family Life Activities:

1. Council sponsored a Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Council and the Order.
2. Council made donation to sponsor Pro-Life advertisements in the local Newspaper.
3. Council sponsored a Family Holiday Social and Swim Party which included games for all ages.
4. Council sponsored a Family Mass and Corporate Communion in Honor of National Family Week.
5. Council sponsors a monthly Family Dinner Social for members, families and guests.
6. Council participated in the Supreme Family of the Month Program.
7. Council urged Council families to join with other area families in the Hattiesburg Area Pro-Life Chain.

Conclusion:

The success of the Council during the 1995-96 Program and Membership Year has been very rewarding. Thanks to the dedicated leadership of the Council Officers, Directors and Chairmen assisted by an inspired membership. As I write this, many plans are scheduled for the last three months of the Fraternal Year. I trust they will be very successful and the success will continue into

the next Fraternal Year.

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of Bishop Fahey Council 1908 this year. A special thanks to all officers, chairmen, and members who worked hard to make it a successful year.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.
Grand Knight

**Father Korstenbroek Council 2134
Greenville, Mississippi
John Bernardi**

Chaplain.....	Father Patrick Ferrell
Grand Knight.....	John Bernardi
Deputy Grand Knight.....	
Chancellor.....	
Recorder.....	Lex Wilkerson
Financial Secretary.....	Robert Fratesi
Treasurer.....	Bill Koeppe
Advocate.....	
Inside Guard.....	
Outside Guard.....	
Trustees.....	Charles Harmon Charles Ammons Kelly Hickman

Council Activities During Past Year

1. Bingo - Saturday nights - income helps our Priest Education Fund.
2. State bowling tournament.
3. Bingo - help with drug/alcohol free graduation party.
4. Finished building Boy Scout hut.
5. Held spaghetti dinner for Priest Education Fund.
6. Put up fountain at St. Joseph Catholic Church.
7. Donation to St. Jude.
8. Donation—Junior High trip to Atlanta (St. Joseph School).
9. Work days—clean pool - (Brother Sam Santucci).
10. Memorial service for deceased brother.
11. Cooked for State CYO meeting.
12. Cooked for Home Builders.
13. Horseshoe tournament - members and friends.
14. Set up and took down parish fair booths - (built 3 new booths).
15. Cooked and served spaghetti - parish fair.
16. Cooked spaghetti and meat balls for Boy Scout District meeting.
17. Aggravation tournament - pot luck meal.
18. Sponsor boy scout troop.
19. Placed crosses on Highway 82 - between Greenville and Leland to make people aware of abortion.
20. Work day - K of C grounds.
21. Work concession stand - football game homecoming night.

22. Helped sell tickets at football game.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bernardi
Grand Knight

**Laurel Council 2180
Laurel, Mississippi
Bill Gatzman**

Officers for the fraternal year are as follows:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Ken Ramon-Landry
Grand Knight.....	Bill Gatzman
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Joe Flick
Chancellor.....	Walter Copeland
Financial Secretary.....	Richard Hollingsworth
Treasurer.....	John P. Myers
Recorder.....	Charlie Rawls
Warden.....	Glenn Waguespack
Inside Guard.....	Don O'Brien
Outside Guard.....	Arthur Axton
Advocate.....	Tom Canizaro
3 Year Trustee.....	Don Schwartz
2 Year Trustee.....	Jim Yaggi
1 Year Trustee.....	David Hughes
Knight of the Year.....	Charlie Rawls
Family of the Year.....	Walter Copeland Family

Our Council increased its membership from 94 Brother Knights to 100 Brother Knights.

Our Council stressed having quality programs that the entire family could enjoy. The following activities were enjoyed by our members this fraternal year:

Church Activities - Walter Copeland, Chairman

*March 1996	Men's Retreat
*October 1995	Rosary after Mass
*May 1995	Rosary after Mass
*November 1995	Pot Luck Supper/collect food for Christmas baskets
*July 1995	Strip and wax school floors
*July 1995	Strip and wax school doors
*June 1995	Recover church cushions
*January 1996	Gumbo sale for Priest Education Fund
*February 1996	Pot Luck Supper/collect food for Father Ken's pantry
*February 1996	Vocations trip to Notre Dame Seminary
*Yearly	Provide ushers for Mass (18 men)
	Administration/Finance Committee member (5 men)
	Eucharistic Ministers for Mass (13 men)

Facilities Committee (4 men)
Pastoral Council (7 men)

Community Activities - Don O'Brien, Chairman
*April 1995 Sponsor Lenten soup supper
*May 1995 Tootsie Roll Drive
*August 1995 Pot Luck Supper/collect supplies for Domestic Abuse Shelter
*September 1995 Set up/Clean up school fair
*Quarterly Participate in Parish blood drive
*Weekly Volunteer help for Christian Food Mission
*Monthly Assist Habitat for Humanity

Family Activities - Glenn Waguespack, Chairman
*Monthly Family of the Month program
*Annual Family of the Year award
*Monthly Corporate Communion
*June 1995 Canoe trip on Black Creek
*October 1995 Life Chain
*November 1995 Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers
*December 1995 St. Nick Christmas party
*January 1996 Pro Life Rosary and Mass
*February 1996 Mardi Gras party

Youth Activities - Ricky Williams, Chairman
*Annual Support Squires Circle 3738
*Monthly Train alter servers
*Monthly Coach soccer
*April 1995 Easter egg hunt
*October 1995 Halloween dance
*November 1995 Host Squires convention
*January 1996 Free Throw contest

Council Activities - Charlie Rawls, Chairman
*Monthly Executive Committee meeting
Council newsletter
First Degree Team
Knight of the Month
Knight of the Year
*Annual School Draw Down clean up
*May 1995 75th Anniversary Mass and dinner
*June 1995 Installation of Officers
*July 1995 Wedding clean up (fund-raiser)
*July 1995 Fraternal benefits night
*September 1995 Football pool fund-raiser
*September 1995 Membership drive/pulpit talk
*October 1995 Super Bowl party
*January 1996 Pig Roast and awards night
*March 1996

Fraternally submitted,
Bill Gatzman
Grand Knight

**C. G. Shapley Council 2945
Leland, Mississippi
Leon J. Shapley**

On July 19, 1995 the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Ben T. Bailey. A steak dinner followed and was enjoyed by the members and their wives. The Installation took place in the K. C. Hall.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Sean T. Atkinson
Grand Knight.....	Leon J. Shapley
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Louis P. LaBella, Sr.
Recorder.....	Edward L. Lubbers
Financial Secretary.....	Richard P. Columbus
Treasurer.....	Mike P. Columbus, Sr.
Chancellor.....	Frank P. Aldridge
Warden.....	Sam J. Morlino
Lecturer.....	Anthony P. Santucci
Advocate.....	Edward Petro
Inside Guard.....	James F. Santucci
Outside Guard.....	Louis J. Santucci
Trustee 1 Year.....	Albert Bassi
Trustee 2 Year.....	Jerry W. Santucci
Trustee 3 Year.....	Charles J. Morlino

The following Members were appointed to serve as Program Directors and Committee Chairmen:

Program Director.....	Richard P. Columbus
Church Activities.....	Edward L. Lubbers
Community Activities.....	Jerry W. Santucci
Council Activities.....	Mike P. Columbus, Sr.
Family Activities.....	Shawn N. Sullivan
Youth Activities.....	Anthony P. Santucci
Membership Director.....	Edward L. Lubbers

The Following Activities Were Performed By Our Council During The Past Year.

Membership:

We have initiated 0 New Members to our Council during the Fraternal Year.

Initiated	0	Members
Reactivated	0	Members
Readmission	0	Members
Reapplication	0	Members
Reinstated	0	Members
Suspension	0	Members
Transfers to Council	1	Member
Transfers from Council	0	Members
Withdrawn in good standing	0	Members
Deaths in Council	2	Members

As of April 1, 1995, we have a total of 67 members in our Council. 64 Active and 3 Inactive members.

Church Activities:

1. Donated \$ 600 to the Priest Education Fund (Proceeds from the Cat-Fish Fry)
2. Purchased a \$ 100 raffle ticket for the Annual Parish Bazaar.
3. Brother Knights led the Congregation in the Praying of the Rosary after Mass every Saturday and Sunday during the Months of May and October.
4. Had Mass offered for Deceased Parish Members.
5. Provided Liturgy Team, which includes Lector, Commentator, Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Gift Bearers for Sunday Mass every 1st Sunday of the Month.
6. Provided Church the Weekly Church Bulletins.
7. Sponsored a large Billboard "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" on Hwy. 82 between Greenville and Leland.
8. Sponsored a Large Billboard "PEACE BE TO YOU" Easter Billboard on Hwy. 82 between Greenville and Leland.
9. Sponsored "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" radio spots on local radio stations in Greenville.
10. Sponsored the Presentation of the Lives of the Saints and those who were Beatified during the Season of Lent.

Community Activities:

1. Participated in the state-wide Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for the mentally retarded. We raised approximately \$ 2,800.
2. Aired The Columbus Day Message from the Supreme Knight on local radio station, WBAQ, in Greenville.
3. Volunteered the use of our Council Hall to the community in the event of disaster.
4. Allowed civic organizations to use the Council Hall free of charge.
5. Rented Council Hall to persons having parties for a small fee.
6. Took Poinsettia plants to members of our Parish who were in the Nursing Homes at Christmas Time.
7. Sponsored a large ANTI-ABORTION BILLBOARD which was put up on Hwy. 82 East between Greenville and Leland. (2 Times)
8. Sponsored, along with the Greenville K.C.'s and the Greenville Right-to-Life, 35 five-foot White Crosses on the intersection of Hwy. 82 East and St. Christopher Road to Commemorate the Death of the UNBORN, on the Anniversary of the SUPREME COURT RULING that Legalized Abortion in this country.

Council Activities:

1. Sponsored Nurses to take Blood Pressure of K.C. Members and all of the Parish Members after Masses on a Weekend in May and September.
2. Conducted an Insurance Program featuring Jerry Woods, our Area Agent, followed by a Social.
3. Sold Hamburgers and Pepsi Cola's at the Annual Leland Arts & Craft Festival.
4. Sold Several Football Pools and Raffles.
5. Sponsored Delegates to the State K.C. Convention.
6. Held a drawing for a cash prize at each Meeting to encourage attendance at meetings.
7. Maintained an active Telephone Committee to enhance Participation in Council Activities.
8. Participated in the State K.C. Bowling Tournament.
9. Held a "Recognition reception" honoring our Families of the Quarter and Year, and members and their wives who donated their time and skills throughout the year.
10. Gave Wedding Gifts to 2 of our Council Members that got married during the year.

11. Gave Rosary Rings and small statues of the Blessed Virgin that led the congregation in the praying of the Rosary.

Youth Activities:

1. Held Honorary Dinner for Graduating Catholic High School Seniors of our Parish.
2. Presented Bibles to our Graduating Seniors (4)
3. Presented The C. G. Shapley Sportsmanship Award to a High School Senior, Lawrence Wade.
4. Sponsored Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our Parish that were in the 3rd Grade and under.
5. Held a local Basketball Free-throw Contest.
6. Presented "Altar Servers Award" Certificates to 1 High School Senior who served as Altar Boy until he graduated from high school.
7. Maintained a Personal Representative on the District Drug Free School Advisory Committee. (Our Council has a seat because of our work with Drugs).
8. Sponsored a Santa Claus Program for the Young Children of the Parish.

Family Life:

1. Held Memorial Services for Deceased Members.
2. Sponsored a RIGHT-TO-LIFE Booth at the Annual Parish Bazaar.
3. Held a Social for members and their wives at our Installation of Officers.
4. Held a Columbus Day Social for members and their wives.
5. Chose a " Family of the Quarter " 4 times and a " Family of the Year ".
6. Held a Christmas Party and Social for members and wives.
7. Sent GET-WELL Cards, ANNIVERSARY Cards and NEW PARENTS Cards to members.
8. Placed Anniversary Announcements of members on the local radio station.
9. Gave a "Scriptural Rosary" cassette to each of the families that are chosen as our Families of the Quarter, as a promotion of saying the Rosary.

Conclusion:

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as the Grand Knight of C.G. Shapley Council 2945 in Leland this past year. I would like to thank all of the Officers, Chairmen, and all of the other Members of the Council who worked hard to make this a very successful year. As you can see from the above report we were a busy Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leon J. Shapley
Grand Knight

**Msg. James T. McKenna Council 2969
Clarksdale, Mississippi
Richard Finimore**

On July 20th, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by the Worthy District Deputy Patrick Quinn at a social/dinner for Brother Knights and their wives at the Council home.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain.....	Father Brian Carroll
Grand Knight.....	Richard Finimore
Deputy Grand Knight.....	James L. Ulmer
Financial Secretary.....	Mike Robinson
Chancellor.....	Bert Matthews
Recorder.....	Stanley Swentkowski
Treasurer.....	Samuel Armstrong
Advocate.....	Raymond Cole
Warden.....	Jim Glover
Inside Guard.....	Gray Gilbert
outside Guard.....	Frank Morganti
Trustee (1st Year).....	Gregory McClellan
Trustee (2nd Year).....	Joseph Zoglman
Trustee (3rd Year).....	Paul Borgognoni

The following members served as committee chairmen:

Program Director.....	James L. Ulmer
Church Activities.....	Stanley Swentkowski
Community Activities.....	Jim Glover
Council Activities.....	Joseph Zoglman
Youth Activities.....	James L. Ulmer
Family Activities.....	Samuel Armstrong
Membership Director.....	Mike Robinson

I am proud to mention that Council No. 2969 has done more activities this past year than any year previous. When I took office in July, I made a commitment to myself and my Brother Knights to do everything we could to raise money for various charities, organizations, etc. that would come to us this year. In the past, we relied heavily on Bingo for our charitable contributions; however, the economic situation has changed drastically with the introduction of the casinos. This forced us to look at other avenues to raise money. It is a wonderful feeling to develop and organize a fund raiser and watch it mature into an successful event.

We started this fraternal year with our annual Fourth of July Star Spangled Celebration at the KC Hall. Approximately two hundred members, parishioners and guests feasted on a hamburger plate lunch and relaxed around the pool. We raised \$250 for our charity fund. Installation of officers were held in July and were pleased to have State Deputy Jesse Quinn III, State Treasurer Keith Merrit and Field Agent Larry Campbell in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the pot-luck supper afterwards.

We were able to assist many charities and organizations this past year due to the hard work of our fund raisers such as parish suppers and breakfasts, Football Pools and our Charity Bingo. Our main goal was to help St. Elizabeth School raise money for their Building Renovation Fund. We succeeded to raise over \$2500 for the school.

Council 2969 has been active in support of St. Elizabeth Parish in all areas, including church, youth, community and family. We tried to balance our programs to incorporate all aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We could not have done what we did without the dedication of our Program Chairmen and the community.

Our Council publishes a monthly newsletter called the "The Knightly News." This newsletter is the brain child of Deputy Grand Knight Jim Ulmer. The newsletter is published the first Saturday of each month except January and June. We have been publishing this newsletter since October 1993. This helps us get our message out to the members and the parishioners. We not only include KC news but Ladies Auxiliary, Junior and Senior CYO and St. Elizabeth School news. We mail the newsletter to State officers and Program Directors, Grand Knights of Councils in District Two and to other state and supreme dignitaries.

Our Council does have a First Degree Team lead by past Grand Knight James Rossetti.

John Laurenzi has been our ambassador of goodwill to the St. Elizabeth Parish ill at home or in the hospital. He visits and sends them correspondences to brighten up their day.

The Knight of the Month and Family of the Month programs were resurrected in August 1995, after a long absence. The purpose of these programs was to recognize those individuals and families in our parish who have made significant contributions to the Church, community and Council. The chosen Knight and Family received certificates and their names published in the Councils newsletter. This is a very popular program in our parish.

The Knights of Columbus and the Junior CYO hosted a Halloween Party and Hamburger Supper at the KC Hall. All proceeds collected were donated to the Junior CYO to assist them with their upcoming events. The evenings activities were a costume contest, trick-or-treat bags, games and prizes and a pumpkin bingo. Over one hundred families attended and had a wonderful time.

We honored our deceased members at a Mass in November at the KC Hall. Members and parishioners attended in which our deceased members names were read by Jim Glover. Refreshments were served afterwards.

We held an Open House in November and in April for men within our parish who were interested in the Knights of Columbus. Our officers were present to answer questions. All Catholic men and their families were invited to attend.

Members of this Council were invited to membership suppers on the second meeting of every month. This gave them the opportunity to meet and socialize with the officers and witness first hand how much of a difference we were making in our parish and community.

During the Holiday Season, this Council was involved in many projects. Along with St. Elizabeth PTO, we hosted a Christmas Creole Supper. We had door prizes for those in attendance and games for the kids. Santa Clause even had time to stop by to visit with the kids. That evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We sponsored a Christmas Clothes/Toys Collection Drive, participated in the Parchman Christmas Relief Program, helped the church deliver food baskets to poor families and helped the Ladies Auxiliary with the Angel Tree Program. This Council erected a "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign on Hwy. 61.

The Knights of Columbus donated "Book of Prayers for the Family" to students at St. Elizabeth School. The prayers presented are a wonderful means of assisting families to grow in prayer. May all the members of our parish and their families be brought closer together in a special way through prayer.

We sponsored a softball and bowling team in league play and state tournaments. The KC Free Throw Championship was the most successful in years. This Council held the Knights of Columbus Volleyball Tournament at St. Elizabeth School.

This Council sponsors a Charity Bingo on Tuesday and Friday nights. Brother Knight Warren Matthews is our Bingo Chairman and runs this operation for this Council.

Knights distributed Rosaries and "How To Say The Rosary" cards to Sunday School students in our parish and at Immaculate Conception. We went to each classroom and explained the decade system and the three mysteries. We gave each student a Rosary and a card and asked them to say at least a decade a week with their parents. Knights passed out Rosary cards to parishioners after mass and put a statement in the church bulletin promoting the importance of saying the Rosary. We lead a group of members and parishioners prior to Mass and meeting in the Rosary. Knights of this Council encouraged and reminded parishioners that we as Catholics need to increase this powerful tool we have at our disposal and pray the Rosary more often.

This past summer, Knights along with parishioners, put more than two hundred hours in remodeling and repairing St. Elizabeth School. Knights were instrumental in organizing work crews and getting this school in shape for the 1995/1996 school year.

Knights assisted the Senior CYO with a youth retreat held at the KC Hall. We cooked and served hamburger plates to approximately eighty hungry participants. We spent the entire week prior to this event cleaning the KC Hall and grounds. That weekend was an opportunity for the youth in our diocese to come together and share in our Catholic faith to Christ. This Council learned many things from the youth of this parish and showed us their faith in each other, their families and in the Lord.

Approximately two hundred people from various denominations participated in the annual Life Chain. The Knights of Columbus is the driving force behind this peaceful demonstration against abortion. The Knights of Columbus funds this activity and directs and organizes the participants along State St. holding signs, Rosaries or just standing in prayer. Our Pro-Life Chairmen Jim Glover and volunteers do an outstanding job in contacting and organizing the many churches throughout the area whose members participated in Christian unity against abortion. The Life Chain was praised by civic and church leaders as a peaceful and prayerful demonstration. Later on that day, our Pro Life Chairman held a question and answer session with the CYO and other Christian youth organizations at the KC Hall. He showed them a video on the importance of life to the group. We encourage all members of our community to take the time and stand united for this important cause.

This Council conducted its first extensive and organized Vocations Program in years. We started our Vocations Program in August with a communion breakfast in honor of our parish priest. We passed out prayer cards for vocations we ordered from Supreme. Father gave a brief talk about the priesthood and what it means to him. Proceeds from this breakfast went to the Priest Education Fund. In October, we sponsored a Vocations Program at our church Sunday School for students in grades seven through twelve. Father Bill Henry gave a talk and passed out literature on vocations and religious life. This Council is taking part in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) in supporting Mr. Jerry Daniels from our Diocese who is studying for the Priesthood. We support a scholarship fund at St. Elizabeth School, organize and sponsor many fund raisers to raise money for the Priest Education Fund and sponsor a Religious Appreciation Breakfast. This Council used every resource we had at our disposal to promote and educate our parishioners and parish youth about Vocations.

I feel that we have accomplished much of what we set out to do and that we are continuing to meet and accomplish our goals. We have been extremely fortunate in having the tremendous support of

our families and of our parish. We are especially blessed with the loving guidance and active support of our pastor and Brother Knight, Father Brian Carroll, who also is our chaplain. His help and spirit have been a welcome presence in our Council, and are truly appreciated.

This year has been very active and fast pace. My success as Grand Knight has been the hard work of Program Director Jim Ulmer, the committee chairmen and the workers who wanted to see this Council grow and be the best it could be. I thank all my Brother Knights, and their families for all of the support and dedication they have exhibited this past year.

We are a dynamic group of Catholic man who are dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and believe in and work for these principles in the five program areas as set forth by supreme Council. We are ready to serve God, our fellow citizens and our country.

As this fraternal year is coming to a close, I feel we are more than ready and willing to meet the challenges that are ahead of us. May GOD bless all of you.

Respectfully,
Richard Finimore
Grand Knight

**Msgr. Leech Council 4472
Pass Christian, Mississippi
Greg Niolet/Alan C. Jones**

The following officers were installed for the fraternal year 1995-1996:

Grand Knight.....	Greg L. Niolet
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Alan C. Jones
Financial Secretary.....	J. Lessie Ladner
Chancellor.....	Kenneth A. Reaver
Recorder.....	Eld J. Coffee
Treasurer.....	Warren Reso
Advocate.....	Exavier L. Niolet
Warden.....	Revermal P. Ladner
Inside Guard.....	
Outside Guard.....	
Trustee (1st Year).....	Edgar J. Menard, Jr.
Trustee (2nd Year).....	Lawrence E. Yarbrough
Trustee (3rd Year).....	Emmett L. McKeough

This year has been a real struggle for our Council. Our Grand Knight resigned mid-year, and our Deputy Grand Knight took over but was recently transferred with the military. However, despite our internal struggles, we have managed to maintain a strong presence in our Catholic and civic communities.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Lessie Ladner
Financial Secretary

**St. Vincent DePaul Council 4898
Long Beach, Mississippi
William G. Hincks, Jr.**

The following officers for 1995-1996 fraternal year were installed. They are as follows:

Chaplain.....	Father Louis Lohan
Grand Knight.....	William G. Hincks, Jr
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Carrubba
Chancellor	Leonard Nahlen
Financial Secretary.....	Rodney Sandoz
Recorder	Pat Hamel
Warden.....	Lee Hertz
Treasurer.....	Norman McDonald
Advocate	Pete Carrubba
Inside Guard.....	Paulino Carrubba
Outside Guard.....	Norman Rheaume
Trustee	Ben DiLorenzo
Trustee	Bill Seal
Trustee	David DiLorenzo
Program Chairman.....	Chris Carrubba
Church Director	Leonard Nahlen
Community Director.....	Norman McDonald
Youth Director.....	Gary Smith
Family Director.....	Ben DiLorenzo
Council Director.....	Chuck Mink
Membership Director	Eddie Seal
Bingo Chairman.....	Adam DiLorenzo

Chris Carrubba served as the General Program Director and supervised the following activities:

Church Activities:

1. Support St. Thomas School monetarily.
2. Support St. Thomas Church monetarily.
3. Support Gulf Pine Catholic newspaper with ad.
4. Provide RCIA instructors to the Parish.
5. Provide CCD instructors to the Parish.
6. Assist church administrators in daily work.
7. Provide commentators, lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for parish mass.
8. Support Saltillo mission in Mexico.
9. Held Marian Hour of Prayer.
10. Provide labor and materials for church landscaping.
11. Donated \$7,000 to the priest Education Fund.

Community Activities:

1. Donated \$1,200 to local food pantry.
2. Donated \$15,000 to Ladies Auxiliary.
3. Donated \$3,000 to Fourth Degree.
4. Donated \$600 to local D.A.R.E. program.
5. Provided support and donated blood for Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive.
6. Member on Long Beach Planning and Zoning Committee.
7. Members work with local food pantry.
8. Raised almost \$3,000 in local Mental Retardation/Tootsie Roll Drive.

Council Activities:

1. Publish Monthly Newsletter, COUNCIL COURIER
2. Actively maintain and provide use of First Degree Initiation Team.
3. Present Knight of the Quarter at dinner in his honor.
4. Maintain active membership committee and presented a membership drive in November.

Family Activities:

1. Had annual Summer Picnic and outdoor Mass in August.
2. Had Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt.

Youth Activities:

1. Prepare breakfast for local CYO.
2. Give \$1,000 Scholarship to High School Senior.
3. Donated \$200 scholarship for Babe Ruth.
4. Donated \$50 to Boys and Girls Club.
5. Donated \$300 to CYO.
6. Members chaperone CYO trip to Saltillo Mission.
7. Sponsored local Free-Throw Tournament.
8. Members are advisors to CYO.
9. Helped Ladies Auxiliary with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Although this does not include all the activities that our Council performs, it is representative of the many things we accomplish throughout the year. I thank the members of my Council for the opportunity to serve them, my parish, and my priest during the past twelve months.

Respectfully Submitted,
William G. Hincks, Jr.
Grand Knight, Council 4898

**Msgr. John F. Clerico Council 5267
Greenwood, Mississippi
Brad Burden**

Another year is quickly coming to a close and it is my pleasure to report our officers and activities for 1995-1996.

The following officers served the Council this past year:

Chaplain.....	Msgr. Thad Harkins
Grand Knight.....	Brad Burden (Dec.-Present)
	Kevin Vanderlip (July-Dec.)
Deputy Grand Knight	Ronald Ola (Dec.-Present)
	Brad Burden (July-Dec.)
Chancellor	Harvey Caldwell
Warden.....	Michael Sanford
Financial Secretary.....	Nick Joseph, Jr.
Treasurer.....	Brian Cooper
Recorder	Bobby Vandevender
Advocate	Orlando Fratesi
Lecturer	Santo Tumminello
Inside Guard.....	Laughlin Quigley (Dec.-
Present)	
	Ronnie Ola (July-Dec.)
Outside Guard.....	John Lusco
Trustees	Nick Serio
	Jack Diette
	Jesse Quinn, Jr.

Church Activities:

1. Held a BBQ chicken sale in support of the Priest Education Fund.
2. Sponsored a Rosary before first Friday Mass each month.
3. Maintained the bus and van for the parish.
4. Members taught Sunday school classes.
5. Members served on the parish Council.
6. Members served on the parish finance committee.
7. Members participated in liturgical roles on a regular basis.

Community Activities:

1. Held a Tootsie Roll drive in support of the mentally retarded.
2. Performed a living nativity scene and held a Christmas party for residents of the local center for the mentally handicapped.
3. Manned the local community food pantry.
4. Members visited with the sick and elderly at the local hospital and nursing homes.
5. Members served on the board of directors of the local Habitat for Humanity.
6. Presented the Tootsie Roll High Roller award to a non-K of C volunteer who helped us with our Tootsie Roll drive.

Council Activities:

1. Hosted the State Organizational Meeting and prepared meals for the attendees.
2. Hosted a reception for the new State Officers.
3. Hosted one of the three Schools of Columbianism.
4. Hosted a fraternal benefits night for Council members.

5. Held a membership drive at church.
6. Published a quarterly newsletter.
7. Held Council socials monthly.
8. Sponsored certified 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Teams.
9. Held installation of officers for Council.
10. Sponsored a hospitality room at the State Convention.
11. Presented Knight of the Year award.
12. Sponsored Ole Miss and Mississippi State football pools.
13. Held a rifle raffle to raise funds.
14. Hosted a Council Christmas party and gift swap
15. Put on 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications in Meridian, W. Biloxi, Oxford, Ocean Springs and Greenwood.
16. Organized a Ladies Auxiliary to assist the Council.
17. Held a cleanup of the Council hall.

Family Life Activities:

1. Held a Memorial Mass for deceased members.
2. Held a pig roast for members and their families.
3. Refurbished 4,400 pro-life crosses so that they could be used in displays by other Councils.
4. Sponsored a K of C corporate community quarterly.
5. Sponsored a drive to raise fund for the local crisis pregnancy center.
6. Presented Family of the Year award.
7. Members participated in local pro-life chain.
8. Members spoke in church in support of pro-life efforts.

Youth Activities:

1. Assisted the CYO with their Halloween Carnival and spaghetti supper.
2. Held an Easter egg hunt for the Sunday school children.
3. Members coached a youth baseball team.
4. Members coached a youth soccer team.
5. Cooked hamburgers for the CYO during their canned food drive and during their vocations retreat.

I would like to thank the members of my Council for their support and dedication during this very hectic year. I would also like to thank State Deputy Jesse Quinn III and District Deputy Patrick Quinn for their unfaltering encouragement. I look forward to serving my Council and the Order for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brad Burden
 Grand Knight

**Father Rotondo Council 5556
Cleveland, Mississippi
Doug Cocilova**

On July 26, 1995, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by the Worthy District Deputy Ben Bailey, Jr. at a social/dinner for Brother Knights and their wives at the Council home.

The Following officers were installed:

Chaplain.....	Father Charles Bucciantini
Grand Knight.....	Doug Cocilova
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Vic Aguzzi, Jr.
Financial Secretary.....	Ben T. Bailey, Jr.
Chancellor.....	Albert Rocconi, Jr.
Recorder.....	Johnny Capocaccia
Treasurer.....	Jody Rocconi
Advocate.....	Michael Rocconi
Warden.....	Peter Rocconi
Inside Guard.....	Jerry Borgognoni
Outside Guard.....	Michael Rocconi
Trustee (one year).....	Ben Bailey, III
Trustee (two year).....	Ron Koehler
Trustee (three year).....	Albert Rocconi, Jr.

The Following members served as committee chairmen:

Program Director.....	Doug Cocilova
Church Director.....	Vic Aguzzi
Community Director.....	Jerry Borgognoni
Council Director.....	Ron Koehler
Youth Director.....	Gary Gainspoletti
Family Director.....	Michael Aguzzi
Membership Director.....	Johnny Capocaccia

A summary of the program activities follows:

Church Activities:

1. Marian Hour of Prayer.
2. Mass said for Vocations.
3. Monetary support to the Parish Priest.
4. Donation to Priest Education Fund.
5. Knights assembled and removed the Parish outdoor Nativity scene.
6. Distributed vocation prayer cards at mass.
7. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard.
8. Held mass for "Pro-Life."
9. Brother Knights serve in many capacities of church activities such as: members of the pastoral Council, financial committee, ushers, lectors, choir, eucharistic ministers, CYO sponsors, teachers, etc.

Community Activities:

1. Raised money for the mental retardation program, receiving matching funds.
2. Held two blood drives during the year.
3. Promoted Columbus Day with message on local radio.

4. Made and delivered Christmas packages to Parchman Prison inmates.
5. Helped the Northwest Miss. Kid's Foundation raise money in the Cleveland area through sales of raffle tickets.
6. Donation made to Cleveland High Booster Club.
7. Donated food and cooked meal for youths from churches in our community who collected canned foods for the local Helping Hands Organization.
8. Individuals participating in leadership roles in the local community.

Council Activities:

1. Insurance night held for Knights and wives; insurance program, social and dance.
2. Published a quarterly newsletter.
3. Sponsor and maintain 1st Degree Team.
4. Sponsored 2 softball teams in the State Softball tournament.
5. Monthly supper and social held for Knights and prospects.
6. Held installation of Council Officers with social dinner for Knights and wives.
7. Organized and held four football pools on College games as fund raisers.
8. Sponsored spaghetti supper - served approximately 1550 people.
9. Allow use of K. C. Home at discount rates to aid fund raising groups.
10. Purchase ad in State Convention booklet.
11. Distributed Rosary cards and encouraged Knights to say the rosary.
12. Hosted the Annual State Softball Tournament.
13. Donated money to Muscular Dystrophy.

Family Activities:

1. Sponsored Memorial Mass for Deceased Members.
2. Selected a Family of the Month and a Family of the Year.
3. Sponsored a family breakfast.
4. Sponsored bocci tournament for members, wives, and guests.
5. Sent Get Well or Sympathy cards to sick Knights and their families.

Youth Activities:

1. Sponsored Local Free Throw Tournament.
2. Participated in State Free Throw Tournament.
3. Knight teaches and trains new altar servers.
4. Party for Altar Servers- encouraged and showed appreciation for their involvement in church.
5. Provided Santa Claus for the church youth Christmas party.
6. Knights participate as coaches in soccer, football, and baseball community youth program.
7. Knight teaches Hunter Safety Program for youth and adults in the community.
8. Help CYO with anything they request during the year". Knights serve as adult advisors.
9. Sponsored a youth to Girl's State.
10. Sponsored a youth to Boy's State.
11. Sponsored a girl to the Jr. Auxiliary Ball.

It has been an honor for me to serve as the Grand Knight of Cleveland Council 5556. A Grand Knight depends on the work and dedication of the Council's members. Our Council's success is attributed to those members whose tireless efforts continue to push us forward year after year. Thank you to all the officers, chairmen and Council members who supported me and all our activities. Special thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Vic Aguzzi, Jr. and District Deputy Ben Bailey, Jr. for their support and guidance. A very special thanks to all the wives who helped with the many projects and supported their husbands in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas J. Cocilova
Grand Knight

**F. L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654
Ocean Springs, Mississippi
Louis D'Andrea**

On July 5, 1995, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by the Worthy District Deputy Ted V. Knowles followed by a social/dinner for Brother Knights and wives at the Council Home.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Msgr. James J. Hannon
Grand Knight.....	Louis D'Andrea
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Carl Brochard
Financial Secretary.....	Irwin Obermufemann
Chancellor.....	Ben Trenough
Recorder.....	Steve Howell
Treasurer.....	Charles Nannery
Advocate.....	Fred Howell
Warden.....	Bernie McGinley
Inside Guard.....	August Brune
Outside Guard.....	Mark Toth
Trustees.....	1 year..... Ronald Brochard
	2 years..... Richard Tinsley
	3 years..... Antoine Otto

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director.....	Frank Szczepanski
Community.....	Thomas Galle
Council.....	Carl Brochard
Youth.....	Joe Niezgoda
Family.....	Richard Tinsley
Church Activities.....	F. L. Westbrook
Membership Director.....	Bernard McGinley

A summary of the program activities follows:

Church Activities:

1. Four Brother Knights serve as RCIA team leaders
2. Four Brother- Knights serve in choir
3. Two Brother Knights are instructors for CCD
4. One Brother- Knights serve on the Parish Council
5. One Brother Knight volunteers at least 30 hours a week helping out with various duties at the church
6. Donated \$1,000 to St. Alphonsus Scholarship Fund for under-privileged children to go to Catholic school
7. Brother Knights conducted blood drive for parish
8. Donated \$1,100 to the Priest Education Fund
9. Sponsored monthly Corporate Communion
10. Sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer
11. Prayed the Rosary every Wednesday during November
12. Provided liturgy team members: lector, commentators, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers and gift bearers each week

13. Presented State Deputy and State Membership Director to speak at all Sunday Masses
14. Presented vocations awareness night for CCD students
15. Provided coffee and doughnuts each Sunday after Mass
16. Sponsored large cross "Keep Christ in Christmas."
17. Donated \$500 at Christmas for poor families
18. Brother- Knights visit and take the Eucharist weekly to shut-ins
19. Brother Knights provided transportation for disabled persons to Sunday Mass
20. Sponsored erection of two monuments to the aborted unborn
21. Brother Knights attend monthly Mass at local nursing home
22. Brother Knights attend Christmas Mass and party at local nursing home
23. Donate bingo money in its entirety to charities (1 night monthly about \$500)
24. At least (4) Brother Knights serve as ushers at every Mass

Community Activities:

1. Held "Policeman and Fireman of the Year" (4) award/dinner.
2. Sponsored "Just Say No" drug awareness program with city police.
3. Held health program blood pressure, CPR treatment.
4. Helped support and maintain Domestic Abuse Family Shelter.
5. Held fund raisers for St. Vincent de Paul Society.
6. Participated in Tootsie Roll Drive.
7. Participated in Columbus Day Program.
8. Council sent sympathy cards and flowers to family members of sick or deceased Brother Knights.
9. Sponsors a weekly bingo.
10. Brother Knight assisting in building and repairing homes for Habitat for Humanity.
11. Sponsored drive to raise funds for research relating to lactic acidosis in children.
12. Donate services and provide food, ice, etc. to "Lord Is My Help" soup kitchen.
13. Provide use of the Council Hall every Sunday by the Ocean Springs High School.
14. Provide use of the Council Hall one night a month to the Ocean Springs School teachers.

