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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
95TH ANNUAL STATE MEETING  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**First Business Session  
Friday, April 23, 1999**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. At that time he called on Brother Ed Canizaro to introduce Brother Lauderdale, President of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Brother Lauderdale welcomed all delegates and members to Vicksburg.

State Secretary Bruce Pabon responded on behalf of the State Council.

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order and opened the First Business Session of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction at 6:15 p.m. State Warden Larry J. Tabor verified that all present possessed current membership cards of the Third Degree. State Chaplain Father Dennis J. Carver opened the meeting with a prayer. He stated that he was proud to be part of the last convention of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master Norman M. McDonald lead the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., welcomed the delegates and introduced Supreme Director Louis A. Mautino.

The State Deputy then entertained a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting. A motion was made by Bill Gatzman, Laurel Council 2180 and seconded by Gordon Cowie, Pearl Council 8038.

Reports not previously received were submitted. District Deputy No. 12, Donald F. Cox, presented his report to the delegates.

State Warden Larry J. Tabor explained the assignment of chairs to the delegates. The Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report was given by Sir Knight Norman M. McDonald. Thomas R. Zettler, Immediate Past State Deputy presented the report on the State Program for People Mentally Disabled.

State Advocate Richard T. Lieding distributed the resolutions and State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr gave the Committee Assignments.

Other administrative remarks and announcements were made, including the theme of this year's convention, "Spread The Word - Witness Our Faith."

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.

#### **Convention Committees**

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 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. at the Vicksburg Convention Center on Saturday, April 24, 1999 in the rooms designated below. 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.

The committees are as follows:

**1. Credentials Committee**

**Bruce Fabon, State Secretary**

Bob Leo	#802
Tom Thornton	#898
E. C. Niolet, Jr.	#4472
Douglas Cocilova	#5556
David Scott	#9543

**2. Resolutions Committee**

**Richard T. Lieding, State Advocate**

Thomas R. Zettler, IPSD	
Robert Fratesi, PSD	
Andrew T. Hurst	#1583
Robert Barr	#9124

**3. Audit Committee**

**Bradley D. Burden, CPA**

Louis D. J. Schwartz	#2180
Leon J. Shapley	#2945
Thomas Bryant	#5556
Will Ebel	#6765
Joe Serio	#8054
Buddy Honeycutt	#10443

**4. Ceremonials Committee**

<b>Donald F. Cox</b>	<b>DD #12</b>
Robert Hudson	DD #1
Harvey Caldwell, III	#5267
Thomas Homsany	#10499
Robert A. Grant	#10901
Ray Shields	#11904
Henry A. Bertagnolli	#12166

**5. Public Relations Committee**

**Randy Verret, Magnolia Knight Editor**

Nat Zummo	DD #6
Frank Polizzi	#802
William R. Davis	#1244
Goerge Heikamp	#6872
Jim Brewington	#7120
Randy Banks	#7910
Materno Yapit	#9409

**6. Election Tellers**

John P. Myers, PSD  
Norman L. Keihm, PSD  
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr., PSD

**7. Financial Secretaries**

**George B. Walston, FS #802**

James Farris	DD #2
Ralph W. Gatzman	#2180
Gordon Cowie	#8038
Ronald Kopacz	#8760
John C. Minninger	#11934

ALL Financial Secretaries in attendance at the Convention.

**8. Membership Committee**

**Larry J. Tabor, State Membership Director**

Henry Mosco, Insurance General Agent  
Jim Rigby, Retention Chairman

Richard Spence	DD #7
Charles J. Morlino	#2945
Jim Glover	#2969
Gene Rogers	#4472
George Emile, Jr.	#5654
Victor Malatesta	#6555
Jeff Hathorn	#6592
Thomas Hannigan	#6765

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Joe Tannehill, Sr.	#9234
Hollis J. Moran	#9958
Dan Buzzarde	#10443

**9. Good of the Order Committee**

**Stanley M. Swentkowski, PSD**

David DiLorenzo	DD #10
William C. Jarret	#1908
John Laurenzi	#2969
Andre Damien	#6872
Mack McCarney	#11654

**10. State Convention Committee**

**Daniel J. Lechner DD #11, State Convention Chairman**

John R. Ward	DD #9
Mike Lee	#898
Dan Garrigan	#7120
Mike Bucciantini	#1908

**11. Mileage and Per Diem Committee**

**Thomas F. Chady, State Treasurer**

Joe Goellner	DD #8
Ken Broussard	#1605
Bruno Fava	#6555
Paul Gospodarski	#8285
Lonnie R. Parvin	#9673
Harry V. Geauthreaux	#11995

**12. Church Activity Committee**

**Gerry W. Clark, State Program Director**

Fred Cunningham	#848
Joe Garrity	#1034
William A. Seal, Jr.	#4898
O. J. Shiyon	#7087
Charles R. Boyer	#7211
Larry D. Miller	#7974
William Entriken	#9409
Dan L. Hammond	#10216
Kevin Schneider	#11904
C. J. Malley	#12331

**13. Council Activity Committee**

**Peter C. Sukanek, State Council Activity Director**

Herbert J. Marsh	#1522
Earl Westfall	#7915
Lorende "LC" Guilotte	#8038
Rob Hudson	#8848
Darnell Lepre	#9094
Terry Lott	#9234
Joseph Souza	#9673
Harold C. Noll	#11541
Footie R. Singleton	#11956
William McClellan	#12271

**14. Youth Activity Committee**

**Lawrence M. "Larry" Campbell, State Youth Activity Director**

Ron Brumfield	#1034
John P. Bernardi	#2134
Robert Carr	#6592
Jim Craig	#7915
Claude L. Vinson	#8760
Dennis C. Louis	#8912
Anthony Moran	#9958
Dennis Deister	#10216
Carl E. Muse	#12166
Gerald Schmuck	#12271

**15. Family Life Activity Committee**

**Mouise T. Richards, State Family Activity Director**

Ron Koehler	DD #3
Michael Macke	#848
Ernest J. Falgo Jr.	#1605
Leonard Tarrant	#5654
W. "Marvin" Cannon	#8285
Al Allegue	#9094
Don Tiblier	#9124
John Czaretsky	#10901
Edward Croal	#11541
Joseph R. Jones, Jr.	#11934
John E. Irion	#11956

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**16. Community Activity Committee**

**William T. Hetrick, State Community Activity Director**

Andrew T. Mitchell	#1522
Henry Rouse	#1583
William Koeppe	#2134
Elbert Cuevas	#7087
Ralph Corrado	#7974
Jeff Houin	#8848
Thomas S. Thompson	#8912
Richard Cameron	#9543
Richard E. Greenwold	#10499
Sherwood Beckman	#11654

**17. Pro-Life Activity Committee**

<b>Dennis K. Riecke,</b>	<b>DD #5</b>
Dr. Luis Borrell	DD #4
Leonard W. Nahlen	#4898
Robert F. Boney	#1244
Wilson John	#7211
Fred Roquemoire	#7854
John R. Leonhard	#7910
Les Jordan	#8054
Rhett Maynard	#11956
James B. Inabinet	#12331

The State Deputy thanked the Mosco Agency for hosting the Thursday night reception. The General Agent, Field Agents, and their wives did an outstanding job hosting a reception for the state personnel who arrived at the convention site early to prepare for the event.

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

## **Grand Knight Reports**

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

The council officers were duly installed on July 14, 1998 by our own District Deputy Dr. Louis Borrell. The following officers were installed for the 1998 - 1999 fraternal year:

Chaplain	Fr. James Brett
Grand Knight	Robert J. Leo, PFN
Deputy Grand Knight	Frank Polizzi
Financial Secretary	George Walston
Chancellor	Wayne Griffin
Treasurer	Tom Zettler, PSD
Advocate	Jack Schaefer
Recorder	Mike Dover (deceased)
Lecturer	Wiley Price, PSD (deceased)
Warden	Dr. Richard Fleming
Inside Guard	David Smith
Outside Guard	John Kasper
Trustee	Pete Vining
Trustee	David Koch
Trustee	Mouise Richards

To serve as Grand Knight of Council #802 has indeed been an honor, a privilege, and a very educating experience. The following is a brief summary of our council's activities for the fraternal year of 1998 - 1999. Although these are only a few of our activities, many more are ongoing, even though they are not listed.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: John Kasper - Chairman

We continue an ongoing Corporate Communion Mass at St Patrick, St. Joseph, and the Holy Rosary Mission.

Council members led the rosary before all Masses in the month of May and October.

We continue our support of our priests, Father Sunds and Father Brett on their individual vacations.

We continue to support the SEE THE LIFE campaign; we have pledged \$72,000.00 over a three (3) year period to this program.

We support our Seminarian, Brother Jerry Daniels, who presides in the Notre Dame Seminary in Louisiana. Brother Jerry Daniels is also a member of Council #802.

We are continuing our support of St. Patrick School on their various programs.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Jack Schons - Chairman

The most popular and largest of our yearly events is the presentation of the Monsignor John J. Burns Award. This is presented to the most deserving person in our community for his/her outstanding contribution.

We continue to visit the East Mississippi State Hospital, bringing the patients treats of soft drinks, potato chips, cookies, etc. We also bring them gifts at Christmas.

We participate in the state "Adopt a Highway" program which we have a two (2) mile stretch of highway to maintain.

We participate in the Salvation Army "Bell Ringers" program each year.

We conduct our "Tootsie Roll" drive to benefit the mentally challenged programs in our area.

We continue to support the "Habitat for Humanity" programs.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Mouise Richards - Chairman

Our council has a social every second Tuesday of the month.

We continue to sponsor a softball team and a bowling team to participate at the state tournaments.

We conduct a pool tournament as well as a horseshoe tournament.

We have a New Year's Eve party for our members as well as a "Super Bowl" party.

We continue to hold our health programs.

We participate in the "Knight of the Month," Knight of the Quarter," and the state "Knight of the Year" programs.

We conduct a "First Degree Team" at every opportunity that presents itself.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Jack Schaefer - Chairman

We continue to sponsor a local "Free Throw" contest, and the winner participates in the state contest.

We support our Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and our Cub Scout packs financially and otherwise.

We hold numerous contests for the students at St. Patrick School throughout the year.

On Christmas Eve, we visit ALL the local hospital children wards bringing stuffed animals to the little patients there. Santa Claus paid them a visit this year with Mrs. Claus. The families were presented with a crochet angel donated by one of Knight's aunts.

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

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Wayne Griffin - Chairman

This year we have adopted a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday as a Family Social "Theme Night."

Every 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday we had a social with a theme. We have held so far "Italian Night," "Mexican Night," and "Hawaiian Night." This proved to be very successful.

We participate each month in the Supreme "Family of the Month" as well as the state "Family of the Year" program.

We include all of our deceased member's widows in all of our family activities.

We hold a Christmas Party for all of our members' children and grandchildren presenting them with gifts from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

We continue to hold Halloween parties for the children of the community and our parish.

We sponsor a "Casino Night" for the Ladies.

We conduct a Memorial Mass for our deceased members in November.

Although these are only a portion of the activities that were conducted by members of our council, they are by no means near the activities accomplished by Council #802 members and officers. Council #802 continues to be one of the most active councils in the Jurisdiction and in the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert J. Leo  
Grand Knight

**John T. Savage Council 848**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**  
**Fred D. Cunningham**

The membership of Council 848 is made up from six parishes in the Greater Jackson Metropolitan Area: St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Richards, St. Mary's, St. Therese, Holy Family, and Holy Savior, comprising a roster of 78 members. Having met at St. Richard's Parish for about two years, the council returned in May 1998 to St. Peter's Cathedral where meetings are now held in the new Parish addition. Installation of officers was conducted during the August 1998 meeting as follows:

Chaplain	Fr. Patrick Farrell
Grand Knight	Fred D. Cunningham
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Macke
Financial Secretary	Henry A. Kajdan Macke
Chancellor	Gerald Graham
Treasurer	C.T. Payment
Advocate	Thomas Lamas
Recorder	James McCraw
Warden	William R. Mordecai
Trustee	J. J. Befort
Trustee	Chester Lamparty
Trustee	George Rutherford

**Committee Directors:**

Church  
Community  
Family  
Membership  
Program

Michael Macke  
William R. Mordecai  
J. J. Befort  
James McCraw  
Gerald R. Graham

**Council Activities**

1. Sponsored annual Christmas Party in conjunction with Ladies Auxiliary during which a money tree was contributed to Community Services for Senior Citizens.
2. Sponsored Knight of the Month and Family of the Month activities.
3. Requested a Mass and made a donation to his church for a deceased member.
4. Sent fruit baskets to hospitalized members, get well cards to other sick members and Ladies Auxiliary members, and birthday cards to all members.
5. Attended two Schools of Columbianism meetings (GK and FS).
6. Contributed to building fund for the new addition of St. Peter's Cathedral.
7. Contribute monthly to St. Vincent de Paul organization at St. Peter's Cathedral and to Catholic Service Appeal.
8. Contributed to a limited number of local students pursuing training for the priesthood.

**Church Activities**

1. Assist priest with setting up for Sunday Mass and with the conducting of Stations of the Cross.
2. Serve as lectors, servers, ushers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc., at various Masses.
3. Assist with and chair committees for general minor maintenance of the building and maintenance and beautification of grounds.
4. Donated to Priest Education Fund.

**Community Activities**

1. Sponsored annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
2. Rang bell for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas fundraising project.
3. Visited the sick at home and at local nursing homes.
4. Sponsored a public Commemorative Service in November 1998 for four deceased members.
5. Sponsored annual Spaghetti dinner with proceeds going to the Priest Education Fund.
6. Sponsored annual basketball tournament among Catholic elementary schools of the Jackson area.
7. Participated in the Habitat for Humanity building blitz of two houses sponsored by all Catholic churches of the Jackson area.

**CONVENTION:**

We are grateful to convention chairman Jerry Boland and co-chairman Ed Canizaro for their hard work and dedication. Thanks to them and their army of volunteers, the 1999 State Convention will go down as one of the best ever.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Lee  
Acting Grand Knight

**Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034  
Natchez, Mississippi  
Ron Brumfield**

This past year has seen a lot of growth for council 1034 of Natchez, growth, not just in numbers, but more in spirit, faith, and fellowship. For me personally it has been a very full and rewarding year, my first year as Grand Knight.

July of 1998, the duly elected and appointed officers of council 1034 were installed by our own district deputy brother Richard Spence. We set out on a journey together as a council, with great expectation, striving, as one united body to make a difference, in our lives, our families, our parish, and in our community. I feel that we, as a council, have accomplished much of what we set out to do, and that we are continuing, and will continue, to accomplish our goals. We have been extremely fortunate in having the tremendous support of our families and of our parish. Council 1034 is especially blessed with the loving guidance and active support of our pastor, Father Al Camp and Father Welt Brown. Father Camp also is Chaplain for council 1034. His help and spirit have been a welcome presence in our council, and are truly appreciated.

The officers for the 1998 - 1999 fraternal year are as follows:

Chaplain	Rev. Al Camp
Grand Knight	Ron Brumfield
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Searcy
Financial Secretary	Henry (Sonny) Foggo, III
Chancellor	Audley Case
Treasurer	Conrad Anderson, Jr.
Advocate	Gene Simonton
Recorder	Mark LaFrances
Warden	Pat Galloway
Inside Guard	Jack Aubic
Outside Guard	Elwood Black
Trustee	Joe Garrity

Trustee  
Trustee  
Lecturer  
House Chairman

Chuck Bergin  
Ricky Warren  
Mike Tatum  
Max Voss

**Activities**

Jimmy Searcy, Program Chairman

**Church Activities:** Audley Case, Chairman

1. Members serve as ushers, lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, organist, CCD teacher, choir, Parish Council, Finance Committee.
2. Council helps with repairs and cleaning of church after storm damage.
3. Sponsored highway billboard for Lenten season.
4. Sponsored and fed RCIA group.
5. Sponsored youth and chaperoned CYO trip to Saltillo Mission.
6. Held Millennium Holy Hour of Prayer.
7. Brother designs and constructs Pascal candle for St. Mary's.
8. Brothers attend retreat at Manressa.
9. Make K of C Hall available for church activities.
10. Held celebration for Father Camp.
11. Held retirement celebration for Sr. Claire Hogan of Catholic Charities.
12. Donated \$1,043.00 to Priest Education Fund.

**Community Activities:** William Geoghegan, Chairman

1. Brothers work at Cathedral Football field.
2. Sponsor Parish Blood Drive.
3. Participated in state "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the mentally handicapped.
4. Held fundraiser for Catholic Charities "Southern Outdoor Expo."
5. Help with Cathedral School Fall Festival.
6. Brothers visit sick and elderly.
7. Sponsor Supreme Knight's Columbus Day radio address.
8. Council sponsored two families during Christmas with money, food, clothes, and toys.
9. Co-sponsored church softball team.
10. Members served on community committees i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Firefighters Assoc., Natchez Veteran Assoc., Restaurant Assoc., Community Band, Opera Assoc.
11. Sponsor team in American Cancer Society relay for life walk-a-thon.
12. Members help and donate to local stewpot.
13. Brothers serve on parish council.
14. Brothers serve on school board.

8. Serve Community Stewpot soup line and in the food pantry.
9. Volunteer weekly at local hospital to deliver newspapers to patients' rooms, work in admissions office and critical care lounges, and to distribute mail to patients' rooms.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Fred D. Cunningham  
 Grand Knight

**Vicksburg Council 898**  
**Vicksburg, Mississippi**  
**Greg Rottman**

Grand Knight	Greg Rottman
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Lee
Chaplain	Joe Montalbano
Chancellor	Ed Canizaro
Recorder	Rory Ros
Financial Secretary	Chad Sonnek
Treasurer	John Cesare
Lecturer	Jerry Roberts
Advocate	Bill Ford
Warden	Howard Park
Guard	Dan Bauer
Guard	Jerry Boland
Guard	Ken Bonomo
Guard	John Booth
Guard	Ron Buck
Guard	Greg Harrison
Three-Year Trustee	Tony Dardeau
Two-Year Trustee	Tom Thornton
One-Year Trustee	Tom Chady

The Council had another successful year that included multiple activities in all five program areas and hosting the 1999 State Convention. A special thanks to Financial Secretary Chad Sonnek for all of his hard work both in front of and behind the scenes. A summary of membership and highlights of program activities and the convention are noted below:

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

We had several First Degree exemplification's during the fraternal year, adding over thirty new members to our roster. Thanks to our Membership Chairman, Tom Chady, for another outstanding job.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

We continued to support our diocesan mission in Saltillo, Mexico, by holding monthly benefit breakfasts to raise money that is sent to the mission. Support is also extended to one of our council brothers, Michael Flanagan, a third-year seminary student, through Supreme's RSVP program. We prepared Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the Sisters of Mercy, raised over \$3,000 with our Priest Education Fund spaghetti dinner, prepared breakfast for visiting Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and worked with St. Paul Parish members to provide dinner as part of the 50th anniversary celebration for Father John Leonard.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Highlights include our continuing support of the Meals on Wheels program, raising \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanity by holding a draw down, donating food from council events to the River City Rescue Mission, participating in the Tootsie Roll drive; holding a pro-life service at our Memorial to the Innocent Victims of Abortion, serving on the board of Birthright, running the concession stands at the "Run Through History", and collecting literature for the inmates at Mayersville Prison.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

The council holds weekly meetings and prays the rosary before each meeting. We conduct a Saints and Catechism game after each meeting to increase our knowledge of the Church and her history. Our Internet home page continued to advertise council activities, we had dinners for Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day, and held our annual Christmas party.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

We recognized a Family of the Month throughout the year, held picnics for the Fourth of July and Labor Day, held a Memorial Mass, sponsored a Mardi Gras family dance, a Super Bowl party, and pool and burger nights throughout the summer. We also continued to hold fish fries on the Fridays of Lent.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

Activities included the annual Free Throw contest, our sponsorship of Columbian Squires Circle No.81, Boy Scout Troop 7, a Cub Scout pack, as well as continuing to support the CYO and Vicksburg Catholic School. We also sponsored a children's luau, a drug awareness program, and a date rape class, and hosted dinners for the St. Aloysius soccer team and junior high football team.

**Council Activities:** Joe Garrity, Chairman

1. Enter best scrapbook competition at state convention.
2. Grand Knight attended state council retreat.
3. Publish council newsletter.
4. Hold monthly family dinner social.
5. Held Spaghetti Benefit dinner.
6. Sponsor KC Weekly Bowling League.
7. Council participated in State Bowling Tournament.
8. Conducted two membership drives.
9. Signed five new insurance members.
10. Conducted Memorial Service for Deceased Members Program Booklet #2942.
11. Renovated council chamber meeting room.
12. Held Columbus Day Awards Dinner Social.
13. Held Council Halloween Party.
14. Participated in Raising of American Flag for local pageant twenty-two.
15. Held seven benefit Lenten fish fry's.
16. Held council New Years Eve Social.

**Family Activities:** Mark LaFrances, Chairman

1. Held Rosary for Unborn on anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.
2. Held Family Barbecue, Pool Party, Dinner, and Video Party.
3. Hosted Ladies Auxiliary Night.
4. Held Family of the Month Award Program.
5. Sent resolutions of deceased members.
6. Monthly announce and pray for any brothers or family members that are sick or in distress.

**Youth Activities:** Jimmy Searcy, Chairman

1. Support and help CYO with youth activities.
2. Sponsor Boy Scout Troop 158.
3. Brothers serve as scout masters', scout assistance, teeball, softball, soccer coaches.
4. Held Children Christmas Party with Santa Claus.
5. Held local Drug Awareness Poster Contest.
6. Honor Altar Servers with Certificates of Appreciation.

**Membership Activities:** Ricky Warren, Chairman

1. Held membership drives at two of our local parishes. Results were (9) new members and commitment from (6) more.
2. Continued public relation campaign to inform the parishes and public about the Knights of Columbus.

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In closing, as I look back on this year, it has been a rewarding one in many ways. I thank all my brother Knights, and their families, for all of the support and dedication they have exhibited. I want to especially thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their tremendous support and participating in our council. I am very proud of my brother Knights for their sustaining the atmosphere of togetherness that we have enjoyed as a council and a parish. It is my fervent hope, and my sincere belief, that with God's love, we will continue to experience greater camaraderie, and fuller spiritual growth, in the months and years to come. I feel we are ready to meet future challenges.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ronnie Brumfield  
Grand Knight

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

The following officers were installed June 1998 by District Deputy Danny Lechner.

Chaplain	Rev. Tony Arquelles
Grand Knight	Robert Boney
Deputy Grand Knight	Jerry Gollotte
Financial Secretary	Harry Steinwinder
Chancellor	Gerard Darnell
Recorder	Tommy Wilts
Treasurer	Charles Harrison
Advocate	Frank Tarrant
Warden	Barry Bordelon
Inside Guard	Ed Rugg
Outside Guard	Randy Trahan
One Year Trustee	Curtis Harrison
Two Year Trustee	Billy Davis
Three Year Trustee	Dennis(Doc) Ladnier
Lecturer	Jerry Lamey

Deputy Grand Knight Jerry Gollotte served as Program Director over Church, Youth, Council, Community, and Family committees.

I have truly enjoyed serving as Grand Knight of Council 1244 this year. I have had the pleasure of working with a great bunch of brother knights that know how to get the job done when raising money for our charities. They also demonstrate great loyalty for the church and family. Many of the brothers are actively involved with their churches as Lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD Teachers, Ushers, Parish Council and St. Vincent DePaul Society. The council is made up of 4 Parishes.

We have striven to make this a successful year for our council and I feel that we have. We opened up the new year on the 4th of July by having a K of C Family picnic. The next activity to follow was Knight of the Quarter and Families of the month. The Biloxi Council hosted a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplification in August at our council home. We received many good comments on how well it was conducted. The membership is looking forward to hosting another this year. We have also been hosting a Golf Tournament each year as a money making project and doing very well. The tournament is open to KC members as well as the public.

We host a Shrimp Bowl each year that is a big affair for the council. Its start was on Dec. 7, 1941 which was Pearl Harbor Day. We use the proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul, Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund, and the High schools participating in the Bowl Game.

We were very successful with our candy drive for the mentally handicapped citizens this past year. Ms. Ruth Morgan accepted a check for Gulf Coast Mental Retardation Society at the Knight of the Quarter open meeting.

We were fortunate to have one of our Brother Knight's, Tommy Joe Wiltz, better known as Tommy Joe Breaux, put on a show at the New Palace Casino, and a video made called, A Knight At The New Palace Casino with Tommy Joe Breaux." This tape is Cajun Humor at its best. The proceeds from the sale will go to the many charities that we support.

We are always looking for ideas to keep the membership actively involved with projects to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Council had Christmas Parties for the adults as well as for the children. We also had an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at St. Louis Catholic Church. We had cake and refreshments for our oldest brother in the council, Brother Rip Domning, who turned 92 years young. this brother is very active for his age. When we have socials, he is the first in line to help serve the guests. He still helps out with the Boy Scout Troop 213 which we have supported for over 60 years.

We fell short of our quota on membership recruitment for the year by 4. We hope to gain these by the end of June. Our membership chairman and retention committee has worked very hard in both retention and membership. We picked up a total of 17 from April 1 thru March 31, 1999. Retention is very good. We only have 14 delinquent dues for the year. This is good, considering we have almost 400 members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the state officers who were so helpful through the year, as well as all my brother knights for their support and time given to make this a successful year for the council.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Boney  
Grand Knight

**Pere le Duc Council 1522  
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi  
Andrew "Tom" Mitchell**

During this past year we had many successes.

Our MEMBERSHIP program increased by over 140% of quota.

Our INSURANCE program increased by over 18% of quota. This was due to a large degree by our Field Agent Jim Rigby.

Program wise,

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Together with our Ladies Auxiliary, we sponsored a Nocturnal Adoration Dinner for all attendees of Our Lady of the Gulf. In addition to the work that was done for the local Parish Communities identified below, we also contributed over 250 man hours working at St. Augustine Seminary. This included physical work around the property as well as planning for their 75th Anniversary. This was done in conjunction with our Ladies Auxiliary. We also held a rummage sale and raised over \$600.00 to assist the retired priests who live there.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: We held a New Years Eve Dance that was attended by over 120 members and their wives. In addition to all of the joint activities that we hold between the Ladies Auxiliary and our council, we also hold a Monthly Corporate Communion at different churches within our area.

We have also held a Christmas Party for our members and their families. We also hosted a Mothers Day Breakfast for our parish after the 8:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Our Ladies Auxiliary joined us in preparing meals for over 600 boys and girls who were in attendance for the Youth 2000 program sponsored by the Biloxi Dioceses. We are also reforming a Squires Circle, with the help of Brother Carlos Arnold, Manuel Mariggi and Matthew Blackledge. They expect to have the Circle reinstalled during May of this year.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Our council has contributed over 10,000 man-hours this past year to help Our Lady of the Gulf Annual Crab Festival. This festival was attended by 100% of our members and ladies who were physically able and lived within our area. We also contributed over 1,000 man-hours at St. John's and St. Ann's Parishes in Lakeshore and Claremont Harbor for their Parish Bazaars. We hosted a Red Beans and Rice Benefit for the families of two slain police officers on the coast. At that time we raised in excess of \$4,000.00 for their families.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: We hosted a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree and had over 75 candidates from across the coast. We sponsored the Knights of Columbus Float in the local Mardi Gras Parades. We host a "No Cost" free meal for the members each month at our Social meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew "Tom" Mitchell  
Grand Knight

**Bishop Gunn Council 1583  
Gulfport, Mississippi  
Andrew "Terry" Hurst**

Officers for the year July 1 1998-June 30, 1999.

Chaplain	Fr. Thomas White
Grand Knight	Andrew T. Hurst
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Necaie
Chancellor	Robert Flagg
Financial Secretary	Gary Whitener
Treasurer	Mike Guel
Recorder	Larry Everett

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Warden	Charles Hedrick
Inside Guard	John Windham
Outside Guard	Robert Roley
3 Year Trustee	Nick Pitalo
2 Year Trustee	Gil Bailey
1 Year Trustee	Roger Trisotto
Advocate	Charles Farve

The Council holds its business meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Council 1583 was active as always. We have our Sunday and Monday night bingo, catering and, of course, ushering at the Coast Coliseum. In just these three activities we invested over 10,000 man-hours of time.

Along with our regular catering events that we earn income from we also cooked for the Elementary School Bazaar, and the Council purchased, prepared and delivered the food for the Irish Gala, which is the fundraiser for the Presentation Sisters.

Our Council is very fortunate to have so many helpers from outside of its membership. We would not be able to do all of the charity work without their help.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success again this year. We invited everyone in our local church community along with the Gulfport Police and Fire Departments. Over 500 meals were served.

The Council was able to pay off its pledge of \$4,800 to St. John Elementary School. This was for four computers that we purchased for their new computer lab.

The Council donated a dishwasher to St. John Elementary at a cost of over \$7,000 and a freezer to St. John High at a cost of over \$3,000.

The Council also helped the schools with the use of our hall and grounds, for retreats, softball, swimming, dances and field day.

Although we have so much success with all that we do there are still the sad times. We lost several Brother Knights this year - Brothers Wes Ranson, Charles Lee Rouse, Floyd E. Bishop, Doc Green, Lessie Ladner, and Earl Pitre. We will miss them all. With the passing of Brother Lessie Ladner we lost a relatively new member to our council, but a member that truly loved the Knights of Columbus and also Bishop Gunn Council 1583.

Lessie was not really physically able to help that much, but he did not let this stop him from trying to do as much as anyone else. I will truly miss this Brother Knight.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew T. Hurst  
Grand Knight

**Msg. P. J. Carey Council 1605**  
**Pascagoula, Mississippi**  
**Ernest J. Falgo, Jr.**

1998 -1999 was a year of transition for council 1605. Our members and their families rallied around our core group of men to rebuild our council both financially and spiritually.

While we did our best to put forth our charitable acts first, we knew that this year we had to focus on our council to ensure it would continue into this new millennium.

We were also very proud to have our very own member Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. serve as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. Guy has been a member of 1605 since 1981. He has proven himself a leader to our council and now to the state.

Council 1605 will continue to lead the Mississippi Knights into the Third Millennium.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ernest J. Falgo, Jr.  
Grand Knight

**Bishop Fahey Council 1908**  
**Hattiesburg, Mississippi**  
**William L. "Bill" Jarrett**

It is my duty and pleasure to report the activities of the Bishop Fahey Council #1908 for the 1998 -1999 Fraternal Year.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Brothers John Zambrano and John Windsor. John Zambrano was a former Grand Knight and Faithful

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Navigator and has for many years been a perfect example of a Catholic gentleman, always ready to greet you with a smile and a good word. I personally will miss John Windsor, who was a member of my 2nd - 3rd degree class. Although suffering from ill health this last year, his passing was an unexpected blow for our council. Both men will be sorely missed.

In April of this year the membership of our council approved a resolution enabling our Property Development Committee to sell either part or the entire property that the council currently owns in order to obtain funds to build or purchase a Hall. We are excited at the prospect of finally moving forward to getting a facility that our council can fully use for KC, community, and church events.

Elections were held on the last regular business meeting in May. District Deputy Joe Goellner installed the officers on June 25. Officers for the 1998 - 1999 fraternal year were as follows

Grand Knight	Bill Jarrett
Deputy Grand Knight	Larry Bellipanni
Chancellor	Ken Robinson
Recorder	John Krumpas
Treasurer	Dave Collins
Advocate	Patrick Brennan
Warden	Bill Kerley
Inside Guard	Heath Thompson
Outside Guard	Tim Vogt
3 year Trustee	Joe Goellner
2 year Trustee	Mike Bucciantini
1 year Trustee	Louis Csaszar

A summary of our council activities is given below:

Church Activities:

- a) Council donated \$500 to the Priest Education Fund and \$100 for the Christopher Fund;
- b) Council members participated in Mass services as lecturers, ushers, and ministers at St. Thomas and Sacred Heart Churches;
- c) Council members participated in CCD training and served as Sunday School instructors at St. Thomas and Sacred Heart Churches;
- d) Council members served on the Sacred Heart School Board and St. Thomas Parish Councils;
- e) Council members provided labor for putting up and taking down booths at the Sacred Heart Seafood Jamboree and Fall Festivals;
- f) Council sponsored annual Parish Priest Education Crawfish Boil;
- g) Council held two Lenten Fish Fries for the Priest Education Fund.

Community Activities:

- a) Council conducted annual May Tootsie Roll drive;
- b) Council members serve in the St. Vincent DePaul Society;
- c) Council set up booths for the Hattiesburg Hubfest and Old Tyme Festivals;
- d) Council members participated in the Casino Night for the Civitan Camp for the mentally handicapped;
- e) Council members visited homebound members and parishioners in the area nursing homes;
- f) Council donated \$200 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society to help pay for their new facility;
- g) Council hosted the annual St. Thomas Picnic;
- h) Council members participated in St. Thomas clean up.

Council Activities:

- a) Council maintained a council newsletter to inform members on current activities;
- b) Council sponsored a workday to clean up and repair council properties;
- c) Council held installation and reception for new officers; in Jackson;
- e) One council member served as District Deputy;
- f) Council held a Brotherhood Chili and Movie Night;
- g) Council (through the Columbus Club) formed a Property Development Committee to formulate plan to obtain a KC Hall;
- h) Council held an Officer Retreat;
- i) Council held Corporate Communions at Sacred Heart and St. Thomas.

Family Activities:

- a) Council donated \$300 for signs for the Pro Life Chain;
- b) Council held a Memorial Mass for deceased members of the council and the order;
- c) Council held bi-monthly Family Knights (pot-luck);
- d) Council sponsored its annual Right-to-Life Golf Tournament;
- e) Council donated \$200 toward a memorial to the unborn.

