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*Mississippi Knights.....  
Setting the Pace to the Third Millennium*

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Mississippi State Council  
1999/2000 State Directory

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL**  
**96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting**  
**April 28-29-30, 2000**  
**Robinsonville, MS**

**Thursday, April 27, 2000**

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. State Hospitality Room (Sponsored by the Mosco Agency and the Mississippi Field Insurance Agents)

**Friday, April 28, 2000**

7:00 - 3:00 p.m. Golf Tournament

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney (Mississippi Room, Holiday Inn) - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting (tentative)

1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration - Officers and Delegates

1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration - Members and Guests

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting - Master Norman M. McDonald, Jr.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

1. Welcome to Southaven
2. Response - Past State Deputy, Guy Todaro
3. Travel Cards Checked - State Warden Daniel Lechner and Assistants
4. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy C. Bruce Pabon
5. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance
6. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master Norman M. McDonald, Jr.
7. Introduction of Assistant Supreme Secretary Robert J. Lane - State Deputy
8. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 1999 Convention Minutes
9. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received- State Secretary Tom Chady (District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Directors and Chairmen)
10. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates - State Warden Daniel Lechner
11. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report - Norman M. McDonald
12. State Program for People with Mental Retardation Report - Bradley Burden
13. Distribution of Resolutions - State Advocate Larry Tabor
14. Announcements of Committee Assignments - State Deputy

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***Share The Joy***

**Friday, April 28, 2000 (continued)**

15. Announcements
  - a. Hospitality Rooms Must Be Closed During Business Sessions
  - b. Ladies Activities
  - c. Youth Activities
  - d. Credentials Committee Meeting
  - e. Resolution Committee Meeting
  - f. Other Announcements
16. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

7:30 p.m.

Friday Night Dinner Social (with cash bar starting at 7:00 p.m.)

Awards to be Presented:

1. Honor Council Awards - State Program Director Peter Sukanek
2. Council of Excellence Awards - State Program Director
3. Distinguished Council Awards - State Program Director
4. Top Gun Council Awards- State Membership Director Joseph Goellner
5. Insurance Agency Award - Henry Mosco
6. Squires Awards - Jerry Roberts
7. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards - State President Anna Fratesi
8. State Bowling Tournament Awards - Darren Cowart
9. State Mental Retardation Program Awards - Bradley Burden

**Saturday, April 29, 2000**

8:00 a.m.

Memorial Mass and Necrology of Deceased Members -  
Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Joseph L. Howze as Principal Celebrant  
Necrology by State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

9:00 - 10:00

Registration for Members and Guests

9:30 - 12:00

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden Danny Lechner and Assistants
2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master Norman M. McDonald, Jr.
4. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary Tom Chady
5. Address to the Delegates - Most Reverend William R. Houck,  
Bishop of Jackson Diocese
6. Address to the Delegates - Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze,  
Bishop of Biloxi Diocese
7. Address to the Delegates - Assistant Supreme Secretary Robert J. Lane
8. State Chaplain's Report - Father Michael Nance
9. State Deputy's Report - C. Bruce Pabon
10. State Secretary's Report - Thomas F. Chady
11. State Treasurer's Report - Richard T. Lieding
12. State Advocate's Report - Larry J. Tabor
13. State Warden's Report - Daniel Lechner
14. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report - Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
15. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney -  
Marvin L. Lott, PSD, FVSM
16. General Agent's Report - Henry Mosco
17. State Vocations Report - John J. Maloney
18. Columbian Squires Report - Jerry Roberts
19. Assignment of Meeting Rooms
20. Other Announcements
21. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

**Saturday, April 29, 2000 (continued)**

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon (tentative)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (All others are on their own)

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Mileage and Per Diem – Richard Lieding
2. Audit – Bradley D. Burden
3. Good of the Order – John Szymonik
4. Ceremonials – Guy Todaro, Jr. PSD
5. Public Relations – Daniel Lechner
6. State Convention – Larry Tabor
7. Financial Secretaries – Bob Hudson
8. Membership – State Warden Joseph Goellner
9. Council Activities – Robert Leo
10. Community Activities – William Entrinken
11. Church Activities – Richard Greenwold
12. Family Activities – Robert Barr
13. Youth Activities – David Scott
14. Pro-Life Activities – Rob Hudson

3:00 - 5:30 p.m. THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden Daniel Lechner and Assistants
2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master Norman M. McDonald, Jr.
4. Convention Committee Reports
  - ~~✓~~ Pro-Life – Rob Hudson
  - ~~✓~~ State Program Activities – Peter Sukanek
  - ~~✓~~ Public Relations – Daniel Lechner
  - ~~✓~~ Membership – Joseph Goellner
  - ~~✓~~ Ceremonials – Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
  - ~~✓~~ K of C Audit – Bradley D. Burden
  - ~~✓~~ Mileage and Per Diem – Richard Lieding
  - ~~✓~~ Financial Secretaries – Bob Hudson
    - i. State Convention – Larry Tabor
    - j. Good of the Order – John Szymonik
    - k. Resolutions - Larry Tabor
5. Announcements
6. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

7:00 p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession



**Saturday, April 29, 2000 (continued)**

- 8:00 p.m. State Banquet and Awards Presentation
1. Keynote Address by Assistant Supreme Secretary Robert J. Lane
  2. State Ladies Auxiliary Scrapbook Awards - State President Anna Fratesi
  3. Best Newsletter Awards - State Program Director Peter Sukanek
  4. Best Scrapbook Awards - State Program Director Peter Sukanek
  5. Membership Awards - State Membership Director Joseph Goellner
  6. Top Proposer Award - State Membership Director Joseph Goellner
  7. Best Council Awards - State Program Director Peter Sukanek
  8. Best Pro-Life Project Award - Rob Hudson
  9. Best Vocations Project Awards - John J. Maloney
  10. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards - Larry M. Campbell
  11. Best Church Activity Award
  12. Best Community Activity Award
  13. Best Council Activity Award
  14. Best Family Activity Award
  15. Best Youth Activity Award
  16. Mississippi State Council Knight of the Year Award
  17. Mississippi State Council Family of the Year Award

**Sunday, April 30, 2000**

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass  
with Bishop William R. Houck as Principal Celebrant
- 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION
- ~~1.~~ Travel Cards Checked by State Warden Daniel Lechner and Assistants
  - ~~2.~~ Opening Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance
  - ~~3.~~ Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master Norman M. McDonald, Jr.
  - ~~4.~~ Remarks
    - ~~a.~~ Bishop Joseph L. Howze
    - ~~b.~~ Bishop William R. Houck
    - ~~c.~~ Assistant Supreme Secretary Robert J. Lane
  - ~~5.~~ Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report - Larry M. Campbell
  - ~~6.~~ State Convention Report -
  7. Position of Election Tellers
  8. Election of State Officers
    - a. State Deputy
    - b. State Secretary
    - c. State Treasurer
    - d. State Advocate
    - e. State Warden
  9. Election of Delegates and Alternates  
to the 118th Annual Supreme Convention in Boston, MA  
August 1-2-3, 2000
  10. Selection of Site for 2003 State Convention
    - 2001 Biloxi
    - 2002 Hattiesburg
    - 2003 Meridian
  11. Unfinished Business
  12. New Business
  13. Closing Remarks
  14. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

## 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 Grand Veranda Hotel on Saturday, April 29, 2000. Room numbers to be announced. 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**

**Guy Todaro, IPSD**

Bob Leo #802  
Mike Lee #898  
E. C. Niolet, Jr. #4472  
Johnny Capocaccia #5556  
Richard Cameron #9543

**Grand Veranda Hotel**

**Friday, April 28, 2000 10:00 p.m.**

2. **Resolutions Committee**

**Larry Tabor, State Advocate**

Thomas R. Zettler, PSD  
Guy Todaro, IPSD  
Andrew T. Hurst #1583  
Joe Furlan #9124

**Grand Veranda Hotel**

**Friday, April 28, 2000 10:00 p.m.**

3. **Audit Committee**

**Bradley D. Burden, CPA**

Louis D. J. Schwartz #2180  
Leon J. Shapley #2945  
Thomas Bryant #5556  
David Breax #6765  
Buddy Honeycutt #10443  
William T. Hetrick DD # 5

**Grand Veranda Hotel**

**Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.**

4. **Ceremonials Committee**

**Guy Todaro, IPSD**

Harvey Caldwell, II DD #3  
Thomas Homsany #10499  
Robert A. Grant #10901  
Kevin Schneider #11904  
John Maynard #11995  
Carl Muse #12166  
Robert Boney, DD#11

**Grand Veranda Hotel**

**Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.**

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5. Public Relations Committee

**Daniel Lechner, State Warden**

Grand Veranda Hotel

Joseph Jones	DD #6
Frank Polizzi	#802
William R. Davis	#1244
Ron Sperier	#6872
Jim Brewington	#7120
Joel Varnado	#7910
Thomas Thompson	#8917
Materno Yapit	#9409

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6. Election Tellers

Robert Fratesi, PSD

Jesse Quinn, Jr., PSD

Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr., PSD

7. Financial Secretaries

**Bob Hudson, North Membership Chair**

Grand Veranda Hotel

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

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and ALL Financial Secretaries in attendance at the Convention.

8. Membership Committee

**Joe Goellner, State Membership Director**

Grand Veranda Hotel

Henry Mosco, Insurance General Agent

Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.

Richard Spence	DD #7
Carl Brochard	DD #12
Charles J. Morlino	#2945
Gregory McClellan	#2969
Gene Rogers	#4472
Robert Jones, Jr.	#5654
Tom Curtin	#6555
Charles Carr	#6592
Thomas Hannigan	#6765
Hollis J. Moran	#9958
Dan Buzzarde	#10443

9. Good of the Order Committee

**Gerald Schmuck, DD#10**

Grand Veranda Hotel

William C. Jarret	#1908
John Hamilton	#2969
Jim Mounsey	#6872
Mack McCarney	#11654

Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.

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**10. State Convention Committee**

**Larry Tabor, State Convention Chairman** Grand Veranda Hotel  
John R. Ward DD #9 Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.  
Jerry Roberts #898  
Francis Miller #7120  
Larry Bellapanni, Jr. #1908

**11. Mileage and Per Diem Committee**

**Richard Lieding, State Treasurer** Grand Veranda Hotel  
Michael Buccantini DD #8 Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.  
H.F. Easten #1605  
Joe Bramucchi #6555  
Paul Gospodarski #8285  
Lonnie R. Parvin #9673  
Harry V. Geauthreaux #11995

**12. Church Activity Committee**

**Richard Greenwold, Church Director** Grand Veranda Hotel  
Fred Cunningham #848 Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.  
Joe Garrity #1034  
William A. Seal, Jr. #4898  
Richard Hoda #7087  
Charles R. Boyer #7211  
Kurt Dubbel #7974  
Bud Tomaso #8848  
Dan L. Hammond #10216  
James Henderson #11904  
C. J. Malley #12331

**13. Council Activity Committee**

**Robert Leo, State Activity Director** Grand Veranda Hotel  
Earl Bourgeois #1522 Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.  
Phillip R. Hoda #7087  
Earl Westfall #7915  
Lorende "LC" Guilotte #8038  
Jeff Houin #8848  
Darnell Lepre #9094  
Jessie Pope #9673  
Daniel Gillis #11541  
Foote R. Singleton #11956  
William McClellan #12271

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### 14. Youth Activity Committee

David Scott, State Youth Activity Director Grand Veranda Hotel  
Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.  
Ron Brumfield #1034  
John P. Bernardi #2134  
Joseph Kindy #6592  
Joe Bonfiglio #7915  
Eddie Dixonson #8760  
Dennis C. Louis #8912  
Anthony Moran #9958  
Martin Biseu #10216  
William Waggoner #12166  
Robert Zeller #12271

### 15. Family Life Activity Committee

Robert Barr, State Family Activity Director Grand Veranda Hotel  
1:30 p.m.  
James Leatherwood DD #1  
George Rutherford #848  
Ernest J. Falgo Jr. #1605  
Leonard Tarrant #5654  
Paul Croft #7854  
W. "Marvin" Cannon #8285  
Al Allegue #9094  
James Reid #10901  
Edward Croal #11541  
Sherwood Beckham #11654  
John Scanlan #11934  
Robert Frey #11956

### 16. Community Activity Committee

William Entriken, State Community Activity Director Grand Veranda Hotel  
Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.  
William Kane #1522  
Henry Rouse #1583  
William Koeppe #2134  
Elbert Cuevas #7087  
Ralph Corrado #7974  
Jeff Houin #8848  
Thomas S. Thompson #8912  
Richard Cameron #9543  
Joe Ryan #10499  
Sherwood Beckman #11654

## Convention Committees

17. Pro-Life Activity Committee

Rob Hudson, State Pro-life Activity Chair Grand Veranda Hotel  
Saturday, April 29, 2000 1:30 p.m.

Larry Miller	DD #4
Leonard W. Nahlen	#4898
Jerry Gollott	#1244
Wilson John	#7211
Fred Roquemore	#7854
Richard Zdziemborski	#7910
Ralph Currado	#7974
Robert Frey	#11956
James B. Inabinet	#12331

18. Vocations Committee

Robert Boney	DD	<u>Grand Veranda Hotel</u> 1:30 p.m.
Thomas Hannigan	#6765	
Hollis Moran	#9958	
Dan Buzzarde	#10443	
Sherwood Beckham	#11654	
John Scanlan	#11934	
Robert Frey	#11956	
Robert Zeller	#12271	

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**Monsignor John J. Burns Council 802  
Meridian Mississippi  
Frank Polizzi**

The council officers were duly installed by District Deputy Larry Miller in July.  
The following officers for fraternal year 1999 - 2000 were installed:

Chaplain	Father James Brett
Grand Knight	Francis A. Polizzi
Deputy Grand Knight	William Webster
Chancellor	John Kasper
Financial Secretary	George Walston
Treasurer	Thomas Zettler
Recorder	James Denova
Warden	Richard Fleming
Advocate	Mac White
Inside Guard	David Smith
Outside Guard	Ramon Jones
Trustees	
1 - year	David Koch
2 - year	Pete Vinning
3 - year	Robert Leo

**Appointed**

Program Director	William Webster
Church Director	John Kasper
Community Director	Jack Schons
Council Director	Robert Leo
Youth Director	Edgar Hernandez
Family Director	John Bennett
Membership Director	John Maloney
Bingo Director	John Maloney
Newsletter Editor	George Walston

**CHURCH:**

Our council participates in the daily life of our Catholic community. Our members are involved in numerous ministries and leadership positions in five parishes in the East Mississippi area. We continue to support three of these parishes with our ongoing tithing and various assorted donations throughout the year to include \$500 towards the organ fund at St. Patrick Church. Our council sponsors a highway billboard displaying "Keep Christ in Christmas" and Easter messages throughout the respective seasons.

We continue to lead the Holy Rosary during the months of May and October. Our membership is always eager to host the First Communion breakfast and Confirmation

reception at St. Patrick Church. Our ongoing project of buying and serving doughnuts every Sunday after 7:45 AM mass continues.

We support two seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA, one of whom is a member of Council 802 and the other, a foreign student from Africa. We continue to donate to the Priest Education Fund.

**COUNCIL:**

Our council supports many activities for our membership, these include, pool tournaments, horseshoe tournaments, and member socials monthly. We participated in the recent state bowling tournament.

We have memorial services for our deceased members and we remember our sick brothers with a fruit basket to help cheer them during their time of recovery.

Our council is proud to host a very proficient First Degree Team.

We recognize our dedicated Knights by participating in the Knight of the Month, Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year with a submission to the State Knight of the Year.

**COMMUNITY:**

Our council continues to be an important contributing factor in the Meridian community. We participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive, ring bells for the Salvation Army and help with the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive, held each May. We participate in the Adopt a Highway program by maintaining a two mile stretch of U.S. Hwy. 19. One of our most rewarding projects is our monthly visit to the East Mississippi State Hospital Nursing Home where we bring refreshments and cheer to the patients.

**YOUTH:**

Participation in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, locally and in the state competition is always part of our youth activities. Our council supplies leaders in all areas of community youth activities, to include, but not limited to, soccer, baseball, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, band boosters, and C.Y.O. Our council sponsors an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday and visits three local hospitals on Christmas Eve with gifts from Santa for hospitalized children. We are very generous with donations to many youth organizations.

**FAMILY:**

Council 802 believes that the family is the foundation of the Knights of Columbus. We recognize our outstanding families by participating in the Supreme Family of the Month as well as electing a Family of the Year whom we enter in the state competition.

We hold many family activities during the year to include a Christmas Party, Halloween Party, Valentines Sweetheart Night and a family social every fifth Tuesday.



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We include our deceased brothers families in *all* our family activities.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Recognizing that membership is the life blood of any council we continue to actively recruit new members. In February we conducted a two weekend drive at all masses in three local churches. We had a display table at a local volunteer fair to disseminate information about our order.

**PRO-LIFE:**

Our council continues to support pro-life initiatives with donations to Right to Life and sponsoring a pro-life message on a highway billboard. We recently sent a contingency of Knights and there families to a pro-life vigil at the state capitol building in Jackson

Respectfully Submitted,  
Francis A. Polizzi  
Grand Knight

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL 0848  
JACKSON, MS.  
GEORGE A RUTHERFORD

The Membership of Council 848 is made up from six Parishes in the greater Jackson area. The monthly meetings are held at St. Peter's Cathedral in the new Parish addition.

Council officers were elected in June, 1999 and installation was in September, 1999.

Grand Knight	George A. Rutherford
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael F. Macke
Chancellor	Gerald F. Graham
Recorder	Marion J. McCraw
Treasurer	Charles T. Payment
Advocate	Thomas L. Larnas
Warden	William R. Mordecai
Financial Secretary	Henry A. Kajdan
Trustees	Chester J. Lamparty, Joseph H. Miller, Fred D. Cunningham

**Council Activities:**

1. Council conducts monthly combined social (with dinner) and business meeting on first Tuesday
2. Sponsored annual Christmas Party with ladies auxiliary.
3. Sponsored Knight of the month
4. Sponsored Family of the month
5. Requested Memorial Masses for deceased members.
6. Sends get well cards to sick members & fruit baskets to hospitalized members.
7. Membership: actively sought new members and conducted membership drives.  
This resulted an addition of nine (9) new members.

**Church Activities:**

1. Donated \$6000.00 to St. Peter's Cathedral building fund for security system.
2. Donated \$1000.00 to Priest retirement fund.
3. Donated \$50.00 / mo. (\$600.00 yr.) To St. Vincent DePaul Society.
4. Donates \$75.00 / mo. (\$900.00 yr.) To Catholic Service Appeal.
5. Donates to future Priests - in - training for expenses.
6. Members are involved in church roles as commentators in choir, ushers, deacons, mass servers, and Eucharistic Ministers.
7. Members assist in maintenance of buildings & grounds at St. Peters Cathedral.