Family Activities:

1. K.C. members presented anti-abortion programs for families and CCD students.
2. "Family of Month" awarded monthly.
3. Held a memorial service in November for deceased Knights at Council Home.
4. Sponsored social dinners monthly for the families of K.C. members.
5. In closing of these activities, we tell every member that this Council (F. L. Westbrook 5654) is a family participation Council—not just for the men.
6. Held Easter egg hunt.
7. Sponsored dinner/social welcoming State Deputy.

Youth Activities:

1. Support St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth Seton C.Y.O. for their mission activities in Mexico. (Held appreciation dinner in conjunction with Council 10499).
2. Let the Girl Scouts use the Council Home for various functions.
3. Sponsored youth dances.
4. Support the Squires in our Council Home.
5. Held "Free-Throw" contest.
6. Accompanied youth to "Free-throw" tournament.

Council Activities:

1. Held membership drive.
2. Held eight (8) initiations for 1st Degree.
3. Held two (2) 3rd Degree initiations.

There are many more worthy projects that we worked on and I would like to thank every member for all the support I have received this past year and for all of the tireless hours they have devoted to the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis D'Andrea
Grand Knight

**Shelby Council 6555
Shelby, Mississippi
Bruno Fava**

On July 8, 1995, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our worthy District Deputy Ben Bailey, Jr. with a social after the installation of officers.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain.....	Rev. James Carroll
Grand Knight.....	Bruno Fava
Deputy Grand Knight	Albert Pongetti
Chancellor	Victor Malatesta
Treasurer.....	Sam Mangialardi
Financial Secretary.....	Joe Radicioni
Advocate	Joe Capoccia
Warden.....	Joe Bramucchi
Inside Guard.....	Tippy Olivi
Outside Guard.....	Albert Malatesta
Trustee	David Malatesta
Trustee	Joseph Mangarelli
Trustee	Joe Fava

Church Activities:

1. Our Council members serve as lecturers, finance reporters, Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Serve on maintenance committee such as repair, maintain church grounds etc.
3. Made a donation of \$440 to the Priest Education Fund.
4. Donated \$125 to the success of the annual spaghetti dinner which is a fund raising project for the support of the church.
5. Accepted the responsibility of cleaning the hall and all of the cooking utensils and dishes and pans.

Community Activities:

1. Collected \$1140 during the Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally retarded.
2. Gave Christmas presents to the inmates at the state prison at Parchman, Mississippi.
3. Had a memorial service for all deceased brother Knights.
4. Gave a party for the altar boys and girls.
5. Sold a football pool which netted \$500 for the Council Charity Fund.
6. Also sponsored a Bocca tournament and invited members of the Council.

Fraternally Submitted,
Bruno Fava
Grand Knight

**Father Malachy Burns Council 6592
Bassfield, Mississippi
Chris Daley**

Grand Knight.....	Chris Daley
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Allen Aultman
Warden.....	Scottie Burns
Chancellor.....	Timothy G. Hathorn
Advocate.....	Todd Graves
Treasurer.....	Patrick S. Burns
Recorder.....	John P. Kirby
Financial Secretary.....	Robert H. Carr
Trustee.....	Robert L. Graves
Trustee.....	Ted L. Applewhite
Trustee.....	Charles A. Harrington
Chaplain.....	Father Cuddie
Inside Guard.....	James Stephens
Outside Guard.....	Eddie Daley

These officers were some of the best I have ever had the privilege of working with. I am proud of their service this year. Below are some of the projects we did this year:

Community Activities:

1. Blood Drive
2. Blood Drive
3. Held breakfast for the high school seniors

Church Activities:

1. Sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Dance—all the profits went to the church for payment of the new Parish Center.

Youth Activities:

1. Held Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish.
2. Christmas Party
3. Sponsor a free-throw for the children
4. Attended State free-throw contest

Council Activities:

1. Had a local law enforcement officer come give a talk on drugs in our county and the state.
2. Had a team in the state softball tournament in Cleveland.
3. Rented a bus for the people to see the Saints play.
4. Had a New Year's Eve Dance our 22nd Family Life.
5. Held a mass for Deceased members of our Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Daley
Grand Knight

**Father John P. Egan Council 6765
Starkville, Mississippi
John H. Beggs**

The 1995-1996 year has brought many changes within Council 6765 with the addition of 3 new members, 3 proposed for membership, 2 transfers and a mid-year change in Council leadership. The change in Council leadership came in the positions of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. The correct slate of officers is listed below. Although the relatively small size of our Council continues to hamper the quantity and quality of our services programs, we are making progress by continuing recently developed projects such as sponsoring a community-wide breakfast on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We are considering some new service projects, especially in the Youth area. We continue to try to meet the needs of St. Joseph parish through donations to needy parishioners, cleanup/maintenance of the church property and other parish life activities. Though we have been successful in the recruitment of new members, we are continuing to aggressively pursue potential Knights. We are also in the process of documenting our service projects so that participants in these projects will know exactly what needs to be done and what their individual responsibilities are. Our Council leadership feels that this is the most effective way to encourage Brother Knights to volunteer for a particular activity.

The following are the Council officers that were duly elected and installed by District Deputy, Reed S. Fontenot, III.

Grand Knight.....	John H. Beggs
Deputy Grand Knight	William J. Ebel
Financial Secretary.....	John D. Simmons
Treasurer.....	Wil White
Advocate	Richard Vasek
Recorder	Thomas Hannigan
Warden.....	James DeLouche
Chancellor	S. John Obringer
Trustees	Carey F. Cox
	Richard D. Benton
	James R. Heitz
Guards	Terry Engelken (Inside)
	Gregory Dunaway (Outside)

Some representative activities for Council 6765 are listed below:

Church Activities:

1. Church clean-up.
2. Lenten dinners.
3. Vocations rosary.
4. Marian Hour of Prayer.

Community Activities:

1. Blood drives.
2. Martin Luther King breakfast.

Council Activities:

1. Bi-monthly newsletter.
2. Super Bowl party.
3. Membership drive.

Family Activities:

1. Parish picnic.
2. Corporate communion.
3. Pro-Life billboard.

Youth Activities:

1. Financial and human support of CYO and CSA.
2. Altar server training.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Beggs
Grand Knight

Oscar J. Gelpi Council 6872
Picayune, Mississippi
E. J. (Jim) Lambert

Due to an early disruption in the Council, our programs were slow in getting started. The brothers of 6872 came together and we completed a fine program year. Last year we received the Star Council Award from Supreme, and Distinguished Council and Top Gun from the State. This year we should be in line for Distinguished Council and Star Council once again. Our programs include many of the same things 6872 has been doing for years, but the addition of the Altar Server Program and the Columbian Squire Circle has culminated this year into one of the finest and proudest in the history of this Council.

The following Knights are the officers of Council 6872

Grand Knight.....	Jim Lambert
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Joe Bruno
Chaplain.....	Father John Noone
Chancellor.....	Sidney Graf
Recorder.....	George Heikamp
Treasurer.....	Joe Dominick
Financial Secretary.....	L. J. Reiss
Advocate.....	D. Paul Kinler
Warden.....	Kenneth Bergeron
Inside Guard.....	Richard Planchard
Outside Guard.....	Tom DeCourcy
Trustee.....	Emile Vial
Trustee.....	Edward Arthur
Trustee.....	Jerald Hunter

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lambert
Grand Knight

**Father A. C. Denis Council 7087
Kiln, Mississippi
Ray A. Billeaud, Jr.**

Chaplain.....	Reverend Ivan J. Weis
Grand Knight.....	Ray A. Billeaud, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Campanali
Chancellor	Elbert Cuevas
Financial Secretary.....	Richard Hoda
Recorder	Scottie Cuevas
Treasurer.....	Mike Ladner
Advocate.....	Joe Cuevas
Warden.....	Larry Peterson
Trustee	O. J. Shiyou
Trustee	Ray A. Billeaud, III
Trustee	Wayne Cuevas

The Knights of Columbus Council 7087 has been active in all the activities of our order. I commend the members of the Kiln Council for their dedication and service.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray A. Billeaud, Jr.
Grand Knight

**Hernando Desoto Council 7120
Southaven, Mississippi
Jim Farris**

The election of officers for the year 1995-96 was held at the June business meeting. The following Brothers were elected to lead the Council:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Dermot Twomey
Grand Knight.....	Jim Farris
Deputy Grand Knight	Art Hermsdorfer
Financial Secretary.....	Dan Garrigan
Chancellor	Thomas (Doc) Brown
Recorder	Jim Brewington
Treasurer.....	Larry Campbell
Advocate.....	Jerry Jewett
Warden.....	Karl Lubbers
Inside Guard.....	Jim Beaty
Outside Guard.....	Vic Hagman
3 Year Trustee.....	Frank Miller
2 Year Trustee.....	Frank Dominioni
1 Year Trustee.....	Tim Grillo

In addition to our regular monthly activities of Corporate Communion and the Rosary before Mass, Pancake Breakfast for the Priest Education Fund (which raised \$500 this year), and the Rosary before each business meeting for vocations, the Council had the following activities:

August

1. The Tootsie Roll drive netted some \$2692.21 for Desoto Industries this year.
2. A Brother Knight was Santa at their Christmas Party, enjoyed by all present.
3. During August an open house for prospective members was held and a First degree later in the month.
4. Members sponsored a outing for the Altar Servers.
5. We had a Paint-up, Fix-up for the Parish Hall.

September

1. One of our quarterly "Family of the Month" awards was presented.
2. Members took parish youths to a baseball game.

October

1. The annual Religious Appreciation Dinner for the priest, sisters and brothers in our area was held.
2. We cooked out for "Youth Day" celebration.

November

1. We sponsored a Mass for our Deceased brothers and treated their widows to dinner afterward.
2. Our Quarterly "Family of the Month" award was given.
3. The annual Christmas Tree Drive kicks off.
4. Took youths to New Orleans for Pro Football game.

December

1. We held a prayer service in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
2. The Christmas Tree sales netted a profit of \$2228 each for Christ the King Church and the Council.
3. The Council also sponsored a fund raiser for a Brother Knight who was in a serious industrial accident.
4. Our annual Christmas Party was a fitting climax to a good year.

January

1. We held another membership drive that gained one new member.
2. Our Quarterly "Family of the Month" award was given.
3. Pro-Life crosses were erected, and a prayer service was held for the unborn.
4. We lost a brother Knight to Death in January, Brother Tony Rizzo.

February

1. February was the month for our annual Knights and Ladies Valentine's Dinner.
2. Members installed new parking lot lighting at the church.

March

1. We held two fish fries after the Friday Lenten services. Other Knights provided Lenten meals on the remaining Fridays.
2. We worked with the Lady Knights at their "Craft Fair" by providing a concession booth.
3. Several of the Brothers are involved in work with the youth of the parish.
4. Members helped with the "Spring-Fest" at the parish, and upkeep of the parish grounds and buildings.

I would like to thank all those who worked on the various projects and made them the success they were. I look forward to a better year in 1996-97

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Farris
Grand Knight

**Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Council 7211
Lumberton, Mississippi
Wilson John, Sr.**

In August 1995, the duly elected officers of Council 7211 were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Curt Stasny. The following officers were installed:

Grand Knight.....	Wilson John, Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Hubert Byrd, Jr.
Financial Secretary.....	Charles (Doug) Bounds
Chancellor	Frank Niemeyer, Jr.
Recorder	John Bennett
Treasurer.....	Charles Boyer
Advocate	Vernon (Joe) Necaise
Warden.....	Lawrence Schlautman
Lecturer	Dr. Charles (Doc)Wagner
Trustee	Dr. Charles (Doc) Wagner
Trustee	Preston Stuit
Trustee	Dale Edward Firmin
Chaplain.....	Father Clark Bearden

The following members were appointed to serve as Program Directors;

Program Director.....	Curt Stasny
Church Director	Hubert Byrd, Jr.
Community Director.....	Charles (Doug) Bounds
Council Director.....	Wilson John, Sr.
Family Director.....	Charles Boyer
Youth Director.....	Dale Firmin
Membership Director.....	Preston Stuit

A Summary of the Program Activities are as follows:

Church Activities:

1. Council fixed air conditioning and replaced lights at St. Joseph's in Poplarville.
2. Several of the Council members are Cursillo Team Leaders and encourage other members to make a Cursillo.
3. Council raised \$210.00 for the Cursillo Movement of Miss.
4. Council held a Benefit Dinner to raise money to fix the rectory.
5. Council repaired and serviced fire extinguishers at three Church buildings.
6. Council held a Donut Sale for the Saltillo Mission.
7. Council donated funds to the Priest Education Fund.
8. Council held a clean-up day at Church.

9. Council hung sheetrock and painted the walls at the Rectory.
10. Council cleaned out the Rectory garage, fixed the roof and garage door opener.
11. Council installed new P.A. system in Church.
12. Council installed speakers in both churches.
13. Council put new doors on the church in Poplarville.
14. Council built trash dumpster for St. Joseph's.
15. Council built the fence for the rectory.
16. Council donated money to the Altar Society.

Community Activities:

1. Council donated bedding to the jail in Poplarville.
2. Council raised money for the Tootsie Roll Drive.
3. Council distributed 3,000 lbs of food.
4. Council adopt Median on Main Street in Lumberton.
5. Council built a wheel chair ramp for the elderly.
6. Council fixed roof for Tornado victim.
7. Council fixed floor in elderly couples home.
8. Council donated and installed sound system in Mentally Retarded Facility.
9. Council furnished building supplies to abused Mother so she could move to safer place.
10. Council brought food to wife of suicide victim.
11. Council provided Circus Tickets to handicapped.
12. Council donated to the Adventist Health Center.
13. Council donated to the Northeast Volunteer Fire Dept.
14. Council provided plaques to The St. Vincent De Paul Society and presented awards at Mass.
15. Council held a Donut Sales and Fund Raiser for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.
16. Knights joined the Chamber of Commerce in Poplarville, which Chamber President is a Knight.
17. Council held a Benefit Bingo and Donut Sale for Celena Cupit.

Family Life Activity:

1. A Memorial Mass was held for deceased members.
2. Council brought food and paid the Doctor bill for Christine Skelly.
3. Council supplied food, medicine, hotel and bus fare to the Paula Traux Family.
4. Council supplied food, gas and clothing to Becky Graham.
5. Council supplied food to Ruth Butler.
6. Council erected 4,400 crosses at St. Joseph's.
7. Council built permanent Memorial.
8. Council raised money and baby items for the Morning Star Pregnancy Center.
9. Council participated and promoted Pro-Life Chain.
10. Council loaded, bundled and unloaded 4,400 crosses to Wiggins.
11. Council cooked, served and donated food at the church picnic.

Youth Activity:

1. Council started a Squires Circle.
2. Council sponsored Youth softball.
3. Council held Easter Egg Hunt.
4. Council sponsored trip to Picayune.
5. Council provided money & counselor for Catholic Youth Ministries.
6. Council donated money and attended Scout Troop Dinner.
7. Council donated money and provided concessions for the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon.
8. Council supported the Summer School of Religion.
9. Council donated money to the Funds For Fun Day at Poplarville Lower Elementary.

Council Activity:

1. Held membership drive.
2. Published newsletter.
3. Held KC barbecue.
4. Held KC wild pig roast..
5. Held reception for the State Deputy.
6. Council assisted District Deputy #6 with membership drive and information night in Wiggins and Lucedale.
7. Council honored Joe Necaise with a Youth Award.
8. Council donated Donuts to Wiggins and Lucedale for 1st Fund Raiser.
9. Council held Breakfast for Bishop Howze after the Dedication of the Memorial Mass.
10. Council held St. Patrick's dinner Bash.
11. Council entered Scrapbook competition.

In closing, I would like to thank our priest, Father Clark, all the Knights, and our District Deputy, Curt Stasny for the rebirth of our Council this year. It has been a pleasure serving as Grand Knight of Council 7211 O.L.P.H.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilson John, Sr.
Grand Knight

**Holy Savior Council 7854
Clinton, Mississippi
Lloyd T. Everhardt**

In our Fifteenth Program Year, the following served as officers and Committee Chairmen:

Officers

Chaplain.....	Rev. Noel Prendergast
Grand Knight.....	Lloyd Everhardt
Deputy Grand Knight	Fred Roquemore
Chancellor	Charlie Collins
Financial secretary	Ray R. Rabert
Warden.....	Allen Scottle
Treasurer.....	Brian Bowers
Recorder	Rockie Kuntsmann
Advocate	Paul Backes
Trustee 3 years	Ferdie Callegan
Trustee 2 years	Jack Kolka
Trustee 1 year	Peter Villari

Committee Chairmen

Program Director.....	Jack Kolka
Membership Director.....	Fred Roquemore
Church Activities.....	Arnie Senger
Youth Activities.....	Brian Bowers
Family Activities.....	Rookie Kuntsmann
Council Activities.....	Charlie Collins
Community Activities.....	Jim Jeff

The focus of Holy Savior Council during the year has been new membership. We have 5 new members in our Council. We are very proud of the Knights of Columbus in our parish for their support in all areas including church, community, Council, youth and family activities. A summary of our activities are as follows:

Church Activities:

1. Members serve on Financial Committee.
2. Members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Acolytes and Lecturers at daily and weekly Masses.
3. Organize and conduct parish Barbecue.
4. Participate in Parish Blood Drive.
5. Decorate church during Christmas.
6. Construct picnic tables for church grounds.

Community Activities:

1. Organize and conduct Tootsie Roll Drive.
2. Members coach and assist in community sports program.
3. Members participate in annual Christmas Parade.
4. Members assist with meals-on-wheels delivering meals to shut-ins.
5. Members assist 4 C's in Clinton.

Council Activities:

1. Attended Mid Winter Meeting.
2. Attendance and participation in 1995 State Convention.
3. Sponsored, organized and conducted state-wide golf tournament and dinner for Adoption Option through Catholic Charities.

Youth Activities:

1. Members serve as Scout Masters for Boy Scouts.
2. Members assist in annual Boy Scout and Cub Scout spaghetti supper.
3. Assist in annual Boy Scout fund drive.
4. Sponsor C.Y.O and Jr. C.Y.O.
5. Serve as committee members on Boy Scouts' Troop Committee.

Family Activities:

1. Sponsor Quarterly Wives' Night Out.

A special thanks to those who give their time and talent. We are looking forward to a very active 1996-97 to help serve the spirit of our brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd T. Everhardt
Grand Knight

**Father Harry Wade Council 7910
Orange Grove, Mississippi
John R. Ward**

As Grand Knight for the past 3 years, I have worked hard and diligently for council 7910. I feel a lot has been accomplished. We have grown in numbers, and in faith, and have grown in involvement in our many projects. We have evolved into a group that can work together. It has truly been an honor to serve this great council.

Officers of council 7910 were properly installed at st. Joseph's Sunday, August 5, 1995, after the 10:30 Mass, by our District Deputy, Daniel Lechner.

Our officers for 95-96 are:

Chaplain.....	Rev. Antone J. Lynch
Grand Knight.....	John R. Ward
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Arnold Lee Fuller
Chancellor.....	Rick A. McDaniel
Financial Secretary.....	Daniel A. Squillante
Treasurer.....	Willie R. Fernandez
Warden.....	Danny I. Durkee
Recorder.....	Brendan P. Davidson
Advocate.....	Robert G. Stalnaker
Inside Guard.....	Tommy Cullinan
Outside Guard.....	David North
Trustee (3 Year).....	John Leonard
Trustee (2 Year).....	Peter Baas
Trustee (1 Year).....	Hugh Moran

Program Director: Arnold Lee Fuller

1. Assisted on all programs in the Council.
2. Followed through on all reports to be submitted.

Church Activities: E.J. Roberts, Chairman

1. Annual Marian Hour of Prayer.
2. Assisted and supported St. Vincent de Paul.
3. Prepared meal for RCIA candidates.
4. Monetary support of a seminarian participation in RCIA as instructors.
5. Provided coffee and donuts for parish anniversary.

Community Activities: Gerald Schmuck, Chairman

1. Support gulf coast battered women.
2. Support Morning Star.
3. Support Toys for Tots.
4. Sponsor blood drive.
5. Visit sick and elderly.
6. Support Special Olympics.
7. Active in PPP program at school.
8. Christmas in April for the needy.

Council Activities: Lee Fuller, Chairman

1. Membership drive.
2. Quarterly newsletter.
3. Fraternal benefits night.
4. Social each month.
5. Knight of the Month.
6. Donation of books to library.
7. Solicit ads for parish handbook.
8. Building of softball field.
9. 16 Knights participated in Living Way of the Cross.
10. Built baptismal pool.
11. Monetary support to our priest.
12. monetary support to St. Joseph.

Family Activities: Joel Varnado, Chairman

1. Life Chain
2. Pro-Life rally
3. Memorial Mass
4. Family of the Month
5. Corporate communion Mass
6. Assisted a needy family

Youth Activities: Todd Stoner, Chairman

1. Sponsor and support CYO.
2. Easter egg hunt.
3. Youth has CYO youth Mass monthly.
4. Sponsor Pee Wee football team.
5. Sponsor and coach girls' softball team CYO dance.
6. Appreciation certificates for altar servers.
7. Free throw contest.

**Brookhaven Council 7915
Brookhaven, Mississippi
Aaron Achord**

Another year has come, and Brookhaven Council 7915 continues to grow in the true virtues of Columbianism. With everyone working together we were able to accomplish many of our goals for the year.

Installation was held at Mass at St. Francis of Assisi with District Deputy Warren Dorion presiding. Installed were the following:

Chaplain.....	Father Liam Pentony
Grand Knight.....	Aaron Achord
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Jim Craig
Chancellor.....	Hollis Cowen
Lector.....	Victor Becker
Financial Secretary.....	Richard Boyd
Recorder	Glenn Bodin
Warden	Nick Battaglia
Treasurer.....	Paul Reuter
Advocate	Bynum Meeks
Inside Guard.....	Ben Williams
Outside Guard.....	Chris Delaughter
Trustee	Thomas Corken
Trustee	Thomas Phillips
Trustee	Wade Ditcharo

We continued our work in the area of promoting family unity with our Quarterly Corporate Communion and Brunch. Under the direction of Brother Knight Joe Bonfiglio, we obtained our all time high of \$4000 for the Tootsie Roll Drive.

We held our annual crawfish boil with over 1500 pounds of crawfish boiled.

In October our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was held and enjoyed by all. Our Christmas Party was held at Brother Knight David Phillips and enjoyed by all who attended. Again Brookhaven Council's representative (Craig Smith, son of Brother Knight Mark Smith) brought home the Free Throw trophy for the ten year olds.

Again we spread the word of Columbianism and the Catholic church at Brookhaven's annual Ole Brook Festival. We have become the tent to find the beignets and good fellowship.

After much discussion and work our goal of organizing a Round Table at Magee has become a reality, proving once again that hard work does pay.

We again had two deaths to report in our Council, Brothers Phillip C. Case and Jimmy A. Serio.

I would be remiss in my report without thanking all those who have been of assistance to me through the year. A special heartfelt thanks to friend and Brother Knight, Joe Bonfiglio, who was forever there to keep me on the right track.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Achord
Grand Knight

**W.H. (Bill) Jolly Council 7974
Columbus, Mississippi
Edward G. Evans, Jr.**

On July 22, 1995, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Reed A. Fontenot III. A dinner followed and was enjoyed by members and their families. The following men were elected and served during the past year:

Grand Knight.....	Edward G. Evans Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Walter Bjorklund
Chancellor	Michael Gary
Treasurer.....	Kurt Dobbelt
Recorder	Joseph Haftek
Financial Secretary.....	Joe Wilkins
Advocate	Bob Johnson
Warden.....	Frank Zaiontz
Inside Guard.....	Cliff Sedberry
Outside Guard.....	Johnny Dagress
Trustees	Ralph Corrado
.....	Eugene Hicks
.....	Tony Torrez

A brief summary of our activities for the year 1995-1996:

Church Activities: Ralph Corrado, Director

1. Sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer
2. Painted inside of Church Activities Building
3. Had Mass said for deceased members
4. Said the Rosary for Vocations monthly
5. Retreat to Cullman Alabama for two days

Community Activities: Eugene Hicks, Director

1. Donated \$100 to the Ladies Auxiliary
2. Held a Spaghetti Supper
3. Tootsie Roll drive
4. Blood Drive
5. Donation to Parish member

Council Activities: Tony Torrez, Director

1. Membership Drive
2. Installation of Officers
3. Celena Cupit donation
4. Set-up of Activities Center for functions

Family Activities: Darrel Forrester, Director

1. Family of the Month
2. Games during Parish Picnic
3. Assisted in funeral expenses for parishioner
4. City Pro-Life Rally

Youth Activities: Timmy Beatty, Director

1. Savings Bond to Annunciation School student
2. Moved pool table for Parish
3. Free Throw contest
4. Angel Tree for needy children of the community

These are just a few of the many activities our Council Members were involved in this past fraternal year. I would like to take this time to Thank all Brother Knight in Council 7974 for the support they have given me. May God Bless all of you!

Respectfully submitted,
Edward G. Evans Jr.
Grand Knight

**St. Jude Centennial Council 8038
Pearl, Mississippi
Natale Zummo**

The following Council officers were elected in June 1995, and installed by our District Deputy Natale J. Zummo and Father Martin Ruane.

Grand Knight.....	Natale Zummo
Financial Secretary.....	Gordon Cowie
Deputy Grand Knight.....	L. C. Guillotte
Chancellor.....	Gene Trahan
Recorder.....	James Dunn
Treasurer.....	Paul Fontana
Advocate.....	Freddie Roberts
Warden.....	Voyed Couey
Trustee (one year).....	Leroy Hebert
Trustee (two years).....	Bill Garriga
Trustee (three years).....	Chester Bellard

The Council's goals for the year was to increase membership, community involvement, and to be in Solidarity with our Priest. The following is a list of major projects of Council 8038 for 1995-1996.

Church Activities:

1. Participation in the life of the parish (Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir members, CCD, Adult Enrichment, Parish Council and RCIA)
2. Maintain Church's grounds and facilities
3. Knight members attend Church Mission
4. Marian Hour of Prayer
5. Assist in Church Christmas Decorations
6. Priest Education Fund Donation

Community Activities:

1. Tootsie Roll Drive
2. Habitat for Humanity
3. Blood Drives

4. KC sponsored Drug Awareness Program for 50+ group
5. Visits to sick and elderly
6. KC sponsors volunteers for Crisis Hot Line
7. KC members assist in Lenten Supper

Council Activities:

1. Participate Supreme V.I.P. Program
2. Sponsor 2 First Degree Teams
3. Quarterly Socials
4. Membership Drive in Forest
5. Fraternal Benefits Information Night
6. KC sponsored Church Bingo
7. On-going Pray Rosary after each meeting
8. Sponsor Lenten Supper

Family Activities:

1. Crawfish Boil
2. On-going Family of the Month
3. On-going Family Assistance
4. Quarterly KC Family Corporate Communion
5. KC promotes "Jackson Biggest Baby Shower
6. KC sponsors Pancake Breakfast

Youth Activities:

1. On-going CYO support
2. On-going actively participate in community youth programs (coaching soccer, baseball, softball)
3. Sponsor Local Free-Throw Contest
4. On-going work with Reach Program
5. Replaced and Repaired basketball goal for Youth
6. Knights sponsor Toys for Tots Drive
7. Participated in District Free-Throw

It has been a great honor for me to serve as Grand Knight of Council 8038 for 1995-1996. The efforts put forth by the Brother Knights of 8038 has been an inspiration to me. I would like to thank all my Brother Knights for making this a great and successful year.

Respectively submitted,
Natale J. Zummo
Grand Knight

**Charles R. Brill Council 8054
McComb, Mississippi
Mike Lensing**

The roster of officers were elected to the office indicated on May 16, 1995.

Grand Knight.....	Mike Lensing
Deputy Grand Knight	Larry Foulk
Chancellor	Vince Culotta
Recorder	Bill Hogan
Treasurer.....	Mitch Bellipanni
Advocate	Dennis Dunn
Warden.....	Cleston Savoie
Inside Guard.....	Ron LaBruyer, SFO

The Board of Trustees are:

Grand Knight (Ex Officio).....	Mike Lensing
Three year term.....	Bill Garner
Two year term.....	Keith Wall
One year term.....	Joe Serio

Serving at the Supreme Knight's pleasure is:

Financial Secretary.....	Harry Creagan
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Appointed by the Supreme Knight are:

Chaplain.....	Fr. Don Deriveaux
Lector.....	Rev. Bill Englehart

The Charles Brill Council was at a turning point starting the new year. Membership was low, finances were drained, attitudes were down and concern for the continued operation of the Council was faced.

Fellowship was placed at high priority. Meeting location, goals, and activities were all changed.

Some would state the Council started very slowly and without a lot of structure. Attendance at meetings increased. Only projects the members really wanted were attempted. The old, with some new, core Knights began to come forward.

I believe we have a strong Council that seeds and can be strengthened in coming years. One that has the finances to whatever it likes.

Below are some of the projects we did with pride and satisfaction:

1. Added four new members
2. Donated to youth cattle programs
3. Hosted annual spaghetti dinner
4. Helped on the Mentally Retarded Drive
5. Hosted a Sweetheart's Dance
6. Donated to the Priest Education Fund
7. Held Altar server's banquet
8. Ran a Super Bowl jackpot
9. Held a raffle
10. Provided pallbearers for the Sisters at Chatawa

I would especially like to express our Council's appreciation to these State Officers:

Our District Deputy, Curt Stasny, was always there and willing to help in any way. Dennis Riecke did much more as the Mississippi Membership Director than you know. Our four new members are really thanks to him. He worked for them and gave them direction.

Jim Rigby, I hope, actually sold some insurance. I saw him spend a lot of time trying to keep us together.

I don't know why, but the biggest surprise and thanks goes to the State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III. He gave us important meetings as well as his limited time to help McComb. We need more Knights like him.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lensing
Grand Knight

**St. Therese Council 8285
Jackson, Mississippi
Richard T. Lieding**

St. Therese Council 8285 had a very successful 1995-1996 fraternal year. Many members of our Council and their families worked long and hard hours at our activities and fundraisers. Three Brother Knights are especially deserving of mention for work above and beyond the call of duty. These men are my Financial Secretary and Past Grand Knight, Roy Patterson; my Chancellor and Church Director, Marvin Cannon; and my Family Director, Doug Simmons. I deeply appreciate the work these men and all of my Brother Knights have done.

The following Brother Knights were chosen to serve as officers for the 1995-1996 fraternal year:

Chaplain.....	Fr. Tom Lalor
Grand Knight.....	Richard T. Lieding
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Mike Kirby
Chancellor.....	Marvin Cannon
Recorder.....	Stan Martin
Financial Secretary.....	Roy Patterson
Treasurer.....	George Hanell
Advocate.....	Mike Harkins
Warden.....	Elmer Solomon
Inside Guard.....	Louis Covert
Outside Guard.....	J. D. Marsh
Trustee 3rd Year.....	David Longo
Trustee 2nd Year.....	Gary Bakros
Trustee 1st Year.....	Rick Gaspard

This past fraternal year, our activities have been strong and well balanced between each of the five program areas. I was pleased that our business meetings had an average increase of 40% in members attending. Our suspension rate was one of the lowest in Council history. On the other hand, recruitment efforts have lagged and need to be improved in the coming fraternal year.

Highlights of our activities this past year are listed below.

Church Activities:

1. Marian Hour of Prayer
2. Priest Appreciation Fish Fry
3. Sponsoring Fr. Jerry Mattingly's ordination reception
4. Maintaining Rectory grounds
5. Guard the Cross on Holy Thursday

Community Activities:

1. Support of Sim's House for abused women
2. Quarterly Blood Drive
3. Rummage Sale for Prison Ministry
4. Lenten Fish Fry to benefit Birthright
5. Christmas Party for Parish

Council Activities:

1. Sponsorship of 1st Degree Team
2. Men's "Knight" out at the Generals
3. Memorial rosary for Supreme Advocate Donlin
4. On-going fundraisers at the Coliseum in Jackson

Family Activities:

1. Quarterly Corporate Communion
2. Annual picnic
3. Family "Knight" out at the Generals
4. Memorial Mass for deceased members
5. Flowers given to Mothers on Mother's Day

Youth Activities:

1. Acolyte reception
2. Auction to benefit school
3. Poster/Essay Contest for Catholic Schools Week
4. Annual Free-Throw contest
5. Annual dance for the disabled

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Lieding
Grand Knight

**St. Joseph's Council 8760
Holly Springs, Mississippi
Cecil C. Jones**

The Knights below were duly elected to serve as officers for St. Joseph's Council 8760 for the 1995-96 Fraternal Year. They were formally installed in ceremony by District Deputy, Keith Merritt.

The following persons were installed as indicated:

Grand Knight.....	Cecil C. Jones
Deputy Grand Knight	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Chancellor	David L. Stratman
Treasurer.....	James Rayford, Sr.
Recorder	Derrick Richmond
Financial Secretary.....	Ralph Howard
Advocate	Al Hammer
Warden.....	Ron Kopacz
Trustee	Claude L. Vinson, Jr.
Trustee	Eddie Dixon
Trustee	Felix Osuji
Inside Guard.....	Jevon Adkins
Outside Guard.....	Lashon Adkins

Membership:

Council 8760's new member recruiting results have been bleak during period. However, with the assistance of new District Deputy, Bob Hudson, some prospects have materialized.

Church Activities:

1. Members serve as lecturers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and are members of the church choir.
2. Repainted church bell.
3. Provided games for Parish picnic.
4. Cleaned church patio.
5. Prepared food for church anniversary celebration.
6. Members serve on Pastoral Council and Liturgy/Evangelization Committees.

Community Activities:

1. Sponsored Youth league basketball team.
2. Presented check to Region II Mental Health Center.
3. Member/spouse are instrumental in the operation of the Food Pantry for the needy.
4. Members assisted the Historical Society with a fund raiser.
5. Member donated time and talent to refurbishing the Homeless Shelter.
6. Members participate in the Habitat for Humanity program..
7. Members held Fish Fry to benefit Special Olympics.

Family Activities:

1. Council participates in the Family of the Month program.
2. Selected and honored the Family of the Year. The Kuljis Family was so honored.
3. Held pancake breakfast for all mothers of the Parish on Mother's Day.

Council Activities:

1. Began remodeling old Parish Hall for Council Home.
2. Held Pancake Brunch for 50th Anniversary of member/Spouse.
3. Held Fish Fry to raise funds for Priest Education Fund.
4. Held banquet for Officer Installation.
5. Conducted Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
6. Selected and honored Knight of the Year.
7. Held fifth Annual Awards Banquet.