Youth Activities:

- a) Council members are heavily involved in community youth activities, particularly soccer, scouting, baseball, CYO, and Sacred Hear School;
- b) Council held its annual Kids Christmas Party, where kids bring a gift for "Santa" to give to other children who are less fortunate;
- c) Council held its annual KC Free Throw;
- d) Council sponsored a boy and girl for Boys and Girls State, respectively;
- e) Council sponsored Back-to-School Party;
- f) Council re-activated Boy Scout Troop 17.

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Our council has had the misfortune of having some very good brothers leave us for greener pastures. Best of luck to David Strickland, Pat O'Brien, Tim Vogt, Mark DeLaHunt, and Heath Thompson in their new jobs. However, our council has had the good fortune of adding Bryan Jennings, Joe Davis, and Joe Yore to our rolls.

Conclusion

It has been an honor to serve as the Grand Knight for this council. The success our council has enjoyed this year has been mainly due to the hard work of the officers, committee chairs, and the individual members. I thank them for their efforts, and I look forward to serving the council in the upcoming year as well as greeting all my state brothers was Hattiesburg hosts the 2002 convention.

Respectively Submitted,  
William L. Jarrett Jr.  
Grand Knight

**Father Korstenbrook Council 2134  
Greenville, Mississippi**

This year at Council 2134 was a very unusual one. We operated our council without a Grand Knight. Whereas no one wanted to accept the responsibility as Grand Knight we still had a handful of officers that organized and seen to it that most of our activities continued. The meetings were conducted by Financial Secretary Robert Fratesi who served as acting Grand Knight along with his normal duties. Our Treasurer Bill Koeppel controlled running most of the council functions. Our Trustee John Bernardi organized many council activities along with managing our weekly bingo. Our Chancellor Sammy Santucci controlled the swimming pool and participated in many activities. Many of the members helped when called upon. However because of our crippled leadership many worthwhile functions were eliminated the past fraternal year.

Chaplain	Father John Bohn
Grand Knight	None
Deputy Grand Knight	Edward Shaw
Recorder	Lex Wilkerson, PGK
Financial Secretary	Robert Fratesi, PSD
Treasurer	Bill Koeppel, PGK
Chancellor	Sammy Santucci
Warden	John Welch
Inside Guard	Peter Mandolini

Outside Guard  
Trustees

James Lenoir  
John Bernardi, PGK  
Bernard Boykin  
C. O'Kelly Hickman, PGK

#### CHURCH ACTIVITY

1. Conducted a Marion Hour of Prayer
2. Furnished and cooked for an Altar Servers swimming party at the K of C Home.
3. Set and took down after Parish fair booths.
4. Cooked spaghetti supper for the Parish fair.
5. Pay electric bill for night lights at Lourdes School.
6. Reimbursed church for a religious ad put in the local newspaper
7. Furnished and cooked breakfast for the confirmation class

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1. Participated in the Mental Retardation Drive.
2. Picked up and delivered donated furniture for St Vincent De Paul Society to give to the needy.
3. KC members serve on local Urban Appeals board, city council, parish council and St Vincent De Paul Society.
4. Sponsor a horse shoe tournament for the public.
5. Sponsor a 4th of July Picnic for all.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Published a council newsletter.
2. Participated in the State Bowling Tournament.
3. Hold a social every 5th Wednesday.
4. Furnished and cooked breakfast for the entire parish after Masses on a Sunday.
5. Hold aggravation tournaments for members and guests.
6. Have Bingo every Saturday night.
7. Made and sold Italian Sausage at Christmas time.
8. Held a Spaghetti dinner for the Priest Education Fund.
9. Sold chances on a MSU/OM football board
10. Send memorials for all immediate deceased KC family members.

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Conducted a Friday night family night with food and games.
2. Have Monday night meals for family during football season.
3. Held a Christmas party for the family.
4. Operate a Swimming pool for members and family.
5. Operate a daily bar at KC hall for members and wives.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITY

1. Sponsor a Boy Scout Troop.
2. Members serve as Boy Scout Master.
3. KC Hall used for St Joseph junior high school dance.
4. Sponsor a bingo for St Joseph senior class for their graduation expenses.
5. Sponsored an aggravation tournament for the children.
6. Sponsor two \$500 scholarships for the St Joseph school graduates.
7. Present trophies at our Catholic school athletic banquet.
8. Presented a pen and pencil set to an outstanding senior boy and girl at St. Joseph School.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Fratesi, PSD  
Financial Secretary

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

#### Officers for 1998-1999

Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Ronald P. Herzog
Grand Knight	Louis "Don" Schwartz
Deputy Grand Knight	J. Tom Canizaro
Chancellor	Glenn Waguespack
Advocate	Joe Flick
Financial Secretary	Ralph W. Gatzman
Treasurer	John P. Myers, PSD, FM
Recorder	Charlie Rawls
Warden	Donald J. O'Brien
Inside Guard	Jordan A. Doggette
Outside Guard	Arthur Axton
3 Year Trustee	Mike Maily
2 Year Trustee	David Hughes
1 Year Trustee	Lawless Fitch
Knight of the Year	Jordan A. Doggette
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

1. July Cleaned/waxed Parish Hall  
Classrooms/Kitchen
2. July Parish Picnic/set up/take down
3. October Lead Monthly Rosary
4. December ICS Drawdown Setup
5. January Gumbo Sales for Priest Education Fund
6. March Parish Retreat
7. Participated in Parish Life
8. Monthly Pancake Breakfast after Mass for  
Seminary Fund
9. Cursillo Leadership  
Facilities Committee (4 men)  
Pastoral Council (7 men)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Glenn Waguespack, Chairman

1. April Sponsor Lenten soup supper
2. May Tootsie Roll Drive
3. January Pot Luck Supper/collect supplies for  
Domestic Abuse Shelter
4. March Pancake Breakfast for Pregnancy Crisis  
Center
5. December Pancake Breakfast for Domestic Abuse  
Shelter
6. September Setup/clean up school fair
7. Quarterly Participated in Parish Blood Drive
8. Weekly Volunteer help for Christian Food Mission

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Henry T. Woodyard, Chairman

1. Monthly Family of the Month Program
2. Annual Family of the Year Award
3. Monthly Corporate Communion
4. June Canoe Trip on Black Creek
5. October Life Chain
6. November Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers
7. December St. Nick Christmas Party
8. December Assisted a needy family at Christmas
9. January Pro Life Rosary and Mass

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Paul Smith, Chairman

1. Sponsored Squires Circle 3768
2. December Sponsored Christmas Party for youth
3. January Free Throw Contest
4. April Easter Egg hunt
5. Coach Soccer - two members

6. Train Altar Servers
7. October Squires Fishing Tournament

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Charlie Rawls, Chairman

1. Sponsored First Degree Team
2. Monthly Newsletter Laurel Knight
3. New KC Insurance Member (2)
4. September Grand Knight attends State Council's Retreat
5. July Installation of Officers and Dinner
6. January Super Bowl Party
7. March KC Awards - Pig Roast
8. Monthly Knight of the Month

Fraternally Submitted,  
Louis "Don" Schwartz  
Grand Knight

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

In September 1998 the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Ron Koeller. A steak dinner followed and was enjoyed by the members and their wives. The installation took place in the K.C. Hall.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Rev. Sean T. Atkinson
Grand Knight	Leon J. Shapley
Deputy Grand Knight	Charlie Morlino
Recorder	Albert Bassi
Financial Secretary	Anthony Santucci
Treasurer	Mike P. Columbus
Chancellor	Frank P. Aldridge
Warden	Sam J. Morlino
Lecturer	John M. Santucci
Advocate	James Harriston
InsideGuard	James F. Santucci
OutsideGuard	Louis J. Santucci
Trustee 1Year	Albert Bassi
Trustee 2Year	Paul Sabbatini
Trustee 3Year	Jerry Wayne Santucci

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

Program Director	Anthony Santucci
Church Activities	Lando Fratesi
Community Activities	Jerry W. Santucci
Council Activities	Mike P. Columbus
Youth Activities	Anthony Santucci
Membership Directors	Edward L. Lubbers

The following activities were performed by our Council during the past year.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

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

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

As of April 1998 we have a total of 52 members in our council 49 active and 3 inactive members.

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Donated \$450.00 to the Priest Education Fund (Proceeds from Catfish Fry)
2. Purchased a \$100.00 raffle ticket for the Annual Parish Bazaar.
3. Brother Knights led the Congregation in the Praying of the Rosary after Mass every Saturday and Sunday during the Months of May and October.
4. Had Masses offered for Deceased Parish Members.
5. Provided Liturgy Team, which includes Lector, Commentator, Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Gift Bearers for Sunday every 1st Sunday of the month.
6. Provided Church the Weekly Church Bulletins
7. Sponsored a Large Billboard "Peace Be to You" Easter Billboard on Highway 82 between Greenville and Leland.
8. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" radio spots on local radio stations in Greenville.

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9. Sponsored the Presentation of the Lives of the Saints and those who were beautified during the Season of Lent.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Participated in the state-wide Tootsie Roll Drive funds for the mentally retarded. We raised approximately \$2,000.00.
2. Aired the Columbus Day Message from the Supreme Knight on local radio station, WBAQ.
3. Volunteered the use of our Council Hall to the community in the event of disaster.
4. Allowed civic organizations to use the Council Hall free of charge.
5. Rented Council Hall to persons having parties for a small fee.
6. Took Poinsettia plants to members of our Parish who were in the Nursing Homes at Christmas Time.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored Nurses to take Blood Pressure of K.C. Members and all the Parish Members after Masses on a weekend in May and September.
2. Conducted an Insurance Program featuring Jerry Woods, our Area Agent, followed by a Social.
3. Sponsored Delegates to the State K.C. Convention.
4. Held a drawing for a cash prize at each Meeting to encourage attendance at meetings.
5. Maintained an active Telephone Committee to enhance participation in Council Activities.
6. Gave Rosary Rings and small statues of the Blessed Virgin to Members that led the Congregation in the praying of the Rosary.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Held Honorary Dinner for Graduating Catholic High School Seniors of our Parish.
2. Presented Bibles to our Graduating Seniors
3. Presented the C. G. Shapley Sportsmanship Award to a High School Senior.
4. Sponsored Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our Parish that were in the 3rd grade and under.
5. Maintained a Personal Representative on the District Drug Free School Advisory Committee.
6. Sponsored a Santa Claus Program for the Young Children of the Parish.

FAMILY LIFE:

1. Held Memorial Services for Deceased Members.
2. Sponsored a Right-To-Life Booth at the Annual Parish Bazaar.
3. Held a Social for members and their wives at our Installation of

- officers.
4. Held a Columbus Day Social for members and their wives.
  5. Held a Christmas Party and Social for members and their wives.
  6. Sent Get-Well cards, Anniversary Cards and New Parents cards to members.
  7. Placed Anniversary Announcements of members on the local radio station.
  8. Gave a "Scriptural Rosary" cassette to each families that are chosen Families of the Quarter, as a promotion of saying the Rosary.

**CONCLUSION:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leon J. Shapley  
Grand Knight

**Msgr. James T. McKenna Council 2969**  
**Clarksdale, Mississippi**  
**Warren J. Matthews**

1998-99 was a year of transition in Council #2969. With the kind support and understanding of our District Deputy, Jim Farris, and our state officers, especially Guy Todaro, we undertook the long overdue task of removing many former and/or transferred Knights from our council rolls. While no council desires to lose members, we had found ourselves unable to genuinely move forward, or to achieve true growth, under the heavy burden of those who had moved away and/or left the Order.

Our dutiful core of officers, program chairmen and participating members once again rallied to perform our Council's core projects and special projects, totaling 26 in number and resulting from over 1,500 man hours of effort, and I wish to thank them all for their invaluable assistance.

I wish to especially recognize the following program chairmen, some of whom perform multiple functions:

Church	Stanley Swentkowski, Treasurer
Youth	David Lee Farris, Jr.

Council  
Community

John Hamilton  
Gregory H. McClellan, DGK, Program Director.

As we enter our final stretch to the New Millennium, we the members of Msgr. J. T. McKenna Council # 2969, are re-invigorated, renewed, and re-focused on our mission as Knights of Columbus, and we anticipate our first year of true growth in 1999-2000.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren Matthews  
Grand Knight

**Msgr. Leech Council 4472**  
**Pass Christian, Mississippi**  
**Gene Rogers**

In the beginning of the fraternal year, our council continued to have a decline in membership. Several members transferred to other councils and others asked to be removed from the rolls. Much of this brought about as a result of Brother Knight Joseph "Lessie" Ladner's death on December 26, 1998. Lessie was the strength of our council and his passing left a void among our members. His guidance and support will be greatly missed.

Our council hall was damaged by Hurricane Georges in September. We were able to make repairs and eventually sold the building. Presently, we hold council meetings in the Parish Hall located at St. Paul's Rectory. This accommodation fits our need at the present time.

We have been blessed with the arrival of a new priest at St. Paul's Parish. Monsignor James Russell is a brother knight, Fourth Degree, and is very supportive of our council, something that was lacking with other pastors in our parish. With Father Jim's support and the support of many state officers and our District Deputy, we held a successful membership drive in which we reactivated several members, received three transfers and three candidates waiting initiation to the First Degree.

Our membership in Council 4472 is beginning to grow and we are optimistic about our future growth. Each member was assigned tasks to recruit potential candidates from a list provided by our Grand Knight. Letters were mailed to each candidate prior to member contact. At our last meeting, we had eleven members in attendance, which is excellent from a group of thirty-two.

Supreme has appointed Brother Warren Reso as new Financial Secretary for the next three year term. Brother Reso has been an inspiration to the council and instrumental in keeping the council together during some rough times. He is to be commended for this effort.

Council 4472 had a social meeting Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Grand Knight's home. We were truly blessed with fifty-five people including children and wives. Members and their families enjoyed crawfish, hot dogs, hamburgers, and potato salad. Our State Deputy Guy Todaro, State Secretary Bruce Pabon, and Field Agent Jim Rigby were also in attendance. This was a successful event considering at past socials there were usually no more than three families attending.

The council's Program Director, E.C. "Charlie" Niolet is being very aggressive in developing programs for the coming year. Council's Secretary, Kenneth Reaver, is doing a great job getting meeting notices out to the members as reminders two or three days prior to meeting date. Our meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month and notices also appear in the church bulletin. The reminder cards have made a huge difference in getting members to meetings. The last few meetings have had eleven or twelve members present, which is very good from a group of thirty-two.

This year we have continued with the following programs:  
Funding the Father Vincent De Lila memorial scholarship that is given to two of the students graduating from St. Paul's Catholic School (1 male, 1 female) for continuing their education at a Catholic high school.

Sponsored Troop 316, B.S.A., car washes and hosted them at the annual St. Paul's Mardi Gras Parade.

Contributed funds to a young Catholic high school student who is involved in several groups in the school and comes from a single parent home for the purpose of attending a summer program called Outward Bounds.

Many of our brother Knights serve in various ministries of the church (choir, Eucharistic ministers, lector, and ushers).  
An outreach program for Mexican workers in our community who need special services, i.e., medical, spiritual, and clothing.

My many thanks go out to the members and their wives who have worked hard to maintain the council this past year, especially Warren Reso and his wife Marilyn, Kenneth Reaver and his wife Anne, Reveral Ladner and his wife Peggy, and E. C. Niolet, Jr. All pitched in financially and with labor to keep this council alive. May God bless you for your effort.

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In closing, I ask for your prayers that God will give me the strength and wisdom to guide this council through the year.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Gene Rogers  
Grand Knight

**St Vincent De Paul Council 4898**  
**Long Beach, Mississippi**  
**Leonard W. Nahlen**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:**

The following officers were elected and installed at Installation Meeting and Banquet held July, 1998.

Grand Knight	Leonard Nahlen
Deputy Grand Knight	Butch McPherson
Chancellor	Stanley Van Winkl
Recorder	Billy Hincks
Financial Secretary	Rodney Sandoz
Treasurer	Tom Pike
Warden	Dave Gauthier
Advocate	Pete Carrubba
Inside Guard	Chuck Mink
Outside Guard	Norman Reaume
Trustee	Ben J. DiLorenzo
Trustee	Norman McDonald
Trustee	William Seal

**SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONEL:**

The following Service Program Personnel were appointed:

Rev. Louis Lohan	Chaplain
Butch McPherson	Program Director
James Holiday	Church Activities Director
William Seal	Community Activities Director
Billy Hincks	Council Activities Director
Pat Hamel	Family Activities Director
Gary Smith	Youth Activities
Harry Bechnel	Membership Director
Gerald Catalano	Lecturer

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**

The Grand Knight, Program Director, Treasurer, and District Deputy of District 9 who is a member of our Council attended the School of Columbianism held at Gulfport.

The Mid-winter meeting held in Gulfport, was attended by Grand Knight Trustee Norman McDonald, Recorder, and District Deputy for District 9.

Members of our First Degree Team were certified and performed (3) three First Degrees in the past year. A Second and Third Degree were also held.

The Retreat for State Officers and Grand Knights held in September was attended by the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight, who was part of the Retreat staff and the Master of the Fourth Degree who is a member of our Council.

St. Vincent DePaul is very active in St. Thomas Church, supporting the Parish and Priest with monetary donations, Council members performing various ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers and Choir members. We also help take care of building and grounds maintenance, and functions when needed. Council members are active in the RCIA and CCD Programs. We actively support the Saltillo Mission with both monetary support and council members going down and helping out from time to time. During this past Lenten Season, the Council worked together to raise over \$2,000.00 for the Knights of Columbus Priest Education Fund.

Our Council has been very active in our community. The Mayor and Chief of Police as well as several Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs are members of our council. We also have members on the Parish council and the St. Thomas School Board. Annually we donate money to the Pastor for Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Basket Programs. Several of our members donate their time at the local food pantry and help the Red Cross during their Blood Drives. Members of our Council are active in the Carnival Association of Long Beach. This association raises thousands of dollars every year with the majority of the money going to St. Thomas School and the rest going into community activities in Long Beach. Members donate their time and resources to the Parish Bazaar, raising funds that also benefit St. Thomas School and other Parish activities.

In May of 1998, we raised \$3,000.00 in the Mental Retardation Drive with \$2,250.00 going to the Gulf Coast Society for the Mentally Retarded who use the money to get matching fund.

Our council has a Bingo Program three (3) nights a week, which is staffed by volunteer members. Funds raised are used to support our charitable activities. We have a Certified First Degree Team. We periodically hold functions for

Council members and families such as an Annual Crawfish Boil, Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas Party and Knight of the Quarter Dinner.

Council 4898 is very active in the CYD of our Parish, donating time, talent and money to help with their projects. We sponsor a girl's softball team and send two needy Boy Scouts to summer camp annually. We participate in the State Free Throw Contest every year and give a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving student annually. We assist the Ladies Auxiliary with their Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast for Graduates each year.

This past year, our Council has had 183% gain in membership and 266% gain in Insurance Quota. We had five Brother Knights go to their eternal reward, May they rest in peace.

The officers and members of St, Vincent de Paul Council 4898 feel that we have had a very active year. We are preparing for this year's annual Mentally Retarded Fund Drive which will take place May 10-16. We realize that there is always room for improvement, and will try to do more next year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leonard W. Nahlen  
Grand Knight

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

This has been a turbulent year for our council with the decision to sell our Hall at the end of last year. The problem with our Hall was we had lost our regular renter the year before. Along the same lines, our Hall was not properly maintained in years except sweeping and mopping. We just collected that rent to pay the monthly bills. Nobody wanted to cut the grass or pickup the trash that would be in the parking lot. So we voted to sell the Hall thinking that would solve the problem, but it created an even bigger one. You just cannot put the money in the bank and use as you see fit. The Internal Revenue Service has a lot to say about that subject. We have found out that we will have to pay capitol gain's tax on the sale of the Hall and then we will have to donate the remaining money to a charity. If you are considering selling your hall be advised of this very fact.

Now, on the lighter side of the year we did several outstanding projects. Food was the biggest drawing card as with most councils. The annual Halloween Carnival was where we had the best turning out with eighty-five percent taking

part in this activity. Next came our best overall activity Fish Fry.

We raised over three thousand dollars for the following:

Mandy Thomas, a seventeen year old with a cancerous brain tumor was the first one we raised a thousand dollars.

Philip Ross Long, a six-month-old baby with major liver problems, one of our own, was the second one we raised one thousand one hundred dollars.

Last but not least Priest Education, we raised a thousand dollars. The Fish Fries were held on Friday's 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 and their spouses for the support you have shown me in the time that I have been Grand knight. In the coming year I hope to see the start of a NEW HALL and all the in fighting stopped. The spirit of the Fish Fries was strong enough to bring us a new member, a re-instatement, and a transfer to our council. This coming year will be a very good for membership with all the prospects we got in Lent.

It has been an honor to serve as Grand knight of the Msgr. John F. Clerico Council 5267 since January 1997. I am looking 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 22, 1998, 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.

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The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. Charles Bucciantini
Grand Knight	Thomas Bryant
Deputy Grand Knight	Victor Aguzzi, Jr.
Financial Secretary	Ben T. Bailey, Jr.
Chancellor	Harry Delles
Recorder	Douglass Cocilova
Treasurer	Joseph Rocconi
Advocate	Michael Rocconi
Warden	Jeffrey Capocacia
Inside Guard	Richard Kanary
Outside Guard	Jimmy Mei
Trustee (one year)	Harry Delles
Trustee (two year)	Douglass Cocilova
Trustee (three year)	Ronald Koehler

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Tom Bryant
Church Director	David Rocconi
Community Director	Harry Delles
Council Director	Joseph Rocconi
Youth Director	Douglass 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 masses for "Pro-Life".
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 three football pools as fundraisers.
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 for 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.

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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.

Our council's biggest fundraiser 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 and Past Grand Knight Doug Cocilova. 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. Bryan  
Grand Knight

**F. L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654**  
**Ocean Springs, Mississippi**  
**George E. Emile**

On August 8, 1998, the duly elected and appointed officer's 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	George E. Emile
Deputy Grand Knight	Scott Johnson
Financial Secretary	George Fero
Chancellor	Mark Castricone
Recorder	Richard Tinsley
Treasurer	James Pehan
Advocate	Don Graham
Warden	Steve Beech
Inside Guard	Danny Pasquini
Outside Guard	Tim Jones
Trustees	Hank Zuber

1 year

2 year	Robert Foster
3 year	Leonard Tarrant

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Scott Johnson
Community	Lee Banister
Council	Wayne Leonard
Youth	Joe Niezgoda
Family	Shawn Dubuisson
Church	Dee Smelley
Membership Director	Gerald Ferrill

A summary of the program activities follows:

Church Activities:

1. Sponsored monthly Corporate Communion
2. Family Hour of Prayer for the New Millennium held in Church Sanctuary
3. Sponsored "Light Up For Christ" Lighting of Large Cross
4. Two Brother Knights serve as RCIA team leaders
5. Two Brother Knights serve as CCD instructors
6. One Brother Knight serves on parish council
7. Brother Knights conducted parish blood drive
8. Monetary donation to Priest Education Fund
9. Sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer
10. Prayed the Rosary every Wednesday during November
11. Provided liturgy team members: lectors commentators; altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers and gift bearers each week
12. Presented "Vocations Awareness" night for CCD students
13. Brother Knights visit & take the Eucharist weekly to shut-ins
14. Brother Knights attend Christmas Mass at local nursing home
15. Held seven (7) "Pancake Breakfast's"
16. Use of KC Hall for Parish Bazaar
17. Brother Knights & family members volunteered time for parish Bazaar-three days
18. Held "yard day" on church grounds

Community Activities:

1. Mass held in KC home for "Anointing of the Sick" open to the public
2. Co-sponsored Police/Fire awards banquet with neighboring council
3. Brother Knights assisted St. Vincent de Paul Society fundraiser
4. Participated in Tootsie Roll Drive
5. Sponsored Supreme Knights Columbus Day message on local radio program
6. Sponsors a weekly bingo
7. Council sent sympathy cards and flowers to family members of sick or deceased Brother Knights

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8. Brother Knights assisted in building homes for Habitat for Humanity
  9. Donated services, provide food & members assisted serving at the "Lord Is My Help" soup kitchen
  10. Monetary donation to the "Lord Is My Help" soup kitchen
  11. Provide use of council hall for YMCA Leadership training
  12. Displayed American Flags for participating local businesses to display during Federal holidays
  13. Held six (6) Fish Fry's during Lent
  14. Held two (3) Chicken Dinner Fundraisers in KC Hall
  15. Sponsored St. Patrick's Dance
  16. Sponsor two (2) Golf Tournaments yearly
  17. Held one (1) Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Family Activities:

1. "Family of the Month" presentation
2. Held a Memorial service in November for deceased knights at council home
3. Sponsor monthly Social Dinners for members and families
4. Held four (4) "Steak Night" socials
5. Sponsored a KC family coffee/donuts after corporate communion in August in honor of anniversary of Birth/Death of Father Michael J. McGivney

Youth Activities:

1. Support CYO mission activities in Mexico
2. Allow use of KC Hall for scout groups
3. Allow use of KC Hall for St. Alphonsus School activities
4. Sponsor Columbian Squires
5. Halloween Party for children in KC Hall
6. Christmas Party for children in KC hall
7. Participated in Free Throw Championship
8. Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for children
9. Allowed use of KC Hall for YMCA youth groups during summer vacation

Council Activities:

1. Held membership drives
2. Held two (2) 1st Degree Initiations
3. Maintain 1st Degree Team
4. Sponsor Mother's Day Rose Sale
5. Super Bowl Party in KC Hall
6. Publish a monthly newsletter
7. Hosted 4th Degree Installation
8. "Knight of the Month" presentation

Respectfully Submitted,  
George E. Emile  
Grand Knight

**Shelby Council 6555**  
**Alligator, Mississippi**  
**Bruno D. Fava**

On July 12, 1998, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy Mr. James Farris, with a social after the installation of officers.

The following officers were installed:

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

Church Activities:

Our Council members serve as lecturers, finance reporter, and Eucharistic minister. They also serve on maintenance committee such as repair, maintain church grounds, etc. Made a donation of \$500.00 to the Priest Education fund. Also, donated \$150.00 to the success of the annual spaghetti dinner that is a fund raising project for the support of the church. Also, accepted the responsibilities of cleaning the church hall and all or the cooking utensils, dishes and pans.

Community Activities:

Collected \$1,432.00 during the annual Mental Retardation Drive. Also, we gave Christmas presents to the inmates in the state prison at Parchman, Mississippi. The Shelby Knights had a memorial service for all deceased brother Knights. The Knights also sponsored a party for the altar boys and girls. Sold a football pool that netted \$500.00 for the council charity fund. We donated the refreshments for the visitors and parishioners after the Christmas mass. The annual Bocci tournament was also a successful event for the Shelby knights.

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The Knights sponsored their annual parish social. All of the parishioners and their families were invited to come and eat a good meal at the Knights of Columbus Hall. After each meeting we recite one decade of the Rosary for ending abortion in the world.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Bruno Fava  
Grand Knight

**Father Malachy Burns Council 6592**  
**Bassfield, Mississippi**  
**Jeff Hathorn**  
No Report Submitted

**Father John P. Egan Council 6765**  
**Starkville, Mississippi**  
**Thomas Hannigan**

The 1998-99 year was particularly busy for our small council, both individually and collectively. Our members are active parishioners by their very nature, and through our association with the Knights of Columbus we have been called to a higher level of parish involvement. As our new church building rose from the ground and began the serious physical renewal of our parish, a parish mission kicked off the spiritual renew process. Our council was particularly involved in all facets of the new church building from pledge drive, building, planning, and liturgy committees to assisting at the public open house of our new building. The only area of activity that suffered during this year was membership/recruitment. During spring 1999 this is an area of primary focus for our council, with breakfasts and other socials planned as soon as the construction of our new parish center is completed.

The following officers were elected for the 1998-99 year:

Grand Knight	Thomas Hannigan
Deputy Grand Knight	David Breau
Chancellor	Gary McFadyen
Recorder	Richard Vasek
Treasurer	Tom Tehan
Financial Secretary	Jack Simmons
Warden	Arnie Moore
Inside Guard	Randy Follett
Outside Guard	Fred Smith

Trustee	John Obringer
Trustee	Jim Heitz
Trustee	John Beggs

Activity Directors for the year were:

Program	David Breaux
Community	Tom Tehan
Family	Randy Follett
Membership	John Beggs
Church	Brian Engelland
Council	Gary McFadyen
Youth	John McGinley

A summary of our activities in each area follows:

Church activities included the Marian Hour of Prayer, quarterly church cleanup activities, dedication support and tours of the new church building, open house, very active parish life participation, sponsorship of a parish retreat including meal and cleanup as well as primary team leadership and participation, Rosary tapes for the RCIA class, Rosary for Life and soup lunch on Fridays during lent. Additionally we supported Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday and active leadership and participation in Cursillo support, as well as raising money for the building fund and our priest's discretionary fund through pool and raffle activity.

Council activities included KC family socials quarterly, a super bowl party, emergency move of our church from a theater downtown to our center during Holy Week, 1998, training and certification of a first degree team, and attendance at the state council retreat.

Family activities included primary support for, setup, food, and entertainment at our annual parish picnic, activities for families in conjunction with the super bowl party, and the family party held for the cruise raffle drawdown, and for Valentines day.

In community affairs, the council participated and supported the March for Jesus walk and rally, conducted parish blood drives twice each year, provided emergency ice storm cleanup and assistance, and provided organization and guidance for marching units of the Starkville Christmas Parade. We are continuing to conduct a Rosary for Life at noon on Fridays.

Youth activities included support for the Jubilee club for Catholic youth in Starkville, we have the parish youth director as a KC member, and sponsor activities for the CYO and junior CYO. as well as a youth choir that sings at mass once each month. We sponsor a scout pack and a 4H club, as well as alter server training and rewards program, and provide special activities such

as a movie night for the Jubilee Club.

In the coming year we hope to be more effective in implementing our membership campaign, and will be more diligent in preparing for various awards programs which exemplify our work, and serves to organize our activities.

Vivat Jesus!  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas Hannigan  
Grand Knight

**Oscar J. Gelpi Council 6872  
Picayune, Mississippi  
George Heikamp**

We had a year of ups and downs like most councils. However, we were able to overcome the change and loss of two original officers, two very active members moving out of state, and several deaths, to have a very productive and gratifying year. We have added several new members and transfers to help us. With our financial assistance and cooperation our council now has a ladies auxiliary organization with 16 members. Our Tootsie Roll drive realized \$3,367.25. Our September garage sale was a huge success. Making a little more than \$1,000.00. We now have Corporate Communion with the Ladies Auxiliary, wives of Knights, and Squires invited, marching in procession every third Sunday of the month. We have a monthly Social and honor the Knight and Family of the month. We presented 28 Thanksgiving baskets with turkeys, trimmings, and everything needed for a full meal, pies, and cakes to needy families. We distributed a total of 29 Christmas baskets with turkeys, trimmings, new toys and clothes for children of needy families. A Christmas party with Santa present, for small children, was held early in the afternoon, with a dance for members and wives later that evening. A Memorial Mass was held for 14 widows of deceased Knights and a beautiful Rosary made by a Brother Knight who is a former jeweler was given to each widow. This year in January we erected 4400 crosses as we do each year, with signs and our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross in the middle, in memory of daily abortions in this country. Two Checks will be presented at the convention for the Priests' Education Fund, one for \$3455.00 and one for \$2500.00. The council hosted the Annual State Squires Convention in November and provided meals for those in attendance. Our Council Brother Knights comprise about 90% of the ushers in our parish and do an exemplary job. We distribute 750 carnations to Mothers of our parish on Mothers Day.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> the duly elected officers were installed by the Worthy District Deputy John Ward at a social/dinner for Brother Knights and their families at the council hall.

Chaplain	Father John Noone
Grand Knight	George Heikamp
Deputy Grand Knight	Ronnie Sperier
Chancellor	Sidney Graf
Treasurer	Richard Marchand
Financial Secretary	Richard Planchard
Recorder	Donald Benoit
Warden	George Breaux
Advocate	Owen Otilio
Inside Guard	Joe Diecidue
Outside Guard	Kenny Bergeron
3rd Year Trustee	Jim Mouncey
2nd Year Trustee	Tom Wedig
1st Year Trustee	Floyd Dupre

The following committee directors were appointed:

Membership/Retention	Ronnie Sperier
Programs	Jim Lambert
Church	Richard Marchand
Community	Tom Wedig
Council	Melvin Berthold
Family	Tom DeCourcy
Youth	Donald Benoit
Boy Scout Liaison	Sidney Graf

#### Church Activities

	Date	Project	Description
1	Weekly	Radio Broadcast	½ Hour broadcast by pastor every Sunday on Radio Station WRIW
2	April	Priest Education	Donated \$5,955 to Priest Fund Education Fund for Diocese of Biloxi
3	January	Right to Life	Erected 4,400 crosses in Crosses memory of unborn
4	March		St. Joseph Altar Sponsored and loaned KC hall for St. Joseph Altar
5	November	Relief Fund	Donated \$100.00 to Catholic Near East Welfare Association
6	Weekly	Ushering at Mass	Brother Knights used as

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7	Monthly		ushers weekly St. Vincent de Paul \$100.00 monthly donation Society
8	Monthly	Cursillo Movement	Donate to Sacred Heart in Dedeaux \$100.00 monthly
9	Monthly	Financial Aid	\$100.00 monthly donation to Chris Munsch
10	Annual	Priest Education	Donation \$200.00 to Christopher Fund
11	Wednesday	Cenacle of Prayer	Conduct Rosary and prayers at St. Charles by KC members and parishioners

Community Activities

1	November	Thanksgiving	Purchased and distributed 28 Baskets food baskets to needy of Picayune
2	September	Garage Sale	Coordinated & conducted garage sale giving many goods away to needy
3	September	Bik-a-thon	Sponsored two Brother Knights \$300 in Tour-For- Cure-MS
4	Monthly	Covenant House	\$50 monthly donation
5	December	Police Dept Assistance	Donated KC hall to Picayune Police Dept for Christmas party
6	Aug/Mar	KC Hall loaned	Loaned out KC hall to St. Joseph Society for Monthly meetings
7	December	Christmas Baskets	Provided 29 food baskets, new toys, & clothes to Needy of Picayune
8	May	Tootsie Roll Drive	Conducted Tootsie Roll Drive for retarded citizens of Picayune
9	Daily	Visitation	Visit sick & elderly by KC members
10	Annual	Donation	Donated \$50 to Morality in Media
11	Monthly	Abortion Prevention	Donated \$100 monthly to Life Line of Picayune
12	July & December	Membership Drive	Drive for new members after all masses at St..

