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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
94TH ANNUAL STATE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**First Business Session
Friday, April 24, 1998**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. At that time he called on Brother Keith Merrit to introduce Mr. Glen L. McCullough, Jr., Mayor of Tupelo. Mayor McCullough welcomed all delegates and members to Tupelo and presented the State Deputy with a key to the city.

State Secretary C. Bruce Pabon, whose remarks may be found immediately after the minutes of the First Business Session, responded on behalf of the State Council.

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order and opened the first Business Session of the 94th Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction at 6:15 pm. State Warden Richard T. Lieding verified that all present possessed current membership cards of the Third Degree. State Chaplain Father Dennis J. Carver opened the meeting with a prayer and Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master Mike Gilly lead the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., welcomed the delegates and made the following remarks.

As you know, our Worthy State Treasurer, Brother Ted Knowles, passed away just three weeks ago. Brother Ted has held that chair for the last 49 weeks, first as state treasurer-elect. Then as your State Treasurer. As you will hear in the audit report later on in this convention, Brother Ted served you proudly yet in his very humble manner.

We, the State Officers felt it was only fitting and proper to leave his chair vacant as a sign of honor for the dedicated and unselfish service Ted bestowed on our Order and to each one of us, his brother knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Not only in his carrying out of his duties as State Treasurer, but in every thought, word and deed that embodied Ted as a Christian Gentleman.

Past State Deputy (and Former State Treasurer) Tom Zettler stepped forward and volunteered his services as interim or acting state treasurer to allow the State to continue to operate especially in this very critical time prior to our convention. On behalf of all of the State Officers, I wish to publicly thank Tom for the unselfish generosity of his time.

Ted is also one of the few State Officers in recent history of the Mississippi Jurisdiction to die while serving in office. His empty chair is also to remind each of us of our mortality. And that God alone knows the time and the place of our coming home to Him. They say a man's character is his destiny. By his life as a true practicing Catholic, it is obvious to all of us that Ted is in Heaven celebrating the Resurrection of this Easter season with our Savior, and sharing in His victory over death. We will truly miss him.

Since the beginning of our term in July of last year, this group of State Officers has gelled into a true TEAM. The pinnacle of this bond happened at our State Officers Retreat in September where we became a FAMILY. A family mourns the loss of a loved one. We the Family of State Officers feel the need to mourn the loss of one of our own, our beloved State Treasurer.

Therefore, through the end of our Third Business Session tomorrow, we will be wearing these black armbands, in memory and honor of our State Treasurer, the late Ted V. Knowles. I invite our two Bishops, who are honorary state chaplains, our Supreme Treasurer, and our acting State Treasurer to join us in this symbolic act. Then prior to the Saturday night banquet, we will remove the armbands and celebrate life and the living.

I do want to make one thing unequivocally clear. The decision to leave the State Treasurer's chair open and not fill it prior to this convention was like most decisions this year, a team decision on the part of every state officer. It was a decision of honor not a decision questioning the abilities of the other current State Officers who could have and would have filled the state treasurer's position in a very qualified manner.

At this time the State Deputy introduced Supreme Treasurer Jean Migneault. He then entertained a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the 93rd Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reports not previously received were submitted. State Warden Richard T. Lieding explained assignments of the Chairs to the Delegates. The Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report was given by Micheal G. Gilly, and the State Program for People with Mental Retardation was given by Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.

State Advocate Thomas F. Chady distributed the resolutions and State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., gave the Announcement of Committee Assignments. Other administrative remarks and announcements were made, including the theme of this years convention, "Keep Christ First n the Knights of Columbus."

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., 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, and the Election Tellers, all committees are expected to meet between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 1998 at the place designated by each committee's chairman. Each committee's chairman (listed in bold), 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 are as follows:

- 1. Credentials Committee:** Bruce Pabon, State Secretary, Richard W. Warren #1034, Ben DiLorenzo #4898, Bradley D. Burden #5267, Marvin Cannon #8285, Joe Tannehill #9234
- 2. Resolutions Committee:** Thomas V. Chady, State Advocate, Jesse J. Quinn, III, IPSD, Dennis "Doc" E. Ladnier, Sr., PSD
L. Don Schwartz #2180, Jim Heitz #6765
- 3. Audit Committee:** Thomas Canizaro, CPA, Daniel J. Lechner, DD #11, Leon Shapley #2945, Ted Applewhite #6592, Larry D. Miller #7974, Robert A Grant #10901
- 4. Ceremonials Committee:** J. Lessie Ladner, State Ceremonials Chairman, Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., PSD, Michael G. Gilly #1605,
Thomas Bryant #5556, William Hetrick #7854, Buddy Honeycutt #10443, Henry A. Bertagnoli #12166
- 5. Public Relations Committee:** Kenn Rains, Magnolia Knight Editor, Richard W. Spence, DD #7, Gregory K. Rottman #898, William R. Davis #1244, Joseph Bramuchi #6555, Joseph R. Jones, Jr. #11934
- 6. Election Tellers:** Marvin L. Lott, PSD, FVSM, John P. Myers, PSD, Stanley M. Swentkowski, PSD
- 7. Financial Secretaries:** Thomas R. Zettler, PSD, Robert Fratesi, PSD, Robert L. Hudson DD #1, Dennis Riecke DD #5, James W. Farris #7120, Gordon Cowie #8038, John C. Lewis #10216, Kerry S. Roberts #10499, Joseph Kallaher #11654, John C. Minninger #11934, Paul J. Mackin #11956, James W. Dubisson #11995, and ALL Financial Secretaries in attendance at the Convention.
- 8. Membership Committee:** Larry Tabor, State Membership Director, Henry Mosco, Insurance General Agent, Jim Rigby, Retention Chairman, William L. Jarrett #1908, Warren Matthews #2969, Jim Lambert #6872, Claude L. Vinson, Sr. #8760, Lonnie Parvin #9673, Dennis Diester #10216
- 9. Good of the Order Committee:** Richard T. Lieding, State Warden, Norman L. Kiehm, PSD, FM, Father Dennis Carver, Ernest J. Falgo, Jr. #1605, Harvey Caldwell, III #5267, Carl Brochard #5654, Tom Hannigan #6765, James C. Mounsey #6872, McComb #8054, Anthony J. Moran #9958, Harold Noll #11541
- 10. State Convention Committee:** Keith Merritt, State Convention Committee Chairman, Kenneth L. Lubbers, DD #2, David DiLorenzo, DD #10, David Koch #802, Thomas W. Thornton #898, Robert L. Boney #1244, H. Dan Garrigan #7120, Mark Fontenot #9094

11. Mileage and Per Diem Committee: Thomas R. Zettler, PSD, Donald F. Cox, DD #12, David Malatesta #6555, Ralph Corrado #7974, Donald Tiblier #9124, Joseph Souza #9673, Carl Muse #12166

12. Church Activity Committee: Salvatore A. "Bud" Tomaso, State Church Activity Director, John R. Ward, DD #9, Robert J. Leo #802, Harvey C. Mitchell #1522, Joseph B. Goellner, Jr. #1908, James H. Craig, III #7915, L. C. Guillote #8038, William F. Entriaken #9409, David Scott #9543, John E. Irvons #11956

13. Council Activity Committee: Peter C. Sukanek, State Council Activity Director, Ronald Koehler, DD #3, George A. Rutherford #848, Joseph G. Garrity #1034, Leonard Tarrant #5654, Claude L. Vinson, Jr. #8760, Hollis J. Moran #9958, Thomas J. Homsany #10499, Edward C. Croal, Jr. #11541

14. Youth Activity Committee: Lawrence M. "Larry" Campbell, State Youth Activity Director, Natale J. Zummo, DD #6, Douglas J. Cocilova #5556, Timothy J. Hathorn #6592, Michael J. Madere #7211, John Leonard #7910, Materno F. Yapit #9409, John G. Savoje, Jr. #10443, Ray Shields #11904

15. Family Life Activity Committee: Mouise Richards, State Family Activity Director, Fred Cunningham #848, Andrew T. Hurst #1583, John P. Bernardi #2134, Jerry Perkins #2180, Charles Morlino #2945, Elbert Cuevas #7087, Thomas S. Thompson #8912, James Holland #11904

16. Community Activity Committee: Gerry Clark, State Program Director, Robert S. Flagg #1583, Sulieman M. Samander #2134, William G. Hincks, Jr. #4898, Lloyd T. Everhardt #7854, Gerald E. Schmuck #7910, Rob Hudson #8848, Robert Barr #9124, James R. Leatherwood #8912

17. Pro-Life Activity Committee: Antoine Otto, State Pro-Life Chairman, Andrew T. Mitchell #1522, Greg McClellan #2969, Olander J. Shiyon #7087, Charles R. Boyer #7211, Earl J. Westfall #7915, Al Allegue #9094, Terry Lott #9234, A. C. "Mack" McCarney, #11654

The First Business Session was closed with a prayer by the State Chaplain Father Dennis J. Carver, and the delegates adjourned for the Friday night dinner social.

**Opening Remarks By State Secretary
C. Bruce Pabon**

Mayor we thank you for opening this the 94th Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi. We enjoyed the 89th Convention here in 1993 and look forward to this one.

When I think of Tupelo I think of the home of Elvis Presley. However this is nothing compared to what this two time All American city, really has to offer: anything from Furniture mfg. To Lawn Mowers to Clothing to Plastic bags to Power Tools and etc. This city is a growth city that is well rounded.

Just think 94 times we have met to make a strong bond with all the Knights of Mississippi. This year however is unique in the fact that we are in preparation to move into the third Millennium. In 1997 the theme was "Catch the Spirit". In 1998 the theme is "Renew the Faith" and that is what we need to do. "Renew the Faith" in our lives, in our family, in our church, in our order and in all we do.

In April of 1997 our then State Secretary and our now present State Deputy Guy Todaro, Jr. said and I quote " The time is now for us to stand up and be counted. We have to take a more active role as Catholic American Citizens. We Knights of Columbus, Selected sons of the Holy Church, should reflect as we gather at this convention and fine tune our focus to laser sharp, to exemplify to our selves and those we serve that our behaviors and our actions truly reflect the values that we cherish, our mission as a brotherhood, and our vision for the future."

It is time Brothers that we stand united. It is time that we rally behind the church, soldiers of Christ united in one cause. As the old saying goes, United We Stand Divided We Fall. We can't and we will not fail as we move into the third Millennium, Brothers one and all.

Mayor thank you for your welcome. We look forward to spending time in the "All American City" of Tupelo.

Grand Knights Reports

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

The council officers were duly installed by District Deputy Dr. David Hughes in July.
The following officers for fraternal year 1997 - 1998 were installed:

Chaplain	Father James Brett
Grand Knight	Robert J. Leo
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Webster
Chancellor	Frank Polizzi
Financial Secretary	George Walston
Recorder	Mike Griffith
Warden	Dr. Richard Flemming
Co-Warden	Joe Dicks
Treasurer	Tom Zettler
Advocate	Craig Melancon
Inside Guard	David Smith
Outside Guard	John Kasper
Trustee	Wiley Price
Trustee	Mouise Richards
Trustee	David Koch
Program Director	Bill Webster
Church Director	John Kasper
Community Director	Dan Jackson
Council Director	Paul Carpenter
Youth Director	Frank Polizzi
Family Director	Wayne Griffin
Membership Director	Joe Dicks
Bingo Director	John Maloney

It has been my honor and privilege to serve again as Grand Knight to this great Council. The Meridian Council is the oldest council in the state of Mississippi and is one of the most active councils in our jurisdiction, if not the entire state. Our members still strive for excellence in all of their activities and take pride in all that they have accomplished.

CHURCH:

Council 802 continues to support St. Patrick Parish in their building program. Council 802 has pledged a total of \$72,000.00 over a three (3) year period. We are now in our second year of contributions

This year we have started a new Vocations program which involves all Knights families who care to participate. The statue of the Sacred Heart is presented to the Knights and his family after Mass. The

family takes the statue home for the week and prays for vocations. It is then returned to the church to be presented to another family.

We continue to support a seminarian, who is also a Brother Knight from our council.

In addition to these donations, we continue to donate to our three (3) churches. The council also hosts a First Communion breakfast and Confirmation reception.

A Knight leads the Holy Rosary at all Masses during the months of January, May and October.

We supply coffee and donuts each Sunday morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We also support the Priest education fund of the State jurisdiction.

COUNCIL:

Our council has a members social every second Tuesday night. In addition to this, we conduct a "Knight of the Month" program, "Knight of the Quarter" program and our "Knight of the Year" program at the end of the fraternal year. We hold pool tournaments, horseshoe tournaments and this year we will host the State softball tournament. We continue to participate in the State bowling tournament by sponsoring two (2) teams each year.

The council remembers its sick members and their families by sending them fruit baskets while they are in the hospital. We continue to hold our deceased members mass for our departed brothers and their families.

COMMUNITY:

By far our most prestigious event is the presentation of the Monsignor John J. Burns Award. This award is given to an individual who has been deemed outstanding in his/her community service. One of our community activities is our "Adopt a Highway" program. We have a two (2) mile stretch of highway to keep clean.

We participate in the "tootsie roll drive" each year. We continue helping the Salvation Army with bell ringers, help our Habitat for Humanity projects as well as visiting patients each month at the Mississippi State Hospital.

YOUTH:

This activity sponsors a free throw contest. The winners then participate in the State free throw contest. We sponsor essay and poster contest for the students at St. Patrick school on Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. The council also visits the three (3) local hospitals with Santa bringing toys to the children in each hospital.

We donate to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. Each Easter we hold an annual Easter egg hunt for all the children of our parish at our council hall.

We support the local "Close-up" program at Meridian High School.

FAMILY:

We have an on-going program each month where we participate in the "Supreme" Family of the Month" program. We also elect a "Family of the Year" and they are entered in the state competition. We include our "Widows" in all of our Family activities.

We held a Christmas Party for all of the children of our members with Santa handing out gifts to the children. We sponsor a Halloween party for all the children of St. Patrick School.

The council held a "Sweethearts Casino Night" for our ladies. We also conducted a Deceased Members Mass in November.

This is the first year we took the fifth Tuesday as a "Family social" instead of a regular meeting night. We plan to continue to do this since the first one was such a success.

MEMBERSHIP:

Although our membership was not as it has been in the past, we will continue to strive to bring new members into the council. As we all know, new members are the life blood of any council.

As I reflect back on this past year, it has been an exhilarating and yet a humbling experience to be the Grand Knight of this great council. I would like to thank all my brother Knights for all of their support and hard work this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Leo
Grand Knight

John T. Savage Council 848
Jackson, MS
George A. Rutherford
No Report Submitted

Vicksburg Council 898
Vicksburg, Mississippi
Greg Rottman

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Warden
Advocate
Lay Chaplain
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

Greg Rottman
Mike Lee
Jerry Boland
Howard Park
Tony Dardeau
Joe Montalbano
Chad Sonnek
John Cesare

Recorder
Three-Year Trustee
Two-Year Trustee
One-Year Trustee
Lecturer
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Outside Guard

Rory Ros
Thomas Thornton
Tom Chady
Allen Derivaux
Ed Canizaro
Bill Ford
Jerry Roberts
Ken Bonomo

The 1997-1998 fraternal year has been very busy and successful for Council 898, Vicksburg, MS. Under the guidance of our Program Director, Mike Lee the council has been successful in all areas of Council activities. All reports and forms have been submitted on time and in a very professional manner. We held 12-First Degrees and 2-Second and Third Degrees. Twenty-eight new members were initiated. We also hosted a Fourth degree exemplification.

We feel we were very successful in the area of membership but we also have strong feelings that the success of recruiting is directly related to a activities program that was both balanced and aggressive. We have tried throughout the year to provide opportunities for our members to support the ideals of Columbianism through planned activities in the five areas designated by the Supreme Council. To list all the activities of the year would be redundant in so far as a copy of the program report is available upon request. I would like to point out some high points of this fraternal year.

In order to develop the sense of fraternity in our Council we sponsored monthly golf scrambles, held award banquets, celebrated Columbus Day, feasted on St. Patrick's Day and socialized on the fifth Tuesday of each month. Trying to maintain and promote the family we held pool and burger nights, hayrides, and family dances. Promoting the community is something we are all proud of and we demonstrated this pride by supporting Meals on Wheels, the Miss Vicksburg Pageant and the Run through History. In order to bolster our Faith we held a rosary at the Councils Monument to the innocent victims of abortion, played a game at our council meetings in which we were challenged to name a saint or a bible verse from a description read to the members in attendance and served breakfast once an month to raise funds to support the Saltillo, Mexico mission. The youth we determined needed activities at which they could socialize in a good environment. We proved a place and support for socials and dances, we prepared banquets for St. Aloysius high school sports program and rekindled the oldest Columbian Squires Circle in Mississippi, the Father Mullin Circle #81

The only way we are able to do all the things we do is directly attributable to the quality of men that contribute so much of their time to making this program successful. Their dedication, fortitude and commitment provides the backbone for this outstanding group of men. I cannot express the pride I have in these men nor be more grateful to them. May the Lord bless them and keep them and their families close to him always.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Rottman
Grand Knight

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034
Natchez, Mississippi
Joseph G. Garrity

This year has been an up and down year for Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034. On the positive side we have been more active than we have in along time but we also saw a decrease In membership. We have a very active set of officers that have taken the ball and run with it making my job a whole lot easier. The ladies auxiliary are in there second year and I don't know how we ever got along with out them.

This past year Bishop R.O. Gerow Council 1034 hosted the State bowling tournament. Thanks to Chairman PGK Darren Cowart It was a big success. I would like to thank worthy State Deputy Guy Todaro for not only supporting the tournament but for having a team compete in the tournament. There was a lot of good bowling And some not so good - Bruce - just kidding. All who were there had a great time. On a sad note it was the last time I got to see and talk to our worthy State Treasure Ted Knowles who recently past away. I am grateful for the time I did get to spend with this wonderful individual, he will be missed by myself and Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034.

Through the diligence of our program director we have had five fish fry's, our annual spaghetti benefit, tootsie roll drive, Priest education drive, relay for life team, Halloween party, Children's Christmas party, and many other functions. Brother Ron Brumfield has truly been a savior for me and our council. There are so many things I would like to say about our Ladies Auxiliary but one word comes to mind-amazing; Thank you ladies for being there when we needed you.

It has been an up and down year for me personally and that effected my duties as grand knight. I apologize to my council for not doing the job quite as well as it should have been done. If it had not been for my four amigo's, DGK Ron Brumfield, Chancellor Jimmy Searcy, Warden Gene Siminton, and last but not least FS Sonny Foggo, the council would not be as striving as it is today. Thank you for keeping us going.

As I wind down my second year as grand knight I realize I did not accomplish all I had hoped for, but I pledge that I will still strive to do all I can to help my successor. It has truly been a wonderful experience the last two years and I would not trade it for the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph G. Garrity
Grand Knight

**Biloxi Council 1244
Biloxi, Mississippi
Robert Boney**

Chaplain	Rev. Tony Arguelles
Grand Knight	Robert Boney
Deputy Grand Knight	Julius Broussard
Chancellor	Jerry Gollott
Advocate	Frank Tarrant
Recorder	Greg Eleuterius Jr.
Warden	Gerard Darnell
Financial Secretary	Harry Steinwinder
Treasurer	Charles Harrison
Lecturer	Sterns Pluff
Inside Guard	Ernest Ross
Outside Guard	Marshall Eleuterius
Trustees	Billy Davis
	Curtis Harrison
	Gerald Rose

Deputy Grand Knight Julius Broussard served as Program Director this past year. He supervised and carried out the following activities:

CHURCH CHAIRMAN CHESTER TRAHAN

1. Helped support a Seminarian with stipends.
2. Donated to the Priest Education Fund.
3. Held Marion Hour of Prayer dedicated to Our Lady of the New Advent.
4. Clergy Appreciation Night.
5. Memorial Mass for our deceased brothers.
6. Held 3 Corporate Communions.
7. Retirement party and donation to one of our Priest.
8. Handed out Rosaries to C.C.D. classes.
9. Ad in Gulf Pine Catholic Newspaper.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN GREG ELEUTERIUS SR.

1. Sponsor team to State K of C softball tournament.
2. Held Recruitment drives at churches in our area.
3. Publish and mail out monthly newsletter for council.
4. Scrapbook of K of C activities for council.
5. Quarterly awards banquet for family participation.
6. Fraternal Benefits Night by Tom Rossetto.
7. Maintain a 1st Degree team.
8. Hosted Ms. Jurisdiction State K of C Convention.

9. Monthly pay meal before business meeting.
10. Held drawdown for Council.
11. Held Christmas Party for Adults and also for the children.
12. Donated use of council hall for St. Louis drawdown.

FAMILY.... CHAIRMAN GUY B. ROBERTS

1. Family picnic and viewing 4th of July fireworks.
2. Corporate Communion at St. John's, St. Louis, Christ The King and St. Michael's through the year.
3. Easter egg hunt for kids of all ages at St. Louis.
4. Recognize and award Families of the month.
5. Recognize and award Families of the year.

COMMUNITY.... CHAIRMAN JERRY LAMEY

1. Participate in Tootsie Roll Drive in support of the mentally handicapped citizens.
2. Host Swing for Life Golf Tournament with proceeds going to Pro Life.
3. Host Shrimp Bowl as an annual event with proceeds going to Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund and to St. Vincent Societies at St. Louis, St. John, St. Michael, Christ The King and Our Mother of Sorrows.
4. Held yard sale with proceeds going to Ocean Springs Nursing Center.
5. Donate to Heart Fund.
6. Have open house for members and guests on Mardi Gras.
7. Donate used playing cards from casinos to Biloxi VA , Santa Maria Del Mar Retirement Home, Villa Maria Retirement Home, Naval Retirement Home and Gulf Coast Mental Retardation Center.

YOUTH.... CHAIRMAN GREG ELEUTERIUS, JR.

1. Sponsor for 68th year Boy Scout Troop 213.
2. Four brother knights work with Scout Troop 213 and 212.
3. Donated the use of council hall and chaperoned C.Y.O. Halloween dance.
4. Open hall for kids Halloween party.
5. Hosted kids Christmas party for members and friends.
6. Donation to Lauren Eleuterius for Youth Ministry Convention.
7. Awarded (2) boy and (2) girl scholarships from The Clarence Theriot Scholarship Fund.
8. Hosted Vocations Awareness Night for 11th and 12th grade students.
9. Held Youth Retreat for Mercy Cross at council hall.
10. Three brother knights coach Little League ball teams.

11. Hosted Luncheon for Shrimp Bowl Queen and Maid Contestants.
12. Donation to Nativity C.Y.O.
13. Donation to Mercy Cross Retreat.
14. Donation to Junior Achievement.
15. Sponsor a boy and a girl to State.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Boney
Grand Knight

Pere le Duc Council 1522
Bay St. Louis, MS
Harvey Mitchell
No Report Submitted

Bishop Gunn Council 1583
Gulfport, MS
Richard P. Moran
No Report Submitted

Msgr. P. J. Carey Council 1605
Pascagoula, MS
Ernest J. Falgo, Jr.

The 1997/98 fraternal year has been a very tough year for our council. Like several that have relied on Bingo as their regular source of income, due to the bureaucratic red tape with the new gaming laws, we have decided not to continue our games.

This has put a significant strain on meeting our operating expenses of our old council home as well as our charitable obligations. However, Council 1605 holds its head high and together we will survive.

We are a proud council; Proud of our past accomplishments and proud of our brothers. We are especially proud of five of our brother knights who hail from Council 1605 and serve the State with dignity. They are John F. Szymonik, State Good of the Order Chairman, Ken Broussard, State Marshall of the Fourth Degree, Michael G. Gilly who serves the Mississippi District of the Fourth Degree as Master, Ted V. Knowles who serves the Mississippi Jurisdiction as State Treasurer, and Guy S. Todaro, Jr. who serves as the State Deputy of Mississippi. All three of these men bring honor to our council.

On a sad note, brother Ted Knowles passed away suddenly on April 1, 1998. He was a true Catholic gentleman and a great knight. He will be missed. The council paid him the respect he deserves by

rolling out the red carpet and provided food and the council home for the post services gathering.

As Council 1605 continues to rebuild its stability, we assure all our brothers both within our council and throughout our state that we will continue to set the pace for Columbianism.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest J. Falgo, Jr.

Bishop Fahey Council 1908
Hattiesburg, MS
William L. "Bill" Jarrett
No Report Submitted

Father Korstenbrook Council 2134
Greenville, Mississippi
Suliman Samandar

Chaplain	Father John Bohn
Grand Knight	Suliman Samandar
Deputy Grand Knight	Vacant
Chancellor	Paul Eatman
Recorder	Vacant
Financial Secretary	Robert Fratesi
Treasurer	Bille Koepp
Advocate	Sam Santucci
Inside Guard	Jim Lanor
Outside Guard	Vacant
Trustees	John Bernardi, O'Kelly Hickman

Council Activities During Past Year

1. Bingo on Saturday nights - income helps our priest education fund.
2. State Bowling tournament.
3. Hold Spaghetti dinner for priest education fund.
4. Work days. Clean pool - Brother Sam Santucci, inside remodeling of the K.C. wall Brother Robert Fratesi, outside - Brother Robert Fratesi.
5. Council conducted tootsie roll drive - Proceed went to the mentally retarded children.
6. Work concession stand - football game homecoming night.
7. Set up and took down the booths for the parish fair.
8. Cooked and served Spaghetti - Parish fair and worked the booth.
9. Members attended one of the schools of columbianism meeting.
10. Added one new member.

I would like to thank every member for all the support and for all the tireless hours they have devoted to the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,
Suliman Samandar
Grand Knight

**Laurel Council 2180
Laurel, Mississippi
Louis "'Don" Schwartz**

Officers for the fraternal year are as follows:

Chaplain	Rev. Ken Ramon-Landry
Grand Knight	Louis "Don" Schwartz
Deputy Grand Knight	James Toni Canizaro
Chancellor	Glen Waguespack
Financial Secretary	Richard Hollingsworth
Treasurer	John P. Myers
Recorder	Charlie Rawls
Warden	Don O'Brien
Inside Guard	Robbie Herrin
Outside Guard	Arthur Axton
3 Year Trustee	Mike Maily
2 year Trustee	David Hughes
1 Year Trustee	Lawless Fitch
Knight of the Year	John P. Myers
Family of the Year	Richard Hollingsworth Family

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 1998 Men's Retreat
- *October 1997 Rosary after Mass
- *May 1997 Rosary after Mass
- *November 1997 Pot Luck Supper/collect food for Christmas Baskets
- *July 1997 Strip and wax school floors
- *January 1998 Gumbo sale for Priest Education Fund
- *February 1998 Pot Luck Supper/collect food for Father Ken's pantry
- *November 1997 Vocations trip to Notre Dame Seminary
- *February 1998 Marion Hour Prayer Devotion
- *Monthly Pancake Breakfast after Mass proceeds to be used to help two seminarians

Facilities Committee (4 men)

Pastoral Council (7 men)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Don O'Brien, Chairman

- *April 1998 Sponsor Lenten soup supper
- *May 1997 Tootsie Roll Drive
- *March 1998 Pot Luck Supper/collect supplies for Domestic Abuse Shelter
- *September 1998 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 - Joe Flick, Chairman

- *Monthly Family of the Month Program
- *Annual Family of the Year Award
- *Monthly Corporate Communion
- *June 1997 Canoe Trip on Black Creek
- *October 1997 Life Chain
- *November 1997 Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers
- *December 1997 St. Nick Christmas Party
- *January 1998 Pro Life Rosary and Mass
- *February 1998 Mardi Gras Party

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Glenn Waguespack, Chairman

- *Annual Support Squires Circle 3738
- *Monthly Train altar servers
- *Monthly Coach soccer
- *April 1998 Easter Egg Hunt
- *November 1997 Host Squires convention
- *January 1998 Free Throw contest
- *February 1998 Host Catholic Youth Retreat

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Charlie Rawls, Chairman

- *Monthly Executive Committee meeting
- Council Newsletter
- First Degree Team
- Knight of the Month
- *Annual Knight of the year
- *May 1997 School Draw Down clean up
- *July 1997 Installation of Officers and Dinner
- *February 1998 Fraternal benefits night/Pot Luck Supper
- *October 1997 Membership Drive
- *January 1998 Super Bowl Party
- *March 1998 Pig Roast and awards night

Respectfully submitted,
Louis "Don" Schwartz
Grand Knight

**C. G. Shapley Council 2945
Leland, Mississippi
Jerry W. Santucci**

1. Church Activities: (Orlando Fratesi)

1. Marion Hour of Prayer ** January or February
2. Priest Education Fund ** Cat-Fish Fry before April 1st
3. 1st Sunday of the month Mass K. C. Sunday
4. Donations to the Church or Members
5. Memorial Masses (on going)
6. Provide Weekly Church Bulletins
7. KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Billboard & Radio Spots, the last of November
8. Donations to Needy Families of Parish at Christmas time
9. Lead Congregation in the Praying of the Rosary
10. Sponsor a Day of Recollection at Christmas & Easter time (Billboard)
11. Donation to the Pastor, Monetary of Material Support **

2. Community Activities: (Jerry W. Santucci)

1. Mental Retardation Program ** (May '97 & '98)
2. Drug Abuse & Awareness Program **
3. Program for visitation to the Sick and Elderly **
4. Donations to Needy Families
5. Columbus Day Radio Broadcast Program in October '97
6. Help Jr. Auxiliary at Christmas time, for the needy
7. Donations (Groups)
8. Volunteer use of K.C. Hall in case of disaster
9. Rent Hall to Public & Non-Profit Groups
10. Flag Flyers and Pro-Life

3. Family Life Activities: (Albert Bassi)

1. Memorial Services for Deceased Members **
2. Pro-Life Program Chain (Sponsor or Co-Sponsor) **
3. Right to Life Booth at the Parish Fair (Sept. '97) **
4. Choose Family of the year Annually **
5. Socials on every 5th Wednesday's of the month

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6. Family enrichment Programs
 7. Donations to MS. Right to Life & Greenville Right to Life
 8. Congratulations, Get Well, & Happy Anniversary Cards sent out to Members
 9. Writing to Senators and Congressmen on Abortions

4. Council Activities: (Mike P. Columbus Sr.)

1. Health Program (Blood Pressure Check) **
2. Insurance Program at K.C. Social **
3. Promote saying of the Rosary by Members
4. Football Pools and Raffle Tickets Sells
5. Recognition of Knight's at Socials
6. Purchase Ad in State Convention
7. Sponsor Delegates to State Convention
8. Open House for Prospective Members
9. Active Phone Committee
10. Hamburger and Pepsi Cola Booth at Arts & Crafts
11. K.C. State Bowling Tournament
12. Blood Pressure Check
13. Conduct a Cash Drawing at each of the Meetings
14. Regular Business Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month
15. Promoting Good-Will
16. Sponsor Membership Drive

5. Youth Activities: (John M. Santucci)

1. Assist C.Y.O. **
2. Santa Claus Party for the Children of the Parish **
3. Donations to Youth Groups
4. Social & Recognition of Catholic High School Seniors of the Parish
5. Give Bibles to the Catholic High School Seniors of the Parish
6. Sponsor Easter Egg Hunt
7. Clean-up Campaign around Church & Community
8. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs
9. Give the C. G. Shapley Sportsmanship Award to a High School

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry W. Santucci
Grand Knight

Msgr. James T. McKenna Council 2969
Clarksdale, MS
Warren J. Matthews
No Report Submitted

Msgr. Leech Council 4472
Pass Christian, MS
Revernal P. Ladner
No Report Submitted

St Vincent De Paul Council 4898
Long Beach, Mississippi
Billy Hincks

The following officers served for the 1997-1998 fraternal year:

Chaplain	Fr. Louie Lohan
Grand Knight	Billy Hincks
Deputy Grand Knight	Leonard Nahlen
Chancellor	Stanley Van Winkle
Recorder	David Gauthier
Financial Secretary	Rodney Sandoz
Treasurer	Tom Pike
Lecturer	G.J. Catalano
Advocate	Pete Carrubba
Warden	Joe Weems
Guards	Chuck Mink
Trustee	Norman Rheaume
	Norman McDonald
	Ben Dilorenzo
	Bill Seal

A summary of the programs for this fraternal year is as follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Council members volunteer to serve as EM's, Lectors, and Ushers.
2. Provide assistance for Church building and grounds maintenance.
3. RCIA and CCD participation and support.
4. Supports the mission in Saltillo.
5. Sponsor a Good Friday Fish Fry for Priest Education Fund.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Participate and Support Parish Bazaar.
2. Support local food pantry with donations of canned goods, money, and personnel help.
3. Holiday Flag display on Main Street.
4. Support and sponsor Local DARE Program.
5. Assist Ladies Auxiliary with Blood Drive.
6. Recited Rosary during the month of May to end abortion.
7. Participated in and support Carnival Association of Long Beach.
8. Participated in the Knights of Columbus Mental Retardation Drive.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Council has a Certified First Degree Team.
2. Participated in KC Bowling Tournament.
3. Had Annual Crawfish Boil for council.
4. Held Knight of the Quarter Dinners (4).
5. Had Annual Pig Roast for Council.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

1. Participated in Family of the Month Program.
2. Monthly Family Get Together or Dinners.
3. Had Annual Family Picnic.
4. Celebrated a Mass for deceased members.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsor local youth leagues.
2. Coach and referee youth ball games.
3. Support St. Thomas CYO in their activities.
4. Annual Breakfast for graduates.
5. Held annual Free Throw Tournament.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy Hincks
Grand Knight

**Msgr. John F. Clerico Council 5267
Greenwood, Mississippi
Harvey B. Caldwell III**

On July 16, 1997, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by the worthy District Deputy, Ron Koehler and Tom Chady, State Advocate also was in attendance. Installation was held at the Council Hall with a social dinner and knights and their wives attended.