Community Activities:

1. Participated in annual Tootsie Roll drive.
2. Rang bell for Salvation Army's annual Christmas Fund Raiser.
3. Visited the sick at home, in nursing homes, and hospitals.
4. Held a commemorative service for deceased members.
5. Sponsored spaghetti dinner, with proceeds going to Priest education fund.
6. Council participates in Willowood program for the disabled and handicapped children.
7. Council participates in the mustard seed program for the mentally handicapped.
8. Council members participate as volunteers:
  - Gleaners ( a food distribution organization.)
  - St. Domonic hospital.
  - Habitat for humanity.
  - Community Stew pot
  - Prepare tax returns for the elderly.
  - Provide transportation for the elderly and disabled.

Family Activities:

1. Council participates in family of the month program.
2. Council conducts a Memorial Mass in November.
3. Council mails greeting cards, get-well cards, anniversary cards to members & families.

Youth Activities.

1. Council has a scholarship program.
2. Participates in drug and alcohol programs in Jackson at the junior and senior high school level.
3. Supports CYO program in Jackson churches.
4. Supports the reach program.

Respectfully Submitted

George A. Rutherford  
Grand Knight

**Vicksburg Council 898**  
**Vicksburg, Mississippi**  
**Mike Lee**

Chaplain.....	Father Thomas McGing
Grand Knight.....	Mike Lee
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Ed Canizaro
Chancellor.....	Jerry Roberts
Recorder.....	Rory Ros
Financial Secretary.....	Chad Sonnek
Treasurer.....	John Cesare
Lecturer.....	Jack Farren
Advocate.....	Bill Ford
Warden.....	Don Simpson
Inside Guard.....	Howard Park
Outside Guard.....	Thom Herrity
Outside Guard.....	David Wallace
Three-Year Trustee.....	Tom Chady
Two-Year Trustee.....	Tony Dardeau
One-Year Trustee.....	Tom Thornton

We had another successful year which included multiple activities in all five program areas. A special thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Ed Canizaro for his hard work, as well as his moral support during the year. Thanks also to Financial Secretary Chad Sonnek for his efforts both in front of and behind the scenes. A summary of membership and highlights of program activities are noted below:

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Several First Degree exemplifications were held during the fraternal year which added 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 which is sent to the mission. We participated in and also helped plan and organize a farewell Mass and reception for the Sisters of Mercy prior to their departure for a new retirement home in New Orleans. We also prepared Thanksgiving dinner for the Sisters one last time, and raised \$4,000 with our Priest Education Fund spaghetti dinner.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Highlights include our continuing support of the Meals on Wheels program, donating food from council events to the River City Rescue Mission, participating in the Tootsie Roll drive, praying a pro-life Rosary, serving on the board of Birthright, and running the concession stands at the "Run Through History".

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**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, and also have a reflective meditation at the conclusion of each meeting. Our Internet home page continued to advertise council activities, we sponsored a long-term care seminar, we had dinners for Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day, held 5th Tuesday members only socials where free food was served, raised over \$6,000 for renovations of the Council Home by holding a drawdown, 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, celebrated a Memorial Mass, sponsored a Mardi Gras family dance, a Super Bowl party, and Pool and Burger nights throughout the summer. We also planned and participated in a fund raiser to benefit a local Catholic family whose home burned to the ground, and 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, and a Cub Scout pack, as well as continuing to support the CYO and Vicksburg Catholic School. We also sponsored a children's Christmas party, children's luau, Halloween "Trunk" or Treat, hosted bingo fundraisers for the St. Aloysius High School band and St. Michael's Jr. CYO, and hosted dinners for the St. Aloysius soccer team and junior high football team.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Lee  
Grand Knight

Grand Knight Report  
May 31, 2000

Bishop R O Gerow Council 1034  
Natchez, Mississippi  
Ron Brumfield

The council officers were duly installed on July 19, 1999 by George Souderes.

The following officers were installed for the 1999 - 2000 fraternal year:

Chaplain	Rev. Al Camp
Grand Knight	Ron Brumfield
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Searcy
Financial Secretary	Henry(Sonny) Foggo III
Chancellor	Jack Aubic
Treasurer	Conrad Anderson, Jr.
Advocate	Gene Simonton
Recorder	Mark LaFrancis
Lector	Mike Tatum
Warden	Pat Galloway
Inside Guard	Walt Brown
Outside Guard	Jim Maier
Trustee	Joe Garrity
Trustee	Ricky Warren
Trustee	Pat Biglane

The following is a summary of our council's activities during the 1999-2000 fraternal year:

**Church Activities:**

1. Members serve as ushers, lectures, Eucharist ministers, CCD teachers, organist, etc.
2. On going provided RCIA group refreshments and food during breaks.
3. Sponsored CYO youths and supplies to Satillo Mission.
4. Knights did planning and preparation for St. Mary's Basilica dedication.
5. Participated in Supreme Council's Millennium Holy Hour.
6. Knights design and construct Pascal Candle.
7. Hold monthly Rosary for Vocations.
8. Sponsored two Church Renew Groups.
9. Brothers attended Manressa Retreat
10. Sponsored and participated in Church Softball Team
11. Held going away celebration for SrRita Joyce of Catholic Charities.
12. On going , make house available for church activities.

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**Community Activities:**

1. Fall 99 Brothers work at Cathedral Football field
2. Held Rosary on anniversary Roe vs. Wade.
3. May 99 Annual Tootsie Roll Drive .
4. Oct. 99 fund-raiser for Catholic Charities Southern Outdoor Expo.
5. Community School Fall Festival.
6. On going, visit sick and elderly.
7. Sponsor Supreme Knights of Columbus Day Address.
8. Council helped two families during Christmas with food and gifts.
9. On going Council adopted two miles of highway clean up on 61 North.
10. May 99 Participated as council in American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk-A-Thon.
11. Members serve on community committees. i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Firefighters Association, NVVSG, Lodging Association, Restaurant Assoc., and Community Band.
12. Make donation to local Stewpot.
13. Brothers serve on Parish Council.
14. Brothers serve on School Board.
15. Donated appliances and other household items to family after loss of house in fire.
16. Participated in American Heart Association Walk.

**Council Activities:**

1. Enter Best Scrapbook Competition at State Convention.
2. On going, publish Quarterly Newsletter.
3. Hold monthly family dinner social.
4. Sponsor K.C. weekly Bowling League.
5. Nov. 99 conducted K.C. Membership Drive.
6. Feb. 2000 Hosted and participated in State K.C. Bowling Tournament.
7. Conducted Memorial Service for Deceased Members Booklet # 2942
8. Three new K.C. Insurance Members.
9. Attended district meeting at Pearl.
10. On going quarterly Social Dinners.
11. On going council chamber renovations.
12. Held Columbus Day Awards Dinner Social.
13. Held Council Halloween Party.
14. Held Seven Lenten Fish Fries.
15. March 2000 participated in local Pageant Raising of The American Flag.
16. August 2000 held annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser.

**Family Activities:**

1. Held family BBQ, Pool Party Dinner, and Video Party.
2. Submitted Family of the Year nomination.
3. Held Memorial Mass for deceased members.
4. Participated in City Caroling. Held Annual Children's Christmas Party.
5. On going, send resolutions to family's of deceased brothers.
6. monthly announce and pray for any brothers family sick or in distress.
7. Awarded honorariums to all K.C. members children that were graduating.

**Youth Activities:**

1. On going support and help CYO with activities and meetings.
2. On going, sponsor, support, and lead Catholic Boy Scout Troop 158.
3. On going Brothers serve as Scout Masters, tee ball, softball, baseball, soccer coaches.
4. Held Drug Awareness Poster Contest.
5. Held Youth Retreat at KC Hall.
6. Held luncheon and presented Alter Servers with Certificates of Appreciation.

In closing out my second and final year as Grand Knight, I would like to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve my brothers of Bishop RO Gerow Council 1034. The success our council has enjoyed this year is due to the hard work and dedication of the officers, committees, chairs, the individual members and the Ladies Auxiliary for their tremendous support and participation.

Faithfully Submitted,

Ron Brumfield  
Grand Knight



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**Grand Knights Report: Biloxi 1244**

I was told that a Grand Knights report was due at the convention And it was to have what ever I wanted in said report. This is a what I would say is a very active council if not the most active Council in the jurisdiction. Their is brothers that will surely Disagree.

Here is our claim to that active status. Every week we have a Meeting except holidays and Holy Thursday. We have at least 4 open meetings a year that includes meals. We have 12 meals a year for the brothers before business meetings.

The council has a first degree team that is very active.  
The council has a very active church committee  
The council sponsors a Boy Scout troop  
The council sponsors a little league team  
The council sponsors a seminarian  
The council supports nine Saint Vincent DePauls  
The council supports the Doll and Toy Fund  
The council fed the children at the world youth day  
The council has the oldest high school sporting event in the country.  
The council supports the Morning Star pregnancy center  
The council has very active retention committee  
The council has a very active public relations committee  
All of these things are over and above all the required programs

Programs.  
Church  
Vocations  
Pro-life  
Council  
Youth  
Membership  
Insurance  
Plus a great golf tourney  
And a great Newsletter

We quit counting the people in our council that serve in the churches at 70. (lectors, Eucharistic minister, ushers).

The Biloxi council has served the community for over ninety years and now shows signs of complete rebirth. This council will not get a Star council award because we failed to reach our Insurance quota for the second year. A fact that the council became aware of in the first six months. Last year the council reached its membership goal, however the insurance goal was not reached. This is a fact despite we have two Knights of Columbus insurance agents living within the city limits of Biloxi. End of Report

Thomas J. Wiltz

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*Pere le Duc Council 1522*  
P.O. Box 251 • Bay St. Louis, MS 35920  
KC Hall: (228) 467-6256

## **CHURCH**

Fifty members work food booth and cook for four days raising money at a church fair (CRAB FEST) on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. 2500 hrs.

Six Brother Knights work the entire year repairing tables and benches on church grounds. 240 hrs.

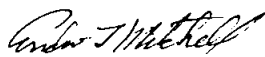
We have twenty- five Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, and Choir Members. 1040 hrs.

There are two Brother Knights teaching R.C.I.A. special classes after school. (Public School). 72 hrs.

One Brother Knight cuts grass and cleans yard on school and church grounds. Two Brother Knights count the collection money after weekend masses. 104 hrs.

We invite the clergy from our Lady of The Gulf, St. Clare, St. Rose De Lima, and St. Augustine Seminary to dinner four times each year.

Faithfully Submitted,

  
Andrew T. Mitchell, Grand Knight

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## **COMMUNITY**

Each year on Columbus Day our Council #1522 sponsors a red bean and rice dinner (free) for our local police and firemen, city and county workers. We have approximately three hundred participants. 92 hrs.

Council #1522 gives clothes to the needy in our area. We spend sixty – two hrs. on this project. 62 hrs.

We have a Tootsie roll drive for disabled persons. 120 hrs.

Our Brother Knights take the needy and elderly to the hospitals and doctor's offices. 120 hrs.

We sponsor a Little League Baseball Team, Coach and Assistant Coach. 480 hrs.

Visits to the sick in Hospitals. 400 hrs.

We put down a water well for an elderly man of 92 yrs. He had no money and could not get a loan. Council #1522 installed this well at no cost to this man nor to the council. 60 hrs.

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## **COUNCIL**

Council #1522 had a membership drive in October, 1999. In November the Council held a first degree exemplification for six new members. 250 hrs.

We have a social dinner for recruits once a month. 12 hrs.

We have a mass each quarter for our deceased brothers. 15 hrs.

We sponsor two billboards on highway 90 in Bay St. Louis (Keep Christ in Christmas) 10 hrs.

We publish a monthly news letter. 180 hrs.

We are working toward having a first degree team by year end 2000. 120 hrs.

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

Chaplain	Fr. Thomas White
Grand Knight	Andrew T. Hurst
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Necaise
Chancellor	Robert Flagg
Financial Secretary	Gary Whitener
Treasurer	Mike Guel
Recorder	Larry Everett
Warden	Charles Hedrick
Inside Guard	John Windham
Outside Guard	Robert Roley
3-Year Trustee	Robert Bailey
2. -Year Trustee	Roger Trisotto
1 -Year Trustee	Nick Pitalo
Advocate	Ricky Cox

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

Our Council has always been very active and this year is no exception. Although we lost the ushering at the Coast Coliseum, we still have Bingo on Sunday and Monday nights. With the loss of income from ushering, we have had to step up our catering to try and offset this loss. We are very fortunate to have a facility that enables us to attack these catering events. Our council still has about 10,000 man-hours of time invested in our fundraisers

Bishop Gunn continues to assist St. John Elementary and High School in anything they request, along with providing and preparing food for the Irish Gala which is a fund raiser for the Presentation Sisters. We also provide and prepare food for numerous functions of the Church.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a success again this year. For six years we have invited the local Church Community and the Police and Fire Departments. We served close to 500 meals.

The Council donated over \$22,000 to the two schools that we support and others in the community. This does not take into account the expenses created by the schools using our hall and grounds for retreats, softball, swimming, soccer, dances and field day or the use by the Church and the CYO.

With all that we do and accomplish in the course of a year, we still have the same problem as our Brother Councils. We have not found a way to get more than a small percentage of our membership to be active on a continuous basis. This will surely be our goal for the next year along with recruiting new members.

Respectfully Submitted, Andrew T. Hurst Grand Knight

**BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL #1908  
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI  
GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT  
1999 - 2000**

It is my duty and pleasure to report the activities of the Bishop Fahey Council #1908 for the 1999-2000 Fraternal Year.

In an effort to boost attendance at meetings, Bishop Fahey moved its business meeting night from the first and third Wednesdays of the month to the First and Third Sundays. Although the increase in attendance was not what I hoped for, we were able to develop a group that was able to regularly attend the meetings.

Elections were held on the last regular business meeting in May. District Deputy Mike Bucciantini installed the officers on July 17 in a joint installation ceremony with the Fourth Degree. A reception to honor the newly installed officers and guest was held afterwards. Officers for the 1999 - 2000 Fraternal year were as follows

Grand Knight	Larry Bellipanni
Deputy Grand Knight	Ken Robinson
Chancellor	John Krumpas
Recorder	Rob Eddy
Treasurer	Bill Jarrett
Advocate	Dave Attberry
Warden	Bill Kerley
Inside Guard	Bud Browning
Outside Guard	Steve Meyers
3 year Trustee	Louis Skietts
2 year Trustee	Joe Goellner
1 year Trustee	Mike Bucciantini

A summary of our council activities is given below:

Church Activities:

- a) Council donated \$1,000 to the Priest Education 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 three Lenten Fish Fries for the Priest Education Fund.
- h) Council aided the St. Thomas Catholic Student Association hold a Pancake Breakfast.

Community Activities:

- a) Council conducted two Tootsie Roll drives;
- 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 hosted the annual St. Thomas picnic;
- g) Council members participated in St. Thomas clean up.

- h) Mailed Sympathy cards to parishioners from Sacred Heart and St Thomas who had family pass away.
- i) Members also held membership in community service organizations such as the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and Optimist Club.
- j) Worked with Fourth Degree collecting money for World War II Veterans Memorial at Wal-Mart.

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;
- d) Two council members attended the district meeting in Jackson;
- e) One council member served as District Deputy;
- f) Council held a Tailgate Party before Southern Miss Football game;
- h g) Council held an Officer Retreat;
- h) Council held Corporate Communions at Sacred Heart and St. Thomas
- i) Council held a Mardi Gras party.
- j) Council held a Membership Night Wine and Cheese Social
- k) Held a Christmas Dinner with the Fourth Degree

Family Activities:

- a) Council donated money 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;

Youth Activities:

- a) Council members are heavily involved in community youth activities, particularly soccer, scouting, baseball, CYO, and Sacred Heart 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 attended this year by over 40 kids;
- d) Council sponsored a boy and girl for Boys and Girls State, respectively;
- e) Sponsored work day at Sacred Heart School;

Conclusion

I have enjoyed serving as Grand Knight for Council 1908 the past year. Although we did not reach all goals we had set for the council, we were successful in every endeavor we participated in. 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 greatly appreciate their efforts and hard work. If elected to serve another year, I gladly accept the opportunity to lead the Bishop Fahey Council for another Fraternal year.

Respectfully Submitted

Lawrence J. Bellipanni, Jr.  
Grand Knight, Bishop Fahey Council



**The following members served as committee chairmen:**

**Church Activities:**

1. Brothers Knights serve in many capacities of church activities such as: commentators, lectors, eucharistic ministers, members of the pastoral council, financial committee, gifts bearers and ushers for parish mass.
2. Paid for ad in newspaper Promoting RCIA
3. Held Marian hour of Prayer at the church for the parish.
4. Provide RCIA instructors to the Parish.
5. Donated \$ 2,300.00 to the Priest Education Fund .
6. Help to deliver Parish Calendars and Mass schedule for Christmas services.
7. Supreme's Millennium Holy Hour.
8. Furnished & cooked for Altar Servers Party.
9. Cooked spaghetti Supper for Parish Fair.

**Community Activities:**

1. Participated in mental retardation program (Tootsie Roll Drive).
2. Individuals participating in leadership roles in the local community.
3. Council members serve in the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
4. To erect a Memorial for the unborn on our property.
5. Members participate in the Habitat for Humanity program.
6. Members help with blood held on Palm Sunday at parish hall.
7. Members serve on-City Council-Appeals Boards.

**Council Activities:**

1. Bingo every Saturday night – income helps our Priest Education Fund.
2. Participated K of C State Bowling Tournament.
3. Held spaghetti dinner for the Priest Education Fund.
4. Donation to St. Jude.
5. Work days – clean pool – ( Brother Sam Santucci).
6. Cooked for HomeBuilders.
7. Horseshoe tournaments – members and friends.
8. Set up and take down parish fair booths.
9. Cooked and served spaghetti – parish fair
10. Aggravation tournaments – pot luck meal.
11. Sponsored Final Four Basketball pools.
12. Work concession stand – football game homecoming night.
13. Helped sell tickets at football game.
14. Sponsored Ole Miss and Mississippi State football pools.
15. Held installation of officers for Council.
16. Published a quarterly Knightletter.
17. Celebrated 4<sup>th</sup> of July with K'C members and parish families at K'C Hall.
18. Made and sold Italian Sausage at Christmas.
19. Paid for night-lights at Lourdes School.
20. VIP Program.
21. School of Columbianism.

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**Family Activities:**

1. Family of the year.
2. The Knight of the year.
3. Council held a Memorial Mass for deceased members.
4. Sponsored a Fifth Social Dinner for members and wives (dates).
5. Held Recognition Night for members (dates).
6. Announce and pray for any Brothers or Brothers Family that are sick or in distress.
7. Friday night cookouts for family.
8. Christmas social for family.
9. Monday Night socials during football.