13	Onetime	Fire Dept Literature	Charles For distribution of leaflets on fire prevention to Picayune Elementary & Jr. High school students
14	Annual	Donation	Gave \$350 to Picayune Industries for retarded citizens
15	Annual	Mother's Day Carnations	Distribute carnations at all masses to Mothers at St. Charles
16	Annual	Youth Club	Pearl River Central Diamond Club for youth Donation \$50
Council Activities			
1	December	Dance	Sponsored annual member/wife Christmas Dance
2	Every Monday	KC Bingo	Sponsor & conduct fund raising bingo to support charity
3	Every Wed.	Clean KC Hall	Members clean hall weekly and cut grass in lieu of outside labor to support Priest Education Rind
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	KC Social	Social for Knights, Wives, & Guests
5	Monthly	Knight of Month	Select Knight of month at social
6	One time	Relief Fund	Donated \$200 for Honduran Hurricane Refugee Fund
7	One time	Relief Fund	Supreme Relief Fund
8	One time	Insurance	Paid premium for life Policy insurance for Fr. John Noone - Chaplain, \$232.00
9	Annual	Church Fair	Furnished \$500 labor, booths at St. Charles Church Fair
10	Onetime	St. Joseph Altar	150 to St. Joseph Altar for kitchen supplies lost in fire
11	Daily	Perpetual Adoration	Many Brother Knights do nightly and daily visitations

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Family Activities			
1	November	Deceased Mass	Presented Rosaries to wives of deceased KC Members at special Mass at St. Chas.
2	Monthly	Family of Month	Presented certificates to Family of the month from Council and St. Charles members
3	When Necessary	Purgatorial Masses	Enroll sick and deceased members and family Members in Sacred Heart League, Walls, MS
4	Monthly	Corporate Communion	Attend monthly communion in procession With family at St. Charles
5	Monthly	Family Social	\$150 monthly to Ladies Auxiliary to cater family Social
Youth Activities			
1	Annual	Christmas Party	Christmas Party for youth with Santa Claus at KC Hall
2	Monthly	Banana Bingo	Sponsor and conduct CYO Bingo at Picayune Convalescent Home
3	Monthly	Boy Scouts	Sponsor and furnish meeting place for Troop 351 (\$1,220.00 yearly)
4	Annual	Youth Baseball	Donation to Pearl River County Athletic Association \$200
5	Annual	Columbian Squires	Sponsor Circle #4234
6.	November	State Convention	Hosted, sponsored, and provided meals for state Squires convention
7	Annual	Installation of Officers	Brought Picayune State Squire officers to Ocean Springs
8	Yearly	Cub Scouts	Sponsor and buy charter for Cub Pack #5
9	Annual	Senior Breakfast	Sponsored breakfast in KC Hall for St. Chas. Graduating Seniors
10	Annual	Saltillo Mission	\$200 donation to CYO for

11	Onetime	Summer Camp	presentation to Saltillo Mission trip in July \$200 to Troop #351 for summer camp Sponsor prospective vocation from St. Charles Parish on trip to Rome for Audience with Pope John Paul II --\$600
12	Onetime	Trip to Rome	

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Heikamp  
Grand Knight

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

Chaplain	Rev. Ivan J. Weis
Grand Knight	Elbert Cuevas
Deputy Grand Knight	O. J. Shiou
Chancellor	Jopseph Cuevas
Treasurer	Mike Ladner
Financial Secretary	Richard Hoda
Recorder	Richard Hoda
Warden	Howard Ladner
Advocate	Joseph Hoda
Inside Guard	Gerard Necaie
Outside Guard	Phillip Hoda
Trustee	Jimmy Ray Hoda
Trustee	Wayne Cuevas
1st Year Trustee	Roy Taylor

Our annual senior citizen's 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 draw down, bingo and rentals continue to be successful providing needed funding for many charitable events.

I commend our council in coming forth allowing St. Matthews Catholic Church the complete use of our council home for the need of our church. St. Matthews was damaged during Hurricane Georges. We have assisted our church from November 1, 1998 through June 1, 1999.

Thanks to 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  
H. Daniel Garrigan**

At our regular business meeting on June 1, 1998 the following officers were elected to lead our council for the fraternal year 1998-1999.

Chaplain	Fr. Brian McCullough, SCJ
Grand Knight	H. Daniel Garrigan
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Brewington
Chancellor	Larry Campbell
Treasurer	Vic Hageman
Recorder	Tim Warn
Financial Secretary	Jim Farris
Advocate	Roy Szekely
Warden	Jack Gripp
Inside Guard	Frank Miller
Outside Guard	Jamie Delgado
Trustee	George Guerieri
Trustee	Nick Bickel
Trustee	Jerry Jewett

This fraternal year began on a very positive note with the installation of our new officers and the complete support of our chaplain and new pastor Fr. Brian McCullough. For the first time in many years council 7120 had a chaplain that was actively involved in council affairs.

This year has seen a tremendous growth in both our parish and council. Membership has exceeded goals set by supreme and opportunity for additional members exists within our parish.

Council 7120 was fortunate to have two successful fundraisers this year. Members of our council operated a concession stand at home football games at the University of Mississippi and our eleventh annual Christmas tree drive. Both of these events were very successful and provided many hours of fellowship for our members.

Due to the success of our fundraisers, council 7120 was able to support several worthwhile programs for the first time in several years. Donations were made to "Right to Life" and Southaven Samaritans (a public service organization sponsored by area churches). We hope to continue supporting these fine organizations in the future.

As this year draws to an end our parish and council are struggling to overcome the sudden departure of our priest and chaplain, Fr. Brian McCullough. The events of the past few weeks have cast a shadow over the success of this year. It is our hope that this time of trial will pass and we look to the future as our parish plans for construction of a new church and for the continued growth of our council.

The year 2000 will be an exciting one for council 7120 as we host the next state convention at the Grand Casino Resort and Convention Center in Tunica, Mississippi. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Dan Garrigan  
Grand Knight

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

The following officers were installed:

Grand Knight	Charles Boyer
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe McQueen
Financial Secretary	Charles D. Bounds
Chancellor	Wilson John
Recorder	Bob Jackson
Treasurer	Bob Sullivan
Advocate	Frank Delaney
Warden	Leo Weyenberg
Lecturer	John Bennett
Trustee	Preston Stuit
Trustee	Ted Lala
Trustee	Jeff Fanguy
Chaplain	Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry

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A summary of the program activities is as follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Participate in Parish Life.
2. Repaired, repainted, changed HVAC system in parish hall.
3. Conduct benefit bingo to repair roof on rectory.
4. Repair lights at St. Joseph.
5. Set up and serve refreshments at Renew 2000 mission.
6. Clean up church grounds after Hurricane George.
7. Perform ongoing maintenance and cleanup to OLPH and St. Joseph.
8. In October led rosary before masses at OLPH and St. Joseph.
9. Painted interior of main church body at St. Joseph.
10. Donate \$500.00 annually to seminarian from St. Joseph.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Donate \$100.00 monthly to Morning Star Pregnancy Center.
2. Council members work at St. Vincent DePaul at OLPH and St. Joseph.
3. Repaired entrance to St. Vincent DePaul building at St. Joseph.
4. Repaired and painted interior of St. Vincent DePaul building at OLPH.
5. Provided support services at 1st annual Oktoberfest.
6. Worked with other local churches in Lumberton area in preparation, delivery and serving Thanksgiving dinner to area needy and shut-ins.
7. Purchased and delivered clothing to elderly at Adventist home.
8. Provide maintenance and repair services to local widows.
9. Held donut sale to benefit St. Vincent DePaul at OLPH.
10. Maintain "Welcome to Poplarville" sign area.
11. Donated to parent support group for area mentally and physically challenged.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Held 20th anniversary supper and program.
2. Built green house for St. Joseph Altar Society.
3. Held membership drive.
4. Prepared and served soup at OLPH and St. Joseph for Stations of Cross.
5. Held "Thank You" dinner at OLPH.
6. Held "Red, White and Blue" fundraising dance.
7. Installation of officer's with social.
8. Participated in golf tournament to benefit Crusillo Retreat House.
9. Held fund raising dinner.
10. Donated funds to OLPH and St. Joseph Altar Societies for flowers.
11. Held Valentine dance to benefit St. Joseph Altar Society.
12. Assisted St. Joseph Altar Society in setting up and breaking down St. Joseph Altar.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

1. BI-monthly KC Family Corporate Communion.
2. Held Pro-Life rosary at Monument to unborn.
3. Sponsored Pro-Life ad in Gulf Pine Catholic.
4. Held memorial mass for deceased KC's with social.
5. Participate monthly in Christian Children's Fund.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored local Free Throw contest.
2. Donated to area Boy Scouts.
3. Coordinated and supervise work to raise funds for Youth Group.
4. Made donation for play ground equipment in Poplarville.
5. Made donation for Altar Server uniforms.

A special thanks to all my brother Knights who have given so much of their time and talents this past year. Their unrelenting sacrifice has made this past year a very successful one.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles R. Boyer  
Grand Knight

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

During our seventeenth Program year, the following Knights served their Council:

Chaplain  
Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Financial Secretary  
Chancellor  
Recorder  
Treasurer  
Advocate  
Warden  
1 Year Trustee  
2 Year Trustee  
3 Year Trustee  
Program Director

Fr. Noel Prendergast  
Bill Hetrick  
Paul Croft  
Charlie Collins  
Cliff Hopkins  
Mike Weisenberger  
Bill O'Connor  
Chuck Weiss  
Chris Callegan  
Fred Roquemore  
Bill Averitt  
Ray Rabert  
Paul Croft

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Membership Directors

Council Director  
Church Director  
Community Director  
Youth Director  
Family Director

Lloyd Everhardt  
Chuck Weiss  
Art Richardson  
Roy Sentiff  
Brian Bowers  
Allen Scott  
Cliff Hopkins

Following an outstanding 1997-98 in which 7854 was a Distinguished Council and Top Gun Award winner, Clinton Knights had another productive year of service to their Council, Church, Community, Youth, and Families. Some of the projects Council 7854 participated included:

- A program to provide free long distance services to members of Mississippi's Hispanic population in need of assistance
- Maintenance of parish facilities
- Serving in parish leadership positions
- Working with CYO, Jr. CYO. Scouts and religious education students and teachers
- Raising money for Priests Education. the needs of the community and to benefit the youth of the parish
- Sponsoring and funding parish social activities
- Serving on boards and as civic leaders throughout the Greater Jackson Metro area
- Donating time to those less fortunate
- Promoting Evangelization in our community

A special thank you to Father Noel Prendergast, a brother Knight, chaplain of our council, pastor of our church and shepherd of our flock, for his continuing support of the Knight of Columbus. Thanks also to Lloyd Everhardt, Paul Croft, Pete Villari, Bill O'Connor, Charlie Collins and Chris Callegan for their beyond-the-call-of-duty service to Holy Savior and Council 7854.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Hetrick  
Grand Knight

**Father Harry Wade Council 7910  
Gulfport, Orange Grove, Mississippi  
John Leonhard**

In July 1998 the officers of our council were properly installed at St. Joseph by worthy District Deputy, John Ward. The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Rev. Antone J. Lynch
Grand Knight	John R. Leonhard
Deputy Grand Knight	Randy Banks
Chancellor	A. J. Necaie
Financial Secretary	Daniel Squillante
Treasurer	Willie Fernandez
Advocate	E. J. Roberts
Warden	Robert Delahunt
Recorder	Robert Stallnaker
Inside Guard	Thomas Cullinan
Three Year Trustee	Michael Davis
Two Year Trustee	Hugh Moran
One Year Trustee	Peter Baas

- Program Director            Randy Banks
1. Assisted on all programs in the council
  2. Followed through on all reports

- Church Activities            Michael Stoner - Chairman
1. Annual Marion Hour of Prayer
  2. Assisted and supported St. Vincent De Paul
  3. Provided active support for RCIA
  4. Assisted parish Vision 2000 Celebration
  5. Sponsored Living Way of the Cross
  6. Sponsored a Catholic Family Information Night
  7. Sponsored a quarterly K of C Communion Mass

- Community Activities        A.J. Necaie
1. Supported Gulf Coast Battered Woman's Center
  2. Supported Morning Star
  3. Supported Blood Drive
  4. Visit sick and elderly
  5. Support Special Olympics
  6. Christmas in April For the Needy

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7. Support Long Beach Regional Center

Council Activities    Lee Fuller

1. Membership Drive
2. Social each month
3. Knight of the Month
4. Repaired church and hall after hurricane
5. Fraternal Benefit Night
6. K of C Softball team
7. Monetary support to our priest
8. Monetary support to our church

Family Activities    Lionel Tootle

1. Pro-Life Rally
2. Memorial Mass
3. Family of the Month
4. Assisted needy' brother Knight
5. Assisted a Parish family
6. Monthly family social
7. Cooked and served food at Family Picnic

Youth Activities    Mario DiRaimo

1. Sponsor and support CYO
2. Sponsor a yearly Easter Egg Hunt
3. Sponsor a Monthly Mass
4. Sponsor and coach a girl's softball team
5. Sponsor a CYO dance
6. Participate in Youth Convention
7. K of C Free Throw Contest
8. Provide Appreciation Certificates for Alter 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. We could not have accomplished our many goals without the cooperation of our members and the entire support and encouragement of our Chaplain and Faithful Friar, and Brother Knight, Father Antone Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted.

John R. Leonhard

Grand Knight

**Brookhaven 7915**  
**Brookhaven, Mississippi**  
**Earl Westfall**

The following officers were elected for the 1998-99 fraternal year and were installed by District Deputy Richard Spence at an installation banquet July 12, 1998:

Chaplain	Msgr. Michael Glynn
Grand Knight	Earl Westfall
Deputy Grand Knight	John Henriquez
Chancellor	Jim Quinn
Financial Secretary	Tom Corkern
Treasurer	Paul Reuter
Recorder	Anthony Ditcharo
Warden	Nick Battaglia
Inside Guard	Warner Hanks
Outside Guard	Chris Delaughter

The following were the activities for the council for the fraternal year:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

1. Council assisted at mass with Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers and choir members.
2. The council held quarterly Marian Devotions. The icon "Our Lady of the New Advent" was present for the devotion on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Council Members cleaned the Catholic Cemetery and participated in blessing of the graves for All Souls Day.
4. The council held various fundraisers for the priest education fund and contributed \$1700 to the fund.
5. Council members lead the rosary every Sunday before the 10:00 AM Mass.
6. Council members served on the Isaiah 43 Mission team during the Parish Lenten Mission.
7. The council planned and helped put on the annual parish picnic.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1. The council held a tootsie roll drive.
2. The council supplied 5 area libraries with subscriptions to the *Catholic Digest*.
3. The council held 2 blood drives.
4. The Council participated in the Old Brook Festival.
5. Council members served as officers for the Kiwanas Club, Exchange Club, and the School District Anti-Drug Advisory Council.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Held two 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplifications.
2. Hosted a 2d/3d Degree Exemplification.
3. Held a installation of officers banquet.
4. Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-winter meetings.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. Sponsored a CYO fundraiser.
2. Held a barbecue for the opening of CCD.
3. Council members trained altar servers for the parish.
4. Members served as leaders for CYO, CCD, and GYP.

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. The council held a dinner for widows of members.
2. The council held a quarterly corporate communion.
3. Council sponsored masses for deceased members and wives.
4. Council presented cards and gifts to members of the 1<sup>st</sup> communion class.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Westfall,  
Grand Knight

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

The following Knights were elected to serve as officers for Council 7974 during the 1998-1999 Fraternal Year. They were-formally installed by District Deputy Luis V. Borrell.

Grand Knight	Larry D. Miller
Deputy Crank Knight	Ralph Corrado
Chaplain	Fr. Gerald Hurley
Chancellor	Kurt Dobbel
Treasurer	Walter Bjorklund
Recorder	James Terry
Financial Secretary	Louis DeFillipo, Sr.
Advocate	Tony Torres
Warden	Frank Zaiontz
Inside Guard	Cliff Sedberry
Outside Guard	Dennis Hilbert
Trustee	Ken Simon
Trustee	Joe Haftec

Trustee

Richard Mahoney

I have been honored to serve as Grand Knight for the past two years. I was elected during a very troubled time; not only financially, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

Our officers and council have persevered through prayer and brotherhood to bring our council back to the Knights of Columbus' original purpose.

During the 1998-99 fraternal year, we cleaned our roster of our "dead wood"<sup>11</sup>, and brought in some new members. Even though we did not attain our 5% net gain, our membership held the same. Attendance at our council meetings more than doubled. This indicated to us that our older members were pleased with the changes and new attitudes in Council 7974. Our activities in the community have greatly increased and I truly believe that our Council is making a difference in our church. We are now being sought out by other church groups to assist in their projects.

The following is a summary of Council 7974's Program Activities

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Tootsie Roll Drive
2. Cook & Deliver holiday meals to needy
3. Conduct Blood Drive
4. Hold pancake breakfast
5. Participate in Pro-Life Rally
6. Halloween Party
7. Participate in City Christmas Parade

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. Knights serve in liturgical roles
2. Knights serve in RCIA
3. Help maintain parish facilities
4. Lead monthly rosary

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Monthly newsletter
2. Knight of the Month
3. Memorial mass for deceased K of C members
4. Council Socials
5. Quarterly conduct mass - fill all ministry positions.

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I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve with the Knights of Council 7974. These men are not Knights by name, but by actions. Thank you Council 7974 for all of your help, support, brotherhood and trust in me over the past two years. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Larry D. Miller  
Grand Knight

**St. Jude Centennial Council 8038**  
**Pearl, Mississippi**  
**Lorende C. "L.C." Guillotte**

Saint Jude Council 8038 has again enjoyed a productive, and richly rewarding fraternal year. Our Officers which were elected in May were as follows:

Grand Knight	L.C. Guillotte
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Levern
Chancellor	James Dunn, Sr.
Recorder	Franklin Tinney
Treasurer	Nat Zummo
Advocate	Freddie Roberts
Warden	Tom Logue
Inside Guard	Chester Bellard
Outside Guard	John Morales
Three Year Trustee	John Bradley
Two Year Trustee	Gordon Cowie
One Year Trustee	William Garriga

Serving at the Supreme Knight's Pleasure is:

Financial Secretary	Michael Siller
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Appointed by the Grand Knight are:

Chaplain	Rev. Martin Ruane
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The 1998-99 Fraternal Year has again seen Saint Jude's membership rise in excess of two hundred percent of our annual quotas. Saint Jude has begun to see from it's more youthful members a great sense of purpose, and identification with the high moral standards set by the Knights of Columbus. Through hard work and dedication, our normal sponsored events such as support of the Annual St. Jude Bazaar, the Annual Crawfish Boil, and the Tootsie Roll Drive were very successful.

Saint Jude has recently acquired the sponsorship of the Magee Roundtable. Their active response in bringing the values of the Knights of Columbus to the Saint Stephens Parish under the guidance of Brother Joe Walls and Father Robert Goodyear is highly encouraging to their potential for future growth and development. Saint Jude has had no deaths to report during this fraternal year.

Finally, I wish to thank all of the members of Council 8038 for their hard work, and determination to make this a better council. I would be remiss in my report without taking the time to thank two special Knights. Brother Tom Logue and Brother Mike Siller, who have gone above the call in assuming, and covering many extra duties of this Council in times of need.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorende C. "L.C." Guillotte  
Grand Knight

**Charles R. Brill Council 8054**  
**McComb, Mississippi**  
**Joe Serio**

This year we were lacking in a lot of areas: membership, pro life, family socials, fund raisers and church activities.

The positive things were:  
Our members took lunch every day to one of our parishioners who had terminal cancer.  
We were pallbearers for the sisters at St.. Mary of the Pines at Chatawa on several occasions this year.  
Our Tootsie roll drive was a success and we donated \$7,100.00 to the local handicapped children's work center.  
We teamed together with the crisis pregnancy center for a Fund raiser and raised \$700.00.

Hopefully with the new incoming slate of officers, we can shore up these areas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Serio  
Grand Knight

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**St. Therese Council 8285  
Jackson, Mississippi  
William M "Marvin" Cannon**

1. We had elections of officers in July 1998. The installation ceremony was in St. Therese Church followed by a potluck supper in the Parish Hall. We filled nearly all officer and committee members positions for the year. Everyone enjoyed the evening and new officers and committee members were eager to learn their duties.
2. Early in the year we established a standing committee to enable our council and parish to be able to provide assistance to truly needy members of our parish. As a result of the committees efforts, we were able to provide assistance to several needy families and parishioners during the year. We adopted a man that is shut-in and provided him with some needed groceries each month, we mowed and raked yards of parishioners that were not physically able to do so, we prepared kneelers, installed hand rails for handy-capped individuals, etc. Our efforts helped several parishioners that could not help themselves. The members realized how fortunate they were to be able to help the needy.
3. We had a successful fundraiser to enable us to establish a trust fund to provide aid for school tuition for a student at St Therese School. This fund was named for Brother Luke Pearson a very popular brother that served at St Therese shortly before his death. This scholarship fund presently has several thousand dollars in it and one day will be a wonderful thing for the school.
4. We prepared a budget for the council to guide our judgement on financial matters. The budget showed that we were in good financial standing. We could fund a good program for the year and still have approximately \$2,000 left over expenses.
5. We helped the Jackson community and earned some money for ourselves by operating a concession stand at the Mississippi Coliseum. We worked events for entertainers and the Dixie National Rodeo. The money we earned at these events paid for most of the Councils expenses. This was hard work but we earned approximately \$2,000 for the council.
6. We had a strong service program. Our final report showed that we earned about 3,000 points. We had at least twelve activities in each program area, and had more participation than we had last year. We sponsored the School of Columbanism and two 1st degree exemplifications. We served takeout turkey dinners to parishioners at thanksgiving. We held quarterly potluck suppers and a Christmas party for socials. We cooked hamburgers for the parish picnic. We had a successful free throw contest and we had a poster essay

contest for all students at St Therese School.

7. We donated money to support some worthy organizations. We helped the CYO to provide meat for a meal for the homeless at the Community Stewpot. We made a donation at the first of the year to the athletic association of St Joseph High School. We contributed to birthright to help them with their vital work.

8. We honored our Knights and their families by naming someone knight of the month and some families, Families of the month. Members that participated in council activities were always thanked.

9. On Mothers Day we plan to serve the parish coffee and donuts and give a flower to each lady that attends mass that day. The women probably will act like they were favorably touched by our efforts.

10. We held a rummage sale and raised money to participate in the Christmas program for inmates at the Mississippi State Prison. The inmates really appreciated the party at a very special time of the year.

11. Our church activities included quarterly corporate communion masses and memorial masses. Our priests said many good things about the Knights at the memorial masses.

12. We plan to have a successful drive for the mentally retarded. People usually are eager to contribute to this cause.

13. We had a membership drive that consisted of distributing brochures, running notices in the church bulletin, and asking all council members to ask nonmembers to join. As a result of our efforts, we had one reinstatement and two new members to join our council.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William M. "Marvin" Cannon  
Grand Knight

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

Duly elected officers of Council #8760 for the 1998-99 fraternal year were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District One Deputy, Robert Hudson.

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The following person were installed as indicated:

Grand Knight	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight	James Rayford, Sr.
Chancellor	Eddie Dixon
Financial Secretary	Ronald Popacz
Treasurer	Fagin Mauney
Recorder	Don Ferguson
Advocate	David Stratman
Warden	Victor Beard
Trustee	Felix Osuji
Trustee	Jevon Adkins
Trustee	Cecil Jones

The following appointments were made to the various activity areas:

Program Director	James Rayford, Sr.
Church Director	Ron Kopacz
Vocations Director	Fr. Paul Casper
Community Director	Eddie Dixon
Pro-Life Chair (Couple)	Frank/Doris Houck
Health Services	John Freeman
Council Director	Ralph Howard
Public Relations	Claude Vinson, Sr.
Family Director	Felix Osuji
Youth Director	Joseph Vinson
Membership Director	Fagin Mauney
Recruitment	Ron Kopacz
Retention	Cecil Jones
Lecturer	John Clay

#### MEMBERSHIP:

The recruitment of new members is an on going concern of this Council. Our efforts met with some success during March. We reached our quota, and hopefully, qualified for the "Top Gun Award."

#### CUURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Members serve continuously as Lectors , Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes.
2. Members participate in Legion of Mary.
3. Provided honor guard for dedication of new St. Joseph's Statue.
4. Member accompanied priests to Chrism Mass in Jackson.
5. Held Pancake Breakfast to raise money for priest Education Fund.
6. Member cuts grass on Church grounds.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Member serves as Director on Homeless Shelter Board.
2. Member held "Soup Supper" to raise funds for Homeless Shelter.
3. Members accompany pastor to visit inmates at local prison.
4. Member is on Board of Extended Day Care Program.
5. Selected and recognized "Co-Citizens of Year"

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Hold a monthly Pancake breakfast (free) for the Parish.
2. Held an installation brunch for Council Officers.
3. Conducted Membership Drive.
4. Held Annual Awards/Recognition Banquet.
5. Selected and recognized "Citizen of Year".
6. Selected "Knight of the Year"
7. Held Marian Hour of Prayer.

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:

1. Selected Family of the Month.
2. Selected "Family of the Year"
3. Planned recreational games for Annual Parish Picnic.
4. Furnished refreshments and watermelons for Annual Parish Picnic.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Gave grant to two Life-Teen members to aid in their trip to Belize.
2. Member participates in Life-Teen Program as advisor.
3. Member is "Santa" to two parochial schools.
4. Provided gift bags to pre-teen catechumens at Christmas.
5. Provided paddle boat rides for youth at Parish Picnic.

SUMMARY:

Council 8760 has had a very rewarding year, though at times things were not simple nor easy. There is a very definite spirit of knighthood in this Council and it has been a distinct pleasure to serve a second unprecedented third term as Grand Knight. This Council has enjoyed the very tangible support of Field Agent Ken Lubbers, State Deputy, Guy Todaro, and the ever-willing aid of Bob Hudson the District Deputy.

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

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**Father Robert Reitmeier Council 8848  
Tupelo, Mississippi  
Rob Hudson**

Chaplain	Rev. Henry Shelton
Grand Knight	Rob Hudson
Deputy Grand Knight	Jeff Houin
Chancellor	Sam Orlando
Financial Secretary	Bud Tomaso
Recorder	Andrew Chu
Treasurer	Paul Robison
Warden	Bob McDade
Advocate	Bryan Brown
Inside Guard	Tommy Thompson
Outside Guard	Marcel Crudele
Trustee 1 Year	Bob Brinton
Trustee 2 Years	Gene Ingram
Trustee 3 Years	Ken Leick
Program Director	Jeff Houin
Church Director	Ted Williams
Community Director	Skip Oliver
Council Director	Gene Ingram
Family Director	John Malaspina
Youth Director	David Friloux
Membership Director	Morgan Baldwin
Lecturer	Mike Tapscott

It has been a blessing to have served as Grand Knight of the Tupelo Council. With the help and support of the officers and members we have worked to fulfill our Council mission: To Do God's will by providing support and meaningful activities for our families, youth, church, community and council through the men of St. James Parish. Below I have highlighted several of the most meaningful activities conducted during this fraternal year.

**Church Committee:**

Monthly prayer breakfast with our pastor for all men of the parish  
Rosary for vocations every fourth Sunday, all masses  
Weekly Adult Education Video Series authored by Dr. Scott Hahn  
Provided meals after Vespers and Stations of the Cross throughout Lent  
(average attendance 80+ parishioners)  
Sponsored Men's Retreat for the church with 22 men in attendance

**Community Committee**

Pro-life prayer service with guest speaker (a doctor who opened the first abortion clinic in Mississippi and now speaks out against abortion)

Pro-life Community workshop (separate workshops for adults and youth)  
 Christmas Caretree distributing gifts and food to needy families  
 Monthly food bank collection  
 Tootsie Roll Drive

**Council Committee**

KC Christmas celebration/social  
 Brother Tomaso instructed the council on the history of the Rosary  
 Honored lifetime member Brother Gene Pavone an Mass  
 Hosted 1998 State Convention

**Family Committee**

Memorial Mass for deceased brothers  
 Family of the Month  
 Corporate communion followed by dinner out

**Youth Committee**

Donated and renovated a portion of the KC meeting area for CYO/Junior CYO meeting area  
 Presented Alter Server of the Year award at Mass  
 Hosted Regional Free Throw Contest  
 Pancake breakfast fund-raiser with CYO benefiting CYO

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rob Hudson  
 Grand Knight

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

**Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094**  
**North Biloxi, Mississippi**  
**Albert Allegue, GK.**

Chaplain.....	Fr. PatrickMcDermott
Grand Knight.....	Albert Allegue
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Darnell Lepre
Chancellor.....	Jules Chasant
Financial Secretary.....	Arthur Dunn

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Warden.....	Lawrence Arrington
Treasurer.....	Noel Auicon
Recorder.....	Larry Tabor
Advocate.....	Jim Fleenor
Lecturer.....	Tom Bassett
Inside Guard.....	Kenny Fountain
Outside Guard.....	Lonnie Arnold
Trustees.....	Mark Fountenot
	Greg Davis
	Cecil Krohn

D'iberville Council 9094 continues to grow in it's faith and love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. This love extends to all those we serve as true Knights of Columbus. Our council worked well together to accomplish many of the goals and objectives slated for the past fraternal year of 1998-1999. Our projects were well balanced in each of the five program areas. Noteworthy was our recruitment efforts, family and church activities.

#### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Participated in continuous Liturgical Roles and Evangelization duties  
 Provided leadership and manpower for the Church Bazaar in November 98  
 Donated numerous hours to the parish administrative duties  
 Involved in CCD Educational Roles  
 Involved with the Millennium Holy Hour in September 98

Other projects included the clean-up of the school and church grounds after Hurricane George, the School Bazaar and prior to a city inspection. We also donated a new American flag to our church and to Mercy Cross High School. We continued to sponsor an ad for the church on the Sunday Missal and sponsored a Memorial Mass to Honor Fr. McGiveny.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1. Ongoing services and support to the St. Vincent DePaul Society
2. Visitation of the sick and elderly
3. Mental Retardation Drive
4. D'iberville and county Beautification Projects
5. Leadership roles and key political positions in the city of D'iberville and Chamber of Commerce
6. A Monument for the Unborn was dedicated in February 99
1. Installation of a computer network wiring for Sacred Heart Elementary School in September 98

Other projects included the painting of interior walls for the school, manning of a special 24-hours parish Hurricane Hotline and assisting community families in the clean-up after Hurricane George

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

1. A quarterly newsletter was published
2. Two membership drives were conducted in October 98 and March 99
3. In December 98 we held a Council Christmas Dance and many other monthly socials
4. As part of our Membership Drive, we conducted a wine and cheese social and several oyster Po-Boys recruitment drives
5. Clean-up and rearrangement of the council hall to provide a better atmosphere for meetings and social gatherings

Other projects in this are included the installation of officer's dinner and on-going attendance to the 2001 Convention meetings

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

1. In September 98 we held a Family Steak Night
2. Monthly Corporate Communions
3. Honored Deceased Members
4. Insurance program presentation in August 98
5. Several Po-Boy dinners throughout the fraternal year

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

1. Provided support for the Youth Program Leadership like CCD, CYO and Altar Servers
2. The council supported a Boy Scout Troop
3. Sponsored a CCD Confirmation Class Retreat
4. Hosted a Christmas Party for CCD
5. Sponsored the District Free Throw in February 99
6. Sponsored the District-wide Blue & Gold Banquet for Scout Troops
7. Recognized all the Altar Servers by presenting them with Altar Pins

Other projects included hosting the District Pine Box Derby, providing funds to purchase CCD Weekly Religious Handouts and several religious video tapes for the High School CCD class.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

There are several Knights I would like to recognize who went far beyond expectations: Brother Larry Tabor for his timely submission of required reporting, membership recruitment efforts, and continued guidance and leadership role in our council; Brother Noel Auicon whose recruitment of two new members was critical to attainment of our membership goals; Brother Greg Davis for his untiring work during the School Bazaar and other family and council projects; and to Brother Darnell Lepre who in the middle of the fraternal year took the reigns of Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director; Brother Tom Timmons who spearheaded the construction and dedication of our

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monument for the Unborn.

Finally, to all the Knights of Columbus of Council 9094 who, although not mentioned in this report, supported me during this fraternal year. We owe our success to the dedication of members of our council who are truly Knights.