Youth Activities:

1. Held local Free-Throw Tournament for youth.
2. Member is CYO Advisor and participates with LifeTeen on a continuous basis.
3. Held "Morning with Santa" for youth of the community.
4. Made donation to CYO.
5. Contributed to the Band Boosters Club.
6. Took local winners to participate in District Free-Throw Tournament.
7. Provided transportation for participants to compete in State Free-Throw Tournament.

Summary:

Although Council 8760 has not been as active this past fraternal year as in some years past, it is still thriving and striving. It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight this past year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of St. Joseph's Council. In addition, we have been honored with visits from State Deputy Bubba Quinn, III as well as our District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil C. Jones
Grand Knight

**Father Robert Reitmeier Council 8848
Tupelo, Mississippi
Salvatore Tomaso**

With the guidance of the holy spirit, Council 8848 had a very successful year.

Chaplain.....	Rev. Meyrl Schmit
Grand Knight.....	Salvatore (Bud) Tomaso
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Rob Hudson
Chancellor.....	Ken Leick
Financial Secretary.....	Myron Suchanick
Recorder.....	Troy Baumann
Treasurer.....	Paul Robison
Warden.....	Steve Torrent
Advocate.....	Mike Tapscott
Inside Guard.....	Billy Hoing
Outside Guard.....	Bob McDade
Trustee.....	William Kordik
Trustee.....	Keith Merritt
Trustee.....	Pickens Noble
Program Director.....	Reed Fontenot
Church Director.....	Bud Tomaso
Community Director.....	Marcel Crudele
Council Director.....	Keith Merritt
Family Director.....	Ron Garner
Youth Director.....	Terry Barber
Membership Director.....	Rob Hudson
Lecturer.....	Jim Pogue

With the help and support of the officers and the members of our Council, we planned and carried out the following activities:

Church Activities:

1. Several members participate in the life of the parish.
2. Sponsored rosary for vocations before all Masses on the fourth Sunday of each month.
3. Sponsored 10:30 a.m. Mass in which all brothers performed the ministries. This is done quarterly.
4. Council sponsored a retreat at Cullman, Alabama for 18 men.
5. Sponsored the Marian Hour of Prayer.
6. Organized and delivered food and gifts for Christmas Care Tree.
7. Council sponsored and prayed stations of the cross for parish during lent.

Community Activities:

1. Members visit the sick and elderly.
2. Members participate in leadership roles in the community.
3. Parish-wide program on living wills and durable power of attorney.
4. Conducted Tootsie Roll Drive.
5. Fed 100 children at Children's Mansion, an orphanage.
6. Invited the Mayor of Tupelo to speak to members of our parish.
7. Fire chief spoke to parish on home fire safety.
8. Sponsored parish CPR program.
9. Community beautification program, picking up trash on road.

Council Activities:

1. Council sponsors certified first degree team.
2. Council sponsors a monthly newsletter.
3. Council participates in knight of the quarter and year.
4. Council provides name badges for all new members.
5. Renovated a trailer concession stand to raise funds for Council.
6. Several members held leadership roles in the community.
7. Council sponsors deli tray/social before meetings.
8. Brother knights attend annual convention.
9. Participate in state golf tournament.
10. Spaghetti fund raiser for general operation budget.
11. Sponsored cook out to celebrate installation of officers.
12. Membership drive sponsored at all masses.
13. First degree exemplification. 8/24/95 & 8/28/95
14. Hosted district one district meeting.
15. First degree exemplification 9/28/95.
16. Council prepared parish hall for parish mission.
17. Council prepared dinner for over 300 for parish mission.
18. Christmas banquet to honor 19 men for up to 58 years as knights.
19. First degree 1/14/96 eight new members.
20. First degree 2/8/96 two new members
21. Membership drive open house 32 attended.
22. Cooked and served meals for parish after Lenten services.
23. First degree 3/14/96 five new members.

Family Activities:

1. Present the family of the month during Sunday mass.
2. Quarterly corporate communion.
3. Assisted needy family: fund raiser for Celina Cupit \$610.
4. Presented family of the year, altar server of the year and knight of the year at Sunday mass.
5. Held memorial mass for deceased brothers.
6. Brothers attended pro life rally in Jackson.

Youth Activities:

1. Members participate in community youth programs(coach basketball, conduct CYO, etc.)
2. Members organized a pancake breakfast fund raiser for CYO.
3. Council sponsored a lunch and presented crucifixes to graduating seniors.
4. Council fed junior CYO and parents at organizational meeting.
5. Held a squires formation meeting.
6. Sponsored "holiday magic circus" fund raiser and donated tickets to needy children.
7. Held Christmas party for handicapped children at McDougal Center.
8. Sponsored free throw contest.
9. Presented altar server of the year at mass.
10. Held first squires organizational meeting.

We look forward to the convention and another outstanding year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud Tomaso
Grand Knight

**St. James The Less Council 8912
Corinth, Mississippi
James Leatherwood**

Grand Knight.....	James Leatherwood
Deputy Grand Knight	Henry Meeks
Financial Secretary.....	Matt Czamkie
Treasurer.....	John Winterschadit
Warden.....	Louis Cardova
Recorder	Henry Meeks
Advocate	James Leatherwood
Trustees	Bob Iouser
.....	Jack Hora
.....	Tommy Thompson
Tootsie Roll Chairman	John Winterschadit

Council Activities:

We started off the year well with Council support and participation in a golf tournament. We installed the above officers in July. They were installed by Reed Fontenot, District Deputy District 1.

Work continued on the parking lot, and we held two fundraisers which helped two members go to a School of Columbanism. Sponsored a membership drive with Jesse Quinn, III, along with Membership Chairman, Dennis Riecke. These two fine men put on an excellent program and addressed the parish after Mass, then attended a breakfast which Council 8912 sponsored.

Church Activities:

Help the CYO to put on the annual Christmas Program. Each month of the year we had Eucharist Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Also help with the play ground for the church.

Family Activities:

In September we cleaned up the church and grounds so we could sponsor the annual church picnic. Had a Memorial service for all deceased members.

Youth Activities:

Work hand in hand with the CYO to help them overcome a few problems. As mentioned the play ground should be finished sometime this year. Also helped the CYO to sponsor a pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Community Activities:

Donated monies to the local chapter of the "Right to Life" and supported the "Amen," which is a soup kitchen for the needy in the community. Lead the State in money raised in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, per member, of which 70% went to Timberhills Mental Health Center. Also sent out 52 get well cards and 15 sympathy cards to the community.

Fraternaly yours,
James Leatherwood
Grand Knight

**Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094
D'Iberville, Mississippi
Greg Davis**

It is my pleasure to report the officers and a few activities of Council 9094 for the year 1995-1996.

The following officers were installed August, 1995 by District Deputy Dan Lechner.

Grand Knight.....	Greg Davis
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Timmons
Financial Secretary.....	John Radich
Chancellor	Lonnie Arnold
Recorder	Ron Baldwin
Treasurer.....	Art Dunn
Advocate	Jim Fleenor
Warden.....	Milton Schoendorf
Inside Guard.....	John Cucuzza
Outside Guard.....	Tom Clayton
One-Year Trustee	Cecil Krohn
Two-Year Trustee.....	Ed Creech
Three-Year Trustee	Larry Tabor

I am proud to report that Council 9094 has the support of the priest from Sacred Heart, Father McDermott.

After coming out of debt a few years ago, our Council has continued to grow financially. This financial growth has benefited our school here at Sacred Heart, St. Vincent DePaul, and the Parish. Our Council has many fundraisers, but the two we rely on most is our annual weekly drawdown and the Christmas Craft Show.

Brother Knights can be found involved in every aspect of church activities from bringing Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of the Parish and community to the annual Parish Bazaar which consists mostly of Knights and their families. We are readers, commentators, ushers, Eucharist Ministers, and collection counters. The Council also provides dinners for the RCIA and Confirmation class each year.

I think one of the most important roles our Council is involved with is the youth in our Parish and the community. We adopted the school at Sacred Heart. Many of our Knights donated countless hours of maintenance and time to the construction of the school's new computer room. Sister Joan, the Principal, and the students of Sacred Heart have thanked us with cards and banners. Some of the Knights and their wives are CCD Teachers, Confirmation and RCIA Sponsors, and CYO Coordinators.

Cub Scout Pack 226 has found a new home at Sacred Heart Parish with sponsorship from Council 9094. We have helped in the success of their Pinewood Derby and the Annual Blue & Gold Banquet. Our annual KC Free-Throw was a huge success this year with about 32 kids participating. Pizza and soft drinks were provided.

Every now and then the Council likes to pat itself on the back for a job well done. So we have family get-togethers, steak night, etc. The 2nd meeting of the month is cut short to provide a social for Brothers to bond with one another. I think everyone looks forward to this meeting. We have enrolled KC members and their families in the Sacred Heart League for the sick or deceased.

In closing, I know there is much left unmentioned. But, if there is one thing to be said for my Brother Knights of Council 9094, it that the Spirit of Columbanism can be seen and felt in whatever they do and wherever they are.

Council 9094 would also like to say "THANKS" to their wives and family for the support we receive from them.

Fraternally submitted,
Greg Davis
Grand Knight

**St. Mary's Council 9124
Gautier, Mississippi
Don Tiblier**

When I took over as Grand Knight this year, the Council was at a low ebb due to some members moving away, and also due to a lack of new members. I made attendance at meetings and getting new members my top priorities, as only a handful showed up at the first meeting in July.

With the help of my Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director, John O'Dwyer, along with help from many other members. We revived a somewhat dead Council, increasing meeting attendance to an average of about 15-20 all year. Our Chaplain, Fr. Michael Kelleher, attended many meetings. We have taken in 17 new members to date, in addition to several re-instatements and transfers. One new member is a seminarian. Several others are young men in their early 20s. The rest are all ages. Several have stepped in to become Officers and/or Program Chairmen during the year.

The Knights undertook many existing and new projects around the church and community. We had a monthly corporate communion monthly all year long. While we have had this in the past, we rotated among the Saturday and two Sunday Masses and had excellent attendance by members and families.

Our big project was renovating the old church building, our meeting hall, located on the church grounds. This enormous task required cutting a hole in a brick wall, bringing sewer and water lines to the property, building two bathrooms and an office area, installing toilets, electricity, mirrors, and so forth. Other work has included the installation of a heater/air conditioner by the Knights, painting of bathrooms, office, and main hall, then replacing some floor tile and broken windows, in addition to clearing out all the debris from the hall. Some 500+ man-hours were expended on this task, particularly by retired Knights who were able to work during the daytime, over a period of months. Other Knights painted and did other work on weekends. These and other activities are listed below.

Church Activities:

1. Participate in life of parish as Parish Council members, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, etc.
2. Renovation of Old Church.
3. Several members organized a trip to Saltillo, Mex. & drove CYO members there.
4. Vocations: Our Chaplain spoke on vocations at a Vocations/Clergy night at a neighboring Council. our Seminarian (joined this year) Council member also attended.
5. Chaplain spoke at Interfaith Prayer service, DGK attended.

6. Mothers Day Breakfast after Mass.
7. Rosary Bouquet Cards printed by Council and distributed at Mass to parishioners to include in Christmas Cards.

Community Activities:

1. Tootsie Roll Drive to help retarded/handicapped persons.
2. Jackson Co. Church Fair Booth.
3. Collected clothing for battered women and pregnant women.
4. Leadership role: helping City of Gautier plan a 10th year anniversary celebration this summer.
5. Leadership role: helping teach English literacy as a volunteer with the Jackson Co. Literacy Council.
6. Leadership role: President of Gautier Jr. High PTA.

Council Activities:

1. Monthly Council Newsletter.
2. Ongoing Social event at least quarterly.
3. Membership Drive at Church in summer.
4. Attended/worked at State K of C Free Throw Contest.
5. Fraternal benefits night after Wednesday evening Mass. Insurance Agent spoke, and a film was shown to members, prospective members & families. State Officers attended.
6. Membership Drive at Church in spring.
7. Attended 1st Degree at Council 1244 in Biloxi (3 candidates, including 1 seminarian. Our Chaplain attended and class was named for him).
8. Participated in 1st-2nd-3rd Degrees at Fatima Parish in Biloxi.
9. Participated in 1st Degree in Pascagoula.
10. Attended State Mid-Winter Mtg.
11. Honored chaplain - 30 years a priest.
12. Columbus Day Parish Program.
13. Council Christmas Party.
14. Participated in 1st-2nd-3rd Degrees in Ocean Springs.

Family Life Activities:

1. Promoted Life Chain and attended it.
2. Helped sponsor Parish Picnic.
3. Corporate communion Mass, monthly.
4. Memorial Mass for deceased members.
5. Attended Rosary Rally with Council Banner.
6. Distributed Pro-Life Bumper Stickers.

Youth Activities:

1. Supported CYO - Co-leaders are Council members.
2. Participated in community youth programs: coaching soccer, coaching sports at Catholic school (volunteer), acting as Boy scout Leaders, Cub scout leader, Scout Charter Representative, etc.
3. Sponsored local Free Throw Contest.

Your Brother in Christ,
Don Tiblier
Grand Knight

**Indianola Council 9234
Indianola, Mississippi
Joe Tannehill**

The Indianola Knights of Columbus - Council 9234 has seen probably more activity this past year than in many years past. Our Roundtable at All Saints Parish in Belzoni is thriving and giving Fr. Sam Messina great support with his projects as well as ours in Indianola.

The Council has begun to sponsor many Teen dances. This has given us some much needed exposure to the local and surrounding communities. The youth have actively supported these dances and many of our parish youth have become more involved in other activities because of the friendships shared at the dances. Bombarded with frequent requests from the parents, as they picked up their children, to have a dance for the Adults, the Council sponsored an Adult New Year's Eve Dance. Extremely thick fog during the night kept cautious attendants at home but those enthusiastic few who braved the fog had a great time.

The Council, after a few years of reluctance of holding another major fundraiser, held a \$5,000 drawdown in association with St. Patty's Dance in March. Hectic schedules for all involved probably caused this event to be somewhat less than its full potential. Much positive feedback from those participating and attending give us great hopes of the event possibly becoming an annual activity.

The Council has actively supported some much needed cleanup and major repairs to the Parish. We coordinated the complete remodel of the Parish Rectory and also the beginning projects for a much needed facelift for the Parish Hall. Ongoing grounds cleanup is supported by a few good Knights.

A few of our brother Knights have become more involved in the Council activities. Some of this is because of our Youth activities, some is because of our Parish cleanup activities, some may be because of our parish having the presence of a new Priest - Fr. Anthony Quyet - a very active supporter of the Knights of Columbus. If we can just find the right buttons to push we should get more much needed activity from our members.

Many things are changing for our Council. Most would say for the better of the Council and the Parish. By our calculations we show a net increase of +3 members and a +3 in insurance members.

Sincerely,
Joe Tannehill
Grand Knight

Reinhart Schroeder Council 9409
West Biloxi, Mississippi
Bobby Weldon

Council 9409 began its fraternal year with the installation of officers by District Deputy Daniel Lechner.

The officers were:

Chaplain.....	Msgr. Francis Farrell
Grand Knight.....	Bobby Weldon
Deputy Grand Knight	Matt Yapit
Chancellor	John B. Dubaz
Financial Secretary.....	Stephen F. Farry
Treasurer.....	James Starks
Warden.....	Gerrard Rodriguez
Recorder	Peter Rigby
Advocate.....	John Caranna
Inside Guard.....	Wilbert Rigby
outside Guard	Ernie Brown
Trustee (3 year)	Joseph Tiblier
Trustee (2 year)	Daniel Lechner
Trustee (1 year).....	John Durham

Program: Matt Yapit, Director

1. Gave Council to all committee chairman.
2. Assured that all required reports were submitted on time.
3. Assisted on all programs conducted by the Council.

Church Activities: John Lewis, Chairman

1. Held quarterly communion
2. Held annual Marian hour of prayer.
3. Performed gutter clean-up on all buildings on Our Lady of Fatima church property.
4. Assisted the St. Vincent De Paul Societies with their annual fund raiser.
5. Participated in the annual diocesan rosary rally.

Community Activities: Ed Ring, Chairman

1. Held annual clothing drive for battered women and children.
2. Held annual Tootsie Roll drive with the proceeds and matching funds going to the Cheshire Home in Gulfport.
3. Held a Community recognition night and presented certificates of appreciation to local sponsors.

Council Activities: Pete Halat, Chairman

1. Installation of officers and family dinner.
2. Held membership drive in October.
3. Held annual Max Roybal Golf Tournament to support charitable activities in October.
4. In September, held Fraternal Benefits and Drug Awareness programs.
5. Held a Health Night on April 16, 1996.
6. Held a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Mar. 17, in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Youth Activities: Peter Rigby, Chairman

1. Promoted interest in organizing a Squires Circle.
2. September and October, held parish altar server classes for altar servers.
3. December, held Christmas tree sales.
4. January, held annual Free Throw contest.

Family Activities: Jerry Rodriguez, Chairman

1. Held a Memorial Mass for deceased members with emphasis on Brother Frank D'Italia who died this fraternal year.
2. Held annual family picnic in July.
3. Held quarterly communion for members and their families.

Membership: Wayne Leonard, Director

1. Organized membership drives at functions such as the parish bazaar, Sunday Mass, and other church functions.
2. Followed through on all applications and attended 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees with applicants.
3. Attained membership goals for the fraternal year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobby Weldon
Grand Knight

**St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543
Madison, Mississippi
Tim Riecke/Mark Beyea**

Council 9543 installed the following as officers for the fraternal year. District Deputy Nat Zuomo presided over the installation.

Chaplain.....	Fr. Kent Bowldes
Grand Knight*	Tim Riecke
Deputy Grand Knight**	Mark Beyea
Chancellor	Mark Dioron
Financial Secretary.....	Dennis Riecke
Treasurer.....	John Newman
Warden.....	Ramon Machado
Recorder	Robert Murphy
Advocate	Jody Hill
Inside Guard.....	Howard Hotard
Outside Guard.....	David Scott
Trustee, 3rd Year	Dick Henry
Trustee, 2nd Year	Jimmy Nelson
Trustee, 1st Year.....	Clay Beard

* Succeeded by Deputy Grand Knight in July, 95

** Succeeded by Lynn Eberhardt in August, 95

Church Activities: Mark Doiron, Chairman

1. Knights constructed a special baptismal pool for Easter Vigil baptism of RCIA members.
2. Knights served coffee and donuts after Masses in August
3. Knights renovated restrooms in religious education building
4. Knights repaired benches in church courtyard
5. Knights operated concession booth at annual church fund raiser
6. Knights served steak dinners at kick-off to Christmas Gala fund raiser for church debt reduction
7. Knights led the praying of the rosary on Friday evenings during Lent
8. Knights led the Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent
9. Knights conducted a clean up of church grounds prior to Christmas season

Community Activities: Ramon Machado, Chairman

1. Council conducted a Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the mentally retarded
2. Knights donated food to St. Catherine's Village retirement home
3. Knights donated food to the Home Place retirement home
4. Knights provided manpower to help run the Stewpot soup kitchen
5. Knights collected winter coats for distribution to the needy

Council Activities: James Nelson, Chairman

1. Published a monthly newsletter for Council members
2. Council sponsored a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification
3. Held a Council Awards Banquet
4. Sponsored a Camp-Out and Pig Roast for members and their families
5. Knights picked blueberries as a Council fund raiser
6. Knights operated a concession stand at Hog Wild as a fund raiser
7. Knights operated concession stand at the State Convention as a Council fund raiser
8. Knights worked Coliseum concession stand as Council fund raiser
9. Knights prepared hamburger lunch for parishioners as a Council fund raiser
10. Knights sold Christmas cards as a Council fund raiser
11. The Council sponsored a parish-wide blood drive
12. The Council sponsored a parish-wide men's retreat

Youth Activities: Bill Phillip, Chairman

1. Knights provided manpower and materials to repair a leaking roof at the Sacred Heart Catholic School and installed a dishwasher in the school's convent
2. Council donated \$100 to the St. Joseph High School fund raiser
3. Knights served as designated drivers at the St. Joseph High School fund raising dinner
4. Knights provided transportation once a week for mentally retarded young people to attend Reach functions
5. Operated concession stand at St. Joseph's High School football game
6. Conducted a Free Throw Competition
7. Knights repaired bicycles to be given away as part of the Christmas Present For Christ program
8. Knights collected Christmas cards to benefit St. Jude's Children's Ranch

Family Activities: John Gibson, Chairman

1. Knights held corporate communion twice during the year
2. Sponsored a family Fly-a-Kite Day outing
3. Sponsored Family Night at the Jackson Generals baseball game
4. Knights participated in Protect Life candle light vigil at State Capital
5. Council donated money to sponsor fund raising event for pro-life organizations
6. Knights donated turkey dinners to a poor family

Membership Activities: Lynn Eberhardt, Chairman

1. Sponsored a Wine and Cheese Social information/recruiting event

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark J. Beyea
Grand Knight

**James D. Hart Council 9673
Woolmarket , Mississippi
Harvill P. Richardson**

Council 9673 began the 1995-96 fraternal year with the election of officers. The installation was conducted by our new worthy District Deputy, Brother Daniel J. Lechner in July 1995. The following brothers guided our Council to a very successful year:

Chaplain.....	Fr. Gregory Barras
Grand Knight.....	Harvill P. Richardson
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Lonnie Parvin
Financial Secretary.....	Alden Stockert
Chancellor.....	Mike Seidule
Treasurer.....	Scott Higginbotham
Warden.....	Paul Hackenbush
Recorder.....	Joe Seidule
Advocate.....	Mike Skrinich
Lecturer.....	Alden Stockert
Inside Guard.....	Andrew Primeaux
Outside Guard.....	Daniel Sullivan
Trustee 3 Year Term.....	James Wallace
Trustee 2 Year Term.....	Thomas Pietrangelo
Trustee 1 Year Term.....	William Shaw
Program Director.....	Lonnie Parvin
Membership Director.....	Harvill P. Richardson
Church Activities.....	Joe Seidule
Community Activities.....	Daniel Sullivan
Family Activities.....	Mike Seidule
Council Activities.....	Scott Higginbotham
Youth Activities.....	John Poelma

Council 9673 continued this past year to prosper and grow from the seeds planted by our past GRAND KNIGHT SCOTT HIGGINBOTHAM. The nurturing and hard work of our elected officers has been so instrumental in our success this year.

As I look back on this past year, it has been heart warming and rewarding for me personally. I personally thank all my brother knights, and their families for all their support. For their dedication they put forth this year.

Our attendance at business meetings and KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCIALS has greatly increased. This fact alone reflects our commitment to our Christian brotherhood.

Our Council being a small Council, has worked very hard on all our programs to include many additional fund raisers for one elderly flooded out brother. For the St. Vincent de Paul one of our members collected a truck load of clothing and food to assist the needy families in our community. Our final program report which reflects over 3,000 points for a small Council is indicative of our Councils work.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of one of our brothers. We held a rosary service and helped at the funeral service of our past GRAND KNIGHTS JAMES ERICKSON SENIOR.

In summation I want to express my sincere gratitude to my brother knights in Council 9673, both individually and as Council, for doing a superior job this past year. A job that took long hours and dedication to the principles we stand and work so hard for.

It is my undying wish and prayer that we will continue to grow fuller in spirit, and in the camaraderie we experienced this past fraternal year, and may God continue to bless everyone of us. Also God Bless our state and country.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvill P. Richardson
Grand Knight

St. Ann's-Lizana Council 9958
Gulfport, Mississippi
Hollis J. Moran

Church Activities:

1. Twice a month members of the Council serve as Eucharistic ministers.
2. Council members serve as teachers and coordinators for CCD.
3. In May of 1995 the Council took on the task of painting the church hall for the Parish, taking more than 360 hours to complete the job.
4. On August 26th and 27th, the Council held a seafood gumbo dinner with trimmings to help defray the cost of a new water well for the church. The Council absorbed the cost of \$383 for the preparations and supplies. We gave a check to father for \$766.50, which is the amount we collected. For this event we had TV coverage by WLOX13 in Biloxi.
5. The water cooler in the church hall went out the Council replaced it with a new one
6. At a cost of \$523 the old one will be fixed and placed in the CCD building for use of CCD students. At Christmas the Council purchased thirteen Poinsettia for the church altar.
7. For the altar on Easter Sunday, the Council purchased twelve Easter Lilies for the altar.
8. On Thanksgiving the front of the altar was decorated by brother Michael Moran. The theme was of a bountiful harvest.

Community Activities:

1. On May 13, 1995, we honored all the mothers of the parish and of the community, along with their families, with a free dinner. Door prizes were given to the mothers.
2. On June 3, 1995 the Council cleaned that part of highway 53 that we adopted several years ago. It was done again on March 9, 1996. It took 21 hours of volunteer time to gather the 53 bags of litter on the 9th.
3. We celebrated Columbus Day on October 14, 1995 by having a free Gumbo dinner for all who wanted to come.

4. The Council gave a donation to the local M.A.D.D. Chapter in our community. We have had two of our littlest angels, under 10 years of age killed by drunken drivers in a short period of time.

Council Activities:

1. Before each meeting we hold a social for members and their families. We have hot sausage biscuits, coffee, orange juice and milk ready for them when the 9:00 mass is over. Normally it lasts for forty five minutes before the meeting starts.
2. Pot luck suppers are held for the members throughout the year. These are hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary at our request. The Council and Auxiliary split the cost of the meat and each family brings a vegetable or desert.
3. The Council provides an installation banquet in June and a Christmas banquet in November. The cost of attending the Christmas banquet is a new toy for the children's Christmas party.
4. Several donations to people in need were made this year, both in and out of our parish.
5. We had a policy of sending flowers to any member or his wife who is admitted to the Hospital, limited to twice a year, but we changed that to \$25 instead. In a rural community like ours it can become expensive going to, eating out, and coming home in these situations. The cash does more good.
6. When a member of a knight of our Council dies we send a \$50 wreath, or give cash depending on the circumstances.
7. We have added seven (7) new members this year. None last year.
8. On May 21, 1995 we sponsored a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree exemplification at St. Ann in Lizana.

Family Activities:

1. We have two deceased members. We have Mass for them in January of each year.
2. Four families who were not part of the knights were assisted with cash donations.
3. We provide a picnic lunch to all the children and their parents during the Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt. It was on March 31 this year. It is an annual event.

Youth Activities:

1. We support the CCD program for the youth of our parish through donations through our Bingo game each week. We play a special game for them.
2. We gave the CYO of our parish a check for \$300 to assist them on a trip to Houston, Texas.
3. In June we sponsored a girl's basketball team.
4. We sponsored a free throw contest. The Council decided that any child that made twelve or more shots would be taken to Jackson for the finals. We had two qualify. The finals were changed and that weekend was cold and raining. No one wanted to take responsibility for their safety on the trip. Therefore it was decided to give each a \$50 US war bond, and take them and their parents out to eat. They will also get a plaque.

These are some of the more noteworthy thing that our Council has done this state year .

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Hollis J. Moran
Grand Knight

**St. Paul Council 10216
Brandon, Mississippi
Barry Willett**

This is a report of the efforts of our Council for the 1995-96 fraternal year.

Our Council is directed by the following officers:

Chaplain.....	Reverenc Edward Balser
Grand Knight	Barry Willett
Deputy Grand Knight	Dennis Deister
Financial Secretary.....	Rick Robertson
Chancellor	Joseph Lex
Recorder	David Cannon
Treasurer.....	Edward Garcia
Advocate.....	Ed Prybylski
Warden.....	Martin Bisek
Inside Guard.....	Dan Hammond
Outside Guard.....	Rick Fielding
3 year Trustee	Lou Zylka
2 year Trustee	John Lewis
1 year Trustee	Frank Whitehead

St. Paul Council 10216 meets the second Tuesday of each month for business meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month for a family social.

Church Activities:

1. Knights say the rosary before each business meeting.
2. Corporate Communion on the fifth Sunday of the month.
3. Pastoral council preparation.
4. Knights participated by serving as ushers, acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lecturers.
5. Three brother Knights are members of the St. Paul Choir.
6. Conducted paint and clean-up days for the church building.
7. Installed handrails for the church steps.
8. Maintained an ongoing maintenance program for the church buildings.
9. Installed a water fountain inside the church, columns on church exterior, and playground equipment for St. Paul's Learning Center.

Community Activities:

1. Sponsor Tootsie Roll Drive.
2. Donated turkeys to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
3. Built choir risers for Community Thanksgiving Choir.
4. Knights and wives provided transportation to and from Mass for Mustard Seed residents (REACH).
5. Members served in various positions in Habitat for Humanity project.
6. Members and Families sang Christmas carols and served refreshments at Crossgates Manor Nursing Home.

Council Activities:

1. Sponsor parish blood drive.
2. Elected a Knight of the Year.
3. Assisted Ladies Auxiliary with Lenten Fish Fry.
4. Sponsored a garage sale to help a Brother Knight with medical expenses.

5. Football pool.

Family Activities:

1. Held monthly Family social, fourth Tuesday of each month.
2. Participated in Family of the Month program.
3. Sponsor parish breakfast once a month for fellowship.

Youth Activities:

1. Deputy Grand Knight serves as assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scouts.
2. Member played Santa Clause for Cub Scouts.
3. Several members of our Council are teachers in the CYO program.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Deister
Deputy Grand Knight

**Father Clifford Meador Council 10443
Grenada, Mississippi
Buddy Honeycutt**

Serving as Grand Knight for the past year has been very rewarding for me. I have experienced the joy of serving my Church, my Council, my Brother Knights, and my God. As Grand Knight I have had the opportunity to attend meetings, exemplifications, and prayer services that otherwise I would have missed. Getting involved has enriched my life.

Our Council suffered a great loss on the morning of August 6, 1995. We were awakened to the news that our Treasurer, Vincent de Paul Marascalco, had died suddenly during the night. Vince was 45 years old. Vince had served as Treasurer for the past four years. His dedication to the Knights of Columbus was known by everyone he met. Vincent de Paul Marascalco and his family will always be in our prayers.

Our list of officers for the past year are as follows:

Grand Knight.....	Buddy Honeycutt
Deputy Grand Knight.....	John Savoie
Chaplain.....	Father Thomas Delaney
Chancellor.....	Michael Liberto
Recorder.....	Raymond Liberto
Financial Secretary.....	Eddie Merriman, Jr.
Treasurer.....	Paul Marascalco
Lecturer.....	Frank Marascalco
Advocate.....	Fred Grossman
Warden.....	Ed Merriman, Sr.
Inside Guard.....	Louis Marascalco
Outside Guard.....	Thomas Oakes
Trustees.....	David Upchurch Eddie Merriman Anthony Gorman

For their cooperation and help during the past year, I would like to thank my Brother Knights, especially my Deputy Grand Knight, John Savoie; District Deputy, Patrick Quinn; State Deputy, Jesse Quinn, III; and our Chaplain, Father Thomas Delaney. Without their help my job would not have been done.

Respectfully submitted,
Buddy Honeycutt
Grand Knight

Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council 10499
East Ocean Springs, Mississippi
George Roberts

Chaplain.....	Deacon Martin Finnegan
Grand Knight.....	George Roberts
Deputy.....	Michael Miglioranza
Financial Secretary.....	Kerry Roberts
Chancellor.....	Tony Homsany
Treasurer.....	Wilfred Gonsoulin
Recorder.....	Willie Esteve
Advocate.....	Ray Klein
Warden.....	Frank Hilt
Trustee 1st year.....	Matt McNulty
2nd year.....	Bruce Pabon
3rd year.....	Richard Osborne
Inside Guard.....	Lonnie Lowery
Outside Guard #1.....	Charlie Rose
Outside Guard #2.....	Jerry Bodin
Lecturer.....	Jon Rivera

The above elected and appointed officers were chosen for this fraternal year '95-96 and have done an outstanding job. They have my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation. Msgr. Gregory Kennedy is on the move and growing. We're proud to be represented at the 1996 State Convention.

Listed below are some of the major activities our Council took part in or completed in the past year:

Church Activities: Director Kerry Roberts

1. Held dinner to honor clergy.
2. Held quarterly corporate communion.
3. Provided monetary support for pastor.
4. Member serves as co-director for RCIA.
5. Council provides weekly coffee/donuts after 8:30 Sunday Mass.
6. Donated boxes of clothes for Saltillo, Mexico mission.
7. Cleaned and waxed over 15 rooms in CCD building.
8. Members serve at the following: lectors, choir members, ushers, CCD teachers, Eucharistic ministers, altar boy instructor.
9. Participated in Right to Life vigil.
10. Conduct weekly Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer meeting.

11. Perform weekly church maintenance and vacuum entire church.
12. Sponsored Keep Christ in Christmas campaign.
13. Built pantry shelves in rectory kitchen.

Community Activities: Director Roland Hillebrand

1. Support abuse shelter for women and children.
2. Member serves in Civil Air Patrol.
3. Participated in 3-day Tootsie Roll Drive.
4. Promote chastity/abstinence until marriage through evenings for engaged couples.
5. Sponsored and ran entire men's softball tournament for coast teams.
6. Members work in local Soup Kitchen.
7. Member serves as Officer in Charge for Keesler AFB Honor Guard for deceased servicemen.
8. Member serves in Coast Guard Auxiliary search and rescue mission unit.
9. Member serves as volunteer fireman.
10. Member coaches Little League baseball team.
11. Council sponsored annual blood drive.
12. Council constructed and entered float in Ocean Springs Mardi Gras Parade—Won best "theme" and best "overall" float.

Council Activities: Director Ray Klein

1. Held four Fraternal Steak Nights
2. Held annual Christmas party at Grand Knight's house.
3. Promote say of rosary.
4. Conducted annual awards banquet for top community layperson, teacher, fireman, and policeman.
5. Sponsor bi-weekly community Po-boy sale.
6. Held Halloween party.
7. Extremely active phone committee.
8. Selected monthly Knight of Month; held dinner to select Knight of Year.
9. Sponsored food booth at annual Peter Anderson Crafts Festival.
10. Published monthly Council newsletter.
11. Members attended pro-life rally.
12. Co-sponsored and attended New Year's Eve dance with Ocean Springs Council 5654.

Family Activities: Director Glenn Harris

1. Selected Family of Month.
2. Sponsored annual swim party for Council families.
3. Donated carnations for ladies at Mother's Day masses.

Youth Activities: Director Willie Esteve

1. Co-sponsored local annual free-throw contest.
2. Assisted CYO in serving Thanksgiving dinner for elderly.
3. Assisted at CYO picnic.
4. Attended and performed honor guard duties at closing mass for Biloxi search weekend.

A very active year accentuated by the addition of 12 new members. The Ladies of the Knights, led by Anne Hilt, continue to be an integral and important part of our Council. Our Council prides itself on including the family in as many activities as possible. We look forward to an exciting year with new officers ready to step forward and take the challenge. Thanks again to all who took up the challenge and a hardy congratulations on a job well done.

Respectfully in Christ,
George (Flitter) Roberts
Grand Knight

**St. John Council 10901
Oxford, Mississippi
Peter C. Sukanek**

The 1995-96 fraternal year has been another active one for our Council. Many of the successful activities begun in previous years were continued and several more were added. Only a few of more significant ones will be discussed here.

Leading the Sunday morning rosary continued this year, as did our annual rummage sale for the Domestic Violence Project and the Tootsie Roll Drive. Unfortunately, we experienced some difficulty with the local Wal Mart and matching funds from their Foundation were several months late. We also continued praying the rosary prior to each meeting. Each of the First Communicants in the parish received a rosary from the Council. We sponsored a Catfish Dinner each Friday in Lent (except for Good Friday) to raise money for the Church Building Fund. Members participated in the Angel Tree Project which provided Christmas presents to the families of prisoners. The Council again assisted in the visit of St. Nicholas (not Santa Claus) to the kindergarten, first and second grades of the Parish School of Religion. Several pot-luck dinners were held throughout the year. Finally, the Council sponsored seven first degree exemplifications from June 1995 through this April, and brought 17 new members into the order.