**Youth Activities:**

1. Sponsor Local free Throw Tournament.
2. Accompanied youth to State free-throw contest.
3. Council bought T-shirt for state free throw with Knights of Columbus logo.
4. Christmas Party for the children of the parish.
5. Give 2 Scholarship to High School Senior.
6. Donated \$200.00 to CYO.
7. Members serve as Boy Scouts Master
8. Sponsor Boy Scout Troop 71.
9. Party for Altar Servers-encouraged and showed appreciation for their involvement in church.
10. Members help JR. CYO that sponsored a cake bingo for Senior Parishioners Appreciation Day.
11. Presents trophies at School Athletic Banquet.
12. Have bingo for Senior Class.
13. Catholic School Jr. High dances at KC hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
James E. Hill  
Grand Knight

LAUREL COUNCIL, No. 2180  
Post Office Box 71  
Laurel, Mississippi 39441-0071

Laurel Council 2180  
Laurel, Mississippi  
Louis "Don" Schwartz

Officers for the 1999-2000

Chaplain .....	Rev. Msgr. Ronald P. Herzog
Grand Knight .....	Louis "Don" Schwartz
Deputy Grand Knight .....	James Tom Canizaro
Chancellor .....	Glenn Waguespack
Advocate .....	Tommy Williams
Financial Secretary .....	Ralph W. Gatzman
Treasurer .....	James Tom Canizaro
Recorder .....	Bud Herring
Warden .....	Robert Herrin III
Inside Guard .....	Jordan Doggette
Outside Guard .....	Arthur Axton
Worthy Lecturer .....	David Hughes
3 Year Trustee .....	Tommy Welborn
2 Year Trustee .....	Joe Flick
1 Year Trustee .....	Mike Maily
Knight of the Year .....	Pete A. Mazzanti
Family of the Year .....	Dotsy Axton 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 - Mike Maily / Walter Copeland, Chairmen

1. May .....	Parish Picnic / set up / take down
2. May / October .....	Lead Monthly Rosary
3. July .....	Stripped and waxed school floors
4. July .....	Repaired and patched holes on church parking lot
5. September .....	Participated in the Supreme Council Millennium Holy Hour
6. January .....	Gumbo Sales for Priest Education Fund
7. January .....	ICS Drawdown Setup
8. February .....	Parish Men's Retreat
9. ....	Cursillo Leadership
10. ....	Monthly Pancake Breakfast after Sunday Mass for Seminary Fund

Facilities Committee (6 men)  
Pastoral Council (8 men)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Bud Herring, Chairman

1. March ..... Lenten Soup Supper
2. June ..... Tootsie Roll Drive
3. December ..... Pancake Breakfast for Domestic Abuse Shelter
4. December ..... Pancake Breakfast / Collect food for Christmas Baskets
5. January ..... Potluck Supper / Collect supplies for Domestic Abuse Shelter
6. .... Quarterly Parish Blood Drive
7. .... Weekly Christian Food Mission Volunteers
8. .... Deliver food boxes every month to elderly - seventy-five boxes
9. .... 1999/2000 Up-Keep of Memorial Prayer Garden

FAMILY ACTIVITY - Robert Herrin III, Chairman

1. Monthly ..... Family of the Month Program
2. Annually ..... 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 ..... Parish Christmas Party
8. December ..... Assisted a needy family at Christmas
9. January ..... Pro Life Rosary and Mass
10. March ..... Mardi Gras Party

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Paul Smith, Chairman

1. .... Support Squires Circle 3768
2. December ..... Sponsored Christmas Party for the Youth
3. January ..... Free Throw Contest
4. April ..... Easter Egg Hunt
5. October ..... Squires Fishing Tournament
6. .... Referee Soccer
7. .... Youth Choir Sponsor

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Charlie Rawls, Chairman

1. .... Sponsors First Degree Team
2. .... Monthly Newsletter - *Laurel Knight*
3. .... New KC Insurance Members
4. July ..... Installation of Officers and Dinner
5. March ..... KC Awards and Pig Roast
6. Monthly ..... Knight of the Month
7. .... Knight of the Year
8. February ..... Conducted Membership Drive
9. .... Attended District Meeting
10. .... Super Bowl Party

Fraternally submitted,

Louis "Don" Schwartz  
Grand Knight

C. G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL, No. 2945  
708 Seventh Street  
Leland, Mississippi 38756

As of April 2000, we have a total of 52 members in our council 49 Active and 3 inactive members.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Donated \$300.00 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 first 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.
9. Sponsored the Presentation of the lives of the Saints and those who were beatified during the Season of **Lent**.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Participated in the statewide Tootsie Roll Drive Funds for the mentally retarded. We raised approximately \$345.95.
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 poinsettias 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.

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**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. Sponsored a Santa Clause 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.

**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 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

**Monsignor Leech Council #4472  
Pass Christian, Mississippi  
Gene Rogers, Grand Knight**

It is an honor and privilege to furnish this report from Council #4472, giving the many projects and accomplishments of my Brother Knights. The activity within our Council has been great with many new members and transfers with years of experience as former Knights with other Councils. We have taken on the responsibility of serving two parishes within our community, St. Paul and Our Lady of Lourde's. Our membership has grown and through many projects and services we have become more visible in our community. We are truly grateful to Msgr. James Russell for his guidance and support.

On August 10, 1999, the worthy District Deputy, Jerry Schmuck, installed the duly elected Officers at a luncheon for all Brother Knights and wives, with the Insurance Field Agent, Jim Rigby and his wife as honored guests.

The following Officers were installed:

Chaplin.....	Msgr. James Russell
Grand Knight.....	Gene Rogers
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Charlie Niolet, Jr.
Chancellor.....	D. C. Ladner
Recorder.....	Ken Reavor
Financial Secretary.....	Warren Reso
Treasurer.....	Joe Reier
Advocate.....	Rod Herring
Warden.....	Don Walter
Inside Guard.....	Bennie Ulrich
Outside Guard.....	Jim Balentine
Trustee 1 Year.....	Ed Menard
Trustee 2 Year.....	Buddy Scardino
Trustee 3 Year.....	A. J. Scardino

The following reports are given through Committee Chairpersons:

Program Committees: Rich Allard

1. Gave Counsel to all Committee Chairman
2. Assured that all required reports were submitted on time
3. Assisted all Committees on programs conducted by the Council

Church Committee: Jim Balentine

1. Paint Cry Rooms and restrooms in church
2. Held Corporate Communion Breakfast
3. Placed extra chairs for Christmas and Easter Masses
4. Helped build storage sheds at Our Lady of Lourde's Church
5. Served as Ushers, Choir Members and Greeters at church
6. Assisted Pastor with transportation needs
7. Participated in Parish Mission
8. Made contribution to the Priest Education Fund



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Community Committee: Warren Doussan, Sr.

1. Delivered clothing to needy
2. Christmas food baskets for families through food bank
3. Held St. Patricks dinner party
4. Held funnel cake sale
5. Donated chairs to local nursing home
6. Worked carnival functions in support of local Catholic school
7. Took out ad in school and church program booklet

Council Committee: D. C. Ladner

1. Installed newly elected Officers at Annual Installation Banquet
2. Held pancake breakfast for members and guests
3. Held chili dinner at social
4. Donated money for Assistant Pastor to go home to see his parents
5. Sent out post cards as reminders of meetings and other Council functions
6. Collected food items

Family Committee: Roy Fallo

1. Held Fraternal Benefit Night
2. Held socials monthly

Youth Committee: Don Walter

1. Assisted and supported CYO groups
2. Served as Scout Master and Counselor for Scout Troop
3. Held Annual Easter Egg Hunt
4. Assisted confirmation candidates through work study programs
5. Hosted retarded children's group at Annual Carnival Parade

Membership Committee: Emile Vial

1. Sponsored membership drive
2. Followed through and attended Degree Exemplifications
3. Exceeded membership goals for the Fraternal Year

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Rogers  
Grand Knight

St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898  
Knights of Columbus

April 27, 2000

Grand Knight's Report

Installation of Officers:

The following officers were elected and installed at installation ceremony and banquet held in July 1999.

Leonard Nahlen	Grand Knight
Alan Pace	Deputy Grand Knight
Stanley Van Winkle	Chancellor
Billy Hincks	Recorder
Rodney Sandoz	Financial Secretary
Tom Pike	Treasurer
James Holliday	Warden
Pete Carrubba	Advocate
Chuck Mink	Inside Guard
Norman Rheaume	Outside Guard
Ben J. Diloranzo	Trustee
William Seal	Trustee

Service Program Personnel:

The following service program personnel were appointed:

Rev. Louis Lohan	Chaplain
Alan Pace	Program Director
James Holliday	Church Activities Director
William Seal	Community Activities Director
Billy Hincks	Council Activities Director
Pat Hamel	Family Activities Director
Gary Smith	Youth Activities Director
Alan Pace	Membership Director
Gerald Catalano	Lecturer

Special Activities:

The school of Columbianism held at Gulf port was attended by Grand Knight and Program Director. The midwinter meeting was attended by Grand Knight. Members of our First Degree Team was certified and performed (3) three First Degrees in the past year.

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St. Vincent de Paul Council is very active in St. Thomas Church, supporting the Parish and Pastor money and personnel. Council members serve in various capacities such as Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, and Choir members. Members are active in building and grounds maintenance and other functions when needed. Council members are active in the RCIA and CCD programs. We actively support the Saltillo Mission with both monetary support and members going down and helping out from time to time. During this past Lenten season the council worked together to raise money for the Knights of Columbus Priest Education Fund.

Our council is 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. Several other members are active in the county government. Annually the council donates money to the Pastor for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Members of the 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 1999 our council worked together to raise over \$2000 for the mentally handicapped.

The council has a bingo program three nights a week, which is staffed by volunteer members and members of the Ladies auxiliary. Funds raised are used to support our charitable activities. We periodically hold functions for council members and families such as an annual family picnic, annual crawfish boil, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and Knight of the Quarters dinners.

Our council is very active in the youth activities of our parish and community. We support them with both money and participation in their activities. The Council annually sponsors athletic activities by sponsoring teams and members participating as coaches and umpires. We are very supportive of the CYO and scouting.

The officers and members of St. Vincent de Paul Council feel that we have had a very active year. We are preparing for this year's mentally handicapped which is just a couple of weeks away. We realize that there is always room for improvement, and will try to do more next year.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Fr. Rotondo Council, No# 5556**  
**P.O. Box 745**  
**Cleveland, MS 38732**

On July 26, 1999 the duly elected and appointed Officers were installed by Worthy District Deputy at a Social/Dinner for Brother Knights and their wives at the Council Hall.

**The Following Officers were installed:**

Chaplain	Fr. Charles Bucciantini
Grand Knight	Johnny Capocaccia
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Aguzzi
Financial Secretary	Ben T. Bailey, Jr.
Chancellor	Harry Delles
Recorder	Doug Cocilova
Treasurer	Jody Rocconi
Advocate	Michael Rocconi
Warden	Peter Rocconi
Inside Guard	Billy Boswell
Outside Guard	Burke Nichols
Trustee (one year)	Albert Rocconi, Jr.
Trustee (two years)	Doug Cocilova
Trustee (three years)	Thomas Byrant

**The following members serve as Committee Chairmen:**

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

**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 Education Fund.
4. Donation to Priest Education Fund.
5. Knights assemble and removed the Parish outdoor Nativity scene.
6. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard.
7. Held mass for "Pro-Life".
8. Brother Knights serve in many capacities of Church activities such as: Members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Usher, Lectors, Choir, Eucharist Ministers, CYO sponsors teachers.

**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 to Cleveland High Booster club.
6. Donated food and cooked food for youths from churches in our community who collected canned foods for the local Helping Hands organization.
7. Individual participation in leadership roles in the local community.
8. Individuals serve on the Board of Directors of the local hospital and the Red Cross.
9. 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. Monthly supper and held for Knights and wives.
5. Held installation of council officers with dinner for Knights and wives.
6. Organized and held three football pools as fund raisers.
7. Sponsored annual Spaghetti Supper - serving over 2000 people.
8. Rent KOFC hall at discount rates to help fund raising group.

**Family Activities:**

1. Sponsored memorial mass for deceased members.
2. Have masses said for deceased members or member 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 guest.
5. Sponsored s 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 alter servers.
4. Pool party and cookout for alter servers.
5. Provide Santa Claus 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 respect during the year. Knights serve as adult advisors.
9. Sponsor students in Girl's state and Boy's state.

Our council continues to grow and prosper each year. We are blessed with many active members, including fathers, son 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 a great time.

We are proud that the money raised for Mental Retardation Project increases more every year.

We have more members participating in our Parchman Prison Project. It was an uplifting feeling for all.

Our council's biggest fund raiser is our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Supper. It grows every year and is very popular in the community. The Italian heritage really comes out that night. Everyone enjoys the meal. It's the good works and participation that members of the Knights of Columbus and their families have in the community.

I am very proud to be Grand Knight of Cleveland Council #5556. 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 Harvey Caldwell, Past Grand Knight Thomas Byrant and Deputy Grand Knight Michael Aguzzi. Also a special thanks to our wives and families who have helped with many of our projects, without them they would not have been a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Capocaccia  
Grand Knight, Council # 5556

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**Fred L. Westbrook Sr. Council 5654**  
**Ocean Springs, Mississippi**  
**Bob Jones**

On July 28, 1999, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our worthy District Deputy Carl Brochard with a social after the installation of officers.

Chaplain.....	Rev. Mike Nance
Grand Knight.....	Bob Jones
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Charles Nannery
Chancellor.....	Mark Castricone
Recorder.....	Richard Tinsley
Financial Secretary.....	Jim Thomson
Treasurer.....	John Bosco
Lecturer.....	Carl Brochard
Advocate.....	Larry Skinner
Warden.....	Bernie McGinley
Inside Guard.....	Danny Pasquini
Outside Guard.....	Jim Bailey
3 Year Trustee.....	Frank Pasquini
2 Year Trustee.....	Leonard Tarrant
1 Year Trustee.....	Robert Foster

The following served as committee chairmen:

Program Director.....	Scott Johnson
Church Activities.....	John Bosco
Council Activities.....	Bernie McGinley
Family Activities.....	Mike Nutefall
Youth Activities.....	Joe Niezgoda
Community Activities.....	James McAllister
Membership Director.....	Mark Castricone
Public Relations.....	Scott Johnson
Health Services.....	Fred Howell

Community Activities:

1. Blood Drive
2. Tree planting at various parks in town
3. Held Fireman and Policeman recognition night
4. Sponsored Turkey Dinner for Villa and Samaritan House

**Church Activities:**

1. Held monthly corporate communion
2. Held Memorial Mass for the deceased members
3. Brother Knights are ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

**Council Activities:**

1. Shared in annual family picnic
2. Sponsor weekly donut and coffee for the church on Sundays
3. Hosted Initiation of 4th degree
4. Held Vocations Night
5. Held Annual Fraternal Benefits Night

**Family Activities:**

1. Submitted monthly family of the month
2. Sponsored Monthly social dinners for the families
3. Sponsored children's Christmas Party

**Youth Activities:**

1. Sponsored Free-Throw contest
2. Have an active Squires Circle
3. Participate in fund raising for the poor and elderly
4. Go to sporting events as a group
5. Participated in softball tournament

**Fraternaly Submitted,  
Bob Jones  
Grand Knight**



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**Shelby Council 6555**

**Shelby, Mississippi**

**Grand Knight Report**

**1999-00**

On July 12, 1999, 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:	Tom Curtin
Deputy Grand Knight	Bruno Fava
Chancellor	Victory Malatesta
Treasurer	Sam Mangialardi
Financial Secretary	Mike Mangialardi
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 lectures, finance reporter, and Eucharistic minister. They also serve on maintenance committee such as repair, maintain church grounds, etc. Had a raffle that made \$1000.00 which was donated to the church for insurance. 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 of the cooking utensils, dishes and pans.

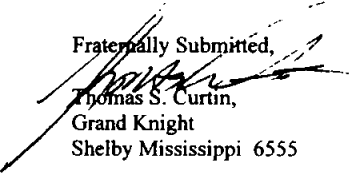
**Community Activities:**

Collected \$1,202.00 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. 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.

**Community Activities cont.:**

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.

Fraternaly Submitted,

  
Thomas S. Curtin,

Grand Knight

Shelby Mississippi 6555

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COUNCIL # 6592  
BASSFIELD  
ROBERT CARR

Grand Knight	Robert Carr
Deputy Grand Knight	Sean Burns
Financial Secretary	Charlie Harrington
Chancellor	Heath Skinner
Recorder	Robert Graves
Treasurer	Scottie Burns
Lecturer	Dewayne Delancey
Advocate	Keith Applewhite
Warden	Alan Aultman
Inside Guard	Eric Coulter
Outside Guard	Jonathan Kerley
Trustee One Year	Robert Graves
Trustee Two Years	Chris Daley
Trustee Three Years	Jeff Hathorn

Special projects included our annual Easter egg hunt on April 23, 2000 for the youth of our parish. Also we held a blood drive on August 13, 2000, and for our tootsie roll drive we held a raffle with the proceeds going to help the mentally challenged.

We held our annual breakfast for the graduating seniors of our parish.


In September we sold chicken spaghetti plates as a fundraiser.

In October several K.C.'s helped to cook hamburgers for our parish October fest which supports our C.C.D. Program.

**Grand Knight's Report  
1999-2000 Fraternal Year**

The 1999-2000 fraternal year was an extremely productive one across all activity areas for the Fr. John P. Egan Council (#6765) in Starkville. In the Church activity area, the council supported a vocations program, assisted local clergy, and was active in various forms of parish life and evangelization, (e.g. choir, lectors, parish council, adult education, and Cursillo). In the Community activity area, the council sponsored a weekly pro-life rosary, a biannual blood drive, a "Keep Christ in Christmas" program, and participated in various community projects, (e.g. Martin Luther King Day Celebration, March for Jesus, Honduras Disaster Relief, and the Christmas Parade). In the Council activity area, the council conducted a membership drive, held quarterly socials, and maintained a First Degree Team. In the Family Life activity area, the council helped to support and sponsored the Annual Parish Picnic, and a Spaghetti Dinner. The council also helped to assist a needy family, and helped to build an addition to a mobile home. In the Youth activity area, the council provided support for the Catholic Student Association at Mississippi State University, and the parish's Catholic Youth Organization. The council also sponsored training of altar servers, and volunteered time in youth sport activities, cub scout packs, and 4-H activities. Hopefully, the council can build upon these activities in the upcoming fraternal year.

Submitted on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

  
David A. Breaux  
Grand Knight  
Council No. 6765

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Oscar J. Gelpi Council 6872

P. O. Box 55 — 408 Carroll St.  
Picayune, Mississippi 39466  
601/798-9857

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

April, 1999 - March, 2000

Our year began in May, 1999, with a very successful Tootsie Roll drive and \$4,219.00 was collected for retarded citizens. The weekly Bingo conducted by the brother knights continued on a successful basis. Profits from our Bingo resulted in donations totaling \$15,000.00 to the following charities: St. Vincent De Paul, Lifeline, Seminarian, Boy Scouts, Ladies Auxillary, Priest Education Fund, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Baskets, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, MS Bike-a-Thon, Banana Bingo - Convalescent Home, Sacred Heart League, Saitillo Missions, Dedeau - Cursillo, and Fr. Noone's Life Insurance Policy. We continue to have our monthly socials sponsored by the Ladies Auxillary and a family of the month is honored at each social. Our corporate Communion on Sundays following our social includes the Ladies Auxillary, wives of Knights and Squires.

In May, 1999, the Council purchased six acres of ground in Pearl River County which will be the future site of a new council home.

The Council sponsored Boy Scout troop attended summer camp and camping trips to the Smokey Mountains.