Special thanks to my wife, Dee, and other K of C wives who at a moments notice and without hesitation were instrumental in the success of many of our family and council activities

Respectfully Submitted,  
Albert Allegue  
Grand Knight

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

During the 1998 State Fraternal Year, we have been an extremely active council. We assisted with the repairs to our 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, Millennium Hour of Adoration, local food drives, charitable fund raising, pro-life rosary, Youth Mass and social, Mother's Day social, graduating seniors' luncheon, free throw contest, and a LENTEN fish fry where the 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 to Church Facilities
2. Trip to Sattillo, Mexico
3. Vocations Program
4. Rosary for the Sick of our Parish
5. Millennium Hour of Adoration
6. Participate in the Life of the Parish
7. Lenten Friday Night Fish Dinners
8. Rosary Bouquet Cards

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Tootsie Roll Fund Drive for the Mentally Retarded
2. Parish Food Drive
3. Community/Church Clean-up After Hurricane Georges
4. Respect Life Rosary in front of our Pro-Life Memorial
5. Members in various Community Leadership Roles

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Monthly Newsletter
2. Quarterly Socials
3. Council Has A Member Qualified to be on a First Degree Team
4. Conducted a Fall and Spring Membership Drive

FAMILIES:

1. Sponsored a Mother's Day Social
2. Participated in the Biloxi Rosary Rally
3. Sponsored a Youth Mass and Social
4. Sponsored a Family of the Quarter/Year Awards
5. Valentines Day Dinner Out with our Ladies
6. Monthly Corporate Communions
7. 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
7. Worked as CCD Teachers

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**  
**William F. Entriken**

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

The officers were:

Chaplain  
Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer  
Warden  
Recorder  
Advocate  
Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
Trustee (3 Year)

Msgr. Francis Farrell  
William Entriken  
John Mosgrove  
John Caranna  
Albert Kais  
Henry Dick III  
John B. Dubaz  
Richard Belvel  
James Starks  
Warren Cox  
Frank Sabatinni  
Materno Yapit

Trustee (2 Year)  
Trustee (1 Year)

Wilbert Rigby  
Bobby Weldon

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: John Mosgrove, Director

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

CHURCH COMMITTEE: John Caranna, Chairman

1. Held corporate quarterly communion.
2. Held annual Marion Hour of prayer.
3. Performed gutter clean-up on all buildings on Our Lady of Fatima church property.
4. Participated in the annual diocesan rosary rally.
5. Contributions to the Priest Education Fund.
6. RSVP Program.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: John Cronin, Chairman

1. Annual Garage Sale.
2. Program for Mental Retardation.
3. Visiting of the shut-ins, hospitals and widows.
4. Blood Drive
5. Rosary for the unborn.
6. St. Patrick's Day Dinner.
7. Tootsie Roll Drive.
8. Clothing Drive for Honduras.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: John Dubaz

1. Membership Drive.
2. Newsletter.
3. Quarterly Socials.
4. Christmas Tree Sales.
5. Knight of the Month
6. Installation of Officers Dinner.
7. Sponsored First Degree Exemplification's.
8. Annual Golf Tournament
9. Eye Screening Tests

FAMILY COMMITTEE: Leonard Bentz

1. Morning Star - donation of baby supplies, etc.
2. Family Spaghetti Dinner.
3. Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers.
4. Family of the Month Awards.

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YOUTH COMMITTEE: Gerardo Ordonez

1. Alter Server Training.
2. Sponsor of Boy Scout Troop.
3. Easter Egg Hunt.
4. Children's Christmas Party
5. CYO-Leadership.
6. Free Throw Contest.
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Serving as Grand Knight for my first year has been both an honor and a privilege. I would like to thank all of the members for their support and hard work in making this council the success it is today. Thank you to Mat Yapit, past Grand Knight for his help in making this year such a great success. A special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for all their help and patience in our successful projects this year. Thank you to all the officers and committee people for all their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William F. Entriaken  
Grand Knight

**St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543**  
**Madison, Mississippi**  
**David Scott**

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9543 for the Worthy District Deputy Dennis Riecke:

Chaplain	Fr. Frank Cosgrove
Grand Knight	David Scott
Deputy Grand Knight	Richard Cameron
Chancellor	Mark Doiron
Financial Secretary	Dennis Riecke
Advocate	Jody Hill
Treasurer	Dick Henry
Recorder	Bob Murphy
Warden	John Newman
Inside Guard	Brendan Sheehan
Outside Guard	Jesse Barrilleaux
Trustee (1998-2001)	Ramon Machado
Trustee (1997-2000)	Mark Beyea
Trustee (1996-1999)	Charlie Dyar

The 1998-99 fraternal year was a year of growth and accomplishments for our council. I am very proud to have served as grand knight of Council 9543 and I thank each and every Brother of our council who helped make the past fraternal year a success. With God as our guiding light, we undertook the following activities:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES (Lynn Eberhardt - Chairman)**

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. Provided Traffic Control for Church Parking Lot during Church Construction
5. Donations to Priest Education
6. Clean-up around Church Rectory
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. Built and Assembled Easter Baptismal Font
12. Prepared Advent Fair Meal
13. Marion Hour of Prayer
14. Provided Kitchen Crew for College Retreat
15. Hosted a Meal for Parish Mission

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (John Newman - Chairman)**

1. Council held a Tootsie Roll Drive
2. Sponsored Blood Drives
3. Donated to Social Concerns Christmas for the Needy Project
4. Participate in BirthRight Baby Shower - Donations
5. Habitat for Humanity Volunteers
6. Participated in Keep Madison Beautiful by Cleaning up Tidewater Lane
7. Conducted Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest
8. Work Po-Boy Booth at Cajun Fest
9. Set up Tent for St. Richard's School Funfest
10. Recycle Christmas Cards for Children's Ranch
11. Donated Meal to Matt's House for Battered Women
12. Assisted Gleaners by Packaging Truckload of Sweet Potatoes

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES (Steve Simoneaux - Chairman)**

1. Hosted a Membership Drive
2. Published a Monthly Newsletter
3. Members served on a 1st Degree Team
4. Hosted quarterly Pot-Luck Socials
5. Sponsored a Team in the local Softball League
6. Held Council Awards Dinner

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7. Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting
  8. Assisted and supported the Formation of a KC Wives Group
  9. Participated in State Bowling Tournament
  10. Council Crawfish Boil
  11. Visit Elderly Knights at St. Catherine's Retirement Home
  12. Recognize Knight of the Month Award

YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Greg Abadie - Chairman)

1. Beginning the Formation of a Squires Circle
2. Provided Training of Alter Servers
3. Several Members Coach Various Youth League Basketball and Soccer Teams
4. Sponsored local Free Throw Contest
5. Hosted State Free Throw Contest
6. Cook Hamburgers and Hotdogs for St. Joseph High School Basketball Games
7. Transport and Chaperone CYO on a Retreat at Roosevelt State Park
8. Chaperone CYO for Overnight Lock-In
9. Assist CYO with Christmas Parade Float
10. Transport and Chaperone CYO for CYO Convention
11. Sponsored Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest
12. Donation to CYO for Saltillo Trip
13. Assist with providing a meal to High School Religious Ed. Classes each Month
14. Members serve as Scout Masters for Boy Scouts
15. Donate Christmas Cards to Boy Scouts for Fundraiser
16. Assist with Cooking Superbowl BBQ Chicken Dinners for Boy Scout Fundraiser
17. Provided the Cooking for the St. Joseph High School Drawdown

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (Mike Lanford - Chairman)

1. Sponsored Family Night/Jackson Generals Baseball game
2. Family Campout/Pig Roast
3. Participated in Supreme Family of the Month
4. Sponsored Quarterly Family Masses
5. Sponsored a Parish Family Picnic
6. Pro-Life Cross Project
7. Respect Life Rosary
8. Hosted Parish Family Breakfast

Respectfully Submitted,  
David K Scott  
Grand Knight

**James D. Hart, Council 9673**  
**Woolmarket, Mississippi**  
**Lonnie Parvin**

The 1998/1999 Fraternal Year has proven to be an exciting one for James D. Hart, Council 9673. The entire MS. Coast is experiencing unmatched growth and expansion and the Woolmarket area is certainly no exception.

With this growth, of course, comes the normal growing pains, but vast opportunities also accompany it. Many new businesses are locating in our area as well as the additions of Chain Store Retailers etc. This not only increases the local job base, but also affords organizations like The Knights of Columbus awesome opportunities in the process of raising funds for the many worthy causes that we support.

In the past, the Woolmarket area has been a sparsely populated area with a few "Mom & Pop" type retail operations but now the sights and sounds of growth ring from literally all directions. We, at James D. Hart, Council 9673 are beginning to reap the rewards as the numbers of parishioners are steadily increasing, giving us a broader base from which to recruit new members.

We have experienced a few unfortunate and stagnating events, but there is a "Hard-Core" base of members in our council that, "Thank God", just don't understand the concept of "Quit". Due to this attitude, council 9673 can be listed among the "Survivors".

Recently, the "Tide" is turning and it seems there is light at the end of the "Proverbial" tunnel. I am very much encouraged with a more accepting attitude of many in our Parish.

We recently sponsored a Membership Drive and Fish Fry and the response was over-whelming. The Es-Spirit-De-Corps among our Members and fellow Parishioners alike has increased markedly.

I visualize a bright future for James D. Hart, Council 9673. We realize, however, that we have a long way to go, but little by little and bit by bit, We'll "Get It Done".

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lonnie R. Parvin  
Grand Knight

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

This report covers the activities of ST. Ann Lizana Council #9958 for the year of 1998 – 1999.

Church Activities:

1. Lead Rosary before Mass and provide Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Accept responsibility for total upkeep of inside of parish hall, including kitchen and restrooms.
3. Donate to the church \$2400.00 a year to supplement the cost of utilities.
4. Purchase 15 Easter lilies for church altar for Easter Sunday.
5. Purchase 15 Poinsettia for church altar for Christmas.
6. Purchased fresh flower arrangements and placed on altar for Confirmation.

Community Activities:

1. Member of the Mississippi Adopt a Highway Program on highway 53.
2. Provide bingo on a weekly basis so that people don't have to leave the community to be able 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 the seniors. Knights conduct free bingo.

Youth Activities:

1. Hold local free throw contest.
2. Sponsor a girls basketball team, little league.
3. Donate to the CYO for convention expense.
4. Provide half of the gifts for children's Christmas parties at hall and at Children's Christmas mass. Provide Santa.

Council Activities:

1. Monthly socials.
2. Members dinners semi-annually.
3. Installation of officers and banquet.
4. Sponsor weekly bingo on Tuesday nights.
5. Conduct raffles 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 quarterly dinners.
8. Present Knight of Quarter with check for \$25.00.
9. Present Knight of Year with a check for \$25.00.

Family Activities:

1. Parish dinner for families honoring the mothers of our parish on the Saturday before Mothers Day. All members of parish invited.
2. Assisted 15 families due to illness or for loss of their home due to fire.

3. Family of the month.
4. Purchased 12 turkeys for Thanksgiving food baskets.
5. Present Family of the Year award.

The success of our council is realized through the generous efforts of a few great Knights, who are determined to make a difference, and they are. They are truly on a quest, a quest for true Knighthood.

I, and their brother Knights appreciate them.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hollis J. Moran  
Grand Knight

**St. Paul Council 10216  
Brandon, Mississippi  
Dan Hammond**

Since my election as Grand Knight, I have been blessed with wonderful assistance from my fellow knights. My predecessor, former Grand Knight Dennis Deister, has been of real assistance; I inherited from him a Council dedicated to work hard for our parish and community. The works of this Council have equally blessed the lives of those who have given of their time and talents, as well as those who have received them.

This is a report of the efforts and events of our Council for the 1998-99 fraternal year.

The following officers direct our Council:

Chaplain	Rev. Edward Balser
Grand Knight	Dan Hammond
Deputy Grand Knight	Martin Bisek
Chancellor	Neil Hillstrom
Warden	John Reiss
Recorder	Ted Gray
Treasurer	Ray Bertz
Advocate	Vincent Thompson
Inside Guard	Ed Garcia
Outside Guard	David Cannon
Trustees:	
1 year	Frank Whitehead
2 years	Lloyd Long
3 Years	Dennis Deister

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Financial Secretary

John Lewis

St. Paul's Council 10216 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for the business meeting and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month for a Family Social.

**Church Activities:**

1. Knights are continually called upon to perform maintenance on church property.
2. The Council has sponsored a Marian hour of prayer for the congregation.
3. Knights are members of the Parish Council.
4. Knights are members of the choir, teachers of Confirmation Classes, and the Building Committee.
5. Knights participate in daily mass as well as regular ushers at church service.
6. The council sponsors the cost of the weekly church bulletin by organizing and selling advertising space on the back page of the pamphlet.
7. Knights work in the children's nursery on Sunday.
8. Council members assist in the Parish Bingo and Dinner annually.

**Community Activities:**

1. The Council members support the annual Tootsie Roll drive for the mentally handicapped.
2. Knights regularly assist local schools with equipment installation.
3. Members visit the sick & confirmed in the parish and community.
4. Knights support various community service projects.
5. Council members have assisted our Chaplain in building a boat that will be used for community functions, including various Knights' events.
6. Our Council supports Pro-Life Organizations, particularly Birthright, through donations and volunteer hours.
7. Several of our members volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.
8. Our council sponsors a church fish fry during lent. This, along with other fund raising events, we raised one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the Priests Education Fund.

**Council Activities:**

1. The Council sponsored a membership drive that resulted in two (2) new members.
2. Members support local degree ceremonies whenever possible.
3. The council sponsors an annual Parish Blood Drive that exceeds our quota.
4. Our Grand Knight attended the fall retreat.
5. Our members attending the mid winter meeting numbered seven (7) Knights.
6. A family social and dinner is held every month in our Church Commons.
7. All monthly business meetings are begun with recitation of the Holy Rosary.

**Family Activities:**

1. Knights support Corporate Communion on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Sunday of every month.
2. The Council organizes and promotes a Parish breakfast most every month. Our pastor encourages this as a means of introduction of new parish members into our congregation. An annual Mothers Day Champagne Brunch is also planned.
3. A child's fishing rodeo and Halloween party is sponsored.
4. During Thanksgiving the Council sponsors a Thanksgiving Dinner for all Parishioners.
5. An annual Mass is said for all deceased members.
6. Knights continually provide emotional, physical and financial support for disabled members.

**Youth Activities:**

1. Knight's assist in fundraising for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
2. Knights are active in coaching youth sporting activities as well as the Boy Scouts of America.
3. A Knight is the Parish Director of the CYO.
4. The Council supports the CYO through monetary donations.
5. The Council participated in the basketball free throw competition.
6. Knights are CCC teachers in our parish.
7. The chapter chaperoned a CYO party.

Again, I am proud of the accomplishments of our Council #10216 this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Hammond  
Grand Knight

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

My second year as Grand Knight of our council has been a very eventful and fulfilling one for me. I have experienced the joy of serving my Church, my Council, my Brother Knights, and my God. I have had the opportunity to attend meetings, exemplification's, and prayer services that enriched my life.

Our duly elected officers were installed by District Deputy Robert Hudson at a very impressive ceremony.

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Our council took a very active role in the formation and election of our first Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. The leaders of our council worked closely with other members of the parish and Father Schmit as the election steering committee. After six months of meetings we held our first Parish elections in the early fall. Three members of our council and two members of the Ladies Auxiliary now serve on the Parish councils. The lack of having a council home has had an adverse affect on our meetings this year. We began the year by scheduling our meetings on Wednesday nights to prevent conflicts with other groups meeting in the Parish Hall. However, many of our members could not reschedule their activities and jobs to attend meetings at night. After three months of declining attendance, we reverted to our old schedule of meetings on Sunday mornings in the rectory office. Our goal for the coming year will be to find a suitable meeting place of our own.

In the area of recruitment, we held two membership drives. Our drive in the fall did not yield any new knights. We were successful at our spring drive in that we got two candidates. However, as of this writing we have not succeeded in getting them to a First Degree. The development of a First Degree Team within our council could prevent similar situations in the future.

I would like to thank my Brother Knights for their support and hard work during the past year. Without them our council would have accomplished nothing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Buddy Honeycutt  
Grand Knight

**Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council 10499**  
**Ocean Springs, Mississippi**  
**Richard Greenwold**  
No Report Submitted

**St. John's Council 10901**  
**Oxford, Mississippi**  
**Talmadge J. Reid**  
No report Submitted

**St. James Council, No.11541  
Gulfport, Mississippi  
Harold C. Noll**

Chaplain	Msgr. James McGough
Grand Knight	Harold C. Noll
Deputy Grand Knight	Daniel Gillis
Chancellor	Frederick Custer
Secretary	Fritz Oberlies
Treasurer	Jay Oberlies
Advocate	Lawrence Breard
Recorder	Allan Konyn
Warden	Dennis Weiland
Inside Guard	Norman Otto
Outside Guard	William Lyons
Trustee	Edward Croal Jr.
	Toby Dombrowski
	Leonard Collins

**Activities Directors:**

Church	David Souser
Council	Matthews McGahan
Community	Douglas Brown
Family	Billy White
Youth	Michael Croal
Membership	Fritz Oberlies
Program Director	Daniel Gillis
Retention Chairman	Arthur Spratley

Though still a young Council we took on many activities this past year, some of those were:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

1. Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Commentators
2. Parish Cemetery clean up
3. School ground clean up
4. Priest Education Fund
5. RCIA Program
6. By-monthly Parish Breakfast
7. St. James Church Celebrated 100 years
8. St. James Celebrated Mission 2000
9. Provided soup and sandwich on Friday Night during Lent
10. Church work day, fixed pews, and cleaned church grounds

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Visitation of Council sick and distressed members
2. Candy drive
3. Reception for Graduating Seniors
4. Garage sale
5. Two Blood Drives
6. Food drive for Christmas

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. By-Monthly Newsletter
2. Council planning meeting
3. Hosted 4th Degree Exemplification
4. Conducted Membership Drive
5. Eternal Benefit Program (Insurance)
6. Investment Program by one of our own members

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Corporate Communion Sundays
2. Assisted needy members
3. Mothers Day Breakfast
4. Council operated hamburger booth for Parish Bazaar
5. Mass for deceased Council Brothers

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1. High School Soccer Referee
2. Basket Ball Coach
3. Soccer Coach
4. Football Coach
5. CYO/Life Teen/High School Retreat
6. Easter Egg Hunt
7. Beach party for St. James School students
8. Basket Ball Free Throw
9. Alter Servers Party

Respectively Submitted  
Harold C. Noll  
Grand Knight

**Father Paul Gillis Council 11654**  
**Wiggins, Mississippi**  
**Sherwood Beckham**

Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Financial Secretary  
Chancellor  
Recorder  
Treasurer  
Advocate  
Warden  
Guards  
  
Trustees

Sherwood Beckham  
Don Eakin  
Ricky Fuerst  
John Phillips  
Robert Davis  
A.C. McCarney  
Loyd Fortenberry  
Leland Bergeron  
Frank Maniscalco  
Barry Milhas  
Paul Bacon  
H.J. Crochet  
Lowell Turan

The first year of my term as Grand Knight is drawing to a close. I would like to thank the brothers of this council for their support and hard work. During this past year many of our members have participated on the following projects:

CHURCH:

Contributed to the Priest Education Fund  
Serve as Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and  
Commentators on weekly basis  
Participated in the Supreme Council's Millennium Holy Hour

COMMUNITY:

Supported and worked with St. Vincent DePaul Society Bingo

COUNCIL:

Served Parish breakfast monthly  
Conducted two membership drives which allowed us to meet our quotas for membership and insurance  
Had steak dinner for the ladies of the parish on Valentines  
Sponsored Halloween Party for children of the Parish  
Sponsored Parish Bar-B-Q

FAMILY:

Corporate Communion Quarterly

YOUTH:

Support CYG in attending Diocesan Youth Conference  
Supported Easter Egg Hunt for Easter

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Support a program that recognizes Altar Servers and holds active training  
Provide coaches for baseball, basketball, and soccer

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherwood Beckham  
Grand Knight

**St. Lucy's Council 11904  
Lucedale, Mississippi  
Ray Shields**

Council 11904 (an active, dedicated and growing Council) was chartered on October 28, 1996.

The Council Officers consist of

Grand Knight	Ray Shields
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Schneider
Financial Secretary	Rob Smith
Treasurer	Ray Pierce
Warden	Gary Nance
Chancellor	Jim Henderson
Advocate	Jamie Holland
Trustees	Ennis Grady
	Eugene Smith
	Earl White
Inside Guard	Mark Richardson
Outside Guard	Mike Fairley
Recorder	Don Cox
Chaplain	Deacon Curba Merrill

Program activities for this council are varied and enjoyable for all concerned. Activities were in each of the Program Categories. Highlights of our Council activities included:

Held an Installation of Officers Banquet.  
Hosted a Spaghetti Dinner for the Church.  
Sponsored a city-wide Free Throw Contest.  
Continuing with a Clean-Up Activity on Highway 63.  
Bi-Annual BBQ Dinner & St. Lucy Rummage Sale.  
Hosted a Free Columbus Day Pancake Breakfast for all members of our Parish; received donations for Priest Education Fund.  
Hosted a Covered Dish for Feast Day of St. Lucy; received donations for Honduras victims.

Sponsored a World Youth Day Cookout with games and various activities; this included a Columbus Coloring Book Contest.  
 Painted & installed Church Signs in various locations on highways.  
 Sponsored a trip for the youth to a Hockey Game.  
 Hosted a St. Patrick's Day Dinner of Corned Beef & Cabbage.  
 Sponsored two Red Cross Blood Drives  
 Stations of The Cross lead by the Knights.  
 Washing of the feet 12 Knights present  
 Sponsored several Membership Drives.  
 Acted as Bartenders at Chevron for Social.  
 Participated with the Cancer Society in the Relay for Life.  
 Sponsored the Knight for Life Steak Dinner.

At the present time we have 46 Members, 32 Associates, and 14 Insured. We will continue to strive toward our membership goal and by the Grace of God will bring Knighthood to all of the men of St. Lucy's Parish in Lucedale.

Thanks to all of the men of our Council for their great support during this year as their Grand Knight and the Leadership of our State Officers who where always there with continuous support and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Raymond C. Shields, Sr.  
 Grand Knight

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

Chaplain  
 Grand Knight  
 Deputy Grand Knight  
 Financial Secretary  
 Chancellor  
 Recorder  
 Treasurer  
 Lecturer  
 Advocate  
 Warden  
 Inside Guard  
 Outside Guard  
 Trustee

Father Robert Olivier  
 Joseph R. Jones, Jr.  
 Charles Campbell  
 John C. Minninger  
 James R. Minninger  
 John Scanlon  
 Jerry Perez  
 Benjamin Kovarik  
 Thomas Stolz  
 Billy Endris  
 Alan Cox  
 John B. Minninger  
 Robert S. Jones  
 James O'Connor  
 Dennis Strong

It has now been a year since we were together in Tupelo, and quite a busy one for us at Council 11934. We are still growing at a slow, steady pace. We continue adding new programs as well as working on the ones we were already involved in.

A few of the new ones that we have started is a special Stations of the Cross that I participated in at a state retreat. Everyone that had attended was so pleased, we were asked to do it again, and did repeat it a second time during Lent. We now also provide all the required Ushers for the Sunday Mass and we paid for, built and erected a new church sign.

We have adopted a nursing home in Canton. We help the residents by providing people and money for their much needed trips away from the home. We worked with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree last Memorial Day with a Mass in our church cemetery, and we are looking very forward to it again this year.

We held a raffle this year and raised money for the Priest Education Fund, with plans to do it on an annual basis in hope of raising more and more money. In honor of the Unborn, we are currently working on having a monument placed in our cemetery with the completion date only a few months away.

With these projects, and all of the other projects that we are working on annually, we will continue to strive to do our best to serve others as we serve our Lord. While doing so, we proudly proclaim to others that our main objection is to serve our Lord, our Church, our Priest, our Families, our Communities and to each other with His help and Guidance. VIVA JESUS

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

**Father Patrick Quinn Council 11956**  
**Columbia/Tylertown, Mississippi**  
**John E. Irion**

The fraternal year started out on a fast note with a commitment to accomplish two new council goals: Start a PRO-LIFE movement in our area and sponsor a SQUIRES CIRCLE for the youth in the community. The appointment of a "Pro-Life Couple" bore immediate fruit with our council's first PRO-LIFE NITE public meeting conducted by Antoine Otto and a well known woman OBGYN who told her incredible story of her past life as an Abortionist. It left a strong image and impact on a very good turnout crowd

Our annual drive to raise funds for Mental Retardation (Tootsie Roll Drive) was a bigger success than last year (We received the State award in this area for the highest "Per capita" funds). Thanksgiving and Christmas Food basket donations also increased this year and our council sponsored an open house dinner-reception (with a council "House warming" donation) to this year's recipient of the Habitat for Humanity residence. We also built a wheelchair ramp for a needy elderly couple out in a rural area.

Continuous fundraising was pursued by food concessions at six (6) Regional fairs and festivals.

All monthly awards for "Knight of the Year" and "Family of the month" were made regularly in joint council -ladies auxiliary social meetings. Other social fundraising events included quarterly dances open to the public. Annual awards were presented in a Awards Banquet shared by the council and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Our council kept an excellent scrapbook account of our activities from the Officer's Installation ceremony through all the years activities to the next installation ceremony.

The council's spiritual life improves through well attended Corporate Masses and through Mass and the Rosary before every monthly meeting. The result continues to be edifying; good membership drives, (meeting our "Quota"). Both Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight attended this year's State-wide retreat for state Officers and Grand Knights held in Dedeaux. It was a great privilege to give a talk to our group on "Action".

Our Youth Activities were furious and rewarding again this year; Volleyball tournaments, basketball free-throw, essay contests and a membership drive for our new Squires Circle.

It has been a fun and rewarding fraternal year for me personally and for the council witnessed by our phenomenal meeting attendance which regularly averages between 40% and 45% at all functions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John E. Irion  
Grand Knight

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**West Harrison Council No. 11995  
Desile, Mississippi  
Harry A. Geauthaux**

I assumed the office of Grand knight on November 1, 1999 due to the resignation of the previous Grand Knight. The supreme office was notified by fax on December 1999.

I presided at the first meeting on December 1, 1999. At that time, I suggested and it was approved by the membership drive, to have each members bring at least one guest as a prospective member to the meeting. We had eleven members and five guests. We did obtain two new members as a result of this undertaking. We were very pleased.

Also, during December we furnished truck to pick up items for the food pantry from St. Ann, St. Williams, St. Stephen's churches and delivered the food pantry in Pass Christian. Brother John Maynard was in charge of this endeavor.

I also attended the mid-year meeting at Bishop Gunn council on December 19, 1999. This proved to be very informative in regard to what is expected of the councils.

Our January meeting was held on January 3, 1999 and at that time I gave a report to the membership as to what occurred at the mid-year meeting. Also, at this meeting, the two members were introduced to the members as they were initiated in December.

The membership voted to honor our deceased members and spouses who have gone to their eternal reward by having perpetual masses said for them by the Sacred Heart League. This will be a permanent endeavor. We had one member and the father of a member so honored.

We also instituted a cut-off date for annual dues. They are to be paid by October 1 of each year. We felt this would make the financial secretary's job a little easier. Also, we discussed the possibility of securing a permanent place to hold our meetings. We attempted to rent two buildings, but were unsuccessful in securing such buildings. We are going to continue trying to find a suitable location. Of course, we again stressed to the membership the continuing effort to secure new members.

At our February meeting, we discussed at length some ways to raise revenue in order to secure a permanent location for our meetings. The membership approved a raffle to begin May 15, 1999 and continue to November 6, 1999 for a period of 26 weeks. We expect to sell 300 tickets at \$25.00 per ticket. We expect to realize a profit of \$4,900. This will be repeated for another 26 weeks

until we have sufficient funds to build a home of our own. We are enthusiastic about this and pray we will be successful.

Also, in February, we attended mass at St. Ann's Church and had a social after mass. It is planned to have a quarterly mass and communion for our members and families.

We also introduced a telephone calling system where all members will be informed of the events of the council. We cannot at this time afford a newsletter.

I believe that at the March meeting, we had the best attendance of the year. Fourteen members were present.

The financial secretary stressed the payment of dues, especially the members in arrears. He explained that he would convince these members of the importance of the payment of dues.

The tickets for the raffle were distributed to the members. Each member is expected to sell ten tickets, which should not be difficult. Also, John Maynard, our brother who is handling this, said that so far \$500.00 has been collected for our first returns. At the April meeting I expect we will be a lot closer to the total of 300.

Our financial secretary informed me he would not attend the State convention. Therefore, I appointed as his alternate Rhett Maynard, the council treasurer.

Being a new council and a small council, we have a lot of ground to cover. I do believe that as we move closer to securing a home of our own, our membership and attendance at the meetings will show a remarkable increase.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harry A. Geautheaux  
Grand Knight

As a postscript to the Grand Knight's Report, I offer the following:

The F.S. has given to me a list of 15 members in arrears in the payment of dues. I called everyone on the list and at the present time, it appears nine will pay. The others have to be contacted again, due to the fact I did not get my calls returned.

My suggestion to the F.S. will be as we add a new member or transfer, we notify the arrears member of the suspension process, until we eliminate all the arrears members, which possibly would be four or five. I have one member presently

waiting for the next exemplification.

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

The Council officers for the fraternal year were as follows:

Chaplain	Rev. Michael Kelleher
Grand Knight	Henry A. Bertagnolli, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Carl E. Muse
Chancellor	Gayden R. Harper
Recorder	Thomas P. Higgins
Financial Secretary	Thomas E. (Eddie) Martin
Treasurer	Benjamin M. Acosta
Advocate	Russell J. Lachaussee
Warden	Jeffrie Richard
Inside Guard	Mark S. LaDouceur
Outside Guard	Mark P. Turner
Lecturer	James A. Vendrell
1 Year Trustee	William Waggoner
2 Year Trustee	Timothy J. Savage
3 Year Trustee	Michael M. Turner

Carl Muse, Deputy Grand Knight, served as general program Director and supervised all activities.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Russell Lachaussee, Director.

1. Members participate in parish life.
2. Knights wallpapered the Church bathrooms and remounted the toilets.
3. Knights maintain the Church grounds weekly.
4. Knights maintain the Elementary School grounds weekly.
5. Participate in the elementary school Spring Fling. (set-up, work, clean-up).
6. Participate in the Parish Picnic (set-up, cook, work, clean-up).
7. Members serve as Eucharistic ministers.
8. Members serve as Readers.
9. Members serve as Ushers.
10. Members serve as lecturers.
11. Members serve on the Parish Council.
12. Members serve as money counters for the Parish.
13. The Council participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas cards sale.
14. Members participate in the Renew 2000 for the Parish.
15. Members serve in the Cursillo movement in leadership roles.

16. Members participate in the R.C.I.A. program.
17. The council sponsors coffee, donuts, milk and juice after 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
18. Members worked in the parish food booth at the Jackson County Fair.
19. Members attended the Rosary Rally in the Biloxi Coliseum.
20. Members visited Saltillo mission with the CYO as advisers.
21. Members serve on the planning board for the construction of the Parish's New Parish Center.
22. Members attended corporate Communion quarterly.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: William Waggoner, Director

1. Participated in parish Blood drive June 98.
2. Participated in the parish blood drive Nov. 98
3. Adopt-A-Highway Dec. 98
4. Adopt-A-Highway Mar 99.
5. Volunteering at the hospital as auxiliaries 3 days a week
6. Participated in the Mental Handicapped Drive (Tootsie Roll 98)
7. Painted the St. Vincent retail store (1 large room)
8. Members of the St. Vincent DePaul society.
9. Donated 3 cases of chicken halves to our local "Our Daily Bread" for the poor.
10. Participate in the Friday night fish fries during Lent.
11. Participate in Resurrection Catholic School Mardi Gras Carnival Ball.
12. Participate in the Police officer/Fireman of the Quarter Dec. & March

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Michael O'Sullivan, Director

1. Installation of officers and dinner July 98.
2. Members on the 1st degree team when needed
3. Members on the 2nd degree team when needed.
4. Members on the 3rd degree team when needed.
5. Members on the 4th degree team when needed.
6. News letter for the Council bi-weekly.
7. Cooked (BBQ) 200 chickens and served dinners as a fundraiser.
8. Mental Handicapped Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) May 98
9. Wallpapered church bathrooms and remounted the toilets.
10. Council awards presentation Mar 99.
11. Knight of the month program
12. Knight of the year program.
13. Cursillo team participation.
14. Coffee, donuts, milk & juice after Sunday 8 a.m. Mass.
15. Super Bowl party social.
16. Served as Representatives at the School of Columbianism.
17. Trash removal from Church grounds.
18. Trash removal from the School grounds.
19. Maintain Church ground weekly.