In the fall, the Council acted as agents in the rental of stadium seats at the University of Mississippi football games. This activity provided us with funds to help support other activities. We were able, as part of our Honor the Clergy program in February, to make donations to the retirement funds of the orders of each of the religious in the parish. We also decided to send Mass cards to the families of each deceased parishioner. During May, the Council supplied flowers for the statue of Mary in the sanctuary. In September, the Council hosted a second and third degree exemplification at which 26 new Knights participated. Thirteen of this number were from the Oxford Council. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we sponsored a Marian Hour of Prayer. Also this year, we began a quarterly corporate communion.

The final main program of the year will take place on Sunday, May 5. At that time we will hold a First Degree in Batesville and officially start a Roundtable at that location. The total initial membership, including new and former members is expected to be 12 to 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter C. Sukanek
Grand Knight

**St. James Council 11541
Gulfport, Mississippi
Edward C. Croal, Jr.**

Chaplain.....	Msgr. James McGough
Grand Knight.....	Edward C. Croal, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	John Carroll, Sr.
Chancellor	Michael K. Croal
Advocate	Stephen Spratley
Recorder	William Carter
Warden	Harold Noll
Financial Secretary.....	Fritz Oberlies
Treasurer.....	Gerald Oberlies, Jr.
Inside Guard.....	Darryl Hunter
Outside Guard.....	L. K. Drago
Trustees 1 yr	Wilbur Sellier/Brian Oberlies
2 yr	Arthur Spratley
3 yr	Charles Austin/Roland La Fontaine

This has been our first full year and we have had a busy one. We increased our membership from 62 to 82 members and at present we still have some candidates to go through the initiation process.

During the year we took on many projects: refurbishing the parish center kitchen, maintaining the St. James Cemetery, starting a bi-monthly parish breakfast, worked the annual Columbus Day Bazaar, held a Bible Study Program covering the Easter Story, held 3 first degree initiations, and Monthly Corporate Communion every 1st Sunday of the month.

Participated in the Free Throw program, Cooked breakfast for the high school seniors and their parents from the parish prior to a Bacalorate Mass, catered the annual St. James parish picnic, served soup and sandwiches as a Lenten program on March 8th.

Held an appreciation night for Brother Fritz Oberlies.

The Council made a considerable donation to the de'l Epee Deaf Center. Donated an American flag to the St. James School. Held a work day at Church to do general repair work on items listed by the pastor.

We held a membership drive in Church and at the parish center, participated in a ministry fair for the parish.

Coming up are Easter Egg Hunt, Altar Server Appreciation Day, Blood Drive, Tootsie Roll Drive.

We lost one of our members this year, Charles Austin, and we will keep him in our prayers.

Respectively,
Edward C. Croal
Grand Knight

**Father Paul Gillis Council 11564
Wiggins-Lucedale, Mississippi
A. C. McCarney**

This is the first report from our Council. We were organized in October, 1995, with 4 Knights and 38 want-to-be Knights. In order to reach the magic number of 30 we had to organize both St. Francis Church of Wiggins and its missionary church, St. Lucy Church of Lucedale, MS. The small size of our Council, the inexperience of our members and the 33 miles separating our members has made it difficult for us to coordinate activities of our Council. We did however, manage to accomplish some activities that are listed below.

The following are the Council Officers that were duly elected and installed:

Grand Knight	A. C. "Mack" McCarney
Deputy Grand Knight	Don Cox
Financial Secretary.....	Richard L. Clement
Chancellor	Charles Avery
Recorder	Marvin Smith
Treasurer.....	Raymond D. Pierce
Lecturer	John Renoit
Advocate	Jamie Holland
Warden.....	John E. Phillips
Inside Guard.....	Charles C. Crump
Outside Guard.....	Eddie Bryon Beckhan
3 year Trustee	H. J. Crochet
2 year Trustee	Earl J. White
1 year Trustee	Thomas D. LeBlanc

Church Activities:

1. Support of Altar Savers
2. 33 of our Knights participate in Eucharistic Adoration 1 hour each week
3. 22 of our Knights assist in the Mass as Commentators, Lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.

Community Activities:

1. Our Council placed 4400 white crosses in front of St. Francis Xavier Church on Highway 26 to inform the local Community about the terrible loss of babies due to abortions in our country each day.
2. We are scheduling a Blood Drive in Stone County in June 1996.
3. During the Christmas Season we adopted a family in St. Francis and St. Lucy and donated a \$50 gift certificate in a local grocery store.

Council Activities:

1. We have a Chicken Dinner scheduled for May 11, 1996 to raise funds for our Charitable Activities.
2. We have scheduled a Knights of Columbus Scramble Golf Tournament at Pine Burr Country Club to raise funds and also for Wiggins recognition of our Council. 10% of net proceeds will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Francis and 10% to the Ladies Sodality St. Lucy Church, Lucedale, MS.
3. We are presently working on our recruitment in Solidarity with Bishop Dailey with 2 new members committed and 4 others still working.

Family Activities:

1. We hold a family social every month so our families can get together in the hopes that eventually we will have enough support to form a Ladies Auxiliary.

Youth Activities:

1. Several members of our Council are teachers in the CYO program.
2. We assisted some of our CYO in a bicycle raffle to raise funds for the annual Coast CYO Convention.

This report respectfully submitted by
A.C. "Mack" McCarney
Grand Knight

District Deputy's Reports**District Deputy #1
Robert L. Hudson****Worthy State Deputy and all State Officers:**

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to have had the opportunity to serve the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus as the District Deputy of District One since December 1, 1996. Reed Fontenot, the previous District Deputy was relocated by his employer in November to Kansas City and our Worthy State Deputy asked me to complete his term. I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III for asking me to serve as a District Deputy.

District One consists of the following Councils: 7120 - the Hernando Desoto Council in Southaven; 8760 - the St. Joseph Council in Holly Springs; 8848 - the Father Robert Reitmeier Council in Tupelo; 8912 - the St. James the Less Council in Corinth; and 10901 the St. John's Council in Oxford.

Since becoming a District Deputy I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with the Knights of the Councils in District One. Getting to know the Knights from other Councils has been a very beneficial part of being a District Deputy. Working closely with these outstanding men has been an opportunity that some Knights may never have.

As the mid-year transition District Deputy most of the wheels had been set in motion by Reed Fontenot. My job at that point in time was to follow through, complete the Fraternal Year and continue what Reed had started.

My first official duty as the new District Deputy was to attend the Mid-winter Meeting in early December in Brandon. That meeting recapped the first six months and set the tone for the rest of the year.

Those of us at that meeting were presented by our Worthy State Deputy with a membership challenge of 300 new members between January 1 and June 30. Each district was presented the challenge and each district accepted with their own commitment and District One pledged fifty new members. Through April 15th, District One has exemplified fifteen First Degree Knights and

currently has nine more candidates with Form 100's in hand for future First Degrees. The Councils in District One have assured me that we will meet our district goal of fifty new Knights before June 30th.

A District Meeting was held on January 21st in Oxford. At that time we reviewed the past six months, set our goals for the remainder of the year, and put in motion our membership recruitment plans.

As District Deputy I have actively campaigned and encouraged all the Councils in District One to recruit new members to the Knights of Columbus. Membership has been the focus of District One and a personal focus of mine. Each of the Councils will have added new Knights to their rosters before June 30th.

Two of the Councils in District One have done an outstanding job during the period of April 1995 - March 1996 at recruiting new members. Council 10901 in Oxford had a net gain of twenty-one and Council 8848 in Tupelo had a net gain of seventeen new members. Both of these Councils should be commended on their commitment to recruiting new Knights to the Order.

Council 10901 in Oxford has been successful in establishing a Round Table in Batesville. At the organization meeting nine Form 100's were signed, with four more added shortly thereafter. A First Degree exemplification has been scheduled for Sunday, May 5th in Batesville. The Oxford Council should be proud of this accomplishment. Additionally, Council 8848 in Tupelo has contacted the priest in New Albany and Pontotoc with a very good possibility of a Roundtable soon to be established there. A great job by these two very active Councils.

Three Councils in District One have First Degree Teams - Oxford, Tupelo and Southaven. Since January 1st I have attended six First Degree Exemplifications and nine more are planned through June 30th.

During the year District One attended Second and Third Degrees in Clarksdale, Oxford and Greenwood with over forty Knights participating. Additionally seven Knights also participated in the Fourth Degree in Greenwood. Council 10901 in Oxford currently has twelve Fourth Degree Knights and is planning on establishing its own Fourth Degree Assembly in the fall.

Council 8848 in Tupelo is in the process of establishing a Columbian Squires Circle. Their initial meeting had sixteen in attendance and should be finalizing their Circle in the near future. An exemplification of these young men should be accomplished before the end of the Fraternal Year.

Council 8848 in Tupelo was once again the leader in the state with the highest total dollars collected in their Tootsie Roll Drive. Tupelo has held that honor for over ten years. Another Council in District One, Council 8912 in Corinth, had the highest donation per member. This Council has lead the state in this category for ten years. This is the smallest Council in the state with only thirty members. It only goes to show what a small Council can do when they make a commitment. My personal compliments are extended to Tupelo and Corinth.

Holly Springs Council 8760 had a successful Membership Drive in early April and two Form 100's were received with two more expected to follow very soon.. This is the largest gain in that Council in several years.

In closing I want to personally thank each Grand Knight, their Council Officers and members for their commitment to the Knights of Columbus. Their support and cooperation was the key to the success of District One this past year.

I want to personally thank our Worthy State Deputy and our State Officers for all that they do to ensure the ongoing success of our Order within the state. These men are the leaders that show us the way and their guidance is essential to the overall accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi.

Lastly, a second thank you to our Worthy State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn III for his confidence in appointing me District Deputy of District One.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Hudson
District Deputy

District Deputy #2
Patrick K. Quinn

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 1995-1996 Fraternal year, District #2 performed very many positive actions which advanced the order in our communities and churches. We also approved our ability to adapt to change when the redistricting of District #1 and District #2 occurred in late December 1995. During this change each Council demonstrated its support of the decision and of the District Deputy appointed over them. Therefore I feel it is necessary to list the Councils as they appeared July 1, 1995-Dec. 31, 1995, and then as they appear Jan. 1, 1996 to present. The Councils comprising District #2 from July 1, 1995 to Dec. 31, 1995 are as follows: 2969 Clarksdale, 5267 Greenwood, 7120 Southaven, 10443 Grenada, 10901 Oxford. The present Councils which comprise District #2 are as follows: 2969 Clarksdale, 5267 Greenwood, 6765 Starkville, 7974 Columbus, 10443 Grenada. This report pertains to all actions within District #2 this Fraternal year and all Councils represented here should be noted for their participation.

At the beginning of the Fraternal year, the Grand Knights of District #2 and myself decided to share the ideas of our individual Councils with one another. These ideas were drawn from the endeavors of each Council. In this way if a Council had a program which proved of particular benefit to its parish or community, the other Councils were able to use the idea to improve their parish or community. This action I feel is representative of our Order's principle of Unity, as to demonstrate the Councils' ability to work together with one another, for the betterment of our society.

In the area of programs, each Council submitted a schedule of events for the 95'-96 Fraternal year to its four brother Councils and myself. This was done at the beginning of the fraternal year, so that the Councils could support each other in their endeavors, and so that I could easily arrange visits to the Councils. For this I commend and thank the Councils of District #2. All Councils in District #2 had very active programs and accomplished many notable things that benefited the Church, the needy and our communities.

District #2 also actively participated in the recruitment of new members, as well as initiating them. Every Council in our District held a membership drive and many new members were brought into the Order. Five 1st Degree and two 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications were held in District #2 between July 1, 1995 and April 26, 1996. All degree teams were supplied by District #2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the seven Councils previously mentioned in this report for giving me their support. I also would like to thank the State Deputy and the State Council for giving me this opportunity to serve.

Your Friend and Brother Knight,
Patrick K. Quinn
District Deputy #2

**District Deputy #3
Ben T. Bailey, Jr.**

Worthy State Deputy:

The following report is submitted for District #3 which includes the following Councils:

#2134 - Fr. Korstenbroek, Greenville
#2945 - C. G. Shapley, Leland
#5556 - Fr. Rotondo, Cleveland
96555 - Shelby
#9234 - Indianola

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your District Deputy for District #3 during the past year. It was an honor to have been selected by you for this position. I appreciate your confidence and hope that our district has progressed to a level that meets your approval. I enjoyed visiting my district's Councils, installing the officers, and meeting many new brothers.

All Councils attended the School of Columbianism (the Greenwood location was ideal). All Councils have completed and submitted their applicable reports, etc. to State and Supreme.

Leland celebrated their 50th anniversary as a Council with a banquet with wives and it was an impressive affair.

Our main goals during the year were to increase membership and to get more current members to become active. Three 1st degrees have been held since July and we plan to have 1-2 more by June 30. We initiated 9 new members during this period and 5 have continued their journey through 2nd and 3rd. Although we have had a total of 16 member additions, suspensions during the last half of 1995 have hurt severely. Six additions have occurred since Jan. 1 with no deductions and we fully intend to reach our goal of 10 new members for the period 1/1/96-6/30/96.

At the State Convention, Cleveland received "Council of Excellence" and has already qualified for Supreme's "Star" Council Award. Cleveland received the 2nd place Family Activity Award and the 3rd place Council Activity Award. Cleveland also hosted the State Softball Tournament. Indianola received "Honor" Council and has also purchased a building for their Council home. Each Council in District #3 now has a Council home. Leland's Grand Knight Leon Shapley received the "Fred L. Westbrook" Award and Greenville's Financial Secretary Robert Fratesi received the State "Family of the Year" Award. We congratulate these winners and those who worked tirelessly in support of their Councils.

Again thank you for letting me serve as District Deputy. We will continue and hopefully improve on our efforts to promote the principles of our Order.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben T. Bailey, Jr.
District Deputy #3

District Deputy #4
J. Warren Doiron

Worthy State Deputy Quinn:

The following report is submitted for District #4, Mississippi Jurisdiction, consisting of the following Councils:

- # 898 - Vicksburg
- #1034 - Natchez, Bishop R. O. Gerow
- #7854 - Clinton, Holy Savior
- #7915 - Brookhaven
- #8285 - Jackson, St. Therese

Supreme membership report dated 4/1/96 is as follows:

- Council # 898 - 13 additions / 9 deductions / net gain 4
- Council #1034 - 4 additions / 4 deductions / net gain 0
- Council #7854 - 4 additions / 0 deductions / net gain 4
- Council #7915 - 5 additions / 5 deductions / net gain 0
- Council #8285 - 4 additions / 3 deductions / net gain 1

State membership report dated 3/31/96 is as follows:

- Council # 898 - 17 net gain
- Council #1034 - 7 net gain
- Council #7854 - 4 net gain
- Council #7915 - 1 net gain
- Council #8285 - 5 net loss

Since these reports have been completed the following First Degree Exemplifications have occurred: In Vicksburg & Brookhaven

- April 14th - Council # 898 had +2
- April 14th - Council #1034 had +5
- April 19th - Council #7915 had +9

The following First Degree Exemplifications were held within the District:

- 7/30/95 - Council #8285 - Jackson, St. Therese
- 8/22/95 - Council # 898 - Vicksburg
- 8/26/95 - Council #7915 - Brookhaven
- 8/28/95 - Council #1034 - Natchez, Bishop R. O. Gerow
- 9/13/95 - Council #7854 - Clinton, Holy Savior
- (first 2½ months all 5 Councils in District had held First Degree)
- 4/14/96 - Council # 898 - Vicksburg
- 4/19/96 - Council #7915 - Brookhaven

There were 7 First Degree Exemplifications held within the District this fraternal year; 1 Second and Third exemplification; on June 22nd a Fourth Degree exemplification is planned in Vicksburg. The District has responded in a positive manner offering Exemplifications from First Degree through Fourth Degree.

The highlight of the District this past year was the celebration in Natchez on August 5th and 6th honoring Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034 on the 90th anniversary of their charter. This was a wonderful weekend and the members and wives of Council 1034 deserve a tremendous "pat on the back" for a "job well done".

Congratulations to State Round Table Chairman Joe Bonfiglio, Grand Knight Aaron Achord, the officers and members of Council 7915, Brookhaven who have established a Round Table in Magee. This requires a lot of dedication and work. From all indications Magee could, within a short period of time, have their own Council.

All Council officers were installed prior to July 31st. I attended the Installation of Officers and State Organizational meeting in Greenwood the weekend of July 8th and 9th. The area School of Columbianism for District 4 was held in Madison on July 23rd with all Councils in attendance. A District meeting was held in Vicksburg on August 19th with very good attendance from the Councils. Also in attendance was State Deputy Quinn, State Secretary Todaro, State Program Director Chad, State Membership Director Riecke and State Community Director Dardeau. On a personal note, I would like to thank Brother Tony Dardeau for serving as District Warden and traveling and assisting me throughout my term as District Deputy.

As the fraternal year began I was excited and looking forward to a good active year within the District, as is shown by Exemplifications held in the beginning. However, in September I was given the opportunity to begin my own business, an opportunity that, for the security of my family, I could not pass up. Worthy State Deputy, I thank you for your understanding and support as I advised you of the fact that due to this situation my activities within the Knights of Columbus would be very limited throughout the remainder of this fraternal year. I would never have taken on the awesome responsibilities of District Deputy had I known about this. In this regard, I wish to thank each Grand Knight, all officers and members of the Councils within District 4 for your understanding and support and I appreciate the manner in which you conducted your Council business and activities in the absence of an active District Deputy. All of you did an outstanding job and you have shown the true meaning of the term, Knights of Columbus. May the Good Lord continue to bless each and everyone of you as you continue the wonderful and beautiful work of this great Order.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Warren Doiron
District Deputy #4

**District Deputy #5
Nat Zummo**

Worthy State Deputy:

The following report is submitted for District 5 of the following Councils:

802	Meridian	9038 Pearl
848	Jackson	9543 Madison
	10216 Brandon	

All Councils officers were installed in their respective parishes. A School of Columbianism was held in and was attended by Councils from District 4, 5, & 6.

Council 902 Meridian is an outstanding Council which held several 1st Degrees. Meridian had an excellent team.

Council 9543 Madison is a Council with the highest growth potential in the state. Their participation in the community set an example to all knights.

Council 10216 Brandon is currently undergoing a rebirth. Although they had a slow year. 1996-1997 looks to be a great year for Brandon.

Council 848 Jackson has been a joy to work with. Their experience has helped us all within the District.

Council 9039 Pearl, this Council has had a great year. Their support of the youth has been an inspiration to me. Also one of their members will be leaving in June to join the ministry.

I had the distinct privilege of starting a Roundtable in Forest. This new Council started in March and had a bright future. They have already started recruiting and are participating in the Tootsie Roll Drive.

In closing, I want to thank the Councils, their officers, and members of District 5. Their dedication to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism was what made success in this District possible.

It has been both an honor and privilege to serve our honored Order, under your leadership, as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Natale J. Zummo
District Deputy #5

**District Deputy #6
Curt P. Stasny**

Worthy State Deputy,

District 6 consists of the following 6 Councils:

1908 Bishop Fahey - Hattiesburg
2180 Laurel Council - Laurel
6592 Father Malachy Burns - Bassfield
7211 Our Lady Of Perpetual Help - Lumberton/Poplarville
8054 Charles R. Brill - McComb
11654 Father Paul Gillis - Wiggins/Lucedale

Brother Knights from the entire Mississippi Jurisdiction helped form a new Council this year. God's gift of a new Council was received by District 6 at Wiggins/Lucedale. The 41 Knights of the Father Paul Gillis Council 11654 are a treasure to our Order and Brothers that will always have a special place in my heart. These Brother Knights are a prime example of the solidarity that the Knights in District 6 have with their Priests.

Council 1908 in Hattiesburg hosted our District Meeting in which 23 members of our district came together to coordinate our efforts and attempt to make our Council actions pleasing to God our Father. Hattiesburg also hosted a very successful first, second and third Exemplification. Many thanks to Grand Knight Joe Goelner for his patience, guidance and assistance in helping me fulfill my duties.

Council 2180 in Laurel hosted a first degree and also traveled to McComb to initiate 4 new members. Their Degree Team is FIRST CLASS! Their excellent leadership is reflected in projects and the outstanding Squire Circle they Sponsor. God has blessed this Council with an abundance of deeply spiritual Catholic men and a great number of "Youth Christs" for this Council to build upon.

Council 6592 in Bassfield helped build one of the most beautiful Parish Halls in our state. Thousands of man-hours were donated by the vibrant and active Bassfield Council. These men should be applauded for making this dream become a reality. The Bassfield Council is a Council of action. Give them a project and get out of their way!

Council 7211 in Lumberton/Poplarville is alive and well! There's no need to send a scout to Lumberton to check for a pulse this year. They were a big help in the formation of the Wiggins/Lucedale Council. They started a Squire Circle that now has 13 members. This Council reached "TOP GUN" status and tripled the number of active members in the Council. Their Pro-Life program was the best in the World. Dynamite comes in small packages!

Council 8054 in McComb made a complete turn around this year. Dedicated to reviving the Council, the officers went to work in June to map out the projects for this year. One of their most successful efforts was a membership drive coupled with a spaghetti dinner. With the help of our State Deputy, Jesse Quinn III, along with State Membership Director, Dennis Riecke and Insurance Agent Jim Rigby, the drive netted 7 Form 100's. The dinner was also a boost by adding over \$1,600 to their working funds. Many thanks to all of you who helped to give new life to the Knights Of Columbus of McComb Council 8054.

Worthy State Deputy, thanks for the confidence you placed in me. You didn't know me from Adam, but you drove 150 miles to tell me you saw the fire in my eyes. What you saw was merely the reflection of the fire in your own eyes. After much prayer, and with the support of my wife, I

became your Deputy for District 6. As a rookie DD, I accepted the many offers of help from Knights across our state. I wish I had the many pages it would take to thank all of those who helped District 6 achieve 322% of its membership quota so far this year! With Gods help, the future of District 6 should be FANTASTIC!

Yours in Christ,
Curt P. Stasny
District Deputy #6

District Deputy #7
Thomas A. Wedig

Worthy State Deputy:

District 7 is made up of the following four Councils:

1522 - Pere LeDuc, Bay St. Louis, GK - Harvey Mitchell
6872 - Oscar J. Gelpi, Picayune, GK - Evan J. Lambert
7087 - Fr. A. C. Denis, Kiln, GK - Ray A. Billeaud
9958 - St. Ann, Lizana, GK - Hollis J. Moran

My term as District Deputy for the Fraternal Year 1995-96 started some 9 months ago, on July 8, 1995, when I attended the State Council Organizational meeting held in Greenwood followed by the Installation of Officers and D.D.'s. The goals for every aspect of the State Jurisdiction and the way to achieve them were presented thoroughly. Before returning home, I attended the Northern District School of Columbianism held at Greenwood Council 5267 on Sunday, July 9th.

I also attended my own Southern Region School of Columbianism on July 22nd held at Council 1244 in Biloxi, at which 3 of my 4 Councils were represented and then traveled to Madison on Sunday to the home of Council 9543 for the Central Region School of Columbianism. It was a rewarding experience to attend all three.

All of the Council Officers in my District were duly installed; 6872, Picayune, on July 15th; 7087, Kiln, on August 20th; and, 1522, Bay St. Louis, on August 21st by me. 9958, Lizana, however was installed on June 24th by the D.D. of District 8 in which District it was located before being realigned to my District.

I attended the business meeting of each of my Councils every month and went over with them the programs and events they needed to be working on for both State and Supreme. I also attended 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplifications at Council 9409, West Biloxi, on August 27th and at Council 5654, Ocean Springs, on March 10, 1996.

All 4 Councils conducted Free Throw Contests and we had a District Free Throw Contest in Picayune on February 24th. Some of our Council and District Champions went on to the State Contest and several came back with Championships.

Combined District meetings were held with Districts 8, 9 and 10 on November 18, 1995 in Ocean Springs at Council 5654 and on April 13, 1996 with Districts 9 and 10 in Orange Grove at Council 7910. Workshops were conducted with Grand Knights, Membership Directors, Financial Secretaries and Program Directors. Several State Officers were present to lend their advise and

expertise as well as our State Retention Chairman who also covered the Insurance aspect.

I attended the Mid-Winter State Jurisdiction meeting in Brandon at Council 10216 on December 9, 1995 at which time I committed to 25 new members in District 7 between Jan. 1st and June 30th, 1996. As of this writing (not just 3/31/96) we have exemplified 16 and will work hard to achieve the goal.

On September 24, 1995, Picayune Council 6872 sponsored a Statewide Columbian Squires Investiture at St. Charles Parish Hall in Picayune, at which 9 new Squires were invested, 6 into Circle 4234 in Picayune. We were extremely pleased to have you present to address the gathering and to pin the new Squires.

I attended the First Annual State Squires Convention held in Laurel at Council 2180 hosted by Circle 3768. Squires from Picayune, Laurel, Ocean Springs and Gulfport were there and they elected their first slate of State Officers. Again, you were also in attendance.

Three of my four Councils should receive awards at the State Convention, with Council 6872 attaining Distinguished Council Status, Council 6872 also has a chance to get Star Council Status from Supreme if they can get the Insurance requirements before June 30th.

As of March 31st, District 7 is only showing 67% of Supreme quota for Membership but this figure will climb to 200% by June 30th. Insurance is only 25% of quota and it will be a struggle to get to 100% by the same time.

Worthy State Deputy, I will conclude by saying that it has been an both an honor and a privilege to serve the State Jurisdiction as District Deputy and your leadership has been an inspiration to me and all the Brother Knights in District 7

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Wedig,
District Deputy #7

**District Deputy #8
J. Lessie Ladner**

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights:

April 30, 1995 was the beginning of a new understanding of the Knights Of Columbus for me. At the time, unity was one thing I could not see; however, it became clear to me unity is one of the strongest principles of our Order. Upon the advice of many true Knights, I accepted the job of District Deputy 8. I still do not understand why our Worthy State Deputy asked me to serve on his team; however, I am very proud to have been selected to this position. Serving as District Deputy has enabled me to truly understand Father McGivney's dream. Also, all the Councils of my district made me feel very special, and I have made many close friendships.

District 8 comprises the following Councils: 1244, Biloxi; 1583, Bishop Gunn; 4472, Pass Christian; 4898, Long Beach; and, 11541, St. James. Installation dates of all five Councils were set before the Organizational Meeting in Greenwood. The Biloxi Council was installed before the Organization Meeting. This was the only Council I installed. Upon my return from Greenwood in July, 1995, I was taken very ill, which slowed me down for a few months. Many thanks go to District Deputies Danny Lechner, Buddy Cupit, and past District Deputy Richard Hoda. These brothers filled in for me so no Council would have to reschedule their installation.

The first major even of the year began right away; I got the opportunity to help organize the Wiggins Knights Of Columbus. Helping to bring a new Council to life is a very rewarding experience. The highest point was to serve on the first degree team and bring these men into Knighthood.

Along with my regular duties, I was sent to Picayune to help with a serious problem that ended in the suspension of a Grand Knight. I witnessed Knights Of Columbus at its worst! Then, I would visit my district and realize that the Knights Of Columbus is much stronger and larger than one or two men. If the rules of the Order had been followed in Picayune, this would not have happened. There is a reason for each and every rule of our Order, and if they are followed a Council will be very successful. This lesson gave me a new respect for the priesthood, and a profound understanding that our clergy are very important and need to be kept in the highest esteem.

Grand Knights Billy Davis, Terry Hurst, Billy Hincks, and Ed Croal are commended for the outstanding way they move the Councils in a positive direction. Rules of the Order are followed to the letter by these Grand Knights. Council 4472 had a Grand Knight change in January; Deputy Grand Knight Al Jones moved to Grand Knight after the resignation of Greg Niolet. Al has begun moving Council 4472 forward again.

District Eight had five first degrees this year, bringing 30 new Knights to our Order. All five Councils have a first degree team. Councils 11541 and 1583 share a team. All teams are eager to help anytime. Time to time different brothers filled in on different teams. Unity is alive and well in District Eight.

Membership is down this year, but I feel the spirit is now moving forward very fast. Each Council realizes that the life of a Council is membership. As Grand Knight Terry Hurst spoke to prospective members in Columbia, "When you get new members, get them involved, give them something to do. Don't get new members just to increase numbers; make them a part of the Knights of Columbus." St. Stephen Parish is now being organized. The first meeting was held on Sunday, April 21, 1996. I fully expect to have this Council in District Eight before the end of May. St. Stephen Parish is made up of three churches: St. Ann the Dubuisson community, St. William and St. Stephen Delisle.

The new thought on suspensions is a very positive step. I encourage the financial secretaries to give the District Deputies time to contact your suspensions. For each suspension sent to me, I have spoken to the Knight personally or wrote to the ones out of state and the ones with no phone number. I found that the Councils are too fast to write these members off. For example, one brother I called wanted to keep his membership, but he had suffered a heart attack and had open heart surgery. The Council did not know it; the suspension notice I received stated this man was contacted by the Council. This brother was suspended. Why?

All five Councils have many ongoing projects in all areas of our programs. Charity is first and foremost in this district. The support for Priest and Catholic education is very important in each Council as they each have a Catholic school in their parish. The programs of each Council are too long to list in this report, but the program reports reflect the actions of District Eight.

I would like to thank State Deputy Jesse Quinn for giving me the opportunity to serve my brother Knights. The state family has given me support and advice to aid me in my mission this year. Last and most important, I thank the officers and Brother Knights of District Eight for all the hard work and many dedicated hours you have given. You are true examples of Father McGivney's dream.

Respectfully submitted,
Lessie Ladner
District Deputy #8

**District Deputy #9
Daniel J. Lechner**

District 9 is comprised of Council 7910, Orange Grove; Council 9094, North Biloxi (D'Iberville); Council 9409, West Biloxi; and Council 9673, Woolmarket.

It was my distinct privilege and pleasure to install the officers of each of these Councils during the months of July and August 1995. The year really got started with the School of Columbianism, which was represented by all the Councils in my district. At the meeting, old and new officers and committee chairmen were inspired by the words of our State Deputy, the other State officers, and the State Committeemen.

Council 7910, Orange Grove, under the leadership of Grand Knight John Ward, has excelled in every aspect of Columbianism. They held two membership drives resulting in several new members, had fund raisers to help the needy, and performed many projects around the church.

Council 9094, North Biloxi (D'Iberville), under the leadership of Grand Knight Greg Davis, has turned itself into a growing and dynamic Council. The Council excels in charity by donating time, energy, effort, and money to St. Vincent DePaul, Scouting, and various other organizations. They also contribute many manhours to the church by serving as ushers, Eucharistic ministers, C Y M advisors, and CCD teachers.

Council 9409, West Biloxi, under the leadership of Grand Knight Bobby Weldon, has turned the corner and is quickly becoming an accomplished Council. This Council's success is due to having more programs and thus requiring more Brother Knights to become active. Their members have contributed many manhours to charitable fund raisers and to programs promoting the church and its teachings. Council 9673, Woolmarket, under the leadership of Grand Knight Harvill Richardson, has made great strides in becoming a stronger and more active Council. I feel that this Council has a very bright future ahead.

All of these Councils have submitted their required reports in a timely and orderly manner.

I am grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to serve these great Councils.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Lecher
District Deputy #9

**District Deputy #10
Alvin Buddy Cupit, Jr.**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Brother Knights,

It is with great honor that I submit this report for District 10, Knights of Columbus, Jurisdiction of Mississippi, consisting of the following Councils:

1605	Msgr. P. J. Carey	Pascagoula
5654	Fred L. Westbrook, Sr.	Ocean Springs
9124	Saint Mary	Gautier
10499	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy	Ocean Springs

During the month of July, it was my honor and privilege to be the installing officer for each Council in District 10.

This year has been quite successful for membership. As a result of numerous membership drives since July, the district has added approximately 80 new members in 9 First Degree Exemplifications across all four Councils, raising our membership total to nearly 600. Of particular note was the First, Second, and Third Degree Exemplification in which 25 of the 57 candidates were new members. Special thanks to Council 5654, my home Council, for hosting this degree. Particular thanks are due to the Greenwood Degree team for performing the most impressive degree work we have witnessed in a long time.

Congratulations are in order for Councils 5654, 9124, and 10499 for achievement of Top Gun status. This goal was accomplished through inter-Council teamwork and with the outstanding support of our pastors, Frs. Kelleher, Kennedy, Farrell, and Msgr. Hannon.

It was my honor to be the host District Deputy for the Coastal District Meeting attended by members from Districts 7, 8, 9, and 10. I wish to express my gratitude to the Worthy State Secretary Guy S. Todaro, Jr., the Worthy State Treasurer Keith B. Merritt, the Worthy State Advocate Bruce Pabon, and the Worthy State Warden Ted V. Knowles for their attendance at this event. Each of these officers demonstrated their dedication to Columbianism by taking an active part in the district meeting, ensuring its success. I also wish to thank each of the District 10 Councils for the timely submission of their programs to State and Supreme.

The district is proud of the members of the Degree Team from Pascagoula. This team, composed of members from all four Councils in District 10, performed numerous Second and Third Degree Exemplifications throughout the state.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Worthy State Deputy for demonstrating your confidence in me, a young Knight, by taking a chance and appointing me to the position of District Deputy of District 10. It was through your guidance and example as well as the cooperation and dedication of the Councils that District 10 has become one of the most successful districts, if not THE most successful district, in the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,
Alvin Buddy Cupit, Jr.
District Deputy #10

**Second Business Session
Saturday, April 27, 1996**

The Second Business Session was preceded by a Pro-Life Rosary and Memorial Mass.

State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III called to order and opened the Second Business Session of the 92nd Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction at 9:46 a.m. State Warden Ted V. Knowles verified that all present possessed a current membership card of the Third Degree. State Chaplain Reverend Father Jeffrey Waldrep opened the meeting with a prayer. Jim Lambert, Grand Knight of Council 6872 lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Secretary Guy S. Todaro, Jr. presented the following Credentials Committee Report:

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
92TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

STATE OFFICERS

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

Rev. Jeffrey E. Waldrep
Jesse J. Quinn, III
Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
Keith B. Merritt
C. Bruce Pabon
Ted V. Knowles
Thomas R. Zettler

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
1996 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES**

802 Meridian	Robert J. Leo	Scott Dibbs
848 Jackson	J. J. Befort	Henry A. Kajdan
898 Vicksburg	Thomas W. Thornton	Greg Rottman
1034 Natchez	Richard W. Warren	Darren E. Cowart
1244 Biloxi	William R. Davis	Julius D. Broussard
1522 Bay St. Louis	Harvey C. Mitchell	Andrew T. Mitchell
1583 Gulfport	Andrew T. Hurst	Michael Craft
1605 Pascagoula	Frederick T. Clark	Mathias F. Zelenka, Jr.
1908 Hattiesburg	Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.	Michael Bucciantini
2134 Greenville	John P. Bernardi	William N. Koepp
2180 Laurel	R. W. Bill Gatzman	David Hughes
2945 Leland	Leon J. Shapley	Charles J. Morlino
2969 Clarksdale	Richard Finimore	John Laurenzi
4472 Pass Christian	Warren Rese	Revernal Ladner
4898 Long Beach	William G. Hincks, Jr.	David W. DiLorenzo
5267 Greenwood	Bradley D. Burden	Patrick K. Quinn
5556 Cleveland	Douglas J. Cocilova	Albert J. Rocconi, Jr.