We presented 30 Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families with turkeys, trimmings, pies, cakes, and everything needed for a full meal. Additionally, at Christmas we distributed 40 baskets with turkeys, new toys, and clothing for families in need.

A garage sale was held in December which raised \$1,265.00 for the Council's Building Fund. A Christmas party with Santa for children was held prior to the Council's Christmas party for members and wives later that evening. Both events were well attended.

In January, 2000, the Council erected 4,000 white crosses on the field adjacent to the church. The crosses represent the number of abortions committed in this country on a daily basis. The crosses are striking and dramatic and this is an on-going Council program.

Two membership drives were conducted during the year and ten new Knights were added to our ranks. We began a new program during Lent and sponsored a fish fry beginning on Ash Wednesday and on each Friday throughout the Lenten season. All proceeds are donated to the Parish's new Church Fund. Our new church (St. Charles Borromeo) will be dedicated on March 28, 2000. Brother Knights from our Council comprise about 90 % of the ushers in our Parish.

Each year in May the Council sponsors a breakfast at the Council Home for all graduating high school seniors and their parents. Additionally, in May, we distribute over 700 carnations to mothers of our Parish on Mother's Day. Each project is an on-going program of the Council and are well received by the community.

In summary, this has been a good year for the Council. We were successful in purchasing real estate for our future new home. We continued to support our charities, increased our membership, and our Parish has a beautiful new church for the Glory of God.

Fraternaly,



Ron M. Sperier  
Grand Knight

Oscar J. Gelpi  
Council 6872  
Picayune, MS

**The duly elected officers for the Fraternal year 1999 - 2000 were:**

Chaplain	Father John Noone
Grand Knight	Ron M. Sperier
Deputy Grand Knight	Ronald Cassagne
Chancellor	Sidney Graf
Treasurer	Richard Marchand
Financial Secretary	Richard Planchard
Recorder	Gary Benton
Warden	Lance Lambert
Advocate	Owen Otillio
Inside Guard	Tom DeCourcy
Outside Guard	Floyd Dupre
3rd Year Trustee	George Heikamp
2nd Year Trustee	Jim Mounsey
1st Year Trustee	Tom Wedig

**Committee Directors:**

Membership	Sidney Graf
Programs	Ronald Cassagne
Church	David Stockstill
Community	John Byrnes
Council	James Danton
Family	Edward Arthur
Youth	Jim Lambert
Boy Scout Liaison	Sidney Graf

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Hernando DeSoto Council 7120  
Southaven, Mississippi  
Jim Brewington

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The following members were elected as officers to serve fraternal year 1999 -2000.

Grand Knight	Jim Brewington
Deputy Grand Knight	Alan Magyar
Chancellor	John Fiester
Treasurer	Vic Hageman
Recorder	Don Avent
Financial Secretary	Jim Farris
Advocate	Roy Szekely
Warden	Joe Skorja
Inside Guard	Frank Dominioni
Outside Guard	Jaime Delgado
Trustee 1 yr.	Nick Bickel
Trustee 2yr.	Jerry Jewett
Trustee 3 yr.	Frank Miller

1999 - 2000 so far has been a very challenging, but rewarding year.

Program activities consisted of 7 in Church, 8 in Community, 13 in Council, 8 in Family Life and 6 in Youth. Highlights of the year included our monthly pancake breakfast with the proceeds going to priest education, fish fry every other Friday during lent, mental retardation drive, religious appreciation dinner, annual Christmas tree lot, concession stand at Ole Miss, Family Day Picnic, free throw tournament and drug awareness poster contest. And just to keep things interesting, we also put together the state convention.

I commend the council members and our auxiliary for their support and hard work during this fraternal year. It has been an exhilarating yet humbling experience to serve my first year as Grand Knight of this great council.

Respectfully submitted,  
James H Brewington  
Grand Knight

COUNCIL 7087  
1999-2000  
GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

GRAND KNIGHT	ELBERT CUEVAS
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	ORLANDO SHIYOU
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	RICHARD HODA
CHANCELLOR	JOE HODA
ADVOCATE	JOSEPH CUEVAS
WARDEN	HOWARD LADNER
OUTSIDE GUARD	GERARD NECAISE
INSIDE GUARD	PHILLIP HODA
TREASURE	MIKE LADNER
RECORDER	RICHARD HODA
TRUSTEE ONE YEAR	WAYNE CUEVAS
TRUSTEE TWO YEARS	ROY TAYLOR
TRUSTEE THREE YEARS	JIMMY RAY HODA
LECTURER	EARL AINSWORTH

Council 7087 has continued to bond together to accomplish the duties of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. We are all one happy family since the beginning of 1977. We hope and pray to continue the legacy that has been set fourth by our members into this new millenium. Thanks to all the members who came together this past year in the renovation of our council hall. FR A.C. DENTs is one of the finest facility in Hancock County.



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

During our 21st year of serving the Faith Communities of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lumberton and St. Joseph in Poplarville the following members served as leaders of this Council

Chaplain	Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry
Grand Knight	Chuck Boyer
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe McQueen
Chancellor	Wilson John
Recorder	Bob Jackson
Financial Secretary	Doug Bounds
Treasurer	Bob Sullivan
Lecturer	John Bennett
Advocate	Frank Delaney
Warden	Matthew Hebert
Inside Guard	Frank DiGiovanni
Outside Guard	Ed Spiker
1st Year Trustee	Ted LaLa/Leo Weyenburg
2nd Year Trustee	Jeff Fanguy
3rd Year Trustee	Steve Pomes

During this past year our council has continued to grow in membership, attendance at our meetings and participation in our council activities.

All of our activities are divided between two Parishes, which gives us and opportunity to be of service to different aspects of Church and Community.

Some of our highlights for this past year included a council family breakfast for Bishop Howse, purchasing a new vestment for our priest, continuation of our monthly support for Morning Star, Quarterly Blood Drives, two scholarships for our youth, involvement in Parish RCIA program, support for our very own seminarian in the RSVP program, Memorial Mass for deceased brother Knights and deceased wives of brother Knights, held several family socials, and participated in KC free throw tournament.

These are just some of the many activities of this council as we look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Boyer  
Grand Knight

**1999-2000 Grand Knight's Report - Holy Savior Council #7854 (Clinton, MS).**

Chaplain	Father Noel Prendergast
Grand Knight	Paul Croft
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Callegan
Chancellor	Chuck Weiss
Financial Secretary	Charlie Collins
Treasurer	Bill O'Connor
Recorder	Mike Weisenberger
Advocate	Art Richardson
Warden	Tony Courtney
Trustees	Bill Averitt
	Ray Raybert
	Bill Hetrick
Inside Guards	Ray Kenney
	Mark Watson
Outside Guard	Dave Tazik

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Program Director	Bill Hetrick
Church Director	Paul Ashby
Community Director	Paul Croft
Council Director	Mark Watson
Family Director	John Haselhorst
Youth Director	Kelly Cummins
Membership Director	Chuck Weiss
Lecturer	Charlie Collins

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The Clinton Council of Knights had another outstanding service year as well as the introduction of several new programs including a Ladies Auxiliary. Some of the many activities included:

- Millenium Hour of Prayer and Memorial Services (Church/Council)
- Pancake Breakfast for the Priest's Education Fund (Church/Council)
- Training & Scheduling Altar Servers, Sausage & Biscuit Breakfast for Servers (Church/Youth)
- Keep Christ in Christmas card sales to local parishes, Habitat for Humanity (Community)
- Donation of time, food, clothing, and dollars to those in need and/or ill (Family)
- Parish Golf Tournament and Tootsie Roll Drives sponsored (Community/Council)
- Assistance with Epiphany, St. Patrick's Day Parties and Parish BBQ (Church/Community)
- Lenten Socials, Halloween Bowling, and Family Knight sponsored (Church/Youth/Family)
- Corporate Communions and Fraternal Benefits Night (Church/Council)
- Hosting of School of Columbianism and Exemplifications (Council)
- Free Throw Competition and Drug Awareness Activities (Youth/Community)
- Donations to Cub Scouts and Eagle Scouts, help with WWII Memorial Drive (Youth/Community)
- May Crowning, Seniors Lunch, Softball, and Christmas Parade (Church/Youth/Community)
- Brothers as Parish Leaders, Religious Education Instructors, Engaged Encounter (Church)
- Brothers Serving as Lectors, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers (Church)

Many thanks go to our Officers and Program Directors; Bill Hetrick and Lloyd Everhardt; as well as to Father Prendergast, for their unwavering support without which we could not serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul J. Croft, Grand Knight

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W. H. Jolly Council 7974  
Columbus, MS  
Kurt R. Dobbel

The following Knights were selected to serve as officers for Council 7974 for 1999-2000 Fraternal Year. They were formally installed by District Deputy Larry Miller

Grand Knight	Kurt Dobbel
Deputy Grand Knight	Darrell Forrester
Chancellor	Francis Baird
Recorder	Dennis Hilbert
Treasurer	Walter Bjorklund
Advocate	Tony Torrez
Warden	Francis Zaiontz
Inside Guard	Cliff Sedberry
Outside Guard	James Shaw
Trustee One Year	Ralph Corrado
Trustee Two Years	Kenneth Simon
Trustee Three Years	Joseph Haftek

This Year during my term we have had more meeting participation than in a long time.

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

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

1. Tootsie Roll Drive.
2. Thanksgiving meal for the needy.
3. Conduct Blood Drive.
4. Participate in Pro-Life Rally.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

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

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

1. Monthly newsletter.
2. Knight of the Month.
3. Council Socials.

FATHER HARRY WADE COUNCIL # 7910  
GRAND KNIGHT REPORT  
JOEL VARNADO

This past year as a new Grand Knight has been a very rewarding and yes at times a very stressful learning experience. Even though we have not done very well at recruitment or retention, we have accomplished a lot of good things in our programs. I wish to thank all my brother Knights who have worked so hard to make this year to be very proud of.

In June 1999 the officers of our Council were installed at St. Joseph Church by our Worthy District Deputy, John Ward and his District Warden, Mairo DiRaimo

The Following Officers were installed.

Chaplain	Rev. Antone Lynch
Grand Knight	Joel Varnado
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Kelty 6 months. Robert Delahunt 6 months
Financial Secretary	Dan Squillante 6 months Richard Zdziemborski 6 months
Chancellor	Randy Banks
Advocate	Edward Bennan
Recorder	Mike Davis
Treasurer	Mario DiRaimo
Warden	David North
Inside Guard	David Insalaco
Outside Guard	Mike Murphy
Trustee	Richard Diehl Hugh Moran Peter Baas
Membership Director	Robert Stalnaker
Program Director	Jim Kelty 6 months Robert Delahunt Present

Both Brother Knights worked very well with program chairmen

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Brother Norbert Kane

1. Lector, Eucharist Minister, Ushers
2. R.C.I.A. Catechist, CCD Catechist, sponsor R.C.I.A. Retreat
3. Maintain Parish grounds.
4. K.C. Family communion Mass.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Brother Jim Craig

1. Quarterly Blood Drive.
2. Tootsie Roll Drive
3. Pro-Life life chain support Morning Star Pregnancy Center.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

**Brother Lee Fuller**

1. Membership Drive.
2. Fraternal Benefits night
3. Knight of the Month
4. Maintain and repair church buildings
5. Road beautification project

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

**Brother Joel Varnado**

1. Parish Family picnic
2. K.C. Family monthly socials.
3. Family of the Month
4. Yearly appreciation banquet.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

**Brother Edward Bennan**

1. Youth Convention
2. K.C. Free Throw
3. Appreciation certificates for altar servers
4. Support CYO
5. Sponsor CYO in road beautification project.

These are only a few on the many projects Council 7910 is involved in. I wish to thank our Pastor Reverend Antone Lynch for spiritual guidance this past year. Thanks also to Brother John Ward our District Deputy for all the help he has given. Thanks also too every brother Knight in the Council, the Best is yet to come.

Respectfully Submitted.

Joel Varnado Grand Knight

Brookhaven Council, No. 7915  
P. O. Box 373  
Brookhaven, MS 39602

The following officers were elected for the 1999-2000 fraternal year and were installed at an installation banquet July 11, 1999:

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

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.
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 \$1100 to the fund.
5. Council members lead the rosary every Sunday before the 10:00 AM Mass.
6. The council planned and helped put on the annual parish picnic.
7. Raised funds for and sponsored a brother knight as member of the National Evangelization team.

#### 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.
6. The Council held a Christmas dinner for Law Enforcement and Fire Department personnel.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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1. Held a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplifications.
  2. Held a installation of officers banquet.
  3. Three brothers received the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.
  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.
5. The council recognized Brother Warner Hanks as Knight of the year and recognized a Family of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Earl Westfall,  
Grand Knight

**Saint 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	LC Guillotte
Deputy Grand Knight	Dale Young
Chancellor	James Dunn, Sr.
Recorder	Tom Logue
Treasurer	Nat Zummo
Advocate	Freddie Roberts
Warden	Todd Jardee
Inside Guard	Chris Leverne
Outside Guard	John Morales
Three Year Trustee	Chester Bellard
Two Year Trustee	John Bradley
One Year Trustee	Gordon Cowie

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 1999-2000 Fraternal Year has again seen Saint Jude's membership rise as of late inspite of some early year administrative losses which otherwise prevented us from making our annual quotas for the second straight year. Saint Jude none-the-less has begun to see more youthful members fill its ranks, and assume some of it's responsibilities.

Saint Jude has continued to receive exemplary support, and service from its Magee Roundtable, as Father Robert Goodyear, and his Brother Knights of Saint Stephens Parish continue to be a refreshing part of our Council. During this past year, we have reported the death of Brother Paul "Polo" Fontana, a Honorary Life, Fourth Degree member with over fifty years of dedicated service to his Brother Knights. He is deeply missed by all members of this Council privileged to serve with him.

Finally, I wish to thank all of the members of Council 8038 for their hard work, and determination to make this a better council. As I conclude my fourth year as Grand Knight, I can't help but feel pride in all this Council has achieved, as a Top Gun, a Star Council, and the Best Small Council for Membership recruiting.

Respectfully submitted,



L.C. Guillotte  
Grand Knight, Council 8038



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**COUNCIL # 8054  
CHARLES R. BRILL  
McCOMB**

**Church Activities:**

Weekly Adoration  
Members active in Parish live  
-Eucharistic Ministers  
-Lectors  
-Commentators  
-Choir Members  
-RCIA  
-Religious Education  
-Men's Retreat  
-Parish Council  
-Finance Council  
Weekly Rosary before Mass  
Church Restoration Project

**Community Activities:**

Assisted Salvation Army in Christmas Bell Ringing,  
Assisted McComb interdenominational Care Association,  
Assisted in making food boxes for needy  
Helped collect food for (MICA) at Pike County Harley-  
Davidson club.  
Provide food & gifts to Sisters of Chatawa

**Council Activities:**

Provided pallbearers for deceased Sisters of Chatawa.  
Hosted weekly Lenten fish fries.  
Assisted retired priest maintain home grounds.  
Distributed 150 Pieta Prayer books.  
Assisted in parish beautification program.

**Family Activities:**

24 hour prayer session.  
Assisted in parish maintenance program.  
Adopted a family thru MS. Dept of Human Services.  
Participate in St. Alphonsus School work project.

**Youth Activities:**

Coordinated bus to Church project for young Hispanics.  
Youth communion services.  
Assisted Pike County 4-H Club.  
Donated clothes to young family thru Salvation Army.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT  
St THERESE COUNCIL 8285  
1999—2000

We had membership problems and problems filling officers positions this year: however, we still had a successful year. We had to suspend several people and could not fill a few officer positions. Even though we had these problems, we still performed several activities for each of the program areas. Some of the members that normally attended the council meetings and served as officers moved. Most of the other members are involved in other ministries of the church and do not attend meetings or serve as officers. As a result, we could not fill three officer positions. Recognizing that the number of members dropped, we emphasized recruitment and retention more this year than we did last year. Father Tom Lalor wrote prospective new members of St. Therese and recommended that they join the knights. These potential members were also call and spoken to individually. They were also invited to our next social. We also had a committee to advance the status of the knights and find new members.

People that attended our officers and business meetings were more than willing to volunteer for council activities. We had been working a concession stand at the Mississippi State Coliseum; however the contract for the concessions this year went to a different individual than we had been working for and he did not call us to work for the first 5 months of the current fraternal year. We thought we had lost this means of earning about three thousand dollars annually. We kept approaching the manager and he called us to work 10 shows of the Dixie National Rodeo in February. After the rodeo, we worked hockey games and wrestling for him. We had saved this form of revenue!

Some of the more notable activities that we performed are given below.

We had a committee to enable our council and parish to be able to provide assistance to truly needy members of our parish. We continued to add monies to the Brother Luke Pearson Scholarship Fund. This fund is to provide aid for school tuition for a student at St Therese School.

We had a better Christmas party than last year. At this party we had a potluck supper and we sang some Christmas songs. After the songs were over, we had a visit from Santa Clause. Santa gave out some candy canes to the children that were present. The children really enjoyed Santa. We had more people attend the party than we did last year.

We had more success with our free throw contest than we had last year. We had more youngsters participating than last year and we worked with the Clinton Council to have a District Contest for the first time.

We donated money to support some worthy organizations. We helped the catholic youth Organization. We contributed to birthright to help them with their vital work. We contributed to a vocations day meeting held by some priests and sisters.

We honored our knights and their families by naming someone Knight of the Month and some families Families of the Month.

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Members that participated in council activities were always thanked.

We participated in the Christmas program for 300 inmates in unit 29 of Mississippi State Prison at Parchman, Mississippi. The party consisted of reading scripture, singing Christmas songs, and giving gifts to each inmate. The inmates seem to really enjoy the party.

Our church activities included quarterly corporate communion masses and a memorial mass for deceased members.

We plan to have a successful tootsie roll drive for the mentally challenged individuals of the state. Our funds will go to Mustard seed and the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi.

On Mother's Day we plan to serve the parish coffee and donuts and give a flower to each lady that attends mass that day.

We have plans to have a spaghetti dinner in May to raise additional funds for the Brother Luke Scholarship Fund. We expect to feed approximately 300 parishioners at this meal.

We make the preparations for blood drives for the parishioners every nine weeks. These preparations include giving all parishioners a bulletin about the blood drive and posting advertisement and sign up sheets one mass before the drive. These responsibilities also include reserving a parking space for the bloodmobile.

We began to discuss and investigate the possibility of creating a prayer garden adjacent to the St Therese Church. We thought this would be a valuable addition to the church grounds and would be a feature that that parishioners would enjoy for years to come.