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20. Maintain School grounds weekly.
  21. Participated in the school Spring Fling (set-up, work, clean-up)
  22. Participated in the parish picnic (set-up, cook, work, clean-up)
  23. Worked at the disaster relief food drive (Hurricane Georges)
  24. Worked at the parish food booth at the Jackson County Fair.
  25. Worked Friday night fish fries during lent.
  26. Worked as ushers at Resurrection Catholic High School Graduation Mass.
  27. Worked CYO convention as security guards.
  28. Built a new tractor shed for the church and school mowing equipment.
  29. Built picture frames for the council pictures received from Supreme.
  30. Conducted a memorial service for deceased members of all councils.
  31. Grand Knight attended the State Council yearly retreat.
  32. Grand Knight & Deputy Grand Knight attended one district meeting.
  33. Conducted several membership drives.
  34. Knights participate in the St. Joseph Altar
  35. Attained membership and insurance goals for the year.
  36. Attend quarterly corporate communion.
  37. Knights are on the planning board for the new parish center.
  38. Knights visited the Saltillo Mission with the CYO as advisors.
  39. Knights attended the Rosery Rally in the Biloxi Coliseum.
  40. Knights attended the Mid-winter meeting in Gulfport.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: David Vanveghel, Director

1. Participate in the Family of the month program.
2. Participate in the Family of the year program.
3. Participate in the Family corporate communion quarterly.
4. Family picnic in Nov. 98.
5. Knight and families worked the school Spring Fling.
6. Knights and families worked parish picnic food booths and rides.
7. Knights and Families attended the installation of officers & dinner.
8. Knights and Families participated in the parish blood drive.
9. Knights and Families participated in coffee, donuts, juice & milk after Sunday 8AM Mass.
10. Knights and Families participate in the Renew 2000 in the parish
11. Knights and Families participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Joseph Caraviello, Director

1. Knights donated \$100.00 to the CYO for the Saltillo Mission trip.
2. Knights renovated CYO "Hut" meeting building.
3. CYO participated in the council BBQ chicken dinner ticket sales. Received \$84.00 (1.75 for each ticket they sold)
4. Knights sponsored Santa Claus for Christmas parties at Sacred Heart Elementary School.
5. Knights worked children's rides at the parish picnic
6. Knights worked children's rides at the School Spring Fling.

7. Knights work as coaches and support the soccer league.
8. Knights worked the CYO Convention as security guards.
9. Knights visited Saltillo with the CYO as guards.
10. Knights sponsored and worked the local and district free throw contest.  
(worked with the Gautier Council)

This report is representative of the projects and work the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 12166 is doing. This report may not include all the work the Council has done. As a new small council, we are trying to do all that we have manpower to do in the enhancement of our Church, Community, State and nation. It has been my honor to serve as the 1st Grand Knight of the new Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council No. 12166.

Respectfully Submitted  
Henry A. Bertagnolli, Jr  
Grand Knight

**St Joseph The Worker Council No. 12271**  
**Naval Construction Battalion Center**  
**Gulfport, Mississippi**  
**Gerald Schmuck**

The men of council 12271 are happy and proud to be a new part of the Knights of Columbus. Since our charter in June 1998, we have worked hard to introduce the Knights to the Navy's Seabee Center. We started out with thirty-four members and since that time have grown in numbers, faith, and involvement. As a team, we can be proud of our accomplishments during the past ten months. It has been a distinct honor and privilege for me to be a part of this and to be able to serve this outstanding council.

The following men are the elected officers representing our council for the 1998-1999 year:

Chaplain	Father Jerome "Jerry" Kienzle
Grand Knight	Gerald "Jerry" Schmuck
Deputy Grand Knight	William "Mac" McClellan
Chancellor	Robert "Bob" Zeller
Financial Secretary	Joseph "Joe" Kaley
Treasurer	Manuel "Johnny" Mabanta
Advocate	George White
Warden	Brian Casey
Recorder	Roger Hudson
Inside Guard	Luke Cardillo
Outside Guard	Peter Monest
Trustee (Third Year)	Dennis Larochelle

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Trustee (Second Year)  
Trustee (First Year)

Glen Carter  
Earl Sears

Our program chairmen worked very hard during this first year to establish our council as a council that is active in all areas. Through their efforts the Knights have become key participants in all facets of parish, community, family, youth council and pro-life activities. These chairmen are:

Program Chairman  
Church Committee Chairman  
Community Committee Chairman  
Family Committee Chairman  
Youth Committee Chairman  
Council Activity Chairman  
Pro-Life Chairman

Mac McClellan  
Jerry Schmuck  
Earl Sears  
Mac McClellan  
Earl Sears  
Geoff Stumph  
Dennis Larochelle

In closing, I would like to especially thank our priest, Father Jerry Kienzle. He has been the driving force behind the establishment of our council. I would also like to thank our Worthy District Deputy, David DiLorenzo for all the help and support he provided. It has truly been an honor and privilege for me to serve as Grand Knight of council 12271 during this past year. The drive and enthusiasm displayed by my brother knights has truly been an inspiration. Because this council works together as well as it does, I am sure we will continue to grow and improve on this year's successes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald Schmuck  
Grand Knight

**Sacred Heart Council 12331**  
**Dedeaux, MS**  
**C. J. Malley**

In May 1998 we began work on forming a new Knights of Columbus Council. On May 22, 1998, we had a spaghetti supper to attract some young men, and also some transfers.

For the next few months we gradually received Form 100 signed to form a Charter Council.

On November 15, 1998 a First Degree team came to Sacred Heart, Dedeaux to administer the First Degree to 24 new members. At the same time, we had 14 transfers from various councils in the area to form our Charter Council.

Since then, we have signed up three new members, had them receive First, Second and Third Degrees, and signed up two new transfers.

We also exemplified 94% of our new members into the Second and Third Degree. We also have two new candidates lined up to be exemplified into the council at our next opportunity.

We have all our program directors in place. We have had one directors' meeting and watched the videos "Surge with Service" and "No One Asked Me." We have another meeting set up for May 1, 1999. We have scheduled a membership drive for May 9, 1999 at Sacred Heart, Dedaux at the 9:00 a.m. mass.

We have begun working on our first fundraiser, which will be a turkey and ham shooting match that is scheduled for May 13, 1999.

Our council has sponsored a "Family Hour of Prayer," which turned out very nice.

We have also started our Tootsie Roll Program to benefit the mentally retarded.

I believe that our newly formed council has a lot of potential for growth. We have some very good young men that appear to be very enthusiastic about making our council move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. J. Malley  
Grand Knight

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## **District Deputy Reports**

### **District Deputy #1 Robert L. Hudson**

It has been both an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus as the District Deputy of District One for the past four years. In 1995, Jessie J. Quinn III, our Immediate Past State Deputy, asked me to complete the unfinished term of the previous District Deputy who had relocated out of town. I was a bit apprehensive, I did a lot of information gathering from other former District Deputies and was assured that I would enjoy the position as well as the opportunities I would have to meet and interact with many brother Knights from across the state. I can honestly say those statements were absolutely true and some even beyond my expectations.

I must have enjoyed that first year because, as noted above, I continued to serve three more years as the District Deputy of District One. Four years is, by Supreme By-Laws, the maximum number of years a Knight can serve in that position, but as we know, "all good things must come to an end" and so it is true as a District Deputy.

District One, prior to this Fraternal Year, consisted of 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. At the beginning of this current Fraternal year, 8848 – the Father Reitmeier Council in Tupelo once again became part of District One.

As District Deputy, I have actively encouraged the councils in District One to recruit new members, but to keep retention of existing Knights as a high priority. Membership has been the focus of each council in District One and a personal focus of mine. Each of the councils is committed to improving their membership numbers. This past year all councils conducted membership drives and was successful in recruiting new members.

Each of the councils had well planned and well executed service programs for the benefit of their councils, churches, community, youth and families. They all worked very hard to meet the goals they set at the beginning of this Fraternal Year. Their efforts were rewarded by the awards each council received at the State Convention. Those awards are as follows:

Grenada received the Honor Council Award,; Holly Springs and Tupelo each received the Council of #Excellence Award. Each council had very successful Tootsie Roll Drive's and Tupelo was recognized as the council with the highest

total dollars, over \$12,000 collected during their Tootsie Roll Drive. Tupelo has now held that honor for over thirteen consecutive years. This is truly an outstanding accomplishment.

Oxford received the Distinguished Council Award as well as tying for third place for the Youth Activity Award. An additional honor for the Oxford Council was the award given to Ron and Claire Rychlak as the Knights of Columbus, State of Mississippi, Family of the Year.

Corinth was honored with the Top Gun Award – a great accomplishment. A special congratulations to the men of the Corinth Council.

During this past year District One held nine First Degree Exemplification's. Tupelo was also the host council for a Second and Third Degree Exemplification's in December.

Two councils, Tupelo and Oxford have Round Tables – Tupelo at New Albany and Oxford at Batesville. Both of the round Tables are in the process of adding new members with their goals to form a new council in each of their parish churches. With a lot of effort, both Round Tables could very well be new councils before our convention next year. Each Round Table is committed, has a plan in place and I feel confident their efforts will be rewarded.

I want to personally thank each Grand Knight, their council officers and members in District One for their commitment to the Knights of Columbus and for their ongoing support during the past year. Their hospitality, cooperation and commitment is the key to the successes each council had this year, plus it made my job much easier as District Deputy.

Worthy State Deputy, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the State Officers for their dedicated efforts this past year. Additionally, I want to personally thank you for your confidence and support this year. The past four years as District Deputy of District One has been a very personally rewarding experience for me. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have served our Order as a District Deputy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert L. Hudson  
District Deputy #1

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**District Deputy #2**  
**James W. (Jim) Farris**

Serving as a District Deputy this past year has been a rewarding experience for me. I have got to know some Knights in other Councils that, otherwise I may not have known.

After the organizational meeting and my installation in Gulfport in July, I installed the officers in my three Councils, #2969 Clarksdale, 6555 Shelby and 7120 Southaven.

The Councils in District #2 had representation at the School of Columbianism in Cleveland, hosted by Council #5556.

One of the Councils in my District, #2969, had a bad problem of members who had not paid dues or participated in Council activities in several years and took it on to purge the roster of some of these delinquent members. It was a thing that needed to be done and because it had been discouraged for years it was getting to be a burden on the Council. Since that purging the Council has initiated six new members and is on the road to rebuilding.

Council #6555 is struggling to keep its status quo and I commend Grand Knight Bruno Fava for his determination.

Council #7120, my home council, has done well in getting new members and in insurance members. They have exceeded their Supreme quota and have done well in their programs.

I am proud of the accomplishments of my District, although small in the number of Councils, it is big in miles between Councils.

It has been a real honor and pleasure to serve this past year and I hope I have done some good for my brother Knights in these Councils.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Farris  
District Deputy #2

**District Deputy #3**  
**Ron Koehler**

It has been an honor to serve as your District Deputy for District #3 in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

For the 1998-1999 fraternal year, district #3 consisted of the following councils:  
#2134 - Greenville  
#2945 - Leland  
#5257 - Greenwood  
#5556 - Cleveland  
#9234 - Indianola

Following the installation of state officers and organizational meeting in Gulfport, I began installing the officers of the councils in my district. The School of Columbianism for the districts in the northern half of the state was held in Cleveland (knights from three councils participated). A district meeting was held in Cleveland on August 9 (3 councils were represented).

A 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification was held in Cleveland on March 21. Eleven candidates were initiated into the first degree and 20 candidates received their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. Candidates were from 4 councils in districts #2 and #3. The degree teams did an outstanding job, and I would like to commend the Cleveland First degree Team on its flawless performance and excellent exemplification. I would also like to thank the members of Cleveland Council #5556 for all of the hard work that went into the preparation for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification to be held in Cleveland. A yellow dog ceremony has held immediately afterward.

Medallions were presented to district free throw winners in Cleveland on February 27. All winners advanced to the second level held in Jackson.

All councils in District #3 will participate in the Annual Mental Retardation Drive.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of my district for their hard work, dedication and most especially their friendship. To the state officers who have traveled throughout the state to strengthen the order, and who have been involved with many councils, *I salute you*. The many hours you have given to the order and the many friendships you have fostered will last a lifetime. To our Worthy State Deputy, I give my thanks for his guidance and encouragement, which will always inspire me to continue with our knightly mission. In final tribute, I would like to thank my wife and four young children who have been a loving and accepting family of the many duties I have been called away for. District Deputy #3 has been truly blessed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Koehler  
District Deputy #3

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**District Deputy #4**  
**Dr. Luis V. Borrell**

At the request of our State Deputy, I accepted the responsibility to oversee District Number 4 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, I went to Gulfport for the installation and our first meeting of the District Deputies with the State Officers. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, I traveled to Columbus to do the Installation of the Officers of Council 7974, followed with a meeting of the Grand Knight, the Financial Secretary, and other members. By this time, the Meridian Council 802 had their installation on July 14<sup>th</sup>. On July 26<sup>th</sup> the School of Columbianism took place at St. Theresa in Jackson. All three (3) councils attended, with my presence there, we had a brief district meeting. All councils were made aware of the Service Program Personnel Reports and the Semi annual Audit Report to be due on time. This eventually all complied.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> I visited Starkville for the Installation of Elected Officers of Council 6765. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Meridian 802 had a First Degree Exemplification and their Degree Team was updated and re-certified (Reports sent to supreme). On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 98 attended the Mid-winter meeting in Jackson. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999 went to Starkville and had their First Degree Team certified for them to be ready for future exemplification's, unfortunately none took place.

All three councils are in good standing with their obligations with the Supreme council, completed their Marian Hour of Prayer. All continue to carry on their church, community, and other fraternal activities.

It was disappointing that none could achieve their insurance or membership quotas for this year. Some are while reorganizing their council with painful struggles for the Officers. It is my sincere hope that they will do better next year in these aspects of their councils.

Respectfully Submitted  
Luis V. Borrell, MD  
District Deputy #4

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

**District Deputy #6**  
**Natalie "Nat" J. Zummo**  
No report submitted

**District Deputy #7**  
**Richard Spence**  
No report submitted

**District Deputy #8**  
**Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.**

It was an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy #8 during the 1998-99 Fraternal Year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position. This will be the fourth and last year of district Deputy eligibility that began almost twenty years ago.

District #8 includes the following councils: #1908 Bishop Fahey – Hattiesburg, #2180 – Laurel, #6592 Father Malachy Burns – Bassfield, #7211 Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Lumberton/Poplarville, and #11956 Father Patrick Quinn – Columbia/Tylertown.

The year began with a flurry of activity during July and August, with the State Summer Meeting and installation of State Officers, School of Columbianism, and Installation of Council Officers. All councils attended the School of Columbianism and I met with each Council to assist in setting membership and program goals and install council officers.

Council 1908 in Hattiesburg under Grand Knight Bill Jarrett's leadership excelled in program activities but lacked in membership.

Council 2180 Laurel excelled in program and membership activities under the leadership of Grand Knight Don Schwartz. Also, Laurel has an excellent First Degree Team and sponsors a Squires Circle.

Grand Knight Jeff Hathorn and council 6592 Bassfield excelled in program activities that involved the community and parish. Membership recruitment efforts have identified five candidates but the council failed to get them to a First Degree. Hopefully, the council will be successful before the end of the fraternal year.

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Council 7211 have excelled in program and membership activities under the leadership of Grand Knight Chuck Boyer. The council meeting attendance averages about forth (40%) percent of the membership. This is twice the expected normal attendance and reflects their participation level. They are involved at every level of the parishes and communities of Lumberton and Poplarville. On December 20, 1998 Council 7211 celebrated their twentieth anniversary as a council.

Council 11956 Columbia/Tylertown excelled in program activities and met their membership quota. This council should continue to grow during their third full year as a council under the leadership of Grand Knight John Irion and Past Grand Knight Raymond Tanet.

I experss my sincere thanks to the officers and members in District #8 for your dedication to Charity, unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and challenge you to pledge yourselves to continue your support of these principles.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.  
District Deputy #8

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

This has been a rewarding two years for me as District Deputy, under the leadership of our State Deputy, Guy Todaro. It has also been a learning experience for me. I cannot leave out the help and all "Wordy Guidances" received from our Senior District Deputy, Danny Lechner. It would really have been difficult without his help and inspiration. Everyone who knows Danny knows what I mean by "Wordy Guidance", but really I have learned a lot from these two Brother Knights. Not only about the Knights of Columbus, but their faith and caring about others, including their help and inspiration to me. Thanks Guy and Danny. This last year has been really rewarding for me because I feel when a person has a part in forming a new council for their Parish and State it really gives you a sense of spiritual accomplishment. When Father Dennis Carver asked us to try and form a council in Dedeaux, we wondered if it was possible to recruit 30 members to form a council in Dedeaux. Well, as everyone knows it was chartered with over 40 members. Thanks to Father Dennis and their new Grand knight C.J. Malley and everyone else that was involved, it was formed.

To my other councils in my district - Picayune #6087, Kiln #7087, Orange Grove #7910, Lizana #9558, Wiggins #11654, West Harrison #11995, and of

course Scared Heart #12331. Thanks for their support and cooperation. As of this letter I have three star councils and have met our quota in membership and insurance. Thanks again for two wonderful years as District Deputy of District #9.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John R. Ward  
District Deputy #9

**District Deputy #10**  
**David W. DiLorenzo, Sr.**

This has been a very eventful year of my life. I would like to take this moment to thank all of my Brother knights for their support and friendship they have shown me during my ups and downs of the year. I would like State Deputy Guy Todaro to accept my sincere thanks in allowing me to serve as District Deputy #10 and for always giving me the encouragement and guidance when I called on him.

To the Councils I represent, Thank you for working so hard to bring the Knights of Columbus into your families, churches, and communities. I am very proud that two of these councils hosted major Degree Exemplification's this year. The response was overwhelming and everyone enjoyed the fellowship of Brother Knights.

1522 Bay St. Louis – This is a very established and active council. They worked very hard this year and continue to grow with their membership.

1583 Gulfport - A Council that is dedicated to the community as well as the Church. They work very hard in all the projects they take on.

4472 Pass Christian – This Council has reorganized through the help of fellow Knights. I would like to thank Jim Rigby for all his time and dedication on this project. This council has a very bright future ahead of them with the leadership of Grand Knight Gene Rogers.

4898 Long Beach – This Council has put the spotlight on family and membership. Many family events have been held. They continue to give support to the church and community. The membership has increased with more people learning of the Knights of Columbus.

11541 Gulfport St. James – This council is very hardworking and dedicates themselves to the Church, Parish, and Community. They continue to grow.

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12271 C.B. Base St. Joseph The Worker -- A still newly formed Council they are very active on the Naval Base as well as the community. They show great potential in serving the Knights of Columbus.

I pray for continued success in all of these Councils and I hope that I have been able to give them the knowledge they requested from me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David W. 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 fundraisers 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 Al Allegue, 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, CYM advisors, and CCD teachers.

Council #9409, West Biloxi, under the leadership of Grand Knight William Entriiken, 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 fundraisers 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 council's 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 of District Deputy for District #12. District #12 includes:

Council	1605	-	Pascagoula
	5654	-	Ocean Springs
	9124	-	Gautier
	10499	-	Ocean Springs
	11904	-	Lucedale
	12166	-	Pascagoula

Some highlights of the Fraternal Year for District #12 include:

- New Council Development proposed in Vancleave and Hurley.
- Four (4) of the six (6) Councils achieved Membership Quotas as of 4/1/99.
- Three (3) Councils appear to have achieved requirements for Star Council; namely, 9124, 11904 and 12166.
- Hosted a District Free Throw Contest.
- All Councils attended the School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting.
- Five (5) of six (6) councils were 100% in submittal of all required reports.
- All councils added new members.

Councils 1605 and 5654 are going through a transitional period, but I anticipate their return to active status in keeping with their historic prominence in the coming Fraternal Year.

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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

**Second Business Session  
Saturday, April 24, 1999**

Prior to the Second Business Session, Bishop Houck and Father Carver celebrated a Memorial Mass honoring our deceased brothers and spouses.

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., called to order the Second Business Session of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Larry J. Tabor verified current 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree membership cards. State Chaplain Father Dennis J. Carver opened the session with a prayer and Master Norman M. McDonald lead the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Most Reverend William R. Houck, Bishop of the Jackson Diocese addressed the delegates. Following his remarks, Father Carver read a letter from Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese. Due to a personal commitment, Bishop Howze could not attend the convention.

Supreme Director, Louis Mautino addressed the delegates and expressed greetings from our Supreme Knight, Officers, and Board of Directors.

State Secretary Bruce Pabon presented the following Credentials Committee Report.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
95<sup>TH</sup> 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	Thomas F. Chady
State Advocate	Richard T. Lieding
State Warden	Larry J. Tabor
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas R. Zettler

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
1999 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES**

<b>Council No.</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Delegate No. 1</b>	<b>Delegate No. 2</b>
802	Meridian	Bob Leo	Frank Polizzi
848	Jackson	Fred Cunningham	
898	Vicksburg	Greg Rottman	Tom Thornton
1034	Natchez	Ron Brumfield	Joe Garrity
1244	Biloxi	Robert F. Boney	William R. Davis
1522	Bay St. Louis	Andrew Mitchell	Herbert J. Marsh
1583	Gulfport	Terry Hurst	Henry Rouse
1605	Pascagoula	Ernest J. Falgo, Jr.	Ken Broussard
1908	Hattiesburg	William C. Jarrett	Mike Bucciantini
2134	Greenville	John Bernardi	William Koeppe
2180	Laurel	Louis D. Schwartz	Ralph W. Gatzman
2945	Leland	Leon J. Shapley	Charlie J. Morlino
2969	Clarksdale	Jim Glover	John Laurenzi
4472	Pass Christian	Gene Rogers	E. C. Niolet, Jr.
4898	Long Beach	Leonard W. Nahlen	William A. Seal, Jr.
5267	Greenwood	Harvey Caldwell, III	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
5556	Cleveland	Thomas Bryant	Douglas Cocilova
5654	Ocean Springs	George Emile, Jr.	Leonard Tarrant
6555	Shelby	Bruno Fava	Victor Malatesta
6592	Bassfield	Jeff Hathorn	Robert Carr
6765	Starkville	Thomas Hannigan	Will Ebel
6872	Picayune	George Heikamp	Andre Damien

<b>Council No.</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Delegate No. 1</b>	<b>Delegate No. 2</b>
7087	Kiln	Elbert Cuevas	O. J. Shiyou
7120	Southaven	Dan Garrigan	Larry Campbell
7211	Lumberton	Charles R. Boyer	Wilson John
7854	Clinton	Bill Hetrick	Fred Roquemore
7910	Orange Grove	John R. Leonhard	Randy Banks
7915	Brookhaven	Earl Westfall	
7974	Columbus	Larry D. Miller	Ralph Corrado
8038	Pearl	L. C. Guillotte	Gordon Cowie
8054	McComb	Joe Serio	Les Jordan
8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Marvin Cannon	Paul Gospodarski
8760	Holly Springs	Claude L. Vinson	
8848	Tupelo	Robert Hudson	Jeff Houin
8912	Corinth	Dennis C. Louis	Thomas Thompson
9094	D'Iberville	Al Allege	Darnell Lepre
9124	Gautier	Robert Barr	Don Tiblier
9234	Indianola	Joe Tannehill, Sr.	
9409	West Biloxi	William Entriiken	Materno Yapit
9543	Madison	David Scott	Richard Cameron
9673	Woolmarket	Lonnie R. Parvin	Joseph Souza
9958	Lizana	Hollis J. Moran	Anthony J. Moran
10216	Brandon	Dan L. Hammond	Dennis Deister
10443	Grenada	Buddy Honeycutt	Dan Buzzarde
10499	Ocean Springs	Tony Homsany	Richard E. Grenwold
10901	Oxford	Tony Grant	John Czarnetzky
11541	St. James, Gulfport	Harold C. Noll	Edward Croal
11654	Wiggins	Sherwood Beckham	Mack McCahey
11904	St. Lucy's, Lucedale	Ray Shields	Kevin Schneider
11934	Gluckstadt	Joseph R. Jones	John C. Minninger
11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	John E. Irion	Foote R. Singleton
11995	West Harrison	Rhett Maynard	Harry Geauthreaux
12166	Pascagoula - SH	Henry Bertagnolli	Carl E. Muse
12271	Gulfport -NCBC	Gerald Schmuck	William McClellan
12331	Dedeaux	C. J. Malley	

#### **DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

District 1	Robert A. Hudson
District 2	James W. Farris
District 3	Ron Koehler
District 4	Dr. Louis Borrell
District 5	Dennis Riecke
District 6	Nat Zummo
District 7	

District 8 Joe B. Goellner, Sr.  
District 9 John R. Ward  
District 10 David DiLorenzo, Sr..  
District 11 Daniel J. Lechner  
District 12 Donald F. Cox

**PAST STATE DEPUTIES**

G. David Atteberry  
Robert Fratesi  
Norman L. Kiehm  
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.  
Marvin L. Lott  
Stanley M. Swentkowski

**HONORARY STATE CHAPLAIN**

Bishop William R. Houck

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Bruce Pabon, State Secretary  
Bob Leo, #802  
Tom Thornton, #898  
E. C. Niolet, Jr., #4472  
Douglas Cocilova, #5556  
David Scott, #9543

**State Officer Reports**

**State Chaplain's Report  
Rev. Dennis J. Carver**

Bishop Houck, Supreme Director Louis Mantino, State Deputy Guy Todaro and members of the State Council, my Brother Knights,

Once a month, for one day per month, I travel to New Orleans from my little parish in Dedeaux to do something I think is very important: to attend to my continuing religious education. For a solid year, the small group of eight priests and nuns, to which I belong, have studied in depth the 500 year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. I think it's right and providential: it took St. Ignatius a full year to put his Spiritual Exercises together and we have followed suit by studying them for a year.

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It fascinates me to learn where this giant saint ends after the near-contortions of his Spiritual Exercises. Ignatius ends them in the unitive-way, asking God, begging God, to take everything that he is, to take everything that he has in return for God's grace and his love. The unitive way.

However, I'm convinced that being united cannot be adequately expressed in words. When we, as Knights of Columbus, try to show other people that we are united simply by what we say: number one) it's not very convincing, and number two) it sounds like we're talking in circles...talking in circles. "May they be one, as you are in me and I in you, so they may be in us." That is priestly prayer, the unitive prayer from the mouth of Jesus in gospel of John. But taken by itself, taken out of context, it's a circular talk and means very little unless it is acted out.

That's the rub, my brothers. In order for the Knights of Columbus to convince other people that it is a united body, united to the Church, united to its bishops and priests, united within each council, we've got to act it out. A good friend of mine once told me, "It's not what you say but what you do that tells me who you are!"

How does your council express its allegiance, its unity, to your parish priest? Brothers, it can only be expressed by the sweat of your brow. Sometimes by taking the first step. If you just tell your priest that you are with him, for him, it's like talking in circles, not very convincing. (PAUSE) What does your council do to be the sign of unity in your parish? It can only be expressed by very public and very visible WORKS. It is to do something for the parish. Dare I say, not for your council but for your parish and the church at large. The list goes on: for your Bishop, your Catholic schools, CCD, youth, vocations, family, for all of the great and high ideals of the Knights of Columbus, "it is what do you do that says who you are?" The unitive way.

Do you know what is interesting about St. Ignatius Loyola? After spending a year in a cave at Manresa, Spain, spending a year in the contortions of the Spiritual Exercises, Ignatius comes out and pledges his allegiance, his unity to the Pope. And he does so at a very controversial time in the history of the church, just after the Protestant Reformation. And then he worked and worked and worked at publicly showing that unity, even at a time when it was not popular, at a time that was full of division. And what came out of it was the great Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, who are very united within their order, very public.

And do you know what is very interest about Jesus of Nazareth? Just after his wordy prayer, his great unitive priestly prayer, "I in you and you in me and we in them," he goes out to the cross, publicly working out, acting out the unity that he so desires within his church and within our hearts and with our God.

Brothers, if we just say that we are united to the Church, it's not very convincing. Let us model workable communities. COM-UNITY, with unity.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Dennis J. Carver  
State Chaplain

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

My Brother Knights,

As I did last year and also the previous, I wish to thank you for continuing to put your trust in my abilities and for allowing me to serve you as your State Deputy. My family has been my inspiration, my strength, and my safe haven during my stewardship as your State Deputy.

I would be naïve to suggest that these two years have been struggle free for my loving wife, Lisa, and the two children that God has blessed us with, Trey and Jennifer. They have had to cope with my many nights on the phone, the late nights doing paperwork, and the many weekends that I spent away from them. But God has given me a good sense of balance to ensure that I was able to participate in bedtime prayers and stories, watch T-ball and basketball games, going to the park as a family, and truly being able to share quality time with my wife. It appears that God has also seen fit to bless us with yet a third child to be born in July.

However, my family has reaped countless blessings from my tenure as State Deputy that far outnumber the few hardships that we have encountered. They have been places and have had experiences that they will treasure in their youth. They have been around many, many Catholic families whose strong virtues will surely assist in their formation for life.

But the one thing that we will treasure, the one thing that no one can ever take away, is the many quality friendships and relationships that we have developed throughout our great State, and throughout our Order. Those will surely last a lifetime.

**Our Vision and Mission**

On Sunday, April 27, 1997, I stood before you as your newly elected State Deputy. Tears filled my eyes when I realized that at that moment one of my lifelong dreams was coming true. And then I thought about the many knights both alive and deceased who helped mold me into the man that you elected.

And I was humbled. I knew that I was not worthy of the honor that you bestowed on me. But I knew I would do my best to live up to your expectations.

I accepted that challenge and responsibility with my whole heart. From that day forward, I began putting together a Team that had one focused vision - to work together to make the Mississippi Jurisdiction the pacesetter jurisdiction to the Third Millennium. And our mission as stated so eloquently by our very own Bishop Houck, was "to challenge Catholic men to live their Catholic faith more fully."

I now stand before you two years later, and proudly state that we are on track and on focus with our vision and mission. We haven't made many giant leaps. Sometimes that type of progress is only short term. The Team wanted to put in place and maintain a Jurisdiction that can stand the test of time. We have taken many, many what I call "baby steps."

And these "baby steps" are in the form of our countless fraternal acts of charity that we do to assist our Church, our Councils, our Community, and our Families and Youth.

They have been in the passionate ways we have advocated Pro-Life through the public display of the 4,400 crosses. And how we assist those who opt to continue their pregnancy. Our steps have been in the creative ways we have developed to help ensure both our dioceses will have the funds in the future to support young men wishing to study for the priesthood. Namely through individuals purchasing Knights of Columbus Insurance and making the diocese the beneficiary of the policy, and also through our participation in Supreme's Christopher Fund.

We have been recognized by many for our progress in reforming the values of our society. For example, our own brother, Bishop Houck in his May 1, 1998 column of the Mississippi Today, and I quote, "I have noted over the past few years a growing emphasis on the spiritual life and religious aspects of membership in the Knights of Columbus." And later on in the same article, Bishop Houck says, "I affirm and encourage all our priests to be open to the Knights of Columbus and to respond to their interest in being of service to the church on the parish level and in diocesan programs."

What a beautiful testimony to you my brother knights. When our shepherd and spiritual leader publicly proclaims those words, then we truly know that we are indeed "SPREADING THE WORD AND WITNESSING OUR FAITH."

Thank you Bishop Houck for those very kind words. On behalf of all the brother knights and their families, we sincerely appreciate your support and we challenge ourselves to become more and more Christ-like.

I know that Bishop Howze echoes Bishop Houck's sentiments too. When he called me to let me know that due to his commitment to a very dear friend, he could not be with us this weekend. I could hear the true regret in his voice when he said that this was the first state convention that he has missed in his twenty-one year ministry as bishop here in Mississippi, including his year as auxiliary bishop. I told him that we would understand and honor his commitment because a promise broken is more than a promise broken.

And we don't have to look far down the head table to see another Man of God who truly has a love for our Order that is embedded deep in his heart. Our Worthy State Chaplain Father Dennis Carver.

For the past two years he has been by our side every step of the way. Under his spiritual guidance, he helped set and maintain the tone and focus for this administration. The two retreats that he lead for us were both what I would describe as very moving and memorable events. I know that each of you that participated feel the same way. All I can say is thank God for late vocations.

And then Father Dennis did something that was again a testimony to our Jurisdiction and Order, he said, "I would like a Knights of Columbus council in my parish." And in near record time, his dream became a reality.

I would now like for C. J. Malley, the charter grand knight of the Sacred Heart Dedeaux Council 12331 and the other members of that council to stand and be recognized.

We have also trod a new frontier elsewhere in the area of new councils in our State. After last year's convention, we organized and formed a council at the Navel Construction Battalion Base (commonly called the Sea Bee Base) in Gulfport. This is the first council formed on a military institution in our Jurisdiction.

Again with the persistent support of the base's catholic chaplain, Father Jerry, our 54<sup>th</sup> council became a reality. I would like Jerry Schmuck, the charter grand knight of council 12271, and the other members of that council to stand and be recognized.

#### Insurance

I would now like to make a few comments about our Insurance Agency. You've all heard the slogan of a certain major credit card that states "Membership has it's privileges." Well what about our Order?

Recall the many benefits and privileges we enjoy for just being members of the Knights of Columbus. From a host of scholarships and student loans for college

education to our many family and youth programs. To the accidental death policy which is provided to every member and his wife at no charge. To belonging to the one organization in the world where our faith is our common bond that does so much for the one Universal church.

Now think of the added benefits we are offered through our Order's unparalleled insurance program. From the many life insurance plans the our Order provides to the newborn child policy and orphan benefit program. And I know that there are more products to be offered soon. What a wonderful opportunity to help others as we provide for our family's future financial stability.

For the past two years we have enjoyed a new experience with our Agency, the Mosco Agency. That experience has been an 100% total commitment to the Mississippi Jurisdiction. No longer do we have to share the resources and manpower of the Agency with the Arkansas Jurisdiction.

And we have already seen positive results from this strategic move made by Supreme. This past year, the Agency barely missed qualifying for a trip to Rome finishing the year at 93% of quota. One Field Agent, Jerry Woods, did qualify. Furthermore, over 25% of our councils have already met or exceeded their insurance quota, meeting the requirement for the Founder's Award

What a marvelous performance by Henry Mosco and the seven field agents who serve us so professionally; Ken Lubbers, Jerry Woods, Raymond Tanet, Harvill Richardson, Jim Rigby, Tom Rosetto, and our newest field agent, Lloyd Everhart. What a demanding and self-motivating profession. Thank you brothers for your love and devotion to our Order.