The Following Officers were Installed:

Chaplain	Msgr. Thad Harkins(July to January)
Grand Knight	Fr. Thomas Delaney(present)
Deputy Grand Knight	Harvey B. Caldwell, III
Chancellor	Patrick Quinn
Warden	Michael Sanford
Financial Secretary	Jesse J. Qujun III, PSD
Treasurer	Nick Joseph, Jr.
Recorder	Brad Burden
Advocate	Laughlin Quigley
Lecturer	Ellis Antoon
Inside Guard	Msgr Thad Rarkins
Outside Guard	Father Delaney
Trustees	Paul Corro, Sr.
	Vincenzo Verderaime
	Kevin Vanderlip
	Jesse Quinn Jr
	Wayne Pittman

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Maintain the bus and van for the parish.
2. Members taught Sunday School classes.
3. Members served on the parish council.
4. Members served on the parish financial committee.
5. Members participated on liturgical roles on a regular basis.
6. Members participated in the senior choir.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Held a Tootsie Roll drive in support of the mentally retarded.
2. Manned the local food pantry.
3. Members visited with the sick and elderly at the local hospital and nursing homes.
4. Members served on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity, and Pregnancy Crisis Center.
5. Members donate blood monthly, different members each month.
6. We presented the Tootsie Roll High Roller award to Ronald J. Ola.

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:

1. Held a memorial mass for deceased members.
2. Held a BBQ rib dinner for members and their families
3. Sponsored a drive to raise funds for the local crisis pregnancy center.
4. Presented Family of the Year award to the Tony Robert's family
5. Held Christmas gift exchange and dinner for members and their families
6. 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 for the food pantry.
6. Members trained altar servers.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held a special appreciation banquet for ("Bubba") Jesse Quinn III, PSD with members of various Councils attending.
2. Hosted one of the three schools of Columbianism.
3. Hosted a fraternal benefits night for council members.
4. Held a membership drive at church.
5. Published a quarterly newsletter.
6. Held council socials monthly.
7. Sponsored 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Teams.
8. Held installation of officers for council.
9. Presented "Knight of the Year" award to Nick Joseph.
10. Sponsored Mississippi State football pool.
11. Hosted a council Christmas party and gift swap.
12. Put on 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification's in various parts of the state.
13. Provided CO for 3rd Degrees in the state.
14. Held 1st degrees in Greenwood.
15. Provided 1st degree team members for various 1st Degrees over the state.
16. Sold tickets for Priest Education Fund.
17. Held a clean-up of the Council Hall.
18. Held a fish fry every Friday during Lent.

Although these are not all of the activities that were conducted by our council, it is representative of the many things we accomplish throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of the members of our council and their families for the support you have shown me in the short time that I have been Grand Knight. It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of the Msgr. John F. Clerico Council and 5267 since January 1997. I look forward to serving my council and the Order for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey B. Caldwell III
Grand Knight

**Father Rotondo Council 5556
Cleveland, Mississippi
Tom Bryant**

On July 23, 1997, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by Worthy District Deputy Ron Koehler at a social/dinner for Brother Knights and their wives at the council hall.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. Charles Bucciantini
Grand Knight	Tom Bryant
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Aguzzi
Financial Secretary	Ben T. Bailey, Jr.
Chancellor	Harry Delles
Recorder	Peter Rocconi
Treasurer	Jody Rocconi
Advocate	Michael Rocconi
Warden	Jeffrey Capocacia
Inside Guard	Richard Kanary
Outside Guard	Jimmy Mei
Trustee (one year)	Albert Rocconi Jr.
Trustee (two year)	Harry Delles
Trustee (three year)	Doug Cocilova

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Tom Bryant
Church Director	David Rocconi
Community Director	Harry Delles
Council Director	Jody Rocconi
Youth Director	Doug Cocilova
Family Director	Michael Aguzzi
Membership Director	Johnny Capocacia

A summary of the program activities follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Masses said for vocations.
2. Monetary support for parish priest.
3. Monthly "Bingo" for Priest's Education Fund.
4. Donation to the Priest's Education Fund.
5. Knights assembled and removed the parish outdoor nativity scene.
6. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard.
7. Held mass for "Pro-Life"

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8. Brother knights serve in many capacities of church activities such as: members of the pastoral council, financial committee, ushers, lectors, choir, Eucharist ministers, CYO sponsors teachers, etc.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Raised money for the mentally handicapped program.
2. Held 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. Donation made to Cleveland High Booster Club
6. Donated money to Muscular Dystrophy
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.
9. Individuals serve on the board of directors of the local hospital and the local Red Cross.
10. Member serves as County Supervisor.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Insurance night held for Knights and wives.
2. Publish a quarterly newsletter.
3. Sponsor and maintain a First Degree Team.
4. Sponsored a team in the State Softball Tournament.
5. Monthly supper and social held for Knights and wives.
6. Held installation of council officers with dinner for Knights and wives.
7. Organized and held four football pools as fund raisers.
8. Sponsored annual spaghetti supper - serving over 2000 people.
9. Rent K. of C. hall at discount rates to help fund raising groups.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored Memorial Mass for deceased members.
2. Have Masses said for deceased members or members of their families.
3. Selected a Family of the Month and a Family of the Year.
4. Sponsored a bocci tournament members, wives and guests.
5. Sponsored a bocci tournament for couples.
6. Sent get well or sympathy cards to Knights and their family members.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored local Free Throw Tournament.
2. Participated in State Free Throw Tournament.
3. Knight teaches and trains new altar servers.
4. Pool party and cookout for altar servers.

5. Provided Santa Clause for the church youth Christmas party.
6. Knights participate as coaches in soccer, football, and baseball community youth programs.
7. Knight teaches Hunter Safety Program for young people and adults in the community.
8. Help CYO with any requests during the year. Knights serve as adult advisors.
9. Sponsor students to Girl's State and Boy's State.

Our council continues to grow and prosper. We are blessed with many active members, including fathers, sons and grandfathers who enjoy working together on our various projects. When we get together with our wives and children it is like one big extended family and we have some great times. We are proud that the money raised for the Mental Retardation Project increased by more than fifty percent this past year.

Our council's biggest fund raiser is our annual spaghetti and meatball supper. It grows every year and is very popular in the community. The supper reflects the Italian heritage of many of our brother knights and their families. The response is a tribute to the good works and participation that members of the Knights of Columbus and their families have in the community.

It is an honor for me to be a member of Cleveland Council #5556 and serve as Grand Knight. Thank you to all the officers, chairmen and council members who have supported our activities and made them so successful. A special thanks to District Deputy Ron Koehler, Past Grand Knight Doug Cocilova and Deputy Grand Knight Michael Aguzzi. Another special thanks to our wives and families who have helped with many of our projects and supported us in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas K Bryant
Grand Knight

F. L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654
Ocean Springs, Mississippi
Leonard Tarrant

On July 9, 1997, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by the Worthy District Deputy Don Cox 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	Leonard Tarrant
Deputy Grand Knight	Ken Swanson
Financial Secretary	Irwin Obernuefemann
Chancellor	Bob Jones
Recorder	Dean Crosier
Treasurer	Charles Nanmercy
Advocate	Don Graham
Warden	Scott Johnson

Inside Guard	Mike Westbrook
Outside Guard	Ben Tremouth
Trustees	
1 year	Hank Zuber
2 years	August Brune
3 years	Robert Foster

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Frank Szczepanski
Community	August Brune
Council	Frank Pasquine
Youth	George Emil
Family	Bernie McGinley
Church Activities	Bob Jones
Membership Director	Scott Johnson

A summary of program activities follows:

Church Activities:

1. Brother Knights serve in choir.
2. Brother Knights are CCD instructors.
3. Brother Knights serve on Parish Council.
4. Donated monies to St. Alphonsus School.
5. Brother Knights conduct Blood Drive for Parish and also Council.
6. Sponsor monthly Corporate Communion.
7. Sponsor Marion Hour of Prayer.
8. Pray the Rosary before each meeting in October Garden.
9. Provide liturgy team members, lector, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and gift bearers.
10. Presented Vocations Awareness Night for CCD students.
11. Provide coffee and doughnuts each Sunday after morning Masses.
12. Held a Mass in Council Hall for deceased members.
13. Held a New Years Eve party

Pro-Life Activities:

1. We donated \$475.00 to Morning Star Pregnancy Center.
2. Sold roses on Mothers Day to raise money.
3. Passed out pro-life bumper stickers to all members at weekly meetings.
4. K.C.'s advertised in Ocean Springs Record if any young girl needed help to talk about her pregnancy to call Msgr. Hannon.

Although this does not include all the activities that our Council performs, it is representative of the many things we have accomplished. I would like to thank the members of my Council and the state officers for their support and dedication during this fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Tarrant
Grand Knight

Shelby Council 6555
Alligator, MS
Bruno D. Fava
No Report Submitted

Father Malachy Burns Council 6592
Bassfield, Mississippi
Jeff Hathorn

Grand Knight	Jeff Hathorn
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Carr
Warden	Keith Applewhite
Chancellor	Pat Daley
Advocate	Joe Kirby
Treasurer	Sean Burns
Recorder	Norbert Barrett
Financial Secretary	Charlie Harrington
Trustee	Ted Applewhite
Trustee	Charlie Harrington
Trustee	Chris Daley
Chaplain	Father Cuddie
Inside Guard	Heath Skinner
Outside Guard	Damian Oldmixon

With hard work and much support from the members of the council we have reached many goals. The results have been evident not only in the church but, also in the community.

Community Activities:

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

Church Activities

1. Sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Dance---all the profits went to the church for support of

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- Church buildings.
2. Our members serve and lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD teachers, choir members

Youth Activities:

1. Held Easter Egg hunt
2. Christmas Party for the Children
3. Free-throw for the children
4. Attended State free-throw
5. Award Dob Daley Scholarship

Council Activities:

1. Had a team in the state softball tournament
2. Had a New Year's Eve Dance
3. Held a Mass for deceased members of our Council
4. Attended mid-winter meeting
5. Monthly meeting and covered dish supper for members and family

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Hathorn
Grand Knight

Father John P. Egan Council 6765
Starkville, Mississippi
Will Ebel

This past year was marked by unsteadiness in our parish due to the unfortunate accidental burning of our church on Good Friday of 1997. Our church services were relocated to an unused movie theatre which required a concerted effort on the part of the parishioners. Our KofC council stood by our Chaplain's side, Fr. Mike O'Brien, and assisted in many different ways such as fixing theatre lights, fixing broken theatre seats, helping set up the makeshift altar, helping to clean up the old church debris, marking the burned church with "Keep Away" signs, etc. The miraculous survival of a dogwood tree beside the burned church became symbolic of the life, both physical and spiritual, that has sprung forth from the ashes. In memory of this, our council planted a dogwood in the center of the church grounds. Currently, our new church is rising from the ground as the construction proceeds. This past year, our council has been especially active in church activities and has continued our other usual activities.

The following are the Council officers that were duly elected and installed by District Deputy #3 Dick Benton.

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Financial Secretary

Fr. Mike O'Brien
Will Ebel
Tom Hannigan
Jack Simmons

Chancellor	Dave Breaux
Recorder	Terry Engelken
Treasurer	Wil White
Advocate	John Obringer
Warden	Allen Saucier
Inside Guard	Richard Vasek
Outside Guard	Randy Follett
Trustee 1 year	John Beggs
Trustee 2 year	John Obringer
Trustee 3 year	Jim Hertz

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Will Ebel
Church	Tom Hannigan
Community	Andy Whetstone
Council	Gary McFadyen
Family	Chuck Kiaskala
Youth	John Beggs
Membership	Terry Engelken

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Church clean up (Fall and Spring)
2. Participation in Parish Life activities as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA, etc. Blood drives (Fall and Spring)
3. Lenten soup lunches and Stations of the Cross
4. Cruise raffle for the church building fund
5. Sponsor adult education class
6. Numerous activities associated with our burned church

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Tootsie Roll drive
2. Blood drives (Fall and Spring)
3. Financially assisted a needy parish family
4. Participation in Walk for Life for the Crisis Pregnancy Center
5. Provided water for Walk for Jesus march

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

1. Maintenance of a Church and Council WWW site
2. Quarterly council social events
3. Formed 1st degree team (held 3 initiations since last August)
4. Moved a brother Knight to Huntsville Alabama
5. Hosted District meeting

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

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1. Parish dance
 2. Cruise raffle draw-down party
 3. Family Corporate Communion
 4. Christmas season visitation of a home for the infirm and elderly

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Altar server roller skating party
2. Altar server training
3. Community youth involvement (soccer, 4H, Boy Scouts, etc.)
4. Support of the Children's Jubilee club

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Ebel
Grand Knight

**Oscar J. Gelpi Council 6872
Picayune, Mississippi
James C. Mounsey**

Chaplain	Rev. John Noone
Grand Knight	Jim Mounsey
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe Dominick
Chancellor	Sidney Graf
Recorder	Ronnie Sperrier
Financial Secretary	Richard Planchard
Treasurer	Jerry Hebert
Advocate	George Heikamp
Warden	Kenny Bergeron
Inside Guard	Tom DeCourcy
Outside Guard	George Breaux
Trustees	Paul Bucca
	Floyd Drupre
	Tom Wedig
Lecturer	Alfred Rivera

The 1997-1998 year has been a truly challenging, yet productive year.

Programs for the year included monthly contributions to a Seminarian, Life Line, Boy Scout Troop 351, the Dedeaux Retreat, and St. Vincent DePaul.

Other activities included the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, assisting the Parish with the first annual Church Fair, the placement of 4400 crosses for the anniversary of Roe v Wade, a monthly youth dance, and restoration of eaves, soffit, and part of the roof for a needy widow in the community.

Due to the Wednesday night hall clean up volunteers, we were able to increase our contribution to the Priest Education Fund by applying the money that used to be paid for cleaning to that fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Mounsey
Grand Knight

**Father A.C. Denis Council 7087
Kiln, Mississippi
A. Elbert Cuevas**

Chaplain	Reverend Ivan J. Weis
Grand Knight	Elbert Cuevas
Deputy Grand Knight	O.J. Shiyon
Chancellor	Joseph Cuevas
Financial Secretary	Richard Hoda
Advocate	Joseph Hoda
Treasurer	Mike Ladner
Recorder	Richard Hoda
Warden	Howard Ladner
Trustee	Wayne Cuevas
Trustee	Jimmy Ray Hoda
Trustee	Terry Necaise
Inside Guard	Gerard Necaise
Outside Guard	Phillip Hoda
Lecturer	Brian Cuevas

Our annual Senior Citizens Dinner, distribution of food baskets, family socials, and Christmas party for our family members continue to bring unity within our Council.

Our annual \$10,000.00 draw down, turkey shoot and mentally retardation program continue to be successful providing needed funding for our many charitable events.

Weekly bingo is striving and continues to offer members and wives the opportunity to come together and work as a family unit whose mission is to assist the church and community.

I commend our members and family for their support in the Council activities throughout this fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elbert Cuevas
Grand Knight

**Hernando Desoto Council 7120
Southaven, Mississippi
Dan Garrigan**

On Monday, June 2, 1997, the following members were elected as officers to serve fraternal year 1997 - 1998:

Chaplain	Fr. Dermot Twomey, SCJ
Grand Knight	Dan Garrigan
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Brewington
Chancellor	Fred Ward
Treasurer	Ray Rodriguez
Recorder	Tim Warn
Financial Secretary	Jim Farris
Advocate	Roy Szekely
Warden	Jack Gripp
Guard	Vic Hageman
Trustee 1 yr	Frank Miller
Trustee 2 yr	George Guerieri
Trustee 3 yr	Nick Bickel

On Sunday, June 26, 1997 these officers were installed by District Deputy, Ken Lubbers, following the 10:30 Mass.

This past year has been a busy an prosperous one for Council #7120. Beginning in June with a month long membership drive, followed in July with assisting the 4th Degree Assembly in passing out patriotic literature during the 4th of July weekend and conducting a clean-up day for the parish grounds.

On August 16, the Knights of Columbus hosted a parish picnic in honor of families. During September we sponsored a blood drive for the parish and assisted the CYO in a fund raiser. Members volunteered to assist the Southaven Samaritans with repairs to their facilities.

In October crosses were erected on the parish grounds to raise community awareness of Right to Life in conjunction with a memorial mass. November is the month we remember our deceased Brother Knights. This year, members visited the grave site of each of the deceased members of our Council and conducted a brief memorial service. November is also when we do our annual fund raiser. This year our Christmas tree drive expanded to include Boy Scout Troop 349 as well as Christ the King Church.

December concluded one of the best tree drives ever by our Council. This project was concluded with a Christmas party for members and wives.

In January a farewell was held for Fr. Dermot followed by a welcome breakfast for our new pastor and chaplain, Fr. Brian McCullough, SCV. Crosses were erected on parish grounds to mark the

anniversary of Roe v. Wade and once again to alert the community of Right to Life.

In February, members treated wives to a Valentines' Day dinner. Members spent two weekends painting and repairing the parish religious education prior to Bishop Houck's visit to install our new pastor.

In March, we hosted fish fries on alternate Fridays and painted the church sanctuary. We also prepared breakfast for a youth lock-in.

Also during the past year we had several on-going activities including a monthly pancake breakfast, a quarterly family of the month, and numerous members that are involved in all facets of the parish from youth to finance to Eucharistic ministry. 1997 - 98 has been an exciting year for our Council. I thank all my Brother Knights for their help and assistance and look forward to the upcoming convention as a springboard for our 20th year as a council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Garrigan
Grand Knight

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211
Lumberton/ Poplarville, Mississippi
Charles R. Boyer**

The following members were appointed to serve as Committee Directors:

Program Director	Preston Stuit
Church Director	Joseph McQueen
Community Director	Adolph Laiche
Council Director	Charles Boyer
Family Director	Frank Delaney
Youth Director	Vernon Necaie
Membership Director	Wilson John

A summary of Program activities is as follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Council donated to support of seminarian from our parish.
2. Made donation to St. Vincent De Paul Societies at both churches.
3. Council paid for repairs to parish hall including new roof, HVAC system and remodeling restrooms.
4. Council members assisted St. Joseph Altar Society in setting up for annual St. Joseph's Altar
5. Council paid for materials and made repairs to porch on St. Vincent De Paul building.
6. Council built bonfire for Easter Vigil Mass.

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7. Council started Bi-monthly KC Mass.
 8. Council sponsored Marion Prayer service at both churches.
 9. Council built baptismal font for church.
 10. Council assisted in re-stripping church parking lot.
 11. Council members removed large tree from front of OLPH.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Council renewed membership in local Chamber of Commerce.
2. Council purchased circus tickets for mentally and physically challenged adults.
3. Council cleaned up and adopted "Welcome To Poplarville " sign area.
4. Council adopted area of main street median in Lumberton.
5. Council donated to fundraiser for the mentally and physically challenged adults

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:

1. Council adopted monthly payment to support Morning Star Pregnancy Center.
2. Council cooked and served food at the church picnic.
3. Council assisted other local churches in preparation and distribution of meals for 1st annual "Feed the Hungry " Thanksgiving meal.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Council donated to local CYO.
2. Council donated to local youth group for trip to Saltillo, Mexico
3. Council held joint fundraiser with CYO.
4. Council donated of donut sale profits to CYO.
5. Council furnished food and manpower for local Bike-A-Thon.
6. Council donated to local Boy Scouts.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

1. Council held fundraiser, the profits being dedicated for specific council annual donations.
2. Council presented Family of the Month and Family of the Year awards.
3. Council attended installation ceremonies for new members throughout the year.
4. Council held bar-b-que dinner fund raiser.
5. Held KC "Tootsie Roll "drives during annual Poplarville Blueberry Jubilee.
6. Made donation to assist brother Knight.
7. Attended rosary and/or Mass for 3 departed brother Knights.
8. Council held donut sale.
9. Council held a " Thank You "free pancake breakfast at St. Joseph Church.
10. Hosted visit by the District Deputy during which Father McGivney Founders Award and Contest of Champions Award for 1996 - 97 were presented to the council.

In November 1997 the Grand Knight reported to the council he would no longer be able to actively participate in council activities due to work and family constraints. The Deputy Grand Knight assumed the responsibility of running the council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Worthy Chaplain, Father Clark, for his continued support and spiritual guidance. Since my involvement in the leadership of this council we have steadily grown in attendance and membership participation. While I recognize we still have a ways to go, I submit this report with pride in my brother Knights and the full knowledge that this council will continue to grow in the spirit of Father McGivney.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles R. Boyer
Deputy Grand Knight

**Holy Savior Council 7854
Clinton, Mississippi
William T. Hetrick**

In our 17th program year, the following served as leaders of Council 7854.

Chaplain	Fr. Noel Prendergast
Grand Knight	Bill Hetrick
Deputy Grand Knight	Lloyd Everhardt
Financial Secretary	Ray Rabert
Chancellor	Cliff Hopkins
Warden	Pete Villari
Treasurer	Charlie Collins
Recorder	Chuck Weiss
Advocate	TK Byrne
Trustee 1 Year	Ferdie Callegan
Trustee 2 Year	Fred Roquemore
Trustee 3 Year	Bill Averitt
Program Director	Cliff Hopkins
Membership Director	Lloyd Everhardt
Council Director	Allen Scott
Church Director	Art Richardson
Community Director	Joe Johnson
Family Director	Paul Crofi
Youth Director	TK Byrne

Past Grand Knights Committee: Ferdie Callegan, Fred Roquemore. Charlie Collins, Lloyd Everhardt, Skip Peters.

1997-98 saw a continuation of the growth of Council 7854. Achieving over 200% of our quota under

the leadership of Membership Director Lloyd Everhardt we added 1 new members and saw our ranks swell to 66 Knights. In addition to increased membership attendance at meetings rose to an average of 20 per meeting. This was due in large part to the efforts of a hard-working telephone committee reminding Brothers of meetings and events and the fine cooking of our Council Chef, Pete Villari. Our bi-monthly meetings lasted an average of 45 minutes followed by Pete's supper and fellowship.

In addition to socializing after meetings, we gathered for Monday Night Football games, went to the local fish house as a group with our wives, hosted Lenten socials after Stations of the Cross on Friday nights and co-hosted two Church events: a parish Epiphany party and St. Patrick's Day party. Knights also played a large part in our annual Parish Barbecue and special fund raiser for a Church family faced with a family illness.

Knights also hosted two breakfasts during the year to benefit the Priests' Education Fund and another to fund an end of the school year party for Altar Servers.

Additionally Knights are visible throughout the Parish, serving as lectors, commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir members, ushers, CCD teachers and Boy Scout leaders.

Knights often cook for CYO and CCD functions, and take the lead in church maintenance projects.

This year, led by Art Richardson, Knights participated in the annual Keep Christ in Christmas card program. Council 7854 raised over \$700 and sold over one-third of the cards sold in the state. To supplement the KCIC effort, Treasurer Charlie Collins headed an effort to place billboards on the Church grounds to remind passers-by of the true meaning of Christmas.

Knights are also active in the Community, serving on the Chamber of Commerce and being involved with civic organizations and youth sports leagues.

All in all, 1997-98 was a successful year for council 7854. Many thanks to all the hard working Brother Knights in Clinton, and the support of our District Deputy, Dennis Riecke.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hetrick
Grand Knight

**Father Harry Wade Council 7910
Gulfport, Orange Grove, Mississippi
Gerald E. Schmuck**

Another year has gone by and the members of council 7910, through hard diligent work, have expanded on their past accomplishments. We have grown in faith, numbers, and involvement in our many projects. As a team, we can be proud of our accomplishments this past year. It is an honor for me to be a part of this team and to be able to serve this outstanding council.

In July, 1997, the officers of our council were properly installed at St. Joseph's by our Worthy District Deputy, John Ward. The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Rev. Antone J. Lynch
Grand Knight	Gerald Schmuck
Deputy Grand Knight	John Leonhard
Chancellor	Edward Brennan
Financial Secretary	Daniel Squillante
Treasurer	Willie Fernandez
Advocate	Robert Stalnaker
Warden	Lionell Tootle
Recorder	Brendon Davidson
Inside Guard	Thomas Cullinan
Outside Guard	David North
Trustee (Third Year)	A.J. Necaisse
Trustee (Second Year)	John Ward
Trustee (First Year)	James Moran

Program Director: John Leonhard

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 Marion Hour of Prayer
2. Assisted and supported St. Vincent de Paul
3. Provided active support for RCIA
4. Sponsored Living Way of the Cross
5. Sponsored a parish wide marriage communication night
6. Sponsored a Catholic family information night
7. Sponsored a quarterly KC communion Mass

Community Activities: Dave Engel, Chairman

1. Support Gulf Coast Battered Women's center
2. Support Morning Star
3. Support Special Olympics
4. Sponsor a quarterly blood drive
5. Visit sick and elderly
6. Support Christmas in April
7. Support Long Beach Regional Center

Council Activities: Lee Fuller, Chairman

1. Membership Drive
2. Quarterly newsletter
3. Fraternal Benefits night Knight of the Month

4. Upgrade and repair of church hall
5. Monetary support to our priest
6. Monetary support to our church

Family Activities: Joel Varnado, Chairman

1. Life Chain
2. Pro-Life rally
3. Memorial Mass
4. Family of the month
5. Assisted a parish family
6. Monthly family social
7. Cooked and served food at family picnic

Youth Activities: Mario Diramo, Chairman

1. Sponsor and support CYO
2. Sponsor a yearly Easter egg hunt
3. Sponsor a monthly youth mass
4. Sponsor a CYO dance
5. Participate in youth convention
6. KC free throw contest
7. Provide appreciation certificates for altar servers

While this list of activities is not complete, it does show how active the knights of our council have been over the last year.

In closing, I would like to thank our priest, Father Lynch, all of the Knights, and our Worthy District Deputy, John Ward, for all the help and support I have received this past year. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve Council 7910.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald E. Schmuck
Grand Knight

Brookhaven 7915
Brookhaven, MS
James H. Craig, III
No Report Submitted

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Treasurer	Willie Fernandez
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Council Activities: Lee Fuller, Chairman

1. Membership Drive
2. Quarterly newsletter
3. Fraternal Benefits night Knight of the Month

4. Upgrade and repair of church hall
5. Monetary support to our priest
6. Monetary support to our church

Family Activities: Joel Varnado, Chairman

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3. Memorial Mass
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Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald E. Schmuck
Grand Knight

Brookhaven 7915
Brookhaven, MS
James H. Craig, III
No Report Submitted

**W.H. (Bill) Jolly Council 7974
Columbus, Mississippi
Larry D. Miller**

After having some internal problems in the past, our 1997-1998 year began with a commitment by all the newly elected officers to return to the unity and fraternity that the Knights stands for. In many ways we feel as if we are at a new beginning. We have been working on not only bringing in new members but also reactivating our membership. We have been working on taking a larger role in the life of our parish. With God's blessing our council will continue to grow and serve the Lord.

The following Knights served as Officers for the 1997-1998 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight	Larry D. Miller
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark A. Malloy
Chaplain	Fr. Gerald Hurley
Recorder	William C. Sedberry
Financial Secretary	Louis P. DeFillipo, Sr.
Treasurer	Kurt R. Dobbel
Advocate	Estanislado (Tony) G. Torrez
Warden	Francis I. Zaiontz
Inside Guard	Joe B. Wilkins
Trustees	Richard L. Mahoney
	Walter R. Bjorklund
	Joseph Hafiek
Lecturer	Ralph Corrado

Church Activities

1. Council donated to Priest Education Fund
2. Council members participated in mass as lecturers, ushers, ministers throughout the year
3. Council donated to Project Rachel.
4. Sponsored a quarterly Knights of Columbus Communion Mass.
5. Sponsored a quarterly cleaning of the church.

Community Activities

1. Participated in Pro-Life activities.
2. Conducted Tootsie Roll Drive.
3. Helped needy by preparing and distributing holiday dinners.
4. Conducted blood drive.

Council Activities

1. Conducted membership drive.
2. Held a fraternal benefits information night.
3. Attended district meeting.

Youth Activities

1. Sponsor a catholic youth group.
2. Sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt

Family Life Activities

1. Sponsored a family fun event.
2. Assisted a needy family.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry D. Miller
Grand Knight

St. Jude Centennial Council 8038
Pearl, MS
Lorende C. "L.C." Guillotte
No Report Submitted

Charles R. Brill Council 8054
McComb, MS
Keith Wall
No Report Submitted

St. Therese Council 8285
Jackson, MS
Rick Gaspard
No Report Submitted

St. Joseph's Council 8760
Holly Springs, Mississippi
Claude L. Vinson, Sr.