5654	Ocean Springs	Louis D'Andrea	Carl Bochart
6555	Shelby	None	None
6592	Bassfield	Chris Daley	Lawrence Cavanaugh
6765	Starkville	John H. Beggs	William J. Ebel
6872	Picayune	Jim Lambert	Emile Vial
7087	Kiln	Ray Billeaud, Jr.	Elbert Cuevas
7120	Southaven	James W. Farris	Gordon B. Coker
7211	Lumberton	Wilson J. John, Sr.	Charles D. Bounds
7854	Clinton	Lloyd T. Everhardt	Fred Roquemore
7910	Orange Grove	John R. Ward	Arnold L. Fuller
7915	Brookhaven	Aaron J. Achord	Wade Ditcharo
7974	Columbus	Edward G. Evans, Jr.	Ralph Corrado
8038	Pearl	Gene Trahan	Gordon Cowie
8054	McComb	Joe Serio	Rick Penick
8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Richard T. Lieding	Doug Simmons
8760	Holly Springs	Cecil C. Jones	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
8848	Tupelo	Salvatore Bud Tomaso	Marcel Crudele
8912	Corinth	James R. Leatherwood	Danny Leatherwood
9094	D'Iberville	Thomas Timmons	Arthur Dunn
9124	Gautier	Donald Tiblier	John O'Dwyer
9234	Indianola	Joe Tannehill	Terry Lott
9409	West Biloxi	Bobby Weldon	Materno Yapit
9543	Madison	Mark J. Beyea	Lynn Eberhardt
9673	Woolmarket	Harvill P. Richardson	Lonnie R. Parvin
9958	Lizana	Hollis J. Moran	Anthony J. Moran
10216	Brandon	John Lewis	Lou Zylka
10443	Grenada	Buddy F. Honeycutt	Eddie Merriman
10499	Ocean Springs	George Roberts	Mike Miglioranza
10901	Oxford	Peter C. Sukanek	William R. Reynolds
11541	St. James, Gulfport	Edward C. Croal	Fritz O'Berlies
11654	Wiggins/Lucedale	A. C. Mack McCarney	Don Cox

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District 1	Robert A. Hudson
District 2	Patrick K. Quinn (Paid as Delegate)
District 4	J. Warren Doiron
District 5	Natale J. Zummo
District 6	Curt P. Stasny
District 7	Thomas A. Wedig, Jr.
District 8	J. Lessie Ladner
District 9	Daniel J. Lechner
District 10	A. Buddy Cupit

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

G. David Atteberry	Marvin L. Lott
Robert Fratesi	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
Norman L. Kiehm	Stanley M. Swentkowski
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.	Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop William R. Houck
Bishop Joseph L. Howze

Respectfully submitted,
Guy S. Todaro, Jr., State Secretary
Lawrence Cavanaugh
Elbert Cuevas
R. W. "Bill" Gatzman
William G. Hincks, Jr.
John Laurenzi
John O'Dwyer
Leon Shapley

After the Credentials Report, Most Reverend William R. Houck, Bishop of Jackson Diocese and Honorary State Chaplain addressed the Delegates. He was followed by Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Bishop of Biloxi Diocese and Honorary State Chaplain. Both were very inspirational.

State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III then introduced Supreme Director Albert Benedetti, PSD. Brother Benedetti reviewed the past year and discussed the membership and insurance figures for both the Mississippi Jurisdiction and overall national figures. He also shared his experiences while attending the Supreme Director's meeting in New York and the Pope's special Mass with the Knights of Columbus.

The following reports were presented by the State Officers:

State Officers Reports

State Chaplain's Report Reverend Jeffrey Waldrep

We gather here this weekend as truly blessed people, each with our own set of gifts and talents given to us by God. We gather here in true fraternity as Brother Knights who have chosen in the past year to share those gifts given to us by God to help brighten the world. We gather here to celebrate the numerous ways in which God has blessed you and blessed dedicated Brother Knights like you, all over our beloved state, for your dedication and hard work. We gather here as good, practicing and committed Catholics, striving ever more faithfully to serve God and one another. We gather as disciples of Christ, who in the spirit of our forefathers lead by Fr. Michael McGivney, pledge to continue to share our gifts and talents for the betterment of the order and of society.

Yes, it is with distinguished honor that I stand before such a body of men who have embraced Jesus' command to 'go out and proclaim that the Reign of God is at hand.' For truly, we are about giving God the glory and honor due him for working, moving and stirring within each of our lives and those lives around us.

However, Brother Knights, we all can testify that proclaiming Jesus' presence in our world meets with numerous stumbling blocks. These stumbling blocks take on varying faces throughout our daily lives. We stumble with sadness in regards to the faces of innocent people being killed daily throughout the world because of ethnic unrest. The faces of government officials within our own state that are making a choice not to promote the value of "life" in the laws of our land, weighs heavily on our hearts and minds. The faces of one person after another who are making a choice not to practice their Catholic faith regularly disturbs us. It is these faces that make our mission as disciples and Brother Knights more difficult.

Unfortunately, we also find stumbling blocks in proclaiming Jesus' presence within our own honored and beloved Order. You have seen their faces too. The face of Brother Knights who do not see the value of regular meetings. The faces of individual councils that try to exist as an independent organization apart from their parish church. The faces of individual knights who have sat back and allowed the same people to do everything. These faces haunt and will continue to haunt us daily.

However, my heart stands before you with pride because most of you here today in your own way have not allowed these stumbling blocks to get in your way. You have ever more fervently been creative in holding up your Catholic faith and serving the good of the Order in both word and in action. You truly have been walking the walk and talking the talk.

My journey as a Brother Knight began with a gentle and persistent invitation, some 5 years ago, from our present State Membership Director, Br. Dennis Riecke and the urging of Council 9543 in Madison. It was there that I began to see a group of men striving to promote the principles of our Catholic Faith through many long and hard hours of trying to reach out to those in the parish and community. As a child holds on to their first memories of life to help form their future life, so too do I treasure those first memories of Brother Knights in Council 9543 defending the good of the Order.

My journey as a Brother Knight has lead me to be called forth by our Worthy State Deputy, Br. Jesse Quinn, to be your Worthy State Chaplain. As Chaplain, I have been privileged to attend several state council gatherings and witnessed an enthusiasm about serving God and one another that goes unmatched. And, in talking with some of you and reading your monthly or bimonthly newsletters, I sense your commitment to service that you and many other Brother Knights have.

And too each of you, who in your own hearts know that you have tried to share God's love in word and action the best that you can, on behalf of our beloved order I salute you.

This is where I perceive that we have been and where we are. Now we must look at where we are going. Worthy Brother Knights, as your State Chaplain, I want to remind you of several principles and goals that we must untiringly hold before us in the next year. First, do not forget the importance of prayer. It is so easy to get into the "program mind-set" that we have to have this program and that program. The tragedy is that we forget why we are doing the things that we are doing. We must give God the Glory and Honor due him by praying before everything that we embark on, whether it be personal, social or business. Second, as leaders in the Knights of Columbus you are called to go out and encourage others to be involved. Don't get caught in the trap of doing everything yourself. Sometimes it is so easy to just do things yourself and stay frustrated with the lack of volunteers. If people do not come to you, don't be afraid to go to them. Third, I've seen it over and over again where the priest of a given parish are not informed and sometimes not even invited to K.C. functions. Even if your priest chooses not to be involved, don't let him go uninformed. Your council should be the strong arm of your parish church and communication with your parish priest is essential. Fourthly, I want to emphasize the importance of making a priority for your council the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our society, our communities and even our families are not encouraging individuals, including

our young people, to be priest and religious. You have it in your power through the resources available to you through prayer, programs and finances to aggressively encourage people to consider a religious vocation. It is my opinion if you don't, who will. I plead with you. I plead with you. I plead with you. to aggressively start working on promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Lastly, never forget the importance of holding up the value of life from the moment of conception until that moment we pass over into everlasting life. For, if we are to hold true to our Catholic Faith and principles set down by Fr. McGivney, then we can't help but cherish and work for promoting the value of life in both the young and old.

In conclusion, there have been many great things that have happened in the past year. Under the guidance of our Worthy State Deputy, no stone goes unturned and no person uncared for. However, to proclaim Christ present in our lives through the principles of our beloved Order brings us into contact with many differing peoples. Some will be as generous and give until it hurts and then a little more. Others, will not lay a finger to help out and will hold tight to what God has blessed them with. Then, you have everyone else in between these two poles. The quest for each of us is how do we use that which God has blessed us with as Brother Knights to help everyone know of God's love? My response is by "loving people one person at a time." And through following Christ and witnessing Christ's love through the basic precepts laid out by Fr. McGivney, each and everyone of us has no reason not to be impelled to spread Christ's love one person at a time.

We have come a long way and there are many rivers to cross and mountains still to climb. But, with the enthusiasm and energy in this room, together we should pledge ever more faithfully to hold up our Catholic Faith and to be there to help out those in need. We must be proud of what God has blessed us with and pray that God will ever more faithfully protect and care for us, as we strive to best serve his will through our beloved Order.

See, in the end it is not about numbers, figures or awards. Being a Brother Knight is about service; it's about being there; it's about loving; it's about encouraging; it's about living out our Catholic Faith; it's about me loving you and you loving me.

Let us take these few days together as a time to renew our spiritual life, our friendships and our goals so that we may better within the principles of our honored and beloved order, serve God and one another more faithfully.

Father Jeffrey Waldrep
State Chaplain

State Deputy's Report Jesse J. Quinn, III

The Knights of Columbus is officially a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization, but, Brothers, it has always been much, much, more than just an organization to me.

As I grew up, the men that I looked up to, my Father, Grandfather, Uncles, and friends, would all talk about the usual things. They talked about their work, fishing, hunting and sports, but when they talked about the Knights of Columbus, they sat a little straighter, and their eyes lit up with excitement as they talked about the wonderful and important things that they were-being able to accomplish through the Knights of Columbus. Even when I was very small, it was apparent that membership with the Order was something very special. It was an opportunity to unite with other Catholic men to successfully and dramatically do God's work here on earth.

When I was elected State Deputy of the Mississippi jurisdiction, I felt it most important to find true leaders to fill the positions of the State Council. In choosing leaders, I did not look for men who had the most tenure or who had held the most offices. I looked for men with fire in their eyes and a burning desire in their hearts to see our order grow and prosper as never before. With these men by my side, I knew that we, the Mississippi Knight of Columbus, could be successful, but I also knew that they too would need support, more support than I alone could give them.

For this support, I first turned to Bishop William Houck and Bishop Joseph Howze. Last year, at our state convention, we heard our Bishops reaffirm their support for the Knights of Columbus, and you gave them a standing ovation. Brothers, the words that they spoke that day were not merely words, it was a commitment to action. When I telephoned Bishop Houck to invite him to our state organizational meeting and to participate in the installation mass of state officers, his schedule did not have a free weekend. He could have easily said, "I just cannot make it. I am booked up." But, he did not say this. Instead, he rearranged his schedule so that he could be with us, even though it meant that he would have to leave Greenwood, Mississippi at night and travel five and one half hours by himself in order to keep an appointment the next day. Would you have done this? Bishop Houck did, because he cares about us and he believes in what we are doing.

At the beginning of the year, Bishop Howze, whom I consider a life-long friend and inspiration, meet with the State Officers and the District Deputies, whose districts cover the Biloxi Diocese. He expressed his support for our Order, but he too went a step further. Throughout the year, he has help open doors that were previously closed to us. He has assisted our leaders and given us opportunity after opportunity to expand the Order into new parishes. We are truly fortunate to have a great man like Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze as an honored member of the Mississippi jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

At the State Council Organizational Meeting, our leaders endorsed the idea that you, the local Councils do not exist to serve the Mississippi State Council, but that we are here to serve you. State Program Director Tom Chady, State Membership Director Dennis Riecke, and our State Council Program personnel developed an outstanding state program designed to promote the ideals and growth of the Order. They volunteered to travel to three locations across the State of Mississippi to bring the School of Columbianism to you, rather than asking you to travel to one location for their convenience. Over 200 Grand Knights, Council Officers and Chairman responded by attending one of these meetings.

Our state Council personnel, also wanted to include you, the Delegates of our local Councils, in State Council Award Winner Selection process. We believe that your input is important, and this afternoon, for the first time in Mississippi State Council history, 35 delegates will meet in five committee meetings to select the Mississippi State Council Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and the winners of the five best activity awards.

While State Program Director Tom Chady will be recognizing the Councils that received awards last night, I would like to take time to recognize those Councils that received the Supreme Council's highest award, The Star Council Award, for their performance during the 1994-95 fraternal year. I would like to ask the Council Delegates of these Councils to rise, Council 898 Vicksburg; Council 1908 Hattiesburg; Council 6872 Picayune; Council 7910 Orange Grove; Council 7915 Brookhaven; and Council 10901 Oxford. These Councils did an outstanding job in promoting our Catholic ideals and Columbianism and certainly should be commended.

PRO-LIFE

Since the Supreme Court decision in the case of Roe vs. Wade, our society has developed the most permissive abortion laws in the developed world. According to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, there are 1.6 million abortions performed in our country every year, and most

of these are performed strictly as a means of birth control.

I believe that this year several of our Councils have significantly heightened the awareness of their communities to the abortion crisis through the use of a dramatic display.

A little over a year ago, Brother Bradley Burden, the Grand Knight of my home Council in Greenwood, lead our Council in constructing a field of 4,400 crosses representing the number of abortions that occur in our country per day. This project was highly successful and received front page coverage in both the local newspaper and the Mississippi Today. In addition it received news coverage on the local television channels.

In January of this year, Council #7211 in Lumberton borrowed this most dramatic display and reconstructed it at their local Catholic Church. This display again had such a dramatic effect on those who saw it that it received front page coverage in the local paper in Poplarville and coverage in the Gulf Pine Catholic. In addition, television stations in Hattiesburg and Gulfport ran stories about the field of crosses and its significance.

Our Councils in Wiggins/Lucedale and Pass Christian have also requested an opportunity to use these crosses to impact their communities. I truly believe that each time this display is erected, lives are saved and attitudes are changed.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

This year, I have had the opportunity to become familiar with the Columbian Squires. This Knights of Columbus youth organization provides one of the most effective tools available in guiding our young men toward honest and upright lives.

Through the diligent and dedicated work of State Columbian Squire Director Jim Yaggi and State Youth Director Jim Lambert, this year the Columbian Squires were organized on a statewide basis, and for the first time in the history of the Mississippi jurisdiction, State Columbian Squire officers were elected and a State Columbian Squire Convention was held. We also had the privilege of welcoming a new Columbian Squire's Circle thanks to the dedicated work of District Deputy Curt Stasny and the members of the sponsoring Council 7211 in Lumberton.

If you council does not support a Columbian Squire Circle, you owe it to the Catholic Youth in your area to investigate the possibility of forming a Circle for your young men. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to insure the future of the Catholic Church in your parish.

CEREMONIALS

One of the most important aspects of the Knights of Columbus is our Ceremonials, for it is through our Ceremonials that we teach the principles of our Order to our membership. Our Jurisdiction is blessed with many fine First Degree Teams, but I would like to especially recognize two teams that I had the privilege to watch this year. They are from Council #10901 Oxford and Council #898 Vicksburg. These teams are spectacular and certainly among the best in the Order.

Dealing with our two Second and Third Degree Teams from Council 1605 in Pascagoula and Council 5267 in Greenwood has truly been an uplifting experience. The cooperation and support these teams have accorded one another has allowed our jurisdiction to benefit from a number of Exemplifications that would not have otherwise been possible. In the past, Second and Third Degree Exemplifications scheduling and expenses have been major problems for our jurisdiction. I am very pleased to say that due to the combined efforts of both Degree Teams and

the Mississippi State Council, these problems have all but been eliminated.

For a period of approximately one and one half years ending in March of this year, none of the Fourth Degree Exemplifications held in Mississippi were performed by a Mississippi Fourth Degree team. We have two very fine fourth degree terms in our jurisdiction, one composed of members from several of our Coast assemblies and one composed of members from Greenville, Jackson and Vicksburg. It gives me great pleasure to report that with the help of the Degree Team Captains, with the cooperation of District Master John P. Myers and Vice Supreme Master Marvin Lott, and the assistance of Supreme Master Darrell Beck and Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, we were able to work out the existing problems sufficiently enough to use a Mississippi Fourth Degree Team to perform an exemplification in Greenwood on March 16, 1996.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

As your State Deputy, I have had an opportunity to see the very best of the Knights of Columbus, but I have also become aware of some significant problems. My experiences have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the prosperity of our Order is directly tied to the image of our membership. People judge the Order, and to some extent the Catholic Church, by the way in which our members conduct themselves. This is an awesome responsibility for a Knight, but it is one that we must live up to.

Just before the beginning of this fraternal year, I received a copy of a letter from a Council officer addressed to the Supreme Knight, which accused two council members of various improprieties. This was followed with a series of letters which seemed to attack every Knights of Columbus authority that this individual had come to know, including a State Deputy, District Deputy, and the local Council Grand Knight. Later, as I assumed the office of State Deputy, this man assumed the position of Grand Knight, and the conflict began to escalate. Even though I had several conversations with this man about acceptable behavior, he and his cohorts refused to change tactics, and the unity and harmony of the local Council and parish began to be adversely effected. Eventually he went so far as to threaten the local priest by declaring that he would report the priest to the Bishop. As a result of his activity, the reputation of the Knights of Columbus suffered tremendously in this community. During this episode, one of his cohorts, who is a Past Grand Knight and former District Deputy, telephoned me and threatened to turn his own Council into the Bingo Commission and to have an eyewitness reporter available to capture the moment for a large television station.

Our Order's reputation is built on the character and deeds of many, many good Catholic men. This reputation is a very precious, yet fragile thing, and I can assure you that I will not allow it to be compromised, while I am you State Deputy. Charges were brought against this Grand Knight. He was found guilty, and he was removed from office. But, how do you think this priest feels about the Knights of Columbus? Do you think he will be overjoyed to learn that his next parish supports a Council, or will he be apprehensive about the disruption that might be caused in the parish? Remember his next parish could be your parish.

Contrast this episode with the story Father Anthony Quyet told his parishioners as an introduction for District Deputy Nat Zummo and I as we approached the parish in Forest to form a new roundtable.

Fr. Anthony told his congregation that he came to the United States from Vietnam with nothing—no material possessions, no family, no friends, nothing. But he did have a strong belief in God, and a desire to serve the Catholic Church. After being accepted into the Seminary, he was assigned to St. Patrick's Parish in Meridian. He told us that as he arrived in Meridian, he did not know if he would be accepted by the people of the parish, and didn't know

if he could even relate to them, but he said that immediately after the first mass that he attended, a man came up to him with a green and white form and said, "Sign this." Fr. Anthony said that he did not even know what he was signing, but he said as soon as he signed that form 100 the members of the Knights of Columbus in Meridian became his brothers, and their families became his family. They supported him financially, emotionally, and spiritually throughout his time in the Seminary. As he finished his introduction, he proudly proclaimed that not only was he a Knights of Columbus, but he was a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus. A few weeks later, a First Degree Exemplification was held in the parish center, and we welcomed the men of Forest as members of our jurisdiction's third roundtable.

Brothers, remember that when we put on the mantle of the Knights of Columbus, we are graced with the sterling reputation of the Order. A reputation that was built by dedicated Catholic gentlemen that stood up for their ideals and beliefs, and worked hard to support the Church and their fellowman. Be proud of this reputation, defend it, and add to the legacy that is ours as members of this great Order.

MEMBERSHIP

Our approach to membership retention does not include a demand that you do not suspend members; rather, we do not want you to suspend any Brother Knight until every effort is made to save his membership. When a Council fills out a Notice of Intent to Suspend Form, the Council is essentially saying that it has done everything that it could possibly do to save a particular member without success. Notices have been sent. Personal contact has been made, but nothing has worked.

Each time that I have received a Notice of Intent to Suspend Form, I have contacted the District Deputy assigned to that Council, along with the State Membership Director Dennis Riecke, State Retention Chairman Jim Rigby, and the nearest state officers. These men have made personal contact with the members facing suspension and have established an outstanding record by saving 93 or 42% of the members whom we were told could not be saved. The Order to date has lost only 126 of the 219 members that were in danger of being suspended.

In almost every successful case the key factor in retaining a member was convincing that Catholic man that the Order cares for and sincerely needs him. In many cases, we found that the member in question had not been contacted personally, but had instead, received a bill from someone who appeared to place a higher value on the money to be gained than the member to be saved. In the future, we do not expect to receive a Notice to Suspend form on any member that has not been personally contacted by a local Council member.

I am aware of a number of Councils who really worked hard to retain their membership. I ask that their members stand as I recognize these most distinguished Councils; Council 8285 St. Therese retained 17 members and lost 3; Council 10499 Ocean Springs retained 15 members and lost none; Council 1605 Pascagoula saved 26 members and lost 5; Council 5267 Greenwood saved 9 members and lost none; Council 1583 Gulfport saved 11 of 25 members and Council 2134 Greenville saved a number of members.

At the State Organizational Meeting, State Membership Director Dennis Riecke outlined an aggressive membership campaign that was designed to get every member involved with membership recruitment. This was followed with three expertly run membership training sessions held at the Schools of Columbianism, and a commitment by our State Membership Director, State Officers and District Deputies to assist Councils in recruiting members at every opportunity.

These efforts have been highly successful, resulting in 11 Councils reaching their Supreme Membership quotas during the first nine months of the fraternal year. Council 5654 Ocean Springs is currently leading the way by exceeding its membership quota by 342%

Our District Deputies made a commitment at the beginning of the year to honor the dream of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, by working to bring the Knights of Columbus to those parishes that do not have a Council or Roundtable. In November, with the help of Fr. Patty Mockler, District Deputy Curt Stasny established our newest Council 11654 Wiggins/Lucedale. District Deputy Nat Zummo, working with Fr. Anthony Quyet and Fr. Jose Lopez established a Knights of Columbus Roundtable in Forest. District Deputy Bob Hudson currently has commitments from the required number of men to form a Roundtable in Batesville, and Grand Knight Aaron Achord and Roundtable Chairman Joe Bonfiglio also have the required commitments to form a Roundtable in Magee. District Deputy Lessie Ladner has conducted an Organizational Meeting for a new Council in Delisle and is anticipating its establishment in the near future. District Deputy Curt Stasny is also working with Fr. Tommy Conway to establish a Council in Columbia.

Since our last convention Council 1583 Gulfport has distinguished itself with its support of the new Council development activity in its area. This Council has supported Council 11541 in the finest traditions of the Knights of Columbus, and it has assisted our efforts in Columbia by supplying the manpower, equipment and food needed for a fish dinner to promote the establishment of a new Council. At this time, I would like to invite Grand Knight Terry Hurst of Council 1583 to come forward and make a presentation to Grand Knight Ed Croal of Council 11541.

Who are the best membership recruiters in the State of Mississippi? I have heard a lot of boasting from a lot of Knights! But, just who are they? Well, we are going to find out! The Mississippi State Council and the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Insurance Agency have joined hands to issue a challenge to all the Knights in the Mississippi jurisdiction. If you are one of the top ten recruiters in the State of Mississippi during the months of April, May and June, you will receive one of these beautiful jackets distinguishing you as a member of the 1996 Top Ten Proposer Club. Will John Ward be wearing one of these jackets? How about Tom Chady, or Dennis Riecke, or John Maloney, or Bob Hudson? Or how about you? The race is on, and later Dennis Riecke will explain the details of this exciting new program.

My ardent desire for the future of our Order is to see the Knights of Columbus become the premier organization of Christian men in Mississippi. An organization that all the people of the Catholic Church in our state will look up to with boastful pride. These aspirations are attainable, but to reach them, we must value every member as a brother, and we must live by the principles that we endorse.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse J. Quinn, III
State Deputy

State Secretary's Report
Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

The following is the status of membership by Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction as of April 1, 1996 as compared with totals of April 1, 1995. Also noted are the names of deceased members per Council. Figures are based on the monthly report of membership from Supreme.

Council No.	Council Name	1995	1996	Increase	Decrease	Deceased
802	Meridian	214	213	-	1	5
848	Jackson	92	89	-	3	3
898	Vicksburg	299	308	9	-	9
1034	Natchez	186	188	2	-	2
1244	Biloxi	382	364	-	18	4
1522	Bay St. Louis	164	165	1	-	1
1583	Gulfport	386	319	-	67	3
1605	Pascagoula	276	273	-	3	6
1908	Hattiesburg	114	120	6	-	2
2134	Greenville	173	161	-	12	5
2180	Laurel	110	117	7	-	1
2945	Leland	69	67	-	2	3
2969	Clarksdale	281	271	-	10	5
4472	Pass Christian	37	38	1	-	1
4898	Long Beach	147	140	-	7	3
5267	Greenwood	76	78	2	-	0
5556	Cleveland	147	146	-	1	1
5654	Ocean Springs	161	174	13	-	4
6555	Shelby	38	38	-	-	0
6592	Bassfield	77	81	4	-	0
6765	Starkville	40	47	7	-	0
6872	Picayune	86	86	-	-	1
7087	Kiln	61	53	-	8	0
7120	Southaven	63	73	10	-	1
7211	Lumberton	40	50	10	-	0
7854	Clinton	47	51	4	-	1
7910	Orange Grove	93	102	9	-	1
7915	Brookhaven	70	67	-	3	2
7974	Columbus	46	37	-	9	2
8038	Pearl	64	71	7	-	0
8054	McComb	58	53	-	5	1
8285	Jackson, St. Theresa	94	86	-	8	0
8760	Holly Springs	35	35	-	-	2
8848	Tupelo	125	139	14	-	1
8912	Corinth	32	28	-	4	1
9094	D'Iberville	94	91	-	3	0
9124	Gautier	77	78	1	-	1
9234	Indianola	43	42	-	1	1
9409	West Biloxi	83	82	-	1	1
9543	Madison	126	128	2	-	0
9673	Woolmarket	60	60	-	-	1
9958	Lizana	56	61	5	-	2
10216	Brandon	68	68	-	-	0
10443	Grenada	39	33	-	6	1

10499	East Ocean Springs	75	78	3	-	0
10901	Oxford	50	69	19	-	1
11541	Gulfport, St. James	-	86	86	-	1
11654	Wiggins/Lucedale	-	41	41	-	0
	Total	5,154	5,245	262	173	80

A total net gain of 89 members is shown by this report. Included are 1,977 insurance members and 3,268 associate members. Also included in these totals are 503 honorary life members, 99 honorary members and 346 inactive members. Included in this report are 80 deceased members reported by their Councils since the last convention. This number includes 7 religious/clergy.

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

802	Meridian	Bro. Theodore Jurdt, ST Richard Lofquist Joseph M. Mosby, Sr. Robert A. Stockton, PGK Andrew A. Thomas, PGK
848	Jackson	Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, Former State Chaplain Emile Hederi Paul Westerfield
898	Vicksburg	Ernest Breithaupt F. L. Caepert Vincent J. Canizaro Nicholas Cassino F. J. Groome Charles L. Guiney, Jr. Marion J. Melscheimer Harry A. Piazza, Sr. James M. Salmon, Sr.
1034	Natchez	Charles G. Burke William A. Whitam
1244	Biloxi	David W. Arguelles Harold F. Migues Chester H. Rose, Sr. Exile J. Trahan
1522	Bay St. Louis	Charles F. Gottschalk

1583	Gulfport	Donald E. Ernest Merlin Ncaise George A. Rogers
1605	Pascagoula	Pedro W. Cox, Jr. James T. Delmas James C. Hinman Paul L. Kensler Ernest D. Ory, Sr. William C. Werneth, Sr.
1908	Hattiesburg	Robert L. Grigsby Rev. John M. Scanlon
2134	Greenville	James K. Cazalas Frank V. Ciolino, PGK Ronald A. Drake William C. Schultz, PFN Robert Truitt
2180	Laurel	Frank G. Lesniak
2945	Leland	Fred W. Abide, Sr. PGK Charles C. Flanagan Eugene Sabbatini
2969	Clarksdale	Louis Borgognoni Paul Clegg Bryant Lipsey Harry Tuminello Melvin Underwood
4472	Pass Christian	Thomas W. Anthony
4898	Long Beach	Jack R. Case Joseph Van Cloostere Sam J. LaRosa
5556	Cleveland	Rev. Bernard Haddican

5654	Ocean Springs	Michael K. Burns Howard V. Cox Rev. Paul A. Gillis Frank Mathieu
6872	Picayune	Marvin J. Cabibi
7120	Southaven	Anthony L. Rizzo
7854	Clinton	Royce Culpepper
7910	Orange Grove	James Dunigan, FDD, PGK, PFN
7915	Brookhaven	Philip C. Case Jimmy A. Serio
7974	Columbus	Samuel Coley Rufus C. Mason
8054	McComb	Ardel Jones
8760	Holly Springs	Edward John McKinnon Rev. Mr. Bennedict C. Njoko
8848	Tupelo	John R. Reedy
8912	Cornith	Robert Scalzi
9124	Gautier	Anthony Boguski
9234	Indianola	Lee Servadio
9409	West Biloxi	Frank D'Italia
9673	Woolmarket	James R. Eriksen, Sr., PGK

9958 Lizana

Francis Ladner
Rev. Patrick Tierney

10443 Grenada

Vincent dePaul Marascalco

10901 Oxford

Robert Duchaine

11541 St. James, Gulfport

Charles Austin

Respectfully submitted,
Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
State Secretary

State Treasurer's Report
Keith B. Merritt

Your Excellencies, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy Grand Knights, Delegates and Brothers:

At the 1995 Convention, I ran an unsuccessful campaign for this office. The vote was close, but I accepted the will of this body with dignity and as a gentleman. I said then, and I say now, that when one puts their best foot forward in offering themselves for service, there is disappointment in losing but not shame. Win or lose, my heart is with this order and the relationships I have gained with many of you will last me for my lifetime. I could ask for no greater reward. Then, due to circumstances beyond my control, this office was not taken, and through the diligent efforts of each District Deputy, the Grand Knights of each council were contacted and their will was to offer me the job. I would have taken it the first time, but the second time around is just as sweet. At the Schools of Columbianism, and at the Mid Winter meeting I publicly thanked the District Deputies and Grand Knights for their rapid response to an unfortunate situation. Those efforts to quickly fill this office reaffirm your understanding of its importance to the day to day stability of the order. I am deeply humbled by your vote of confidence in me, and by my conduct, you will always know that at every step I hold your interests and the financial well being of this order far above any interests of my own.

The Report you have before you is a summary of our financial activity since April 1, of 1995 and through March 31 of this year. It is self explanatory and lists our sources of income, our expenses, and year-end balance. At the beginning of my term, the State Deputy put forward some simple ground rules that would help us manage our expenses and provide efficient services to our members. These rules were explained to the membership at each School of Columbianism. Among them were: all expenses for travel must be pre-approved by the State Deputy. When visiting councils on State business, all meals would be reimbursed at a fixed maximum amount, i.e. \$4.00 for breakfast, \$6.00 for lunch, and \$10.00 for dinner. All requests for reimbursement and all official invoices for supplies or services must be reviewed and signed by the State Deputy. I review all signed requests, make changes if I detect an error, write and sign checks, and then send

these back to the State Deputy for his final review and counter-signature. He then mails the check to the proper recipient. The effect of this careful process is to pursue a wise and prudent course. It protects from inadvertent overpayments or duplicate payments. I write and sign checks in Tupelo. The State Deputy reviews and signs checks in Greenwood. Neither he nor I have countersigned checks in our possession. Each and every expense must follow this procedure. I would like to note that I selected a statewide banking system for our State account. This will allow for optimum continuity when I leave this office. The process of starting and stopping bank accounts from one Treasurer's home town to another is disruptive and cumbersome. Any Treasurer can now conduct our business from the location in which he resides without disruption of services or loss of interest revenue. On my report please focus your attention on the Net Income to Expenses. We finished the year with a positive \$6200. I want to point out that we achieved this with proper management, but more importantly without the need for a State Raffle. In the past, the raffle brought in over \$6000. We discontinued that raffle, provided a full year of services to our members, and yet have a surplus. And now, I would like to draw your attention to a matter of which I am very concerned. As I prepared my records for the State Audit Committee and gathered together all my bank statements, all my receipts and put them together with all past State Treasurer Jesse Quinn's records and receipts for open review by the Audit Committee, a dark truth settled upon me. What I am about to say effects each and every one of you assembled here today. What I am about to say is not about me or my views; it is about the well being of this order.

Look at this box. Inside are all the records I just talked about. This is All the records I have. There are no canceled checks, bank statements, receipts or any other documentation of any kind from June of 1993 back. This situation is serious. Two years ago this body passed a resolution that demanded that financial records from the previous five years be handed to the incoming Treasurer. Regardless of personal conflicts, those records which protect the integrity and solvency of this Order, must be turned over for continuity and safe keeping. Again, just last year, in the 1995 Convention Minutes Book, in the report of the State Audit Committee it was stated in paragraph four, and I quote, "except for those of the current State Treasurer, financial records for the five years prior to July 1, 1994, were not in a location that was readily accessible to the audit committee, State Treasurer, or other interested parties. We recommend the State Deputy maintain these financial records. This problem was reported by the audit committee at last year's convention." End quote. In that paragraph, I translate that the "other interested parties" referred to are the IRS.

Have any of you ever been audited? Even with complete records, anyone would be nervous. If the IRS wanted to audit us today, it would not be for the current year. At the very least it would be for 1994 and we must have available records for at least the prior three years. As I reflected on the past year I could not count the many hours of effort I have put into the integrity of maintaining this office. It disturbs me greatly, and it should disturb you greatly, that no matter how meticulous my records are or the immediate past State Treasurer's records are, the fact remains, that because of the inaction of one or more men who are required to do what is honorable and right, the records have not come forward. It is imperative that we have those records. Until they do, each one of us is at risk. I have asked for the records. The State Deputy has asked for the records. The State Audit committee for two years in a row have asked for the records. Two years ago, this body of assembled delegates, with great concern, demanded these records. And yet, nothing. It is my personal responsibility to maintain current records. I have no interest in the past records beyond simply maintaining them per the express will of this Order. That is my duty as State Treasurer. And it is my duty to make sure that you are aware of the gravity of the situation at hand. If any one of you can help us to retrieve these records, please do so immediately.

Lastly, with all the challenges of the past year, it has been the honor of my life to serve you and to live the KC life with you. Each of us lives happier because of the love we share with the Lord, with our Church, our families and with each other as true Brothers. I look forward with great anticipation to living new experiences with you as we move forward into the new fraternal year.

God Bless you all. Thank you.

State Treasurer
Keith B. Merritt
(4-1-95 to 3-31-96)

Checking Account Balance \$34,590.69

Income

Per Capita 40,377.20
Catholic Charities 950.00
Interest 367.83
Misc 1,16.05
Total Income 41,841.08

Expenses

1995 Convention 19,597.65
 Mileage & Per Diem 15,053.72
 Minute Book 2388.22
 Awards 1850.51
 Other 305.20

State Chairmans' Expense 1,975.52
State Officers' Expense 4,410.79
Schools Of Columbianism 2,209.50
Catholic Charities (Gulf Pines) 1,000.00
Membership Directory 445.38
Magnolia Knight 1,433.48
Administrative Expense 2,947.53
New Council Development 544.01
Misc 1,068.57
Total Expense 35,632.43
Net Income/Expenses 6,208.65

Financial Statement Acct. #410-0341487
(4-1-95 to 3-31-96)

Beginning Balance 34,590.69
Total Income 41,841.08
Total Expense 35,632.43
Checking Acct. Bal. (3-31-96) 40,799.34

Respectfully submitted,
Keith B. Merritt
State Treasurer

**State Advocate's Report
C. Bruce Pabon**

It seems like only yesterday, not one year ago that I was honored by you my Brother Knights by being elected to the office of State Advocate of Mississippi. During this year many miles have been traveled and many hours have been spent seeking to meet your request for support from your state officers.