#### Ceremonials

We continue to be blessed with two outstanding Second and Third Degree Teams who are willing to travel up and down the state to perform our Order's ceremonies with dignity and in a professional manner. We have also had the added flexibility of reciprocating degree performances with our neighboring jurisdictions of Alabama and Tennessee. I wish to publicly thank Harvey Caldwell and Fred Clark and their Degree Teams for their support during these past two years.

I would be remised if I did not note the untimely death of our State Ceremonial Chairman, Lessie Ladner, this past December. He had an intense love and dedication for our Order. He will be truly missed.

### Fraternal Activities And Programs

The programs that are conducted on the state and local levels are second to none. Many brothers comprise the State Program Team which is led by Gerry Clark, our State Program Director. These men have traveled to meetings across the state to serve you on a personal level. Through their efforts you brothers have exceeded in the quality and number of the programs you conduct. Plus participation in state sponsored programs is nearing record levels. This was evident by the number of awards given out Friday night.

In fact there was an overwhelming participation response with the newest program offered by Supreme, the Substance Abuse Poster Contest. We submitted our three state winners to Supreme for further competition.

### Squires

Our squires program continues to be a bright spot in our state. The reactivation of the Vicksburg Circle seems to have ignited a spark in the Jackson Diocese. A Circle in the Jackson area was recently formed.

### Membership

Along with our Insurance Program and Fraternal Activity Programs, the third important leg of the tripod that stabilizes the growth and vitality of our Order is membership. In this area we have been at a constant and steady pace.

Our membership numbers look good especially when you consider that most of our losses from suspensions came from two councils that purged the books. I wish to thank our Worthy State Warden, Larry Tabor for stepping up in the true spirit of fraternity and unity, to reclaim his former position as State Membership Director along with his state warden position.

I would like to recognize the six councils that achieved Star status in our Jurisdiction during the last fraternal year. They are: 898 Vicksburg, 9409 Reinhart Schroeder, Biloxi, 10499 St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs, 11541 St. James Gulfport, 11904 St. Lucy's Lucedale, and 11956 Fr. Patrick Quinn Columbia/Tylertown. The grand knights of these councils should be congratulated for being better than the best.

I would also like to recognize the two Star District Deputies from last year. They are Nat Zummo District Deputy Number 6 and Danny Lechner, District Deputy Number 11. Thank you brothers for your dedication and leadership.

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#### Supreme Convention

Last year's Annual Supreme Council Meeting was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was a fabulous event. The theme was "Send Forth Your Spirit to Renew The Face of The Earth." Unfortunately, Harvey Mitchell, who was elected as one of your delegates had heart surgery a few days before he was scheduled to leave for Ohio and was not able to attend.

Proudly representing the Mississippi Jurisdiction were, Father Dennis Carver, Don Cox, Larry Tabor, Robert Fratesi, PSD, and myself. We were also honored by Bishop Houck's presence at the convention as part of the hierarchy.

This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bishop we hope your schedule will allow you to be with us again.

#### Hurricane Georges

There was a major event in our Jurisdiction last September. It didn't directly affect our entire state, but it did affect the lives of many of our brother knights and their families. I am referring to Hurricane Georges which devastated much of the Gulf Coast on September 27. Many were left homeless. Many council homes sustained damage. And many of the churches and diocesan schools and buildings sustained severe damage.

Two days after the storm hit I received a phone call from our Worthy Supreme Knight, Virgil Dechant. He was extremely concerned about the health and safety of our brothers and others in the community. He over-nighted me a check for \$10,000 to assist the Mississippi Jurisdiction in its relief efforts.

We also received checks from Louisiana, North Carolina, Arizona, Illinois, Wyoming, Iowa, and an additional check from Supreme. I wish to publicly thank our brother knights in those jurisdictions and Supreme for their fraternal generosity.

I also wish to thank Supreme Director James Murphy from Iowa who was very helpful assisting me in setting up a distribution system for the relief victims.

Despite the major damage, compared to the other places Hurricane Georges hit, Mississippi was spared the worst of the storm.

#### Good Of The Order

Under the Good of the Order, I would like to make a few comments regarding the Fourth Degree, our deceased members, and our State Ladies Auxiliary.

I wish to first congratulate our Former Master Mike Gilly for an outstanding stewardship as Master of the Mississippi District. He truly brought the Fourth Degree to a new level in this state.

Secondly, I would like to welcome our current Master, Norman McDonald. Norman and I have worked together these past few months since the start of his term and it has been a great relationship.

I would be remised if I did not also recognize our District Marshall Ken Broussard. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard has never performed better than under Ken's leadership.

1998 was a devastating year not only in the form of storms but also from the hovering angel of death. First with the death of our State Treasurer Ted Knowles last April. Then late in the year with the death of Past State Deputy Wiley Price. Wiley was an icon at all of our State Conventions. He assisted with pride every State Secretary in the delegate registration process. He was always there to guide us with his wisdom and his experience, and he broke the tension with his cajun humor. There is definitely a void at this year's State Convention. Wiley's wife Mary also died several months after he did.

Following closely behind Wiley's was the death of our State Ceremonial Chairman and Former District Deputy Lessie Ladner. Lessie's true love for our Order and Jurisdiction is unequalled. As his pastor described Lessie, he stated that Lessie should be the poster boy for the Knights of Columbus. Lessie too will be missed by this and future administrations.

Finally, I must mention the sudden and unexpected illness and subsequent death of our State Secretary's wife, Marilyn Pabon. Our apparent future first lady was always the model K of C wife; very supportive and encouraging, and always very loving and giving. Bruce you know how much our heart goes out to you. Marilyn loved figurines of angels. They were all over her home. Along with our support, Bruce has his own personal angel looking after him. We love you brother.

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I mention these deaths as examples of all of those who have died this past year. As we started last year, we continue to enroll our deceased brothers in the SMA Father's Perpetual Mass Association (provided we receive in a timely manner notice of the death). I can't tell you how many beautiful expressions of thanks I have received from the families of our deceased brothers when they see someone from the State Council attend the services, and receive the beautiful Mass card and Knights of Columbus Resolution of Condolence. It is an honor that all our brothers deserve. It is the essence of our existence as a fraternal order.

The State Ladies Auxiliary continues to gain momentum and strength in our State. Under the leadership of Anna Fratesi, these ladies and their state affiliated auxiliaries have been very supportive of programs initiated by this administration. I congratulate them on their dedication to our Order.

Now that I've dwelt on past performances, what about the future for this great jurisdiction? I believe it is great and glorious!

#### New Council Development

For a small jurisdiction, we still have many areas that are overdue for a new council and more new areas opening up every day. The growth that dockside gaming has provided in the form of jobs and secure futures for our families, has also provided the Catholic Faith with an influx of new people into areas that had been dormant. This has not only brought in new Catholics but also potential converts to our Faith.

Currently we are seeking to start a new council at St. Richards in Jackson, the parishes in Hurley, Vancleave, and existing roundtables in New Albany and West Point. We are also excited about the possibility of starting a new council in the new Vietnamese parish being built in Biloxi. And I know that there are several more prime spots to look at.

I am also very excited about the rejuvenation of Council 4472 Pass Christian. Their delegates are Gene Rogers, Grand Knight and E. C. Niolet, DGK. Thank you brothers for keeping the dream alive in Pass Christian.

Along with growth comes experience. This is where our Past State Deputies fold into every administration. They've been there. Done that. And have the T shirt as the saying goes. It makes good sense to ask them for input into a situation. Worthy Past State Deputies, I truly appreciate all you have done. And I challenge you to also get involved with other administrations.

Yes brothers, the future is very bright for our Jurisdiction. But in order for us to be successful we must be willing to change. To change is difficult, not to change is fatal. And remember, people do not resist change, they resist being changed. It's a fact: Change is inevitable, but growth is optional.

I believe that we must continue to change our behaviors in order for us to make step changes in growth. But before we can do that, we have to recognize our differences. As an Order our biggest difference is our ages. By design, we have brothers ranging in age from 18 to 90+ years. We have generational differences.

For example, pre-baby boomers (60+ years) they went through the Depression, WWII. They believed in saving for the future. They were motivated by wanting stability and security. Long marriages, etc. Yet most are overwhelmed by technology.

Today's 18 to 25 years olds grew up with both parents working, want to have everything now, have little in savings, and would sacrifice security for pleasure.

Do you see where I'm leading to. The very driver for one generation is of little or less concern to the other. And the very core of one generation Technology is the fear of the other. We have to recognize this and be aware of it. We have to adapt in order to attract new men, new family men to our Order.

I know we can do it. We can continue to take baby steps and attract more and more family men by making the family more and more part of all of our activities. You can bet on one thing, if we don't attract these men, another organization will.

Worthy Supreme Director Mautino, when you depart us tomorrow, please take with you this message to our worthy Supreme Knight. Tell him that the 5,749 knights and their families in Mississippi are proudly setting the pace to the Third Millennium.

As I stated earlier, 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. We have not accomplished everything we have set as goals. But we have achieved some successes. I know in my heart that

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everything we have done as a Team of Catholic men, we have done for the Glory and Honor of our Lord, and Him alone.

I would like to close with Ralph Waldo Emerson's definition of SUCCESS.

Success  
To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
to earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
to find the best in others  
to leave the world a bit better,  
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch,  
or a redeemed social condition;  
to know that even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived;  
THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED!

Brothers, thanks again for allowing me to serve as your state deputy.  
Vivat Jesus!

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

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

The following is the status of membership by council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction as of April 1, 1999 as compared with the totals of April 1, 1998. Also noted are the names of the deceased members by council. Figures are based on the monthly report of membership from Supreme.

COUNCIL #	COUNCIL NAME	1998	1999	INCREASE	DECREASE	DECREASED
802	Meridian	221	210		11	7
848	Jackson	81	79		3	5
898	Viola	353	373	20		8
1034	Natchez	189	195	6		4
1244	Biloxi	377	390	13		2
1522	Bay St. Louis	197	214	17		7
1583	Gulfport	307	296		11	6
1605	Pascagoula	238	206		32	2
1908	Hattiesburg	114	107		7	3
2134	Greenville	147	146		1	3
2180	Laurel	119	117		2	
2945	Leland	59	53		6	1
2969	Clarksdale	271	204		67	2
4472	Pass Christian	37	36		1	
4898	Long Beach	138	142	4		4
5267	Greenwood	41	71			3
5556	Cleveland	156	166		10	1
5634	Ocean Springs	191	164		27	3
6555	Shelby	36	40	4		
6592	Bayfield	87	84		3	
6765	Starkville	79	76		3	
6872	Pearlman	90	76		14	
7087	Kila	55	46		9	1
7120	Southaven	83	92	9		1
7211	Lumberton	62	62			
7854	Clinton	66	73	7		
7910	Orange Grove	125	118		7	1
7915	Brookhaven	87	83		4	2
7974	Columbus	48	44		4	1
8038	Pearl	77	98	22		
8054	McComb	53	55	2		1
8285	Jackson	80	74		6	
8760	Holly Springs	35	35			
8848	Tupelo	156	161	5		2
8912	Corinth	29	35	6		
9094	D'Iberville	86	90	4		
9124	Gautier	100	111	11		1
9234	Indianola	42	40		2	1
9409	West Biloxi	108	124	16		1
9543	Madison	117	135	18		
9673	Woolmarket	62	61		1	1
9958	Lizama	65	64		1	
10216	Brandon	55	63	8		
10443	Grenada	34	33		1	
10499	E. Ocean Springs	97	101	4		1
10901	Oxford	109	112	3		
11541	Gulfport St. James	115	121	6		
11654	Wiggins	33	42	9		
11901	Lucedale	38	45	7		
11934	Gluckstadt	36	39	3		1
11956	Columbia/Tylertown	34	42	8		1
11995	Pass Christian	31	34	3		1
12166	Pascagoula	39	68	29		
12271	Gulfport CNBC	-	40	40		
12331	Dedaux	-	40	40		
	Total	5,715	5,831	324	233	78

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A total net gain of 116 members is shown by this report. Included are 2,135 insurance members and 3,696 associate members. Also included in these totals are 504 honorary life members, 93 honorary members and 334 inactive members.

The following 78 members have been reported by their councils as deceased since the last convention:

**Council # 802                      Meridian**

Melvin R. Tubby  
Ignatius A. Semmes  
Paul Archiopoli  
Louis J. Bailey  
Wiley Price, Jr.-PSD  
James M. Dover  
John D. Dufour

**Council # 848                      Jackson**

Harry Roell  
Thomas Andries  
Leslie Fagan  
Guy Knoblock  
Walter G. Schilhab, PGK

**Council #898                      Vicksburg**

James E. Solomon  
Orlando J. Bori  
Wilton J. Adair  
Calvin J. Israel  
Julius A. Piazza  
James Herbert Greer  
Marion V. DiRago  
William B. Steinriede, Jr.

**Council #1034                      Natchez**

Andrew Burns  
Nathan M. Calhoun  
Carmelo J. Guercio  
John F. Liberto

Council #1244	Biloxi	William F. Distefano Harold L. Rogers, Sr. Stearns "Bootsy" Pluff
Council #1522	Bay St. Louis	Donald Cuevas Henry Pulizzano Robert Sellier David Fabella Harold Masson, Sr. Partick Herrera Lawrence J. "John" Jacobi, Sr.
Council #1583	Gulfport	Floyd E. Bishop Wesley J. Ranson Lessie Ladner-PGK, FDD Oscar R. Green Earl L. Pitre-FN Charles L. Rouse, Sr.
Council #1605	Pascagoula	William A. "Archie" Hooks William H. "Bill" Hinkel
Council #1908	Hattiesburg	Kenneth Rice John Zambrano James Dickerson
Council #2134	Greenville	Tony Cintgran Jimmy D. Love Phillip G. Wallace
Council #2945	Leland	Louis J. Udovich

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Council #2969	Clarksdale	Albert E. Matthews, Jr., PGK, FSS James H. "Haney" Young
Council #4898	Long Beach	Richard T. Garris Edward J. Misdler, Jr. Adam J. DiLorenzo Vincent A. Dauro
Council #5267	Greenwood	Reverend Mr. Leon Kitchen
Council #5556	Cleveland	William Pate
Council #5654	Ocean Springs	Jeffery Buckoski Gene Brown Wilfred Vincent
Council #7087	Kiln	Howard Lizana
Council # 7120	Southhaven	Jack Gripp
Council #7910	Orange Grove	Alcide "A. J." Necaise
Council #7915	Brookhaven	Dite E. Wall Bynum L. Meeks-PGK
Council #7974	Columbus	John DeGrass

Council # 8054	McComb	Ron J. La Bruyere
Council #8848	Tupelo	Anthony Amodeo William Sweeney
Council #9124	Gautier	Joe Burke
Council #9234	Indianola	Chester Palasini
Council #9409	West Biloxi	Forest Taylor-PGK, FDD
Council #9673	Woolmarket	Scott J. Higginbotham, PGK
Council #10499	East Ocean Springs	Edward P. Brennan
Council #11934	Gluckstadt	Henry J. Klaas
Council #11956	Columbia/Tylertown	Edward G. Comeaux
Council #11995	West Harrison	Wilton Cuevas

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Bruce Pabon  
State Secretary

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**State Treasurer's Report**  
**Thomas F. Chady**

Most Reverend Bishop Houck, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Brother State Officers and Brother Knights,

This past year the state family undertook several measures to reduce operating costs. We incorporated a special program meeting with the mid-winter meetings; reduced the number of mid-winter meetings from our to three; reinstated the per diem for food reimbursement; reduced number of Magnolia Knights published; and car pooled as we traveled throughout the state the best we could. Our efforts reduced our \$8500.00 deficit from the prior year to break even, however a change in per capita assessment for inactive members reduced our revenues by \$1328.00 contributing to a \$1437.00 loss. Next year' per capita will be reduced by \$2656.00.

The Christopher Fund generated \$194.50 in interest, equating to 11.16% on our \$3486.00 investment. Efforts need to be made to increase this fund to the maximum level.

Forms 990 for the state and foundation were caught up, and all necessary documents have been forwarded to the IRS to re-activate our exempt status for the foundation and to the Secretary of State's office for our exemption under the Charitable Solicitations Act.

Attached are copies of the financial statement for fiscal year 4/1/98 to 3/31/99 and Christopher Fund.

FYI: the last eight councils generate 100 new members or per capita revenues of \$800.00. The cost associated with those 16 delegates for this convention is \$2180.00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas F. Chady  
State Treasurer

**MS STATE COUNCIL**

**BEGINNING BALANCE (04/01/98)**

**36,125.43**

**RECEIPTS:**

PER CAPITA	\$38,579.40
DONATIONS	\$16,000.00
CHRISTOPHER FUND	\$ 3,661.00
CHRISTMAS CARD SALES	\$475.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$229.78
VOID OLD CHECKS O/S	<u>\$494.28</u>
	<b>\$59,439.46</b>

**EXPENSES:**

SMA FATHERS	\$245.00
CONVENTION COST	\$20,629.66
TRAVEL*	\$11,902.69
CHRISTOPHER FUND	\$3,711.00
SUPPLIES	\$2,291.59
MAG. KNIGHT	\$1,989.75
DIRECTORY	\$565.37
VOCATIONS	\$500.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$504.01
SUPREME CONVENTION	\$551.00
WEBSITE	\$535.00
DEGREE COST	\$359.98
ORG. MEETING	\$333.39
ADS/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$369.00
RETREAT	\$192.88
BANK CHARGES	\$108.76
OTHER	<u>\$63.85</u>

(S44,852.93)

14,586.53

**BANK BALANCE (03/31/99)**

**\$50,711.96**

* ORGANIZATION MEETING	\$3,399.74
SCHOOL OF COLUMBIANISM	\$371.67
TRAVEL OTHER	\$7,271.77

**MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
CHRISTOPHER FUND STATEMENT**

JANUARY 1, 1999

03/31/99

	DATES	MATCHING FUNDS		UNMATCHED FUNDS		TOTAL	BENEFITS AVAILABLE
		STATE CO.	SUPREME CO.	STATE CO.	STATE CO.		
FUND BALANCE	1/1/98	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BENEFITS CREDITED							
BENEFITS PAID OUT	1/1/98						0.00
CONTRIBUTIONS:							
Credited as of	6/30/98	3,259.00	3,259.00 (A)		0.00	\$6,518.00	
Total Additions	12/31/98	227.00	227.00 (B)		0.00	\$454.00	
		\$3,486.00	\$3,486.00		\$0.00	\$6,972.00	
SUB TOTAL	12/31/98	\$3,486.00	\$3,486.00		\$0.00	\$6,972.00	\$0.00
BENEFITS CREDITED	1/1/99						\$194.50
BENEFITS PAID OUT							
FUND BALANCE	1/1/99	\$3,486.00	\$3,486.00 *		\$0.00	\$6,972.00	\$194.50

Matching potential remains available.

(A) Matched based on 5/31/98 membership 5,730 @ \$5.00

(B) Matched based on 1/30/98 membership 5,756 @ \$5.00

\* Funds owned by Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

**State Advocate's Report**  
**Richard T. Lieding**

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your State Advocate during this past fraternal year. I read something recently that I would like to share with you. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the English philosopher John of Salisbury was asked the function of knighthood. His reply rings through the centuries to today. He wrote, "To protect the Church, to reverence the priesthood, to fend off injustice against the poor, and to make peace in your own province." This is still the lesson taught today in our ceremonials as we are reminded that knighthood in our Order is not a hobby or a past time but rather it is a way of life. Brothers, I firmly believe this.

The word, "Advocate", comes from the Latin "ad vocare" which means "to call out" or "summon to witness." What we are called to witness as Knights of Columbus and Catholic gentlemen is the unchanging Truth taught by our Holy Mother church. With that as my guide, I have done my best to answer your questions and concerns and help solve the problems you asked for help on. Sometimes, the answer may not have been what we wanted to hear but my goal was and is always to be faithful to the teachings of our church and the laws and rules of our Order.

Lastly, Brothers, each time that I have stood here before you I promised you that I would do my best to support you and to be with you in both happy and sad times. This past fraternal year I have done my best to fulfill this pledge to you as I traveled from one end of the state to the other. I truly appreciate the kindness, friendship, and hospitality that you have extended and I thank you for that.

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

Vivat Jesus and may God bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard T. Lieding  
State Advocate

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**State Warden's Report**  
**Larry J. Tabor**

Since my election to State Office in April 1998, I have been on an enthusiastic journey learning even more about the Knights of Columbus than one could imagine. It would be an understatement to say that I am honored and privileged to have served as the State Warden. This past year has been a very humbling experience and I will cherish it forever.

My tenure as Warden has truly been personally rewarding in many aspects. It has allowed me to attend many functions across the state participating in the installation of state and council officers, organizational meetings, Schools of Columbianism, and degree exemplifications. One of the highlights at the beginning of my term was to experience first hand the Knights of Columbus on an international scale. My brother Knights for the Mississippi Jurisdiction gave me the unique opportunity to attend the 1999 Supreme Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. For this, I am deeply grateful as it inspired me with new enthusiasm and understanding for our beloved Order.

As a member of the State Council, I was afforded many opportunities by State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr., to actively participate and assist in developing and implementing our jurisdiction's many activities and programs. This taught me to be ever cognizant of the need to support our team concept. I learned quickly that it takes the support of everyone--District Deputies, Program Chairmen, Grand Knights, Insurance Agents, and dedicated brother Knights with their families throughout the state to make this organization successful.

I want to thank everyone for their hospitality during my visits. On occasions when accompanied by Denise, we were both appreciative of your warm receptions. I always feel as though it is a new experience each time I attend a council function. I learn more and more each time how the Knights of Columbus of Mississippi are a concerned group of men and their families who are carrying out the good works of our Order. They give true meaning and substance to the words Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

In closing, let me once again acknowledge to those who made it possible for me to serve as your State Warden. To those who placed their confidence in me to serve and to those whom I served with, please accept my deepest gratitude. I pledge my continued support to all of you and the Knights of Columbus organization. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Larry J. Tabor  
State Warden

**Immediate Past State Deputy's Report**  
**Thomas R. Zettler**

Your Excellency, Bishop Houck, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Delegates and Brother Knights:

Having been in this position twice before, I fully realize that none of you came here to listen to me expound on the virtues of Columbianism. However, if you would permit me to do so without the generation of a number of "cat calls" I would like to say just a few things today.

First and foremost, I would like to again thank my Creator for his generous blessings upon me for my wonderful wife and children and grandchildren, my lifestyle, my friends, my membership in this magnificent Order and most of all for my faith. I attempt to attend daily Mass, I am thankful that I am in a position to do so. And every day as I prepare to receive our precious Lord in the Eucharist, I utter a prayer for all of you - my Brother Knights. I pray that you will continue to be loyal to the promises you made as you walked up the degree levels. I pray that He will continue to bless you and your families and that he will give you the necessary strength to conquer whatever obstacles may lie ahead of you. I am so proud that when we gather in convention, our shepherds make every possible effort to be with us and on your behalf I say thank you to them - Bishop Houck and Bishop Howze, who simply could not rearrange his schedule but who has not missed a convention in a very long time. Truly you honor us with your presence. Thank you for your vocation and for your leadership. Brother Knights - Bishop Houck and Bishop Howze (in absentia).

I would also be remiss were I not to salute the individual who has shouldered the burden of leadership for the past two years and done so magnificently. While I know from experience that not everyone agrees with every decision, those decisions must still be made and our leader has made them without hesitation. Brother Guy, you bring dignity to the title of State Deputy and it has been a singular honor for me to have worked with you and even more rewarding to be able to call you my friend. Brother Knights our Worthy State Deputy.

Let me also salute and thank the other State Officers. They are all the epitome of what leadership is all about. The Order in our Jurisdiction is certainly in good hands. Bruce, in the midst of great personal loss, Tom who never hesitate to undertake any task, Rich and Larry have represented you well and continue to do so. Thank you all for who and what you are.

And lest I not mention him, our State Chaplain, Father Dennis. A man who has an overwhelming schedule already but who accepted the position as our State Chaplain with the dignity, grace, and wisdom which far exceeds what we

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probably deserve. Father, your words spoken and in some cases not spoken and your actions in every case have generated in me and in my Brother Knights a deeper love and respect for you personally, but more importantly for the priesthood and for our faith in Jesus. Please accept this thank you from a Brother Knight who feels privileged to call himself a fellow State Officer with you. My Brother Knights our Worthy State Chaplain.

Finally Brothers, I salute all of you, your wives, and families. There are very few people in this life who are given the opportunity to associate with a group of men who I believe are the true "backbone" of the church which I love so deeply. I thank each and every one of you. I may not address you formally again, only time will tell that. However, I will never stop praying for you and for your intentions. On occasion, if you can, utter a short prayer for me. Thank you and may God in His generous mercy continue to bless all of us. Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas R. Zettler, PSD  
Immediate Past State Deputy

Following the reports of the state officers, Marvin Lott, PSD, State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney addressed the delegates encouraging them to join the guild.

#### **General Agent's Report**

Your Excellency Bishop Houck, Bishop Howze, State Chaplain Father Dennis Carver, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, State Master, Field Agents, State Delegated, and Brother knights. It is a pleasure and an honor to work with all as your General Agent for the seventeenth year. Being a General Agent is not an easy task, however it is a very challenging and rewarding for a job well done.

Agency year starts January 1<sup>st</sup>, and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. With 139 agencies servicing the entire order. Mississippi is the smallest agency in the Order with 5,766 members. In 1998 the Mosco Agency finished number 31 in the Order with 93.92 % of quota. That is not bad! But it is not 100%!

Gross Policies Sold:	492 Issued
Gross Volume Sold:	\$27,143,000 Issued
Applications Written per 1000 members is	84.83: finished 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Premium Written:	\$191,612.

Brothers, I want to thank each of you who helped in opening doors to reach this level of success. I want to ask for your continued help, without it our job would be much harder.

January 1, 1999, the Mosco Agency, servicing Mississippi is fully staffed with all councils having a field agent assigned. These men are dedicated to servicing all of our members. I am looking forward to a better year in 1999.

From the Supreme Level we had another banner year with!

Issued in 1998:	Volume	\$4,214,741,060
	# of Policies	89,646
	Annualized Premium	\$41,088,366
	Total in Force 12/31/98	\$35,831,722,971

Retain highest rating available by A.M. Best and Standard and Poor.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Henry Mosco, FIC  
General Agent

#### **State Vocations Chairman's Report**

There were three programs that I have tried to be part of this year:

- Rosary for the intention of vocations
- Vocations
- RSVP

We must all understand that prayer and action is what will help our Dioceses increase the number of young men and women in becoming interested in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our State Chaplain has asked our Councils to get involved, very seriously involved, in helping with vocations. There is an old saying in the Knight, the reason a lot of men are not Knights of Columbus is that no one asked them to be a part of this great organization. If we as Knights would just take time to look and talk to the men and women in our own parishes, and after praying and talking to our pastors. This way we might find someone who is really interested in vocations, but was never encouraged or approached to dream his or her dream. I would encourage each council to continue to pray the Rosary and get active in the recruitment for vocations.

I was very encouraged to see the response we are having in the RSVP Program. I have spoken to many of you about your participation in this wonderful program. It does need some refinement and we are working on these minor problems. Basically, it would be nice to have each seminarian receive about the same

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amount of monetary funds. I don't see this as a major problem and should not be hard to resolve. After talking to many councils, I think everyone was agreeable to cooperate with whatever decisions we make.

Don't forget the Knights must take a very active part in vocations - let Mississippi take the lead.

May the blessing of the Lord rest upon you and all the works of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William F. Entriken  
State Vocations Chairman

#### **State Columbian Squires Chairman's Report**

This past fraternal year has been an exciting and eventful year for the Squires in our State. For the first time in many years, we had to take Squire Circles off from the Active Role List in our State. This was mainly due to the number of Squires dropping below the required number it takes to keep a circle active, on the other side of the coin we had circles that did some excellent recruiting, one of which was recognized world wide for their efforts. This circle was Ocean Springs Circle 2852. Also, Gulfport Circle 3091 and Vicksburg Circle 81 have been doing some fine recruiting and rebuilding within their circles and it looks like it will be a great year for both of them.

The State Softball Tournament was well represented this year by four of the five Circles. Everyone had a great time. After all, it could only be great considering that we played at Dedeaux. Our State Chaplain Rev. Father Dennis Carver was gracious enough to donate the use of their softball field for the State Tournament. For those of you who are not familiar with the Dedeaux Hilton, as it is called by many, it is a Retreat Center located in South Mississippi, just north of Bay St. Louis. Over 50% of the young men who are Squires in our state have attended one retreat or another at Dedeaux, so this was like a homecoming to many of them. Once again, we would like to thank Father Dennis for allowing the young men to use their facility. The tournament was won this year by Gulfport Circle 3091. The young men from Gulfport played extremely well and never gave up in the Championship Game, going undefeated through the entire tournament. Congratulations Gulfport, you are a great group of Squires.

The State Squires Convention was held in Picayune this year. The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary from Picayune gave everyone a warm welcome and served some

great food. Thanks again to them for a wonderful visit to Picayune. Every active Circle in our State was present at the convention this year. This was super. Thanks to the councils and counselors for your participation with these young men.

This years elections for State Squire Officers were all very close in the balloting. Every young man that ran for one of the offices were fine young Catholic gentlemen and it showed not only in the way they conducted themselves at the convention, but in what the young men had to say about each other when they read the nomination speeches.

Each Squire Circle reported on the projects they participated in over the past year. Some of the projects were: repairing toys for Christmas, visiting the Rest Homes and Hospitals, Helping in Dedications of Memorial and Rosary Gardens, participating in Free Throw Contests, attended College Football Games as a group and Ice Hockey games as a group, helped with repairs and work around their Churches and Parish Facilities, helped with special Olympics, went on Canoe Trips and Camping Trips, and most importantly, helped whenever called upon by their Parish Priest to do whatever they could in helping out in the church. These are just a few of the activities these young men were involved with this past year. I could fill up the Convention Booklet with their activities, but I think we can tell from the activities listed above, that these young men stay pretty busy.

We were saddened to hear of our Brother Wiley Price Jr.'s death just two days before the convention. As many of you know, our Brother Wiley was very instrumental in getting the Squires rolling in our State during his tenure as State Deputy. This years State Squires Convention was dedicated in memory of our Brother Wiley Price, Jr. (PSD).

These young men are not only our future Knights, but our future Leaders. There is no better organization that they could belong to that can teach them Christian Morals than the Squires Organization. To all you councils who do not support a Squire Circle in your area, I urge you to consider doing so now. The young man that is lost, or needs help in directing his life in a Christian manner may be your own son or maybe your grandson. The Squires is the answer to many young mans questions. Support a Squire Circle and feel young again. Get involved with the youth in your Parishes. Be that Dad to a young man who has no Father figure around. Be there to just listen to what these young men have to say. Believe me, you can learn a lot from them. I know I have.

As I mentioned at the first of my report, we had to remove active circles from our role of Squires this year. We are also in the process of reinstating a circle this year. In fact in the past 3 weeks, our Brother Knight Charles Underwood and his son Jerrod, who is our current State Chief Squire, have been working

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with Bay St. Louis to get their Squire Circle up and running again. At present, they have initiated eight young men into the Bay St. Louis Circle. They only need two more to reactivate and I am sure they will get them very soon. A very special thanks goes out to Charlie and Jerrod for their time and effort and a big thanks to Bay St. Louis Council for taking the time with these young men.

From all the Squires and Counselors of our State, we would like to thank the State family for supporting us through this past year. If not for your support and prayers, we would not be here today and to the counselors that give so much of your time to these young men, spread that joy you feel when you are with these Squires to everyone you meet. I have for nine years now and it seems to be rubbing off on others.

The greatest honor a Knight of Columbus can say he has experienced is to be able to stand by a young man that is a Squire and hear him say "I love my other Dad". That's what it means to me to be a Squire counselor.

May God Bless Each and Everyone of You.  
Esto Dignus,  
Jim Yaggi  
State Squires Chairman

If our Worthy State Deputy will allow me to talk to you for a few minutes about a very special place to the Squires in Southern Mississippi. I would like to say a few words about Dedeaux and what it has meant to so many young men, and what it has meant to many of us older young men as well. This past year Dedeaux was totally devastated by Hurricane George. The building was a total loss as far as being able to use it for retreat for our young Squires, young Ladies, and grown ups as well. It was covered by insurance, but as you know, insurance never covers everything. I ask that you purchase as many raffle tickets before the banquet tonight for the set of Golf Clubs and Bag that will be given away at the banquet by the Squires from Laurel and Gulfport. There are tickets in the Gulfport Hospitality Room and I have as many as you want to purchase.

#### **State Program for the Mentally Disabled Report**

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

As most of you may know, I took over the State Program for the Mentally Disabled in mid year fully realizing that I had some very large shoes to fill and not knowing a lot about what had been going on other than from a cursory

level. As the year progressed, however, I felt more and more at ease with what was going on in this particular part of the State Program area.

Most if not all of our monies are raised through solicitations by Knights and/or Councils in what used to be called the Tootsie Roll Drive. In the year just past, that is 1998 for our purposes, we raised some \$99,312.31. Of this amount 75% was returned to you in distributions as you directed. This amounted to roughly \$69,500 with matching funds of roughly \$25,600. This was the result of 40 of our Councils participating.