Officers for the Fraternal Year of 1997-98 were duly elected or appointed.

The following persons were elected as indicated:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recorder
Financial Secretary

Fr. Paul Casper.
Claude Vinson, Sr.
James Rayford.
Eddie Dixon.
Derrick Richmond.
Ralph Howard.

Treasurer	Ron Kopacz.
Advocate	Lashon Adkins.
Warden	Dr. David Stratmon.
Inside Guard	Victor Beard.
Outside Guard	Joseph Vinson.
Trustees	Felix Osuji.
	Cecil Jones.
	Fagin Mauney.

The below listed personnel were appointed as Directors:

Chaplain	Fr. Paul Casper.
Programs	James Rayford.
Church	Ron Kopacz.
Vocations	Fr. Paul Casper.
Community	Eddie Dixon.
Pro-Life	Frank/Doris Houck.
Council	John Clay.
Public Relations	Claude Vinson, Sr.
Family	Felix Osuji.
Youth	Joseph Vinson.
Membership	Ralph Howard.
Retention	Fagin Mauney.
Insurance	David Stratmon.
Lecturer	Cecil Jones

Church Activities:

1. Council members assist at Mass as lectors and ushers.
2. Members also serve as extra-ordinaire ministers.
3. One member is president of the Pastoral Council.
4. Members are active in the Legion of Mary.
5. Members provided recreational games for Parish Picnic.
6. Member took small children on Paddle Boat rides at Parish Picnic.

Community Activities:

1. One member ran for Alderman seat.
2. Member made emergency repairs to Homeless Shelter after a break-in.
3. Hosted annual banquet and invited members of religious community.
4. Participated in Annual Mental Retardation Drive.
5. Member was Santa Claus for two schools.
6. Members helped lobby for school bonds.
7. Recognized person in community for service to humanity.

Council Activities:

1. Held a special buffet for members and guests at Installation Ceremony.
2. Hosted the Council's ninth Annual Red and White Banquet for Awards and Recognition.
3. Selected Knight of the Year.
4. Held annual raffle to raise Council funds.
5. Selected Family of Year.
6. Selected Citizen of Year.
7. Hosted District One Meeting.
8. Held monthly pancake breakfast.
9. Attended Mid-Winter Meeting in Tupelo.
10. Sent Delegates to Annual Convention.
11. Sponsored Ethnic Supper for Parish Community.

Youth Activities:

1. Held annual free throw tournament for area youth.
2. Took youth to participate in District tournament.
3. One member is adult leader in Life-Teen Program.
4. Sponsored and supervised opening of local gym for area youth.
5. Transported youth to state free throw competition in Jackson.

Family Life Activities:

1. Selects Family of the Month and recognizes Family at monthly pancake breakfast.
2. Selected Family of the Year and recognized selectees at annual banquet.
3. Held Marion Hour of Prayer for members, family and community.
4. Made plans to host Ethnic Socials throughout the year and bring back the Mongolian Bar-B-Cues.

Council 8760 has not been as active this year as in past years. Hopefully we will have a turn around in recruiting and step up some of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Grand Knight

Father Robert Reitmeier Council 8848
Tupelo, Mississippi
Rob Hudson

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor

Reverend Henry Shelton
Rob Hudson
Bryan Brown
Sam Orlando

Financial Secretary
Recorder
Treasurer
Warden
Advocate
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Program Director
Church Director
Community Director
Council Director
Family Director
Youth Director
Membership Director
Lecturer
Roundtable Coordinator

Bud Tomaso
Merv D'Mello
Dick Lockhart
Bob McDade
Pat Sonnier
Tommy Thompson
Marcel Crudele
Bud Tomaso
Bill Kordick
Gene Pavone
Bryan Brown
Bud Tomaso
Mark Johnson
Gene Goleblowski
John Malaspina
David Friloux
Jeff Hovin
Mike Tapscott
Leonard Bowen

Our 1997-1998 fraternal year began with an officers meeting where the following council mission was established: To do God's will by providing support and meaningful activities for our families, youth, church, community and council through the men of this church.

Many of the successful activities begun in previous years were continued and several more were added. The following is a list of our most significant and fulfilling activities:

Family

- Two separate family fun days in the park brought all of our parish families together to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.
- Family of the month was a great opportunity for the KC's to honor exceptional families in front of the entire parish.

Youth

- Joint pancake breakfast/fundraiser with the CYO.
- District and State Free-throw winners.

Church

- Sponsored a men's retreat led by our council chaplain. Twenty-nine men attended the two day retreat and plans are now in the works for a monthly prayer breakfast.
- Provided Lenten Sunday night meals for up to 100 parishioners which provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and worship.
- Lead a Rosary for vocations at the Sunday Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- Support our Seminarian Phu Nguyen through the RSVP program.

Community

- A pro-life prayer service open to the entire community, marking the silver anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The guest speaker was the director of Save a Life in Tupelo. Three quarters of the church was full, with half of these in attendance from area churches.
- Christmas Caretree project distributed gifts and food to 75 needy families in our community.
- Raised over \$18,000.00 in the Tootsie Roll Drive with 75% going to the McDougal Center of Tupelo.
- Erected and maintained crosses of the innocents on the church lawn.

Council

- Hosted Mid-Winter meeting and a 2nd/3rd degree.
- Honored Father McGurney with a special mass announcements and a mailing to all members.
- Council communication through our excellent monthly newsletter is enhanced by our council phone tree, which is used often for special announcements, reminders, and prayer requests.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Hudson
Grand Knight

St. James The Less Council 8912
Cornith, MS
Thomas S. Thompson
No Report Submitted

Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094
North Biloxi, Mississippi
Mark Fontenot

As our twelfth year of existence ends, it is my distinct pleasure to report the officers, chairmen, and activities for our council for the 1997-1998 fraternal year.

Council 9094 began the fraternal year with the installation of council officer by our Worth District Deputy Daniel J. Lechner. Friends, relatives, and spouses of the Knights of Columbus members attended a celebration after the installation ceremony. Officers for the 1997-1998 fraternal year are:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recorder
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

Farther Patrick McDermott
Mark Fontenot
Thomas Timmons
Jules Chastent
Al Alleque
Arthur Dunn
Milton Standridge

Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Trustee (three year)
Trustee (two year)
Trustee (one year)

Jim Fleenor
Lawrence Arrington
Milton Schoenderf
Greg Davis
Cecil Krohn
Larry Tabor

The following committee members served as chairmen for our various programs:

Program Director
Membership Director
Church Activities
Community Activities
Council Activities
Family Activities
Youth Activities

Thomas Timmons
John Radich
Tom Bassett
Lonnie Aronld
Thomas Timmons
Al Alleque
Greg Davis

Membership: Council 9094 ends the fraternal year with 99 brother knights on the rolls. The council membership director, Brother John Radich has done an admirable job aiding and assisting the council achieve its membership objectives.

Church Activities:

Held a Marian Hour of Prayer
Sponsored a RCIA Activity
Provided extensive Church program leadership roles
Provided manpower and labor for church repairs
Provided manpower, leadership, and time to support church bazaar

Community Activities:

Sponsored a "Adopt a Highway" program
Participated in the annual Mental Retardation Collection Drive
Provided assistance and manpower to aid the disadvantaged by working with the St Vincent DePaul Society
Participated in community leadership roles Council Activities:
Held several membership drives
Held a Fraternal Benefits night
Conducted monthly socials
Attended district meetings and School of Columbianism

Family Activities:

Sponsored a Family Steak Dinner
Conducted Family of the Month program
Held monthly Corporate Communions
Sponsored a Family Bar-B-Que Dinner

Youth Activities:

Sponsors a Cub Scout group
Provides community youth leadership
Hosted council Free Throw Contest
Hosted District Free Throw Contest
Provide support and leadership to CYO
Provided food and refreshments to youth retreat
Sponsored Girls Softball team and coach

We are blessed to have the very generous support from our Pastor, Father Patrick McDermott and the entire parish at Sacred Heart Church in D'Iberville.

Council 9094 continues with its struggle to grow and mature into a fully operational fraternal organization. With continued support and leadership from our experienced brother, coupled with the new ideas and concerns of our new members, I am confident this council will share the rewards of their good works.

We appreciate the hard work of our Field Agent, Jim Rigby, and the steadfast guidance of our Worthy District Deputy, Danny Lechner.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Fontenot
Grand Knight

**St. Mary, Gautier Council 9124
Gautier, Mississippi
Robert Barr**

During the 1997 State Fraternal Year, we have been an extremely active council. We assisted with the repairs to parish church and activity center as well as performed ground repairs and landscaping. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. Some of the highlights are a vocations awareness program for the youth of our parish, Marian hour or Prayer, local food drives, charitable fund raising, pro-life monument dedication, marriage vows renewal service, Mother's Day and Father's Day socials, graduating seniors' luncheon, free throw contest, and a Lenten fish fry where our Council prepared and served Friday night Fried Fish Dinners for the parish.

We have continued to be visible in parish life through our monthly corporate communions and socials. We now average over twenty-five members and their families at each month's service. These and other activities for this year are listed below.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Renovations of the Old Church
2. Trip to Saitillo, Mexico
3. Vocations Program

4. Farewell Dinner for Father Mike
5. Marian Hour of Prayer
6. Participate in the Life of the Parish

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Tootsie Roll Fund Drive for the Mentally Retarded
2. Parish Food Drive
3. Sponsored a State Officers Social
4. Dedication of the Pro-life Monument
5. Members in Community Leadership Rolls (Commandant of the Local VFW Post)

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Monthly Newsletter
2. Sponsored a 4th Degree Exemplification
3. Sponsored a Fraternal Benefits Information Social
4. Council Has a Member Qualified to be on a First Degree Team
5. Conducted a Fall and Spring Membership Drive

FAMILIES:

1. Sponsored a Mother's Day Social
2. Sponsored a Father's Day Social
3. Sponsored a Marriage Vows Renewal Service and Social
4. Sponsored a Family of the Quarter Award
5. Benefit Fund Raiser for Ashley Markline
5. Monthly Corporate Communion and Socials
6. Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Work with both the Jr & Sr CYO
2. Graduating Seniors' Luncheon
3. Sponsored a Council Free Throw Contest
4. Hosted the District Twelve Free Throw Contest
5. Members involved in various youth sporting activities
6. Sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Barr,
Grand Knight

Indianola Council 9234
Indianola, Mississippi
Joe Tannehill

The Indianola Knights of Columbus - Council 9234 has seen lighter activity than in the most recent past. Key members have been occupied with business and personal responsibilities and opportunities and have been unable to devote much time to Council activities. Our Roundtable at All Saints Parish in Belzoni is alive and giving Fr. Sam Messina support with his projects as well as ours in Indianola.

The Council members have supported the activities in the Parish even though conflicts have hindered Council activities. Ongoing grounds cleanup and regular maintenance of the parish plant is supported by a few good Knights.

The Council Annual Parish Blood Drive continues to be a challenge to meet the required quota, but somehow it comes together for a worthwhile cause.

The Council Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is getting more difficult to man, but somehow we manage each year. The local Mental Health center certainly appreciates our efforts and those Knights who are able to participate realize it benefits many needy people.

Many things are changing for our Council members and in the Parish. Hopefully we will see a much needed boost in support from our Brother Knights if we can just find the right buttons to push.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Tannehill
Grand Knight

Reinhart Schroeder Council, No. 9409
Biloxi, Mississippi
Materno Yapit

It is an honor to furnish this report from Council 9409, showing the great accomplishments of my Brother Knights. There were several first time projects that made significant impact on our Council. One such activity was the certification of our Council's First Degree Team. This project has been tried several times before, thanks to the untiring effort of Brother Bill Rigby. Consequently this also helped us exceed our membership goal to 280%. In the area of Community, our own Dr. Greg Bertucci's sign was an ever lasting reminder to young adolescence to "Abstain", and prevent "Abortion". This reminder has been on display at an intersection conspicuously shown for several months, and has been instrumental in uplifting the belief in Pro-Life among the young and the parents.

On July 26, 1997 the dully elected officers were installed by the Worthy District Deputy, Daniel Lechner at a dinner for the Brother Knights and wives.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Msgr Francis Farrell
Grand Knight	Materno Yapit
Deputy Grand Knight	William Entriiken
Chancellor	John Caranna
Recorder	Edward Ring
Financial Secretary	Sherwood Beckham
Treasurer	James Starks
Advocate	John Durham
Warden	Ken Girten
Inside Guard	Eric Hosler
Outside Guard	Warren Cox
Trustee 1 Year	Jay Tiblier
Trustee 2 Year	Bob Weldon
Trustee 3 Year	Willbert Rigby

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: William Entriiken, Director

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: John Caranna, Director

1. Saltillo
2. Gutter Clean-up
3. Parish Council
4. Rosary Rally
5. Marian Hour
6. Cursillo
7. Parish New Years Eve Party
8. Parish Mission
9. Worked Parish Bingo
10. Alambra Social
11. St, Vincent DePaul
12. RSVP for Seminarian
13. Renew 2000 Parish Sponsored
14. RCIA
15. Ushers
16. Eucharistic Ministers
17. Lectors
18. Repaired Church Pews

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Dick Belvel, Director

1. Mental Retardation Tootie Roll Drive
2. Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

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3. Mentorship
 4. Built Walk-Path for Mentally Retarded
 5. Help the elderly
 6. Visited the Sick & Shut Ins
 7. Blood Drive
 8. World Christmas Spirit
 9. Displayed sign, "ABSTAIN", for Adolescence
 10. Rosary Prayers for the Unborn
 11. Saint Patrick Dinner

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Greg Bertucci, Director

1. Membership Drive
2. Sponsored 1-2-3 Degree
3. Eye Examination
4. Quarterly Social
5. Newsletter
6. Degree Team Certified
7. Memorial Service for deceased members
8. Fraternal Service
9. Christmas Tree Sale
10. Assisted Candidates to 1-2-3 Exemplification
11. Retention Meeting
12. Program Meeting
13. State Convention

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Warren Cox, Director

1. State Family of the Year
2. Family Social
3. Corporate Communion
4. Family of the Month
5. Family Breakfast
6. Assisted needy Families

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Pete Nyarv, Director

1. CYO Car wash
2. CYO Pancake Breakfast
3. Children's Christmas Party
4. Provided Security for CYO Convention
5. Altar Server Training
6. Free Throw Contest
7. Coached Youth Ball Games

Respectfully submitted,
Materno Yapit
Grand Knight

St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543
Madison Mississippi
David Scott

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9543 for the 1997-98 fraternal year and installed by Worthy District Deputy Dennis Riecke:

Chaplain	Fr. Frank Cosgrove
Grand Knight	David Scott
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Doiron
Chancellor	Jimmy Nelson
Financial Secretary	Dennis Riecke
Advocate	Ramon Machado
Treasurer	John Newman
Recorder	Bob Murphy
Warden	Richard Cameron
Inside Guard	Jody Hill
Outside Guard	Bill Moore
Trustee (1997-2000)	Mark Beyea
Trustee (1996-1999)	Charlie Dyar
Trustee (1995-1998)	Dick Henry

With the grace of God, this past fraternal year has been very productive for our council. The Brothers of our council were very active in all phases of parish and community service. The following activities are a testament to the dedication of the members of Council 9543.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Knights participated in the liturgical roles of the parish, i.e. ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, choir, etc...
2. Knights served as sponsors for RCIA
3. Council sponsored a Monthly Vocations Awareness Mass
4. Sold Christmas Card for Keep Christ in Christmas Program
5. Donations to Priest Education
6. Served Ordination Dinner for Fr. John Bohn
7. Lead Rosary Each Friday in Lent
8. Lead Stations of the Cross
9. Donation to Church Gala Fundraiser
10. Assisted in Church Set-up for Christmas Mass
11. Sponsored a Men's Retreat
12. Prepared Advent Fair Meal

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Council held a Tootsie Roll Drive
2. Sponsored Blood Drives
3. Volunteered at Stew Pot Soup Kitchen

4. Participate in BirthRight Baby Shower - Donation of clothing goods and money
5. Habitat for Humanity Volunteers
6. Man the ticket-gates at local college football games
7. Attend Pro-Life Candlelight Vigil
8. Work Po-Boy Booth at Cajun Fest
9. Prepare Meal for Christmas Gala Kickoff Dinner

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Hosted a Membership Drive
2. Published a Monthly Newsletter
3. Sponsored a 1st Degree Team
4. Hosted quarterly Pot-Luck Socials
5. Sponsored a Team in the local Softball League
6. Held Council Awards Dinner
7. Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Provided Training of Alter Servers
2. Several Members coach various youth league basketball and soccer teams
3. Chaperoned Boy Scout Canoe Trip
4. Sponsored local Free Throw Contest
5. Transport REACH Participants to REACH Mass
6. Operate Concession Booth at Homecoming Game for St. Joseph Booster Club
7. Assist with State Free Throw Contest
8. Donation to CYO for CYO Convention

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Sponsored Family Night/Jackson Generals Baseball game
2. Family Campout/Pig Roast
3. Participated in Supreme Family of the Month
4. Donated Christmas Dinner for a needy family

Respectfully submitted,
David K. Scott
Grand Knight

James D. Hart, Council 9673
Wollmarket, Mississippi
Lonnie Parvin

It is with great pride and humility that I submit my Grand Knights Report, for the 1997/1998 Fraternal Year.

Someone once said, "The greatest journey ever made, started with a single step." James D. Hart,

Council 9673 is currently making that step. Our council has suffered many Set-backs, but now, "We're on the Move." It's a slow and pains-taking process, but our "Die-Hard" Officers with our "Move For-ward or Break it" Motto and Goal, are up to the tasks.

We have done and will continue to research the many responsibilities of a Good Council and are committed to making 9673 rank among the Best. To date, all but six members have paid their 1998 Annual Dues. We are very proud of this accomplishment. We have become active in the program to help People with Mental Retardation, and are participating in the Council, District and State Free Throw Championship. We have a long road ahead of us but, when the dust settles, we'll be there working with all our might. We Officers are committed and are working to get our general membership involved to the fullest. Our Officers are as follows:

Lonnie R. Parvin, G.K., Joseph Souza, D.G.K., John C. Poelma II, F.S., Michael Seidule, Chanc., Eugene Fioranelli, Rec., Scott Higginbotham, Tres. Jesse E. Pope, Adv./ Acting Tres., due to illness of Tres., Arthur L.Fogleman Warden, Andrew Primeaux, Inside Guard, Paul Hackenbruch, Outside Guard Thomas Pietrangelo, Joseph Seidule, & Harvill Richardson are our Trustees.

We here at James D. Hart, Council 9673, extend an open invitation to any and all who may be traveling in our area, to visit us.

Respectfully submitted,
Lonnie R. Parvin
Grand Knight

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

The following report covers the activities of St. Ann Liana Council #9958 for the year of 1997-1998.

Church activities:

1. Lead rosary before Mass and provide Eucharistic ministers.
2. Accepted responsibility for upkeep of parish hall, including kitchen and rest rooms.
3. Held a parish dinner honoring Father Fintan on the 25th. Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.
4. Pay to the church \$2400.00 a year to supplement the cost of utilities.
5. Purchased 18 easter lilies for the altar for Easter Sunday.
6. Purchased 14 poinsettia for the altar for Christmas services.

Community activities:

1. Member of the Mississippi adopt a highway program on highway 53 for past four years.
2. Provide bingo on a weekly basis so that people don't have to leave the community to enjoy the game. Children are allowed with parents.
3. Provide prizes for senior citizen bingo and lunch provided by Ladies Auxiliary at no cost to

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- the seniors. Knights conduct the bingo.
4. Purchased \$92.00 worth of groceries for a family in extreme need at Christmas.

Youth activities:

1. Held local free throw contest.
2. Sponsor a girls basketball team.
3. Donate to the CYO for convention expense.
4. Provide part of the gifts for children's Christmas party, and Santa.

Council activities:

1. Monthly socials.
2. Members dinners quarterly.
3. Installation of officers and banquet.
4. Sponsor weekly bingo on tuesday nights.
5. Conduct raffle for building program.
6. Hold an annual \$5,000.00 draw down in September.
7. Treat all workers to free beverages at all functions, and to dinner quarterly.
8. Present Knight of Quarter with a check for \$25.00.
9. Present Knight of Year with a check for \$25.00.
10. Assisted in gathering clothing and bedding for the people on the pine ridge Indian Reservation. Donated to shipping cost of clothing.

Family activities:

1. Parish dinner for families honoring the mothers of our parish on the Saturday before Mothers Day.
2. Assisted 10 families due to illness or for the loss of their home.
3. Family of the month.
4. Purchased 12 turkeys for Thanksgiving food baskets.
5. Present Family of the Year award.
6. Provide the food for a free family picnic at the auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt for children of the community.

The success of our council programs are realized through the efforts of a few good Knights who want to make a difference, and are willing to give a little extra in their quest for true Knighthood.

They are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Hollis J. Moran
Grand Knight

St. Paul Council 10216
Brandon, Mississippi
Dennis Deister

It has been my honor for the past two years to serve as Grand Knight with some of the finest Catholic gentlemen I know. The hard work of our Council has brought our parish and community closer together. The works of charity we have provided has touched the lives of many. We have worked on several co-sponsored projects with other groups in our parish bringing unity within. Our fraternity has been strengthened by helping brother knights in need. Our patriotism has been confirmed by involvement in Scouting activities and the Fourth Degree Assembly. The works of this Council has equally blessed the lives of those who have given of their time and talents as well as those who have received.

This is a report of the efforts of our Council for the 1997-98 fraternal year.
Our Council is directed by the following officers:

Chaplain	Rev. Edward Balser
Grand Knight	Dennis Deister
Deputy Grand Knight	Dan Hammond
Chancellor	Kelley Williams
Warden	Neil Hillstrom
Recorder	David Cannon
Treasurer	Ray Butz
Advocate	Lloyd Long
Inside Guard	Martin Bisek
Outside Guard	John Reiss
Trustees:	
1 year	Joseph Lex
2 years	Frank Whitehead
3 years	Barry Willett
Financial Secretary	John Lewis

St. Paul's Council 10216 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month for business meeting and the 4th Tuesday of each month for Family Social.

Church Activities

1. Knights are members of St. Paul's Parish -Council.
2. Knights serve as ushers, eucharistic ministers, lectors and commentators at St. Paul's.
3. Knights are members of the St. Paul Sing & Praise Choir.
4. Knight and spouse teach St. Paul confirmation class.
5. Knights furnish the St. Paul parish bulletin each Sunday.
6. Knights sponsor maintenance program for St. Paul's church and grounds.
7. Knights sponsor maintenance and cleanup at St. Paul rectory
8. Knight and spouse established children's nursery for the 10:30 mass at St. Paul's.
9. Knights serve on the St. Paul Building Committee.
10. Knights collected donations of toys & clothes for Saltillo and delivered to Mexico.

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11. Knights maintain and repair playground equipment for St. Paul's Learning Center.
 12. Council sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer.
 13. Council furnishes rosaries for prayer at the "Memorial for the Unborn".
 14. Knights installed flood lights and motion sensor lights on church.
 15. Council donated funds for refreshments for new priest installation reception.

Community

1. Council sponsor Tootsie Roll Drive.
2. Knights worked on parish "Habitat for Humanity" home.
3. Knights collected donations for the Red Cross.
4. Council sponsored a clothing drive for Birthright.
5. Knights visit sick and confirmed.
6. Council donated \$100.00 to NorthWest Rankin Middle School for Computer Program.
7. Knights participated in "Net Day" at NorthWest Rankin Middle School.
8. Knight held neighborhood rosary in subdivision each Thursday during Lent.
9. Knight dressed up as Santa for neighborhood children.
10. Council participated in Pro-Life Memorial.

Council

1. Council co-sponsored Parish Garage Sale for St. Paul's Benevolent Fund.
2. Council sold KC Christmas Cards and gave proceeds to St. Paul's Benevolent Fund.
3. Council sponsor bi-annual Blood Drive.
4. Knight built aluminum awning at priest home.
5. Council sponsored "CleanUp Day at Church".
6. Council co-sponsored and prepared food for priest's birthday party.
7. Knights assist priest on boat project.
8. Council participates in Knight of the Year program.
9. Knights recite rosary at each business meeting.
10. Council hosts Family Social each month including dinner.
11. Council co-sponsor Annual St. Paul Christmas Party.
12. Knights assist the St. Paul's Women's Guild with set-up and clean-up of parish functions.
13. Council sponsored two 1st Degree Exemplification's.
14. Council hosted a Fraternal Benefits Night.
15. Council hosted Mid-Winter meeting.
16. Council sponsored membership drive.
17. Council provides name badge for all new members.
18. Knights attended School of Columbianism.

Family

1. Council participates in the Family of the Month program.
2. Council hosted Family Thanksgiving dinner.
3. Council sponsors a Parish Family Breakfast each month, September - May.
4. Council hosted a 50th Anniversary party for brother knight and spouse.
5. Knight participates in Children's Fishing Rodeo in neighborhood.
6. Mass said for deceased members.

7. Knight established program to mail birthday cards to KC family members.
8. Knights sponsored party for children while parents attend St. Paul Christmas party
9. Council prepared dinner for opening night of St. Paul Mission
10. Knights prepared Mother's Day Champagne Brunch and gave each mother a rose.
11. Council sponsored Turkey Shoot using proceeds to purchase turkeys for need families at Christmas.
12. Council sponsors Corporate Communion each 5th Sunday.
13. Council provides maintenance for needy family on home, vehicles and wheelchair.

Youth

1. Knight serves as Assistant Scout Master in local troop.
2. Knight assists local Cub Scout pack with Pinewood Derby and other wood projects.
3. Council sponsors Halloween Party for grades three through six.
5. Council hosted local Free Throw contest and winners went to District Free Throw.
6. Knight collected in neighborhood for "Trick or Treat for St. Jude".
7. Council purchased ad in State Convention Program for St. Paul CYO.
8. Knights and spouses teach PRE.
9. Knight dressed up as Santa for Cub Scout Christmas party.
10. Council furnished food and prepared it for CYO's Family Fun Day.
11. Knight coaches for YMCA little league soccer.

In closing I would like to thank not only my brother knights for their prayers, support and hard work, but also the families who worked beside us so faithfully. I am looking forward to a new group of officers to which I pledge my support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Deister
Grand Knight

Father Clifford Meador Council 10443
Grenada Mississippi
John G. Savoie, Jr.

Serving as Grand Knight this year has been a privilege and honor. I have grown to better serve my church, council, Brother Knights, and most of all my God. He has blessed me with the strength and courage at times when things didn't go so well, and was able to smile when things did go right. All in all I couldn't have done it without his grace, and guidance, and I praise his name for all the things he has allowed me to do this year.

I would like to thank all of our members for their support and hard work in helping to make our council what it is today.

Council Officers

Chaplain	Father Thomas Delaney
Grand Knight	John Savoie
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Stringer
Financial Secretary	Ed Merriman, Jr.
Chancellor	Mike Liberto
Treasurer	Paul Marascalco
Recorder	Raymond Liberto
Advocate	Dwayne Denton
Warden	Ed Merriman, Sr.
Lecturer	Chris Cummings
Inside Guard	James Mardis
Outside Guard	John McLaughlin
Trustees	David Upchurch
	Ed Merriman, Jr.
	Frank Marascalco

Respectfully submitted,
John G. Savoie, Jr.
Grand Knight

**Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council 10499
Ocean Springs, Mississippi
Thomas J. Homsany**

Our Supreme fraternal new year, of course, started off with the Installation of Officers on July 26, 1997 preceded by a cocktail hour with an array of hors d'oeuvres prepared by our Ladies of the Knights. The dinner after the installation was prepared by members of Council 5654 in accordance with our reciprocation system, whereas, we cook, serve and clean-up at their installation and they do the same at ours. The system works out beautifully, proving that 2 Councils in the same city or in close proximity can work harmoniously as we have been doing for the past 7 years.

Our guests were Grand Knight, Leonard Tarrant, Council 5654 and Past State Deputy Dennis "Doc" Ladnier who duly installed the following officers:

Chaplain	Deacon Martin Finnegan
Grand Knight	Thomas J. Homsany
Deputy Grand Knight	Richard Greenwold
Financial Secretary	Kerry Roberts
Chancellor	Robert Delaney
Treasurer	Wilfred Gonsoulin
Recorder	Joseph McCormick
Advocate	Roland Hillebrand
Warden	Charles Rose Jr.

Trustee	
1 year	Richard Osborne
2 year	Millard Dorsey
3 year	Lester Cottrell
Inside Guard	Norvin Fayard
Outside Guard #1	Russell Marcellus
Outside Guard #2	Antoine Otto
Lecturer	George Roberts

Our 1st Degree Team is still quite active. During the past year, we've performed 6 ceremonies which brought in 44 new members into the Knights of Columbus, 9 of which became members of our Council. Recruiting Drives were conducted on October 12, commemorating Columbus Day, on November 15 & 16, 1997 and on March 14 & 15, 1998.

In support of our CYO, we sponsored a candidate for Queen and Maid of Honor at the 58th Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic in Biloxi. Members of the CYO worked very hard in raising funds for this prestigious event and amassed a total of \$2000.00 in a relatively short period of time. This was accomplished by a Car Wash, a P0-Boy sale, Shrimp Bowl Program ad sales and Bake sales.

In February 1998, we entered a float in the Ocean Springs Mardi Gras parade. The theme this year was "The Best of the West". I'm happy to say that, because of the interest and initiative of those participating, we were awarded the "Best Theme" and the "Best overall Float" trophies.

This year we decided to have Friday Fish Fry nights during Lent. This venture proved to be so successful that the Fish Fry will continue to take place on the 1st Friday of each month.

Other activities undertaken were: Full participation with Council 5654 in the annual Free throw Competition and Appreciation Night for Firemen and Policemen, conducted Marian Hour of Prayer, Thursday night Prayer Group, Supreme "Family of the Month", "Family of the Year, annual Pool Party for members & their families and had a picnic to show appreciation to all who participated in the Mental Retardation Drive.

Finally, it pleases me to no end to know that we have made our membership quota with a few to spare and that our insurance quota has been attained. It's been quite a fruitful year and nice to know that I am stepping down on a high note.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas "Tony" Homsany
Grand Knight

**St. John's Council 10901
Oxford, Mississippi
Robert A. Grant**

The second year of my term as grand knight of Council 10901 is drawing to a close. I would like to thank the brothers of this council for their support and hard work. You gentlemen are true examples of the best the Knights of Columbus has to offer. Officers for this program year are: Chaplain: Fr. Joe Dyer (Fr. Kevin Slattery was transferred mid-year and Fr. Joe immediately joined our council, received the third degree and was installed as our Chaplain); Grand Knight: Tony Grant; Deputy Grand Knight: James Reid; Chancellor: John Czarnetzky; Advocate: Ron Rychlak; Treasurer: Dennis Ott; Warden: Mike Mitchell; Recorder: Samuel DeJohn; Inside Guard: David Stengel; Outside Guard: Steve Carroll; Trustees: Buddy Kahler, Peter Sukanek, and John Caron; Lecturer: Samuel DeJohn; and Financial Secretary: Bob Hudson.

Family activities for the past year include a celebration of World Family Day by hosting a parish picnic, quarterly corporate communion, participation in the Supreme Family of the Month program, a back-to-school pool party, having Masses said for deceased parishioners, and our annual Christmas Gathering.