This year has opened my eyes more than ever to the good work we as Knights do, not only in our local parish, city, and state but throughout the world. Just think Mary and her Knights 1.5 Million strong, there is nothing we can't do.

I have been called upon several times this year to answer questions concerning the correct way in which a Council should run its business. When called I have tried to give answers to your questions that were both practical and legal. I have many times called on our Worthy State Deputy Jesse Quinn III and our Worthy State Secretary Guy Todaro, Jr. who have both served as State Advocate for their advice and help. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

I have traveled to many Councils this year trying to bring one message to all. That is you put each of the five state officers in office because you thought they could do the job for the 5,300 Knights of Mississippi. Now what can we do to serve you? Tell us what you expect because we work for you.

It has been my privilege to work with Curt Stasny District Deputy of District 6 on new Council's in Wiggins/Lucedale and in Columbia. I have worked with many others but three seem to stand out, they are our Worthy State Warden Ted Knowles, Worthy State Secretary Guy Todaro, Jr. and Lessie Ladner District Deputy of District 8. My thanks to each of them for making my job easier.

In January it was my sad honor, for lack of better words, to represent along with our Worthy State Warden, Ted Knowles, and our Worthy State Secretary, Guy Todaro, Jr., you my brothers at the funeral of our own Bishop Brunini. I'm at a loss for words to express how I felt, it was the most beautiful mass I have ever attended.

Finally I was deeply saddened at the loss of our Supreme Advocate Patrick Donlin. He had been a guide to all of us in the affairs of the Knights of Columbus. Let us remember him and his family in our prayers, he will be deeply missed.

This has been a year of many ups and downs and much learning. I wish to thank each and every Knight for the confidence shown in me and I hope I can continue to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pabon
State Advocate

State Warden's Report
Ted V. Knowles

It has been both an honor and privilege to serve you this past year as your State Warden.

This time has truly been a rewarding experience for me. These past twelve months have given me a chance to meet many of you my Brother Knights for very first time. It has been a time of creating new and lasting friendships, which may not have otherwise happened. It has been a time to strengthen and renew old friendships. Yes Brothers words become inadequate when explaining what this means to me, and what has happened to our State Order.

The year stated off on a rather low note. Many of us felt dejected and down as we left Jackson last year, not knowing what direction we, or our Order would travel this year.

Shortly after our convention last year, your State Officers under the leadership of Jesse "Bubba" Quinn, III, came together and charted a course (one I am sure, much like Columbus charted) that would get us through the many stormy seas which lay ahead.

After the Organizational meeting in July, we left with a single purpose, to spread the Good News of the Course we had chartered. This was partially accomplished with the Three (3) Schools of Columbianism, which were held in the North, Central, and Southern Regions, which I had the honor to attend along with all the other State Officers, Directors, and local District Deputies. I must add here, that you, Bother Knights, by your attendance, and your enthusiasm, convinced us that if we stayed the Course we had Charted, with some modification, and with the help from our God Almighty, we would achieve our high aim. (To make the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi a vital force, in the fight against abortion, in the fight against those who would take God out of our schools, and against those who would tear down those principles that so many of our Brothers and Brother Knights fought and died for. Finally, to be a Group of Catholic men who would come to the aid of Mother Church and Her various agencies, wherever and at whatever cost, in the furtherance of Her Catholic Cause.)

The Good News continued to spread across our Great State as your State Officers and Directors as individuals or groups answered the call for help from local councils in the areas of organization and Membership Recruitment and Retention. Which if I am not mistaken took us to near record levels in New Members and Retention.

One experience which will remain with me, and I will cherish throughout my life, was when I was privileged to see and be involved in the birth of a new council. To feel the Heart begin to beat in the Organizational Meetings and Open Socials is one thing, but to be present when the Heart Beat takes on a life of it's own being, is awe inspiring. As the words Charity, Unity, and Fraternity take root in the Souls of this body of Catholic Men, words cannot express. I can only say it must be a little something like being in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost. My hope is that if this has not happened to you yet, it will happen at some point of your lives.

As usual, I have said too much. However, I can not close my report without thanking all of you, my Brother Knights, for your warm hospitality to both myself and my wife Vernie. Your love and prayers have been felt and heard. You have truly brought to life the words Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Thank you and God Bless.

Lastly, to my Brother State Officers, Directors, and District Deputies, it has been an awesome experience being part of the job which lay before us. Standing shoulder to shoulder we stayed the course and victory is on the horizon. May we continue to be a credit to Our Church, to Country, to Our Order, and to The Savior of us all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted V. Knowles
State Warden

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report
Thomas R. Zettler

The word "past" means to me that my life has been enriched by service to this magnificent Order of which we are all a part. It means that I have had the opportunity to mingle with and get to know a group of Catholic men and their ladies who exemplify what it means to profess our beautiful faith.

It means that I have interfaced with two of the finest Shepherds that I have been privileged to know. Two Bishops who were totally supportive of our efforts in this Jurisdiction. I offer my personal thanks to Bishop Houck and Bishop Howze.

I simply want to belatedly thank all of you for permitting me to serve you in the capacity of State Deputy.

I will continue to urge you, as I have for the past two years to do your duty. Whether that duty is as a chair officer of your Council, a committee chairman or as a follower of your elected officers. Do your duty to your family. Be the husband and father (if you are blessed by children) that you are called to be by that vocation. Do your duty to God and to the Church. Be active in your parish, seek and find the ministry in which you can serve. And remember always the beautiful words of St. Augustine,

To fall in love with God
Is the greatest of all romances.

To seek Him,
the greatest adventure.

To find him,
the greatest human achievement.

May you all, as you live your lives, love, seek and find Almighty God in all that you think, in all that you say, and in all that you do.

God bless you all.
Thomas R. Zettler
Immediate Past State Deputy

General Agent's Report

Reverend State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representative, State Officers, Field Agents, Delegates, and Brother Knights. Thank you very much. It is a genuine pleasure to prepare this report for you. I want to apologize for not being present but, I could not be in two places at one time.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our State Officers for all that you are doing to make Mississippi a better place to live and work. Through your generous work for the mentally retarded program, your Priest Education Fund, and service programs for young people, and contributions to such worthy efforts as the Boy Scouts, help for the sick and needy, to name a few, you've brightened the lives of so many fellow citizens. Your commitment to voluntary service is proof positive that Mississippians are people who care.

Right before I came up to speak, one of your members said to me, "Jerry, we've been waiting a long time for a speaker who can dazzle us with charm, wit, and personality. I guess we can wait a little longer.

I promise not to speak for too long today. It's worth noting that the Lord's Prayer is only 56 words long. The Gettysburg address is 226. The Ten Commandments are 297. But the U. S. Department of Agriculture's order on the price of cabbage is 15,629 words. I'll try to finish somewhere in between.

January 1, 1996; Since our last Convention, we have a new Field Agent who has joined our Agency. I want to name our Mississippi Field Force and ask them to stand up when your name is called. Tom Rosetto from Hurley, Ms; Fred Ward from Southaven, Ms; I am Jerry Woods from Cleveland, Ms; Larry Campbell from Southaven, Ms; Jim Rigby from Biloxi, Ms; And our new man is Garland Moran from Lizana, Ms.

We are committed to a Mississippi that helps people in need, but we are striving to build a Mississippi where fewer people need help.

We've come a long way in the past four years. We have a long way to go. The freedom we cherish, and the helping hand we offer to our fellow citizens are ideals we all share. I urge you to help us build a society filled with safety, opportunity, and educational growth for every resident. God willing, we will make Mississippi and America strong and prouder than ever before.

Founders Award; As of April 1, 1996, we have 9 councils with 100% of quota or above, and they are the following: 104 Natchez with 100%; 5556 Cleveland with 166.66%; 5654 Ocean Springs with 133.33 %; 6765 Starkville with 133.33%; 8848 Tupelo with 133.33%; 9124 Gautier with 100%; 9543 Madison with 200%; 9958 Lizana with 100%; 10901 Oxford with 100%. We still have the rest of the Fraternal Year for each council to qualify. All Councils should qualify for this award. Let's give these councils a hand.

Insurance Promotion Award leader as of April 1, 1996; Percent gain is Madison with 200%. Net Gain is Madison with 6. Let give them a hand.

In closing, I want to tell you the story about an attorney Mr. Jones, who, upon his death, met St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "It seems Mr. Jones, that you've had a long and rewarding life. You've lived to be 106."

There must be some mistake," the lawyer exclaimed, I died at 56. You called me up too soon!" St. Peter replied, "I've been adding up all of your time sheets, Mr. Jones, and you could not have been a day less than 106."

Fraternally,
Henry Mosco, FIC, LUTC
General Agent

State Vocations Chairman's Report

A report on the State of Vocations Programs for the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

I have received reports from several Councils throughout the state that are very encouraging. I will not report on each Council, but will summarize the total responses. Let me add that although I did not receive reports per se from many Councils, I did learn from the newsletters that were sent to me that many Vocations Programs were held this past year.

Councils held programs as part of the Sunday School class during which information that was obtained from the Diocese concerning vocations was distributed to the appropriate age groups. One Council had Fr. Henry speak to the students and the parents as well and had a good question and answer period. Following this, Fr. Henry spoke at mass on his vocation and on the priesthood.

Some Councils had Fr. Henry come and speak at their meetings on the importance of vocations. One Council sponsors quarterly masses for vocations. They supported a retreat for vocations and one provided meal service at one such retreat. A breakfast honoring the parish priest was held during which vocation prayer cards were passed out. This priest then gave a talk on the Priesthood.

Some Councils are taking part in the RSVP supporting a Seminarian and getting the community involved by sending cards and letters and packages. Of course many are donating to the Priest Education Fund.

A great many Councils pray the rosary or say a prayer for vocations at their meetings.

As we do our best to promote vocations, let us not forget that a vocation or call-to-serve also includes the religious life and we must include our girls in these programs and the young men who may be called to serve as brothers. We must also pray for those who have a vocation to the Diaconate. For those who are serving in the Diocese of Biloxi and that one day this program may be implemented in the Diocese of Jackson. At the beginning of this fraternal year I asked that a rosary be prayed before masses on the fourth weekend of each month and this is being done in many parishes and in some on every Sunday.

Let these examples of what is being done perhaps inspire you to adopt some of them and make them a part of your program. On a whole, our vocations programs are doing well. If you do not have a Vocations Committee, appoint one.

In all of our activity let us not forget that the greatest influence on a young person begins in the home. Talk to your children about the religious life and pray with them and for them.

Thanks to all who responded by sending me reports and thanks to all for your work this year.

Jesus told his disciples to pray always and this is what we must do. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. Let the favor of the Lord be upon us. Bless the work of our hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud Tomaso
State Vocations Chairman

State Columbian Squires Report

From 1989 to 1995, the Squires in our state have taken a big step in membership recruitment and Circle development. At the end of the 1994-1995 fraternal year, Mississippi ranked #1 in highest per cent gain in Circle development and #1 in highest per cent gain in membership worldwide. Now, in the 1995-1996 fraternal year, we are still ranked at the top of our division #6 with total members gained and per cent gained and we haven't fallen from that position not once during the fraternal year.

We have had some great service work performed by our Squires. They have been active in helping the elderly at nursing homes, hospitals, and helping those that are shut-ins. Their participation in church activities has soared to its highest level ever. When a young man becomes a Squire he is asked by his new brother Squires to perform certain duties. One of these being to become an alter server so that he may better serve our lord at mass and in his everyday life. In membership for the past 5 years, the Squires have grown in leaps and bounds. In their activities within their communities, the Squires have exemplified the actions of the young Catholic gentlemen that they truly are. They have not only become a Squire, but are also the leaders in their schools, their fraternities, and in sports as well.

During the fraternal year 1992-1993 and again in 1994-1995, Laurel Circle 3768 was the recipient of the Brother Barnabas Award. Their projects of tornado clean-up and renovation of the second oldest Catholic Church in Mississippi for its 150th anniversary at Paulding, gained them the only Brother Barnabas Awards ever to be presented in our state. For the fraternal years from 1992 through 1995, Ocean Springs Circle 2852 won it's third in a row Corp de Elite Award, with Laurel Circle 3768 and Gulfport Circle 3091 also winning Corp de Elite Awards once each over the past 6 years.

Currently there are 7 Squire Circles in Mississippi, they are as follows, Ocean Springs Circle 2852, Gulfport Circle 3091, Laurel Circle 3768, Lizana Circle 3872, Picayune Circle 4234, Kiln Circle 4251, and Lumberton-Poplarville Circle. Thanks to the hard work and planning of the Worthy Grand Knight, Mr. Wilson John, and the Worthy District Deputy Curt Stasny, the reality of having a Squire Circle sponsored by the Lumberton-Poplarville Council took place on March 3, 1996. Eleven young men said yes to the call on becoming a Squire. There are several Knights of Columbus Councils that are currently considering sponsorship of a Squire Circle in their area. A challenge has been sent out to all Councils in our state to sponsor a Squire Circle. The greatest activity a Council can participate in is the sponsorship of a Columbian Squire Circle. There is no better way to share our love for God, our Brother Knights, our families, and community, than to share it with the young Catholic gentlemen known as the Columbian Squires of Mississippi.

On January 27, 1996, our state Squire officers traveled to Ocean Springs for their first meeting of the year. Many goals were set for this year and plans are in the making for the state softball tournament and for state convention, both which will be sponsored by the Picayune Circle 4234. A sincere thanks goes out to those young men in the Picayune Circle and to their counselors for the

fine work they are performing. They are truly a Circle that lives up to their motto of "esto dignus".

The first State Squires Convention was held this past fraternal year and was hosted by the Laurel Circle 3768 and the Laurel Council 2180. Squires from all over the state came to meet one another and join in the planning of the future of the Squires in our state for years to come. At the convention, new state officers were elected, a Squire of the Year for the state was selected by the membership present, and a Squire Counselor of the Year was selected. After their meeting, they enjoyed a great meal prepared by the Knights of the Laurel Council. Then the Squires took their place on the playing field. There was a football game in the park, a basketball game at the parish hall, and a volley ball game in the parking lot. Around 5:00 p.m., they all gathered at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church to give thanks to our Lord for a beautiful and productive day that they all spent together. Each Squire Circle and newly elected state officers were recognized by our Council Chaplain Father Ken Ramon-Landry, for their outstanding work performed over the past year, and he blessed them that they may continue to perform their duties for many years to come. After mass was celebrated, they all returned to the parish hall where they said their farewells to one another, only until they meet again on the playing field at Picayune.

Since 1989 the Squires have been growing at a rate that can be credited to many things. The state officers of the Knights of Columbus for their continued support and prayers, to the Councils who have worked hard in sponsoring their Squire Circles on a local level, and to one man who is known state wide as Mr. Squire, our state Squires Chairman, Mr. Charlie Underwood. Without any of the above supporters, the Squires in our state would not have survived. But with the hard work and efforts focused as one, our Squires have become the best at what ever they have done. May God bless the Squires organization and all those who contribute to them.

Faithfully submitted,
Esto Dignus
Jim Yaggi
State Squires Co-chairman

State Mental Retardation Report

All District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Members:

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 78,000 mentally retarded persons in Mississippi.

We want to thank each and every Knight, their families, the friends of the Knights of Columbus and the Mississippi Association for Retarded Citizens for all their hard work in helping others who cannot help themselves. We set a goal of \$102,200 for 1995. We did not achieve this goal, but we collected a net of \$81,899.95 even though 11 (approximately one fourth) of our Councils failed to turn in a report for 1995. When these reports are turned in the proceeds will be added to the 1996 Program.

The Mississippi State Council Officers and named Past State Deputies will again act as the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. I have asked the District Deputies to act as District Chairmen for the 1996 Program.

District Deputies will present this program to the Grand Knights at their District Meetings in January. Grand Knights are asked to present the program to the membership at a Council meeting prior to the Drive.

Grand Knights should appoint a Local Council Chairman and send his name and address to Dave Atteberry. We ask your serious consideration in selecting a Local Chairman and give him your full support and aid him in selecting his Committee Chairmen.

We have set a Net Income Goal of \$124,800 for the State of Mississippi in 1996. We should achieve this goal, if we maintain our enthusiasm and devotion to this program. We hope that each and everyone 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 Corinth Council won the 1995 trophy with a net income per member of \$152.70. The State Deputy will present the highest gross income per Council Trophy to the Tupelo Council again for 1995. They collected a gross income of \$19,742.57. We all want to congratulate 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, Inc. The co-signers of this account will be the State Deputy and the State Mentally Retardation Chairman. When you send your Council Disbursement Fund Request Form to us with your Federal Tax Exempt letter, we will return your funds in September 1996. Remember ALL funds must be disbursed prior to November 1, 1996 to be included in the 1996 Fund Drive Report.

This year we ask you to use the week of May 13th through May 19th to collect for this Drive. The first part of the week is for business donations and Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th for city-wide Drive. Our insurance for workers collecting for this Drive will only be in effect on Friday May 17th and Saturday May 18th.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the net will be for the State Council's, retarded program and seventy-five (75%) of the net for local Council's 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 canisters may be ordered at a nominal cost, but don't wait until the last minute. If aprons are needed, they can be ordered from Developmental Services Center, 1304 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61821. The cost of the aprons are \$5 each plus a \$2.50 handling charge per order.

All moneys less the cost of Tootsie Rolls and aprons should be forwarded to State Chairman Dave Atteberry immediately on completion of the Drive. Billing for Tootsie Rolls and aprons will be to the ordering Council and they should be paid for at that level with moneys withheld from the total receipts for that purpose only—no other moneys 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.

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 moneys to State

Chairman Dave Atteberry with report forms as indicated.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact us. We would appreciate it if you would invite one of us to your Council to help explain this program.

Good luck to each Council!

Fraternally yours,
Dave Atteberry, PSD, FVSM
State Mental Retardation Chairman

Joseph P. Goellner, Sr.
State Mental Retardation Co-Chairman

Mississippi State Council

1995 Mental Retardation Drive

Membership	No.	Council	Gross Income Before Deductions	Net Income	Net Amt. Per Member	Amt. To Council for Distribution	State Distribution	Matching Funds 1994	Accumulated Total Funds Donated	Recommended Goal for 1995 MRD
215	802	Meridian	No Report		0.00					1500.00
90	848	Jackson	3346.50	3036.00	33.73	2277.00	759.00		2277.00	5000.00
310	898	Vicksburg	No Report		0.00					3000.00
181	1034	Natchez	170.00	170.00	0.89	127.50	42.50		127.50	1000.00
275	1244	Blount	2051.32	1188.82	3.17	891.82	287.20		891.82	3000.00
162	1522	Bay St. Louis	1000.00	1000.00	6.17	750.00	250.00		750.00	1500.00
329	1583	Gulfport	No Report		0.00					1500.00
272	1605	Pascagoula	5363.08	4582.94	18.85	3437.21	1145.73		3437.21	5500.00
116	1880	Hattiesburg	5046.16	4433.66	26.22	3325.25	1108.41		3325.25	3200.00
170	2134	Ocean Springs	No Report		0.00					1800.00
110	2180	Laurel	1538.00	1400.00	12.73	1050.00	350.00	9450.00	10500.00	1800.00
89	2845	Leland	3318.67	2800.00	40.58	2100.00	700.00	4200.00	6300.00	2200.00
281	2969	Clarksdale	1891.27	1891.27	7.08	1493.45	497.82		1493.45	2000.00
39	4472	Pace Christian	No Report		0.00					2000.00
144	4898	Long Beach	3558.00	3300.00	22.82	2475.00	825.00	7425.00	9900.00	3000.00
77	5267	Greenwood	3840.00	3840.00	47.27	2730.00	910.00		2730.00	4000.00
142	5556	Clarendon	1098.22	1098.22	7.73	823.67	274.55	3294.68	4118.35	1000.00
152	5654	Ocean Springs	1610.33	1437.83	9.46	1078.37	359.46		1078.37	2800.00
35	5555	Shelby	1314.76	1206.43	31.75	904.82	301.61	2714.46	3819.28	1800.00
78	5581	Benfield	No Report		0.00		198.28			1500.00
48	5765	Starville	793.18	793.18	17.24	594.89	1388.30	594.89	1189.78	1000.00
80	5872	Pocomoke	5473.22	5473.22	60.81	4104.82	267.75		4104.82	6000.00
83	7087	Klan	1278.00	1081.00	20.21	803.25	383.00		803.25	1800.00
68	7120	Southaven	1452.01	1452.01	21.35	1089.01	125.00		1089.01	2000.00
40	7211	Lumberton	500.00	500.00	12.50	375.00	309.25		375.00	800.00
47	7654	Clinton	1312.00	1237.00	26.32	927.75	321.99		927.75	1500.00
93	7910	Orange Grove	1425.95	1287.98	13.56	965.99	970.82		965.99	1800.00
70	7915	Brookhaven	3996.42	3883.70	55.48	2812.78	270.83		2812.78	4000.00
48	7974	Columbus	1220.53	1082.53	23.53	811.90	522.85		811.90	2500.00
62	8038	Pied	2283.12	2090.62	33.72	1567.97	253.59	4703.91	6271.88	1200.00
54	8054	McComb	1029.75	1014.35	18.78	760.76	513.01	2282.28	3043.04	2500.00
87	8285	St. Theresa	2155.56	2052.06	23.59	1538.05			1538.05	1500.00
34	8760	Holly Springs	No Report							1500.00
128	8848	Tupelo	19742.57	16723.82	132.73	12542.87	4180.95		12542.87	18000.00
32	8912	Corinth	5760.30	4886.45	152.70	3684.85	1221.61	14359.40	18324.25	6000.00
94	9084	North Blount	278.00	140.00	1.49	105.00	35.00		105.00	1200.00
77	9124	Gauder	875.30	737.30	9.58	552.98	184.32		552.98	1500.00
43	9234	Ingleside	1071.00	812.25	18.89	609.19	203.08	1827.57	2436.25	1200.00
81	9409	West Blount	1883.27	1776.27	21.95	1333.70	444.57		1333.70	2500.00
121	9543	Madison	1247.50	1092.25	9.03	819.19	273.08		819.19	1800.00
83	9672	Woodmark	No Report		0.00					2000.00
56	9958	Lizans	No Report		0.00					2000.00
87	10216	Brandon	No Report		0.00					2000.00
34	10443	Grenada	1327.70	1068.95	31.44	801.71	267.24		801.71	1200.00
72	10489	Ocean Springs	1610.33	1437.83	19.97	1078.37	359.46		1078.37	2800.00
80	10801	Oxford	No Report		0.00					2800.00
67	11541	St. James	New		0.00					1000.00
0	11654	Wiggins	New		0.00					1000.00
5156		Totals for 1995	91740.02	81899.85	15.88	61425.02	20474.93	50852.19	112578.66	124800.00
		Totals for 1994	89088.17	77850.98	18.52	56388.26	19482.72	46539.51	106088.81	102200.00

**1995 Distribution of State Mentally Retarded Drive Funds
in Mississippi**

Organization Receiving Donations	Program Funded By Donations	Amount Donated	Total Funds Donated
MS. Special Olympics	All 15 Area Divisions of MS. Special Olympics Statewide-All Counties	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Christian Services Center	Work Training Center for Special Mentally Retarded Adults 3 to 1 Matching Funds	\$3,974.93	\$15,899.72
K of C Internship Case Manager Ellisville State School	Mississippi Knights of Columbus Internship Program for Tye Williamson	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
K of C Internship Case Manager Ellisville State School	Mississippi Knights of Columbus Internship Program for Jeanie Soniat	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
K of C Internship Case Manager Ellisville State School	Mississippi Knights of Columbus Internship Program for Beth Horne	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total Distribution to the MS Mentally Retarded - 1995		\$81,899.95	
Total Federal and State Matching Funds - 1995			\$62,776.98
Accumulated Total Received by the Mentally Retarded		In MS - 1995	\$144,676.93
Accumulated Total Received by the Mentally Retarded		In MS To Date	\$4,468,643.79

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Atteberry, PSD, FVSM
State Chairman

Joseph Goelliner
State Co-Chairman

Following the Foundation of Mississippi report, State Chaplain Jeffrey Waldrep closed the Second Business Session with a prayer at 12:15 p.m. Delegates were free to eat lunch and then attend their assigned committee meetings.

Third Business Session Saturday, April 27, 1996

State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III called to order and opened the Third Business Session of the 92nd Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction at 2:40 p.m. District Deputy No. 10, Buddy Cupit verified that all present possessed a current membership card of the Third Degree. State Chaplain Reverend Father Jeffrey Waldrep opened the meeting with a prayer District Deputy No. 10, Robert Hudson lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Program Director Tom Chady presented the following program report.

State Program Director's Report

The State Program's area underwent some significant changes this year. To become more visible and to encourage greater participation, we split the School of Columbianism into three regions hosting regional schools rather than one statewide event. We added additional special projects to each category and broadened some of the other regional some of the other regional activities in order to bolster more regional involvement.

We added a new award category; the Council of Excellence to reward councils completing more activities while achieving a positive net growth. In the inaugural year, one-fourth of the state's 48 councils attained this new level. We also added second and third place certificates in the Supreme Award areas.

Another significant change was the incorporation of delegates in the judging of all major award categories. Finally, we added a "Knight of the Year" to the State Awards Program.

The following is a breakdown of the council participation throughout the State:

	Total Number of Councils	Category Distinguish ed Council	Council of Excellence	Honor Council	No Report Submitted
Small	15	4	3	6	2
Medium	12	3	5	3	1
Large	13	6	2	3	2
X-Large	8	1	3	3	1
Total	48	14	13	15	6
Percent		29%	27%	31%	13%

Activity Reports		
	Number of Submissions	Percent
Church	14	29
Community	9	19
Council	11	23
Family	10	21
Youth	11	23
Vocations	7	19
Pro-Life	2	4
Knight of the Year	10	21
Family of the Year	13	21

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Chady
State Program Director

State Church Activities Director's Report

The church activity can only be reflected in the church family. Many of our councils have taken special interest in promoting the rosary within their church. Various projects have been undertaken to improve the church in the related community.

Members of our beloved Order have taken on the continuous efforts to edify our clergy and to recognize them in their clerical journey. It is never enough what we do to help those who help us in our so many needs, while we stumble and fall, our burdens many, it is the clergy that share the journey and direct us.

Our community efforts have expanded to make many ecumenical moves, share our faith with others, truly sharing our Catholicism.

Our program for vocations seem to be a little weak although many councils do make a special effort. It seems the need is still much greater than the time expanded.

If I were to make a recommendation to our councils from a layman's interest and needs in the church, it would be:

Promote Vocations, Promote the Rosary (Our Lady is ever so generous).
Promote care for the Sick and Elderly.
Promote and show a caring for our Priest and Clergy. Make them a part of our family.
Promote Prayer for the Unborn. Let them share their love as it was meant to be.

Through our beloved Order and our ever growing numbers this is possible. With the help of our Savior it will be!

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Zylka
State Church Director

State Family Activities Director's Report

During this fraternal year, we have striven for keeping in touch with, and making ourselves available for, the individual councils. At the beginning of the fraternal year, at the Schools of Columbianism, I met with the Family Directors of each of the councils in the State to discuss the new program guidelines which had been developed. During these meetings, I challenged each council to sponsor at least one (1) activity during the year which would show their support for adoption in the State of Mississippi.

Later in the year, I wrote to each of the Grand Knights at the request of our Worthy State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III, and enclosed information concerning the television coverage of the visit of Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul, II. In this letter, I urged each Grand Knight to ask members of their councils to contact their respective cable television stations to either commend them on their participation or to ask for their future participation in such events. Additionally, I encouraged them to promote additional Christian family programming on their respective local cable stations. Along with this letter, I enclosed a copy of a program which I reproduced from a restaurant placemat I obtained in the Dallas, Texas area which gave several ideas of how to promote participation of our families in our daily activities. In addition, I added a few of my own ideas to the list and encouraged each Grand Knight to share these with their councils and to invite each member to institute one or more of the ideas in their daily lives to help to make our families our number one priority in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Rockie Kuntsman
State Family Director

State Community Activities Director's Report

I was privileged to participate as a member of the team to develop the 1995-1996 Program Award Guidelines for the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Other team members responsible for developing these guidelines were State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III, and State Program Director Tom Chady. The goal was to make the guidelines "user friendly" and to encourage Council leadership and participation in worthwhile programs but at the same time enjoyable to all who participate. Obviously some further refinement will be necessary. However, I am satisfied that we succeeded in satisfying the councils who participated based on the level of interest shown in the Program this year.

As State Community Director, I had the opportunity to interact directly with many fine Brother Knights from around the State, who are currently serving as community chairmen for their respective councils. At the three Schools of Columbianism, I met both individually and as a group with these men. We exchanged ideas about ongoing and planned projects that the various councils in our jurisdiction are performing in their communities. The interchange of ideas was excellent and very beneficial to all participants. One Knight remarked to me that whoever had told him that Schools of Columbianism were "a waste of time" was very wrong because he had learned a lot. There were many follow-ups on contacts that continued at the facilitation of useful information on community endeavors for the Knights in Mississippi.

Last fall, I worked with Brother Greg Rottman, DGK of my home council, Vicksburg Council 898, to establish an internet site on the Worldwide Web, the first of about six in the Order. By

convention time, there were around 50 Knights of Columbus websites in the US, Canada, and the Philippines. We expect no fewer than 200 sites by the end of 1996. From a community standpoint, this site (<http://www.southernnet.com/vicksburg/org/kc898>) has been a window to the world. Not only have we learned from others, but also others are learning about Columbianism - Mississippi style! Our next goal is to develop a homepage for the State Council and to encourage other Mississippi councils to go on-line, which will facilitate sharing of ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. (Tony) Dardeau, Jr.
State Community Activity Director

State Council Activities Director's Report

I have long held the firm conviction that strong programming builds strong councils. In turn, strong councils are those whose members stay active and interested. These councils tend to have low suspension rates. As we are all aware, a high suspension rate is a problem which plagues the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. Programming in the area of council activities promotes and builds fraternalism. Fraternalism is the true concern for each and every brother Knight. A Knight who feels wanted and needed will stay active.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as State Council Director for the 1995-1996 fraternal year. I have had a unique window to view on what our brother Knights are doing in this area state-wide. It is a positive picture. Many unique and worthwhile council activities have been reported. These councils are to be congratulated. I am also pleased that the majority of councils do submit their program reports to the State Council. This shows that these councils are proud of what they do and wish to share that pride.

Perhaps the most important change in the state program this year is the manner by which the awards for the Supreme Council Service Programs are determined. In order to attain as high of a degree of objectivity as is possible, the winners are selected by committees of delegates at the State Convention. This has helped to improve the state program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Liding
State Council Activity Director

State Youth Activities Director's Report

The annual Free Throw Contest was a success, both on the local, district and state levels.

The Altar Server Program endorsed by the State Council is going well. State Youth Director Jim Lambert, personally installed the program in two parishes this year, and has reported of other councils starting the program also.

Results of this program in one year, where it was piloted, was an increase from 20 Altar Servers to 40 Altar Servers, and where it was difficult to have Altar Servers "show up," they now wait

outside the sanctuary for an opportunity to serve Mass.
Please see State Youth Director Jim Lambert if you would like to install this program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lambert
State Youth Activities Director

Awards/Reports Chairman's Report

The function of the Awards/Reports Chairman is to keep tabs on the submission of the required reports to the Supreme Council and to the State Deputy. The reports to be submitted each year and the time frame for their submission varies little from year to year. It is incumbent upon each and every Grand Knight to be aware of these reports and ensure their timely submission. Unfortunately, we do not do the best job in this regard in our Jurisdiction. I urge every Council and Roundtable to familiarize yourselves with these required reports and "do your duty" by submitting them on time and in as complete a manner as possible. If there are any questions as to which report is due or when it is due, simply refer to the reports booklet supplied by Supreme at the beginning of each fraternal year. With just a little effort, we can be 100% in our Jurisdiction during the next Fraternal year. We deserve nothing less.

Fraternally,
Tom Zettler, PSD
Awards/Reports Chairman

State Membership Director's Report

This report details my efforts as state membership director for the period of July 1995 - March 1996. For additional information on membership recruitment activities and awards please refer to the Membership Committee report in this edition of the Convention Minute book.

TRAINING AT SCHOOLS OF COLUMBIANISM

At the schools of Columbianism in Greenwood, Madison and Biloxi, Grand Knights and council membership directors were treated as prospective members and invited to an open house or informational night associated with a wine and cheese social. Each of them was given the engraved invitation that can be ordered from the Supreme Supply department and an invitational letter announcing the wine and cheese social. Members were then let into the social where they socialized for a period. Wine, cheese and snacks were available and all watched the video entitled "Membership Recruitment Flip Chart". After the video I spoke on what types of activities the council was conducting and what membership in the Knights of Columbus means to me. A table was arranged with councils scrapbooks, Columbia magazines, literature, council awards etc.

The sole purpose of these events were to show members how to conduct such a social. My experience has been that if you send out a large number of invitations to prospects and follow these up with reminder phone calls, this level of personal contact results in an excellent attendance. Once the prospects attend this type of function about 75% of them elect to join our Order.

Grand Knights and council membership directors were provided a handout that detailed every step and time frames necessary in order to conduct a successful information night or open house.

Other materials provided were recruitment brochures and a recruitment supplies order form from Supreme, details of the "Quick Start" membership incentive program and state quota requirements.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT HANDBOOK

I spent one week developing a membership recruitment and retention handbook that consisted of 11 topics detailed in 21 pages. My intent was to summarize all I knew about these topics and provide it to each council and district deputy so that they could benefit from my experience and study the techniques throughout the year. Hopefully this handbook will remain in the councils and be passed on each year to the new membership director to guide him in this office. Topic in the handbook are:

1. Who's in charge of recruitment and characteristics of a good council membership director
2. Advertising and Public Relations
3. Comments from Mississippi's Top Proposers
4. Developing a Prospect List
5. Phone Contact Skills
6. Can You Send Me Some Information?
7. Very Important Proposer Club Program
8. Other Recruitment Incentives
9. How to Retain Members
10. Transfers, Withdrawals, and Suspensions
11. Statewide Membership Goals

These handbooks were provided to each District Deputy and council membership director or grand knight either at the School of Columbianism or shortly thereafter.

PLANNED MEMBERSHIP DRIVES WERE REQUESTED OF ALL COUNCILS

Early in the year at the Schools of Columbianism and by letters afterwards each council was encouraged to plan an organized membership drive by providing a date for such activity to the State Membership Director.

At least 22 councils held one or more planned membership drives.

MAGNOLIA KNIGHT ARTICLES

To stress the importance of recruitment, provide status reports and success stories and recognize achievements the following articles were written for the August, October, December 1995 and February 1996 MAGNOLIA KNIGHT issues:

New Council Development Progress, State Membership Standings, "Quick Start" results, Top Proposers of the Month Awards, Membership Drive Updates, Mississippi VIP Club members, Retention Advice, Degree Announcements, Developing Prospect Lists, and "In Solidarity with Our Priests and with Bishop Daily" membership campaigns.

DISTRICT AND STATEWIDE MEETINGS

At the mid-winter statewide meeting and district deputies meetings I talked about the new membership recruitment campaign, reviewed successful and unsuccessful recruitment techniques, discussed retention, provided membership updates, discussed future recruitment strategies, and reviewed individual council standings.

At these meetings the following was provided to all councils:
recruitment posters and flyers, proper billing procedures, Knight Alert letter, Notice of Intent to Suspend Form, copy of each councils recent Grand Knights report, Church Drive handout, Retention handout and membership incentive handouts.