The State Council retained 25% of collected funds and distributed them as follows:

- Internships for: James Carr, Eric Arline, Bobby Smith, and John Toche at \$4,000 per internship.
- We presented \$6,500 to the Christian Service Center project coordinator, Sister Cyrena Harkins.
- We presented \$4,500 to the Mississippi Special Olympics to be distributed at \$300 to each of the 15 areas.

We are quite proud of our continuing association with these very worthwhile projects and can only hope that it continues into the next millennium.

Of particular note during these past several months has been the official tax status of the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi. I am very happy to announce that this long over looked but vitally important situation is all but resolved and successfully as far as we are concerned. I would be remiss were I not to personally thank State Treasurer Tom Chady for all of the work he has done in this particular area. Thank you, Tom, on behalf of everyone who will benefit from your efforts.

As everyone knows, the State Deputy presents a trophy to the council that collects the largest net income per member. This year's winner is Council 11956, Columbia, with a net income per member of \$80.68. The trophy for the largest gross income will be presented to the Tupelo Council with a total gross income of \$12,584.26. I congratulate both of these fine Councils for their excellent work.

The 1999 State Program for the Mentally Disabled will be held during the week of May 10 through May 16. I ask all of you to appoint your drive chairman now and report this appointment to me. I also urge you to forward your collected funds to me as soon as your drive is over with your Audit and Account Form. As soon as you have determined the recipient of your 75% of the funds, submit your disbursement fund request form to me and we will make as rapid a turnaround as is possible. But I assure you, there will be no funds forwarded to you until I have received the disbursement form.

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In closing, let me say that there is no reason for this particular program to drag on over the course of 12 months as it has done at least for the past year. You know the dates of the drive and you know how vitally important the monies are to the organizations that receive them from you. You know how desperately the funds are needed by those who are supported by the foundation's 25% and you know what forms are required to both send in and retrieve your monies from me. Then as I have said many, many times to you from this podium – do your duty. If all of us do only this, we will have the most successful drive ever. Thank you and Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Thomas R. Zettler, PSD  
State MD Chairman

**Mississippi State Council  
1998 State Program for the Mentally Disabled  
Distribution of Funds**

No.	Council	Gross Income Before Deductions	Net Income	Net Amt Per Member	Amount to Council for Distribution	State Distribution	Matching Funds	Accumulated Total Funds Donated
802	Mendian	664.30	664.30	2.95	498.23	166.07	1,490.00	1,988.23
848	Jackson	2,207.00	2,000.00	24.69	1,500.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00
898	Vicksburg	No Report						
1034	Natchez	1,266.20	1,219.30	6.07	914.48	304.82	0.00	914.48
1244	Biloxi	3,607.75	3,090.25	8.63	2,317.68	772.57	6,953.04	9,270.72
1522	Bay St. Louis	No Report						
1583	Gulfport	No Report						
1605	Pascagoula	4,883.00	4,455.00	16.50	3,341.25	1,113.75	0.00	3,341.25
1908	Hattiesburg	5,232.97	4,808.97	37.28	3,600.00	1,208.97	0.00	3,600.00
2134	Greenville	1,580.00	1,580.00	10.26	1,185.00	395.00	0.00	1,185.00
2180	Laurel	1,263.59	1,091.09	9.33	818.31	272.78	2,514.12	3,332.43
2945	Leland	2,000.00	2,000.00	32.26	1,500.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00
2969	Clarksdale	No Report						
4472	Pass Christian	No Report						
4898	Long Beach	3,000.00	3,000.00	21.58	2,250.00	750.00	0.00	2,250.00
5267	Greenwood	3,726.64	3,191.89	39.41	2,393.92	797.97	0.00	2,393.92
5556	Cleveland	No Report						
5654	Ocean Springs	5,772.85	5,479.60	19.57	4,109.70	1,369.90	0.00	4,109.70
6555	Shelby	1,626.34	1,626.34	41.70	1,219.76	406.58	3,659.28	4,879.04
6592	Bassfield	651.27	651.27	7.40	488.45	162.82		488.45
6765	Starkville	No Report						
6872	Picayune*	5,192.36	5,192.36	57.06	3,894.27	1,298.09		3,894.27
7087	Kiln	No Report						
7120	Southaven	3,638.30	3,069.05	39.86	2,301.79	767.26	0.00	2,301.79
7211	Lumberton	No Report						
7854	Clinton	1,576.00	1,403.50	24.62	1,052.62	350.88	0.00	1,052.62
7910	Orange Grove	2,965.00	2,809.75	24.87	2,107.32	702.43	0.00	2,107.32
7915	Brookhaven	5,625.50	5,625.50	64.66	4,200.00	1,425.50	0.00	4,200.00
7974	Columbus*	500.00	500.00	11.63	375.00	125.00		375.00
8038	Pearl	3,704.79	3,384.15	48.35	2,538.11	846.04	0.00	2,538.11
8054	McComb	1,435.15	1,435.15	27.08	1,076.36	358.79	3,229.08	4,305.44
8285	St. Therese*	1,250.95	1,147.45	14.34	860.59	286.86		860.59
8760	Holly Springs	No Report						
8848	Tupelo	12,584.28	11,376.76	74.85	8,532.57	2,844.19	0.00	8,532.57
8912	Corinth	1,715.27	1,715.27	57.18	1,286.45	428.82	5,145.80	6,432.25
9094	D'Iberville	No Report						
9124	Gautier	2,012.65	1,857.40	17.69	1,393.06	484.34	0.00	1,393.06
9234	Indianola	1,302.12	1,182.12	28.15	886.59	295.53	2,659.77	3,546.36
9409	West Biloxi	4,772.95	4,772.95	51.32	3,579.71	1,193.24	0.00	3,579.71
9543	Madison	1,213.43	1,040.93	8.75	780.68	260.25	0.00	780.68
9673	Woolmarket	337.50	337.50	5.19	253.13	84.37	0.00	253.13
9958	Lizana	No Report						
10216	Brandon	3,784.05	3,525.30	69.12	2,643.90	881.40	0.00	2,643.90
10443	Grenada	708.30	535.80	13.07	401.85	133.95	0.00	401.85
10499	Ocean Springs	See Council 5654						
10901	Oxford	942.00	910.00	8.83	682.50	227.50	0.00	682.50
11541	Gulfport	515.00	515.00	4.86	386.25	128.75	0.00	386.25
11654	Wiggins	No Report						
11904	Lucedale	1,734.37	1,580.37	43.90	1,185.28	395.09	0.00	1,185.28
11934	Gluckstadt	925.00	752.50	22.13	564.37	188.13	0.00	564.37
11956	Columbia	2,581.80	2,581.80	80.68	1,936.35	645.45	0.00	1,936.35
11995	West Harrison	813.85	675.65	21.11	506.73	168.92	0.00	506.73
12166	Pascagoula	See Council 1605						
12271	Seabee Base	New						
12331	Dedeaux	New						
TOTAL FOR 1998		99,312.31	92,784.27		69,562.26	23,222.01	25,651.09	95,213.35

\* No Disbursement Form

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Following the report on the State Program for the Mentally Disabled, State Chaplain Father Dennis Carver closed the Second Business Session with a prayer. Prior to the Third Business Session, the convention committees met to complete their respective work.

**Third Business Session  
Saturday, April 24, 1999**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. called to order and opened the Third Business Session of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Larry J. Tabor verified current 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree membership cards. State Chaplain Father Dennis Carver opened the session with a prayer and Master Norman McDonald led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**State Program Director's Report  
For Program Year 1998 - 1999**

It is strongly felt that Program Guidelines are set up in a very simple and council friendly manner. They allow the local councils to submit any project worked on over the year and to categorize them in one of the five program areas. The most frequently made mistake in filling out the program report is categorizing the individual program under the correct program area. I recommend that next year, instead of trying to cram the program area into thirty minutes or a hour during the School of Columbianism and the Mid-Winter meetings, to have separate district or regional workshops to more thoroughly explain and go over the program guidelines. **This is a must.** Every year we are getting new members and councils involved that haven't the slightest clue as to what we are trying to help them accomplish. This should help us obtain an even higher program reporting percentage than we now have since the individuals submitting the reports would have a better understanding of the guidelines and not be frustrated filling them out. These guidelines only there to **assist and guide** them in spreading their good works, not to just add more paperwork and take time away from their families.

This past year we had thirty-four of fifty-four local councils submit the mid-year program reports. Those councils were: 802, 898, 1034, 1244, 1605, 1908, 2134, 2180, 2969, 4898, 5267, 5556, 6592, 7120, 7211, 7854, 7910, 8038, 8285, 8848, 9094, 9124, 9409, 9543, 9673, 9958, 10216, 10443, 10499, 10901, 11541, 11904, 11934, and 12166.

Year-end submissions finished out at forty-three of fifty-five local councils. Only two councils submitting year-end reports were not eligible for an award.

One was due to excessive loss in membership, which was outlined in the program guidelines, and the other was extremely late submission date (day of the convention). Those councils submitting and receiving awards were:  
HONOR COUNCIL: 802, 1908, 2945, 5267, 6592, 6872, 7087, 7974, 10443, and 12331.

COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE: 2134, 6765, 7915, 8285, 8760, 8848, and 10499.

DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL: 898, 1034, 1244, 2180, 4898, 5556, 7120, 7211, 7854, 7910, 8038, 9094, 9124, 9409, 9543, 9673, 10216, 10901, 11541, 11904, 11934, 11956, 12166, and 12271.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Vicksburg Council #898 for the fantastic convention they sponsored this year. Personal thanks to my friend (and former state program director) Tom Chady for his assistance throughout the past two years and to Jerry Boland for all the gracious help during the convention itself. I salute everyone in Council # 898 for a job well done.

Also, I wish to express my thanks to my good friend and State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. for affording me the opportunity to serve as his State Program Director over the past two years. It was a tremendous honor and privilege to work so closely with such a fine gentleman and leader.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerry Clark  
State Program Director  
Mississippi State Council

**State Church Activity Director's Report**

No Report Submitted

**State Community Activity Director's Report**

No Report Submitted

**State Council Activity Director's Report**

No Report Submitted

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**State Family Activity Director's Report**

No Report Submitted

**State Youth Activity Director's Report**

No Report Submitted

**Awards/Reports Chairman's Report**

State Warden Larry Tabor was assigned as our Awards and Reports Chairman at the beginning of the fraternal year. However when our State Membership Chairman had to suddenly resign, Larry (because he had that position the previous year) accepted to complete the term as State Membership Director. As a result, the duties of the Awards and Reports Chairman had to take a lesser priority.

**1998 State Free Throw Championship Report**

The 1999 Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships were held on March 20, 1999, at St. Joseph High School Gymnasium in Madison. There was a total of 44 participants representing many councils from across the state.

Congratulations to our State winners:

**GIRLS**

Champion	Age	Score (out of 25)	Council Represented
Liza Kate Chaney	10	12	898 Vicksburg
Lauren Anderson	11	18	898 Vicksburg
Lacy Roop	12	19	8848 Tupelo
Christen Smith	13	18	9543 Madison
Anna Marsh	14	18	9543 Madison

BOYS Champion	Age	Score (out of 25)	Council Represented
Jake Heyer	10	17	8848 Tupelo
Jeff White	11	16	8848 Tupelo
Dacus Miller	12	18	10901 Oxford
John Sellers	13	19	5556 Cleveland
Anthony Cohran	14	20	10901 Oxford

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. 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**

With the unfortunate resignation of the former chairman, the State Deputy asked me to assume the duties associated with compiling and managing the state's membership statistics. I gladly took on this responsibility as I held the chair last fraternal year and had most of the files and documentation in place.

Although council's throughout the state generally had much success with new member recruitment in the past year, the number of suspensions in a few councils had a devastating overall affect. The new council established at Fr Dennis Carver's parish in Dedeaux helped shore up the numbers, but did not provide an off set for the losses.

I can attest that the aggressive degree work around the state certainly helped boost the numbers. Councils with first degree teams and areas that sponsor a monthly first degree within their district had significant increases in membership. The last Second and Third Degree I attended at Long Beach in

March, twenty-seven (27) new members received their First Degree. It may seem to most that it is more convenient to have new members complete all three degrees at once.

I have had the pleasure and opportunity to attend all Second and Third Degrees held in the state the past fraternal year. Each different and unique in their own special way. I thank those host councils for taking on the task to sponsor such a degree as it provides a much needed service to our jurisdiction. As my schedule permitted, I made many first degrees along the Gulf coast and know these councils are strong in their membership recruitment and support efforts.

The following councils received membership awards for their accomplishments during the current fraternal year (beginning April 1, 1998 through 30 March, 1999):

#### **TOP GUN COUNCILS**

##### **SMALL COUNCIL CATEGORY ( Less than 50 members)**

8912	Cornith
11654	Wiggins
11904	Lucedale
11934	Gluckstadt
11956	Columbia
12166	Pascagoula
12271	Seabee Gulfport
12331	Dedeaux

##### **MEDIUM COUNCIL CATEGORY (More than 50 members, but less than 100)**

7211	Lumberton
8038	Pearl

##### **LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY (More than 100 members, but less than 150)**

9409	West Biloxi
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##### **X-LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY (More than 150 members)**

898	Vicksburg
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**COUNCILS WITH THE HIGHEST NET GAIN**

Small	12166	Pascagoula	(12)
Medium	8038	Pearl	(11)
Large	9409	West Biloxi	(14)
X-Large	898	Vicksburg	(31)

**COUNCILS WITH THE HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN**

Small	12166	Pascagoula	(25.6%)
Medium	7211	Lumberton	(17.1%)
Large	9409	West Biloxi	(12.2%)
X-Large	898	Vicksburg	(9.7%)

**TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR**

Brother John Ward  
District Deputy—District # 9

**Total net gain for the current year: 161**

It has been a pleasure serving as the State Membership Chairman and I pledge my continued support in whatever capacity I may be needed. I want to thank all Grand Knights, all council membership directors, and all those brother knights who actively recruited during the past fraternal year. We, as a state jurisdiction, must continue to actively pursue new members. It is everyone's inherent responsibility to ensure prosperity in our ranks and to fulfill Father McGivney's dream. I encourage everyone to be confident in their recruitment efforts. The best recruiters in the state are those who persist in asking fellow catholic gentlemen to join our Order. I urge all to become more knowledgeable of the facts and workings of our organization. I also remind everyone that our best recruitment tool is how others perceive our actions. In addition, and as a proven fact, I see where strong service programs appeal to individuals who seek to get involved in church related activities which result in high new member recruitment.

In conclusion, I wish all councils within the Mississippi Jurisdiction continued success in all their endeavors, especially new member recruitment. I appreciate all the support given by our Insurance Agency, lead by Henry Mosco, including

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all of his hard working and dedicated Field Agents. I would also be remiss if I did not thank State Deputy Guy Todaro for his kind and generous support as well as the rest of the state officers for their encouraging words and guidance. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Tabor  
State Warden  
State Membership Chairman

#### **State Retention Chairman's Report**

During this past year there have been several successes within our retention program. Local councils are using more of the proper procedures to retain members such as putting on programs of interest of the members as well as making more personal contacts with MOST members prior to and during the suspension process.

We have seen the resurrection of at least two councils that have been dead or dormant for years. Both of these have recruited new members and elected new officers to fill empty positions of leadership this year.

We have diagnosed a few potential problem councils where proper retention procedures were not being followed. These are councils where there have been virtually NO suspensions for several years and they appear to be sitting "TIME BOMBS" waiting for large drops.

Our largest problem this past year was with two councils which had large drops of members, each with one large purge. The state has lost a total of 148 members as of 1 April for the year. Ninety-eight of them were from these two councils.

Through the coordinated efforts of the State Retention Chairman and the State Deputy, the State Deputy has taken positive steps to ensure procedures are followed. These were done through coordination with Supreme to ensure ALL members being considered for suspension have been contacted by the State Deputy through his personal letter, and every REASONABLE effort has been exhausted before a suspension goes through. He has also worked with Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights, on individual basis, to ensure proper systems are followed.

The retention program of our state has involved not only the retention of members but the retention of councils, as well. We have assessed and evaluated the situations and taken appropriate steps to ensure EVERY Brother Knight in every council that is in jeopardy of being suspended is contacted and every council that has appeared dormant has had the personal attention of the State Family.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve this state for the past four years as the state retention chairman.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Jim Rigby  
State Retention Chairman

**State Roundtable Chairman's Report**

No Report Submitted

**State Public Relations Chairman's Report**

No Report Submitted

**State Pro-Life Chairman's Report**

Our State Pro-Life Chairman, Antoine Otto had to step down from this position that he held for many years so he could care for his wife who was very sick. It should be noted that due to Antoine's passion for Pro-Life, the Mississippi Jurisdiction is very pro-active in the Pro-Life arena.

**State Ceremonial Chairman's Report**

Our State Ceremonial Chairman, Lessie Ladner, passed away in December 1998. He was truly an inspiration and was committed to the Order's ceremonies. During the last have of the year, the state deputy assumed Lessie's duties.

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### **Knights of Columbus Audit Report**

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the report of State Treasurer Tom Chady, which covers the period of April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999.

This review consisted primarily of an examination of receipts and disbursements occurring during the year, a comparison of revenue and expense balances with previous year amounts and a cursory examination of the general ledger, bank statements, canceled checks, deposits and invoices. This review is substantially less in scope than an audit.

Based upon our review we are not aware of any material changes that should be made to the State Treasurer's Report nor are we aware of any significant problems with the supporting records.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bradley D. Burden, CPA  
Audit Committee Chairman  
Louis D. J. Schwartz #2180  
Leon J. Shapley #2945  
Thomas Bryant #5556  
Will Ebel #6765  
Joe Serio #8054  
Buddy Honeycutt #10443

### **1999 State Convention Mileage and Per Diem Report.**

We discussed that mileage is computed based on Mississippi Highway Department Maps at 10 cents per mile one way and per diem would remain at \$50.00 per day for two days for stated individuals as determined by resolution at last year's convention. The committee had an active and lively discussion. We discussed using gas receipts in lieu of mileage but realized that it would be impractical to do so. We also considered exempting a 50 or 100 mile radius for mileage computation. We realize that some councils already reimburse delegates. The committee does recognize that we have a financial problem and either we reduce mileage and per diem or raise per capita. We recommend the new officers study options and review other state programs even if the outcome means raising per capita.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Chady, Chairman  
Joe Goellner

Fred Clark  
Bruno Fava  
Paul Gaspodarski  
Lonnie Parvin  
Harry Geauthreaux  
Mike Madner

**State Treasurer's Per Diem Report**  
**State Convention - Vicksburg, MS, April 24, 1999**

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<b>State Officers</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>one way miles</b>	<b>mileage rate</b>	<b># miles X mileage rate</b>	<b># attending</b>	<b>per diem each</b>	<b># days each</b>	<b>#attending X rd X # days</b>	<b>mileage + rd per diem</b>	<b>Totals</b>
State Chaplain	Rev. Dennis J. Carver	215	\$0.20	\$43.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$143.00	
State Deputy	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.	240	\$0.20	\$48.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$148.00	
State Secretary	C. Bruce Pibon	225	\$0.20	\$45.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$145.00	
State Treasurer	Thomas F. Chady	0	\$0.20	\$0.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00	
State Advocate	Richard T. Leiding	45	\$0.20	\$9.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$109.00	
State Warden	Larry Tabor	222	\$0.20	\$44.40	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$144.40	
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas R. Zentler	138	\$0.20	\$27.60	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$127.60	
<b>State Officers' Total</b>										<b>\$917.00</b>

**Past State Deputies**

	John P. Myers, FM		\$0.00		1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00	
	Norman L. Kiehm, FM		\$0.00		1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00	
	Robert Francis		\$0.00		1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00	
	Dennis E. Lader, Sr.		\$0.00		1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00	
	Stanley M. Swenkowski		\$0.00		1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00	
<b>Past State Deputies' Total</b>										<b>\$500.00</b>

**District Deputies**

District 1	Robert Hudson	218	\$0.20	\$43.60	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$143.60	
District 2	James W. Ferris	244	\$0.20	\$48.80	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$148.80	
District 3	Ron Koehler	109	\$0.20	\$21.80	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$121.80	
District 4	Dr. Luis V. Borrell	138	\$0.20	\$27.60	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$127.60	
District 5	Dennis Rucke	53	\$0.20	\$10.60	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$110.60	
District 6	Natalie J. Zummo	52	\$0.20	\$10.40	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$110.40	
District 7	Richard Spence	0	\$0.20	\$0.00	0	\$50.00	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	
District 8	Joseph B. Goeliner, Sr.	135	\$0.20	\$27.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$127.00	
District 9	John R. Ward	198	\$0.20	\$39.60	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$139.60	
District 10	David DiLorenzo	206	\$0.20	\$41.20	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$141.20	
District 11	Daniel J. Lechner	215	\$0.20	\$43.00	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$143.00	
District 12	Donald F. Cox	194	\$0.20	\$38.80	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$138.80	
<b>District Deputies' Total</b>										<b>\$1,452.40</b>



State Treasurer's Per Diem Report									
State Convention - Vicksburg, MS April 24, 1999									
Name	one way mileage	Rate	# attending	per diem each	# days each	Weekending X rd X # days	mileage + rd per diem	Totals	
7910 Orange Grove	198	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$279.20		
7915 Brookhaven	95	\$0.20	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$119.00		
7974 Columbus	224	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$289.60		
8038 Pearl	52	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$220.80		
8054 McComb	119	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$247.60		
8285 Jackson-St. Therese	45	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$218.00		
8760 Holly Springs	252	\$0.20	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$150.40		
8848 Tupelo	240	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$296.00		
8912 Corinth	264	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$305.60		
9094 D'Iberville	222	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$288.80		
9124 Gautier	231	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$292.40		
9234 Indianola	100	\$0.20	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$120.00		
9409 West Biloxi	215	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$286.00		
9543 Madison	53	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$221.20		
9673 Woodmarket	223	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$286.00		
9958 Lizauna	215	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$289.20		
10216 Brandon	57	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$222.80		
10443 Granada	151	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$260.40		
10499 Ocean Springs	225	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$290.00		
10901 Oxford	218	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$287.20		
11341 Gulfport	205	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$282.00		
11541 Wiggins	165	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$266.00		
11654 Lucedale	194	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$277.60		
11934 Gluckstadt	57	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$222.80		
11956 Columbia	164	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$265.60		
11995 West Harrison	223	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$289.20		
12166 Pascagoula-SH	240	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$296.00		
12271 Gulfport-NCBC	205	\$0.20	2	\$50.00	2	\$200.00	\$282.00		
12331 Dedaux	215	\$0.20	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	\$143.00		
mileage totals							\$4,014.00		
per diem totals							\$12,900.00		
<b>Grand Total</b>								<b>\$16,914.00</b>	

### **State Membership Committee Report**

The following report is submitted based on discussions held during the 95th Annual State Convention at Vicksburg, MS, on April 24, 1999. The membership committee met in Room 3, at 1:30 PM, and was chaired by the State Membership Director.

The membership committee opened its discussion with a prayer and introduction of each committeeman. Each brother knight present was asked to give a short summation of what they thought to be specific new member recruitment difficulties facing their council. In addition, everyone included working solutions to resolve shortfalls in new member recruitment and retention.

Some common problems noted were: (1) Dwindling populations and declines in the local economy (2) A stagnate or decreasing number of parish families (3) varying degrees of support from parish priests (4) increasing competition among other church supported activities.

The next topic of discussion addressed dealt with the high number of suspensions noted for this fraternal year. The number of suspensions this year (214) had a negative impact on the overall recruitment efforts for the state. Half of the suspensions (106) were the result of five councils "cleaning house" in their membership rolls. The general consensus of the committee attributed these high numbers to: (1) Personnel changes in Financial Secretaries (2) Insufficient control of council records (3) Inadequate involvement of council leadership, i.e., Grand Knight, Trustees and/or retention committees.

As chair of this committee, I reaffirmed to all that the State Officers are available and willing to support their membership recruitment efforts. We as a committee, encourage councils to utilize any and all resources available to support their recruitment activities. We suggest involving the District Deputies and Insurance Agents and even tailoring their drives and program from council's with successful recruiting programs. The one important suggestion holds the most truth—it is each Knight's responsibility to be prepared and knowledge of the techniques to recruit new members. Everyone should be confident and prepared when asked, "why should I become a Knight of Columbus?" All of us should be ready to provide prospective members with information concerning our Order. We all must be a positive role model in all we do and say, as others will form their opinions and perceptions by what they see in us. Another suggestion is to have a solid Public Relations program in each council to share with others the good works of their individual councils.

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In closing, the committee expresses its hope and confidence that all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction have success in the upcoming fraternal year. Our Order's continued success depends heavily on new member recruitment, as it is the lifeline to our growth, prosperity, and continuance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Larry J. Tabor, State Warden  
State Membership Director  
Henry Mosco, Insurance General Agent  
Jim Rigby, Retention Chairman  
Charles J. Morlino #2945  
Jim Glover #2969  
Gene Rogers #4472  
George Emile, Jr. #5654  
Victor Malatesta #6555  
Jeff Hathorn #6592  
Thomas Hannigan #6765  
Joe Tannehill, Sr. #9234  
Hollis J. Moran #9958  
Dan Buzzarde #10443

#### **Financial Secretaries' Meeting Report**

This years meeting was attended by thirteen Financial Secretaries, including the chairman. An across the board representation was achieved, from Biloxi to Southhaven.

The Financial Secretary's Personal Computer program (FSPC) and the benefits that can be realized through its use, especially by our larger councils, was discussed in depth. Each of us are eagerly anticipating the eventual release of the Windows 95/98 version of this program. It was generally agreed that the features of this program could be put to good use by each committee chairman, especially the Family Chairman. This, however, can only be achieved if members of each council are willing to share some personal information about themselves and their families. Eg., birthday, anniversaries, children's names, etc.

Proper billing procedures as well as suspensions were discussed and it was generally agreed that the following Supreme guidelines, the job would be made easier for the Financial Secretary involved. It was noted, that Supreme was very strict as to adherence to the rules when it comes to Suspensions.

We also discussed the importance of the Form 100, it's proper completion and the importance of its timely submission to Supreme in the event of a member's

death. The importance of legibility, especially the prospective member's name and address was stressed. It was agreed that the primary responsibility for this falls on the shoulders of the proposer, but in the final analysis, it is the financial Secretary's responsibility to be sure that supreme will have no problem in reading and recording the Form 100 information. Proper distribution was also discussed.

Perhaps the most important discussion that took place during the meeting pertained to the retention of members. It was generally agreed that no member of a council should ever be suspended for not paying their dues, unless someone has personally contacted him on the Retention Committee, the Grand Knight, the proposer, or the Financial Secretary or any combination thereof. It is the prerogative of the Grand Knight to waive any member's dues as he see fit, and without explanation in the event of financial hardship on the part of that member. It was also noted that the proposer's responsibility does not end when a member he signed on receives his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. In fact, a proposer should be ever mindful of the fact that when he signs up a new member and brings him into his council, his job has just begun.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Walston, FS  
Chairman

**State Convention Committee Report**  
No Report Submitted

**Good of the Order Committee Report**

The Good of the Order committee met at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the Vicksburg Convention. The committee made the following suggestions:

1. The committee felt that suggestions made by past Good of the Order committee's has not been reported to the membership. It was felt that a report should be given on the status of these suggestions.
2. Each council needs to have a committee or person assigned to keep up with sick Knights and people of their parish. Hospital visits, cards, offerings of help will improve the position of our order and our place in our community.
3. Each council needs to know who their disabled Knights is, keep them as active as we can in the council.
4. Recognition of Brother Knights for outstanding service to council, community, etc. should be made at council meetings, church bulletins, and

in any means possible to booster the status of each man. A lack of appreciate leads to apathy.

5. It was suggested that the State Council look into sponsoring at no cost to itself a "Knight of the Year" breakfast.
6. Each council appoints a lecturer, but does not always utilize them. Allow the lecturer to provide programs for the "Good of the Order". There is no limit to the type of programs this person could present.
7. It was suggested that the State appoint a State Level Member who could head the "Good of the Order" committee. Councils could report suggestions throughout the year that could be acted on by the Good of the Order Committee at the convention.
8. With expenses going up and revenue going down the committee suggested that the State look at ways to increase revenue. Suggestions of a 50/50 raffle on drawdowns at the State convention were brought up to decrease the need for per capita increases.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stanley Swentkowski, PSD Chairman  
David DiLorenzo - DD#10  
Mike Buccentini - #1908 Hattiesburg  
John Laurenzi #2969 - Clarksdale  
Andre Damien #6872 - Picayne  
Mac McCarney #11654 - Wiggins

**Pro-Life Committee Report**  
No Report Submitted

**Ceremonial Committee Report**  
No Report Submitted

**State Bowling Tournament Report**  
No Report Submitted

### **Report of the Resolutions Committee**

The following are the resolutions presented to the delegates of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus:

#### **Resolution No. 1**

**Whereas,**

Vicksburg Council Number 898 has been such an excellent host of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, and

**Whereas,**

The officers, members, and wives have arranged too put on such an outstanding convention,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

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

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Richard T. Lieding, State Advocate)

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**Resolution No. 2**

**Whereas,**

Brother Louis A. Mautino has honored this State Council with his presence, and

**Whereas,**

We the delegates of the Mississippi State council realize that Brother Louis A. Mautino'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 Louis a. Mautino, and extend to him and his wife a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Richard T. Lieding, State Advocate)

**Resolution No. 3**

**Whereas,**

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thirty-Sixty Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Tupelo, 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 2000,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no cost to itself the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Thirty-Seventh 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 or certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Richard T. Lieding, State Advocate)

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**Resolution No. 4**

**Whereas,**

The members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus desire to participate in a softball tournament,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Annual Softball Tournament for its membership. The tournament is to carry the official sanction of the American Softball Association. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. A report will be given at the State Convention by the chairman of the softball tournament.

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the softball association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Richard T. Lieding, State Advocate)

**Resolution No. 5**

**Whereas,**

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-laws states that the expenses of the State Officers, State Membership Director, State Program Director, 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, the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, and District Deputies, to the State Council meeting 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: Amended to exclude Past State Deputies the per diem. Amendment made by John Irion, seconded by L. C. Guillotte. Voice vote accepted the amended resolution.

(Submitted by the Mississippi State Council)

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**Resolution No. 6**

**Whereas,**

In the fraternal years 1995-1999, the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus has maintained State Council funds in a banking institution that by their written resolution requires the following standards:

1. Signatures and Social Security numbers of the current State Deputy, current State Secretary, and the current State Treasurer, and,
2. 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 State Treasurer.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That it shall be the responsibility of the current State Treasurer to implement these standards at the beginning of each fraternal year.

Recommendation: Reject. The resolution is in conflict with Article VI, Section 3, not in proper format.

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by the Mississippi State Council)

**Resolution No. 7**

**Whereas,**

The Supreme Council has established a Matching Fund Program known as the Christopher Fund whereby contributions from the Mississippi State Council are 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. The earnings are paid annually for the purposes of Priest Education to both dioceses in two checks divided equally.

**Whereas,**

That the 1998 meeting of the Mississippi State Council adopted this resolution so as to enter into the Matching Fund as proposed by Resolution 134 adopted at the 1992 Supreme Council Meeting,

**Whereas,**

Members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus gave to the Christopher Fund in the 1998-1999 fraternal year,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council solicits and encourages the continued support of the membership for the Christopher Fund.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by the Mississippi State Council)

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**Resolution No. 8**

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus has through-out its history supported Catholic education, and

**Whereas,**

The Mississippi Alliance of Catholic School Families (MACS) is a Catholic organization established by the Jackson Diocese of Mississippi 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, and

**Whereas,**

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

**Whereas,**

MACS Families has requested that a designated representative of the Knights of Columbus be a member of their Executive committee and that such a representative was named for the 1998-1999 fraternal year,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the State Deputy of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at no cost to the State Council, designate a representative to serve on the Executive Committee of MACS Families to facilitate communication and provide assistance when requests are made to the Mississippi State Council and/or its subordinate councils.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Richard T. Lieding, State Advocate and Vicksburg Council #898)

**Resolution No. 9**

**Whereas,**

Father Michael J. McGivney, pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut was concerned about his parishioners whose breadwinner was taken untimely by the hovering Angel of Death, and

**Whereas,**

Father Michael J. McGivney called a handful of men to the basement of St. Mary's Church to share his concern as well as his dream with them, and

**Whereas,**

From this dream, Father Michael J. McGivney, founded the Knights of Columbus to provide assistance to the widows and families of deceased members, and

**Whereas,**

From this humble beginning the Knights of Columbus has evolved into an international Catholic, family, fraternal organization, and

**Whereas,**

To support our initial mission as a fraternal order, the Knights of Columbus insurance agency has grown in assets and insurance in force to one of the leaders in the insurance industry, and

**Whereas,**

Local councils attend bereavement services in great numbers to pay their last respects to their deceased brother and show their support to their surviving family, and

**Whereas,**

Section IV, Item 1a of our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report Form (Form 1728) captures visits of condolence, and

**Whereas,**

On a local level, councils today actively and directly support widows and families of their deceased brother knights both monetarily and through fraternal

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activities long after the death of their deceased brothers,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction respectfully requests that the Supreme Council consider adding a line item on Form 1728 to capture a council's direct support of widows both from a financial as well as a manpower perspective.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr.)  
(Co-authored by Father Michael Nance)

**Resolution No. 10**

**Whereas,**

The Mississippi Jurisdiction has not been fortunate to have a member to serve on the Supreme Board of Directors or as Supreme Warden in the 95 year history of Columbianism in our Jurisdiction, and,

**Whereas,**

Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. has served in several elected offices on the local level including Grand Knight, and,

**Whereas,**

Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. currently serves the Jurisdiction as a Conferring Officer on the Third Degree Team and is intimately familiar with degree work, and,

**Whereas,**

Brother Guy s. Todaro, Jr. has served the Mississippi Jurisdiction as State Program Director, District Deputy, State Warden, State Advocate, State Secretary, and,

**Whereas,**

Brother Guy s. Todaro is completing his second successful term as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction, and,

**Whereas,**

Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. was appointed Chairman of the Distribution Committee at the 116<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Meeting and served in this capacity with distinction.