Church activities included participation in the Supreme RSVP Program (our council awarded a \$500 scholarship to one of our members, Marty Gillespie, who is studying for the priesthood at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans), a rummage sale for our church building fund, two Marian Prayer services (one of local origin and one with the traveling icon), and our annual Honor Our Religious dinner. These programs, along with our staples of the Sunday Rosary, booth set-up, take-down, and clean up for the parish fair, and our Lenten Fish Fry for the building fund, gave all members a chance to be involved in the good things the knights are doing in Oxford.

Our annual Drive for the Handicapped and Angel Tree projects helped us to recognize the needs in our community and formulate plans to address them. We also assisted with the community food pantry and sponsored our Spirit of Columbus essay contest. Our council was again asked by our local Wal-Mart to provide an interview panel to determine the recipient for this store's Wal-Mart scholarship. The crowning touch for the year was the carnival held at The Scott Center for the students to celebrate their efforts and to highlight the donation of the receipts from the Drive for the Handicapped.

Council activities make quite an extensive list and include membership drives, a fraternal benefits night, quarterly pot-luck suppers, our annual memorial service for deceased brothers, and our annual awards banquet. Council 10901 sponsors a certified first degree team and tries to give it plenty of work. Five first degree exemplifications were held during the program year. Our council also publishes a monthly newsletter, names a Knight of the Month each month, and prays the Rosary prior to each meeting. We have also hosted several meetings for the district, as well as a fourth degree exemplification and charter dinner for the Father Cletus Manon Assembly located in Oxford.

Youth activities include hosting a Halloween party for the kids, as well as sponsoring St. Nicholas' yearly visit to the last PSR class before Christmas. Our council participated in the Knights of

Columbus Free Throw Championship, and hosted the district one contest. We also honor our altar servers by treating them to a catfish dinner with all the trimmings and presenting certificates to mark the occasion. We continue to spread the beauty of the Rosary by presenting each child receiving First Communion a Rosary from the Knights of Columbus.

The Batesville St. Mary's Roundtable, chaired by Jerry Troxler with Tim Hossenlopp as secretary, has had an active year as well. These busy knights sponsor a monthly Parish Brunch at which they prepare and serve breakfast after the 10:30 am Mass. Parish grounds clean up days as well as physical improvements in the parish facilities at St. Mary's were also areas of participation. The Roundtable also sponsored a reception for the confirmandi and Bishop Houck, co-sponsored a Funnel Cake Booth with the Ladies Club at the Panola Partnership Fall Festival, donated new figurines for the parish crèche, donated to the Panola County Food Pantry, and sponsored a chili lunch after a November Mass. Certainly, these men, though small in number, are tremendous in the service of God in the work they do for and in their parish.

And, once again, I would like to extend an invitation to all our councils throughout this great state of ours. If you have children or family members attending school on the Oxford campus of the University of Mississippi, please let us know if we can be of assistance to you or to them.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. (Tony) Grant
Grand Knight

**St. James Council 11541
Gulfport, Mississippi
Ed Croal**

OFFICERS

Chaplain--Msgr. James McGough
Grand Knight---Ed Croal
Deputy Grand Knight---Harold Noll
Chancellor---Dan Gulls
Financial Secretary---Fritz Oberlies
Treasurer---Jay Oberlies
Advocate---Chris Beard
Recorder---Doug Brown
Warden---Dennis Weiland
Inside Guard---Joe Robert
Outside Guard---Kelly Dibble
Trustee Roland Lafontaine
 Leonard Collins
 Toby Dombrowski

ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

Church---Art Sanow
Council---Mike Croal
Community---Toby Dombrowski
Family---Dan Gillis
Youth---Brian Oberlies
Membership---Doug Brown

Program Director---Harold Noll

Going into our third year we developed a "Can Do" attitude and took on many new projects which got more members involved.

CHURCH:

- * Parish Cemetery Cleanup
- * Priest Education Fund
- * Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Commentators
- * Adult Choir and Spirit Choir
- * Provided soup and sandwich on Friday night (Mar 20th) during Lent
- * Held church fix-it day
- * Held vocations night (Mar 18th)
- * Provided meal for 60 members of the confirmation class after they returned from a weekend retreat (Mar 15th, Mar 22nd and Apr 19th)
- * Held Marian Hour of Prayer

COMMUNITY:

- * Participated in Tootsie Roll Drive
- * Hosted a reception after Mass for the graduating high school seniors of the parish.
- * Held blood drive in October collecting 67 pints
- * Provided technical expertise on Gulfport High Technology Committee
- * Members on St. James School Board
- * Donated to Cheshire Mental home
- * Held second blood drive on March 8th collected 79
- * Helped nuns move their furniture out of the convent and into their new homes
- * Purchased ad in the Gulf Pine
- * Set up for Cenacle Retreat House Fund Raiser

COUNCIL:

- * Serve bi-weekly parish breakfast (2nd & 4th Sundays)
- * Distribute monthly newsletter
- * Participated in Ministry Fair--manned a information table got 6 possible candidates
- * Had Council Christmas Party for members, wives and children
- * Held cleanup day around school (cleaned) walkway canopy
- * Held spaghetti dinner to benefit two members who had strokes provided each member with approximately \$400 each
- * Hosted a 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification in January
- * Selected Knight of the Year (Fritz Oberlies)
- * Purchased ad in the State Convention Program
- * Held council insurance night (April 15th)
- * Donated \$200 to purchase new wine goblet for the church
- * Held clergy appreciation night

YOUTH:

- * Members are football, baseball, basketball and soccer coaches
- * Members are basketball and soccer referees

- * Purchased ad in CYO convention program and donated funds
- * Held free throw competition
- * Made donation to youth group going to Stuebenville

FAMILY:

- * Selected Family of the Year (The Arthur Spratley Family)
- * Served free breakfast to Mothers and gave them a rose
- * Manned hamburger and dart booths for parish bazaar
- * Cooked and served food for parish picnic
- * Monthly Corporate Communion

Respectively Submitted,
Edward C. Croal Jr.
Grand Knight

**Father Paul Gillis Council 11654
Wiggins, Mississippi
A. C. "Mac" McCarney**

As you are probably aware, Council 11654 was originally started between St. Francis Xavier in Wiggins and St. Lucy in Lucedale. The distance some of our members had to drive made it impossible for some of them being able to attend meetings. We decided to splinter off the group from Lucedale became a new council and the group from Wiggins retained the original charter and kept number 11654. This was accomplished in late spring of 1997 by recruiting enough new members in both cities to meet the KC required minimum. We were reinstalled as a council in May and our new officers installed in June just prior to the new KC year. Because we were newly installed the same officers were elected for the new year.

We never received a lot of our material from the Lucedale group as the financial secretary went to Texas to live and we finally received some of our material in late August 1997. In August we had three new members installed at St. James in Biloxi on the 24th and one of them was submitted to Supreme as a Financial Secretary and we finally had a operating Secretary for the very first time.

Of the 33 members of 11654, most of their attention has been to the church. We have 13 Liturgy Teams for weekend Masses and 8 of the commentators are KC's. 12 are Eucharistic Ministers or Lecturers. We have 5 men in the choir and the Choir Director and 3 other of our singers are from our council. We have 4 teams that conduct Bingo for our church each on a different week and three of the team supervisors are KC's. I am the Bingo Supervisor for this program. We have a grass cutting detail in our church as we have 20 acres of land and over half of this team are KC's. When Father Mike Nance from Lucedale was ordained he said his first Mass at St. Francis and Council 11654 provided a breakfast in his honor for the entire church. It was so successful that on the first Sunday of each month we hold a monthly breakfast for the church. On the 3rd Sunday of each month the St. Vincent De Paul breakfast is held and two of our council assist them in cooking their breakfast. The president of our parish council is a KC along with 8 others who are members of the Council. Recently

our youngest member Brother Richard Parker came down with leukemia and was in need of blood. On a Sunday the Lucedale people raised 32 pints of blood for him. The following Sunday in Wiggins we raised 182 pints of blood and of our 33 members, 28 donated blood, two were rejected and the other 3 were out of town.

I can assure you that the people of Wiggins know their is a KC council in Wiggins. At Thanksgiving and Christmas we assisted in preparation of baskets for the unfortunates of out county and next month we are participating for the first time in the Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Retarded. We have a committee preparing for a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser and another group working on a weekday BBQ Chicken dinner. This fall we hope to hold our second golf tournament. At the first one even though Wiggins was hit by a small tornado that day we did raise enough money to donate money to the Ladies Solidarity in Lucedale and to the St. Vincent De Paul Society in Wiggins. We recently sent a check for \$100 to the Notre Dame Seminary for a young priest in school and hope to continue supporting him in the future. We are proud of The fact that recently we were awarded the Father McGivney Award 1996-1997.

We are a young council but we are going to survive and in the future our plans are for a Ladies Auxiliary and also for a Squires Council. We are late on reporting namely from our inexperience but now we are receiving assistance from the Financial Secretary from Biloxi, Brother Sherwood Beckham, who was from our parish originally.

This meager report is respectfully submitted and we hope it will improve in time.

Respectfully submitted,
A.C. "Mack" McCarney
Grand Knight

**St. Lucy's Council 11904
Lucedale, Mississippi
James K. Holland**

Over the past fraternal year our newly formed council has completed many projects: Tootsie Roll drive, highway garbage pick-up, St. Patrick's Day lunch, church sign project, web site on the Internet, monthly newsletter, spring and fall chicken barbecue, blood drive.

The Tootsie Roll drive collected over one thousand dollars and the money was donated to the mental and physically challenged students in George County Schools. This year we have begun to sponsor a seminarian. The highway garbage pickup covers two miles and is done four times annually. Forty to fifty bags of garbage are collected each time. It is a real challenge to get brother Knights to complete this task on their day off. We have an annual St. Patrick's Day lunch annually for two years to honor St. Patrick and our Irish priest. Incorporated into this lunch is a membership drive. Because our church is located in a rural community it is often hard to have visitors find our church so our Knights have taken on the project of erecting seven four by eight signs around the area giving directions and mass schedules. Many man hours have been dedicated to this project to help people

find the way to celebrate Jesus with us. In today's technological world it seems to be so easy to spread the word of Christ. All you have to do is turn on your computer. There are millions of souls searching for spiritual fulfillment; therefore, we are especially proud of our web site, which is dutifully maintained by one of our members. For our brother Knights and fellow Christians we also put our message in print and transmit it the old fashioned way; through the mail in a newsletter. Fall and spring barbecues coincide with the Ladies' Sodality rummage sales which brings in needed cash for projects which often seem more expensive than our young council can handle. It also provides a good way for brother Knights to chew the fat and spit on the fire. The project I am most proud of that was accomplished by our brother Knights of St. Lucy is sponsoring a blood drive for a fellow brother Knight who is also my brother-in-law. We were able to get thirty seven people to donate the thing we most freely have, yet are reluctant to give away; the blood of our life. Give blood; Jesus did. Dedication and devotion enabled our small St. Lucy Council accomplish large tasks for Christ this year.

Respectfully submitted,
James K. Holland
Grand Knight

**Gluckstadt Council 11934
Gluckstadt, Mississippi
Joseph R. Jones, Jr.**

Chaplain	Deacon Kevin McCarthy
Grand Knight	Joseph Jones
Deputy Grand Knight	Charles Campbell
Financial Secretary	John C. Minninger
Chancellor	Michael Miller
Recorder	Charles Minninger
Treasurer	Gerald Perez
Advocate	Thomas Stolz
Warden	Billy Endris
Inside Guard	George Cox
Outside Guard	Alan Henderson
Lecturer	Benjamin Kovarik
Trustees	Dennis Strong
	James O'Connor
	Anthony Fertitta

We have instituted a new program in our quarterly family gatherings by inviting all the widows of our parish to be a regular part of our family night. All who have attended seemed to enjoy themselves very much and are looking forward to the next gathering. Although we are still a young council, we have started participating in many of the K. C. programs and are working toward instituting others as this year progresses, and with the support of our District Deputy, Dennis Riecke we will continue

to grow- both in activities and the spirit of the K of C.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Helped maintain church grounds and cemetery.
2. Donated to Priest Education Fund.
3. Holding Quarterly Corporate Mass.
4. Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lecturers.
5. CCD Teachers.
6. Participated in Cursillo Group Leadership.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Helped build Habitat for Humanity House.
2. Participated in Tootsie Roll Drive.
3. Held Blood Drive.
4. Donated to Whispering Pines Hospice.
1. Worked at German Fest, (Planning, Execution and Clean-up).
2. Helped at St. Joseph High Schools Homecoming.
3. Donated Food and Clothing to MADCAP

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Hold Quarterly Supper for members families and widows.
2. Held Fish Fry for the Parish.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Hold annual CYO Fun Trip.
2. Sponsor Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.
3. Participate in Saltillo Mission.
4. Work with Junior Achievement.
5. Furnished participants for the CYO Womenless Beauty Pageant.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Held Fish Fry for all participants of Tootsie Roll Drive from Councils 9543 and 11934.
2. Hosted Mother's Day Breakfast.
3. Held KC Insurance Benefit Night.
4. Sold KC Christmas Cards.
5. Held Membership Drive Supper.

Respectively submitted,
Joseph R. Jones, Jr.
Grand Knight

**Father Patrick Quinn Council 11956
Columbia/Tylertown, Mississippi
Raymond H. Tanet**

It has been my privilege to serve the Father Patrick Quinn Council, a council named for a man I personally got to meet and work with. He was a true fourth degree Knight and a walking Saint. Meeting Padre Quinn and then becoming Charter Grand Knight was an overwhelming joy. Our first year was marked with true dedication from all my brother Knights that led me and my family to fall in love with each and every one of them and their families. Their dedication also led to us becoming a Star Council in our first year. Our year was also marked by our first lost of Brother Edward Comeaux, a charter member, and dedicated brother, father, and husband. Brother Eddie, we will all miss you. Father Tommy Conway, what can I say about him. This man is beautiful, he has been our own Fr. Michael J. McGivney. He has been by our sides in our activities and led us through his example. We love you Father Tommy. The blessings continue to come as I now step down as Grand Knight to take a position as a K.C. Field Agent, a disciple of Father Michael J. McGivney.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. Tommy Conway
District Deputy	David Hughes
Grand Knight	Raymond H. Tanet
Deputy Grand Knight	Stanley McCarty
Financial Secretary	Paul Mackin
Chancellor	Frank Miano
Recorder	G. David Shows
Treasurer	James Harper Jr.
Advocate	Bob Frey
Warden	John Kihnel
Outside Guard	Joe Singleton
Inside Guard	Dan Farrell
Trustees:	
(3yr)	Lorenzo Herberger
(2yr)	John Irvon
(1yr)	Edward Comeaux
Lecturer	Curt Stasny
Program Director	Curt Stasny

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: DONALD DAUPHIN-CHAIRMAN

1. Participated in Marian Hour of Prayer
2. Sponsored monthly coffee and doughnuts for parish
3. Donated funds to Priest Education Fund
4. Members serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectures, and ushers.
5. Members serve on parish and finance committees.
6. Sponsored St. Joseph Altar
7. Leads Rosary monthly before mass
8. Held K.C. Communion Masses

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9. Participated in various church fundraisers

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: DAVID SHOWS & RAYMOND TANET-CHAIRMAN

1. Ran concession stands at various and numerous community fairs and festivals.
2. Sponsored volleyball tournaments
3. Sponsored quarterly dances opened to the public.
4. Held house warming party for Habitat for Humanity and also donated a bedroom set.
5. Drive for the Mental Retardation
6. Sponsored Blessing of the Motorcycles with dozens of motorcycles in attendance.
7. Assisted Catholic Social Services with a Baby Shower.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: JAMES HUGHES-CHAIRMAN

1. Held monthly socials.
2. Sent Birthday, Anniversary, Get well, and Sympathy cards to all members.
3. Held Installation Breakfast after Mass as open house to the whole parish.
4. Participated in Knight of the Month Program.
5. Held Awards Banquet.
6. Put out Monthly Newsletter.
7. Kept scrapbook and entered it in the convention competition.
8. Helped Father Tommy out with major car repairs.
9. Prayed Rosary before monthly meetings.
10. Started Ladies Auxiliary.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: ROB PERRET-CHAIRMAN

1. Participated in Family of the Month Program.
2. Provided food baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
3. Held Memorial Day Picnic for the families.
4. Sponsored pizza and bowling party for the parish families in honor of Family Week.
5. Sponsored Superbowl Party.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: ROB PERRET-CHAIRMAN

1. Sponsored a Breakfast with Santa for the children of the parish and community.
2. Held cookout for a C.Y.O. retreat.
3. Bought an ad for C.Y.O. convention.
4. Participated in the Free Throw Competition.
5. Made tickets for a C.Y.O. dance and raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond H. Tanet
Grand Knight

West Harrison Council No. 11995
Desile, Mississippi
Mark Dubuission
No Report Submitted

**Sacred Heart Council No. 12166
Pascagoula, Mississippi
Henry Bertagnolli**

This council was chartered on March 4, 1998. The following officers were elected and/or appointed on that date.

Chaplain	Rev. Micheal Kelleher
Grand Knight	Henry Bertagnolli
Deputy Grand Knight	Carl Muse
Chancellor	Gayden Harper
Recorder	Thomas Higgins
Financial Secretary	Thomas (Eddie) Martin
Treasurer	Benjamin Acosta
Advocate	Russell Lachaussee
Warden	Jeffrie Richard
Inside Guard	Mark La Douceur
Outside Guard	Mark Turner
3 Year Trustee	Micheal Turner
2 Year Trustee	Timothy Savage
1 Year Trustee	William Waggoner
Lecturer	James Vandrell

There were 39 members chartering, 32 regular transfer members and 7 new members. Since chartering, 6 members have been added, 2 new and 4 transfers. 3 candidates await the conferring of the 1st degree.

An installation will be held in June after new officers are elected for the 1998 - 1999 year.

We are still in formation. The activity directors are as follows:

Program director	Carl Muse
Church director	Russell Lachaussee
Family director	David Vam Vogel
Youth director	Joseph Caraviello
Community director	William Waggoner
Council director	none yet
Membership director	none yet

The approved projects and/or things the council and members are doing are as follows:

1. Re-wall paper the rest rooms in the church.
2. Renovate the now deteriorating church "CYO" hut and then use a "CYO" home, council home and other church functions building.

3. Have a joint fund raiser with the CYO.
4. Start having a corporate Communion at Sacred Heart bi-monthly.
5. Join the Adopt-a-Hiway program.
6. Help paint a room in the St. Vincent De Paul building in June.
7. Plant new flowers in the flower beds at the church entrance.
8. Donate \$200.00 for participation in the Jackson Hospitality room at State Convention for the State Deputy Guy Todaro from 1605 Pascagoula, Bruce Pabon, State Secretary 10499 Ocean Springs and the Late Ted Knowles State Treasurer 1605 Pascagoula.
9. Furnish men for the Spring Fling at Resurrection school (Elementary) to help wherever needed.
10. Furnish men for setup and cleanup of the Parish picnic on May 3rd.
11. Furnish men for ushering and help for Fr Kelleher at the graduation of Resurrection High School to be held on May 28.
12. Members help do the grass cutting around the Church and school.

Members serve as Ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, parish council, commentators, renew program, CCD teachers, RCIA instructors, crucillo and Ultreyas. Members do things around and for the church where needed including CYO leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Bertagnolli Jr.
Grand Knight

District Deputy Reports

District Deputy #1 Robert L. Hudson

It has been both an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus as the District One for the past three years.

During my first two years as District Deputy , District One included the councils in South Haven, Holly Springs, Tupelo, Corinth and Oxford. The accomplishments, awards and recognition of those councils were truly outstanding. The hard work to develop Roundtables in Oxford and Tupelo brought the much deserved recognition to the officers and members of those two councils. Equally rewarding was the honor I was given as the recipient of the Outstanding District Deputy Award. Additionally, District One received the Star District Award from Supreme.

With the addition of several new councils in the state and the location of home councils of some new District Deputies, our newly elected State Deputy felt it necessary to adjust the councils in several districts. One of the districts affected by the reorganization was District One. During the past Fraternal Year, District One included the following councils: 8760- the St. Joseph Council in Holly Springs; 8912- the St. James the Less Council in Corinth; 10901- the St. John's Council in Oxford and 10443- the Father Clifford Meador Council in Grenada.

The reorganization of District One reduced the number of councils from five to four councils but created a different focus for me as the District Deputy. Previously, District One had two large councils, one medium council and two small councils, with three First Degree Teams. The new alignment has one large council, and three small councils and only one First Degree Team- Oxford. Be it large councils, medium councils or small councils the challenge remains the same. As a District Deputy, the job is to help the councils pursue their goals for membership, for their programs and their overall effectiveness in their parish and their community.

This past year each of the councils in District One worked diligently on their membership and generally did meet their goals. As District Deputy, I encourage all councils to recruit new members. Membership has been the focus of District One and my personal focus. Their program successes were recognized with the rewards for their efforts.

Council 10901 - Oxford received the "Distinguished Council" award, the "Best Large Council" award and a second place for the "Best Council Activity" award. Oxford also established a new Fourth Degree Assembly with thirty-two Knights taking that degree. Additionally, they conducted seven First Degree Exemplifications and added seventeen new members. The Oxford Council also hosted a First, Second and Third Degree Exemplification in February. Council 8760- Holly Springs received the "Council of Excellence" award and Council 8912- Corinth once again led the state with the highest donation per member in their Tootsie Roll Drive. Council 10443- Grenada is a hard working council that is very active in their parish and community. Each of the councils in District One is committed to improving their membership numbers. Each council is dedicated to Charity and places high priorities on Unity and Fraternity. Each council will continue to see that the needs of their councils, churches, and communities are their first priority.

In closing, I want to personally thank each Grand Knight, their council officers and members in District One for their commitment to the Knights of Columbus. Their support and cooperation was the key to the success of District One this past year. It has been an enjoyable and personally rewarding three years as District Deputy of District One.

Worthy State Deputy, I especially want to thank you for your confidence and support during this past year. I have truly enjoyed my years as District Deputy and I am looking forward to serving as District Deputy for the 1998-1999 Fraternal Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L Hudson
District Deputy #1

**District Deputy #2
Kenneth L. Lubbers**

My sincere thanks to State Deputy Guy Todaro Jr. for allowing me to serve in the capacity of District Deputy for District#2. Officers in all councils with the help of substitutes were duly installed.

Goals for the year were:

Establish a sense of pride in being a member of our great order and a willingness to serve; follow the guidelines of Surge With Service in establishing programs with appropriate chairmen committees; achieve membership goals set at the beginning of the fraternal year.

Results have been less than laudable to date with status quo being maintained in most instances. The challenges are still existent.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth L. Lubbers
District Deputy #2

**District Deputy #3
Ron Koehler**

District #3 consists of the following Councils:

#2143- Greenville
#2945- Leland
#5267- Greenwood
#5556- Cleveland
#9234- Indianola

It has been an honor to serve as District Deputy of District #3 under State Deputy Guy S. Todaro. I appreciate all of the time, energy, and travel that our State Deputy and other State Officers have given as they travel throughout our state for installations, regional schools of Columbianism and the Regional Mid-Winter meetings. This has aided our order by reaching out to all the councils and by making it easier for council participation.

The School of Columbianism was held on July 27 at Council 5267- Greenwood and attended by Councils 2134, 5267, 5556, and 9234. Most of my Council installations were held during July with the attendance of our State Deputy and many other State Officers. Our regional Mid-Winter meeting was held at the Clarksdale Council- 2969 for District #2 and #3 with representation from Council 2134 and 5556 from district 3.

One of the highlights of this year was the Dedeaux State Officers Retreat held in September where we spent three special days of prayer and unity as the state Knights of Columbus Brothers in Christ.

I also had the honor of presenting District Free Throw medallions to District winners which included one youth who captured the State Free Throw Championship.

This has been a year filled with learning in my role as District Deputy and I hope to make next year an outstanding year for my district. Thank you for allowing me to serve as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Koehler,
District Deputy #3

**District Deputy #4
Richard Benton**

It is a pleasure to report that the status of district #4 is excellent. Three dynamic councils 6765 in Starkville with its round table in West Point, 7974 in Columbus, and 8848 in Tupelo with its round table in New Albany, make up this district.

I had the honor of installing officers in each of these councils. These officers and their members have been a great help to me in my work as District Deputy. On my many visits to these councils, I have been treated with the utmost respect, cooperation, and hospitality.

We attended the school of Columbianism in Greenwood. A great deal of information was distributed to our councils at this meeting.

We were honored by the presence of our worthy State Deputy Guy Todaro and the Worthy State Treasurer Ted Knowles at our first district meeting in Starkville. Our second District meeting was held in Tupelo in conjunction with the State meeting.

Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765 formed a 1st degree team this year and has held 4 first degrees. Fr. Robert Reitmeier Council 8848 held 5 first degrees this year. W.H. "Bill" Jolly Council 7974 does not have a first degree team at this time but are discussing the reformation of a team.

Council 8848 sponsored a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification September 28, 1997. Four councils participated. 23 candidates were knighted.

Council 8848 is again the host council for this State Convention.
We hope that you are as happy to be here as we are to have you with us.

In conclusion, let me thank the Worthy State Deputy for allowing me to serve the Knights of Columbus this final time as District Deputy. It has indeed been a pleasure and honor.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard "Dick" Benton
District Deputy #4

**District Deputy #5
Dennis Riecke
No report submitted**

**District Deputy #6
Natale J. Zummo**

The Following report is submitted for District 6 consisting of the following councils:

898 Vicksburg	8038 Pearl
10216 Brandon	8285 Jackson St. Therese

All council officers were installed in their respective parishes. District 6 obtained 281% of its membership goals and 141% of its insurance goals. With 70 new members this year, District 6 had an outstanding year.

Council 898 Vicksburg is an outstanding council, which held several 1st Degrees. Vicksburg recruited 47 new member this year and took several awards at convention including Top Gun. They reinstated a Columbian Squire Circle and are going strong. Their support of the church and community is outstanding.

Council 8285 Jackson St. Therese had a very good year. They had several good programs and support the church and the school. This year St. Therese hosted the district meetings for district 5 and 6.

Council 8038 Pearl had a very good year. Their annual Crawfish boil is one of the best fraternal events of the year. Pearl council took top gun and the Pro-life awards at the convention this year.

Council 10216 Brandon had a great year. Their support of the youth had been outstanding. Efforts are underway to start a squire circle.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as district deputy in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. All of the councils in District 6 attended the school of columbianism and had a net gain in membership. I am very proud of the accomplishments that these councils have made in this fraternal year.

In Closing, I want to thank the councils, their officers, and members of District 6 for their dedication to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Their outstanding recruitment and programs has made this one of the best years for the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie J. Zummo
District Deputy #6

District Deputy #7
Richard Spence
No report submitted

District Deputy #8
David Hughes
No report submitted

**District Deputy #9
John R. Ward**

District #9 is composed of Councils #6872 Picayune, #7087 Kiln, #7910 Orange Grove, #9958 Liana, #11654 Wiggins, and #11995 West Harrison.

When our State Deputy, Guy Todaro, Jr., asked me to serve as District Deputy, I was honored to accept the challenge. It has been a pleasure serving this year, and working with the other District Deputies of the Southern Regional District Deputy Association, which was formed for the D.D.'s of the Southern half of the State of Mississippi: Dr. David Hughes, District #8, David Dilonzo, District #10, Daniel J. Lechner, District #11, Donald F. Cox, District #12, and myself, John Ward, District #9.

Our Association has been meeting once a month to discuss what's going on in each of our Districts. This has been a valuable sharing of information between our Districts.

I was installed in the Office of District Deputy July 12, 1997 by Worthy State Deputy Guy Todaro, Jr., after which I began the task of installing Officers in Councils of District 9. July 19, 1997, I installed Officers of Council 7910 Orange Grove, Grand Knight Jerry Schmuck; July 20 Council 6872 Picayune, Grand Knight James Mounsey; July 27, Grand Knight Elbert Cuevas, Kiln Council 7087, and Grand Knight Mark Dubuisson, West Harrison Council 11995; August 17 Grand Knight AC. McCarney, Wiggins Council 11654; August 23, Grand Knight Hollis Moran, Liana Council 9958.

Each of these Councils has given much effort to the practice of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, coming a long way in reaching goals set before them.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Ward
District Deputy #9

**District Deputy #10
David DiLorenzo**

It was an honor for me to serve as District Deputy of District 10. District 10 is comprised of Pere Le Duc Council 1522 Bay St. Louis; Bishop Gunn Council 1583 Gulfport; Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian; St. Vincent DePaul Council 4898 Long Beach; and St. James Council 11541 Gulfport.

The Pere Le Duc Council 1522 is the oldest council in this district and remains very active. Their work with the church and the youth as well as their contribution to the community should be commended.

Bishop Gunn Council 1583 is another council that is very involved in the community as well as the youth by having the only Squires Circle in this district.

The Msgr. Leech Council 4472 is going through some rough times, but with their strong dedication to the church and school this council will be able to overcome their difficulties.

St. Vincent DePaul Council 4898 is continuing to do great work with the Church, school, and youth of the parish. They have turned their main focus to the family by involving their families in as many events as possible.

St. James Council 11541 is the youngest council in the district. This council is very strong in the church and the parish. The mixture of youth and age keeps this council always moving forward.

The Councils in District 10 are very hard working with the vision of Fr. McGivney in mind. Numerous First Degrees and 2 Second and Third Degrees were held during the year. It was an honor for me to Install the Officers of these Councils and I thank them for all the hospitality they have shown me throughout the year.

I would like to thank State Deputy Guy Todaro for giving me this opportunity to serve as District Deputy of District #10. It has been a pleasure to work with the State Council and I have met a lot of new friends and brothers along the way.

Respectfully submitted,
David DiLorenzo, Sr.
District Deputy #10

**District Deputy #11
Daniel J. Lechner**

District #11 is comprised of Council #1244, Biloxi, 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 1998. The year 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 our State Deputy, State officers and State Committeemen.

Council #1244, Biloxi, under the leadership of Grand Knight Robert Boney, has excelled in every aspect of Columbianism. They had fund raisers to help the needy, performed many projects around the church, and are very dedicated to vocations.

Council # 9094, North Biloxi (D'Iberville), under the leadership of Grand Knight Mark Fontenot, 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 Materno Yapit, has become an accomplished council. This council's success is due to having more programs and thus requiring more brother knights to become active. They have excelled in membership growth and retention. 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 Lonnie Parvin, 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 proud of these councils because of their ability to work together for the good of the Order.

I am grateful to State Deputy Guy Todaro Jr. for affording me the opportunity to serve these great councils.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Lechner
District Deputy #11

**District Deputy #12
Donald F Cox**

I, Donald F. Cox, performed the duties as District Deputy for District #12. District #12 includes:

Council	1605 - Pascagoula
	5654 - Ocean Springs
	9124 - Gautier
	10499 - Ocean Springs
	11904 - Lucedale
	12166 - Pascagoula (Council Chartered 4 March 1998)

Some highlights of the Fraternal Year for District 12 include:

Formation of New Council 12166 in Pascagoula.