We used a budget to guide our judgment on financial matters. This budget was based on last years actual expenditures. We remained in good financial condition throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted

Marvin Cannon

**FATHER ROBERT REITMEIER COUNCIL 8848**  
**TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**JEFFREY HOUTN**

Chaplain	Fr. Henry Shelton
Grand Knight	Jeffrey Houin
Deputy Grand Knight	Keith Merritt
Chancellor	Sam Orlando
Financial Secretary	Bud Tomaso
Recorder	Mike Montgomery
Treasurer	Dick Lockhart
Warden	Bob McDade
Advocate	Bryan Brown
Inside Guard	David Friloux
Outside Guard	Marcel Crudele
Trustee	Gene Ingram
Trustee	Ken Leick
Trustee	Rob Hudson
Program Director	Keith Merritt
Church Director	Ted Williams
Community Director	Greg Burress
Council Director	Roy Jaeger
Family Director	Keith Merritt
Youth Director	David Friloux
Membership Director	Rob Hudson
Lecturer	David Palladino
Roundtable Coordinator	Leonard Bowen

Our 1999-2000 fraternal year began with the installation of officers by District Deputy James Leatherwood. This past year has been productive and our Brothers were active in all areas of parish and community life. We continued to build on the many successful activities that have become fundamental to our Council.

The following is a list of our most significant and fulfilling activities:

**Church**

- Provided Lenten Sunday night meals for up to 100 parishioners, providing a tremendous opportunity for fellowship and worship
- Lead a Rosary for vocations at the Sunday Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month
- Support our Seminarian Phu Nguyen through the RSVP program
- Purchased and programmed computer software enabling the entire parish to be contacted by telephone through computer access

#### Community

- Christmas Caretree project distributed gifts and food to 80 needy families in the community
- Raised monies for the McDougal Center of Tupelo through the Tootsie Roll Drive and raffle

#### Council

- Hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification
- Honored Fr. McGiveney with a memorial mass
- Hosted Golf Tournament and dinner to promote fellowship

#### Family

- Sponsored a Family T-shirt design contest
- Two separate family fun days brought all of our parish families together to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship
- Held a National Family Week bowling event

#### Youth

- Hosted a local and district free throw contests
- Brothers serve as coaches, youth leaders, and CCD teachers

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Houin  
Grand Knight

**Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094**  
**d'Iberville, Mississippi**  
Albert Allegue

1999 was one of the best years of growth for our council, greatly by the accomplishments of all our Brother Knights. Our council continues to be committed to being one of the best.

Our officers were:

Chaplain	Father Patrick McDermott
Grand Knight	Albert Allegue
Deputy Grand Knight	Darnel Lepre
Financial Secretary	Arthur Dunn
Chancellor	Julius Chastant
Recorder	Larry Tabor
Treasurer	Noel Aucoin
Advocate	James Fleenor
Warden	Wade Howat
Inside Guard	Franklin Krohn
Outside Guard	Lonie Arnold
Trustees	(1 year) Greg Davis
	(2 year) Mark Fontenot
	(3 year) Edward Creech

The following activities are a testament to the dedication of the members of Council 9094.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

- Held two Marian hours of Prayer
- Sponsored several RCIA activities
- Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers
- Lectors and commentators
- Renew 2000 Parish sponsored programs
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Rosary Rally
- Fund raisers for the Priest Education programs
- Lead Stations of the Cross
- Repaired and upkeep church and parish buildings
- CCD Teachers
- Quarterly Corporate Masses
- Visited the sick and shut-ins
- Saint Patrick Cabbage and Corn Beef dinner with all moneys donated to the Priest Education Program
- Orchestrated and directed the most successful Bazaar in the Church's history
- Built new shelves for the St. Vincent DePaul storage of food
- Knights assisted in several church projects such as, cutting grass, pruning trees, repair light fixtures, installing chairs during Easter services, clean-up of Monument to the Unborn, repair leaks in roof and air conditioner

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#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Mentally Challenged Drive
- Parish Food Drive
- Dedication of a Pro-Life Monument
- Several members held key community leadership positions
- Sponsored a "Adopt a Highway" program
- Purchased ad in local newspapers

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

- Sponsored a Mother's Day Social and provided flowers in all masses
- Sponsored a Father's Day Social and provided flowers in all masses
- Sponsored a Family of the Quarter Award
- Conducted Memorial Masses for Deceased K of C Members
- Sponsored several Family Steak and Shrimp Dinners
- Conducted a Christmas Dance
- Conducted several Family Breakfasts and fish fry during lent

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

- Provided funds and support to several CYO activities
- Sponsored a Council and State Free Throw Contest
- Sponsored a Cub Scout group
- Sponsored Girls and Boys Softball team and coach
- Provided food and refreshments to youth retreats
- Provided awards for Altar Servers
- Knights served as Assistant Scout Master in local troop

#### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

- Sponsored three Fraternal Benefits Information Social
- Conducted four social meetings four time per month
- Conducted three membership drive
- Attended district meetings and School of Columbianism
- Participation in the Convention 2001 preparations
- Conducted several Membership Retention Programs
- Attended State Convention
- Held annual Draw Down
- Developed a Council Web Site and Internet presence
- Help K of C Insurance Night

I want to personally thank each Knight of our council, District and State Officers for their commitment to help our council grow. Their support and cooperation was the key to our success.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert Allegue  
Grand Knight

**ST. MARY GAUTIER COUNCIL, No. 9124**  
**PO BOX 246 Gautier, Mississippi 39553**

April 12, 2000

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**  
**(1999-2000)**

Worthy State Deputy:

During the 1999 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, Parish food drives, local blood drives, charitable fund raising, pro-life rosary, Youth Mass and social, graduating seniors' luncheon, free throw contest, and a LENTEN fish fry where our Council prepared and served Friday night Fried Fish Dinners for the parish.

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

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

1. RENOVATIONS TO CHURCH FACILITIES
2. TRIP TO SATILLO, MEXICO
3. VOCATIONS PROGRAM
4. ROSARY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
5. PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH
6. LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNERS
7. ROSARY BOUQUET CARDS

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

1. TOOTSIE ROLL FUND DRIVE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED
2. PARISH FOOD DRIVE
3. CHURCH'S FAIR BOOTH REPAIRS AND CLEAN-UP
4. RESPECT LIFE ROSARY IN FRONT OF OUR PRO-LIFE MEMORIAL
5. MEMBERS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES
6. SPONSORED A 55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE

**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
5. HOSTED A NEW STATE OFFICER'S SOCIAL
6. HOSTED A DISTRICT TWELVE MEETING



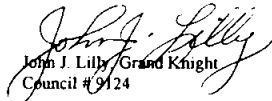
FAMILIES:

1. MONTHLY CORPORATE COMMUNION
2. PARTICIPATED IN THE BILOXI ROSARY RALLY
3. SPONSORED A RESPECT TO LIFE ROSARY
4. SPONSORED A CHRISTMAS PARTY
5. VALENTINES DAY DINNER OUT WITH OUR LADIES
5. 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,

  
John J. Lilly, Grand Knight  
Council #9124

REINHART SCHROEDER COUCIL #9409  
WEST BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI  
GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT  
April 20, 1999

Council 9409 began its fraternal year with the installation of officers by District Deputy Robert Boney

The officers were:

Chaplain.....	Msgr. Francis Farrell
Grand Knight.....	William Entriiken
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Gregory E. Bertucci
Chancellor.....	Joseph Farry
Financial Secretary.....	Albert Kais
Treasurer.....	Henry Dick III
Warden.....	Edward Ring
Recorder.....	Richard Belvel
Advocate.....	James Starkes
Inside Guard.....	Donald Ulrey
Outside Guard.....	John Templin
Trustee (3 Year).....	James Starkes
Trustee (2 Year).....	Naterno Yapit
Trustee (1 Year).....	Wilbert Rigby

PROGRAM: Joseph Farry, Director

1. Gave council 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: Thomas Revera, 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: Dana Fallencamp

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

**FAMILY COMMITTEE: Monty Paggeot**

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

**YOUTH COMMITTEE: Jeremiah O'keefe**

1. Easter Egg Hunt.
2. Children's Christmas Party.
3. CYO-Leadership.
4. Free Throw Contest.

Serving as Grand Knight for my Second 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. A special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for all their help and patients 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. Enriken  
Grand Knight

**St. Francis of Assisi Council #9543  
Madison Mississippi  
Richard Cameron**

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9543 for the 1999-2000 fraternal year and installed by Worthy District Deputy Dennis Riecke:

Chaplain	Fr. Frank Cosgrove
Grand Knight	Richard Cameron
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Simoneaux
Chancellor	Mike Luckett
Financial Secretary	Bob Murphy
Advocate	Jody Hill
Treasurer	Dick Henry
Recorder	Dave Scott
Warden	Brendan Sheehan
Inside Guard	Greg Price
Outside Guard	Kenny Rotenberry
Trustee (1999-2002)	Michael Griffith
Trustee (1998-2001)	Ramon Machado
Trustee(1997-2000)	Mark Beyea

It has been my honor and privilege to have served as Grand Knight of Council 9543. The following activities were accomplished by our Council through the grace of God with the support of our priest and the entire parish of St. Francis.

**Church Activities:**

1. Sponsor a monthly vocations awareness mass
2. Life of the Parish activities-Liturgical roles i.e., ushers, lectors, choir, eucharistic ministers
3. Evangelization efforts of the Catholic Church i.e., members serve as sponsors for RCLA
4. Hosted KC golf tournament to raise money for Priest Education and vocations
5. Built Baptismal Font
6. Donated to Priest Education
7. Assisted in set up for Christmas and Easter Masses
8. Transported elderly and handicapped persons to mass (occasionally)
9. Cooked and served gumbo & hamburgers for Advent Fair
10. Assisted in organizing and catering Millenium Mass celebration
11. Led Rosary each Friday during Lent
12. Led Stations of the Cross during Lent
13. Provided a meatless meal each Friday during Lent
14. Provided traffic control for Special Masses
15. Member of Council organized and worked at Christmas Gala Fundraiser

**Community Activities:**

1. Persons with disabilities ( Tootsie Roll Drive)
2. Blood Drives
3. Members serving as Leaders in the Community:

Billy Beard - Parks and Recreation Committee  
Mark Doiron - St. Joseph School Board  
Mike Crandall - St. Joseph School Board  
Keith Bates - St. Joseph School Board  
Clay Beard - St. Richard School Board  
Chris Manning - St. Joseph Booster Club

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4. Support Catholic Charities Draw Down by cooking meal
  5. Assist in set up and operation of St. Richard School's Annual Fun Festival
  6. Planned, organized and supervised activities for St. Francis Cajun Fest
  7. Supported medical mission to Central America Frank Serio
  8. KC Cooking Team cooked for Centurytel's VIP tent at Sky Parade for 4 days.
  9. KC Cooking Team cooked for volunteer workers constructing community playground

#### Family Activities:

1. Assisted Council Members Family by providing a meal during their hospitalization
2. Family night at the Jackson Generals baseball game
3. Family canoe trip
4. Family pool and pizza party
5. Submit State Family of the Year nominee
6. Quarterly Family Corporate Communion
7. Family Campout
8. Participate in the Supreme Family of the Month
9. Member serves on the Board of Directors for Birthright

#### Youth Activities:

1. Sponsored a Squires Circle
2. Support Boys & Cub Scout Troops
3. Several members coach youth league baseball and soccer
4. Sponsored local freethrow contest
5. Hosted state freethrow contest
6. Provided training of altar servers
7. Purchased CYO convention ads
8. Provided weekly meals to high school religious education classes
9. Cooked hamburgers for St. Richard's School back to school night
10. Cooked hamburgers & hotdogs for St. Joseph Booster Club concession stand for home football & basketball games
11. Chaperoned youth whitewater rafting trip to Georgia
12. Transported youth for Confirmation retreat

#### Council Activities:

1. Published monthly newsletter
2. Sponsored Parish wide membership drive
3. Sponsored a First Degree team
4. Certification of First Degree team members  
Mark Vedros - Warden  
Dennis Riecke - Financial Secretary
5. Knights of Columbus Insurance member promotion
6. Attended district meeting
7. Conducted Memorial Mass for deceased members
8. Quarterly pot luck socials
9. Submitted Knight of the Year Nomination
10. Entered Best Scrapbook competition
11. Council Anniversary Party
12. Monthly meeting and fraternal meal
13. Council fish fry
14. Formation of KC Council 9543 Cooking Team
15. Transported disabled member to monthly meeting
16. Visited Council members in hospital
17. New members recognized by Grand Knight at monthly meeting and presented certificate

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
James D. Hart, Council 9673  
P.O.Box 6306  
Biloxi, Ms. 39532-6306

THOMAS F. CHADY  
State Secretary  
Ms. State Council  
159 Redbone Rd.  
Vicksburg, Ms. 39180-8901

SUBJECT: Grand Knight's Report, 1999/2000 Fraternal Year.

Brother Thomas F. Chady  
Worthy State Secretary:

The 1999/2000 Fraternal Year has proven to be a real experience for me. I have watched our council grow in numbers but at the same time I have been taken aback by the lack luster attitudes of many of our members, most especially, our Officers.

We faced adversity head on, stood our ground and endured a very disheartening era in our councils history and came out of it with our dignity intact, standing proud and unshaken.

I was so very proud of our core membership, those who stand with you when the going gets tough.

The administration changed for our Parish and our Pastor not only opened the doors for our council but has actively participated in the events that we have sponsored, as well as recommended new programs and projects to assist us in getting our feet on the ground. I have been extremely disappointed in the lack of enthusiasm that has been demonstrated by our members.


We have operated primarily without a Financial Secretary, illness has prevented participation of some of our officers while others just haven't shown up for our meetings.

We have been blessed with many new members in the recent past and I have been disenchanted with the absence of our seasoned members to help them learn the ropes and find a place within our council to become active and productive members.

Just today, I spoke with our Financial Secretary. He agreed that his schedule has been very overwhelming and has led to his absence at our meetings. He agreed to submit his letter of resignation as soon as possible and allow our council to recommend a replacement.

This is my final year as Grand Knight and I will offer my services as Financial Secretary and encourage the newly elected officers to assume the responsibilities of their respective leadership positions, so as to turn this situation around and become a council worthy of the awards that have been bestowed upon us.

Respectfully Submitted, this the 26 Day of April 2000.



Lonnie R. Parvin G.K.  
JAMES D. Hart, Council 9673  
Biloxi(Woolmarket), Ms.

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**ST. ANN'S-LIZAIVA, COUNCIL #9958  
23529 HIGHWAY 53  
GULFPORT, MS. 39503**

APRIL 17, 2000

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY,

C. BRUCE PABON

THIS REPORT COVERS THE ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANN LIZANA COUNCIL 9958  
FOR THE YEAR 1999 — 2000.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

1. LEAD ROSARY BEFORE MASS AND PROVIDE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.
2. ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR TOTAL UPKEEP OF INSIDE OF PARISH HALL.
3. DONATE TO THE CHURCH \$2400.00 A YEAR TO SUPPLEMENT THE UTILITY BILL.
4. PURCHASED 15 EASTER LILIES FOR THE ALTAR ON EASTER SUNDAY.
5. PURCHASED 17 POINSETTIA FOR THE ALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY.
6. PURCHASED FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALTAR AT CONFIRMATION MASS.
7. DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR THANKSGIVING WITH FOOD OF THE HARVEST AND FLOWERS.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

1. MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON HIGHWAY 53.
2. PROVIDE BINGO ON A WEEKLY BASIS. CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND WITH ADULT.
3. PROVIDE PRIZES FOR SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO AND LUNCH SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY AT NO COST TO THE SENIORS. KNIGHTS CONDUCT FREE BINGO.
4. PROVIDE 14 TURKEYS FOR FOOD BASKETS FOR NEEDY ON THANKSGIVING.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. HOLD LOCAL FREE THROW CONTEST.
2. SPONSOR A LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL TEAM.
3. DONATE TO CYO FOR CONVENTION EXPENSE.
4. PROVIDE HALF OF THE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS.

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 MEMBERS WHO WORK, FREE BEVERAGES AT ALL FUNCTIONS.
8. PRESENT KNIGHT OF QUARTER WITH CHECK FOR \$25.00.
9. PRESENT KNIGHT OF YEAR WITH 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 22 FAMILIES DUE TO ILLNESS OR DEATH.
3. PARISH DINNER IN MAY TO HONOR FATHER FINTAN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION.
4. PARISH DINNER IN OCTOBER FOR COLUMBUS DAY.
5. PRESENT FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR COUNCIL IS REALIZED THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF A FEW GREAT KNIGHTS, WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THEIR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND I APPRECIATE THEM.

RESPECT

HOLLIS J. MORAN  
GRAND KNIGHT



**Council 10216**

St. Paul Catholic Church

**Grand Knight's Report - Dan Hammond  
1999 - 2000**

Since my election nearly two years ago, I have been blessed with wonderful assistance from my fellow knights. The works of this council have blessed the lives of those who have given their time and talents as well as those who have received them.

**Officer's of the Council**

Chaplain	Rev. Brian Carroll
Grand Knight	Dan Hammond
D. Grand Knight	Martin Bisek
Chancellor	Vincent Thompson
Warden	Rockne Corbin
Recorder	Ted Gray
Treasurer	Ray Butz
Advocate	David Cannon
Inside Guard	Philip Jabour
Outside Guard	Ed Garcia

**Trustee's**

1 - Year	Frank Whitehead
2 - Year	Lloyd Long
3 - Year	Dennis Deister

**Council Activities:**

1. The council sponsored a membership drive that resulted in eight (8) new members.
2. The council sponsored a First Degree, as well as a Second and Third Degree.
3. The council held a Founder's Day Banquet at a local restaurant for all Knights and guests.

4. The council sold religious Christmas cards at most church functions during November and December 1999.
5. Five Knights attended the mid-winter meeting; six attended the School of Columbianism.
6. The council sponsors a Parish Blood Drive that exceeds our quota.
7. All monthly business meetings are begun with recitation of the rosary.

**Church Activities:**

1. Knights perform regular maintenance on church property.
2. Many Knights are involved as CCD teachers, choir members, RCIA and youth activities.
3. The council promotes and manages advertisements that pay for the parish weekly bulletin.
4. Knights work in the children's nursery on Sundays during worship events.
5. Knights are members of the Parish Council and the Financial committee.
6. Council members assist the Men's Club with the Parish bingo and dinner held annually.
7. Knights contribute clothing etc. to the mission in Salteillo, Mexico. One member visits it every two years.

**Youth Activities:**

1. Several Knights coach local youth sports.
2. Knights are in leadership positions with the local Boy Scouts of America.
3. A Knight is the director of the Parish CYO.
4. The council sponsored the K of C Youth Free-throw Competition.
5. Knights help in fund-raising activities for St. Jude Hospital and Cancer Society.
6. The council supports and has members of the Columbian Squires.

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7. The council supports the Parish CYO through financial contributions.

**Community Activities:**

1. The council members support the annual Tootsie-Roll Drive for the mentally handicapped.
2. Knights have assisted local schools with equipment installation.
3. Knights regularly visit the sick and infirmed.
4. Knights assisted a local priest in his boat building project.
5. The council purchased and financed transportation and installed a wheel-chair lift for brother-disabled Knight and his family.
6. Our council supports Birthright through donations and volunteer hours.

**Family Activities:**

1. Knights sponsor the monthly breakfast program for all parishioners.
2. The council honors Corporate Communion Sunday.
3. The council honors all mothers in the parish with a special complimentary champagne breakfast on Mother's Day.
4. The council joins the Parish Women's Guild for an annual social.
5. The council sponsors a social for all members and families at least quarterly.
6. Knights assist a needy family with house maintenance and financial contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Hammond  
Grand Knight

## Grand Knight Report Grenada Council #10443

*New ideas are the foundation for success!*

The following is a list of Grenada Council #10443 officers for Fiscal Year July 1, 1999—June 30, 2000, date of Election 6/13/99. Congratulations to all our officers.