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**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State council, Knights of Columbus petitions the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Board of Directors for the election of State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. to the Supreme Board of Director or for his election to the office of Supreme Warden at the earliest opportunity.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by PSD Tom Zettler)

**Resolution No. 11**

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus has a long history providing unselfish devotion and assistance to members of the clergy and,

**Whereas,**

There are cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priests who honor the member of the Knights of Columbus and their families with their presence at the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus and,

**Whereas,**

Attendance at the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus affords each knight a tremendous educational experience as he interacts with Knights from Councils throughout the Order and,

**Whereas,**

It is an honor to be selected as a delegate to represent your jurisdiction at the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus and,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That in appreciation for their spiritual guidance, leadership and devotion to the Mississippi State Council, the membership hereby automatically selects the State Chaplain as a delegate to one of the two Supreme Conventions of the Knights of Columbus for which delegates are selected during his term of office as State Chaplain,

**And Be It Further Resolved,**

In the event that the State Chaplain has not yet attended the Supreme Convention that this be a standing resolution which is reapproved at each State Convention occurring during his term of office as State Chaplain.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Dennis Riecke, District Deputy #5)

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**Resolution No. 12**

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus has always been justifiably proud that it is committed to pro-life programs, and,

**Whereas,**

Councils may have the desire to donate to, or assist prolife organizations in the state, that are apolitical, nondiscriminatory, non-denominational, non-violent and non-judgmental, whose sole purpose 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,**

Personnel employed in the offices of the Diocese of Biloxi and the Diocese of Jackson are knowledgeable regarding prolife organizations in the state 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,

**Whereas,**

Such a fund would provide an excellent way for councils Knights and others to donate memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased Knights, family members, relatives, and friends,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby establishes the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund with a one time donation, only in 1999 of \$400.00 in seed money to establish the fund,

**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 by Councils and Knights, and that all donations received each year will be disbursed at our annual state convention equally between all prolife organizations recommended by the Diocesan offices and this be a standing resolution which is reapproved each year.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Delegates called for a hand vote. The delegates voted 77 to 19 to accept the recommendation and reject the resolution.

(Submitted by Dennis Riecke, District Deputy #5 and Antoine Otto, Pro-Life Chairman)

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**Resolution No. 13**

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus Fraternity was founded by a priest to provide financial aid to its members and widows of its members, and

**Whereas,**

Our fraternity believes strongly in providing aid and comfort to the widows and children of our members who have passed away, and

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus Insurance was created to lessen the financial burden of the untimely passing of a brother knight, and

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus Insurance has provided an avenue that allows the widow of one of our insured knights to purchase additional Knights of Columbus Insurance within 90 days of the passing of our brother, and

**Whereas,**

Many widows are still in a state of shock within the 90 days, and

**Whereas,**

Widows are not normally ready to make decisions on the undertaking of another bill within 90 days of the passing of their husband, and

**Whereas,**

Riders have been established to add protection to the existing policies for future occurrences, i.e.: children to be born on family plans, or Guarantee Purchase Options for future ages,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That we the members of the Knights of Columbus within the State of Mississippi suggest that the Knights of Columbus Insurance Department look at creating a rider to allow widows of previously insured Brother Knights the added time beyond the 90 days to purchase Knights of Columbus Insurance, from the time of their husband passing away until they either remarry or die, provided that

they meet normal insurability requirements of health, age, and lifestyle.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Jim Rigby, Field Agent)

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**Resolution No. 14**

**Whereas,**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America originated on Columbus Day, 1893, and contained no reference to Almighty God, and

**Whereas,**

The Board of Directors of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution on April 22, 1951 that the words "under God" be added when the pledge be recited by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies, and

**Whereas,**

The adoption of this resolution had the effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the order, and

**Whereas,**

The Supreme Council at its annual meetings held in 1952 and 1953 adopted resolutions to make this amendment in the pledge general and sent copies to the Executive and Legislative branches of our government, and

**Whereas,**

Congress passed a resolution adopting this which was signed by President Eisenhower on June 14, 1954, and

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus believe and advocate that the pledge of liberty and justice for all as recited in the Pledge of Allegiance specifically means all persons both born and unborn and that this should be a constant reminder of the principles of spirituality and morality that is our way of life,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council recommend and encourage that the phrase "born and unborn" be added after the words "with liberty and justice for all" when the Pledge of Allegiance is recited at all meetings and official functions of the Order, and

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Council for its approval, and

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That upon approval of this resolution by the Supreme Council, the Supreme Council petition the Congress of the United States of America to make effective this amendment as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the Flag of the United States of America.

Recommendation: Adopt as amended below

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council recommend and encourage the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council that the phrase "born and unborn" be added after the words "with liberty and justice for all," and

Action: The delegates by a vote of 65 to 31 accepted the resolution as amended.

(Submitted by St. Vincent DePaul Council #4898)

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**Resolution No 15**

**Whereas,**

As the State of Mississippi Knights of Columbus Council has over 5,600 members, and

**Whereas,**

The State per capita tax is \$8.00 per member per year for the State Budget, and

**Whereas,**

The State has over 55 councils that can send two delegates per council to the State Convention, and

**Whereas,**

Each delegate attending the convention is paid \$50.00 per day per diem and a fixed rate per mile traveled one way to the convention, and

**Whereas,**

This expense causes a shortage of funds for State work for the rest of the year, and

**Whereas,**

Most councils in the State are financially able to pay the expenses of their two delegates,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That the State Council, starting with the year 2000 Convention, reduce by one-half the per mile expense for all future conventions.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Henry Bertagnolli, Sacred Heart Council 12166, Pascagoula)

**Resolution No. 16**

**Whereas,**

The initiation fee set by the by-laws of most councils is \$20.00, and

**Whereas,**

The cost of the First Degree is \$4.00 and the cost of the Second Degree is \$6.00.  
The cost of the Third Degree is \$10.00, and

**Whereas,**

Most councils have independent First Degrees, and

**Whereas,**

The State's Ceremonial Chairman controls the dates of the Second and Third Degrees, and

**Whereas,**

When some councils host a Second and Third Degree, there are not enough candidates to cover the expense of the Second and Third Degree Exemplification, and

**Whereas,**

The State Council must help cover the expenses of the Second and Third Degree when not enough candidates are present, and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That \$16.00 of all initiation fees be turned over to the State Council and the State Council deposit such monies in an interest bearing account earmarked for Second and Third Degree Exemplification team expenses. And that the State Council take over the function of paying for the Second and Third Degree Exemplification team expenses, and this expense no longer be the responsibility of the council hosting the Second and Third Degree Exemplification.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Henry Bertagnolli, Sacred Heart Council 12166, Pascagoula)

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**Resolution No. 17**

Whereas,

There is a need to improve essential personnel accounting for all exemplifications hosted by local councils, and decrease the potential for compromised security, or an actual theft during an event, and

Whereas,

The added inconvenience of either taking a blank check or handling cash transactions greatly increases the need for security,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the practice of handling funds between councils for all candidates, and guests cease, and only be handled by invoice between council Financial Secretaries.

Recommendation: Reject

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by L.C. Guillotte, Grand Knight, Council 8038)

## State Awards Program

### FRIDAY EVENING AWARDS

#### A) HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS:

COUNCIL # 802	MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS	MERIDIAN
" # 1908	BISHOP FAHEY	HATTIESBURG
" #2945	C.G. SHAPLEY	LELAND
" #5267	MSGR. JOHN F. CLERICO	GREENWOOD
" #6592	FR. MALACHY BURNS	BASSFIELD
" #6872	OSCAR J. GELPI	PICAYUNE
" #7087	FR. A.. C. DENIS	KILN
" #7974	W.H. (BILL) JOLLY	COLUMBUS
" #10443	FR. CLIFFORD MEADOR	GRENADA
" #12331	SACRED HEART	DEDEAUX

#### B) COUNCILS OF EXCELLENCE:

COUNCIL # 2134	FR. KORSTENBROEK	GREENVILLE
" # 6765	FR. JOHN P. EGAN	STARKVILLE
" # 7915	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI	BROOKHAVEN
" # 8285	ST. THERESE	JACKSON
" # 8760	ST. JOSEPH'S	HOLLY SPRINGS
" # 8848	FR. ROBERT REITMEIER	TUPELO
" #10499	MSGR. GREGORY KENNEDY	OCEAN SPRINGS

#### C) DISTINGUISHED COUNCILS:

COUNCIL # 898	VICKSBURG	
" # 1034	BISHOP R.O. GEROW	NATCHEZ
" # 1244	BILOXI	
" # 2180	LAUREL	
" # 4898	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	LONG BEACH
" # 5556	FR. ROTONDO	CLEVELAND
" # 7120	HERNANDO DeSOTO	SOUTHAVEN
" # 7211	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	LUMBERTON
" # 7854	HOLY SAVIOR	CLINTON
" # 7910	FR. HARRY WADE	ORANGE GROVE
" # 8038	ST. JUDE CENTENNIALPEARL	
" # 9094	FR. PATRICK McALPINE	D'BERVILLE
" # 9124	ST. MARY	GAUTIER
" # 9409	REINHART SCHROEDER	WEST BILOXI
" # 9543	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI	MADISON
" # 9673	JAMES D. HART	WOOLMARKET
" # 10216	ST. PAUL	BRANDON
" # 10901	ST. JOHN	OXFORD

C) DISTINGUISHED COUNCILS (Cont.):

COUNCIL # 11541	ST. JAMES	GULFPORT
" # 11904	ST. LUCY'S	LUCEDALE
" # 11934	ST. JOSEPH	GLUCKSTADT
" # 11956	FR. PATRICK QUINN	COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN
" # 12166	SACRED HEART	PASCAGOULA
" # 12271	ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER	SEABEE BASE

D) PRO-LIFE AWARDS:

BILOXI DIOCESE: BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT :  
ST. LUCY'S COUNCIL # 11904 / LUCEDALE

2ND PLACE PRO-LIFE PROJECT:  
MSGR GREGORY KENNEDY COUNCIL # 10499 /  
OCEAN SPRINGS

JACKSON DIOCESE: BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT:  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL # 9543 /  
MADISON

2ND PLACE PRO-LIFE PROJECT:  
VICKSBURG COUNCIL # 898

E) VOCATIONS AWARDS:

BEST VOCATIONS PROJECT:  
BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL # 1908 / HATTIESBURG

2ND PLACE VOCATIONS PROJECT:  
VICKSBURG COUNCIL # 898

F) STATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS SPECIAL AWARD:

TO BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL # 1908 HATTIESBURG

In recognition for the outstanding assistance given to the Forest Hill  
High School marching band of Jackson during the 1997 & 1998  
state competitions in Hattiesburg.

A) BEST NEWSLETTER AWARDS: 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

LARGE / X-LARGE COUNCILS: TIE: MERIDIAN # 802 VICKSBURG # 898  
MADISON # 9543

SMALL / MEDIUM COUNCILS: TIE: SOUTHAVEN # 7120 COLUMBIA/  
TYLERTOWN  
OCEAN SPRINGS # 10499 #11956

B) BEST SCRAPBOOK AWARDS: 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

LARGE / X-LARGE COUNCILS: NATCHEZ # 1034 BILOXI # 1244

SMALL / MEDIUM COUNCILS: COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN # 11956 N/A

C) BEST COUNCIL AWARDS:

BEST SMALL COUNCIL: SACRED HEART COUNCIL # 12166  
PASCAGOULA

BEST MEDIUM COUNCIL: HOLY SAVIOR COUNCIL # 7854 CLINTON

BEST LARGE COUNCIL: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI # 9543 MADISON

BEST X-LARGE COUNCIL: VICKSBURG COUNCIL # 898

D) BEST CHURCH ACTIVITY AWARDS:

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE : ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL # 9543 / MADISON

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: FR. KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL # 2134 / GREENVILLE

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL # 802 / MERIDIAN

E) BEST COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AWARDS:

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL # 802 / MERIDIAN

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: FR. PATRICK QUINN COUNCIL # 11956 /  
COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: VICKSBURG COUNCIL # 898

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F) BEST COUNCIL ACTIVITY AWARDS:

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: VICKSBURG COUNCIL # 898

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: FR. ROTONDO COUNCIL # 5556 / CLEVELAND

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: FR. KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL # 2134 / CLEVELAND

G) BEST FAMILY ACTIVITY AWARDS:

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL # 9543 / MADISON

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: FR. ROTONDO COUNCIL # 5556 / CLEVELAND

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL # 802 / MERIDIAN

H) BEST YOUTH ACTIVITY AWARDS:

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL # 9543 / MADISON

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL # 9543 / MADISON

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE/ TIE: FR. ROTONDO COUNCIL # 5556 / CLEVELAND  
ST. JOHN COUNCIL # 10901 / OXFORD

I) MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:

BROTHER FRITZ OBERLIES OF ST. JAMES COUNCIL # 11541 /  
GULFPORT

J) MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL FAMILY OF THE YEAR:

THE RON & CLAIRE RYCHLAK FAMILY OF ST. JOHN COUNCIL  
# 10901 / OXFORD

**Fourth Business Session**  
**Sunday, April 25, 1999**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. called to order and opened the Fourth Business Session of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. State Warden Larry J. Tabor verified current Third degree membership cards. State Chaplain Father Dennis Carver opened the session with a prayer and Master Norman McDonald led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Most Reverend William R. Houck, Bishop of Jackson, addressed the delegates and thanked them for their continued support. He also spoke of the SERRA Club promoting Vocations.

Supreme Director Louis A. Mautino addressed the delegates and thanked them for their hospitality.

**District Master's Report**

Your excellency(s) Bishop(s) Houck and Howze,  
Worthy State Chaplain,  
Reverend Fathers,  
Worthy Supreme Director,  
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,

I must thank the Worthy State Deputy Guy Todaro, the State Family and the Vicksburg Council for allowing the Fourth Degree time to meet this afternoon. I feel we had a very productive meeting and hopefully the results will be as productive.

I cannot stand before you this evening as my predecessor, Former Master Mike Gilly, and tell you of the accomplishments of the Fourth Degree in our Jurisdiction. It seems enthusiasm on my part is not contagious.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Georges an Exemplification was held at St. James in Gulfport. Fifty new Sir Knights received the honors of the fourth Degree. This Exemplification was something to be proud of, because it proved how involved and dedicated our members are. First...it was hosted by one of the newest councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Second...it served as the formation of the newest Assembly in the State and finally the candidates

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showed their love of our order by leaving their damaged homes to attend and become Sir Knights.

In November, I attended the Bienville Province meeting for the formal installation of the New Masters. During this meeting Sir Knight John Szymonik of Pascagoula was awarded the "Provincial Award of Merit". Also in attendance was Sir Knight Ken Broussard, District Marshall of the Mississippi District, and PSD and Sir Knight Tom Zettler, representing the State Family.

This afternoon membership was discussed at great length. Last year the Mississippi district exceeded the 7.5% quota for membership again, but the down side of this was it was achieved by only 9 of the 23 Assemblies in the State. Our membership begins with the first degree. It is our duty to ensure that the new Knight we recruit into our Order advances to the third degree and hopefully onto the fourth degree. I encourage each of you to look at the members you have recruited or are planning to recruit and I challenge you to walk with them through the degrees, do not let their enthusiasm wane.

We have had many Honor Guards through out the state the past year. Honor Guards have been for Masses, Parish Anniversaries, Priest Reunions and the most honored as we stand watch over our deceased Brother. It seems like the latter is done far more often than we would like.

My enthusiasm still exist, I am encouraged by the events that are taking place, the commitments of my Brother Knights. We have just completed a time of renew preparing for the future. It appears bright and promising. We must take advantage of this great time, re-evaluate our goals, and make the determination to reach higher and be an example for our Brothers and our communities.

I have a lot of people to thank for the good things that have happened so far. I owe thanks to the Former Masters for their guidance. There is a couple of Faithful Navigators that have kept me from letting my heart run away with my head and finally some others that got things done when I was not available.

I ask that all of us remember the great sacrifice being made by our troops and the NATO allies in Kosovo. Keep them and there families in your prayers. Ask that this battle come to a quick and peaceful ending.

Finally, I thank the State Family and each of you for this opportunity, and I ask for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Norman M. McDonald  
Master, Fourth Degree

### **Mississippi Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, State President's Report**

With a year gone by since my election to State President, I can only say that the past year has been most rewarding. The support that the Ladies Auxiliary has had with State Deputy Guy Todaro and his officers has been most helpful and appreciative.

This year we have a membership of 284 with 12 active auxiliaries. I hope that the coming year will be most fruitful and we can add many more auxiliaries. I hope to be in contact with all the Grand Knights to talk with them about the auxiliary and the prospects of forming one in their council.

As in the past we continue to support the Priest Education Fund with our annual donation of \$300.00 (\$150.00 to each Diocese). The ladies of each local auxiliary have a fund raiser in November to fund the Mississippi Firefighters Memorial Burn Center located in Greenville and also the State Auxiliary gives a \$500.00 donation to the McAuley home for the Sisters of Mercy in Vicksburg.

Each local auxiliary works hard to support the Knights in every endeavor.

I look forward to a productive year as we go into the Millennium and to continue working with the state Deputy and the officers.

Yours in Christ,  
Anna Fratesi, State President  
Mississippi K of C Auxiliary

### **Donation's to the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund By Lawrence M. Campbell**

Most Reverend Bishop, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

We in the Mississippi Jurisdiction have finally reached a milestone and a great moment in our Order's history of service to the church. I am please to announce that with the receipt of \$42,643.00 from this year, our total contributed to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund since inception exceeds \$1,000,000.00 and now totals \$1,019,201.56. Over the years Knights and their families have struggled and worked hard to make this moment come true. On behalf of all the Knights, who throughout the years promoted our participation in this activity let me express my deep gratitude.

What lies ahead of us now is a new millennium, which offers us both

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opportunities and challenges. Let us pledge that we will keep alive the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund as it helps to serve the vocation needs of our two dioceses by helping to underwrite the ever-increasing cost of educating young men for the priesthood.

May God Bless Us All,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lawrence M. Campbell  
Priest Education Fund Chairman

Donations to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund

Council Number	Council/Assembly/Auxiliary	1963-1967	1968	1963-1968	1969	1963-1969
802	Meridian	\$33,973.00	\$300.00	\$34,273.00	\$500.00	\$34,773.00
802	1251 Assembly	\$2,050.00	\$200.00	\$2,250.00	\$200.00	\$2,450.00
802	Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,800.00	\$250.00	\$2,850.00	\$250.00	\$3,100.00
848	Jackson	\$27,705.00	\$1,300.00	\$29,005.00	\$1,000.00	\$30,005.00
848	0554 Assembly	\$1,540.00	\$100.00	\$1,640.00	\$0.00	\$1,640.00
898	Vicksburg	\$57,650.00	\$4,100.00	\$61,750.00	\$4,000.00	\$65,750.00
898	0558 Assembly	\$2,950.00	\$500.00	\$3,450.00	\$500.00	\$3,950.00
1034	Natchez	\$38,519.50	\$1,324.00	\$39,843.50	\$1,034.00	\$40,877.50
1034	0559 Assembly	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
1244	Biloxi	\$33,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$35,000.00
1244	Ladies Auxiliary	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$29,414.00	\$500.00	\$29,914.00	\$0.00	\$29,914.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
1583	Gulfport	\$67,759.00	\$1,000.00	\$68,759.00	\$1,000.00	\$69,759.00
1583	0556 Assembly	\$2,209.00	\$0.00	\$2,209.00	\$0.00	\$2,209.00
1583	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,925.00	\$200.00	\$2,125.00	\$100.00	\$2,225.00
1605	Pascagoula	\$138,695.00	\$0.00	\$138,695.00	\$100.00	\$138,795.00
1605	0561 Assembly	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
1605	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,625.00	\$100.00	\$1,725.00	\$300.00	\$2,025.00
1808	Hattiesburg	\$16,175.00	\$0.00	\$16,175.00	\$500.00	\$16,675.00
2134	Greenville	\$58,344.00	\$2,400.00	\$58,744.00	\$2,350.00	\$61,094.00
2134	0555 Assembly	\$58,508.00	\$500.00	\$59,008.00	\$0.00	\$59,008.00
2134	Ladies Auxiliary	\$3,650.00	\$300.00	\$3,950.00	\$300.00	\$4,250.00
2180	Laurel	\$20,338.00	\$1,608.00	\$21,946.00	\$1,900.00	\$23,846.00
2180	0563 Assembly	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00	\$1,900.00
2180	3768 Squires circle	\$721.00	\$0.00	\$721.00	\$0.00	\$721.00
2945	Leland	\$21,012.00	\$800.00	\$21,812.00	\$500.00	\$22,312.00
2989	Clarksdale	\$28,570.00	\$1,000.00	\$29,570.00	\$1,000.00	\$30,570.00
4472	Pass Christian	\$4,874.00	\$0.00	\$4,874.00	\$100.00	\$4,974.00
4472	Ladies Auxiliary	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$775.00
4898	Long Beach	\$54,401.00	\$1,500.00	\$55,901.00	\$2,500.00	\$58,401.00
4898	1719 Assembly	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00
4898	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,150.00	\$100.00	\$1,250.00	\$150.00	\$1,400.00
5267	Greenwood	\$19,464.04	\$600.00	\$20,064.04	\$1,000.00	\$21,064.04

Donations to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund

Council Number	Council/Assembly/Auxiliary	1963-1967	1968	1963-1968	1969	1963-1969
5267	1569 Assembly	\$875.00	\$125.00	\$1,000.00	\$265.00	\$1,265.00
5556	Cleveland	\$12,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$13,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$14,450.00
5556	1503 Assembly	\$850.00	\$200.00	\$1,150.00	\$200.00	\$1,350.00
5654	Ocean Springs	\$23,655.00	\$0.00	\$23,655.00	\$750.00	\$24,405.00
5654	2059 Assembly	\$1,013.00	\$225.00	\$1,238.00	\$0.00	\$1,238.00
5654	Ladies Auxiliary	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
6555	Shelby	\$7,360.00	\$500.00	\$7,860.00	\$500.00	\$8,360.00
6582	Bassfield	\$1,850.00	\$100.00	\$1,950.00	\$100.00	\$2,050.00
6765	Startville	\$1,025.00	\$200.00	\$1,225.00	\$300.00	\$1,525.00
6872	Picayune	\$26,015.00	\$3,455.00	\$29,470.00	\$3,455.00	\$32,925.00
6872	2227 Assembly	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
7067	Klin	\$4,960.00	\$300.00	\$5,260.00	\$250.00	\$5,510.00
7120	Southaven	\$4,463.00	\$600.00	\$5,263.00	\$850.00	\$6,113.00
7120	2195 Assembly	\$1,120.00	\$250.00	\$1,370.00	\$250.00	\$1,620.00
7120	Ladies Auxiliary	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$125.00	\$425.00
7211	Lumberton	\$36,255.24	\$730.04	\$36,985.28	\$835.00	\$37,820.28
7854	Clinton	\$3,665.00	\$326.00	\$4,011.00	\$400.00	\$4,411.00
7910	Orange Grove	\$1,545.00	\$175.00	\$1,720.00	\$150.00	\$1,870.00
7910	2347 Assembly	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
7910	Ladies Auxiliary	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
7915	Brookhaven	\$11,650.00	\$1,500.00	\$13,150.00	\$1,700.00	\$14,850.00
7974	Columbus	\$1,675.00	\$400.00	\$2,075.00	\$300.00	\$2,375.00
8036	Pearl	\$2,029.00	\$50.00	\$2,079.00	\$50.00	\$2,129.00
8054	McComb	\$7,220.00	\$500.00	\$7,720.00	\$500.00	\$8,220.00
8285	Jackson St. Therese	\$1,408.00	\$0.00	\$1,408.00	\$175.00	\$1,584.00
8760	Holly Springs	\$2,450.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$100.00	\$2,550.00
8848	Tupelo	\$3,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,900.00
8848	2131 Assembly	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
8912	Cornith	\$1,100.00	\$250.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
9094	Dilerville	\$2,586.00	\$300.00	\$2,886.00	\$0.00	\$2,886.00
9124	Gautier	\$2,824.00	\$500.00	\$3,324.00	\$150.00	\$3,474.00
9234	Indianola	\$3,390.00	\$200.00	\$3,590.00	\$200.00	\$3,790.00
9408	West Biloxi	\$6,678.59	\$800.00	\$7,478.59	\$2,263.00	\$9,741.59
9543	Madison	\$1,486.00	\$273.65	\$1,759.65	\$250.00	\$2,009.65
9673	Woolmarket	\$982.50	\$600.00	\$1,482.50	\$380.00	\$1,862.50
9958	Lizana	\$1,900.00	\$380.00	\$2,280.00	\$400.00	\$2,680.00

Donations to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund

Council Number	Council/Assembly/Auxiliary	1983-1997	1998	1983-1998	1999	1983-1999
9958	2284 Assembly	\$310.00	\$200.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00
9958	Ladies Auxiliary	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
10216	Brandon	\$1,225.00	\$225.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,450.00
10216	2289 Assembly	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$300.00	\$620.00
10216	Ladies Auxiliary	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
10443	Grenada	\$1,523.00	\$400.00	\$1,923.00	\$131.00	\$2,054.00
10443	Ladies Auxiliary	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
10499	Ocean Springs	\$1,595.00	\$0.00	\$1,595.00	\$500.00	\$2,095.00
10901	Oxford	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
11541	St. James, Gulfport	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$285.00	\$300.00	\$585.00
11654	Wiggins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
11904	Lucedale	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
11956	Columbia/Tylertown	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
	St. Mary	\$474.00	\$0.00	\$474.00	\$0.00	\$474.00
	State Ladies Auxiliary	\$3,000.00	\$300.00	\$3,300.00	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
	Individual	\$2,215.00	\$1,040.00	\$3,255.00	\$480.00	\$3,735.00
	Misc	\$11,547.00	\$0.00	\$11,547.00	\$0.00	\$11,547.00
	Gluckstadt		\$140.00	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$340.00
	Msg. Kennedy	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
12168					\$200.00	\$200.00
12271					\$225.00	\$225.00
12331					\$25.00	\$25.00
	2347 Fr. Henry Wade Assem				\$100.00	\$100.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$937,693.87</b>	<b>\$42,960.69</b>	<b>\$976,588.56</b>	<b>\$48,641.00</b>	<b>\$1,019,201.56</b>

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### **Election of State Officers**

State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. requested that the election tellers take their respective position. He then called for the election of State Officers, by opening the floor for nominations.

#### **State Deputy**

Richard Greenwold, Grand Knight of 10499, nominated C. Bruce Pabon for the office of State Deputy for the fraternal year 1999 - 2000. Seconded by Tony Thomas. There were no other nominations. C. Bruce Pabon was elected by acclamation.

#### **State Secretary**

Thomas Thornton, Council 898, nominated Thomas F. Chady for the office of State Secretary for the fraternal year 1999 - 2000. Seconded by Mike Lee. There were no other nominations. Thomas F. Chady was elected by acclamation.

#### **State Treasurer**

Paul Gospodarski, Council 8285, nominated Richard T. Lieding for the office of State Treasurer for the fraternal year 1999 - 2000. Seconded by Richard Greenwold. There were no other nominations. Richard T. Lieding was elected by acclamation.

#### **State Advocate**

Al Allege, Grand Knight of Council 9094, nominated Larry J. Tabor for the office of State Advocate for the fraternal year 1999 - 2000. Seconded by Robert Boney. There were no further nominations. Larry J. Tabor was elected by acclamation.

#### **State Warden**

Dennis Riecke, District Deputy No. 5, nominated Daniel J. Lechner for the office of State Warden for the fraternal year 1999 - 2000. Seconded by Joe Tannehill, Sr. Thomas F. Chady, State Treasurer, nominated Donald F. Cox for the office of State Warden for the fraternal year 1999 - 2000. Seconded by Tony Homsany. Daniel J. Lechner was elected to the office of State Warden by a vote of 72 to 39.

**Nomination/Election of Delegates and Alternates  
to the 117<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN**

C. Bruce Pabon and Guy S. Todaro, Jr. are automatic Insurance Delegates as State Deputy-Elect and Immediate Past State Deputy.

The remaining delegates were elected as follows:

Reverend Dennis J. Carver - Insurance Delegate

Thomas J. Chady - Associate Delegate

Thomas R. Zettler - Associate Delegate

The alternates were elected as follows (in the order of votes received):

Gerry Clark - Insurance Alternate

Larry J. Tabor - Insurance Alternate

Donald F. Cox - Insurance Alternate

Norman M. McDonald - Associate Alternate

Fritz O'Berlies - Associate Alternate

**Nomination and Selection of the Site for the 2003 State Convention**

Bob Leo made a bid for Council 802 in Meridian to host the 2003 State Convention. No other bids were made. Meridian was selected by acclamation.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**New Business**

Terry Hurst, Grand Knight of Council 1583 donated his mileage and per diem check back to the State Council.

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### **Closing Remarks**

There being no further business, State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. made the following closing remarks:

My Brother Knights and Ladies,  
Since this will be the last time I will be able to address all of you as your State Deputy, I sincerely and from the depths of my heart thank you for allowing Lisa and I to serve you these past two very short years.

There have been several trials and tribulations that this administration has gone through. Starting with the untimely death of our beloved State Treasurer and my father-in-law, the late Ted V. Knowles, through the destruction of Hurricane Georges, to other personal tragedies that happened to our fellow brother knights and their families, and through the unfortunate times when life's constant change requires us to refocus our priorities and change our commitments to one another.

There have been many who have supported this administration and in doing so have served you the Mississippi Jurisdiction unconditionally.

First and foremost I must thank my ever patient wife, Lisa for standing by my side supporting me and also constantly keeping me in focus. She has been the light of my life and God has truly blessed me with this angel on earth.

To the Team of fellow state officers, I say never has there been one team that has had the utmost respect and fraternal love for each other. There was never a hidden agenda. There was never a harsh word spoken or thought. I know in my heart that our brotherly actions towards each other was a shining example to those we were elected to serve.

And to the team of district deputies and state program personnel that have served equally as well, I sincerely thank you for all of your support. All of us are truly a team beyond compare in the service of our Church.

To our Insurance Agency, our Past State Deputies, our State Ladies Auxiliary, and to our Squires, I thank you for all you have done these past two years. Your willingness and enthusiasm to become more involved is contagious to an epidemic level.

During these weekend conventions, we hear and listen to many reports. We pray as a family for our deceased brother knights and ladies. We honor our brothers who have, through there accomplishments, made themselves champions of Columbianism in our great State. And we discuss issues, voice our positions, and continue to become a better, more stronger team.

Tomorrow, we will elect those brother knights who will lead our Jurisdiction into the Third Millennium.

Our work, the work of this administration is not finished. In some cases the initiatives that we have started have been fruitful, others have not. Some though, we are not so sure.

Let us not be hasty and give up on those uncertain ones. Remember, incremental improvements are better than postponed perfection.

I relate those uncertain initiatives to a farmer who is trying to grow the hardest tree in the world to grow – the Chinese Bamboo Tree.

A farmer plants that seed in the ground and spends one full year watering the soil. After one full year of watering the soil every day, he sees nothing for the labor. Same with the second year, and then the third. And the fourth year, the same results.

Can you imagine planting a seed in the ground, in your garden at home, spending four straight years watering that soil and seeing nothing for your labor?

Sometimes that's how it is with some initiatives and programs.

But that farmer has vision, he understands something. He recognizes that this is the kind of seed that's hard to grow. During the first three months of the fifth year, that seed will grow into a tree that is 90 feet tall. It grows so fast they say you can see it's growth day to day.

But for those who don't have the vision of that farmer, those that don't see any growth and progress those first four years, they will curse the ground and kick the soil and stop cultivating that seed.

But the farmer with vision recognizes that during those early years, that seed, that tree is growing a dynamic root system deep into the ground that can support a trunk that's going to grow 90 feet in three months.

My brothers and ladies, let us cultivate the seeds that we have planted. Let us together maintain the focus on our vision and communicate it with passion to the Catholics in Mississippi who are not yet a part of this fraternal family.

Together, let us, the Mississippi Jurisdiction set the pace of change in today's virtue struggling society.

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Let us renew our commitment to the principles of our Order.

Together, let us Renew our Faith and evangelize our faith beyond the confines of the four walls of the church into our everyday lives..

Spread the Word – Witness Our Faith.

This is not just a catchy phrase. This is the very heart and soul of our existence as Catholics in the Lay Church.

Be persistent as we share our vision with others. Become personally committed. Recruit family men who are personally committed. Balance involvement of the entire family in all our efforts and programs.

And always KEEP CHRIST FIRST IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.  
As we rapidly approach the threshold of the new millennium, the Mississippi Jurisdiction can hold its head high because

The Mississippi Knights are setting the Pace into the Third Millennium.

On behalf of my entire family, I sincerely thank you again for all your support.

The 1999 State Convention was adjourned with a prayer by State Chaplain Father Dennis J. Carver at 12:15 p.m.

These proceedings of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus are respectfully submitted.

C, Bruce Pabon  
State Secretary