Four (4) of the six (6) Councils achieved Membership Quotas as of 4/1/98.

District very close to achieving requirements to be awarded Star District.

Hosted a District Free Throw Contest

All Councils attended the School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting.

All Councils were 100% in submittal of all required reports.

Some difficulty took place with Council 1605; the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, a Trustee and Recorder resigned and new officers were elected into these offices.

My sincere thanks to our State Deputy, Guy Todaro, for selecting me to serve my Brother Knights in District 12.

My thanks, also, to the Officers of the Councils within District 12 for their positive cooperation and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald F Cox
District Deputy #12

Following the District Deputys , State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. closed the First Business Session with a prayer from Rev. Dennis J. Carver. The delegates were dismissed to prepare for the nights Dinner.

**Second Business Session
Saturday, April 25, 1998**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order and opened the Second Business Session of the 94th Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Richard T. Lieding verified current 3rd Degree membership cards. The State Chaplain opened the session with a prayer and Master Michael Gilly lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Secretary Bruce Pabon presented the following Credentials Committee Report.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
94th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

STATE OFFICERS

State Chaplain	Rev. Dennis J. Carver
State Deputy	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
State Secretary	C. Bruce Pabon
State Treasurer	Deceased Ted V. Knowles
State Advocate	Thomas F. Chady
State Warden	Richard T. Lieding
Immediate Past State Deputy	Jesse J. Quinn, III

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
1998 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES**

Council No.	Council Name	Delegate No. 1	Delegate No. 2
802	Meridian	Robert J. Leo	David Koch
848	Jackson	George A. Rutherford	Fred Cunningham
898	Vicksburg	Gregory K. Rottman	Thomas W. Thornton
1034	Natchez	Joseph G. Garrity	Richard W. Warren
1244	Biloxi	Robert F. Boney	William R. Davis
1522	Bay St. Louis	Harvey C. Mitchell	Andrew T. Mitchell
1583	Gulfport	Robert S. Flagg	Andrew T. Hurst
1605	Pascagoula	Ernest J. Falgo	Michael G. Gilly
1908	Hattiesburg	William L. Jarrett	Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.
2134	Greenville	Suliaman M. Samander	John P. Bernardi
2180	Laurel	Don Schwartz	Jerry Perkins
2945	Leland	Leon J. Shapley	Charles J. Morlino
2969	Clarksdale	Warren Matthews	Mike Robinson
4472	Pass Christian	J. Lessie Ladner	

4898	Long Beach	William G. Hincks, Jr.	Ben D. Lorenzo
5267	Greenwood	Harvey Caldwell, III	Bradley D. Burden
5556	Cleveland	Thomas Bryant	Douglas J. Cocilova
5654	Ocean Springs	Lenard Tarrant	Carl Bochard
6555	Shelby		
6592	Bassfield	Timothy J. Hathorn	Ted Applewhite
6765	Starkville	Jim Heitz	
6872	Picayune	James C. Mounsey	Jim Lambert
7087	Kiln	Elbert Cuevas	Olander J. Shiyou
7120	Southaven	Hugh Dan Garrigan	James W. Farris
7211	Lumberton	Charles R. Boyer	Michael J. Madere
7854	Clinton	William Hetrick	Lloyd T. Everhardt
7910	Orange Grove	Gerald E. Schmuck	John Leonhard
7915	Brookhaven	James H. Craig, III	Earl J. Westfall
7974	Columbus	Larry Miller	Ralph Corrado
8038	Pearl	L. C. Guillote	Gordon Cowie
8054	McComb		
8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Gerry Clark	Maurice Verdeyan
8760	Holly Springs	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	Ralph Howard
8848	Tupelo	Rob Hudson	Salvatore F. Tomaso
8912	Corinth	Thomas S. Thompson	James R. Leatherwood
9094	D'Iberville	Mark Fontenot	Al Allegue
9124	Gautier	Robert Barr	Donald Tiblier
9234	Indianola	Joe Tannehill	
9409	West Biloxi	Materno Yapit	William F. Entriken
9543	Madison	David Scott	Dennis Riecke
9673	Woolmarket	Lonnie R. Parvin	Joseph Souza
9958	Lizana	Hollis J. Moran	Anthony J. Moran
10216	Brandon	Dennis Diester	John C. Lewis, III
10443	Grenada	John G. Savoie, Jr.	Buddy Honeycutt
10499	Ocean Springs	Thomas J. Homsany	Kerry S. Roberts
10901	Oxford	Robert A. Grant	Peter C. Sukanek
11541	St. James, Gulfport	Edward C. Croal	Harold Noll
11654	Wiggins	A. C. Mack McCarney	Joseph Kallagher
11904	St. Lucy's, Lucedale	James Holland	Ray Shields
11934	Gluckstadt	Joseph R. Jones, Jr.	John C. Minninger
11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	Paul J. Mackin	John E. Irions
11995	West Harrison		
12166	Sacred Heart	Henry Bertagnolli	Carl Muse

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District	1	Robert A. Hudson
District	2	Kenneth Lubbers
District	3	Ron Kochler
District	4	Richard Benton
District	5	Dennis Riecke
District	6	Natale J. Zummo
District	7	Richard W. Spence
District	8	Dr. David Hughes
District	9	John R. Ward
District	10	David DiLorenzo
District	11	Daniel J. Lechner
District	12	Don F. Cox

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

John P. Meyers	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
Robert Fratesi	Wiley Price, Jr.
Norman L. Kiehm	Stanley M. Swentkowski
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.	Thomas R. Zettler
Marvin L. Lott	

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop William R. Houck
Bishop Joseph L. Howze

Respectfully submitted,

C. Bruce Pabon, State Secretary
Richard W. Warren
Ben DiLorenzo
Bradley D. Burden
Marvin Cannon
Joe Tannerhill

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order and opened this Saturday Morning Session of the 94th Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Richard T. Liding verified current 3rd Degree membership cards. The State Chaplain opened the session with a prayer and Master Michael Gilly lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SATURDAY MORNING'S OPENING REMARKS

Before the Presentation of Reports, the State Deputy presented as an "ice breaker", a listening challenge to the delegates.

In this age of the super electronic information highway, call forwarding, call waiting, caller ID, pagers, cordless phones, cellular phones, video phones, and of course, the internet, and the list goes on and on. Communication is the name of the game. And communication is more than just hearing yourself speak. It is much more than that. It is as much as charity is more than gifts of money. We are taught that TRUE charity is caring for our brothers and those less fortunate.

A good communicator listens.

A good communicator listens to understand NOT be understood.

Now for some of you this is your first State Convention. We welcome you. For some this is the second or third. For some this is the tenth or twentieth or thirtieth. I know several that this convention is close to the half a century mark (plus or minus).

So basically what we share here is nothing new. We hear reports. We witness the recognition of our brothers for some excellent examples of charity, unity and fraternity, and patriotism. We hear more reports. We hear addresses by our bishops, our Supreme Representative, our State Officers, and so on.

We hear..... We hear..... We hear. But do we TRULY LISTEN !!!

DO WE LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND !!!

Well to awaken and sharpen your listening skills this morning. I would us like to have a little fun. Let's all take out a sheet of paper and something to write with, and let's take a quiz. Now I promise you will enjoy this.

Ok. Now you might be wondering why we went through this exercise. Because we need to sincerely LISTEN to the messages that we will HEAR this weekend. We don't need to be "casually involved." We need to be "personally committed" to the messages and to the vision that we have established for our Jurisdiction.

Worthy State Deputy, with all due respect, "What in the world are you talking about? Casually involved....Personally committed? Well let me give you a graphic example. Casually involved and personally committed is sort of like ham and eggs. The chicken was casually involved. The pig was personally committed. One could lay and walk away. The other was there to stay.

If we want to be the Organization that is going to set the pace and change the values of our society that better reflect the Gospel of Christ, we MUST be PERSONALLY committed. This is paramount to our success.

So as we sit here this weekend and HEAR the messages from the men who are leading our Jurisdiction to further the cause of Columbianism, let us all sincerely LISTEN and become personally committed to our vision.

State Officers Reports

State Chaplain's Report Rev. Dennis J. Carver

Bishop Houck, Bishop Howze, State Deputy Guy Todaro, My Brothers Knights and Ladies,

Before I begin the 1998 State Chaplain's Report, allow me to express my gratitude to Almighty God for the privilege of serving as chaplain on the state level. I extend my thanks also to State Deputy Guy Todaro, for his generous invitation to me to serve in this capacity. I recognize and personally believe that with every privilege God gives us comes a responsibility. My responsibility as State Chaplain? Every morning in the small country parish church of Sacred Heart in Dedeaux, I pray for the Knights of Columbus in our state. I see that my responsibility as State Chaplain is primarily a responsibility of prayer for the KC organization. To this end, for you, the Knights of Columbus, I do pray daily. The state council derived this year's convention theme from a retreat that they took ..a time of prayer and community building. The theme was appropriate for the state council as they reflected and prayed about their duties. They are generous in extending their retreat theme to this year's convention. The theme is "KEEP CHRIST FIRST IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS."

However, Christ in the gospels is a person of many charisms. Christ is healer, teacher, wonder worker. Which aspect of Christ should we keep as KC's? Many charisms: He is the forgiving one, the friend, the one who loves and suffers. As Knights of Columbus which feature of Christ should we keep? May I suggest to you my fellow knights that we keep the most important aspect of Christ as Keeper of his Church. Let us be servants!

Jesus presents a graphic model of service. Just before his passion, Christ himself waits on the table and washes the feet of the apostles who will carry his church forward. As men of the Knights let us take THAT CHRIST as the Christ we keep. Let us be servants. Let us generously serve the Catholic Church in Mississippi!

In every meeting of the KC's that I have ever attended, there is always a healthy striving for success. In Mississippi let us know that our success comes from keeping the Christ who says "...whoever wants to be great must ... (serve)." Let us serve the Church in our state. In the Knights of Columbus there is a good competition for local and regional status ... the most in this, the best in that. In our state, let us commit ourselves to keeping the Christ who says, "...whoever wants to be first must ...serve." Let us serve the Catholic Church in Mississippi.

As Knights of Columbus, when we keep this Christ, we mark ourselves as true disciples. When we keep this Christ, Christ the servant, our councils and round tables become ministries, not just organizations. Suddenly, they build up the Body of Christ so that the Church in our state prospers.

Not only this, but when we keep Christ the Servant, we mark ourselves as people faith. Faith leads to service according to our individual gifts. Let us KEEP CHRIST FIRST. Let us serve!

Finally, in keeping Christ as servant - we counter a great lie in our culture. There are millions of message every day in our culture that say that happiness and success consists in having and getting. That's the wrong road. Never should we emulate that lie. Real happiness comes in a self emptying. Happiness comes in giving and serving others. My brothers knights, let us pursue happiness in serving the Church in Mississippi.

May Christ the servant be the impetus of every council and round table in our state. May his blessings come upon us. May the Father be pleased with our efforts and striving. And may the civilization of love come to fruition in Mississippi. May God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dennis J. Carver
State Chaplain

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

My Brother Knights,
As I did a year ago, I wish to thank you for continuing to put your trust in my abilities and allow me to serve you as your State Deputy. For my loving wife, Lisa, and the two children that God has blessed us with, Trey and Jennifer, this past year has been a wonderful yet challenging experience.

As I stated yesterday, from the beginning, this administration bonded together as a TEAM, a fraternal team, a family. I congratulate you, my brother knights for electing this State Family to serve you this past year. I hope you have been pleased with our performance so far.

I am especially thankful for our State Chaplain, who from the beginning set the tone and atmosphere for the spiritual side of our ministry as a state family. I thank God each night that he has blessed us with the wisdom of this young priest. Thank you Father Dennis for the many insights and blessings that you have bestowed on our beloved jurisdiction this year.

Our Vision

As a team of leaders, we established a vision for the Mississippi Jurisdiction for the coming years. Because without a vision, we can confuse activity with accomplishments. Without vision we can put our efforts into "spinning our wheels" and "treading water" and not make any forward progress to fulfilling the mission of our Order. Our vision has been stated as the footer on our communications. We constantly keep it visible and at the forefront to maintain our focus. Our vision is that the *"Mississippi Knights will set the pace to the Third Millennium."*

But being practical Catholics, we had to put a caveat on our vision. This caveat came about as the theme of our First Annual State Officer's Retreat. Under the spiritual leadership of our State

Chaplain, Father Dennis Carver, the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Personnel spent almost two full days personally renewing our commitment to our Faith, to the principles of our Order, and our commitment to each other, and then placing them in the proper priority within our Christian lives. The theme of that retreat is the same one which we have expanded as the theme for this convention "Keep Christ First in the Knights of Columbus."

We realize that if we keep Christ first, no matter what our accomplishments are, they would be a success. Because everything we do as a organization of Catholic men, we do for the Glory and Honor of our Lord, and Him alone.

The unique thing about this retreat was that it was Knights of Columbus serving Knights of Columbus. The kitchen and support staff, as well as the participants of the retreat were members of the Knights of Columbus.

This coming September, September 11-13, we are scheduling our Second Annual Retreat. This year we are opening up the retreat to include all Grand Knights. Our hope is that our Grand Knights will be inspired with the same bond of unity that we experienced, and that together, as a more unified body of men, we can accomplish more than ever before. I hope that each one of you mark your calendars now for this special event.

Key Job Responsibilities for the State Deputy

As with any key leadership position, the role of a State Deputy is two-fold. He is to promote the growth as well as the welfare of our Order at the highest level in our Jurisdiction. This role must be visibly seen. The State Deputy's actions must match his words. He must "walk the talk." His role cannot be one-sided. He cannot concentrate the majority of his efforts on membership, without the proper balance on programs. And these programs must promote the welfare of our Order. They must exemplify the principles on which our Order was founded.

The State Deputy must communicate the Vision with passion and bring it to life. He must communicate it by his actions.

Vince Lombardi used to say, "It is easy to be ordinary. It is easy to be average. But it takes courage, commitment, consistency, and conviction to be a champion. And not just for today but for years to come."

It is also your responsibility to communicate the vision also by your actions. People will remember the message of our vision three ways:

- by the tone of our voice,
- by our body language or actions,
- and by our words.

But statistics show they only remember

- 7% by words,
- only 38% by tone,
- but they will remember 55% by actions.

So truly our actions speak louder than our words. People don't care how much you know, they must know how much you care.

As we progress further with our preparation for the Third Millennium, we will encounter three groups of people:

those who MAKE it happen,
those who WATCH it happen,
and those who walk around in a daze and ask "WHAT HAPPENED?"

The men in this room and their families are the group that will MAKE IT HAPPEN. I am convinced of that.

Now, I realize it is customary for the State Deputy's report to cover many areas both on the growth and welfare of our Order. Our agenda is full of reports and addresses that will cover many of these. And I truly want you to LISTEN to these men, because our district deputies, directors and chairmen are the ones that were empowered and they made it happen, not me.

In lieu of that, I would like to highlight some of the initiatives we have focused on this year. I refer to these as incremental improvements. Because I believe that incremental improvements are better than postponed perfection.

In general, we have focused on initiatives that round us out as a Catholic, Family, Fraternal Organization. Under the area of family, our Ladies Auxiliary has expanded Columbianism in our Jurisdiction. From my travels, it is obvious that in most cases, councils that have aggressive growth and programs, have a very vibrant Ladies Auxiliary. This past year the ladies have added two new auxiliaries. I congratulate those councils that took the initiative to start a ladies auxiliary. I encourage more councils to seriously examine and consider forming a state affiliated ladies auxiliary. They truly create a win-win situation.

Our Squires program is another bright spot in the State. What a magnificent way to touch a young man's life. And do you know how many young men we have touched to join the ranks of squires since July 1, 39 with ZERO losses. We continue to jockey between first and second place in our division. I have never been more honored than when Jim Yaggi asked me to come to Ocean Springs to invest the State Squire's Circle.

Under the umbrella of fraternity and good of the Order, we have made some step changes in our success. We instituted a tiered call-out list where we could formally notify more brother knights across the state about a tragedy or a great miracle of faith. And we have had both this year. Little did I know when this call-out list was formed that the first time it would be used was to notify the state of the death of my grandmother, Mary B. Cabibi, widow of the late John S. Cabibi, PSD. And then one of the last times it was to be used was to notify the state of the death of our State Treasurer, Ted V. Knowles, my beloved father-in-law. And also around Christmas when we notified everyone of the death of Mary Myers, wife of John Pat Myers, PSD, and the death of Harry Creagan, Financial Secretary of McComb.

But as I mentioned we had several occasions to spread good news also. When District Deputy No. 2 Ken Lubbers had a very serious automobile accident with an 18 wheeler, and sustained only minor injuries, we called everyone on the list in jubilation. As State Ceremonials Director Lessie Ladnier recuperated in the hospital for over 100 days, we continued to notify everyone of his progress. And finally when we learned that Grand Knight Dennis Diester of Brandon Council had an accident with an automatic nail gun where he had a 3 inch nail driven into his brain and miraculously had virtually no affects from the accident or the following retraction of the nail.

Would these three brother knights please stand up and be recognized.

Another fraternal initiative that we implemented this year was the practice of attending the wake service of a deceased brother knight. The state officers, district deputies, and others represented all of you brother knights, and presented to the family a letter of sympathy, a resolution of condolence, and we enrolled each deceased member in the SMA Fathers Perpetual Mass. It was obvious how much the family appreciated our presence. I believe it is the least we can do to honor a brother knight. But with each initiative there is always room for improvement.

The Web

I am really excited about our soon to be released State Web Site. We hope to finalize the terms of this site very soon. Our intent is to appoint a web master and allow every council to hot link into the State Web Page. We will have information on State initiatives, Council initiatives, an electronic version of the Magnolia Knight, Pro-life issues, vocations news, etc. I would like to thank the Vicksburg Council for assisting in this project.

Membership

Throughout the state we have had pockets of success as well as areas of opportunity to continue the growth of our Jurisdiction. For the first six months we fell slightly short of our Supreme Goal (10 to be exact). Our gross membership numbers were 154 through December. We had a statewide membership blitz in November which boosted our numbers. But of course 77 suspensions reduced that number to 77 net new members

And then at our regional mid-winter meetings in January, all of us in this room established a realistic goal to meet by June 30. That goal ranged from 285 - 317.

This number was a team goal with every member of the team assisting in setting the goal. To date we have recruited 114 of that goal. Since we set this goal as a team, we will at achieve or beat this goal as a team. As in the fall, we recently completed our second successful state wide membership drive on March 21-22.

I could dwell more on suspensions but I won't. All I ask you to do is to properly follow the procedures properly and ensure that we have given the member every benefit of the doubt that he truly does not want to be in the Knights of Columbus. And then we have to concentrate on what it is we are doing or not doing that members are losing sight of the mission of our Order and the vision of our Jurisdiction. That is the real issue. Suspensions are merely the symptom.

I believe our ceremonial teams continue to be another bright spot in our performance as a Jurisdiction. Without our many first degree teams and two second and third degree teams, it would be senseless to recruit new members. These teams continue to perform our degrees with excellence.

I guess what I'm trying to say brothers, is that we are doing a lot of the right things. We have to continue to look for new initiatives to implement to help change the values of our society. Why? Well to continue attract and retain members, we have to find the what buttons are the hot buttons of our customers. Who are our customers? The catholic community. What we have to realize is that people have more choices now than ever before, more things to do with their discretionary time.

Is it going to be hard? Yes it's hard. It's suppose to be hard. You don't fall on top of a mountain, you climb it one rock at a time. Our attitude will determine our altitude.

We have two things going for us. One is that we are a team and God is on our team. The second is our preparation for the Third Millennium. We must exploit it. This year's theme is Renew our Faith. We need to reflect and renew our commitment to our Faith, renew our commitment to our Order, and renew our commitment of service to those less fortunate.

I am excited about the Third Millennium. I am excited about truly being and living history in the making. I want to create what they call in the business world "Customer Delight" not Customer Satisfaction. I want our actions, our programs, our initiatives to create a WOW experience for our customers. I want people to say,

"WOW what a Knights of Columbus member!
WOW what a Knights of Columbus Council!
WOW what a vocations program!
WOW what a pro-life program!
I WANT TO BE PART OF THAT TEAM!"

Brothers, I want to thank you again for your support in this team that you elected. I especially thank you for allowing me the honor and opportunity to serve you in a very humble way as your State Deputy. I hope that you will allow me to continue to serve you and our Order as your State Deputy.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
State Deputy

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

As your State Secretary, it is my honor to report to you on the status of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. This report covers from April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998 as per the April 1, 1998 report from Supreme.

We have had a total net gain of 123 members as per this report. Insurance has also seen an increase from 2000 to 2056.

I am saddened to say that since the last convention 69 Brother knights have moved on to higher ground and started their final journey to eternity. As I stated yesterday we have reached a unique time in history. We can witness the end of a Millennium and the beginning of another. What can happen in 1,000 years? In the year 1,000 A.D., the start of the 2nd Millennium, gunpowder, paper money, movable type and a numerical system were created. The largest city in the world had a population of only 450,000. World population grew at an average of one tenth of one percent per year. Today the largest city has several million inhabitants and the world population has increased to over 20 times what it was. We the Knights of Columbus have been asked by our Holy Father to help prepare the way into this 3rd Millennium. As we move forward, the overall theme chosen is "Jubilee 2000." Within this theme is a theme chosen to represent what we believe we have to offer to the world. In 1997 the theme was "Catch the Spirit" in 1998 "it is "Renew the Faith" in 1999 "Spread the Word" and in the year 2000 "Share the Joy." As we move forward we can see that each theme shows us the way to grow our faith for the next Millennium.

What will the 4th Millennium look like? What will be said about the year 2000 A.D.? Will it say that we have destroyed the earth or will it say we have learned to live with nature. Will it say that a cure for cancer, HIV, common cold, and all sickness has been found or will it say millions die from disease. Will it be that we learn to live together or will we destroy ourselves.

We the Knights of Columbus have a unique opportunity to help shape the future. In order to do this we must be willing to step up and say "I want to make a difference. I want to end abortion, I want to end poverty, I want to end hunger, I want to end differences in my order. I want to make a difference and make Christ # 1."

I would like to close by saying that it has indeed been a pleasure to serve as your State Secretary over the past year. The Knights and their families that I have met and visited with, have all enhanced my life and my love for the order. Thank you again and may God bless each of you and yours.

VIVAT JESUS
Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pabon
State Secretary

The following is the status of membership by Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction as of April 1, 1998 as compared with totals of April 1, 1997. Also noted are the names of the deceased members

per council. Figures are based on the monthly report of membership from Supreme.

Council No.	Council Name	1997	1998	Increase	Decrease	Deceased
802	Meridian	223	221		2	2
848	Jackson	81	81	0	0	3
898	Vicksburg	328	353	25		6
1034	Natchez	197	189		8	2
1244	Biloxi	363	377	14		2
1522	Bay St. Louis	192	197	5		3
1583	Gulfport	306	307	1		1
1605	Pascagoula	276	238		38	6
1908	Hattiesburg	131	114		17	2
2134	Greenville	155	147		8	2
2180	Laurel	118	119	1		2
2945	Leland	62	59		3	2
2969	Clarksdale	275	271		4	
4472	Pass Christian	41	37		4	
4898	Long Beach	133	138	5		
5267	Greenwood	80	71		9	3
5556	Cleveland	150	156	6		2
5654	Ocean Springs	186	191	5		4
6555	Shelby	40	36		4	1
6592	Bassfield	86	87	1		2
6765	Starkville	49	79	30		
6872	Picayune	87	90	3		1
7087	Kiln	69	55		14	3
7120	Southaven	79	83	4		
7211	Lumberton	79	62		17	3
7854	Clinton	56	66	10		
7910	Orange Grove	113	125	12		
7915	Brookhaven	82	87	5		2
7974	Columbus	44	48	4		
8038	Pearl	70	77	7		1
8054	McComb	56	53		3	
8285	Jackson	88	80		8	6
8760	Holly Springs	38	35		3	1
8848	Tupelo	154	156	2		
8912	Corinth	30	29		1	1
9094	D'Iberville	96	86		10	1

9124	Gautier	105	100		5	
9234	Indianola	44	42		2	
9409	West Biloxi	90	108	18		
9543	Madison	116	117	1		
9673	Woolmarket	62	62	0	0	
9958	Lizana	64	65	1		
10216	Brandon	49	55	6		
10443	Grenada	41	34		7	2
10499	East Ocean Springs	89	97	8		2
10901	Oxford	102	109	7		
11541	Gulfport, St. James	105	115	10		1
11654	Wiggins	30	33	3		
11901	Lucedale	32	38	6		
11934	Gluckstadt	33	36	3		
11956	Columbia/Tylertown	0	34	34		
11995	Pass Christian	0	31	31		
12166	Pascagoula	0	39	39		
Total		5,575	5,715	307	167	69

A total net gain of 140 members is shown by this report. Included are 2056 insurances members and 3659 associate members. Also included in these totals are 508 honorary life members, 99 honorary members and 338 inactive members. Included in this report are 69 deceased members reported by their Councils since the last convention.

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

802 Meridian	Martin C. Fleming John O'Neil Johnson
848 Jackson	William P. Joseph Herman W. Mosby Rev. Anthony L. Pudenz
898 Vicksburg	Charles O'Connor James P. McIntyre Joseph E. Bonelli Fred J. Groome, Jr. Nicholas Kawaluk James A. Wilson, PGK
1034 Natchez	Hugh W. Bowie Joe Guercio

1244 Biloxi	Dr. Harry J. Schmidt
1522 Bay St. Louis	William J. Senseney
	Henry Pulizzano, Sr.
	David Fabella
	Carlos Arnold, PGK
1583 Gulfport	Willie (Victor) Ladner
1605 Pascagoula	Aubrey Beckham
	Hudson L. Delmas
	Claude C. DuPont
	Robert L. Goff, Sr.
	J. David Kazal
	Ted V. Knowles, (State Treasurer)
1908 Hattiesburg	James Lipscomb
	Kenneth Rice
2134 Greenville	Raymond V. Kimble, Jr., FSS
	William V. Mauceli
2180 Laurel	Gibb L. Norsworthy
	Wayne Parker
2945 Leland	Ed Petro
	Anthony J. Giardina
5267 Greenwood	Dennis Upchurch
	Henry Espel
	Lee Abraham, Sr.
5654 Ocean Springs	A.J. Holloway
	George J. Sliman
	Everett L. Williams
	Wilfred Vincent
5556 Cleveland	Dominic P. Rizzo
	Harold G. Mills
6555 Shelby	Robert Fava, Sr.
6592 Bassfield	Eddie Daley
	Charles Sylvest

6872 Picayune	Robert R. Miller
7087 Kiln	Willie Bond Melvin Ladner Clements J. Ladner
7211 Lumberton	Hubert Byrd Ted Niemeyer Joe S. Niemeyer
7915 Brookhaven	William P. Barry Dite E. Wall
8038 Pearl	Eugene Kinnick
8285 Jackson, St. Therese	William R. (Bill) Kelty Brother Luke A. Pearson John J. Holland Henry Espel Benjamin Miksa Louis Vally Covert, Jr.
8760 Holly Springs	David Karuako
8912 Corinth	Carl Upchurch
9409 West Biloxi	Lewis (Larry) Lawrence
10443 Grenada	Patrick Daly Nick Zelenak
10499 Ocean Springs	Alan C. Smith Frank F. Fernandez
11541 St. James Gulfport	Joseph Schloegel

**State Treasurer's Report
Tom Zettler, PSD**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Period April 1, 1997 through Ended March 31, 1998

RECEIPTS

Per Capita	\$38,279
Interest Income	1,007
Charitable Contributions Received - Project Rachel	<u>595</u>
Total Receipts	\$39,881

EXPENDITURES

1997 Convention Expense	20,044
State Officers' Expenses	7,950
Membership Recruitment	1,720
Charitable Donations	3,590
Organizational Meeting	3,206
Supplies	3,252
School of Columbianism and Mid-winter conferences	1,576
Special Meeting	2,556
Ceremonials	294
Columbian Squires	131
New Council Development	235
Mental Retardation Program	241
Program Expenses	1,136
Public Relations - Magnolia Knight, Directory, Advertising	3,085
State Officers' Retreat	702
Supreme Convention - Bishop's Expense	1,229
Miscellaneous	429
Administrative Expenses	1,250
Total Expenditures	<u>52,626</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Receipts	<u>\$(12,745)</u>

Checking Account #410-0341487

Beginning Balance - April 1, 1997	\$45,242.86
Cash Receipts	39,880.69
Cash Expenditures	<u>52,625.76</u>
Ending Balance - March 31, 1998	<u>\$34,432.81</u>

State Advocate's Report
Thomas F. Chady

Brother Knights, it was again a pleasure for me to serve you as State Advocate this past year. I found this position to be much more than just a judicial one. I noted a number of different issues that needed improvement as I traveled throughout the state, and notified all Grand Knights of them by mail. I was able to secure a blanket exemption for all councils to cover the Knights of Columbus under the Charitable Solicitation Act. I remained in constant contact with Bro. John McDevitt Supreme counsel on various issues and resolutions.

I am very pleased with the cooperation of council Grand Knights as we addressed several difficult situations. I would like to note that in all situations, the cases were handled within Mississippi boundaries as well they should be.

I made 15 council officers installations, three School of columbiaism, five Mid-Winter meetings, over a half dozen 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degrees installation of state officers, Supreme Convention state bowling tournament and numerous council events. I tried to make myself visible throughout the state, and will continue as long as you wish me to do so.

Again I am glad that I could assist you and look forward to doing so in the future. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted
Thomas F. Chady
State Advocate

State Warden's Report
Richard T. Lieding

A year ago we stood before you and made the promise to be with you and to support you. We have done our best to do so. 104 days of the last 294 which included 22 out of 42 weekends were spent with you. We were with you in happy times when your officers were installed, new members came in at degrees, and current members were honored at various ceremonies. We were with you in those sad but also hopeful times when brother knights were called home by God. We are still saddened by the loss of my fellow state officer, Brother Ted Knowles. I want to personally thank and express my appreciation to all of you for your kind invitations and also for sending me your newsletters.

Brothers, it is the function of the office of Warden to keep order. However, if we are truly fraternal in our dealings and activities with one another, order will take care of itself. Brother Knowles believed that we should listen to the words of our ceremonials as lessons to take to heart. I readily agree. We should always keep before us the beautiful words and lessons of each one of our degrees. Brothers, I appreciate the kindness, support and friendship that you have extended this year. In closing, I want to leave you with the words of St Paul as he wrote to Titus (Titus 2:7), " In everything

set them an example by doing what is good Show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard T. Lieding
State Warden

Immediate past State Deputy's Report
Jessie J. Quinn, III

Brothers, it is indeed a pleasure for me to be with you again. I want you to know that you are very important to me and no matter where I am, you are always in my thoughts and in my heart.

We, as knights, have important work to do. We are all here, because we believe in uniting together to do God's work. If you did not believe in this basic principal, you would not be here today. You probably would not have joined the Knights of Columbus. This principal, uniting to do God's work, is and always has been the underlying theme of the Knights of Columbus. With this in mind, I think that our greatest challenge today is to be effective leaders for Christ. This sounds good, but how do we do this? Well, I have a few ideas.