Grand Knight	Dan F. Buzzarde
Financial Secretary	Edwin Merriman, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Lee Munstenteiger
Chancellor	Michael Liberto
Recorder	Raymond Liberto
Treasurer	Paul Marascalco
Advocate	David Daigneault
Warden	Edwin Merriman, Sr.
Inside Guard	Wayne Denton
Outside Guard	Bill Stringer
Trustee (1) Year	Frank Marascalco
Trustee (2) Year	Louis Marascalco
Trustee (3) Year	Buddy Honeycutt

The new Grand Knight of council #10443 attended The School of Columbianism in Clinton, Mississippi on Sunday, July 18, 1999. It was very enlightening.

Council #10443 has accomplished several successful drives, among them the, **Keep Christ in Christmas** drive and the **Tootsie Roll** drive for the mental facility at Whitfield in Jackson.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as Council #10443's Grand Knight for Fiscal Year 1999/2000. It is an experience I will hold in my heart for the rest of my life.

Heavenly father,

You renew your church in every age by raising up priests, sisters, and brothers to be outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of your unchanging love. Fill the hearts of young men and women with the spirit of courage and love, and enliven in them an awareness of their vocation that they will graciously answer your call. Give to parents the grace they need to encourage vocations among their own children. Help them to act on this grace through the example of their lives and through their prayers. Raise in a special way, priests, brothers and nuns. May they be ardent but gentle servants of your Gospel. Give them as a gift to your church and keep them faithful to you and your people.

Amen!

Vivat Jesus!

Dan F. Buzzarde  
Grand Knight,  
Council #10443

MSGR. GREGORY KENEDY,  
COUNCIL 10499

The time period from the state convention to the start of the new fiscal year was normal; with planning for State Installation and Banquet, nominations, elections, and planning our own installation/banquet.

Council elections were held 1 June 1999 with the following results:

GRAND KNIGHT - RICHARD GREENWOLD  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - JOE McCORMICK  
CHANCELLOR - ROLAND HILDEBRAND  
RECORDER -- MIKE BUTLER  
TREASURE -- RON HOLTORF  
ADVOCATE -- JOE RYAN  
WARDEN -- RUSS MARCELLUS  
INSIDE GUARD - BOB DELANEY  
OUTSIDE GUARD - MILARD DORSEY  
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - LES COTTRELL  
2 YEAR TRUSTEE - TONY HOMSAANY  
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - FRANK HILT

Our first activity for the new fiscal year was the hosting of the installation of state officers and banquet. 145 people attended this event. All of which had an enjoyable time. This event was followed the next day with he hosting of the School of Columbianism for the southern area.

The rest of your year was the run of normal activities. These included:

Mothers Day Flowers  
5654's Installation and Banquet  
Our Installation and Banquet  
Corporate Communion  
Steak Knights  
Halloween Party  
Christmas Party  
Sale of Millennium Angles  
Memorial mass for deceased Brothers  
Free Throw Contest  
Mentally Challenged Fund Raiser  
First Friday Fish Fry's  
Membership Drives  
1<sup>ST</sup> Degree Team

Overall we had a very good year with a lot of fun and opportunities for the future.

St. John's Council 10901  
Oxford, Mississippi  
James Reid

The brothers of St. John's Council 10901 exemplified the orders watchwords of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to a high degree in the past fraternal year. I thank the brothers for their hard work and am very proud of them. Officers for the year are: Chaplain: Fr. Joe Dyer, Grand Knight: James Reid, Deputy Grand Knight: John Czarnetzky, Chancellor: Paul Patak, Advocate: Ron Rychlak, Treasurer: Joe Supple, Warden: Mike Mitchell, Recorder: George Kehoe, Inside Guard: Ken Coleman, Outside Guard: David Stengel, Trustees: Peter Sukanek, Tony Grant, and John Gordon, Lecturer: Samuel De John, Financial Secretary: Bob Hudson.

Family activities for the past year included a World Family Day celebration where the Parish hosted a parish picnic and a Christmas Gathering. Church activities included a \$750 seminarian scholarship awarded to our fellow Knight, Marty Gillespie, who is studying for the priesthood at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He will be join the Diocese of Biloxi following his ordination in May. The Light up for Christ program was celebrating by constructing a large circular Christmas wreath outside of the church. The biggest church programs continues to be our Lenten Fish Fry. On Fridays during Lent, the council cooks a catfish dinner. The dinner is designed to coincide with the Stations of the Cross held at St. Johns. It provides an excellent opportunity for fellowship for the parish. All proceeds from this event as well as from our annual rummage sale go to the building fund of the church. We continue to set up and take down booths for our Parish Fair. The Knights has painted church owned houses for our campus ministers.

The council supports the community through its Drive for the Handicapped. One of the most gratifying activities that the council participated in was sponsoring a Challenge league softball team. The council monetarily supported and participated in a Oxford city league for the mentally handicapped. The council supported Pro-Life banquet. The council supported four needy families with food pantry in October.

The council had a very active program in the council activities area. The most important council activity is the praying of the rosary before Sunday Mass and every council meeting. A monthly newsletter is published. The council maintains its own first degree team. The council provided Pallbearers for a brother Knights funeral. A Program planning meeting was held at the beginning of the year.

Youth activities included the council's free throw contest. Applicants for a college scholarship by Wal-Mart were interviewed by council members. The council cooked for the children in the total youth ministry. Rosaries were given to first communion recipients. A car parking fund raiser for the youth of St. Johns was held after the Ole Miss football games.

The St. Mary's Roundtable of Batesville had an outstanding year of service. Their biggest program was onstructing a sigh for the Parish. They continue their tradition of pancake suppers.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Reid  
Grand Knight

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St. James Council 11541  
Gulfport, Mississippi  
Daniel Gillis

Officers	
Chaplain	Msgr. James McGough
Grand Knight	Daniel Gillis
Deputy Grand Knight	B. J. Lewis
Chancellor	Allan Konyon
Secretary	Fritz Oberlies
Treasurer	Gerald Oberlies
Recorder	Matthew McGahan
Warden	Dennis Weiland
Advocate	Lawrence Breard
Inside Guard	Douglas Brown
Outside Guard	William Lyons
Trustees	Toby Dombrowski
	Edward Croal
	Odie Smith

Activity Directors	
Church	Robert Russo
Community	Allan Konyon
Council	Edward Croal
Family	B. J. Lewis
Youth	Mike Croal
Membership	Fritz Oberlies
Program	B.J. Lewis
Retention	Mike Killgore

As Council 11541 moved into its fifth year, several activities were defined and implemented for the betterment of the Parish and the council. They included the following:

Church Activities

- 1 Ushers, Eucharist Minister's, Lectors and Commentators
- 2 Parish Cemetery Clean Up
- 3 School ground clean up
- 4 Priest Education Fund
- 5 RCIA Program
- 6 Bi-monthly parish breakfast
- 7 Perpetual Adoration
- 8 Parish Ministry Fair -booth promoting the Knights of Columbus

- 9 Clear carpets in Parish Center
- 10 Provided soup and sandwich on Friday Nights during lent
- 11 Church workday, fixed pews, and cleaned church grounds

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 1 Visitation of council sick and distressed members
- 2 Reception for Graduating Seniors
- 3 Garage sale
- 4 Two blood drives
- 5 Food drive for Christmas
- 6 Participated in Right to Life Chain
- 7 Donated clothing and food to the elderly and needy in community

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- 1 Bi-monthly newsletter
- 2 Council Planning Committee
- 3 Conducted Membership Drive
- 4 Eternal Benefit Program
- 5 Quarterly Social event for members and family
- 6 Attended all district meetings and state meetings for improvement of order

#### Family Activities

- 1 Corporate Communion Sundays
- 2 Assisted needy members
- 3 Mother's Day Breakfast
- 4 Food Booth at Parish Bazaar
- 5 Service for Deceased Council Members

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

Respectively submitted

Daniel J. Gillis  
Grand Knight



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**FR PAUL GILLIS COUNCIL # 11654**

**P O BOX 315**

**WIGGINS, MS. 39577**

GRAND KNIGHT  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
CHANCELLOR  
RECORDER  
TREASURER  
ADVOCATE  
WARDEN  
GUARDS

TRUSTEE

SHERWOOD BECKHAM  
DON EAKIN  
RICKY FUERST  
JOHN PHILLIPS  
ROBERT DAVIS  
MACK McCARNEY  
FRANK MANISCALCO  
LELAND BERGERON  
NEAL McINNIS  
PAT BONNEY  
PAUL BACON  
H J CROCHET  
EDDIE BECKHAM

Our fraternal year is drawing to a close and as the Grand Knight, I will thank each of brothers of this council for their support and many hours of volunteer service. During this pass year many of our members have participated on the following projects.

### CHURCH

Contributed to the Priest Education Fund, serve as Ushers, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors and Commentators and attend Adoration on weekly basis.

### COMMUNITY

Support and work with our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Support and provide workers for our Parish Bingo. Sponsor Men & Women softball teams in local Church League.

### COUNCIL


Serve Parish breakfast monthly. Sponsor yearly Parish picnic. Sponsor Halloween Party for our children.

### FAMILY

Corporate Communion Quarterly.

### YOUTH

Support our CYO in attending Diocesan Youth Conference, their trip to The Mission in Mexico. Support our Easter Egg Hunt. Sponsor our Alter Servers with training & recognition. Provide coaches for youth baseball, basketball, and soccer.

  
Respectively Submitted,  
Sherwood Beckham,  
Grand Knight.

St. Lucy's Council 11904  
Lucedale, MS  
Raymond Kevin Schneider

Chaplain	Curba Merrill
Grand Knight	Raymond Kevin Schneider
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Henderson
Financial Secretary	Robb Smith
Treasurer	Jamie Holland
Warden	Mark Richardson
Advocate	Gary Nance
Chancellor	Ray Shields
Trustees	Gene Smith
	Earl White
	Ennis Grady
Inside Guard	Jerry Walley
Outside Guard	Curba Merrill, Jr.
Recorder	Don Cox

On August 1, 1999 the installation of officers took place followed by a Dessert Social. The officers were installed by District Deputy Carl Brochard, Jr. Once installed, the officers immediately began planning program activities.

Although we are a small council in number, we strove to develop numerous activities which would include most, if not all of our church and community.

Program activities included

- \* Canoe Trip for all youth
- \* Dessert Social for newly installed officers
- \* Co hosted the Diocese wide Birthday Party for Mary along with Legion of Mary and Ladies Sodality
- \* Hosted a Thank-you Party for the Alter Servers
- \* Hosted Priest Appreciation Dinner
- \* Support 2 Seminarians
- \* Hosted a World Youth Day celebration with a cookout, games and other activities including Columbus Coloring Book/Contest
- \* Sponsored a Fall Fest including games, food and entertainment.
- \* Sponsored a City-Wide Free Throw Contest
- \* Continued the Highway Clean-up Activity on Highway 63
- \* Hosted a Right to Life Dinner.
- \* Took youth to Sea Wolves Hockey Game
- \* Raised Funds for the National Cancer Society
- \* Held 2 Blood Drives for the Community

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members for their support of our council for this year. We have a very dedicated group of men who continue to support our church, our council, and our community. Without these Knights our council could not have accomplished the activities we have.

Respectfully, Submitted,

Raymond Kevin Schneider  
Grand Knight

**FATHER PATRICK QUINN COUNCIL 11956  
COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN, MISSISSIPPI  
FOOTE R. SINGLETON**

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight this past year with some of the finest Catholic gentlemen I know. The hard work of our council has brought our parishes and community closer together. I would like to thank all my brother knights and their families for their hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus. I would also like to thank our Chaplain, Father Tommy Conway, for his support and spiritual guidance.

On a sad note, Brother Jim Harper passed away on December 16, 1999. As our past Treasurer, he was a true Catholic gentleman and a great Fourth Degree Knight.

**OFFICERS:**

Chaplain:	Father Tommy Conway
Grand Knight:	Foote R. Singleton
Deputy Grand Knight:	Joe Singleton
Chancellor:	Sub Frey
Financial Secretary:	Paul Mercian
Treasurer:	Bob Gonsoulin
Advocate:	Steve Kaufman
Recorder:	S. David Shows
Warden:	Pat Altentaler
Inside Guard:	Donald Dauphin
Outside Guard:	Jim Hughes
Trustee 3 year:	Lorenzo Herberger
2 year:	Frank Miano
1 year:	Stanley McCarty
Lecturer:	Carl Mann
Program Director:	Joe Singleton

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES - DONALD DAUPHIN, CHAIRMAN**

1. Quarterly Communion
2. Monthly Rosary Before Mass
3. Donated Funds to Priest Education
4. Members serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lectors, Ushers
5. Members serve on Parish Council & Finance Committees
6. Dedication Services of Bells to Deceased Brother Ed Comeaux
7. Sponsored St. Joseph Altar opened to Public as Evangelization
8. Various Clean Up Days around Both Churches
9. Sponsored Monthly Luncheons
10. Sponsored Monthly Doughnuts
11. Participated in Various Church Fund Raisers, i.e. Chicken Dinners & Spaghetti

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - DAVID SHOWS, CHAIRMAN**

1. Held PO-Boy Sales for the Community
2. Quarterly Dances
3. Helped Raise Funds for Veterans Memorial
4. Build Wheelchair Ramp for Elderly Family
5. Concession Stand at the Poultry Festival
6. Sponsored Volleyball Tournament open to Public
7. Motorcycle Blessing
8. Tootsie Roll Drive
9. Distributed Food to the needy at Thanksgiving & Christmas
10. Held Fund Raiser to Sell Guardian Angels to Public

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - RAYMOND TANET, CHAIRMAN

1. St. Jude Bike-A-Thon
2. Breakfast with Santa
3. Christopher Columbus Essay Poster Contest
4. Donated Money to Saltillo Mission
5. Helped Jr. CYO with Car Wash & Sponsored Meal Afterwards
6. Members help with Youth Softball, Baseball, Football, & Basketball Programs
7. Members Train Alter Server

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - PAT ALTENTALER, CHAIRMAN

1. Family of the Month
2. Family Awards Banquet
3. Independence Day Picnic
4. Christmas Dance & Social
5. Super bowl Party
6. State Family of the Year
7. Special Drive to Collect Necessities for Six Families whose House burned Between Christmas and Thanksgiving

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - JIM HUGHES, CHAIRMAN

1. Monthly Socials
2. Kept Scrap Book and Entered it in the Convention Competition
2. Monthly Newsletter
4. Pray Rosary before Monthly Meeting
5. 3 Membership Drives
6. Fraternal Benefit Nights
7. Installation Breakfast after Mass
8. Service for Deceased Members
9. Sent Birthday, Anniversary, & Sympathy Cards to Members & Families
10. Council Member Moved Deceased Brother Knight's Wife from Texas & Helped Fix Her House
11. Council Members Attend Installation Services for New Members throughout the Year
12. Knight of the Month
13. 3 Members involved in VIP Program

Respectfully Submitted;  
Foot R. Singleton  
Grand Knight

Fr. Sorin Council 11995  
West Harrison

Annual Report for the Fraternal Year 1999-2000

I, Harry V. G. Geauthreaux, Grand Knight, am happy to report that the Council has made some progress during the year, albeit all our goals weren't achieved.

We have added five (5) new members to the toll. Also, we have three transfers into the Council. The increase in membership finalized at three (3) new members due to withdrawals. I am hopeful that this will improve during the 2000-2001 Fraternal Year.

One accomplishment was the institution of a sweepstakes in order to obtain funds for a home of our own. At the present time we meet in a church hall. We are presently having our second sweepstakes and have shown progress over the initial one. We plan to have at least one sweepstakes annually. Thus far, we have accumulated approximately \$13,500 toward the building fund.

In January 2000, we started a Council newsletter. The letter has proven to be helpful in keeping our members informed on a monthly basis the happenings of the Council. Our meeting attendance has increased accordingly. We are very elated at the results of the newsletter and are hopeful this will increase our attendance at our meetings. This newsletter was instituted by a transferee from a California Council.

Also, for the first time, the Council has sponsored a blood drive. This was held at our Parish church hall and was very successful as we exceeded our goal by 180%. At the request of the Pastor, plans are being made to have another drive in the fall.

For a small Council, I believe we have made some strides, although not reaching our goals, i.e. membership. The goals of the Council will continue to include increasing our membership and a home of our own, which will help to increase our number.

This will be my last report as Grand Knight. In any event, I plan to assist our Council in all its endeavors in the future.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally Yours,

Harry V. Geauthreaux  
Grand Knights

**SACRED HEART COUNCIL NUMBER 12166  
3702 QUINN DRIVE  
PASCAGOULA, MS 39581**

The Council Officers were duly installed by District Deputy Br. Carl Brochard of District #12 on July 17, 1999 at Sacred Heart Church after the 5 PM Vidual Mass.

**The following officers for Fraternal year 1999-2000 were installed:**

Chaplain	Father Michael Kelleher
Grand Knight	Carl E. Muse
Deputy Grand Knight	William C. Waggoner
Chancellor	Richard L. Clement
Recorder	Thomas P. Higgins
Financial Secretary	Thomas E. Martin
Treasurer	Benjamin M. Acosta
Advocate	Russell J. Lachaussee
Lecturer	James A. Vendrell
Warden	Jerry E. Brister
Inside Guard	Mark S. LaQuouceur
Outside <i>E-L-A-K-D</i>	Mark P. Turner
3 Year Trustee	Danny E. Smith
2 Year Trustee	Michael M. Turner
1 Year Trustee	Timothy J. Savage

**1999-2000 Council Committee Chairmen:**

Program Director	William C. Waggoner
Membership Director	John E. Johnson
Recruitment Chairman	Henry Bertagnolli Jr.
Church Director	Russell J. Lachaussee
Community Director	William C. Waggoner
Council Director	Richard L. Clement
Family Director	Michael M. Turner
Youth Director	James B. Barlow III

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Grand Knight of this great Council. The Sacred Heart Council is a new council, only three years old and is one of the most active councils in our jurisdiction, if not the entire state. Our members still strive for excellence in all of our activities and take pride in all that they have accomplished.

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### **Church:**

1. Council: Provided Bro. Knights as ushers for first Communion for 40 children (April 1999)
2. Council: Provided Bro. Knights as grass cutters for 10 acres of church and school grounds for April, May, June, July, August, September and October 1999.
3. Bro. Knights built a large BBQ Grill on wheels for Church, School and Council in May and June 1999 and completed in August 1999.
4. Bro. Knights built a large trailer for Church tractors and for hauling trash in May and June 1999.
5. Bro. Knights cleaned up Hurricane debris from Church property in June 1999.
6. Bro. Knights installed railroad ties in Church and School parking lot in July 1999.
7. Bro. Knights replaced fence and weeded gardens at Church in July 1999.
8. Bro. Knights picked up and installed four pews in the Council Home (Hut) for Father Mike for use in the Spanish Mass Social in August 1999.
9. Bro. Knights attended Sacred Heart Church Fair Booth Organizational Meeting, cleaned and painted Church Fair Booth inside and out, replaced the roof on the Church Fair Booth and worked at the Church Fair Booth during October 18 and 20 1999.
10. Bro. Knights assisted Father Mike during Spanish Mass Social in November 1999.
11. Council 12166 continues to support Sacred Heart Parish in their grounds keeping, buildings program during December 1999 and January through June 2000. A Knight leads the Holy Rosary at all Masses during the month of January, May and October.
12. We support the Priest Education Fund of the State Jurisdiction.