I was the warden for 8 First Degree Exemplifications, attended 5 district meetings, 18 church drives, 3 organizational meetings and 1 open house.

I spent 554 hours performing all these activities from June 1995 to March 1996 which averages out to 55 hours per month.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

In the small council category - council 10901 (Oxford) recruited 21 members and also had the highest net percent gain of 42.9%.

In the medium council category - council 11541 (Gulfport-St. James) was the winner with 33 members and also ad the highest net percent gain of 50%.

In the large council category - council 5654 (Ocean Springs) recruited 20 members and 8848 (Tupelo) had the highest net gain with 13.9%.

In the extra large council category - council 898 (Vicksburg) had the highest gain with 17 and the highest net gain with 6.5%.

Respectfully submitted
Dennis Riecke
State Membership Director

State Retention Chairman's Report

This past year, Retention has taken on a PRO-ACTIVE Attitude. Throughout our State, all of the State Family was involved in actively letting the Councils know that there are ways to suspend members and there are ways to save members—but not just on the books.

District Deputies and State Officers made personal contact with proposed suspended members and were able to conserve over 85 of these. Letting members know they are needed NOT just for their money, but for their time and talents was one big way of saving many. Arranging for financial relief in some cases helped, being persistent in speaking to some made the difference, but in almost every successful case the one factor that SAVED more suspensions was when the member BELIEVED that the organization cares for and sincerely needs him.

The creative and helpful writings of Dennis Riecke, our State Membership Director along with the true support of all of our leaders from the State Deputy up to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors and Sponsors all contributed to a new perspective of Retention that can not be measured. The vast majority of our 5000+ members were ACTIVELY retained. We must be doing something right. This coming year, we need to have more personal contact with our members and get their ideas and help—not only their money. If each member was made to feel as special all year long as he was when he took his 1st Degree and his 3rd Degree, our State would have the lowest suspension rate of any state in this organization, regardless of category.

I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy, State Membership Director, and State General Agent for allowing me this opportunity to help serve the State.

Fraternally,
Jim Rigby
State Retention Chairman

State Roundtable Chairman's Report

During the year, a Roundtable was organized under the supervision of Brother Nat Zummo, District Deputy of District No. 5. I was advised by him that a Roundtable would be formed in his district, and that I was invited to attend for obvious reasons, but owing to a viral infection I had to ask to be excused but added that if I was needed to finalize the procedure I would go as soon as I could travel. All was accomplished successfully and a Roundtable was installed in the Forest, Miss. area with some members from nearby missions. Brother Zummo is to be commended for his leadership and dedication.

Prior to the efforts mentioned above, I was informed that a possibility for a Roundtable existed in Magee, Miss, where Fr. Bob Goodyear is pastor. That had as its beginning during the late summer of 1994. At that time I was co-chairman of New Council Development. I was finally able to contact Fr. Goodyear and asked him to have a group of us go to Magee to see if it were possible to have a Council. After some further contacts and trying to set a date which would be convenient for everyone concerned, a group of us headed by then State Deputy Thomas Zettler and officers and members of Brookhaven, Miss. Council 7915 met with Fr. Goodyear and a few eligible man of his parish to see if a Council could be formed. Since he did not have 30 eligible Catholic men it was decided to form a Roundtable until such time that the required number of man could be recruited, In the interim I was replaced by someone else as New Council Development, and asked

to be Chairman of Roundtable by the incoming State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III.

After further contacts with Fr. Goodyear, pastor of St. Stephens Church in Magee, Miss., it was decided to go to Magee and to have a meeting with the eligible men the names of which were supplied our Grand Knight by Fr. Goodyear. This being accomplished the men were contacted by phone and they agreed to be at the meeting scheduled. Grand Knight Aaron Achord and Wade Ditcharo, Head Services Chairman, met with State Membership Chairman, Dennis K. Riecke and together were successful in signing up 13 men. Unfortunately, I, the undersigned Roundtable Chairman was unable to make the trip due to illness.

The plan as prepared by G.K. Achord, was to take the Brookhaven First Degree team to Magee on Saturday, April 13, initiate them there and the following day to take them to Vicksburg, Miss. for the 2nd and 3rd Degrees, but due to an impending death in the Grand Knight's family, which actually took place during the weekend of April 7th. Having known this was going to happen Grand Knight Achord called Fr. Goodyear and set the date for the initiation for April 19th. Therefore, on April 19th the First Degree team from Council 7915 went to Magee and initiated seven candidates (including Fr. Goodyear), and 2 from the Brookhaven Council, for a total of nine. Our District Deputy Warren Doiron was unable to be present. There are five applications from Magee of men who could not be present at the exemplification since many of the candidates either work "off-shore" or commute from nearby areas including Jackson, Miss. We will have to keep in touch with Magee to see when its best feasible to get the men initiated. We are expecting a total of 19. Once the Magee area is completed we will then concentrate on what men are eligible in Raleigh, Miss., where Fr. Goodyear visits weekly at that Mission.

Magee can be regarded as having a Roundtable for all practical purposes despite the fact that only 7 were initiated. The enthusiasm is there and Fr. Goodyear is most cooperative and is looking forward to having a Council. With the continual arrival of families particularly Jackson, Miss., there is great expectation that this will occur.

I know this report could have been much less detailed and I could have done that quite easily. My reason for not doing so was premeditated on the fact that anyone who tries to form a Council or Roundtable will find that the procedure, even though it might appear routine, is far from it. One has to be patient and take his time. To appear to be overly aggressive is counterproductive for not every parish priest is as cooperative and enthusiastic as Fr. Bob Goodyear. Of course there many other cooperative parish priests, to be sure, but since I have been working hand in hand with Fr. Bob I could easily be spoiled. And I was!

Lastly I wish to close by thanking our State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III for affording me the opportunity to serve as Roundtable Chairman. This year's activity has been productive, to a great extent, but much more can be done. With determination many goals can be achieved. VIVAT JESUS

Fraternaly yours,
Joseph F. Bonfiglio
State Roundtable Chairman

State Public Relations Chairman's Report

The 1995/1996 Fraternal Year was a year of fast-paced action and movement in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. As Editor of *the Magnolia Knight* (State Newsletter), it was my responsibility to follow the events of importance in the state and report them to the membership. As Public Relations Chairman it was my responsibility to communicate to the membership and to the public the expose of action and good deeds achieved by the Knights of Columbus. If I were grading my own results, I would give myself a B for effort and a C- for content as Editor and a solid F as Public Relations Chairman.

Because of my (self-owned) business, I was kept away from many events occurring in Mississippi this past year. Though part of my responsibility is to communicate and coordinate information, I was further limited in my ability by ongoing business trips to gather as much information as should have been reported on to the membership. Recognizing now, from experience, some of the areas I am lacking in I should be better able to represent the State Council and the membership in the coming year.

I look to the State leadership to assist me in getting the word out to the State with regard to providing more information from the districts, Councils, Columbian Squires, and auxiliaries. I will accept information in almost any format. If I can get the "facts", I can add the "the's", the "and's" etc. I can put the sentences together if need be. I still will accept information on napkins when I can get it.

We saw five issues of *the Magnolia Knight* published in the 1995/1996 Fraternal Year. I have attached copies of those issues to this writing to become part of the historical records of the jurisdiction. The state newsletter is a bimonthly publication and is scheduled for publication the 15th day of even numbered months (April, June, August, October, December, and February). Information for publication should be detailed and provided to the Editor by the last day of the month preceding publication. Each issue contains from eight to twelve pages of articles and pictures. Some of the recurring columns in the newsletter are articles of "around the state" (what's happening on the Council levels), a bi-monthly calendar of events coming up, membership updates and notes, fraternal service announcements, and insurance advertising and updates.

The cost of each issue to be published varies with number of pages, number of pictures, additional inserts, etc. The basic issue of 12 pages costs about \$320 (pre-tax and before the cost of inserts, pictures, etc.) to publish and about \$60 to mail out approximately 500 issues. The current mailing list includes the Supreme Council, State Officers, State Chaplains, Program Consultant, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen, the Priests in Mississippi, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master, Former Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Former Masters, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Ladies Auxiliary State Officers and Chairmen, Ladies Auxiliary District Regents, Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries, Columbian Squires Chief Counselors, Insurance Agents, two copies to the council address, and the Editors for *Columbia Magazine* and *Mississippi Today*.

I hope within the coming year to reduce the cost of the average issue by using the "Photo Plus" software package to place pictures in the issues just as I currently do for clip art. I will continue to look for avenues to ignite the interest of the Knights in Mississippi so that the "readership" of past and future events goes up. I continue to be open to comments, suggestions, and solutions to better represent my fellow Knights and their needs.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Rains
Editor, *the Magnolia Knight*

State Pro-Life Director's Report

Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of Life from its beginning to its end: no one can, under any circumstance, claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human life.

The Knights of Columbus have had a long history of advocating for the rights of the unborn. The 4,400 traveling crosses from the Greenwood Council; the numerous memorials and monuments to the unborn innocents; the candlelight vigils; the telephone networks all testify to this.

However, our efforts in this area are far from over as can be seen by the veto by President Clinton of H. R. 1833 (The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act). We can only hope that this veto will be overridden. More letter writing, telephoning, telegraphing and faxing is in order.

Pro-Life involves more than just concern for the unborn. It involves life in all its stages, in all its ages. We need to be equally concerned with the "Dr. Kavorkians" who are sponsoring the "aid in dying" legislation which in effect is advocating physically assisted suicide. Direct euthanasia consisting in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons is socially unacceptable and must be vigorously opposed.

Statistics show that only about one percent of women facing an untimely pregnancy choose adoption; sixty percent have abortions, and the remainder choose to raise the children themselves, often as single parents.

Since adoption is good in itself, support for the young woman who is not ready or able to take on the task of parenting must be provided. In addition, the child benefits by being received into a family that is ready and willing to parent fully and lovingly. We must lend support to the various programs that exist such as the Adoption Option Open and also press for legislation that would make adoption an easier task.

For those wishing to stay abreast of the legal issues concerning Pro Life I suggest that you affiliate yourselves with the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc., 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 335, Washington, D.C. 20005. Beth Lutheran visited many parishes this past fall, urging the formation of Phone Trees, so that the populace could be apprised of the issues coming out of Washington. I urge the Knights to be the nucleus of these phone trees across Mississippi.

Another organization that very much deserves our support is Birthright of Jackson Inc. It is staffed by volunteers, run entirely on private donations and serves the three state area of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Birthright of Jackson Inc. needs our financial support, our support through collecting infant items, our support through volunteer man hours, our support through prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lubbers
State Pro-Life Chairman

Ceremonial Committee Report

The Ceremonials Committee would like to make the following recommendations for consideration by the Delegates:

1. Thank the two Second and Third Degree Teams and State Council for their cooperation in keeping the costs of Exemplifications in line making it easier, financially, for councils to host these Exemplifications.
2. Continue stressing that each council have a First Degree Team, if practical. If impossible, join with a council close by and form a team.
3. State Ceremonial Chairman prepare District Deputies to annually certify; First Degree Teams.
4. Proper procedure for First Degree Exemplifications - Grand Knights set date and contact District Deputy.
5. Proper procedure for setting up Second & Third Degree Exemplification:
 - (1) Local Grand Knight contacts District Deputy.
 - (2) District Deputy works through State Ceremonial Chairman and State Deputy to set date and team. District Deputy then reports back to host Grand Knight.
6. Continue proper dress code for Degree Teams.
7. Dress code for Candidates should be at least slacks, sport shirt and not blue jeans, T-shirt.
8. Recommend that the Fourth Degree Teams continue to be used for Exemplifications within the State.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Warren Doiron, Jr.
District Deputy No. 4

State Membership Committee Report

1. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

TRAINING PROVIDED:

At the Schools of Columbianism, the Grand Knights and Council Membership Chairman were treated like prospective members and invited to an open house wine and cheese social. We socialized, showed Supreme's Membership Recruitment Flip Chart video, and discussed the planning steps required to conduct such an event. Through letters and at these schools the State Deputy and I repeatedly urged each council to conduct an organized membership drive and plan membership recruitment activities.

MATERIALS DEVELOPED: Membership Recruitment Handbook

A membership recruitment handbook was written and distributed to all councils at the Schools of Columbianism or shortly thereafter. It contains 21 pages of advice on such topics as:

- Who's in charge of recruitment and traits of a good membership chairman
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Comments from Mississippi's Top Proposers
- Developing a Prospect List
- Phone Contact Skills
- Sending Printed Information

- VIP Club Program
- Recruitment Incentives
- How to Retain Members
- Transfers, Withdrawals and Suspensions
- Statewide Membership Goals

Other materials

Handouts concerning the following topics were developed and distributed to the councils:

- church drive tips
- planning steps for conducting an information night/open house
- membership retention advice
- letter of invitation to an open house
- benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus

2. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO COUNCILS

I attended 18 church drives at 18 parishes. Ten involved existing councils and eight involved new councils or roundtables. The State Deputy and I gave short speeches on the history and activities of the Knights of Columbus at masses and handed out information after the masses and encouraged men to join our Order. I also attended 5 district meetings, 1 open house and 3 organizational meetings.

For the June - March, 1996 period I devoted 554 hours in service to the perform the duties of my office. This averages out to 55 hours per month.

Twenty six councils (55%) had organized membership recruitment programs. At the mid-winter meeting, I announced that as of 11/1/95, 47.6% of all new members joined as a result of these efforts.

3. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

20 councils (42%) reached or exceeded state quota
8 councils (19%) reached or exceeded top gun status

Councils attaining state quota:

898 Vicksburg	7854 Clinton
1908 Hattiesburg	7910 Orange Grove
2180 Laurel	8038 Pearl
6592 Bassfield	9094 North Biloxi
6872 Picayune	9958 Lizana
7120 Southaven	10499 East Ocean Springs

Councils attaining "Top Gun" status:

4472 Pass Christian	8848 Tupelo
5654 Ocean Springs	9124 Gautier
6765 Starkville	10901 Oxford
7211 Poplarville-Lumberton	11541 Gulfport-St. James

4. SUPREME MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

As of April 1, 1996 for the Supreme Membership Year 7/1/95 to 6/30/96:

301 New Member & Readmissions
126 Suspensions & Withdrawals
175 Retention & Recruitment Gain
86 Deaths/Transfers/Inactives
89 Net Gain

Our Supreme Quota is 409 (gross gain) and we should be able to exceed that by June 30, 1996.

The net gain of 89 exceeds the State net gain for the 1992, 1993 and 1994 Supreme Membership Years.

We are currently in third place (in terms of net gain) in our division, 13 members behind #2 Alabama and 47 behind #1 Nevada with 3 months remaining.

We are currently in 7th place in terms of percent gain with 3.39%.

5. SUPREME MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS

The following councils qualified for either a KC flag, a US flag or 3 officer jewels in the "Quick Start" Phase 1 of Supreme's "In Solidarity with our Pries" campaign by recruiting at least 5 members from July 1, 1995 - August 31, 1995:

802 Meridian	1583 Gulfport	7910 Orange Grove
898 Vicksburg	5654 Ocean Springs	8848 Tupelo
9543 Madison	10901 Oxford	11541 Gulfport - St. James

The following councils qualified for either a canvas portrait of Pope John Paul II or Fr. Michael J. McGivney in Phase 2 of Supreme's "In Solidarity with our Priests" campaign by recruiting at least 5-9 members from July 1, 1995 - August 31, 1995:

802 Meridian	9543 Madison	11541 Gulfport - St. James
5654 Ocean Springs	10901 Oxford	

The following councils qualified for a photo montage commemorating the Papal Mass at New York's Aqueduct Race Track on October 6, 1995 in Phase 2 of Supreme's "In Solidarity with our Priests" campaign by recruiting at least 10 members from July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996:

4898 Long Beach	8848 Tupelo
5654 Ocean Springs	11654 Wiggins-Lucedale
7910 Orange Grove	

This is based on the report dated 1/1/96. Councils still have until June 30, 1996 to qualify for the Phase 2 awards.

The following District Deputies will receive an inscribed edition of the book "Faith and Fraternity" signed by the Supreme Knight for having each council in their district recruit at least one new member since January 1, 1996 in the "In Solidarity with Bishop Daily" membership campaign:

Warren Doiron
Nat Zummo
Tom Wedig, Jr.

Lessie Ladner
Danny Lechner
Buddy Cupit

6. TOP PROPOSER OF THE MONTH & YEAR AWARDS

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the Financial Secretaries who provided me with the names of the proposers necessary for determining the top proposers for each month.

TOP PROPOSER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

April 1995	Fritz J. Oberlies	11541 Gulfport-St. James
May 1995	Tom Chady	898 Vicksburg
June 1995	Bob Hudson	10901 Oxford
July 1995	John Maloney	802 Meridian
August 1995	Bob Hudson	10901 Oxford
September 1995	Brian Bowers	7854 Clinton
October 1995	John Juniker	10901 Oxford
November 1995	Curt Stasny	7211 Poplarville-Lumberton
December 1995	Eddie Seal John Ward Fritz J. Oberlies	4898 Long Beach 7910 Orange Grove 11541 Gulfport-St. James
January 1996	Bill Jarrett Joe Bonfiglio	1908 Hattiesburg 7915 Brookhaven
February 1996	Tom Chady	898 Vicksburg
March 1996	Nat Zummo	8038 Pearl

TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

First Place - Curt Stasny (7211 Poplarville-Lumberton) with 34 members, presented with a plaque at the 1996 State Awards Banquet.

Second Place - Fritz J. Oberlies (11541 Gulfport-St. James) with 23 members, presented with a Christopher Columbus commemorative medallion at the 1996 State Awards Banquet.

Third Place - Bob Hudson (10901 Oxford) and Tom Chady (898 Vicksburg) each with 13 members, both were presented with a cross made from the Papal Mass platform at the 1996 State Awards Banquet.

7. KNIGHTS ATTAINING "VIP" PROGRAM AWARD LEVELS

The following Knights reached award levels (lapel pins and certificates awarded) in Supreme's Very Important Proposer Club during the state membership year:

Joe Marsh	75 members	8285 Jackson
Dennis Riecke	50 members	9543 Madison
Tom Chady	50 members	898 Vicksburg
John Ward	25 members	7910 Orange Grove
Curt Stasny	25 members	7211 Poplarville-Lumberton

8. STATE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMAN RECRUITING A MEMBER

In January 1996 our State Deputy challenged all state officers, directors and chairman to recruit a member prior to our state convention. The following Knights responded to that challenge:

Tony Dardeau, State Community Chairman - 2 members
Ben Bailey, District Deputy #3 - 1 member
Joe Bonfiglio, Roundtable Development Chairman - 2 members
Tom Chady, State Program Director - 3 members
Nat Zummo, District Deputy #5 - 6 members
Buddy Cupit, District Deputy #10 - 7 members

9. NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT & ROUNDTABLE REPORT

We established a new council in Wiggins-Lucedale. Efforts were made to establish a council in DeLisle and reestablish the council in Yazoo City. For several reasons these efforts were not successful.

We had the most successful year in recent memory by establishing 4 new roundtables in Forest/Newton (8038 Pearl), Magee (7915 Brookhaven), Columbia/Tylertown (7211 Poplarville-Lumberton), and Batesville (10901 Oxford).

10. RETENTION

Unlike past years, councils were encouraged to follow the billing and suspension schedule in an effort to retain as many members as possible. After councils have done so and personally contacted members who are delinquent in paying their dues the District Deputies, State Retention Chairman and State Deputy contacted these members regarding their status. These efforts certainly helped our retention rate and we were able to retain about 40% of the delinquent members.

11. STATE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR APRIL - JUNE 1996.

Last year the net membership gain for the state for the April-June period was only 15. This year we can do better, much better and to encourage you to do so we have a special incentive. The top 10 proposers will be awarded a windbreaker type jacket with a full color emblem of the order.

12. PROBLEMS

The committee identified the following problems in the membership program:

-councils are confused about how to determine if they reach their state quota level.

-the lack of scheduled First Degree Exemplifications in some districts results in loss of potential members who signed Form 100's

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Riecke (State Membership Director)
John Ward (7910)
Lynn Eberhardt (9543)
Carl Brouhard, Sr.(5654)
Harvey Mitchell (1522)
Edward Evans (7974)
Bill Reynolds (10901)
Aaron Achord (7915)

Report Of Mississippi Knights Of Columbus 1996 State Bowling Tournament

The 34th Annual Knights of Columbus Handicap Bowling Tournament with Natchez Council 1034 as host, was held in Natchez, Mississippi at the RiverGate Lanes on February 17-18, 1996. A steak supper was served at the Natchez Council Home after the singles and doubles bowling on Saturday evening.

Receipts:	Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events	Totals
	\$540.00	\$480.00	\$468.00	\$152.00	\$1,640.00
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Expenditures:					
Bowling Fee	303.75	270.00	263.25	0.00	837.00
Trophies	<u>112.35</u>	<u>98.39</u>	<u>28.38</u>	<u>28.38</u>	<u>267.50</u>
Total	<u>416.10</u>	<u>368.39</u>	<u>291.63</u>	<u>28.38</u>	<u>1104.50</u>
Prize Money	<u>\$123.90</u>	<u>\$111.61</u>	<u>\$176.37</u>	<u>\$123.62</u>	<u>\$535.50</u>

**Knights of Columbus
1996 State Bowling Tournament
Natchez, Mississippi
Distribution of Prize Fund**

Team Event

1. Greenville #1.....	\$61.95
2. Natchez #1.....	37.17
3. Greenville #2.....	<u>24.78</u>
Total.....	\$123.90

Singles Event

1. Greg McClellan.....	\$65.00	Clarksdale
2. Maynard Chandler.....	40.00	Greenville #2
3. David Cocilova	30.00	Greenville # 1
4. Steven Barbieri	12.50	Clarksdale
5. Satnmy Santucci.....	12.50	Greenville #1
6. Louis Santucci	<u>16.36</u>	Leland
Total.....	\$176.37	

Doubles Event

1. Joe Pohl - Bill Koeppe.....	\$50.00	Greenville #2
2. Robert Fratesi - John Bernardi.....	50.00	Greenville #1
3. Charles Bums - Darren Cowart.....	<u>11.61</u>	Natchez #1
Total.....	\$111.61	

All Event Handicap

Greg McClellan	\$50.00	Clarksdale
John Bernardi	30.00	Greenville # 1
Buster Mascagni	25.00	Greenville # 1
Larry Birzer.....	<u>18.62</u>	Meridian
Total.....	\$123.62	

**Knights of Columbus
1996 State Bowling Tournament
Natchez, Mississippi
Team Results**

Greenville #1	3091
Natchez #1	2933
Greenville #2	2755
Clarksdale #2	2750
Leland	2745
Clarksdale #1	2716
Meridian Blue	2708
Natchez #2	2646
Meridian Gold	2422

1996 Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament

Team Captain's Meeting

The meeting was held Saturday and all teams were represented.

The 1997 bowling tournament will be held in Clarksdale. The 1998 bowling tournament will be in Natchez.

There was discussion about the dates for Mardi Gras over the next six years and it was agreed to not schedule the tournament either the weekend before or the weekend of Mardi Gras. The following are the dates for Mardi Gras through the year 2002.

1997 -	February 11th
1998 -	February 24th
1999 -	February 16th
2000 -	March 7th
2001 -	February 27th
2002 -	February 12th

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Cowart, Grand Knight 1034
Tournament Chairman

State Softball Tournament Report

The 1995 Knights of Columbus State Softball Tournament was hosted by the Father Rotondo Council 5556, Cleveland on August 11, 12, 1995.

A barbecue supper was served at no cost on August 11 at the Council Hall.

Ten teams participated with trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.

Winners were:

1st Place Pascagoula, Council 1605
2nd Place Cleveland, Council 5556
3rd Place Gulfport, Council 1583

The 1996 Tournament will be held in Gulfport, hosted by Council 1583 on August 16, 17, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug J. Cocilova, Grand Knight 5556
Tournament Chairman

1996 State Freethrow Championship Report

The 1996 State Freethrow Tournament was held on March 9, 1996 in Jackson, MS at St. Therese's Parish Center. A total of 56 participants were in attendance from the coast to the northern areas of the state. There is an excellent chance that several of our state winners could be in the running for the International competition.

The winners were:

NAME	COUNCIL REPRESENTED	AGE	SCORE (out of 25)
Craig Smith	7915	10	21
Amber Mislak	N/A	10	10
Andrew Westmoreland	10901	11	24
Anne Lauren Roybal	9409	11	15
Brandon Arcement	7087	12	23
April McElroy	8285	12	11
Brad Nix	10901	13	20
Marissa Lizana	7087	13	15
Tico Wright	898	14	19
Laytona Brown	N/A	14	15

I would like to make three special notations. First, in the future, all participants need to make sure they bring their score sheet from the local and/or district competitions to the state competition. Second, all local and/or district winners are invited to the state tournament. Some districts have a competition but the majority do not, so it is not fair to the local winners in those districts not to be able to participate in the state tournament. We must remember that this event is for the children and the more we can get to participate the more Christian influence can be spread. Last but not least, I

would like to commend Andrew Westmoreland (the 11 year old boys winner) for his talent and courage. Andrew came to the state competition after having knee surgery only 10 days prior to this event. He competed in the tournament with a brace on his leg shooting an amazing 24 out of 25. I SALUTE THIS YOUNG MAN!

Respectfully submitted,
Yours In Christ
Gerry Clark
State Freethrow Tournament Chairman

Knights of Columbus Audit Report

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the report of the State Treasurer, Keith Merritt, which covers the period of April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996.

This review consisted primarily of inquiries of the State Treasurer, analytical procedures applied to the financial data and a general examination of the ledger, bank statements, canceled checks, deposits and invoices. This review is substantially less in scope than an audit. A financial audit of State Council books is now being prepared annually by an independent CPA firm. However, their audit covers a period ending June 30th and does cover any review of records in the nine month interim between the year end and the state convention. Therefore an independent financial audit has not been performed on those transactions occurring between July 1, 1995 and March 31, 1996. An audit including that time period through June 30, 1996 will be provided to the State Council at next year's State Convention.

Based on our review we are not aware of any material changes that should be made to the State Treasurer's report.

However, the Audit Committee would recommend that a standard system of revenue and expense classifications be developed. This would aid us and you in making comparisons of specific revenues and expenses between reports of differing years.

Secondly, as part of our examination of State Council financial records, we reviewed the audit report prepared by an independent CPA firm covering the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995. It should be noted that the audit prepared by the CPA firm is a financial audit and does not cover the compliance of financial transactions with the By-Laws of our Order which is the duty of the Audit Committee. We noted no problems were disclosed in this audit report, therefore we recommend that the State Council accept their audit report as presented.

Finally, we noted the following problems reported at the last State Convention which require follow-up:

- 1) Financial records for the three years prior to July 1, 1993 were not in a location that was readily accessible to the Audit Committee, State Treasurer or other interested parties. This problem was reported by the Audit Committee at the last two conventions. A resolution was adopted by the Delegates to remedy this situation by requiring financial records for the five previous years be located and placed in an accessible location, but this resolution has never been implemented.
- 2) Financial discrepancies occurring prior to July 1, 1994 discussed in the previous year's report have not been explained to the Audit Committee.

In summary, our review of both of these reports did not reveal any significant problems with the current financial records of the State Council nor evidence of any misuse of State Council Funds.

Respectfully submitted,
Knights of Columbus Audit Committee
Bradley D. Burden, CPA
Daniel Lechner
Greg Rottman
Thomas A. Wedig, Jr.
Robert J. Leo

Knights of Columbus Foundation Audit Report

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the financial statement of the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi, Inc., which covers the period of April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996.

This review consisted primarily of inquires of the treasurer, a general examination of the ledger, bank statements, canceled checks, deposits and invoices. This review is substantially less in scope than an audit.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material changes that should be made to the financial statement as presented.

It has come to our attention that the foundation disbursements man not have been used by councils for matching fund purposes. The intent of the foundation is to assist programs in obtaining matching funds.

It is our recommendation that councils be advised in the proper use of these funds and that funds be held in trust until matching fund programs are available in their area.

Respectfully submitted,
Knights of Columbus Audit Committee
Bradley D. Burden, CPA
Daniel Lechner
Greg Rottman
Thomas A. Wedig, Jr.
Robert J. Leo

1996 State Convention Mileage and Per Diem Report

The Mileage and Per Diem Committee met at 1:00 p.m. in room 606. Per direction of Resolution No. 7 from the 1995 Convention Minutes Book. The committee agrees to the \$0.20 per mile one way and \$45.00 per diem for Delegates, District Deputies, State Officers, and Program Chairmen. Only per diem at \$45.00 per diem for 2 days be reimbursed for Past State Deputies.

See the attached spreadsheet for detailed information. Many thanks to Kenn Rains for his assistance in producing this final report.

Fraternally yours,
Keith Merritt
Gordon Coker
Emile Vial
Charlie Morlino
John Bernardi
Tom Timmons
Cecil Jones

State Treasurer's Convention Per Diem & Mileage Report - 4/27/96


State Officers	Office	Miles	Miles X # attending	Mileage X 20	No. of Days	Per Diem Days X \$45	# attending	Priest Relief Fund	Total
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep	State Chaplain	210	210	\$42.00	2	\$0.00	1	\$150.00	\$150.00
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep	State Chaplain	155	155	\$31.00	2	\$0.00	1	\$42.00	\$42.00
Jesse J. Quinn, III	State Deputy	160	160	\$32.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$31.00	\$31.00
Gay S. Tolson, Jr.	State Secretary	145	145	\$29.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$122.00	\$122.00
Keith B. Merritt	State Treasurer	175	175	\$35.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$119.00	\$119.00
Bruce Pabon	State Advocate	160	160	\$32.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$125.00	\$125.00
Ted V. Kowles	State Warden	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$122.00	\$122.00
Thomas R. Zettler	Immediate Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
subtotal		1005	1005	\$201.00		\$450.00	7	\$801.00	\$801.00
Past State Delegates									
Stanley Swentkowski	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Marvin Lott	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Dennis Ladimer, Sr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Wiley Price, Jr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Robert Fratesi	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Rodney Sandoz	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Jesse Quinn, Jr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Norman Klein	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
Fred Westbrook, Jr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
John Myers	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$90.00	\$90.00
subtotal		0	0	\$0.00		\$720.00	8	\$720.00	\$720.00
District Deputy									
Robert A. Hudson	District Deputy, District 1	190	190	\$38.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$128.00	\$128.00
Patrick K. Quinn	District Deputy, District 2	155	155	\$31.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$121.00	\$121.00
Ben T. Bailey, Jr.	District Deputy, District 3	195	195	\$39.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
J. Warren Dorron	District Deputy, District 4	145	145	\$29.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$119.00	\$119.00
Natalie J. Zummo	District Deputy, District 5	75	75	\$15.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$105.00	\$105.00
Curt P. Suany	District Deputy, District 6	125	125	\$25.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$115.00	\$115.00
Thomas A. Weilig, Jr.	District Deputy, District 7	135	135	\$27.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$117.00	\$117.00
J. Lesmie Leisner	District Deputy, District 8	165	165	\$33.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$123.00	\$123.00
Daniel J. Lechner	District Deputy, District 9	170	170	\$34.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$124.00	\$124.00
A. Buddy Culp	District Deputy, District 10	175	175	\$35.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$125.00	\$125.00
subtotal		1530	1530	\$267.00		\$810.00	9	\$1,077.00	\$1,077.00



State Treasurer's Convention Per Diem & Mileage Report - 4/27/96

Name	Office	Miles	Miles X # attending	Mileage X 20	No. of Days	Per Diem Days X \$45	# attending	Total
State Program Personnel								
Dennis K. Rucke	State Membership Director	105	105	\$21.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$111.00
Thomas F. Chedy	State Program Director	145	145	\$29.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$119.00
Louis F. Zylka	State Church Director	75	75	\$15.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$105.00
E.A. Dardau, Jr.	State Community Director	145	145	\$29.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$119.00
Richard T. Liefing	State Council Director	95	95	\$19.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$109.00
Rockie A. Kuntzman	State Family Director	105	105	\$21.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$111.00
Evan J. Lambert	State Youth Director	145	145	\$29.00	2	\$90.00	1	\$119.00
subtotal		815	815	\$163.00		\$630.00	7	\$793.00
							Council Delegate	

Council Delegates

Council	Miles	Miles X # del	Mileage X 20	No of Days	Per Diem Days X \$45 X # of Del	# of delegates		Total
802	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$180.00
848	95	190	\$38.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$218.00
898	145	290	\$58.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$238.00
1034	195	390	\$78.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$258.00
1244	170	340	\$68.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$248.00
1522	170	340	\$68.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$248.00
1583	150	300	\$60.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$240.00
1605	160	320	\$64.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$244.00
1908	85	170	\$34.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$214.00
2134	210	420	\$84.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$264.00
2180	55	110	\$22.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$202.00
2945	200	400	\$80.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$260.00
Clarkdale	185	370	\$74.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$254.00
4472	165	330	\$66.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$246.00
4898	160	320	\$64.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$244.00
5267	155	155	\$31.00	2	\$90.00	1		\$121.00
5556	195	390	\$78.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$258.00
5654	175	350	\$70.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$250.00
6555	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0		\$0.00
6592	105	210	\$42.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$222.00
6765	145	210	\$42.00	2	\$180.00	2		\$222.00
8872	145	145	\$29.00	2	\$90.00	1		\$119.00



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Council	Miles X # del	Mileage X .20	No of Days	Per Diem Days X \$45 X # of Del.	# of delegates	Total
7087	174	348	2	\$180.00	2	\$249.60
7120	220	440	2	\$180.00	2	\$268.00
7211	114	228	2	\$180.00	2	\$225.60
7854	105	210	2	\$180.00	2	\$222.00
7910	150	300	2	\$180.00	2	\$240.00
7915	138	276	2	\$180.00	2	\$235.20
7974	90	180	2	\$180.00	2	\$216.00
8038	90	180	2	\$180.00	2	\$216.00
8054	150	300	2	\$180.00	2	\$240.00
8285	95	190	2	\$180.00	2	\$218.00
8760	200	400	2	\$180.00	2	\$260.00
8848	145	290	2	\$180.00	2	\$238.00
8912	195	390	2	\$180.00	2	\$270.00
9094	165	330	2	\$180.00	2	\$246.00
9124	170	340	2	\$180.00	2	\$254.00
9234	185	370	2	\$180.00	2	\$254.00
9409	170	340	2	\$180.00	2	\$222.00
9543	105	210	2	\$180.00	2	\$240.00
9673	170	340	2	\$180.00	2	\$240.00
9938	150	300	2	\$180.00	2	\$210.00
10216	75	150	2	\$180.00	2	\$240.00
10443	150	300	2	\$180.00	2	\$250.00
10499	175	350	2	\$180.00	2	\$250.00
10910	190	380	2	\$180.00	2	\$240.00
11341	150	300	2	\$180.00	2	\$226.00
11564	115	230	2	\$180.00	2	\$226.00
subtotal	6861	13227		\$8,190.00	91	\$10,835.40
Grand Totals	16577	\$3,276.40		\$10,800.00	122	\$14,226.40



Grand Totals

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prepared by: Keith B. Merritt - State Treasurer
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Emile Hurd

Financial Secretaries' Meeting Report

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Fritz Oberlies.

We were honored with the presence of Supreme Director Albert Benedetti who told those attending that this was his first opportunity to attend a meeting of financial secretaries at a state convention. We enjoyed having him with us and appreciated his comments regarding Supreme's efforts to improve their lot.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to addressing the fourteen members present by Harry Steinwinder, a veteran financial secretary who stressed the importance of using the Financial Secretary manual provided by the Supreme Office. He called attention to the various forms financial secretaries should use in their day-to-day conduct of their council's financial business and to stay on top of report submittals required of them. He especially stressed the importance of staying with the basics of reporting and to be on time with report submittals.