We, as individuals need to become more sensitive to the people around us. We need to lead by the examples that we set in our own personal lives, day to day. We should place the needs of others ahead of our own personal needs. We can do all of this by doing little things, like thanking the worker at McDonald's who is doing his dead level best to serve us, even though he is lacking the assistance of several workers who failed to come to work and, at the same time, is being bombarded with complaint by a long line of angry customers. We can stand by our friends and acquaintances in their time of need, even if it's not the popular thing to do. We can spend time talking to our wives, while we help her clean up the kitchen after a good meal. We can tell our son that even though he didn't get a hit during the baseball game, we are proud of him because of the determination and persistence that he showed in the game and during practice. We can take time to look, to really look, at the handmade Valentine's day card that our daughter made for mommy and daddy, and in the course of doing these kinds of "little" things, we can allow the love of Christ to grow in our own hearts. By doing these "little" things, the people around us will see that we are truly Christian men who believe. In living our faith by doing these "little" things, we will gain the respect of the people around us, and suddenly, I think we will find that people will become more interested in what we are doing, because they will see the positive effect of our actions, and we, in turn, will increase our opportunity to accomplish good things. I believe that if we do the "little" things as Knights of Columbus, our order will shine brightly and grow beyond our wildest expectations. By simply doing the "little" things, we will have the fulfilling satisfaction of knowing that we are indeed doing God's work by leading people to Christ.

Respectfully submitted by
Jesse Quinn III

General Agent Report

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officers, Master, Field Agents, Delegates and Brother Knights. It is a genuine pleasure to be here with all you today.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all for that you are doing to make this state a better place to live and work. Through your generous scholarship and service programs for young people, and contributions to such worthy efforts as the Boys Scout, the Mentally Retarded, and 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.

I will be brief, but not quite as brief as the cub reporter who was assigned to write some obituaries. He submitted one to his editor that went like this: "Mr. Jones looked up the elevator shaft to see if it was on the way down. It was. Age forty-five.

The Mosco Agency Services only the State of Mississippi. April 1, 1998 we lack 1 Field Agent being fully staffed. Due to Fred Ward taking a managers position in Arkansas, I had to find a replacement. It is currently still open, but I think we have a replacement in line.

April 8, 1998, John (Jack) Schaefer called and resigned. I am now looking for a replacement to service that area. I am proud of the Agency Force we presently have. Most of them have many years of service and experience and are real professionals in their field.

I want to congratulate those councils with 100% or better in membership, as of April 1, 1998.

1.	#9409 West Biloxi	280%
2.	#7854 Clinton	220%
3.	#6765 Starkville	200%
4.	#7910 North Gulfport	183%
5.	#8038 Pearl & #11541 Gulfport	160%
6.	#898 Vicksburg	153%
7.	#8285 Jackson	140%
8.	Tie #10216 Brandon & #10901 Oxford	120%
9.	#5654 Ocean Springs	111%
10.	#11904 Lucedale	100%

It is not to late for the rest to achieve 100% of Quota for the Fraternal Year.

I also want to congratulate the Councils with 100% or better in insurance (The Founders Award), as of April 1, 1998.

1. Four way tie for	#6765 Starkville, #9404 West Biloxi, #11934 Gluckstadt, #11995 Pass Christian	166%
2. Four way tie for	# 10443 Grenada, #11541 Gulfport, #11904 Lucedale, #11958 Columbia/Tylertown	133%
3.	#898 Vicksburg	125%
4. Three way tie for	#8285 Jackson, #9094 North Biloxi, #10499 Ocean Springs	100%

It is not to late for the rest to achieve 100% of Quota for the Fraternal Year.

We have twelve that has reached their Membership Quota or better and twelve that has reached their insurance Quota by April 1, 1998. Lets not loose any and maintain that, for the rest, you have time to reach your Quotas. If you need help, ask your field agent and together you can achieve much more.

Councils with 100% of Quota in Membership and Insurance:

#	COUNCIL	MEMBERSHIP %	INSURANCE %
00898	Vicksburg	153	125
06765	Starkville	200	166
08285	Jackson	140	100
09409	West Biloxi	280	166
11541	Gulfport	160	133
11904	Lucedale	100	133

Lets give these councils a hand.

The Order is doing an outstanding job in our insurance portfolio. We still maintain the highest rating available by A.M. Best and Standard and Poor. Supreme is always researching for better ways of servicing our members with new products to help our current day situations. We have a new last to die policy to help in paying estate taxes where they are needed. We have the Roth IRA.

Fraternally,
Henry Mosco, FIC
General Agent

State Vocations Chairman's Report

The State council provided the funds to purchase two professionally produced, 30 second television ads promoting vocations to the priesthood. These two advertisements have been made available by the diocese of Rockford, IL. Entitled "The Call" and "A Priest Like Me", they are both an invitation and challenge to the priesthood.

By the state councils generosity and collaboration of the communications department in Biloxi, these spot ads will air during Prime time local evening news with the ABC affiliate, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, for one week beginning next Sunday. It will go also into the Diocese of Jackson through cable networking and satellite reception.

We will not know the success of this until we know, by the grace of God, more men ordained and happily committed to priesthood.

Please pray for vocations.

Respectfully submitted,
State Chaplain, Fr. Dennis Carver
State Vocations Chairman

State Squires Report

This year has been one of the finest years in the growth of the Squires in our state. At present (March 17, 1998) we are in second place in division II in percentage gain with 28.03% gain in membership with 37 new Squires joining our circles throughout the state. Currently, and one of the most important statistics dealing with our membership is that we have had no suspensions. We started this year with 132 members. Presently we have 169 members. We hope to regain our first place standings before the end of the fraternal year on June 30, 1998, with some fine recruiting from our Squire circles. In the area of new circle development, we have reinstated the oldest circle in our state, Vicksburg circle #81 which was started back in the early 1930's. These young men have done an excellent job and have been very active since they started this circle back again. Ocean Springs circle 2852 has been recognized as one of the leading circles world wide this fraternal year in recruitment by recruiting 12 new members thus far in an 8 month period. These young men, along with the guidance of their father prior, Rev. Father Mike Nance, their chief counselor Joe Niezgoda, and all the men supporting this circle in Ocean Springs are to be commended for the example they have set for all to follow not just in recruiting, but in the example they set as living their lives as Catholic gentlemen.

At this year's state Squires convention we were excited to have 6 members of the Mobile, Alabama circle present along with their father prior and chief counselor. The Squires of our state conducted their convention with pride and stressed the importance of living up to the pledges they took when they became Squires. Two men were singled out this year at the convention for their hard work put into the Squires. The first was Mr. Joe Niezgoda who was selected as Counselor of the year, and Mr.

Lance Lambert, State Chief Squire, as Squire of the Year. The following officers were selected for the Squires for the 1997-1998 fraternal year:

State Chief Squire: William Hughes Laurel Circle 3768
State Deputy Chief Squire: Chase Edwards Laurel Circle 3768
State Notary: Jerrod Underwood Gulfport Circle 3091
State Marshall: Chris Snodgrass Ocean Springs Circle 2852
State Bursar: Matt Barousse Picayune Circle 4234
State Sentry: Cameron Edwards Laurel Circle 3768
State Arm Captain: Mike Jarter Ocean Springs Circle 2852
State Pole Captain: Steve Tomaszewski Ocean Springs Circle 2852

Congratulations to all these young men for showing their outstanding leadership qualities that helped them become state Squire officers.

The state softball tournament was held in Gulfport this year, and as always, the Gulfport Knights of Columbus, along with their Squires, made everyone feel as if they were right at home. They always roll out the red carpet for the Squires of our state when we have any type of activity at Gulfport. Once again, the tournament came down to the wire with Laurel playing Gulfport in the championship game. Once again, Laurel for the fourth straight year came away with the first place trophy. The tournament will again be held in Gulfport this year some time in early summer, weather permitting.

The convention for this year will be held in Picayune in early November. Any knights who have not attended a Squires convention needs to try to attend one to see how well these young men conduct themselves and handle business. Three circles were awarded the Corps De Elite award from Supreme Council this year, they were, Ocean Springs circle 2852, Picayune circle 4234, and Laurel circle 3768. Congratulations to each circle for maintaining such a high standard of excellence and setting the pace to the 3rd Millennium.

This past fraternal year has been one of the most successful years ever for the Squires in our state. They have shown their leadership abilities, worked many hours helping the needy, serving the church, and most of all, serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the way young Catholic gentlemen should. The support of the state Knights of Columbus family and all the councils in the state has been an inspiration to all of the Squires. Lets keep up the good work in our state and promote the Squires to a higher level as we prepare for the year 2000.

Once again I would personally like to thank each and everyone of you for your support of the Squires organization. There is no other Young men's organization I know of that can help a young man be the type of Christian Catholic gentleman he needs to be, better than the Squires

May God bless each and everyone of you and your families.
Esto Dignus,
Jim Yaggi
State Squires Chairman

State Mental Retardation Report

To: State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Members
From: Joseph B. Goellner, Sr., State Mental Retardation Chairman

The Knights of Columbus in Mississippi have had another successful Program Year for the Mentally Handicapped Citizens in Mississippi. The donated funds will impact over 75,000 mentally handicapped persons in Mississippi.

We want to thank each and every Knight, their families, and 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 \$132,900.00 for 1997. We did not achieve this goal, but we collected a net of \$109,602.97 even though 10 (approximately 20%) of our Councils failed to turn in money and reports for 1997. If these funds and reports are received the proceeds will be added to the 1998 program.

An award will be presented to the Council with the highest net donation per member and to the Council with the highest net donation per Council. The Corinth Council # 8912 won the highest donation per member award with \$155.63 per member and Tupelo Council #8848 won the highest donation per council with total of \$18277.38.

The Mississippi State Council Officers and the Past State Deputies named to the Board at the 1997 Foundation Meeting serve as the membership and the Board of Directors of the Knight of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. As State Chairman, I assisted the State Deputy and State Treasurer who served as President and Treasurer of the Foundation.

The 1998 State Program was introduced and the Program Booklets were distributed at the State Mid-Year Meetings during January and February 1998. I have asked the District Deputies to act as a District Chairmen for the 1998 program. Grand Knights are asked to appoint a Local Chairman present the program to the membership at a Council meeting prior to the drive. 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 \$146,200.00 for the state of Mississippi in 1998. We should achieve this goal, if we increase our enthusiasm and devotion to this program by the participation of every council. We hope that each and every one of you will visit your local Mentally Retarded Association and see how your contribution has helped that organization. If you need any stimulation in this program, that visit will be all that you will need. Not every council participated last year. We hope that every Council will participate this year.

This year we ask you to use the week of May 11 through May 17 to collect for this Drive. The first part of the week is for business donations and Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th for city-wide Drive. Our insurance for workers collecting for this Drive will only be in effect on Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the net will be for distribution by the State Foundation and seventy five percent (75%) of the net for local Council's designated local recipients.

All monies less than the cost of Tootsie Rolls and aprons should be forwarded to the State Chairman, immediately on completion of the Drive. Billing for Tootsie Rolls and aprons will be billed to the ordering Council, and they should be paid for at that level with monies withheld from the total receipts for that purpose only -- no other monies can be expended. Councils should exercise strict control 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 the Net Proceeds, Audit Form and Distribution Forms to the State Chairman by June 01, 1998. The goal is to return checks for local council distribution before June 30, 1998.

Good luck to each Council!
Fraternally Yours
Joseph B Goellner, Chairman
State Mental Retardation Program

**MS STATE COUNCIL
1998 MENTAL RETARDATION
PROGRAM REPORT**

Council	Council	Audit	Distr	Gross	Net	#	Dollars	Council	State	Matching	Total Funds	1998
Goal	Name	Report	Report	Income	Income	Members	Per Member	Distributions	Distributions	Funds	Donated	Goal
802	Meridian	Yes	Yes	625.92	625.92	223	2.81	469.44	156.48	0.00	625.92	1,500.00
848	Jackson	Yes	Yes	3,194.82	3,000.00	81	37.04	2,250.00	750.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
898	Vicksburg	Yes	Yes	1,493.02	1,493.02	328	4.55	1,119.77	373.25	0.00	1,493.02	2,500.00
1034	Natchez	Yes	Yes	1,517.22	1,517.22	197	7.70	1,137.92	379.30	0.00	1,517.22	2,000.00
1244	Biloxi	Yes	Yes	2,872.89	2,155.19	363	5.94	1,616.39	538.80	0.00	2,155.19	3,000.00
1522	Bay St Louis	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	192	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
1583	Gulfport	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	308	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
1605	Pascagoula	Yes	Yes	4,142.96	3,741.59	276	13.56	2,806.19	935.40	0.00	3,741.59	5,000.00
1908	Hattiesburg	Yes	Yes	1,600.00	1,600.00	131	12.21	1,200.00	400.00	0.00	1,600.00	3,500.00
2134	Greenville	Yes	Yes	1,580.00	1,580.00	155	10.19	1,185.00	395.00	0.00	1,580.00	2,000.00
2180	Laurel	Yes	Yes	1,778.15	1,605.65	118	13.61	1,204.24	401.41	0.00	1,605.65	2,500.00
2945	Leland	Yes	Yes	3,030.00	2,600.00	62	41.94	1,950.00	650.00	3,000.00	5,600.00	3,500.00
2969	Clarksdale	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	275	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
4472	Pass Christian	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
4898	Long Beach	Yes	Yes	4,200.00	4,200.00	133	31.58	3,150.00	1,050.00	0.00	4,200.00	4,500.00
5267	Greenwood	Yes	Yes	3,535.42	3,104.17	80	38.80	2,328.13	776.04	6,984.00	10,088.17	4,000.00
5558	Cleveland	Yes	Yes	2,671.97	2,671.97	150	17.81	2,000.00	671.97	0.00	2,671.97	3,000.00
5654	Ocean Springs	Yes	Yes	2,363.24	2,216.62	186	11.92	1,862.47	554.15	0.00	2,216.62	3,000.00
6555	Shelby	Yes	Yes	1,432.00	1,345.75	40	33.64	1,009.31	336.44	0.00	1,345.75	1,800.00
6592	Bassfield	Yes	No	1,116.85	1,088.85	86	12.86	816.64	272.21	0.00	1,088.85	1,500.00
6765	Starkville	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
6872	Picayune	Yes	Yes	10,000.00	10,000.00	87	114.94	7,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	10,000.00	6,000.00
7087	Klin	Yes	Yes	1,350.00	1,177.50	69	17.07	882.75	294.75	0.00	1,177.50	1,800.00
7120	Southaven	Yes	Yes	4,515.65	4,515.65	79	57.16	3,386.74	1,128.91	0.00	4,515.65	5,000.00
7211	Lumberton	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
7854	Clinton	Yes	Yes	916.70	846.58	56	15.12	634.94	211.64	0.00	846.58	1,500.00
7910	Orange Grove	Yes	Yes	1,304.70	1,196.70	113	10.33	875.03	291.67	0.00	1,196.70	1,800.00
7915	Brookhaven	Yes	Yes	5,528.00	5,331.30	82	65.02	4,000.00	1,331.30	0.00	5,331.30	6,000.00
	SUBTOTAL			60,589.31	57,583.68	4037	575.60	43,184.96	14,398.72	9,984.00	67,567.68	79,600.00

Council	Council	Audit	Dist	Gross	Net	#	Dollars	Council	State	Matching	Total Funds	1998
Goal	Name	Report	Report	Income	Income	Members	Per Member	Distribution	Distribution	Funds	Donated	Goal
7874	Columbus	Yes	Yes	1,077.05	973.55	44	22.13	730.16	243.39	0.00	973.55	1,800.00
8038	Pearl	Yes	Yes	2,131.28	1,924.28	70	27.49	1,443.21	481.07	3,000.00	4,924.28	2,500.00
8054	McComb	Yes	Yes	1,361.15	1,361.15	56	24.31	1,020.86	340.29	0.00	1,361.15	2,000.00
8285	Jackson	Yes	Yes	1,201.00	1,025.70	88	11.66	789.27	256.43	0.00	1,201.00	2,500.00
8760	Holly Springs	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
8848	Tupelo	Yes	Yes	19,514.86	18,277.38	154	118.68	13,708.04	4,569.34	0.00	18,277.38	20,000.00
8912	Corinth	Yes	Yes	5,238.25	4,669.00	30	155.63	3,501.75	1,167.25	2,800.00	7,469.00	5,000.00
9094	North Biloxi	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
9124	Gautier	Yes	Yes	1,421.89	1,318.19	105	12.55	988.64	329.55	0.00	1,318.19	2,000.00
9234	Indianola	Yes	Yes	1,370.83	1,181.08	44	28.94	885.81	295.27	0.00	1,181.08	1,200.00
9409	West Biloxi	Yes	Yes	4,084.95	4,084.95	90	45.39	3,063.71	1,021.24	0.00	4,084.95	4,500.00
9543	Madison	Yes	Yes	895.70	723.20	116	6.23	542.40	180.80	0.00	723.20	1,000.00
9673	Woolmarket	Yes	Yes	860.89	740.14	62	11.94	555.10	185.04	0.00	555.10	800.00
9858	Lizana	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
10216	Brandon	Yes	Yes	5,323.94	5,015.15	49	102.35	3,761.36	1,253.79	0.00	5,015.15	5,500.00
10443	Grenada	Yes	Yes	1,012.82	908.32	41	22.18	681.98	227.33	0.00	908.32	1,200.00
10489	Ocean Springs	Yes	Yes	2,363.24	2,216.61	89	24.91	1,862.46	554.15	0.00	2,216.61	2,500.00
10901	Oxford	Yes	No	1,884.00	1,917.77	102	18.80	1,438.33	479.44	0.00	1,917.77	2,000.00
11541	Gulfport- St James	Yes	Yes	1,043.50	1,009.00	105	9.61	756.75	252.25	0.00	1,009.00	1,200.00
11654	Wiggins	NR	NR	0.00	0.00	30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
11904	Lucedale	Yes	Yes	1,381.97	1,278.47	32	39.95	958.85	318.62	0.00	1,278.47	1,500.00
11934	Gluckstadt	Yes	Yes	1,034.17	858.87	33	28.03	644.15	214.72	0.00	858.87	1,200.00
11956	Columbia-Tylertown	Yes	Yes	2,836.98	2,535.48	30	84.52	1,901.61	633.87	0.00	2,535.48	2,800.00
11985	West Hartwood(New)	Yes	Yes	0.00	0.00	30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Subtotal Sheet-2												
Subtotal Sheet - 1				56,138.29	52,019.29	1,598	32.55	39,014.45	13,004.84	5,800.00	57,809.55	66,600.00
Subtotal				60,569.31	57,583.68	4,037	14.26	43,184.96	14,398.72	9,984.00	67,567.68	78,600.00
TOTALS FOR 1997				116,707.60	109,602.97	5,635	19.45	82,199.41	27,403.56	15,784.00	125,377.23	146,200.00
TOTALS FOR 1998				72,726.41	67,233.05	5,435	12.37	50,424.79	16,808.28	42,983.36	93,408.16	132,900.00
(NR) NO REPORT												
Transactions Recv.												
04/01/97 to 03/31/98												

Following the Foundation of Mississippi Report, State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., closed the Second Business Session with a prayer from State Chaplain, Rev. Dennis J. Carver. The delegates were dismissed to lunch and their assigned committees.

**Third Business Session
Saturday, April 25, 1998**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order and opened the Third Business Session of the 94th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Richard T. Lieding verified current 3rd Degree membership cards. The State Chaplain opened the session with a prayer and Master Michael Gilly lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Following are the State Program Director's Reports

State Church Activities Director's Report
No report submitted

State Family Activity Director's Report

The Family Activities Committee met and discussed the following items:

1. The importance of stressing family values in all activities.
2. The participation in the family of the month program.
3. The importance of being proactive and pro-life.
4. Remembrance of deceased brothers and their widows.

Respectfully submitted:
Mousie Richards
State Family Director

State Community Activities Director's Report
No report submitted

State Council Activities Director's Report

During the 1997-98 State Program year, it was my honor to serve once again as the Council Activities Director. During the year, I attended the organizational meeting in June, one of the Schools of Columbianism, the mid-winter planning meeting in December and one of the general mid-winter meetings. At my suggestion, the program directors met in Jackson in April one week before the state convention. The purpose of this meeting was to review all of the program activity reports submitted by the councils, as well as the councils submissions for best programs, Knight of the Year

and Family of the Year. Unfortunately, there were not a large number of councils who participated in these "best" competitions.

At the State Convention, a committee of the delegates again met to decide on the best council program. The best programs, as identified by the committee, involved special Council activities to assist a brother Knight with in distress. Another involved an unusual twist on a membership drive.

All Councils are involved in some activities for the benefit of their brother Knights. Each Council should submit a program which it considers to be its "best" so that all the other Councils can get ideas for future programs and the entire jurisdiction can benefit.

Respectfully submitted:
Peter C. Sukanek
State Family Director

Awards and Reports Chairman's Report

The function of this office is to help monitor the submission of reports required by the State and Supreme councils. It is also the function of this office to encourage the local council's to submit their reports on time and to assist them when necessary. It was my privilege to serve in this capacity on behalf of our Worthy State Deputy this past fraternal year. To that end, several mailings were sent out to each council reminding them of due dates and reasons why the required reports were necessary. The most important of these reports is the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. This report helps Supreme maintain its tax exempt status. As of mid-April only two councils had not submitted this vital report. I truly appreciate the dedication to duty the vast majority of you did in getting your reports in.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard T. Lieding
State Warden, Awards/
Reports Form Chairman

1998 State Free Throw Championship Report

This year was the 25th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships and the State Free Throw Tournament was held on March 28, 1997, in Jackson, MS at St. Therese's Parish Gymnasium. There was a total of 63 participants representing councils from across the state. Congratulations to our State winners:

GIRLS

Champion	Age	Score (out of 25)	Council Represented
Lauren Anderson	10	14	898 Vicksburg
Allison Horn	11	13	898 Vicksburg
Kristina Gardner	12	11	802 Meridian
Antoinette Craig	13	17	9124 Gautier
Rachel Sanders	14	17	9673 Woolmarket

BOYS

Champion	Age	Score (out of 25)	Council Represented
Heath Sellers	10	22	10901 Oxford
Dacus Miller	11	22	10901 Oxford
Richard Boehms	12	16	8848 Tupelo
Terrance Wilson	13	18 (4/5)	5556 Cleveland
Richard Buckley	14	19	8848 Tupelo

The names and scores of these winners are sent to Supreme for competition in the International Championships. I would like to sincerely thank all the Brother Knights who helped make this year's championship tournament a success. Personal thanks go to Brother Gerry Clark for his assistance this year. The State Council is always open to suggestions for ways to improve our activities. Suggestions for changes in the way the State Free Throw Championship Tournament is conducted are welcome. Again congratulations to our State winners.

Respectfully submitted,
David Scott
State Free Throw Chairman

State Membership Director's Report

This report provides information concerning the State's membership activities for the fraternal year (April 1, 1997 through 30 June 1998). It provides actions implemented to increase the overall

membership statistics of the state and the annual membership awards presented at the 94th State Convention.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., for his guidance and leadership as he guided me through the responsibilities of the State Membership Director. Upon conclusion of the 1997 State Convention, I volunteered by assistance to Brother Guy and the new slate of state officers in any way that I could be of service. I was surprised indeed when he took me upon my offer and appointed me Membership Director for the State. I appreciate the State Deputy's confidence and trust; this gave me the fuel to carry out the membership activities we had planned.

I would like to also thank the District Deputies and Grand Knights for their support. Without their untiring efforts and leadership, my job would have been much more difficult. To those council members working behind the scene, thanks for a job well done. But our jobs have just begun, we must continue to actively pursue qualified Catholic men and their families to join our rank. It is a never ending task. I will make one certain suggestion—recruiting new members is a technique that must be cultivated in each one of us. Our mere presence in the Order is not enough, we all must make an effort to live the ideals of Father Michael J. McGivney in all we do, say, and pray.

The fraternal year began in earnest with the State Organizational meeting followed by the three Schools of Columbianism. The State's membership campaign began by establishing our fraternal year membership goals, organizing our membership recruitment activities, and building an atmosphere of team work with Grand Knights, Council Program Directors, Council Membership Chairmen, and District Deputies.

My first rewarding challenge was to transition the state membership duties and files from my brother Knight who I affectionately refer to as "my little buddy", everyone else knows him as Dennis Riecke. I knew from the beginning I had big shoes to fill and his efforts would be hard to surpass. Dennis was most generous with his suggestions and historical membership files.

During the Midwinter Meetings councils were presented with the State's adaptation of Supreme's Membership Campaign. Membership recruitment goals were reiterated and recruitment incentives were introduced to encourage the general membership to seek out and sign up new members for our Order.

My travels included all the major degree explications held throughout the state with the exception of the 2nd and 3rd degree held in Hattiesburg. I want to thank the host District Deputies and Grand Knights for their hospitality, determination and confidence to sponsor such an event.

The past year has been rewarding in many ways. It has given me the opportunity to gain new friendships, rekindle old ones, and realize first hand the difficult situations some council face. Most importantly, I came to the conclusion that councils with strong and active service programs are the ones who have solid membership growth. We can all learn from their efforts.

Membership activity awards were presented at the State Convention held in Tupelo. The following awards were presented:

**94th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM**

TOP GUN COUNCILS:

Award criteria: Double the number of the 5% State quota, x-large council's need the 5% State Quota plus 10 additional members.

**SMALL COUNCIL CATEGORY
(LESS THAN 60 MEMBERS AS OF 1 APRIL 97)**

6765	FR JOHN P. EGAN COUNCIL	STARKVILLE	GK WILLIAM EBEL
7854	HOLY SAVIOR COUNCIL	CLINTON	GK BILL HETRICK
7974	BILL JOLLY COUNCIL	COLUMBUS	GK LARRY MILLER
10216	ST PAUL COUNCIL	BRANDON	GK DENNIS DEISTER
11904	LUCEDALE COUNCIL		GK JAMES HOLLAND
11934	GLUCKSTADT COUNCIL		GK JOE JONES
11956	FR PATRICK QUINN COUNCIL	COLUMBIA	GK RAY TANET

**MEDIUM COUNCIL CATEGORY
(61 TO 100 MEMBERS AS OF 1 APRIL 97)**

8038	ST JUDE CENTENNIAL COUNCIL	PEARL	GK LC GUILLOTTE
9409	REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL	WEST BILOXI	GK MATT YAPIT
10499	MSGR GREGORY KENNEDY COUNCIL	OCEAN SPRINGS	GK TONY HOMSANY

**LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY
(100 TO 200 MEMBERS AS OF 1 APRIL 1997)**

7910	FR HARRY WADE COUNCIL	ORANGE GROVE	GK GERRY SCHUCK
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**EXTRA -LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY
(OVER 200 MEMBERS AS OF 1 APRIL 1997)**

838	VICKSBURG COUNCIL	VICKSBURG	GK GREGORY ROTTMAN
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TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**AWARD CRITERIA: PRESENTED TO THE BROTHER KNIGHT WHO HAS RECRUITED
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS**

This year's top proposer award goes to a Brother Knight who as recruited over 30 new members this fraternal year. We all know him as a very active Knight and leader in council, church, community, family, and youth activities. His contributions to the order and the Mississippi

Jurisdiction are numerous. He has set an example for us, which is-- if you truly believe in something, only good will come of it. He hails from Vicksburg Council 898. I present to you the top proposer of the year, Brother Tom Chady.

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
HIGHEST NET GAIN BY COUNCIL SIZE CATEGORY**

AWARD CRITERIA: HIGHEST NET GAIN FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR

Small Council	TOTAL NET GAIN OF 27 MEMBERS	
6765 FR JOHN P EGAN COUNCIL	Starkville	GK WILLIAM EBEL
Medium Council	TOTAL NET GAIN OF 20 MEMBERS	
9409 REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL	WEST BILOXI	GK MATT YAPIT
Large Council	TOTAL NET GAIN OF 14 MEMBERS	
1522 PERE LEDUC	BAY ST LOUIS	GK HARVEY MITCHELL
Extra Large Council	TOTAL NET GAIN OF 20 MEMBERS	
989 VICKSBURG COUNCIL	VICKSBURG	GK GREGORY ROTTMAN

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
HIGHEST PERCENT GAIN BY COUNCIL SIZE CATEGORY**

AWARD CRITERIA: HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR

<u>SMALL COUNCIL CATEGORY:</u> TOTAL PERCENT GAIN OF 35%		
6765 FR JOHN P EGAN COUNCIL	STARKVILLE	GK WILLIAM EBEL
<u>MEDIUM COUNCIL CATEGORY:</u> TOTAL PERCENT GAIN OF 18.8%		
9409 REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL	WEST BILOXI	GK MATT YAPIT
<u>LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY:</u> TOTAL PERCENT GAIN OF 10.4%		
7910 FR HARRY WADE COUNCIL	ORANGE GROVE	GK GERRY SCHMUCK
<u>X-LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY:</u> TOTAL PERCENT GAIN OF 6.2%		
898 VICKSBURG COUNCIL	VICKSBURG	GK GREGORY ROTTMAN

In closing, I want to express my appreciation to the councils, District Deputies, Program Chairmen, and to the State Family for their spirit of cooperation and team work in the past year. I am confident our preparation for the new Millennium is on track. I encourage everyone to remain active in our pursuit to introduce Mississippi's Catholic families to the fraternal benefits of our Order. Remember, we attract potential members in all we do and say.

Fraternally submitted,
Larry J. Tabor
State Membership Director

Retention Chairman's Report

Our State Retention program this year has been successful in teaching how to "Follow Procedures". We (don't want to FORCE men to stay in our order who don't want to remain Knights. Our retention program this year has been working with programs to help councils respond to the needs of their members.

We will always have some suspensions. This year we have been striving to find out WHY men are deciding to leave our order. Our State Retention Program this year has adopted the phrase "We should NEVER suspend a man because he hasn't paid his dues, we should, however, suspend him because he WON'T pay them".

Our retention program has successfully saved in excess of 220 men this year from being suspended by personal contact with our members and letting them know how much and why we need them. When we did remove members, they were done according to the time frame and guidelines established by Supreme.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve our state this past year as State Retention Chairman.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Rigby
State Retention Chairman

State Roundtable Chairman's Report

Our State Roundtable program should continue to be used to fill the needs of the small parishes that cannot support a council. People want to do things in their own church and town, this is where a roundtable can be of great service. To help a roundtable thrive and spread Columbianism, we must nurture them with enthusiastic attention, love them, and show them that we care. Councils and District Deputies that have roundtables in their jurisdiction should keep a good constant flow of communication between them and their roundtables. Remember we are the leaders, in many cases our people just need to be trained in the art of Columbianism.

Specifically one thing we can do is make sure someone meets with the roundtable monthly. We just need to have one excited person. Enthusiasm is contagious. It has been an honor and a privilege to

serve you. I would like to thank the State Deputy, Brother Guy Todaro for this opportunity. He is a true Brother. I pray for the continued success of our roundtable program, remembering always that the bottom line is the spread of Columbianism.
Vivat Jesus

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond H. Tanet
State Roundtable Chairman

Public Relations Chairman's Report
Kenn Rains

It is with great appreciation and humility I make this report to you. I have a deep sense of appreciation for the faith our Worthy State Deputy has placed in me for publicizing your accomplishments throughout the State and for generating a conduit of information from your State Family to you, but mostly I want to voice an appreciation to you, my Brother Knights, who have supported me so very much this past year. Thank you.