### **Council:**

1. Our Council has a member social every fourth Wednesday night at 7 PM. In addition to this we have a fourth Saturday workday for accomplishing various jobs at the Church, Council Home (Hut), School and Adopt-A- Highway each Quarter. Also "Knight of the Month" Programs, "Knight of the Quarter" Program and our "Knight of the Year" Program at the end of the Fraternal Year. This year we had a Halloween Social, our first Christmas Party for all Councils in East Jackson County (four councils) at the "Old Place" in Gautier, MS after Corporate Communion at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church with our families.
2. Council continues to hold our Deceased Members' Mass for our departed brothers and their families.
3. Bro. Knights prepared and mailed out 250 letters to KofC members of our Council and Council 1605 requesting funds for Tootsie Roll Drive (4-9-99).
4. Bro. Knights worked at St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store.
5. Bro. Knights prepared and mailed out 511 letters to businesses in Jackson County requesting donations for our Tootsie Roll Drive.
6. Bro. Knights prime painted the Council Home (Hut).
7. Bro. Knights ushered at Resurrection Catholic High School Graduation.
8. Bro. Knights final painted interior of Council Home (Hut)
9. Council held our Annual Awards Banquet.
10. Bro. Knights remodeled kitchen in Council Home (Hut).
11. Bro. Knights worked degree work for second and third degrees in Jackson, MS.
12. Bro. Knights prepared and mailed out our first newsletter, "News From the Hut."

13. Bro. Knights attended State Officers Social at St. Mary's Parish.
14. Bro. Knights attended State Officers installation and Banquet at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.
15. Bro. Knights attended School of Columbianism, (Grand Knight, Financial Sect., Membership Director, Deputy Grand Knight, and Treasurer)
16. Bro. Knights installed old church pews, painted porch and steps and other repair work on the Council Home (Hut).
17. Council held installation of new officers at Sacred Heart Church and a social in the Council Home (Hut) after the installation (7-17-99).
18. Bro. Knights picked up and delivered tables and chairs that were donated to Council 12166 by Council 1605.
19. Bro. Knights installed new security light on outside of Council Home (Hut).
20. Bro. Knights worked the fundraiser for Resurrection School System by selling tickets and BBQ dinners.
21. Membership drives in Aug 99 and March 2000.
22. Bro. Knights attended program meetings in Gulfport, MS.
23. Bro. Knights remodeled the Council Home (Hut) bathroom.
24. Bro. Knights remodeled the Sacred Heart Fair Booth and worked the Fair Booth during the Fair.
25. Bro. Knights attended Corporate Communion and Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers and also Mass for the Unborn.
26. Bro. Knights installed a large gas heater in our Council Home (Hut).
27. Bro. Knights attended mid-winter meeting in Biloxi, MS.
28. Council participated in local and district free-throw competition.

**Community:**

1. Bro. Knights set up tables and chairs for Spring Fling and cooked BBQ ribs and chicken for the noon meal and took down tables and chairs.
2. Bro. Knights set up tables and chairs for Parish Picnic and cooked BBQ ribs and chicken for the noon meal and took down tables and chairs.
3. Bro. Knights passed out carnations at all Masses for Mother's Day (May 1999).
4. Bro. Knights from Council 12166 and 1605 participated jointly in the Tootsie Roll Drive (May 1999).
5. Council sponsors and participates in a quarterly Blood Drive (June, Sept, Dec and Mar). Council sponsors and participates in an Adopt-A-Highway Program quarterly (June, Sept, Dec and Mar).
6. Council sponsored a Highway Billboard on "Keep Christ in Christmas."
7. Council sponsored a Highway Billboard which reads, "Life or Death, the Natural Choice is Life."



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**Youth:**

1. The month of November and December were dedicated to sponsoring toys for the poor at Christmas by our Council. Toys were turned over to St. Vincent dePaul for distribution with their Christmas baskets.
2. Council provided a Santa Claus for the Sacred Heart Elementary School children prior to them getting out for Christmas.
3. This activity sponsors a free-throw contest for local and district. The winners then participate in the State Free-Throw contest. We award our alter servers with the Servers Certificates provided by "Supreme".
4. Our Council sponsored an Animal Rehab Program through the Mississippi Animal Rehabilitation Institution. This was held at Sacred Heart Elementary School. The children brought food and money for the rehabilitation of animals. They watched films of animals being rehabilitated.

**Family:**

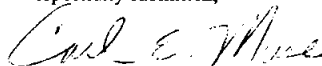
1. We have an on-going program each month where we participate in the "Supreme" Family of the Month Program. We also elect a "Family of the Year" and they are entered in the State Competition. We include our "widows" in all of our family activities.
2. We hold a Christmas Party for all the children of our members and members of Sacred Heart Elementary School with Santa handing out gifts to the children. We sponsor a Halloween Party for all the children. We conducted a Deceased Member Mass in November. The fourth Wednesday is a family social night.

**Membership:**

We as a Council will continue to strive to bring new members into our Council. As we all know, new members are the lifeblood of all Councils. Remember "replace yourself with a new member."

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carl E. Muse  
Grand Knight

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER  
COUNCIL 12271  
U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER  
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI  
GRAND KNIGHT WILLIAM R. MCCLELLAN JR.**

Another year has quickly gone by and the members of council 12271, through hard diligent work, have expanded on their past accomplishments. We have continued to grow in numbers, faith, and involvement. As a team, we are proud of our accomplishments during the past year. It has truly been a great honor and privilege for me to be a part of this council and to serve as their Grand Knight.

In July 1999, our Worthy District Deputy, Jerry Schmuck, properly installed the officers of our council at St. Joseph the Worker parish on board the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center. The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Rev. Robert McClanahan
Grand Knight	William R. "Mac" McClellan Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert "Bob" Zeller
Chancellor	Peter Monest
Financial Secretary	Joseph "Joe" Kaley
Treasurer	Manual "Johnny" Mabanta
Advocate	George White
Warden	Brian Casey
Recorder	Roy Nadeau
Inside Guard	Luke Cardillo
Outside Guard	Julio Galang
Trustee (Third Year)	Gerald "Jerry" Schmuck
Trustee (Second Year)	Earl Sears
Trustee (First Year)	Glen Carter

Our program director and his committee chairmen continued to work very hard to sustain our council's efforts as one that is active in all areas. Through their efforts the knights have become key participants in all facets of parish, community, family, youth, and pro-life activities. The program director and his committee chairmen are:

Program Director	Bob Zeller
Church Committee Chairman	James Rodgers
Community Committee Chairman	Earl Sears
Council Committee Chairman	Jerry Schmuck
Family Committee Chairman	Johnny Mabanta
Youth Committee Chairman	Roy Nadeau

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Bob Zeller

1. Assisted and/or gave direction on all programs in the council.
2. Followed through on all reports to be submitted.

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES: James Rodgers**

1. Eucharistic ministers
2. RCIA program.
3. CCD teachers.
4. Lectors.
5. Ushers.
6. Parish Council.
7. Church clean up.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Earl Sears**

1. St. Vincent DePaul breakfast.
2. Rosary rally.
3. Blood drives.
4. Assist families of deployed service members.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Tootsie roll drive.
7. Community project (Mardi Gras parade).
8. Community project (Naval home - Railroad model train track).

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Jerry Schmuck**

1. Membership drives.
2. District meetings.
3. Social events (three).
4. Fraternal Benefits Information night.
5. Knight of the month.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Johnny Mabanta**

1. Family communion Sunday.
2. Family pancake breakfast.
3. Family fall festival.
4. Family Christmas party.
5. Annual fish fry.
6. Family of the year.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Roy Nadeau**

1. Pool party (two).
2. Altar server training.
3. Youth field trip.
4. Summer bible school.
5. CYO breakfast.
6. Free throw contest.
7. Easter egg hunt.
8. Keep Christ in Christmas (poster contest).

While this list of activities is definitely not complete, it does show how active the knights of our council have been over the last year. In closing, I would like to thank our priest, Father Robert McClanahan, all of my brother knights, and our Worthy District Deputy, Jerry Schmuck, (without whose guidance and direction I would have been lost. As a knight for only a year and then to become the grand knight was, although a great honor, quite scary.) for all of the help and support they gave me this past year as a new grand knight. It has been a most rewarding honor and privilege to serve council 12271. Although a small council, the drive and enthusiasm displayed by my brother knights is unbelievable and has been a source of great inspiration for me. I look forward to the upcoming year and the challenges it may bring.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in Christ  
William R. McClellan Jr.  
Grand Knight

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## **Grand Knight Report**

The following details events and accomplishments for the 1999-2000 fraternal year by the Sacred Heart Dedeaux Council 12331.


- The council purchased two new robes for altar servers.
- Our council sponsored the annual parish picnic outing for all the parishioners. This was a great gathering with a huge turnout.
- A successful tootsie roll drive was held in June 1999.
- The council conducted membership drives on June 13, 1999 and February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2000, recruiting six new members. Two first-degree brothers received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees.
- Held social and installation of officers on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999.
- In September 1999 the council sponsored a Red Cross blood drive collecting 40 pints of blood.
- I was very fortunate to attend the 117<sup>th</sup> annual Supreme Council meeting in Minneapolis, MN. The theme was "Open wide the doors to Jesus Christ", which I thought was very appropriate for the new millennium. I also had the opportunity to shake hands with our supreme knight Virgil Dechant and our Supreme Chaplain Bishop Daily.
- We sponsored four corporate communions with brother knights and their families experiencing excellent turnouts.
- We received good responses from the kids that participated in the substance abuse awareness poster contest.
- Our council held a pastor appreciation month by contributing labor to help Father do things that needed to be done throughout the parish.
- Our basketball free throw competition was a tremendous success with over 70 kids signing up. All contestants received a participation certificate with the winners receiving a champion certificate. The winners went onto the district shoot off in D'iberville, Mississippi with eight of these continuing onto the state shootoff in Madison, Mississippi.

- Our council provided 27 Christmas baskets with turkeys to the most needy of our parish.
- We held four fund-raisers this past year. We raffled off a barbecue grill, sold millennium leaded crystal guardian angels and keep Christ in Christmas cards. We also held our annual turkey and ham shooting match.
- Seventy-five percent of our members were very active in working and cooking jambalaya and ribs for the parish's annual four-day bazaar.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank our worthy Chaplain, Father Denis Carver, for his spiritual guidance and his continued support. I would also be remiss in not mentioning our worthy district deputy John Ward, who was there to guide me in my new stewardship as Grand Knight.

As our first full fraternal year in existence ends I would like to truly say it has been an honor and privilege to serve council 12331.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clements J. Malley  
Grand Knight  
Sacred Heart Dedeaux Council 12331

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY # 1

I want to start off by saying I am honored and glad that I was pick by Bruce Pabon, and that I will do the best job that I can do for this year.

We will try to get everything going that we need to get going, there will be things I won't get done but I hope I get a lot of them done.

I am District Deputy #1 and we will be conducting business as usual, I have to call Jeff Houin from Tupelo to find out when he want to install his officers, get together with Denny Lewis to see when he want to install his officers, and Holly Springs and Oxford.

We will have a district hoop basketball, we will have a tootsie roll drive, and we will have a hospitably room come next convention time in April at the Grand in Robinsonville.

We went to the meeting in July in Gluckstadt and south Mississippi Ocean Spring. The next meeting I had was in Tupelo, where we did the installation of officers. We also did them in Corinth and Oxford using the past District Deputy. Holly Spring couldn't ever get anything set until Christmas so they did their own. Then we had a District Meeting in February in Vicksburg. We also had a District Meeting in February to discuss the hoop shoot and the tootsie roll drive and the hospitably room at the convention

I want to express to all the Grand Knights of each council in the District #1 that I enjoyed working with them for this year and we all had a good time. And council 8912 which is my home council, were Top Gun and almost doubled our quota in membership. We would have done better, but we didn't have a field agent for the insurance and it is hard to sell insurance to a person when you are not a insurance salesman, Our state general agent was willing to come, but he can not cover us and do his work too, he was hunting us a field agent, but we still don't have one. I've enjoyed the year and appreciated all the help that I had from each and everyone of the individuals that help me and they know who they are. We did have our District hoop shoot the 26<sup>th</sup> of February in Tupelo and our winners received medallions. I don't think any of them went to state hoop shoot, but they enjoyed it and had a good time. I appreciate Tupelo for holding and sponsor the district hoop shoot. And I look forward to finishing this year which will be done the first of July. We still aren't quitting our deal on recruits and we still are going to try to make up for some of the other councils that are not doing it. I know some of the councils haven't come across but will. I would like to say that our council 8912 did form a first degree team which we are proud of and we are getting New Albany as a new council if everything will go well but that on a schedule that we will have New Albany for a council for the end of the year which ends in June.

Thanks for all,

Vivat Jesus

James Leatherwood

District Deputy #2  
James W.(Jim) Farris

District #2 consists of three Councils, 2969 Clarksdale, 6555 Shelby and 7120 Southaven.

I had the honor of installing officers in each council. Each council had a new Grand Knight and I was expecting to see a new enthusiasm, but I was somewhat disappointed. Two of them did anything toward increasing membership, Only Council 7120 made the School of Columbianism and the mid-winter meeting. There was some interest in programs and Council 7120 did take some youngsters to the State Free Throw Contest for the first time this year.

Council 7120 has worked hard on the 2000 Convention, which it is hosting this year, and I wish them well in this effort.

I don't like being negative, but it was a disappointing year. I hope that the coming year will show a increase in interest for these councils in the principals of Columbanism.

I wish to thank State Deputy C. Bruce Pabon for the honor of serving as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,  
James W. (Jim) Farris  
District Deputy #2



District Deputy #4  
Larry D. Miller

Serving as District Deputy for the Fraternal Year 1999-2000 has proven both rewarding and enlightening. I have gained the knowledge and experience in the way the Order operates. I have learned of the duties and responsibilities of a District Deputy.

In July I attended the installation ceremonies held in Ocean Springs. It was at this ceremony that realized the tremendous honor that was bestowed upon me as District Deputy.

Among the first duties I performed as District Deputy, was presiding over the installation of officers in District 4. All Councils had representatives attend the schools of Columbianism and two of the three Councils attended a District Meeting.

For the 1999-2000 Fraternal Year District 4 consisted of three Councils.

Council 802, Meridian, continues to be an outstanding Council and have a top notch 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team. Thanks to Council 802's fund raising ability and their personal dedication, they continue to support their church and community in a way that many of us can only admire and praise.

Council 6765, Starkville, is a Council that continues to grow. Having had to bring in some new participants to their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team Council 6765 continues to provide a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team not only to their Council but also Council 7974 Columbus. Council 6765 supports their church and community not only financially, but also in their willingness to give of their time and talent.

Council 7974 Columbus is working very hard to move forward. They are studying their parts for a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team of their own. Council 7974's membership is holding within one or two members. There were 5 members scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Oxford. Council 7974 also supports their church and community with their willingness to give time and talent and participation in various ministries. Council 7974 may be small in numbers but strong in heart.

In closing, I wish to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Bruce Pabon for having put his trust and faith in me by allowing me to serve as District Deputy. I thank the officers and members of my Councils for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry D. Miller  
District Deputy #4

District Deputy #6

Joseph R. Jones Jr.

Worthy State Deputy:

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

8038 Pearl	9543 Madison
10216 Brandon	11934 Gluckstadt

Council Officers for 9543 were installed by then DD Dennis Riecke all of the Officers in all of my other Councils were installed by me after my installation as District Deputy by State Deputy Bruce Pabon.

All of our district councils were present at the School Of Columbianism and then at a join district meeting held in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> District. This was a working supper , where the main focus was on filling out reports and submitting activitiy reports to the State Council for the awards at the State Convention..All Councils were present at the mid-winter meeting. I would like to thank and congratulate Council 8038 on the hosting of the meeting in Pearl it was well prepared for.

All of the councils in this district are involved in the many different functions of the Knights of Columbus and there approved programs. All 4 councils will be doing the Tootise Roll drive and will all participate in the Priest Education Fund. There has been a 1<sup>ST</sup> Degree Exemplification held in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> district each month. And to this date this District has brought in 50 new members. GK Dan Hammond and the Brother Knights of 10216 proved that they truly care for their fellow brother by deed and for all of their other work. Council 11934 continues to grow and stays active in youth and church.Council 8038 has continued their work for the Knights of Columbus. Council 9543 has continued to excel in all the ideals of the Knights of Columbus and do an exceptional job in doing so.Congratulations on the forming of Squires Circle 4532 this past year.My thanks to all of you for a job well done.

This has been a very busy recruiting year in our district with 9543 leading the way with 27 new members and 9 new insurance members.,T his Council has reached the goals set to attain Star Council, they have been very busy in all aspects of the Knights of Columbus and truly shown to all what the values of Columbianism all about. Two other Councils have attained their membership goals and one may also be a Star Council..All of the councils of District 6 have preformed with great honor and vigor and this organization should be proud that they are part of it.

This year has been a great learning year for me and I appreciate all of the good teachers that all of you have been, and I look forward to working with many of you in the future. It has been a honor to serve as your District Deputy this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph R. Jones Jr.  
District Deputy # 6

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District Deputy # 8  
Michael Bucciantini

District # 8 consists of councils: 1908 Hattiesburg Grand Knight Larry Bellipanni, 2180 Laurel Grand Knight Don Schwartz, 6592 Bassfield Grand Knight Robert Carr, 7211 Lumberton Grand Knight Charles Boyer, and 11956 Columbia / Tylertown Grand Knight Foote Singleton. All five councils have been very active in their parishes and communities and I commend them for their dedication to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, And Patriotism.

I would like to thank the officers and membership of each council for the warm reception given me. Councils 2180, 7211, and 11956 have very active participation of membership at meetings. Councils 1908 and 6592 are going through rough times as expressed earlier in the year by me. Both of these councils have a rich history in our Order and I'm sure will regain their sparkle.

This is my first year as a District Deputy and I hope I have represented our State Officers and Supreme adequately when attending meetings and functions of the councils in this district.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Bucciantini  
District Deputy # 8

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT  
DISTRICT # 9  
1999 - 2000

District # 9 is composed of Councils # 6872, Picayune, Grand Knight Ron Sperier. Council # 7087, Kiln, Grand Knight Alex Cuevas. Council # 7910, Orange Grove, Grand Knight Joel Varnado. Council # 9958, Lizana, Grand Knight Hollis Moran. Council # 11654, Wiggins, Grand Knight Sherwood Beckham. Council # 11995, West Harrison, Grand Knight Harry Geauthreaux. And Council # 12331, Sacred Heart Dedeaux, Grand Knight C.J. Malley.