The second part of the meeting consisted of an overview of the computerized program offered by the Supreme Office. Several councils are already on-line and reported varying degrees of success with the program. There is not yet a clear consensus as to how the program is working. It became evident, from remarks made, that there is still a number of glitches to be resolved by Supreme. It was suggested by Financial Secretary Steve Farry and agreed by Brothers Gerald Rose and Mark Frederic that Supreme should look into the possibility of conducting an all day hands-on school, with experienced instructors, for those who have recently switched to computerized record keeping. This suggestion was enthusiastically seconded by the majority present. Supreme Director Benedetti promised to look into it.

A question and answer period on manual and computerized methods of record keeping followed after which the chairman brought up a subject which he thought the financial secretaries might find interesting. He thought the financial secretaries should consider forming a financial secretaries association similar to Louisiana's. The purpose of such an association would primarily be to bring about unity that such an organization would offer. In addition, it would foster and encourage a more lively consideration for the work of the financial secretary and stimulate in its membership a higher spirit of perfection. It was suggested that a questionnaire be prepared and mailed to all financial secretaries in the jurisdiction and if the responses were on a positive note the matter would be pursued further.

The chairman suggested to the State Deputy that consideration be given to having the financial secretaries meeting held at the Mid-Winter meeting thereby allowing more time for deliberations. The State Convention meeting would be of shorter duration, mostly devoted to reviewing what progress has been made since the Mid-Winter meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry A. Kajdan
Chairman

State Convention Committee Report

The State Convention Committee met in Room 201 at 1:20 p.m. on April 27, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Past State Deputy Stan Swentkowski. Those in attendance were:

William Davis, Biloxi Council #1244
David DiLorenzo, Long Beach Council #4898
Doug Simmons, St. Therese Council #8285
Jim Ulmer, Clarksdale Council #2969

The committee made the following suggestions:

1. Continue to provide the convention packet at the Mid-Winter meeting, but follow up this information with reminder pamphlets at the end of February to keep the convention in the mind of the members. Although this would involve extra costs, the committee felt the benefits would outweigh the financial obligation.
2. A sample State Convention agenda should be sent to councils, Grand Knights, Committee Chairmen, and State Officers by April 1. Committee assignments should also be sent by April 1.
3. The agenda should be more inclusive and detailed of parallel activities, such as the ladies luncheon, youth activities, etc. This is especially important to convention sites that are not isolated in one setting.
4. We recommend that the convention costs remain as is.
5. The committee recommended that convention sites attempt to provide a variety of youth activities.
6. Future conventions need to stress to the hotels that advanced registrations be honored. The first come, first serve philosophy be applied to pre-registration only, not on-site registration.

The committee wishes to commend the host convention committees and their staff for the excellent preparation for this convention. Grand Knight Bob Leo and the Meridian Council have done an excellent job to meet our needs. We also want to thank all the Knights and ladies who may have been inconvenienced for their patience and Catholic charity.

The future convention sites are:

1997 - Biloxi
1998 - Tupelo
1999 - Vicksburg

At this time we have one bid for the 96th Annual State Convention in the year 2000. Southaven Council 7120 and Clarksdale Council #2969 have made a bid to host the convention in Robinsonville, Mississippi. This decision will be made by the 1996 delegates when Worthy State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III addresses new business.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Swentkowski, PSD
State Convention Chairman

A representative from Biloxi Council No. 1244 gave a short presentation on the 93rd Annual State Convention to be hosted by Biloxi in 1997. Details regarding that convention to date included the convention headquarter's hotel, the Isle of Capri Crowne Plaza Resort. Members were encouraged to call 1-800-843-4753 after May 1, 1996 to make room reservations. The presentation also included information about Hospitality Rooms.

Good of the Order Report

This committee addressed five areas we felt were very important and sometimes get overlooked.

Dues should be kept to a amount as not to prohibit prospective members from joining. Along these lines members should not be suspended until all avenues have been exhausted to retain this brother. It is bad when a brother is suspended that is sick or in distress. Do we not close our meeting prying for these brothers?

Following the rules of the Order is a must. Any council that is experiencing problems should look back and see if they are following our Charter Constitution Laws. Some of the major problems we have heard this day was caused largely in part by not using the Charter Constitution Laws. Have disagreements clouded the way you feel about another knight? As followers of Jesus we should have the ability to forgive one another and move on with peace in our heart. The sign of peace is one of the most significant signs of respect of life, love, and dignity that God sees in all of us.

Vocations is every brother knight's responsibility. We would not be here today if not for a young priest. Our priest should be always included in all we do. We have been referred to as the strong right arm of the Church. Even if their is no council in a parish, we should offer our help to the priest and people of the parish.

Father McGivney's dream was to have someone to aid widows and dependent children of his parishioners. We should always remember the wife of departed brothers. Invite them to council functions, send them a newsletter each month. Each time we remember them we renew Father McGivney's dream.

Last but not least let Charity, the first principle of our Order, guide our actions, words, and deeds. With charity in our heart, we can move mountains. With charity in our word, no brother would be hurt. With charity in our actions, our beloved Order will live, grow and the legacy of Father McGivney, and many departed brothers will survive.

These few points for the Good of our Order is respectfully submitted,
Lessie Ladner, Chairman
Ray Billeaud
Hollis Moran
Curt Stasny
Buddy Cupit

Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee of the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to submit the following report to the Delegates of this convention for their consideration.

The Resolution Committee met on Friday, April 26, 1996 from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. to address and make recommendations on the following eleven (11) Resolutions.

The Resolution Committee consisted of:

Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., PSD
Thomaas R. Zettler, Immediate PSD
Fritz Oberlies, Former Master of the Fourth Degree
Bud Tomaso, Grand Knight of Council 8848, Tupelo
C. Bruce Pabon, State Advocate, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pabon
State Advocate, Chairman

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 92nd Annual Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas,

Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802, Meridian, has been such an excellent host of the 92nd 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 council for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother Albert J. Benedetti and his lovely wife Gina has honored this State Council with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Albert J. Benedetti is a Worthy Supreme Director, and

Whereas,

We the delegates of the Mississippi State Council realize that Brother Albert J. Benedetti's address at the Convention Banquet will be extremely informative and well received by everyone,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to Brother Albert J. Benedetti, a Supreme Director, and his wife Gina, and extend to them, a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thirty-Third Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Jackson, 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 1997,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Thirty-Fourth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament for its membership. Said tournament to carry the official sanction of the American Bowling Congress. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. A report will be given at the State Convention by the chairman of the bowling tournament.

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the bowling association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 4

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. The tournament is to carry the official sanction of the American Softball Association. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. A report will be given at the State Convention by the chairman of the softball tournament.

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the softball association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws states that the expenses of the State Officers, State Membership Director, and the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, District Deputies, and the Past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the five Service Program Directors to the State Council Meeting for the ensuing year are hereby set and established to be paid at a rate of \$50.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$.20 per mile one way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department.

Be It Further Resolved,

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid per diem of \$50.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by J. Quinn, III, State Deputy, Rev. J. Waldrep, State Chaplain, G. Todaro, Jr., State Secretary, K. Merritt, State Treasurer, C. Bruce Pabon, State Advocate, T. Knowles, State Warden)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas,

The de L'Epee Deaf Center in Gulfport attends to the needs of the deaf citizens of the Biloxi Diocese and is funded in part by the Diocese of Biloxi, and

Whereas,

The de L'Epee Deaf Center is the only center of its kind in the State of Mississippi, and

Whereas,

The de L'Epee Deaf Center in Gulfport also does work for the deaf citizens of the entire State of Mississippi,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsor at no expense to itself, the de L'Epee Deaf Center in Gulfport, Mississippi. The sponsorship will be in name only. This program will be a voluntary program only.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws states that the expenses of the State Officers, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, District Deputies, and the Past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the five Service Program Directors to the State Council Meeting for the ensuing year are hereby set and established to be paid at a rate of \$45.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$.20 per mile one way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department.

Be It Further Resolved,

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid per diem at a rate of \$45.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas,

The problem of inadequate or nonexistent housing for low income persons is of profound significance in the southeastern United States, and

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus can meaningfully address the problems of drugs, crime, cities in crisis, loss of economic strength, illegal drug use, and environmental issues, all by the elimination of Sub Standard Housing, and

Whereas,

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical ministry which builds houses in partnership with the working poor. Each Habitat partner works 500 hours and makes a down payment of \$500 - \$1,000. The partner also signs a long term agreement with Habitat for Humanity, Inc., and

Whereas,

Habitat for Humanity, Inc. has 31 Habitat for Humanity affiliates and 10 groups in the process of being affiliated. Knights of Columbus members and Councils can get involved with local affiliates, help start an affiliate, or send work teams, money, and material to another affiliate.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsor at no expense to itself, Habitat for Humanity. The sponsorship will be in name only. This program will be a voluntary program only.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by C.Bruce Pabon, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus is an organization that prides itself on Fraternalism within the order and,

Whereas,

State-Sponsored activities should be coordinated and scheduled to enable the entire jurisdiction to have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of those activities, and,

Whereas,

The State bowling tournament has, for many years, been scheduled at a very inconvenient time for the dozen coast councils, who have made a commitment to assist in and or participate in community activities, in particular, Mardi Gras, which has been a part of life on the coast for a lot longer than the bowling tournament,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the state bowling tournament be set on the second weekend of the Lenten season, regardless of the date. This will serve a two-fold purpose,

First, it will enable the host council each year to know many months in advance the date of the tournament to plan and coordinate the best event possible.

Second, it will enable all councils in the state to have the opportunity to enter the tournament, without having a conflict with prior commitments.

Recommendation: Refer to State Deputy with recommendation that it be forwarded to Bowling Committee.

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Chuck Mink, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator Council 4898, Long Beach)

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas,

The Mississippi Jurisdiction has not been fortunate to have a member to serve on the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council in the more than one hundred year history of the Order, and

Whereas,

Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott, Past State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction has served the Order with distinction since becoming a member in November 1978, and

Whereas,

Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott has held the offices of Recorder, Recruitment and Retention Chairman, both in the Third and Fourth Degrees, Membership Chairman, Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and Faithful Comptroller at the local level, and

Whereas,

Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott has served the Order as District Deputy, State Membership Chairman, State Recruitment and Retention Chairman, State Warden, State Secretary, and State Deputy on the Jurisdiction level, and

Whereas,

As State Deputy, Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott was appointed by Supreme Knight to the Catholic Bishop's Conference on Evangelization and also was appointed to the Circle of Honor of the Supreme Knight as one of the fifteen worldwide State Deputies, and

Whereas,

In 1993, Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott was appointed Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province of the Fourth Degree, which covers the States of Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee and continues to serve in this capacity. In 1995 Vice Supreme Master Lott was reappointed Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province of the Fourth Degree for another two year term.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus petition the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Council for the election of Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott, Past State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction to the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus at the next annual meeting of the Supreme Council.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Laurel Council No. 2180 and Brookhaven Council No. 7915)

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas,

There is a definite problem, in the program concerning our youth organization, known as the Columbia Squires, and,

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus must remove council politics from the Columbian Squire programs, and,

Whereas,

Chief Counselors must be permitted to choose his own counselors, and,

Whereas,

The Chief counselor has established a bond with his circle that no one should have the right to terminate, and,

Whereas,

There is a need for involvement from the district level, and,

Whereas,

A Squire who approaches his 18th birthday, and Knighthood must have a strong desire to become a knight.

Now, therefore be it resolved,

That the State Deputy shall approve or disapprove all candidates for the position of Chief Counselor, of all Squire Circles in his jurisdiction, upon the recommendation of a committee, comprised of the State Youth Director, and the Columbian Squire Chairman, who shall meet personally with the candidates for this position, for the purpose of determining the qualifications of all candidates. The appointment of a Chief Counselor, shall be for a period of three years. He may be removed only by his own resignation, or the recommendations of the State Youth Director, the Columbian Squire Chairman, and the advisory board of the sponsoring council. He shall have the duty of obtaining and appointing his own counselors, in accordance with Supreme Council directives, and accept the responsibility for their conduct. He shall be responsible for reporting his circles activities to the State Deputy, the State Youth Director, and the Columbian Squire Chairman, on a semi annual basis, namely, the first day of April, and the first day of October each year.

Be it Further Resolved,

The council advisory board to the Columbian Squire Circle, shall be modified from three members to five members. The board shall consist of: The Grand Knight, The Immediate Past Grand Knight, The Deputy Grand Knight, The Chaplain, and The District Deputy of the district, the sponsoring council is subject to.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Jim Lambert, State Youth Director and Jim Yaggi, State Columbian Squires Co-Chairman)

Following the Resolutions Committee Report, State Chaplain Jeffrey Waldrep closed the Third Business Session with a prayer at 4:15 p.m.

Saturday night festivities included the State Banquet and Awards Presentations. Supreme Director Albert Benedetti was the keynote speaker of the banquet. Besides the awards, the State Council presented a \$500.00 check and a set of State Squire Jewels to the newly installed and first State Chief Squire Mark Hodge.

State Awards Program

The following awards were presented for the 1995-1996 Fraternal Year. Additional awards for achievements in membership are listed in the State Membership Committee Report starting on Page 134.

Honor Councils

1244	Biloxi
1583	Gulfport
1605	Pascagoula
2945	Leland
4472	Pass Christian
4898	Long Beach
5556	Cleveland
6592	Bassfield
7087	Kiln
7974	Columbus
8054	McComb
8285	Jackson, St. Therese
8760	Holly Springs
9234	Indianola
10443	Grenada

Councils of Excellence

802 Meridian
1034 Natchez
2969 Clarksdale
5267 Greenwood
7120 Southaven
7854 Clinton
7915 Brookhaven
9409 West Biloxi
9543 Madison
9673 Woolmarket
10499 Ocean Springs
11541 St. James, Gulfport
11654 Wiggins/Lucedale

Distinguished Councils

848 Jackson
898 Vicksburg
1908 Hattiesburg
2180 Laurel
5654 Ocean Springs
6765 Starkville
6872 Picayune
7211 Lumberton
7910 Orange Grove
8038 Pearl
8848 Tupelo
9124 Gautier
9958 Lizana
10901 Oxford

Best Newsletter Awards

Extra Large/Large Council - 1244 Biloxi
Medium/Small Council - 10499 Ocean Springs

Best Scrapbook Awards

Extra Large/Large Council - 802 Meridian
Medium/Small Council - 7211 Lumberton

Best Pro-Life Project Awards

First Place - 7211 Lumberton
Second Place - 2969 Clarksdale

Best Vocation Project Awards

Jackson Diocese - 2969 Clarksdale
Biloxi Diocese - 2180 Laurel

Priest Education Fund Award

Highest Donation by a Council - 4898 Long Beach

Mental Retardation Program Awards

Largest Donation by a Council - 8848 Tupelo
Largest Donation Per Member - 8912 Corinth

New Council Award
Curt Stasny (Wiggins/Lucedale)

Roundtable Awards
Aaron Achord (Magee)
Natale Zummo (Forrest)

Membership Awards
Highest Percentage Gain
Extra Large - 898 Vicksburg
Large - 8848 Tupelo
Medium - 10901 Oxford
Small - 11541 Gulfport (St. James)

Highest Net Gain
Extra Large - 898 Vicksburg
Large - 5654 Ocean Springs
Medium - 10901 Oxford
Small - 11541 Gulfport (St. James)

Contest of Champions
Highest Percentage Gain - 1908 Hattiesburg
Highest Net Gain - 898 Vicksburg

Outstanding District Deputy Awards
Curt Stasny, District Deputy No. 6
Lessie Ladner, District Deputy No. 8

Best Council Awards
Extra Large - 898 Vicksburg
Large - 5654 Ocean Springs
Medium - 8038 Pearl
Small - 7211 Lumberton

Past State Deputies Award
802 Meridian

Supreme Council Service Activity Awards

Best Church Activity
First Place - 802 Meridian
Second Place - 2969 Clarksdale
Third Place - 2180 Laurel

Best Community Activity
First Place - 898 Vicksburg
Second Place - 5654 Ocean Springs
Third Place - 8285 Jackson, St. Therese

Best Council Activity
First Place - 898 Vicksburg
Second Place - 8848 Tupelo
Third Place - 5556 Cleveland

Best Youth Activity
First Place - 2180 Laurel
Second Place - 5654 Ocean Springs
Third Place - 802 Meridian

Best Family Activity
First Place - 802 Meridian
Second Place - 5556 Cleveland
Third Place - 898 Vicksburg

State Family of the Year
Robert and Anna Fratesi (2134 Greenville)

State Knight of the Year
James Ulmer (2969 Clarksdale)

F. L. Westbrook, Sr.
Knight of the Year Award
Leon J. Shapley (2945 Leland)

Fourth Business Session
Sunday, April 28, 1996

State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III called to order and opened the Fourth Business Session of the 92nd Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction at 10:26 a.m. State Warden Ted V. Knowles verified that all present possessed a current membership card of the Third Degree. State Chaplain Reverend Father Jeffrey Waldrep opened the meeting with a prayer. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Bishop of Biloxi Diocese addressed the Delegates and thanked them again for their continued support.

Marvin L. Lott, PSD and Vice Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree of the Bienville Province, addressed the delegates.

Vice Supreme Master's Report

As we gather today for the 92nd Annual State Convention composed of Third and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a social and service organization that prides itself on modeling the values of Christianity, the dignity of family, the sanctity of life, and fidelity to the hierarchical Church. However, these worthy attributes, dignity, sanctity, and fidelity, have little meaning in themselves, have little Christian value, if they are not solidly based upon the words which Jesus of Nazareth spoke on the side of the Galilean mountain twenty centuries ago.

To recognize the Lord's favor in those who suffer from poverty in spirit is to recognize the ways of the Lord. The Knights of Columbus unwaveringly support the mental retarded.

To recognize the Lord's compassion in those who sorrow is to be blessed by the Lord. The Knights of Columbus practice great compassion in their care of widowed women.

To see the working of the Lord in those who hunger for holiness is to be within the realm of God. The Knights of Columbus are leaders in worship and the practice of the sacraments when you attend Mass as a unified Council or Assembly. You are models for many parishioners in the

communal gathering of the Eucharist where our hunger is fed by the bread of life.

To be single hearted in the cause for sanctity of life is to be promised the vision of God. The Knights are of one mind, one single-heart in their solid and strong stand against abortion.

From the restoration of the facade of our spiritual center of St. Peters in Rome to the great support we give in the formation and education of priests, to the tremendous witness we make in every local parish to which we belong, we have every cause to rejoice and be glad for the Lord has chosen us, Brother Knights, to witness his amazing message...the dignity, sanctity, and the Lord's fidelity in his promise to us of the greatness of the heavenly kingdom.

Congratulations to all of you for the great work you perform for the Knights of Columbus. May God bless you and your family.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Marvin L. Lott, PSD
Vice Supreme Master
Bienville Province

District Master's Report

Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Former Masters, Worthy Faithful Navigators and Worthy Sir Knights.

My reappointment as the District Master of Mississippi, Bienville Province for the period September 1, 1994 through August 31, 1996 was received in September 1994.

During this period the following Exemplifications were held:

On 9/18/94 in Tupelo with 43 Lay Knights & 3 Clergy became Sir Knights, honoring Sir Knight John Brown, faithful comptroller of the Father Clarence J. Meyer assembly in Tupelo and the guest speaker at the banquet was former Vice Supreme Master George Harvey.

On 3/25/95 in Orange Grove with 29 Lay Knights & 4 Clergy became Sir Knights, honoring Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze, Bishop of the Biloxi diocese and the guest speaker at the banquet was Father Antone Lynch Fr. Harry Wade Assembly, Orange Grove.

On 9/16/95 in Meridian with 21 Lay Knights & 1 Clergy became Sir Knights, honoring Bishop William Houck, Bishop of Jackson and the guest speaker at the banquet was our State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III.

On 3/16/96 in Greenwood with 21 Lay Knights & 1 Clergy became Sir Knights, honoring our Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant and the guest speaker at the banquet was our Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott, Past State Deputy.

As of 7/1/94 there were 1160 Fourth Degree members out of a total of 5152 Knights in

Mississippi giving a 22.5% of Fourth Degree Knights.

As of 7/1/95 the percentage of Fourth Degree Knights to the total was 24.03%. We are trying to make this percentage to be over 25% by June 30, 1996.

During 1994 a new assembly was instituted at Orange Grove, the Father Harry Wade Assembly 2347 with Sir Knight John R. Ward as Faithful Navigator. The credit for the formation of this assembly belongs to Sir Knight Chris Carrubba, who did all of the paper work.

Much to my regret no new assembly was instituted in 1995. Although there are a number of areas where a new assembly could be instituted. It will take some work on the part of the Sir Knights in these areas to start a new assembly. You only have to have 20 ??? Members to form an assembly.

I attended the Bienville Province Meetings in Memphis on 10/16/94 and in Baton Rouge on 11/5/95 and acted as Secretary to the Vice Supreme Master at both these meetings. These meetings were well attended by some Mississippi Sir Knights. The next provincial meeting will be held in October 1996 in Vicksburg and all Sir Knights who can, should attend this meeting. A letter will be sent to each Faithful Navigator when the date is firmed up.

The Supreme Council is still writing me that 5 of the Mississippi assemblies have not submitted the Fraternal Activity Report which was due January 31, 1996 for the year 1995. I have written the Faithful Navigators of these 5 assemblies several times and have yet to receive a copy of the report or a reply from any of the 5.

This report is essential for the Supreme Council to show the Internal Revenue Service proof of our tax exempt status in order to maintain it. Based on our record if 22.7 percent if all the assemblies of the order matched it we are not doing so good to help maintain our tax exempt status. It would be disastrous if the Knights of Columbus lost this status.

During the installation of officers the following statement is directed to all the officers "Worthy Sir Knights, you have been elected to the various officers of this assembly for the ensuring year, and you have received from me an explanation of the duties of each office. I believe that you accept willingly the offices to which you have been elected by the members of this assembly." And those officers have answered "I do" to the question: "Do you by this acceptance promise to perform faithfully the duties of your respective offices?" In the future if you accept an office in the Fourth Degree and do not intend to abide by this promise, please do not accept the office.

The next reports due to the Supreme Council and a copy to the District Master are:

- The RSVP/Plaque application due June 30, 1996,
- The civic award application due June 30, 1996.
- The Report of Officers chosen for the term July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997.
- The annual assembly audit report due August 1, 1996
- The To Be A Patriot Award entry form due by June 30.
- Official order form for recorded Columbus Day program due by September 15, 1996.

Copies of these reports and forms are in the 1996 calendar year Assembly Report Forms booklet each assembly should have.

It is necessary for these reports to be sent timely in order for the District Master and the Supreme Council to function properly.

The Sir Knight of the year for 1994-1995 was Dennis K. Riecke of Madison, MS. A Sir Knight of the Reservoir Assembly 2269 at Brandon, which is now the Bishop Joseph B. Brunini Assembly 2269. This name change was approved by the Supreme Board of Directors at their meeting of April 12, 13, & 14, 1996.

The new Sir Knight of the year for 1995-1996 will be presented a plaque at the banquet tomorrow night. Since I will not stay for the convention, I have asked Vice Supreme Master Marvin Lott to present the plaque to the new Sir Knight of the Year.

Each Faithful Navigator was requested to submit a name of one of their Sir Knights to me by April 15, 1996 for the Sir Knight of the Year award. Only 4 out of 22 Faithful Navigators saw fit to nominate one of their members for this award and have the nomination to the District Master by April 15, 1996. One other Faithful Navigator made a nomination in a letter dated on April 15, 1996 which was mailed on April 16, 1996 and received on April 17, 1996 after the judging was completed and the plaque was ordered.

Surely 17 other Faithful Navigators could have found a Sir Knight in their assembly to submit a nomination for the Sir Knight of the Year award.

The last exemplification cost to the District Master was \$2081.90 and only 22 candidates showed up and the fees were \$1365 leaving a deficit to the District Master of \$716.90, but the degree team, with former Master Henry Kajdan as Captain, voluntarily waived their travel allowance of \$100.80 (for which I thank the team) which left a net deficit of \$616.10 which has to be paid out.

Of the personal funds of the District Master. No District Master can stand many Exemplifications with a deficit of this amount. The largest cost of the exemplification is the banquet, which is usually catered and a guarantee of the number to attend has to be made prior to the exemplification date. If you guess 100 to be in attendance and only 50 show up there will always be a deficit.

It is a hardship on the District Master to receive an application for Fourth Degree candidates, where the application is not properly prepared, many lack the signature of the candidate, the Faithful Navigator, the Faithful Comptroller, the Proposer, the financial secretary of the Council, the membership number, the date of First Degree, etc. This makes it hard for the District Master to prepare for the exemplification, preparing certificates, ordering social baldrics, pins and preparing the program to list the names of the candidates. It is next to impossible without incurring considerable expense for postage and phone calls. Please if you have candidates for the next exemplification scheduled in Vicksburg for June 22, 1996, complete the application and have it to me not later than June 1, 1996. If we do not have at least 40 applications by that date, it will be necessary to cancel the exemplification. That I do not want to do.

I want to thank State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III and Past State Deputy Tom Zettler for their cooperation and assistance during my term of office. I also want to thank Vice Supreme Master Marvin L. Lott, Past State Deputy for his help and confidence in me during my term.

On a personal note - a week after the last exemplification in Greenwood, I suffered a complete heart block and if it hadn't been for a 911 call, a good emergency ambulance crew, a good cardiologist and a temporary pace maker implanted within an hour of the attack, and a whole lot of prayers, I would not be here to hold this meeting. I received a permanent pace maker two days later and I have been advised that when I pay the \$15000 bill, they will give me the batteries for it.

Respectfully submitted,
John, P. Myers, PSD
District Master

Paulino Carrubba gave a report on the Priest Education Fund donations for 1996. The following report was compiled with the assistance of both diocesan offices.

Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund

Council Number	Council/Assembly/ Auxiliary	1953 - 1995 Donations	1996 Donations	Total Donations
802	Meridian	\$32,873	\$100	\$32,973
802	1251 Assembly	\$1,650	\$200	\$1,850
802	Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,100	\$250	\$2,350
848	Jackson	\$25,955	\$750	\$26,705
848	0554 Assembly	\$940		\$940
898	Vicksburg	\$50,300	\$3,750	\$54,050
898	0558 Assembly	\$2,250	\$350	\$2,600
1034	Natchez	\$36,127	\$1,200	\$37,327
1034	0559 Assembly	\$175	\$100	\$275
1244	Biloxi	\$31,000	\$1,000	\$32,000
1244	Ladies Auxiliary	\$200	\$100	\$300
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$26,414	\$1,500	\$27,914
1583	Gulfport	\$58,759	\$5,000	\$63,759
1583	0556 Assembly	\$2,209		\$2,209
1583	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,725	\$200	\$1,925
1605	Pascagoula	\$131,695	\$5,000	\$136,695
1605	0561 Assembly	\$400		\$400
1605	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,400	\$125	\$1,525
1908	Hattiesburg	\$10,975	\$200	\$11,175
2134	Greenville	\$50,994	\$2,850	\$53,844
2134	0554 Assembly	\$51,759	\$750	\$52,509
2134	Ladies Auxiliary	\$3,100	\$300	\$3,400
2180	Laurel	\$17,430	\$1,300	\$18,730
2180	0563 Assembly	\$1,400	\$100	\$1,500
2180	3768 Squires Circle	\$521	\$100	\$621
2945	Leland	\$19,312	\$1,000	\$20,312
2969	Clarksdale	\$26,370	\$1,200	\$27,570
4472	Pass Christian	\$4,674	\$100	\$4,774
4472	Ladies Auxiliary	\$625	\$100	\$725
4898	Long Beach	\$43,101	\$6,500	\$49,601
4898	1719 Assembly	\$3,700		\$3,700
4898	Ladies Auxiliary	\$500		\$500
5267	Greenwood	\$17,320	\$920	\$18,240
5267	1569 Assembly	\$110	\$315	\$425
5556	Cleveland	\$11,150	\$500	\$11,650
5556	1503 Assembly	\$550	\$200	\$750
5654	Ocean Springs	\$22,055	\$1,100	\$23,155
5654	2059 Assembly	\$813		\$813
5654	Ladies Auxiliary		\$100	\$100
6555	Shelby	\$6,420	\$440	\$6,860
6592	Bassfield	\$1,750		\$1,750
6765	Starkville	\$875	\$200	\$1,075
6872	Picayune	\$23,515	\$2,500	\$26,015
6872	2227 Assembly	\$1,000		\$1,000
7087	Kiln	\$4,360	\$300	\$4,660
7120	Southaven	\$3,363	\$500	\$3,863
7120	2195 Assembly	\$820	\$100	\$920
7120	Ladies Auxiliary		\$75	\$75
7211	Lumberton	\$34,228	\$1,343.81	\$35,571.81

7854	Clinton	\$3,335	\$300	\$3,635
7910	Orange Grove	\$1,220	\$150	\$1,370
7910	2347 Assembly		\$50	\$50
7910	Ladies Auxiliary	\$100	\$100	\$200
7915	Brookhaven	\$8,650	\$1,500	\$10,150
7974	Columbus	\$1,175		\$1,175
8038	Pearl	\$1,929	\$50	\$1,979
8054	McComb	\$6,220	\$500	\$6,720
8285	Jackson, St. Therese	\$1,234	\$175	\$1,409
8760	Holly Springs	\$1950	\$250	\$2,200
8848	Tupelo	\$2,400		\$2,400
8848	2131 Assembly	\$200		\$200
8912	Corinth	\$900		\$900
9094	D'Iberville	\$1,986	\$500	\$2,486
9124	Gautier	\$2,699	\$125	\$2,824
9234	Indianola	\$2,790	\$400	\$3,190
9409	West Biloxi	\$4,127	\$1,400	\$5,527
9543	Madison	\$421	\$385	\$806
9673	Woolmarket	\$460	\$222.50	\$682.50
9958	Lizana	\$1,200	\$330	\$1,530
9958	2284 Assembly	\$200	\$110	\$310
9958	Ladies Auxiliary	\$300	\$100	\$400
10216	Brandon	\$1,025		\$1,025
10216	2269 Assembly	\$100		\$100
10216	Ladies Auxiliary	\$50		\$50
10443	Grenada	\$603	\$260	\$863
10499	Ocean Springs	\$995	\$300	\$1,295
10901	Oxford	\$200	\$200	\$400
11541	St. James, Gulfport		\$35	\$35
11654	Wiggins/Lucedale			
	St. Mary's	\$237		\$237
	St. Mary's	\$237		\$237
	State Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,400	\$300	\$2,70
	Individual Contributions	\$1,127	\$555	\$1,682
	Miscellaneous	\$11,547		\$11,547
	Total	\$830,979	\$51,016.31	\$881,995.31

Robert Leo, Convention Chairman and Grand Knight of Meridian Council 802, gave a report on the current convention. He also thanked everyone for their participation.

Most Reverend William R. Houck, Bishop of Jackson Diocese addressed the Delegates and thanked them again for their continued support.

Election of State Officers

State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III called for the election of officers. He asked that nominations be opened.

State Deputy: Jesse J. Quinn, III was nominated by Brad Burden for the 1996-1997 fraternal year. There being no other nominations, Jesse J. Quinn, III was elected by acclamation.

State Secretary: Guy S. Todaro, Jr. was nominated by Gordon Cowie for the 1996-1997 fraternal year. There being no other nominations, Guy S. Todaro, Jr. was elected by acclamation.

State Treasurer: Keith B. Merritt was nominated by Bud Tomaso for the 1996-1997 fraternal year. There being no other nominations, Keith B. Merritt was elected by acclamation.

State Advocate: Bruce Pabon was nominated by Don Tiblier for the 1996-1997 fraternal year. There being no other nominations, Bruce Pabon was elected by acclamation.

State Warden: Ted V. Knowles was nominated by Lessie Ladner for the 1996-1997 fraternal year. There being no other nominations, Ted V. Knowles was elected by acclamation.

Nomination and Election of Delegates to the Supreme Convention in Chicago, Illinois

Terry Hurst nominated Dennis Reicke, J. J. Bedford nominated Henry Kajdan, Lessie Ladner nominated Richard Hoda, Matt Zelenka nominated Fred Clark, George "Flitter" Roberts nominated Bruce Pabon, Tom Wedig nominated Harvey Mitchell. George "Flitter" Roberts made a motion that the nominations be closed; seconded by Bud Tomaso; motion passed unanimously.

The results of the voting are reported below:

Dennis Riecke - 79 votes
Bruce Pabon - 41 votes
Richard Hoda - 28 votes
Henry Kajdan - 26
Fred Clark - 16
Harvey Mitchell - 9

Dennis Riecke and Bruce Pabon will join State Deputy Jesse Quinn, III and Immediate Past State Deputy Thomas R. Zettler as Mississippi's Delegates to the Supreme Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

**Nomination and Election of Alternates
to the Supreme Convention in Chicago, Illinois**

For Insurance Alternates:

Lessie Ladner nominated Richard Hoda, Tom Wedig nominated Harvey Mitchell, J. J. Bedford nominated Henry Kajdan. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

The results of the voting are reported below:

Richard Hoda - 92 votes
Henry Kajdan - 57
Harvey Mitchell - 48

For Non-Insurance Alternates:

Tom Wedig nominated Harvey Mitchell, Matt Zelenka nominated Fred Clark. There being no other nominations, the aforementioned were elected in order of their nomination.

**Nomination and Selection of the Site
for the 2000 State Convention**

David DiLorenzo made a motion to accept the bid for Southaven Council 7120 and Clarksdale Council #2969 to host the 2000 State Convention in Robinsonville, Mississippi; seconded by Jim Lambert; motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Tom Chady, State Program Director, and Dennis Riecke, State Membership Director, made corrections to awards presented at the Awards Banquet.

Robert Fratesi, PSD gave the following report as State Historian.

State Historian's Report

This convention is the deadline for submitting your Councils history report which is to be printed in the ten year history update. It is now 2 years since we started asking for these reports and still many Councils have not responded. Councils 1522 Bay St. Louis, 1583 Gulfport, 1908 Hattiesburg, 2969 Clarksdale, 4898 Long Beach, 5654 Ocean Springs, 6592 Bassfield, 7087 Kiln, 7211 Lumberton, 8038 Pearl, 8760 Holly Springs, 9094 D'Iberville, 9124 Gautier, 9958 Lizana, and 10499 Ocean Springs. We also have Director and Chairmen reports not submitted, Mental Retardation, State Program, Awards, State Convention, Athletics, Past State Deputies, Pro Life and any By-Law changes. If we do not have any more interest than this we may print what we have in an inexpensive booklet for distribution and then abandon this project in the future.

I wish to thank all the Councils that have submitted this report. Some went to a lot of trouble and some were short.

After this convention I will return home and probably put everything on the back shelf for a few weeks. So if any of you that have not turned anything in as of this convention you can do so in this time period.

Fraternaly submitted,
Robert Fratesi, PSD
State Historian

New Business

Brother Leon Shapley made a motion that the State Council purchase and present to Bishop Houck a 50 year Knights of Columbus Pin commemorating his 50 years as a Knight of Columbus; seconded by Jim Lambert; motion passed unanimously.

Ther being no further business, State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III made some closing remarks. The 1996 State Convention adjourned with a prayer by State Chaplain Jeffrey Waldrep at 12:05 p.m.

These proceedings Of The 92nd Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council Knights Of Columbus are respectfully submitted,
Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
State Secretary