Being Editor for the *Magnolia Knight* is a true privilege. It has given me the opportunity and extreme pleasure of traveling the State where I have met on a very personal level so many of our Order and Jurisdiction's backbone for success - you, my Brother Knights, and your families. If anyone serving you at the State level ever begins to lose their prospective of what we are here for, he need only look to your many deeds and sacrifices at the local level to open his eyes and mind again.

We have been able to publicize only a handful of your many accomplishments this past year. We have also had the sad duty to tell you of the deaths of some of our Brother Knights or family members this past year. Sad, because we have lost a true friend and valued member of our family, but joyful in knowing that they are in a much nicer place in keeping with our Lord.

The mailing list for your bi-monthly newsletter includes approximately 400 addresses throughout the State and 125 copies to Supreme. It costs approximately \$475 an issue to publish your newsletter every other month. We published 5 issues this past year. We continue to ask for your help in sending us the news of your accomplishments and hope you feel we have served your interest well this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenn Rains
Editor, *The Magnolia Knight*

State Pro-life Chair Couples Report

This fraternal year has been filled with an abundance of pro-life activity by our councils. This is evident by the reports submitted by the 13 councils for competition for the best pro-life program. This is the first year for this program. Councils have:

1. Installed the 4400 little white crosses at various locations (three in a row on Baptist Church property);
2. installed monuments and memorial gardens to the unborn babies killed by abortion;
3. had masses said;
4. organized and participated in prayer vigils in their community, at abortion mills and at the State Capitol;
5. volunteered time and money to Pregnancy Care Centers;
6. answered Pregnancy Crisis telephone lines;
7. entered articles and letters to the editors in newspapers;
8. participated in and organized life chains;
9. put a pro-life page on the internet;
10. wrote letters and made phone calls to legislators on pro-life matters and on the partial-birth abortion ban.

In one short paragraph, you have witnessed a huge amount of work that has been done to help stop the killing of precious, defenseless unborn children. We should all be very proud and plan to keep it up, and try to do more. Most of all, please remember to pray the rosary to stop abortion.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty and Antoine Otto
Pro-Life Chair Couple

Ceremonial Chairman's Report

The first degree of the year in West Biloxi started with a surprise visit from Brother Sam Dambrocia, Director of Ceremonials from Supreme. He graded our Greenwood team superior. We have tried to honor each council's request to sponsor a second and third degree. It should be noted that the council hosting the degree is responsible for paying the team the same day the degree is held. The cost is known before the degree, and if there is a problem the degree should be held in another council. Both teams hold down expenses, but with the constant use of robes and paraphernalia, cleaning of the robes, and travel, neither team has a surplus of funds. The team members spend a great deal of time in practicing and doing at least one degree each month; therefore, each brother spends a lot of time uncompensated. There is always a need for more members, and it is a good

experience.

I would like to recognize the two team captains. From Msgr. Clerico Council, Brother Harvey Caldwell, and from Msgr. P.J. Carey, Brother Fred Clark. It is just coincidental they both do the DP part.

The desire to have a first degree team in every council is a dream, but there is no reason for a district not to work together and have a first degree team.

We will continue to honor all request for a second and third degree from each council large or small. It has been very rewarding to work on both teams.

I would like to thank our State Deputy for stepping in during my hospital stay. A special thanks from me and my family for the prayers, cards, and phone calls; it sure made a bad time livable.

Respectfully submitted,
Lessie Ladner

Knights of Columbus Audit Report

An audit committee meeting was held comprised of delegates to the 1998 State Knights of Columbus Convention. The meeting was called to order by Tom Canizaro.

At the meeting, the attached financial statement was discussed in detail. The financial statement excess of expenditures over receipts of \$12,745 was discussed at length. One concern expressed was that the period April 1 through March 30 did not reflect properly the State Council year which is July 1 through June 30. It was recommended that in the future both periods be presented to show activity since the last convention as well as the true fiscal year of the Mississippi Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The committee reviewed the disbursements made for the prior twelve months. After reviewing the supporting documentation, all expenditures were determined to be properly documented and for the benefit of the Mississippi Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The financial statement was accepted as presented.

Tom Canizaro
Audit Committee Chair

State Treasurer's Convention Per Diem Mileage Report -
4/26/08

State Officers	Office	Miles	Miles X # attending	Mileage X 20	No. of Days	Per Diem Days X \$50	# attending	Total
Fr. Dennis J. Carver	State Chaplain	293	293	\$58 60	2	\$100 00	1	\$158 60
Guy S. Tadero, Jr.	State Deputy	295	295	\$59 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$159 00
C. Bruce Pabon	State Secretary	315	315	\$63 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$163 00
Ted V. Knowles (Deceased)	State Treasurer	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$0 00	1	\$0 00
Thomas F. Chady	State Advocate	206	206	\$41 20	2	\$100 00	1	\$141 20
Richard T. Lieding	State Warden	168	168	\$33 60	2	\$100 00	1	\$133 60
Jesse J. Quinn, III	Immediate Past State Deputy	120	120	\$24 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$124 00
Subtotal		1367	1367	\$279 40		\$600 00	7	\$879 40
Past State Deputies								
Thomas R. Zettler	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Stanley Swentkowski	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Dennis Ladnier, Sr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Wiley Price, Jr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Robert Fratesi	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Jesse Quinn, Jr.	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Norman L. Kiehm, FM	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
John Pat Myers	Past State Deputy	0	0	\$0 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$100 00
Subtotal		0	0	\$800 00		\$800 00	8	\$800 00
District Deputies								
Robert L. Hudson	District Deputy, District 1	47	47	\$9 40	2	\$100 00	1	\$109 40
Kenneth Lubbers	District Deputy, District 2	107	107	\$21 40	2	\$100 00	1	\$121 40
Ron Koehler	District Deputy, District 3	138	138	\$27 60	2	\$100 00	1	\$127 60
Richard Benton	District Deputy, District 4	Excused	0	\$0 00	2	\$0 00	0	\$0 00
Dennis Riecke	District Deputy, District 5	176	176	\$35 20	2	\$100 00	1	\$135 20
Natale J. Zummo	District Deputy, District 6	176	176	\$35 20	2	\$100 00	1	\$135 20
Richard Spence	District Deputy, District 7	275	275	\$55 00	2	\$100 00	1	\$155 00
Dr. David Hughes	District Deputy, District 8	Excused	0	\$0 00	2	\$0 00	0	\$0 00
John R. Ward	District Deputy, District 9	298	298	\$59 60	2	\$100 00	1	\$159 60
David D. Lorenzo	District Deputy, District 10	302	302	\$60 40	2	\$100 00	1	\$160 40
Daniel J. Lechner	District Deputy, District 11	311	311	\$62 20	2	\$100 00	1	\$162 20
Donald Cox	District Deputy, District 12	287	287	\$57 40	2	\$100 00	1	\$157 40
Subtotal		2117	2117	\$423 40		\$1,000 00	10	\$1,423 40

**State Treasurer's Convention
Per Diem Mileage Report -
4/26/98**

Name	Office	Miles	Miles X # attending	Mileage X 20	No of Days	Per Diem Days X \$50	# attending	Total
State Program Personnel								
Larry J. Tabor	State Membership Director	311	311	\$62.20	2	\$100.00	1	\$162.20
Gerry Clark	State Program Director	pd del	0	\$0.00	2	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Salvatore Tomaso	State Church Director	pd del	0	\$0.00	2	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
J. Thomas Canizaro	State Community Director	198	198	\$39.60	2	\$100.00	1	\$139.60
Peter C. Sukanek	State Council Director	pd del	0	\$0.00	2	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Mouise Richards	State Family Director	pd del	0	\$0.00	2	\$100.00	1	\$0.00
Lawrence M. Campbell	State Youth Director	99	99	\$19.80	2	\$300.00	1	\$119.80
Subtotal		608	608	\$121.60			7	\$421.60
Council Delegates								
Council								
		Miles	Miles X # del	Mileage X 20	No of Days	Per Diem Days X \$50	# of delegates	Total
802	Meridian	141	282	\$56.40	2	\$200.00	2	\$256.40
848	Jackson	168	336	\$67.20	2	\$200.00	2	\$267.20
898	Vicksburg	206	412	\$82.40	2	\$200.00	2	\$282.40
1034	Natchez	275	550	\$110.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$310.00
1244	Biloxi	311	622	\$124.40	2	\$200.00	2	\$324.40
1522	Bay St. Louis	314	628	\$125.60	2	\$200.00	2	\$325.60
1583	Gulfport	298	596	\$119.20	2	\$200.00	2	\$319.20
1605	Pascagoula	295	590	\$118.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$318.00
1908	Hattiesburg	229	458	\$91.60	2	\$200.00	2	\$291.60
2134	Greenville	173	346	\$69.20	2	\$200.00	2	\$269.20
2180	Laurel	198	396	\$79.20	2	\$200.00	2	\$279.20
2945	Leland	165	330	\$66.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$266.00
2969	Clarksdale	110	220	\$44.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$244.00
4472	Pass Christian	306	606	\$121.20	2	\$200.00	1	\$161.20
4898	Long Beach	302	604	\$120.80	2	\$200.00	2	\$320.80
5287	Greenwood	120	240	\$48.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$248.00
5536	Cleveland	276	552	\$110.40	2	\$200.00	2	\$255.20
5854	Ocean Springs	315	630	\$126.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$326.00
6555	Shelby	no del	0	\$0.00	2	no del	0	\$0.00
6582	Bassfield	242	484	\$96.80	2	\$200.00	2	\$296.80
6765	Starkville	63	126	\$25.20	2	\$100.00	1	\$125.20
6872	Picayune	291	582	\$116.40	2	\$200.00	2	\$316.40
7087	Kin	319	638	\$127.60	2	\$200.00	2	\$327.60
7120	Southaven	99	198	\$39.60	2	\$200.00	2	\$239.60
7211	Lumberton	255	510	\$102.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$302.00

**State Treasurer's Convention
Per Diem Mileage Report**

Council	Miles	Miles X # del.	Mileage X .20	No. of Days	Per Diem Days X \$50	# of delegates	Total
Grange Grove	298	596	\$119.20	2	\$200.00	2	\$319.20
Brookhaven	225	450	\$90.00	2	\$200.00	2	\$290.00
Columbus	62	124	24.80	2	200.00	2	224.80
Pearl	176	352	70.40	2	200.00	2	270.40
McComb	250	0	0.00	2	0.00	0	0.00
St. Therese - Jackson	168	336	67.20	2	200.00	2	267.20
Holly Springs	60	120	24.00	2	200.00	2	224.00
Tupelo	0	0	0.00	2	200.00	2	200.00
Corinth	51	102	20.40	2	200.00	2	220.40
D'iberville	311	622	124.40	2	200.00	2	324.40
Gautier	290	580	116.00	2	200.00	2	316.00
Indianola	148	296	59.60	2	100.00	1	129.60
W. Biloxi	311	622	124.40	2	200.00	2	324.40
Madison	160	320	64.00	2	200.00	2	264.00
Woolmarket	306	612	122.40	2	200.00	2	322.40
Liana	298	596	119.20	2	200.00	2	319.20
Brandon	176	352	70.40	2	200.00	2	270.40
Grenada	86	172	34.40	2	200.00	2	234.40
Ocean Springs	315	630	126.00	2	200.00	2	326.00
Oxford	47	94	18.80	2	200.00	2	218.80
Gulfport	298	596	119.20	2	200.00	2	319.20
Wiggins	265	530	106.00	2	200.00	2	306.00
Lucedale	287	574	114.80	2	200.00	2	314.80
Gluckstadt	156	312	62.40	2	200.00	2	262.40
Fr. Patrick Quinn	259	518	103.60	2	200.00	2	303.60
W. Harrison	no del	0	0.00	2	0.00	0	0.00
Sacred Heart/Pascagoula	295	590	118.00	2	200.00	2	318.00
	\$10,809.00	\$20,035.00	\$4,007.00		\$9,400.00	97	\$13,277.40
		\$24,157.00	\$4,701.80		\$12,000.00	\$128.00	\$16,701.80

total miles	total mileage X .20	total # acf & attendees	Grand Totals
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State Membership Committee Report

This committee was represented by a well-mixed cross section of experienced Brother Knights from throughout the state. We were fortunate to have Mississippi's General Insurance Agent and one of the field agents that serves as the State's Retention Chairman. Everyone on the committee took an active part in the discussion. Each made a valuable contribution in some form or another to formulate suggestions and recommendations to enhance membership programs.

The committee overwhelmingly agreed that the Mississippi Jurisdiction should consider, plan, and then implement a new focus to assist councils in improving their membership recruitment programs. Several key issues were raised and it was recommended that every council should consider the following valuable suggestions:

1. Encourage more two-way communication between council officers and general membership. We should all strive to be good listeners' first. This improved communication can become an asset when recruiting new members.
2. Follow established council procedures with "personality"; that is, to instill pride within the council that fosters pride in our order.
3. Lead by positive example. Inspire others into action by committing ourselves first. Remember, the perception others have about the Knights of Columbus is drawn by what they see us do and how we conduct ourselves.
4. Create interest in all council programs and stimulate growth from within the organization. Inspire council members to give generously of their time and talents. Foster teamwork in all we do.
5. Encourage more social involvement with our Brother Knights, with their families, with each Church Parish, and with our local communities. Strive to be the best all-round Catholic organization we can be.
6. Do what works by building on successful programs. Be sensitive to the suggestions or recommendations of others; their ideas may be the one with the greatest impact.
7. Develop a Mentorship Program. Have the proposer follow the new member's progression from the time the Form 100 is signed and processed. Be there for his degree work, see that he makes it to council meetings and social events, and get him involved in some council activity that appeals to his interests.
8. Last but not least, "pass the torch" to ensure the culture of our fraternal Order is carried on through the years. Do not automatically assume every new council officer and committeeman knows the processes associated with their position. There should be a smooth and orderly transfer of knowledge and responsibility for each instance. Keep our Order strong.

Members of the committee expressed their satisfaction with the results of this meeting. The meeting closed with a prayer for special intentions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry Mosco, General Insurance Agent
Jim Rigby, Field Agent and Retention Chairman
William L. Jarrett Council 1908

Warren Matthews Council 2969
Jim Lambert Council 6872
Claude L. Vinson, Sr. Council 8760
Lonnie Parvin Council 9673
Dennis Diester Council 10216
Larry Tabor State Membership Director

Financial Secretaries Meeting

The Financial Secretaries meeting took place in Room 501 of the Ramada Inn at 1 PM with PSD Tom Zettler as chairman. There were 22 Brother Knights in attendance as well as our Supreme Treasurer.

The meeting started with a prayer led by PSD Robert Fratesi. The discussions were lively and a good deal of information was discussed. Some of the highlights were:

- A. The Financial Secretary PC Program. This program is put out by Supreme at a nominal cost and has improved with time. It was the consensus of the FS in attendance that there were more improvements needed especially in the reports area and it is our understanding that Supreme is working on a Windows version of FSPC but there is no release date yet.
- B. A discussion was held about out of town members and the difficulty some FS are having in collecting dues from them. It was suggested that "address correction requested" be put on the envelope and in this way, the post office will notify the sender of the correct address.
- C. Notice of Intent to Suspend. It was emphasized that suspension is a last resort. Personal contact is very important and is the key. We should suspend a member when he says that he will not pay his dues but should try to save every other Brother Knight. It was suggested that at the First Degree Exemplification, the proposer be asked to "pin" the new Knight. In this way a stronger bond between proposer and new member might well be established. Proposers should also be informed when a member is going to receive a Notice of Intent to Suspend.
- D. Retention Committee. Should be operating in each Council and should consist of the GK and the trustees. In addition, the DD needs to receive a copy of the Notice of Intent to Suspend.

In summary, it was discussed that the job of the Financial Secretary is critical and if the FS is not performing his duties, the Brother Knights should take action to replace him or otherwise rectify this situation. Additionally, the FS should always be willing to ask others for help when needed and in those cases when a FS knows he is going to leaving office, he should take it upon himself to train someone in this position for a year if possible. In this way, the Council will not be left in a difficult situation.

This was a very successful meeting and I want to personally thank PSD Robert Fratesi for chairing the meeting until my arrival from another committee assignment.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas R. Zettler, PSD
Chairman

State Convention Committee 1998

Mike Lee	898
Ed Canizaro	898
Robert Boney	1244
David Diloranzo	4898
Mark Fontenot	9094
Kenneth Lubbers	7120
Dan Garrigan	7120
Keith Merritt	8848

The Committee made the following suggestions:

1. The host council prepare and plan for extra name tags, i.e. ladies luncheon, and prepare for extrameals for people who are not pre-registered.
2. Continue to provide convention information at the mid-winter meetings, and follow up this information with a reminder pamphlet at the end of February.
3. That due to inflation, recommend a resolution be made to raise convention cost \$100.00.
4. That the convention site provide a variety of youth activities and some form of babysitting.
5. That future host councils get records from past convention host to improve in areas where they have had problems and troubles.

Good of the Order

The Good of the Order Committee recommends the following:

1. State officials should continue attending the wake services of deceased knights.
2. Each council should be encouraged to have enough wake service booklets for all members.
3. Scheduling for all events such as the Marian Hour of Prayer should be done far enough in advance so all members can plan to take part.
4. Each council should have a memorial committee to notify members on the death of a brother knight and to arrange to have at least five masses said for the repose of the deceased member's soul.
5. Yard signs for the family and knight of the month should be obtained and placed. If possible notification should also be placed in the church bulletin.

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6. The worthy state deputy should be encouraged to look into the procedures to have Knights of Columbus car tags for Mississippi.
 7. Councils should make an effort to recognize visiting brother knights. Supreme through the Columbia magazine should be encouraged likewise.
 8. At all times, members should keep in mind the principals of the Order and what first encouraged them to join.
 9. The information presented above should be made available in a timely manner; at least within six weeks of the state convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Lieding, Chairman
Norman Kiehm, PSD-2134
Carl Brochard-5654
Ernest Falgo-1605
Anthony Noran-9958
Jim Nounsey-6872
Harold C. Noll-11541
Nat Zummo-8038

Good of the Order Special Report

The following is the "Good of the Order" report for the fraternal year 1997-1998:

On the "Knights of Columbus memorial service for members of the Knights of Columbus": I know of only one service that was conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Rosary was conducted by the Knights at McDonald funeral home in Picayune for the wife of Brother Robert Sniatkowski of Picayune.

Recommend we continue with this program, realizing its difficulties since it entails close coordination with the family, the pastor and the undertaker.

On the "Call out System": It was a fairly successful program since several contacts and notification actions were made.

Recommend we continue with this program, realizing the hardship of those contacts who are pressed for time due to work or other commitments

On the "Lecturer": The role of the lecturer must not be taken lightly and should not be omitted from meeting agenda for the sake of time.

We need a stronger public relations program. Need to keep all brother knights advised of council and state activities.

Need a first degree team at every council.

We need to invite widows of deceased brothers to various council activities as appropriate.

Every council should make every effort to establish a ladies auxiliary and have it affiliated with the state ladies auxiliary.

Need a greater participation in sports programs. Need the brother knights to support their team.

Need a greater participation in the Mental Retardation drive. We have a good program at the present, however we should have a 100% participation.

We need more participation in the Squires program. We need a stronger membership retention program.

On the "Order's Jubilee 2000 membership campaign." I have nothing to report on this. As we know this campaign takes its cue from Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter on preparing for the third millennium. We need to get strongly involved hoping it will strengthen our order with new members and thereby strengthen the Church for the third millennium.

My sincerest thanks to Reinhart Schroeder Council #9409 and Bishop Gunn Council #1583 for their inputs to me through their newsletters for the good of the order.

Respectfully submitted,
John Szymonik
Good of the Order Chairman

Pro-Life Committee Report
No report submitted

Ceremonial Committee

Members Present:
Jesse J. Quinn, PSD
Michael G. Gilly
Thomas Bryant
William Hetrick
Buddy Honeycutt
Henry A. Bertagnoilli

We covered six major subjects during our meeting:

1. Financial responsibility for the degree falls on the host council, or district depending who requested the degree. Cost of degree should be paid same day as degree. The same responsibility to call off the degree is made by the host council if they feel there are not enough candidates to cover costs.

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2. Cost for either degree team for a one day trip is \$375.00. Extended over night trips costs will depend on motel, meals, and transportation.
 3. We feel the cost per candidate should be sent to state when collected and degree team cost be paid from that fund.
 4. Extra help is needed to unload and set up because the "D's" cannot help due to being sent in the class.
 5. Candidates should be placed in HR as soon as possible, so as not to see DP and TM.
 6. Unanimous vote in Ceremonial Committee is to reject Resolution #8—Bath teams are following Supreme Giusbbiner and feel that it is adequate.

Respectfully submitted,
Lessie Ladner
Ceremonial Chairman

State Bowling Tournament Report

The 36th annual Knights of Columbus bowling tournament was held in Natchez on March 9th & 10th 1998. Twelve teams participated in the team event, twenty nine doubles teams and fifty singles. A good time was had by all that attend. The councils that attend were Natchez, Meridian, Bassfield, Long Beach, Gulfport, Greenville, Leland and the State Officers. The Natchez council would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. and the rest of the state officers for coming to the tournament, with their help this event will get back to what it use to be.

Next years tournament will be co-hosted by the Long Beach and Gulfport. Hope to see you there.

Team Standings

1st Natchez#1
2nd Long Beach
3rd Bassfield#1
4th Meridian Gold
5th Greenville #2
6th Greenville #1
7th Bassfield #2
8th Leland
9th Bassfield #3
10th Meridian Blue
11th Bishop Gunn Council
12th State Officers

Singles Standings

Jack Shaeffer
Robert Carr
Darren Cowart
William Seal
Gene Simonton
Lee Pierocich
Patrick Miller
Lee Hertz
David Cocilova

Double Standings

Robert Carr & Patrick Miller
William Hincks & David Dilorenzo
Jack Shaerifer & M.T. Richards
Sonny Foggo & Joe Garrity
Norman McDonald Jr. & William Seal

All Events Standings

Jack Shaeffer
Patrick Miller
Robert Carr
Darren Cowart
William Seal

Submitted by Darren Cowart the chairman of state bowling tournament.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 94th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas,

Tupelo Council Number 8848 has been such an excellent host of the 94th Annual Convention, and

Whereas,

The office, members, and wives have arranged to put on such an outstanding convention,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the sincere thanks of those attendance be extended to the host council for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Thomas F. Chady, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother Jeand Migneault and his lovely wife Gisele has honored this State Council with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Jean Migneault is the Worthy Supreme Treasurer, and

Whereas,

We the delegates of the Mississippi State Council realize that Brother Jean Migneault'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 Jean Migneault, Supreme Treasurer and his wife Gisele, 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 Thomas F. Chady, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thirty-Fifth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Biloxi, and

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in the tournament, and

Whereas,

It is the express desire by vote of participants to again hold this activity in 1999,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Thirty-Sixth 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 Thomas F. Chady, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas,

The member 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 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, appropriated trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Thomas F. Chady, State Advocate)

RESOLUTION NO. 5

MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES (MACS) FAMILIES

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus, as an Organization that supports the Catholic Church and its function, hereby endorses its support of Catholic Education and, in particular, the Mississippi Alliance of Catholic School (MACS) Families.

Whereas,

MACS Families is a Catholic organization established by the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses of Mississippi to address the major public policy issues affecting the Mississippi Catholic School community.

Whereas,

MACS Families is established to advocate educational liberty which is every parent's freedom to choose the learning community, educational philosophy and curriculum for their children's full development..

Whereas,

MACS Families is established to advocate educational justice: equitable services and benefits for all teachers, all children and all families form the schools accredited and approved by the State Department of Education.

Whereas,

MACS Families has requested that a designated representative of Knights of Columbus be a member of their Executive Committee.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved,

That the State Deputy of the Mississippi State Council of Knights of Columbus, at no cost to the State Council, designate a representative to serve on the Executive Committee of MACS Families, a function of the Catholic School community in Mississippi to facilitate communication and provide assistance, if possible, when requests are made to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus and I or local subordinate KC Councils.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation
(Submitted by: Vicksburg Council #898)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas,

Article VI Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws does not exclude from State Council per capita assessments any inactive insurance members as described in Section 60 (b) of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, and

Whereas,

The Councils of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of Knights of Columbus, while not receiving any dues or other monies from inactive insurance members, are assessed a state per capita tax on these member, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council is and will remain financially sound without the revenue derived from the State Per Capita levied on inactive insurance members, and

Whereas,

The Supreme Council issues credit to the local councils the amount of their per capita tax for the inactive insurance members

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That Article VI Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws be amended to include and read as follows :

Section 4: Per Capita Tax: The Per Capita Tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be the amount per member per year approved at the last State Council Meeting on which a Per Capita Tax Resolution was adopted, payable on-half on August 1 each year based upon membership figures of July 1 and the other one-half payable on February 1 each year based on the membership figures of January 1 By-Laws, in accord with Section 118 © and (d) of the Supreme Council By-Laws, provided. Inactive insurance members as described in Section 69 (b) of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus will be assessed and credited State Per Capita Tax using the same procedure as does the Supreme Council with their per capita assessments and credits. However, the Per capita Tax may be changed by Two-Thirds (2/3) vote of the State Council Meeting or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws,

Recommendation: Place on floor for delegate vote require 2/3 Majority

Action: Passed by Count of (103) yea, (0) nay, (0) abstain 100%

(Submitted by Father Korstenbroeck Council 2134 Greenville)

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas,

The Knights of Knights of Columbus organization is 100% behind the fostering of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life and

Whereas,

The Knights of Knights of Columbus organization helps support financially those Catholic men and women studying for the Priesthood and Religious Life through the RSVP and Priest Education Fund in the local Jurisdictions and

Whereas,

There is a shortage of Priest and Religious in the world

Whereas,

There are over 1 million copies of the COLUMBIA MAGAZINE each month printed and distributed.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction petition the Supreme Office to publish ONE ISSUE A YEAR of the COLUMBIA MAGAZINE solely DEVOTED TO VOCATIONS.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Biloxi Council 1244)

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principle of charity; the purpose for each degree is to teach and not to test; the purpose of the Third Degree is to teach the principle of Fraternity; All of the works of order should reflect and reinforce these principles.

Whereas,

Good candidates who have joined the Order based on its reputation for good works have left the Order as a direct result of the current practice of the Third Degree since they were unable to reconcile for themselves the conflict between the Order's reputation and stated principles on the one hand, and the practices and language employed in the Third Degree on the other hand.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the delegates of the 94th Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knight of Columbus respectfully request the Supreme Council actively pursue, in a timely manner, modification to the current practice of the Third Degree of the Order so that it will strengthen our bond as brothers, effectively teach the principle of Fraternity, and uphold the dignity of the human person.

Recommendation : Adopt as Amended Above

Action: Accepted 50 yea, 46 nay

(Submitted by St. John Council 10901 Oxford)

RESOLUTION NO. 9

CHRISTOPHER FUND RESOLUTION

Whereas,

The Supreme Council has established a Matching Fund Program whereby contributions from the Mississippi State Council will be matched by the Supreme Council on dollar-for-dollar basis, to a maximum of \$5.00 per member in Mississippi, said funds to be contributed to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. And the earnings thereon to be paid annually for charitable purposes, as established in this resolution; and

Whereas,

It is deemed beneficial to charitable programs of Mississippi State Council to avail itself of such a matching fund program and thereby enter into a cooperative arrangement with the Supreme Council whereby the charities of the Mississippi State Council will receive greater benefits;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the 1998 meeting of Mississippi State Council hereby adopts this resolution so as to enter into the Matching Fund Program proposed by resolution No. 134 adopted at the 1992 Supreme Council meeting;

Further Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council shall donate to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. 10% of the monies raised for the Priest Education Fund with a minimum of \$1500.00 per diocese or 50 cents per member, said monies to be transmitted to Knight of Columbus Charities, Inc. As soon as practicable after the conclusion of the fund-raising events, and collection of said money at state convention, it being understood that the monies will be received and credited as of June 30 and December 31 of each year only;

Further Resolved,

That we hereby designated the following to be the recipients of earnings on our portion of the Christopher Fund: the Priest Education Funds of Jackson and Biloxi dioceses equally, it being of the earnings on our portion of the Christopher Fund: Both dioceses, it being understood that the earnings will be disbursed by check payable to these recipients but forwarded after April 1 of each year to the State Deputy of Mississippi for appropriate presentation, it being further understood that the recipients may be changed from time to time by a State Council resolution; and

Further Resolved,

That we hereby establish a special committee to administer the Mississippi State Council's participation in the Christopher Fund, said committee to be known as the Christopher Fund Committee and to be composed of the state officers, with the State Deputy and immediate Past State Deputy to be ex-officio members of said Committee, said Committee to be comprised of the State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden; to perform all acts that are necessary in administering the Mississippi State Council's participation in the Christopher Fund.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted By Mississippi State Council)

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas,

Brother Ted V. Knowles served the Mississippi Jurisdiction as District Deputy for two years in 1993 through 1995 with exemplary service and was selected Outstanding District Deputy by then State Deputy Thomas Zettler,

Whereas,

Brother Ted V. Knowles served his brother Knights taking a major part on the First, Second, and Third Degree teams, and traveled untold miles and hours spreading Columbianism throughout our state, and represented the Mississippi Knights at the Supreme Convention and,

Whereas,

Brother Ted V. Knowles established the District Deputy Luncheon in 1994, which still continues,

Therefore Be It Resolved,

The District Deputy Luncheon be honored with the name of Ted V. Knowles District Deputy Luncheon, and the host District Deputy be responsible for setting up the same at no cost to the Mississippi State Council.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted By Thomas R. Zettler P.S.D. -----Lessie Ladner PDD-State Ceremonial Chairman- -- Warren Dorian PDD-----Dennis Riecke DD#5 -----Richard Hoda PDD)

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus has a history of Promoting activities that "Keep Christ in Christmas" and,

Whereas,

Quality Christmas cards with religious themes are increasingly difficult to buy from commercial stores, and many families send Christmas cards to relatives, and friends, and,

Whereas,

Religious Christmas cards are an ideal way for people to emphasize the importance of Christ during the Christmas season, and,

Whereas,

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card program was started by Knights in Virginia and councils in 28 states and 2 Canadian Provinces participated in this program in 1996 and,

Whereas,

Since the inception of the program 3.4 million spiritual messages have been distributed and 715,000 has been raised for charity and the program offers cards sponsored by the Supreme Council in addition to other fine cards, and,

Whereas,

The State Council receives 50 cent per box of cards sold by councils within its jurisdiction and the local council receives from \$1.75--\$4.00 profit per box of cards sold, and,

Whereas,

Councils in Mississippi have participated in this program in 1996 and 1997, and the cards have been very popular with parishioners, and,

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council desires to promote increased council involvement in this fine program,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Mississippi State Council, Knights of the Columbus sponsor at no expense to itself, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card Program in 1998,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the State Deputy appoint a State Christmas Card Chairman to coordinate the promotion, ordering, shipping and financial accounting of this program on an annual basis,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the State Christmas Card Chairman will report to the delegates assembled at the State Convention each year on the status of this program and this be a standing resolution which is reapproved each year.
(Submitted by Dennis Riecke, District #5 & Nat Zummo, District Deputy, #6)

Recommendation: Refer to State Deputy

Action: Accept Recommendation

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus has always been justifiably proud that it is committed to prolife programs, and,

Whereas,

Councils may have the desire to donate to or assist prolife organizations in the State that are apolitical, non denominational, nonviolent, and nonjudgmental whose sole purpose it is to counsel Mississippi citizens and their families that face an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy and out of love provide them with anything they need to bring unborn babies to full term, and,

Whereas,

Morning Star in the Diocese of Biloxi and Birthright of Jackson, in the Diocese of Jackson are two prolife organizations that provide these services, and,

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus wishes to encourage councils to increase the number and extent of their prolife programs, and,

Whereas,

Assistance to these organizations may increase if a State Fund was established, similar to our Priest's Education Fund, to distribute monies collected by councils for prolife activities and such a fund would provide an excellent way for individuals to donate memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased Knights and others,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby establishes the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund with a onetime donation only, in 1998, of \$4,000.00 in seed money to establish the fund, and,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the State Deputy appoint or assign a State Chairman to promote and publicize donations to this fund each year and that all donations received each year will be disbursed at our annual convention equally between the two prolife organizations listed and this be a standing resolution which is re approved each year.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Dennis Riecke, District Deputy #5 and Antoine Otto, Pro-Life Chairman)

RESOLUTION NO. 13

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 State Officers, State Membership Director, State program Director, and the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, District Deputies, and the Past State Deputies 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 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 Mississippi State Council)

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas,

In fraternal year 1995-1997, the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus has maintained Council funds in a banking institution that by their written resolution requires the following standards, Signatures and Social Security numbers of the current State Deputy, current State Secretary, and the current State Treasurer, and, Two of the three must sign all checks with the current State Secretary signing only when acting in capacity as Acting State Deputy or unavailability or in the event of incapacitation of the Treasurer.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That these standards must be applied from one fraternal year to the next, and,

Be It Further Resolved,

That it shall be the responsibility of the current State Treasurer to implement these standards at the beginning of each fraternal year.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by the Mississippi State Council)

Keynote Address by Supreme Treasurer Jean Migneault

Excellencies
Worthy State Deputy
Reverend Fathers
State Officers
Brother Knights

First let me adjust the microphone, so you can hear me, which reminds me of the story, when the priest was beginning mass. He tapped on the mike, and said, there is something wrong with this microphone, to which the people responded, and also with you. Let me begin by saying to you Worthy State Deputy, Brother Guy, that I was impressed with what I have heard in your report. It is precisely what the Supreme Knight has in mind, what a State Deputy should be doing. For all that good work, as state deputy, you deserve, and your state officers also deserve, a good round of applause. Please.

It is a pleasure for Gisele and me to be here this evening, as we gather for the banquet of this State Convention.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm hospitality given to us, which is certainly in keeping with the fraternity of which we are so proud to be members. I also wish to convey warm greetings from our supreme knight, Virgil C. Dechant, the Supreme Officers and directors and from your almost 1.6 million Brother Knights and their families throughout the world.

Our order has just celebrated its 116th birthday last March 29. And today, I think it is good to recall those brave men who gathered around our founder over a century ago. I don't think any group of Knights, should ever get together without recalling the courage, the dedication and the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney. It is because of him that we are here and we should thank god for giving him the divine inspiration to form this beloved organization that has meant so much to all of us.

From those beginnings in St. Mary's church, our order has grown and prospered from the days of one council in the city of New Haven, CT. To over 11,000 councils today, and over 50 here in Mississippi. From the days of 9 men, probably wondering if they were doing the right thing to over 1 million and a half men as members and over 5,700 here in Mississippi. From the day of one dollar assessment on a member to support a widow to close to 7 billion of assets and 34 billion dollars of life insurance inforce, with nearly 165 million of that here in Mississippi, those are not idle boasts. These are facts of which we can all be proud and which speak well of the foundation laid for us 116 years ago. It is a tribute to you and the countless men and women like you who carried the torch of columbianism through generations and deposited it here with us today.

I think of father McGivney very often. I am convinced that he will be elevated to the honors of sainthood soon and he will always have a special place in his heart for you. Pray to him often and let him be a source of comfort to you. I wonder what he would say to us, if he walked in this room right now. I think he would tell you how proud he is of all of you, thankful that you have taken his idea and nurtured it to the point that it is no longer a child taming its first steps. No, today we walk confidently, with our head held high ready to proclaim to all that we are the greatest fraternal organization in the world and more than that, though what would we say to him, where would we begin?

Certainly no group can claim more assistance to church and community than ours. Over 100 million of dollars of charitable contributions last year alone and nearly one billion dollars in the last 10 years. 50 million man-hours of service last year alone to the poor, the disabled and those who cannot help themselves. These are beautiful numbers and that goes on for every state, take your state as an example. Charitable disbursements 430,000 dollars an average of \$78 per member, 31,000 visits to sick and bereaved, 1,800 blood donors, 345,000 hours of community service and finally, 43,000 hours of service to sick and disabled people. Don't you think that this magnificent work deserves a great round of applause.

But again let me repeat. These are beautiful numbers, but they are only numbers. They do not tell the story of the people behind the numbers. The numbers do not portray the faces of the widows who are helped by our insurance program. They do not speak the word "thank you" from the woman who had her heaviest burden relieved because you did not desert her in her hour of need.

Did you know we pray for all of our deceased members every day in St. Mary's church in New Haven. Every day the numbers don't tell the story of the countless seminarians who are pursuing their dream of becoming priests, because of the generosity of the Knights of Columbus. Behind the numbers are many acts of kindness that you perform. Delivering meals to the elderly, visiting a sick Brother Knight or working at a soup kitchen. How can you measure the gratitude of the parents of a handicapped child whose son or daughter now finds life a little easier because of what you do... Perhaps without a friend once, these special children are alone no more because you Knights have decided that you will make a difference in their life. That is my Brother Knights the real story behind these numbers, that we and you have made a difference.

So Father McGivney would be proud, as we all are. But this glowing testimony to a vibrant organization allow us to rest on our laurels. Satisfied that we have done enough, no progress is defined as "forward movement" and a gradual betterment, once progress ends, troubles begin. I spoke proudly and confidently at the start of the 5,700 members in Mississippi and the 53 councils, I repeat now that these figures are impressive, but what about potential, what of the Millions of Catholic men, thousands of them reside in Mississippi, who are not Knights. All our programs and activities would be even greater with one simple ingredient, manpower. We cannot be satisfied until every eligible man

is given a taste of our fraternalism. The magic potion of Columbianism that enables a man to serve his church, community, family and our youth in conjunction with his brother knights. Our current membership campaign is the finest we have ever seen, but it will not and it cannot succeed on its own.

It is up to each of us to accept responsibilities for this order and to assure that it will be the immense force for good that it is today for our children and grandchildren. Invite a catholic man to join today and do so with pride, it is an honor to do so, not a burden. Avail yourself also of the finest fraternal benefit we have, our order's insurance program. Your general agent and field agents have worked very hard to serve your needs in a very professional manner. We hope that you will welcome your field agent when he calls.

In conclusion, my Brother Knights and ladies, remind yourself that we are a legend, we Knights, and while we pause this weekend to pat ourselves on the back, we must never rest. Let us resolve together that we will never waver as we run our leg of the journey. We are the legends of tomorrow, we are grateful to god for holding us in the palm of his hand for the last 116 years,

Grateful to that thirty year old saintly priest who allowed us to be here together, and grateful to all of you who have labored so hard and so long to assure that we remain the greatest fraternal organization in the world. And hope as well. Hope that we are as capable as those who came before us, in the year 2082 another historian will be hired to write the history of the second hundred years. Let us promise each other today to strive to make the next hundred years more glorious than the first. Never, ever, forget that the future is in our hands, and after meeting you all this weekend, I am more confident than ever of that future. Thank you very much for your patience and God bless you all. Thank you.

State Awards Program

The following awards were presented for the 1997 - 1998 Fraternal Year. Additional awards for achievement in membership are listed in the State Membership Director's Report.

Honor Council Awards

#802 Meridian	#1034 Natchez	#1244 Biloxi
#1908 Hattiesburg	#2945 Leland	#6555 Shelby
#7087 Kiln	#8285 St. Therese - Jackson	#9094 D'Iberville
#9543 Madison	#10443 Grenada	#11995 West Harrison

Councils of Excellence Awards

#1583 Gulfport	#2180 Laurel	#4898 Long Beach
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#5556 Cleveland	#5654 Ocean Springs	#7974 Columbus
#8848 Tupelo	#9673 Woolmarket	#9958 Lizana

Distinguished Council Awards

#898 Vicksburg	#7120 Southaven	#7854 Clinton
#7910 Orange Grove	#9409 West Biloxi	#10216 Brandon
#10499 Ocean Springs	#10901 Oxford	#11541 Gulfport
#11904 Lucedale	#11934 Gluckstadt	#11956 Columbia / Tylertown

Pro-life Award

First Place: # 8038 Pearl	Second Place: #2180 Laurel
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Vocations Awards - Biloxi Diocese:

First Place: #1244 Biloxi	Second Place: #2180 Laurel
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Vocation Awards - Jackson Diocese

First Place: #5556 Cleveland	Second Place: #898 Vicksburg
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Best Newsletter Awards

Large / Extra Large Councils	First Place: #1583 Gulfport	Second Place: #2180 Laurel
Small / Medium Councils	First Place: #10499 Ocean Springs	Second Place: #11904 Lucedale

Best Scrapbook Award

Large / Extra Large Councils	First Place: #1244 Biloxi	Second Place: #1034 Natchez
Small / Medium Councils	First Place: #11956 Columbia/Tylertown	Second Place: #10499 Ocean Springs

Best Council Awards

Best Small Council:	Best Medium Council:	Best Large Council:	Best Extra Large
#10216 Brandon	#9409 West Biloxi	#10901 Oxford	Council:
			#898 Vicksburg

Best Church Activity Awards

First Place: #898 Vicksburg	Second Place: #11541 St. James - Gulfport
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Best Community Activity Awards

First Place: # 2180 Laurel	Second Place: # 898 Vicksburg
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Best Council Activity Awards

First Place: #11541 St. James - Gulfport	Second Place: #10901 Oxford
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Best Family Activity Awards

First Place: # 898 Vicksburg	Tie Second Place: # 8848 Tupelo & # 1244 Biloxi
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Best Youth Activity Awards

First Place: Council# 5654 Ocean Springs	Second Place: Council# 2180 Laurel
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Knight of the Year

Family of the Year

Brother Bill Rigby #9409 West Biloxi

The Danny and Roberta Lechner Family
#9409 West Biloxi

Priest Education Fund Awards

Highest Donation by a Council	898 Vicksburg
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Mental Retardation Program Awards

Largest Donation by a Council	8848 Tupelo
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Largest Donation per member	8912 Cornith
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Past State Deputy Award

898 Vicksburg

Fourth Business Session

Sunday, April 26, 1998

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order and opened the Fourth Business Session of the 94th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Richard T. Lieding verified current 3rd Degree membership cards. The State Chaplain opened the session with a prayer and Master Michael Gilly lead the Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Most Reverend William R. Houck, Bishop of Jackson, and Most Reverend Joseph LawsonHowze, Bishop of Biloxi, addressed the delegates and thanked them for their continued support.

Supreme Treasurer Jean Migneault addressed the delegates and spoke about the need to keep Brother Knights, not lose them. Manpower is the key word.

The State Convention report was delivered by Keith B. Merritt.

**Master's Report of the Mississippi District
Bienville Province**

Remarks to the 94th Annual State Convention

Your excellency(s) Bishop(s) Houck and Howze,
Worthy State Chaplain,
Reverend Fathers
Worthy Supreme Treasurer,
Worthy State Deputy,
Worthy State Officers,
Worthy Past and Former Officers of the State Family and of the Fourth Degree,
Worthy General Insurance Agent and Field Agents,
Brother Knights,

It is truly an honor and privilege for the opportunity to address you tonight. First, let me congratulate the Tupelo Council No. 8848 and Assembly No. 2131 for hosting this years convention. I wish them well for a very successful event and I thank them for their help in organizing our District Biennial Meeting.

This is my humble opportunity to tell you of the accomplishments of the Fourth Degree in our Jurisdiction. During the recent Provincial Meeting, our District was awarded the "Outstanding District" for membership gains and best all-around programs. We could not have accomplished that feat without the support and dedication of each of you. Also honored at the Provincial meeting was Sir Knight, Antoine Otto, of Ocean Springs, the Pro-Life Chairman, with the "Provincial Award of Merit". During the last fraternal year, Sir Knight, John Brauchle, of Biloxi, was the District's nominee for the "Charles Clerc Jaubert" Award. Keith Merritt, of Tupelo, was the "Sir Knight of the Year" and the Msgr. P. J. Carey, located in Pascagoula, was the "Assembly of the Year".

I come here tonight with the pleasure to announce that we are 1 % better in membership gains than we were at during last years convention. One Percent. That does not sound like much, but it is.

At the last convention, we were at 96% of our membership goal. Currently we are at 97% and we finished the last fraternal year at 104% our quota. I am confident we will match and exceed that number at the next Exemplification on June 6, in Madison.

To date, two Exemplifications have been held. One in Gautier, Council No.9124 was the host. The class honoree was Reverend Michael Kelleher, Former State Chaplain. 28 new Sir Knights were added to the ranks. The other was held in Vicksburg and the hosts were Council No.898 and Assembly No.558. The class honoree was the late, Reverend Patrick F. Quinn. 54 new Sir Knights were added to the ranks. We were honored at this Exemplification with the presence of the Louisiana Master, Calvin Frank and his wife, Wanda. I know we made a good impression on him.

One comment that he made was about the youthfulness of our new members and he was amazed to see younger Knights joining the ranks.

The Honor Guards have been very busy and performed well and as always, have looked sharp. The number of members procuring the Regalia and participating in the ranks, seems to be increasing, please continue this trend.

Earlier today, we held the District Biennial Meeting. It was very productive. We had all the Assemblies represented. One important resolution was presented to the District, and was accepted by the membership and will be forwarded on to the Supreme Council. I hope that they will consider it. Again, I thank the brother Sir Knights who attended the meeting and especially, the Faithful Navigators who were appointed to a District Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize two groups who aided this District. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Columbian Squires. I thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the support and help that you gave to us during the year. The Columbian Squires, our future, I am impressed with your accomplishments in membership gains. This group deserves our whole-hearted support and encouragement. Again, I thank both groups.

The past two years have been wonderful. My family and I have enjoyed it. We never realized how big this State really is. We have met many dedicated Knights and your families. We thank you for your hospitality and the friendship shown toward us. I thank the Former Vice Supreme Master, Marvin Lott, for what he has done for our Province and District and also for his encouragement and support. I thank the District Marshal, Ken Broussard and his family, for his assistance. I thank the worthy State Deputy, Guy S. Todaro, Jr. and the other State Officers and the Immediate Past State Deputy, Jesse Quinn, for their support. It was very gratifying, to have the State Officers and other members of this District in the audience, at the Provincial Meeting, when our District was awarded the "Outstanding District" award. I thank my wife, Karen and my family for their love and support.

Finally, I thank each and everyone of you for all the support you have given to me, for the opportunity to serve you as Master and for your dedication to the Knights of Columbus and especially the Fourth Degree. May God bless us all, Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, I am
Mike Gilly, Master
Mississippi District, Bienville Province

Mississippi Knights of Columbus Auxiliary State President's Report

Reflecting back on the past year, the memories are very pleasant as I worked with the different auxiliaries and your State Deputy Guy S. Todaro. Jr. Guy was very helpful and kept me informed so I could coordinate with my auxiliaries on dates of special occasions. I am sure he will continue to do so with our new State President Anna Fratesi.

A special thanks to Kenn Rains for publishing auxiliary news in the *Magnolia Knight*.

This year we elected new state auxiliary officers. They were:

State President - Anna Fratesi (wife of Robert Fratesi, PSD)
State Vice-President - Jean Underwood
State Secretary - Pat Brewington
State Treasurer - Lisa Mink

We extend our thanks to Father Dennis Carver for remembering the deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary who passed away this past year at the Friday morning Mass at convention including:

Marion Martin, Second President of the State Auxiliary
Mary B. Cabibi, First State Chaplain (wife of the late John S. Cabibi, PSD)
Mary Myers, (wife of John Pat Myers, PSD).

Also special thanks to Father Michael Nance who gave a beautiful prayer and blessing on our newly installed officers Sunday morning. The ladies were very impressed and we never had a more inspiring and uplifting installation.

We are happy to announce that one of our members, Leah Bickel, designed and created our new state officer's jewels.

Again this year as we do every year, each auxiliary had a fund raiser for the Burn Center in Greenville. This is an individual project but the monies are combined and given as a lump sum from the State Auxiliary. Also, we gave \$300.00 to the Priest Education Fund (\$150.00 to each diocese). \$500.00 was donated to McAuley Home for retired Sisters of Mercy in Vicksburg.

\$250.00 for our John and Mary Cabibi Scholarship Fund was awarded to Crystal Reni Bailey of Walls, MS. Any graduating high school senior regardless of other partial scholarships they may have received may apply. First consideration is given to state affiliated auxiliary member's child, state affiliated auxiliary member's grandchild, any Knights of Columbus member's child, and any graduating high school senior who is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

We are proud to announce that we have chartered three new auxiliaries this year. They are:

Woolmarket, 9673
Picayune, 6872
Columbia/Tylertown, 11956

We also have several additional potential auxiliaries.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the State Auxiliary as the eleventh State President these past two years. Thanks to the Knights and Ladies who have helped this term be progressive and enjoyable.

If the state auxiliary can help the State Officers or any council, we will be happy to do so.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Toni Todaro, State President
Mississippi K of C Auxiliary

**Report on the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund
by Lawrence M. Campbell**

Most Reverend Bishop, Worthy Supreme Treasurer, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights: This is the first time I have addressed the State Council as Chairman of the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund. It is with great pride and a deep sense of honor that I assume responsibility for the Priest Education Fund. I have been attending State Conventions since 1981 and on these occasions have been quite moved with the dedication of two men who have made a most significant contribution to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund. These men were the late Jimmy Bartlet and the man we honored at last night's banquet, Sir Knight Paulino Carruba, who carries the title of Chairman Emeritus.

Although contributions to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund were less than anticipated this year, we were still able to present checks totaling \$22,613.65 to Bishop William R. Houck, Bishop of Jackson, and checks totaling \$16,351.04 to Bishop Joseph L. Howse, Bishop of Biloxi. These checks together totaled \$38,964.69 and bring our contributions since the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund was established to \$964,018.56. I have no doubt that with your continued dedication, the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund will surpass \$1,000,000 as we enter the new millennium.

In discussions with Bishop Houck and Bishop Howse, I have learned that the cost of educating one seminarian for one year is approximately \$18,000. This means that the Knights of Columbus are providing funding to subsidize one seminarian in each diocese. Presently, the Diocese of Jackson has 3 seminarians and the Diocese of Biloxi has 5 seminarians. It's quite obvious that our bishops need our assistance. Furthermore, both dioceses depend heavily upon assistance from groups and agencies outside of Mississippi to meet ministry needs in our wonderful state. We must do more.

At its inception, had the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund been established as an endowment to the Catholic Foundation and had all proceeds been placed in the Foundation, our bishops would have in excess of \$75,000 annually in earnings on the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund. Monies being needed demanded that our bishops use the annual contribution from the Knights to pay expenses each year for our seminarians. As a result, we do not have an endowment.

I am proposing that we continue and rededicate ourselves to fund-raising programs and projects to give our bishops monies to help meet the financial needs of our seminarians. However, I want us to

consider taking on a bold initiative, this initiative being a method of endowing the Catholic Foundations in the two dioceses with the proceeds of life insurance. This would involve Knights using new or existing life insurance policies as a vehicle to provide funds in the future to the foundations. The need is there. We have a life insurance program in the Knights of Columbus and presently have favorable tax laws that enable premium payments under this initiative to be deductible as charitable contributions. This seems to be a win-win situation. If only 1,000 Knights participated in this initiative with a minimum policy of \$2500 and all premiums were paid, the foundations would eventually receive 2 ½ million dollars. Then, the interest earned on 2 ½ million dollars would support at today's cost nearly 12 seminarians annually. Brothers, this is not a pipe dream. This is attainable. One thousand Knights participating in \$2500 increments is only scratching the surface. If we, the members of the Knights of Columbus, were to adopt and commit to this initiative, we could make a profound impact upon the future of the Catholic Church in the State of Mississippi.

I ask for your prayers and support as I attempt to put this initiative together and then, if successful, I ask for your assistance in making this initiative a reality. May God bless us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Campbell

Donations to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund

Council Number	Council/Assembly/Auxiliary	1953 - 1997	1998	Total
802	Meridian	\$33,973.00	\$300.00	\$34,273.00
802	1251 Assembly	\$2,050.00	\$200.00	\$2,250.00
802	Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,600.00	\$250.00	\$2,850.00
848	Jackson	\$27,705.00	\$1,300.00	\$29,005.00
848	0554 Assembly	\$1,540.00	\$100.00	\$1,640.00
898	Vicksburg	\$57,650.00	\$4,100.00	\$61,750.00
898	0558 Assembly	\$2,950.00	\$500.00	\$3,450.00
1034	Natchez	\$38,519.50	\$1,324.00	\$39,843.50
1034	0559 Assembly	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
1244	Biloxi	\$33,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$34,000.00
1244	Ladies Auxiliary	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$700.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$29,414.00	\$500.00	\$29,914.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$310.00
1583	Gulfport	\$67,759.00	\$1,000.00	\$68,759.00
1583	0556 Assembly	\$2,209.00	\$0.00	\$2,209.00
1583	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,925.00	\$200.00	\$2,125.00
1605	Pascagoula	\$136,895.00	\$0.00	\$136,895.00

1605	0561 Assembly	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
1605	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,625.00	\$100.00	\$1,725.00
1908	Hattiesburg	\$11,675.00	\$0.00	\$11,675.00
2134	Greenville	\$56,344.00	\$2,400.00	\$58,744.00
2134	0555 Assembly	\$53,109.00	\$500.00	\$53,609.00
2134	Ladies Auxiliary	\$3,650.00	\$300.00	\$3,950.00
2180	Laurel	\$20,339.00	\$1,606.00	\$21,945.00
2180	0563 Assembly	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
2180	3768 Squires Circle	\$721.00	\$0.00	\$721.00
2945	Leland	\$21,012.00	\$600.00	\$21,612.00
2969	Clarksdale	\$28,570.00	\$1,000.00	\$29,570.00
4472	Pass Christian	\$4,874.00	\$0.00	\$4,874.00
4472	Ladies Auxiliary	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$775.00
4898	Long Beach	\$54,401.00	\$1,500.00	\$55,901.00
4898	1719 Assembly	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00
4898	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,150.00	\$100.00	\$1,250.00
5267	Greenwood	\$19,464.04	\$600.00	\$20,064.04
5267	1569 Assembly	\$875.00	\$125.00	\$1,000.00
5556	Cleveland	\$12,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$13,450.00
5556	1503 Assembly	\$950.00	\$200.00	\$1,150.00
5654	Ocean Springs	\$23,655.00	\$0.00	\$23,655.00
5654	2059 Assembly	\$1,013.00	\$225.00	\$1,238.00
5654	Ladies Auxiliary	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
6555	Shelby	\$7,360.00	\$500.00	\$7,860.00
6592	Bassfield	\$1,850.00	\$100.00	\$1,950.00
6765	Starkville	\$1,025.00	\$200.00	\$1,225.00
6872	Picayune	\$26,015.00	\$3,455.00	\$29,470.00
6872	2227 Assembly	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
7087	Kiln	\$4,960.00	\$300.00	\$5,260.00
7120	Southaven	\$4,463.00	\$800.00	\$5,263.00
7120	2195 Assembly	\$1,120.00	\$250.00	\$1,370.00
7120	Ladies Auxiliary	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$300.00
7211	Lumberton	\$36,255.24	\$370.04	\$36,625.28
7854	Clinton	\$3,685.00	\$326.00	\$4,011.00
7910	Orange Grove	\$1,545.00	\$175.00	\$1,720.00
7910	2347 Assembly	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
7910	Ladies Auxiliary	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
7915	Brookhaven	\$11,650.00	\$1,500.00	\$13,150.00
7974	Columbus	\$1,675.00	\$400.00	\$2,075.00

8038	Pearl	\$2,029.00	\$50.00	\$2,079.00
8054	McComb	\$7,220.00	\$500.00	\$7,720.00
8285	Jackson, St. Therese	\$1,409.00	\$0.00	\$1,409.00
8760	Holly Springs	\$2,450.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00
8848	Tupelo	\$3,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,400.00
8848	2131 Assembly	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
8912	Corinth	\$1,100.00	\$250.00	\$1,350.00
9094	D'Tberville	\$2,586.00	\$300.00	\$2,886.00
9124	Gautier	\$2,824.00	\$500.00	\$3,324.00
9234	Indianola	\$3,390.00	\$200.00	\$3,590.00
9409	West Biloxi	\$6,678.59	\$800.00	\$7,478.59
9543	Madison	\$1,486.00	\$273.65	\$1,759.65
9673	Woolmarket	\$882.50	\$600.00	\$1,482.50
9958	Lizana	\$1,900.00	\$380.00	\$2,280.00
9958	2284 Assembly	\$310.00	\$200.00	\$510.00
9958	Ladies Auxiliary	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$600.00
10216	Brandon	\$1,225.00	\$225.00	\$1,450.00
10216	2269 Assembly	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
10216	Ladies Auxiliary	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
10443	Grenada	\$1,523.00	\$400.00	\$1,923.00
10443	Ladies Auxiliary		\$75.00	\$75.00
10499	Ocean Springs	\$1,595.00	\$0.00	\$1,595.00
10901	Oxford	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
11541	St. James, Gulfport	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$285.00
11654	Wiggins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11904	Lucedale	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
11956	Columbia\Tylertown	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	St. Mary's	\$474.00	\$0.00	\$474.00
	State Ladies aux	\$3,000.00	\$300.00	\$3,300.00
	Individual	\$2,215.00	\$1,040.00	\$3,255.00
	Misc	\$11,547.00		\$11,547.00
	Gluckstadt		\$140.00	\$140.00
	Total	\$925,793.87	\$38,224.69	\$964,018.56

Election of State Officers

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. requested that the election tellers take their position. He then called for the election of State Officers, by opening the floor for nominations.

State Deputy

Father Dennis Carver, State Chaplain nominated Guy S. Todaro, Jr. for the office of State Deputy for the 1998-1999 fraternal year. There were no other nominations. Guy S. Todaro, Jr. was elected by acclamation.

State Secretary

Tony Homsany, 10499 Ocean Springs, nominated Bruce Pabon for the office of State Secretary for the 1998-1999 fraternal year. There were no other nominations. Bruce Pabon was elected by acclamation.

State Treasurer

Greg Rottman, 898 Vicksburg, nominated Thomas F. Chady for the office of State Treasurer for the 1998-1999 fraternal year. There were no other nominations. Thomas F. Chady was elected by acclamation.

State Advocate

Marvin Cannon, 8285 Jackson, St. Therese, nominated Richard T. Lieding for the office of State Advocate for the 1998-1999 fraternal year. There were no other nominations. Richard T. Lieding was elected by acclamation.

State Warden

Mark Fontenot, 9094 D'Iberville, nominated Larry J. Tabor for the office of State Warden for the 1998-1999 fraternal year. Thomas R. Zettler, PSD, nominated Don F. Cox for the office of State Warden for the 1998-1999 fraternal year. There were no further nominations. Larry Tabor was elected by a majority vote of the delegates.

**Nomination and Election of Delegates and Alternates
to the 116th Supreme Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio**

Prior to the floor being open for nominations of delegates Immediate Past State Deputy Jesse J. Quinn, III, publically announced that he would not be attending the Supreme Convention in Cincinnati.

The delegates elected were as follows:
Reverend Dennis J. Carver – Insurance Delegate
Harvey Mitchell – Associate Delegate
Thomas F. Chady – Associate Delegate

The alternates elected were as follows (in order of votes received):
Larry J. Tabor – Insurance Alternate
Daniel J. Lechner – Insurance Alternate
Donald F. Cox – Insurance Alternate
James R. Yaggi – Associate Alternate
J. Lessie Ladner – Associate Alternate

**Nomination and Selection of the Site
for the 2002 State Convention**

Joseph B. Goellner, Sr. made a bid for Council 1908 Hattiesburg to host the 2002 State Convention.

No other bids were made. Hattiesburg was selected by acclamation.

Larry Tabor, chairman of the 2001 convention to be held on the coast requested input from the delegates as to whether they preferred an casino based or non-casino based convention for 2001. In a non-binding hand vote, the delegates inputted that they preferred a non-casino based convention in 2001.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Under new business, Jim Heitz made a motion that the Mississippi Jurisdiction participate in the Christopher Fund. Seconded by Terry Hurst. After much discussion, the motion was passed. The method of obtaining the new money necessary to enter into the Christopher Fund would be that each council would be asked to donate \$1.00 per member or \$100.00.

The above mentioned motion is as follows:

Whereas,

the Supreme Council has established a Matching Fund Program whereby contributions from the Mississippi State Council will be matched by the Supreme Council on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to a maximum of \$5.00 per member in Mississippi, said funds to be contributed to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and the earnings thereon to be paid annually for charitable purposes, as established in this resolution; and

Whereas,

it is deemed beneficial to charitable programs of the Mississippi State Council to avail itself of such a matching fund program and thereby enter into a cooperative arrangement with the Supreme Council whereby the charities of the Mississippi State Council will receive greater benefits;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved.

that the 1998 meeting of the Mississippi State Council hereby adopts this resolution so as to enter into the Matching Fund Program proposed by resolution No. J 34 adopted at the 1992 Supreme Council meeting;

Further Resolved,

that the Mississippi State Council shall donate to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc a minimum of \$150,000 per diocese prior to June 30, 1998, so that the Mississippi State council may participate in this enterprise and as man' funds practicable in later years to increase the level of participation;

Further Resolved,

that these funds will be new monies donated specifically to this purpose from individual Councils of the Mississippi jurisdiction based upon specific request, from funds donated by individual Knights of the Mississippi jurisdiction. or from proceeds of specific fund-raising events, such monies will be transmitted to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. as soon as practicable after collection by the Mississippi State Council,

Further Resolved,

that the proceeds paid by the Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. be added to the Priest Education Fund by the state treasurer for addition to the donation made to the two dioceses of the Mississippi jurisdiction at the annual State Convention;

Further Resolved.

That any changes in the designation of the beneficiary of theses funds may be made only by a two-thirds vote at the **annual** State Convention.

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Accept Recommendation

There being no further business, State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. made some closing remarks. The 1998 State Convention adjourned with prayer at 12:15 p.m.

These proceedings of the 94th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus are respectfully submitted,

C. Bruce Pabon
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