This has been a tough year, Goals we set trying real hard to achieve, many obstacles to overcome, but I'll have to say, District 9 Councils have given much effort to the practice of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, coming a long way in reaching goals set before them.

Our Southern District Deputy Association, is still meeting on a regular time frame sharing valuable information between our four District and 23 councils. We are grateful to Danny Lectner, Our State Warden and Immediate Past Senior District Deputy for information he shares with us on the state level at our meetings. The Southern District Deputy Association consist of District #9, District #10 Jerry Schmuck, District #11 Robert Boney and District #12 Carl Brochard.

Respectfully submitted.

John R. Ward  
District Deputy #9

**District Deputy #10  
Gerald E. Schmuck**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,

It has been a distinct honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve the Mississippi jurisdiction of the Knights Of Columbus as District Deputy for district ten for this past year. When our State Deputy, Bruce Pabon asked me to serve as District Deputy, I was honored to accept the challenge. Following in the footsteps of our past District Deputy, David Diloranzo, has been a challenge; especially because district #10 was honored as a Star District last Fraternal year.

Since becoming a District Deputy I have had the opportunity to meet with my fellow Knights within the State and District. Getting to know and interact with these outstanding men has been a privilege for me.

District 10 is comprised of six councils. They are Pere Le Due Council 1522, Bay Saint Louis; Bishop Gunn Council 1583, Gulfport; Monsignor Leech Council 4472, Pass Christian; St. Vincent DePaul Council 4898, Long Beach; St. James Council 11541, Gulfport; and St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport. While we did not reach all our goals this past year, it was not because of any lack of effort. All of the councils within the district worked diligently to further the ideals originated by our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Pere Le Duc Council is the oldest council in this district. Under the guidance of Grand Knight Tom Mitchell they have continued to be very active with their efforts in the areas of church, youth, and community. Of special note is their successful effort in re-establishing a Squires Circle. Our future Knights in the circle are doing very well under the guidance of the council.

Bishop Gunn Council 1583 is another council that is very active. Grand Knight Terry Hurst is doing an excellent job. Under his guiding hand the council continues to excel in all program areas. This council prides itself in its dedication to our youth through Catholic education and its support of our seminarians.

Msgr. Leech Council 4472 has had some rough times in the past, but with the guidance of Grand Knight Gene Rodgers and the work of his brother knights, the council is realizing that as a team they have unlimited potential for program growth and development.

St. Vincent DePaul Council 4898 under the direction of Grand Knight Leonard Nahlen is continuing to do great work with the church, school and youth of the parish. Especially commendable is their active involvement in supporting our youth through Catholic Education and their continual support of our seminarians.

Council 11541 remains a very strong entity within the St. James parish. Dr. Fredrick Custer has continued the excellent programs and traditions established by the past Grand Knights of the council. This council continues to be very active in all the various aspects of our program areas.

Council 12271, St Joseph the Worker Council from the Seabee base is the newest council within our district. Although in only their second year of existence, Grand Knight William "Mac" McClellan has proven to be an excellent leader as this council continues to grow and excel in every aspect of Columbianism.

Obviously all of these councils have given a great deal of effort towards the fundamental ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that our order strives to accomplish.

In closing I would like to thank State Deputy Bruce Pabon for giving me the opportunity to serve the councils in District 10. Getting to know and work with the men within the District has been an enlightening, rewarding experience. I would also like to thank our State Warden Danny "Tailpipe" Lechner and my fellow District Deputies of the Southern portion of the State; John Ward District 9, Robert Boney District 11, and Carl Broshard District 12. I would especially like to thank Insurance agent Jim Rigby. His advice and guidance during this past year has been invaluable.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald E. "Jerry" Schmuck  
District Deputy #10

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District Deputy #11

Robert F. Boney

It has been an honor and privilege to be selected by our Worthy State Deputy Bruce Pabon to serve as District Deputy for District 11, consisting of Council 1244, Biloxi (Home Council), 9094 Father McAlpine of North Biloxi, 9409 Reinhart Schroeder of West Biloxi, and 9673 James D. Hart of Woolmarket.

This is my first year as District Deputy, following in the foot steps of an outstanding former District Deputy, Daniel Lechner. The councils did a superb job for him and continue to do so for me. We started out the year by attending the School of Columbianism in June with 100% attendance for district 11. The council officers went all out to putting a schedule together for the yearly programs.

It was my happy privilege to install all the council officers, both new and reelected. The councils which have a Ladies Auxiliary, only 1 in State, Council 9673, also 1244 and 9404, not in state, conducted their installations following the councils. I would like to say that the councils throughout the state that have no auxiliaries, should try to get their ladies to form one. They can be a great asset to the council. After all, we are a family organization. Right???

I started out visiting the councils at their first business meetings to discuss with them my goals to help them make their quotas for State/Supreme membership and Insurance. It was also stressed to them the importance of retention, and working with the members who became delinquent. There are always some who will eventually be suspended, but try to save a brother knight. We also discussed dates to hold Exemplification.

I also had the pleasure to attend socials held by the councils. There were times when more than one council had functions at the same time and I would have to decline an invitation, which I would hope they would forgive me when I did. I made it a point to attend the socials for awards night. I was given the opportunity to give the Star Council Award to Councils 9094 D'Iberville, 9409 West Biloxi, and 9673 Woolmarket. The Columbian and Father McGivney Award was presented to 1244 Biloxi.

There are two of the councils at present in District 11 with certified 1st degree teams. they are 1244 Biloxi and 9404 West Biloxi. We are working to get a team started at 9094 D'Iberville. Brother Larry Tabor, our State Advocate, is coaching them. I look forward in the near future to getting them certified. There have been numerous 1st degrees held at 1244 9409 through the year and recently one at 9673 Woolmarket, which hosted a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Exemplification on March 12th. I congratulate these councils and the teams for helping bestow the honors on these brother knights.

During the past year, the councils of District 11 were busy supporting our Parishes as Eucharistic Ministers, Lecturers, CCD Teachers, Parish Council Officers, etc. We also have members involved with St. Vincent DePaul Societies in their Parishes.

This past year, our councils have been active in many projects for church, community, youth, vocations, and Pro Life. Council 1244 hosts the Shrimp Bowl every year since Dec. 7, 1941, with proceeds going to Biloxi Doll and Toy Fund, St. Vincent DePaul (5) Parishes, and teams participating in bowl game. They also have a golf tournament for Pro Life where some of the money went toward a monument for the unborn at Mercy Cross High School. This past summer, Council 9094 was in charge of the bazaar at Sacred Heart. They also held several breakfasts and dinners for the parish. These are in excess of their regular projects. Council 9409 has also been a great asset to their parish with fund raisers, such as parish bazaar, yearly Christmas Tree sales, and dinners. Council 9673 has also been very active in helping out the parish with numerous fund raisers such as fish dinners, and raffles to help with parish improvements.

Worthy State Deputy, this concludes my report, and I would like to congratulate all council officers and brother knights for a job well done. I believe that Columbianism is alive and well in the State of Mississippi.

Respectively Submitted

Robert F. Boney

District Deputy #11

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DISTRICT DEPUTY #12

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers,

I greatly appreciate the privilege of serving the Mississippi jurisdiction as the District Deputy of District 12, for the 1999 - 2000 year. I would like to thank the State Deputy Bruce Pabon for this opportunity,

On June 28, 1999 I met with District Deputies from District 9, 10, and 11, and the State Warden Danny Lechner to discuss what our jobs would be. July 10, 1999 I attended the State Council organizational meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Ocean Springs. And On July 11, 1999 The School of Columbianism.

I installed the (6) Councils officers on the Following Dates:

July 14, 1999 St. Mary #9124

July 17, 1999, Sacred Heart \$ 12166

July 28, 1999, Fred L. Westbrook # 5654

August 1, 1999, St. Lucy # 11904

August 7, 1999, St. Elizabeth #10499

October 12, 1999, Pascagoula # 1605

August 17, November 2 and March 21 the (4) District Deputies has a meeting to discuss on going programs

I visited all councils in District 12 at least two or three times this year.

November 9th, 1999, I went to Bay St. Louis to witness Council 5654 perform a First Degree, I also attended 10 First Degrees in District 12.

December 2, 1999 I attended a First Degree in Biloxi 1244 with (2) new Brothers from Council 5654.

December 4, 1999 I attended a 2nd and 3rd Degree at St. Elizabeth Council 10499.

December 11, 1999 I went to Vicksburg for the District Deputy and State Council Officer Meeting.

January 8, 2000 we had a District meeting St. Mary's 9124 with all (6) Council in very good attendance.

January 16, 2000 I attended the Midwinter meeting in Biloxi Council 1244.

January 22, 2000 I attended the Council Free Throw Contest for Councils 5654 and 10499.

March 12, 2000, I attended 2nd and 3rd Degree St. Mary's Woolmarket 9673

March 25, 2000, I attended the State Free Throw contest in Madison.

Respectfully submitted.

Carl Brochard

District Deputy 12

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
96th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2000**

**STATE OFFICERS**

State Chaplain	Rev. Michael Nance
State Deputy	C. Bruce Pabon
State Secretary	Excused
State Treasurer	Richard T. Lieding
State Advocate	Larry Tabor
State Warden	Daniel Lechner
Immediate Past State Deputy	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
2000 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES**

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	802	Meridian	Frank Polizzi	Bob Leo
2	848	Jackson	George Rutherford	Fred Cunningham
2	898	Vicksburg	Mike Lee	Jerry Roberts
2	1034	Natchez	Ron Brumfield	Joe Garrity
2	1244	Biloxi	Jerry Gollott	William Davis
2	1522	Bay St. Louis	Earl J. Bourgeois	William Kane
2	1583	Gulfport	Andrew T. Hurst	Henry Rouse
1	1605	Pascagoula	Kenneth Broussard	
2	1908	Hattiesburg	David Atteberry	William C. Jarrett
2	2134	Greenville	James Hill	John P. Bernardi
2	2180	Laurel	John P. Myers	Ralph W. Gatzman
2	2945	Leland	Leon J. Shapley	Charlie J. Morlino
2	2969	Clarksdale	Gregory McClellan	Jim Glover
2	4472	Pass Christian	Gene Rogers	Emile Vial
2	4898	Long Beach	Leonard W. Nahlen	William A. Seal, Jr.
2	5267	Greenwood	Ronald J. Ola	Brad Burden
2	5556	Cleveland	Johnny Capocaccia	Thomas Bryant
2	5654	Ocean Springs	Robert Jones, Jr.	James Leonard Tarrant
2	6555	Shelby	Tom Curtin	Joe Bramuchi
2	6592	Bassfield	Charles Carr	Joseph Kirby
2	6765	Starkville	David Breax	Tom Hannigan
2	6872	Picayune	Ron Sperier	Jim Mounsey
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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
96th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2000**

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	7087	Kiln	Richard Hoda	Phillip Ray Hoda
2	7120	Southaven	James H. Brewington	Francis J. Miller
2	7211	Lumberton	Charles R. Boyer	Wilson J. John, Sr.
2	7854	Clinton	Paul Croft	Fred Roquemore
2	7910	Orange Grove	Joel Varnado	Richard Zdziemborski
2	7915	Brookhaven	Earl Westfall	Joe Bonfiglio
2	7974	Columbus	Kurt R. Dubbel	Ralph Corrado
2	8038	Pearl	Michael Silliere	Gordon Cowie
0	8054	McComb		
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Marvin Cannon	Paul Gospodarski
2	8760	Holly Springs	Eddie Dixon	Ronald S. Kopacz
2	8848	Tupelo	Jeff Houin	Bud Tomaso
2	8912	Corinth	Dennis C. Louis	Thomas S. Thompson
2	9094	D'Iberville	Albert Allege	Darnell Lepre
2	9124	Gautier	Robert Barr	Joe Furlan
0	9234	Indianola		
2	9409	West Biloxi	William Entriken	Materno Yapit
2	9543	Madison	Richard Cameron	Steve Simoneaux
2	9673	Woolmarket	Lonnie R. Parvin	Jessie Pope
2	9958	Lizana	Hollis J. Moran	Anthony J. Moran
2	10216	Brandon	Dan L. Hammond	Martin J. Biseu
1	10443	Grenada	Dan Buzzarde	
2	10499	Ocean Springs	Richard E. Greenwold	Joe Ryan
2	10901	Oxford	James Reid	Mike Mitchell
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	Daniel Gillis	Edward Croal
2	11654	Wiggins	Sherwood Beckham	Donald Eakin
2	11904	St. Lucy's, Lucedale	Kevin Schneider	James Henderson
2	11934	Gluckstadt	John J. Scanlan	John C. Minninger
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	Footie R. Singleton	Robert N. Frey
2	11995	West Harrison	Harry V. Geauthreaux	John L. Maynard
2	12166	Pascagoula-SH	Carl E. Muse	William C. Waggoner
2	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	William McCellan	Robert E. Zeller
2	12331	Dedeaux	C. J. Malley	James B. Inabinet
61	<b>TOTAL</b>			

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
96th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2000**

**DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

District	1	James Leatherwood
District	2	James W. Farris
District	3	Harvey Caldwell, III
District	4	Larry Miller
District	5	William T. Hetrick
District	6	Joseph Jones
District	7	Absent
District	8	Michael J. Bucciantini
District	9	John R. Ward
District	10	Gerald E. Schmuck
District	11	Robert Boney
District	12	Carl Brochard, Sr.

**PAST STATE DEPUTIES**

G. David Atteberry (Delegate)	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
Robert Fratesi	John P. Myers (Delegate)
Norman L. Kiehm	Tom Zettler
Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.	

**HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS**

Bishop William R. Houck  
Bishop Joseph L. Howze

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Todaro, Immediate Past State Deputy

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4/29/00

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## STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

My brother knights,

As your state deputy, it is my honor to report to you on the status of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

In the beginning it was established that the work of the past two (2) administrations must continue to thrive. It was also established that our vision must change, but yet remain the same. Therefore, our vision is now "*Mississippi Knights Continue To Set The Pace To The Third millennium*" however this is not enough. We must continue to strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to remain at the right hand of the church.

The Pope has asked us to "*Open Wide The Doors To Christ - Jubilee 2000 Share The Joy*" and it is our duty to "*Open Wide The Doors To The Knights Of Columbus*". To survive we must continue to grow. The only way to do that is to ask someone to become a Knight.

### GENERAL:

We continue to use our call out system to report special events around the state. More recent has been the hospitalization of Larry Campbell, Carol Chady and Lloyd Everhurst. Prayer went out and it appears that recovery will happen for all.

While not popular it became apparent that we could not support the quarterly issue of a newsletter. In order to stay in the black it was decided that the newsletter needed to be temporarily done away with. Other cuts were made, to include sharing rooms while traveling and riding together as often as possible.

### MEMBERSHIP:

This year we moved to help increase the number of Knights in the Mississippi jurisdiction by dividing the state into 3 zones North, Mid, and south with chairman over each with an overall chairman. What this did was divide the territory into smaller easier covered areas. As a result we introduced 419 Catholic Gentleman to the Knights of Columbus. However at the same time we lost 151 Knights. This gave us a net of 268. As stated by Brother Guy Todaro in 1998 "I would dwell more on suspensions, but I won't. All I ask you to do is to properly follow the procedures and ensure that we have given the member every benefit of the doubt. That he truly does not want to be a Knight".

### CEREMONIALS:

Ceremonials seem to be our bright spot. We have utilized our teams to there best. We have also used and returned the favor. The Mobile, AL teams. Thanks to Brother Guy Todaro, IPSD for keeping ceremonies on the right track. We must continue to do the right thing for the Church, for Christ, for family, for the Knights of Columbus and for our nation. We must know that doing the right thing is Gods way.

As I promised I would always try to be short in my remarks and I will. In closing let me say thanks to some special people. These are the Brother Knights that stepped up to help me in the last 15 months. I suddenly lost my wife to cancer, changed jobs after 34 years and then was diagnosed with cancer myself. You know who you are. I love each of you and will be there for you in your time of need.

God Bless all of you,

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted

C. Bruce Pabon  
State Deputy

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY		GUY S. TODARO, JR		
STATE CHAPLAIN		REV. MIKE NANCE		
STATE DEPUTY		C. BRUCE PABON		
STATE SECRETARY		THOMAS F. CHADY		
STATE TREASURER		RICHARD T. LIEDING		
STATE ADVOCATE		LARRY TABOR		
STATE WARDEN		DANIEL J. LECHNER		
DELEGATE # 1		DELEGATE # 2	ALTERNATE # 1	ALTERNATE # 2
802	FRANK POLIZZI	BOB LEO	TOM ZETTLER	GEORGE WALSTON
848	GEORGE RUTHERFORD	FRED CUNNINGHAM	JOSEPH MILLER	JAMES MCRAW
898	MIKE LEE	JERRY ROBERTS	TONY DARDEAU	JACK FARRIN
1034	RON BRUMFIELD	JOE GARRITY	JIMMY SEARCY	SONNY FOGGO
1244	JERRY GOLLOTT	WILLIAM DAVIS	FRANK TARRANT	GERALD LAMEY
1522	EARL J. BOURGEOIS	WILLIAM KANE		
1583	ANDREW T. HURST	HENRY LEE ROUSE	JIMMY NECAISE	ROBERT FLAGG
1605	H. F. EASTER	EARNEST FALGO	MIKE GILLEY	KENNETH BROUSSARD
1908	LARRY BELLIPANNI JR.	WILLIAM JARRETT	DAVE ATTEBERRY	MICHAEL ANDERSON
2134	JAMES E. HILL	JOHN P. BERNARDI	WILLIAM N. KOEPPE	NORMAN L. KIEHM
2180	LOUIS D. "DON" SCHWARTZ	RALLPH W. "BILL" GATZMAN	JOE FLICK	BUD HERRING
2945	LEON SHAPLEY	CHARLIE MORLINO		
2969	GREGORY H. MCLELLAN	JOHN HAMILTON	WARREN MATHEWS	JIM GLOVER
4472	GENE ROGERS	EXAVIER NOLET	WARREN RESO	EMILE VIAL
4898	LEONARD NAHLEN	WILLIAM A. SEAL, JR.	DAVID W. DILORENZO	BEN J. DILORENZO

	DELEGATE # 1	DELEGATE # 2	ALTERNATE # 1	ALTERNATE # 2
5267	JESSE QUINN, III	BRADLEY D. BURDEN	RONALD J. OLA	JESSE J. QUINN JR
5556	JONNY CAPOCACCIA	THOMAS BRYANT	DOUGLAS COCLOVA	ABERT ROCCONI, JR
5654	ROBERT L. JONES, JR	JAMES L. TARRANT	JOE NIEZGODA	BERNIE MCGINLEY
6555	TOM CURTIN	JOE BRAMUCCHI		
6592	CHARLES CARR	JOSEPH KIRBY	ROBERT CARR	CHARLIE HARRINGTON
6765	DAVE BREAUX	TOM HANNIGAN		
6872	RON M. SPERIER	JIM MOUNSEY	EVAN "JIM" LAMBERT	RONALD J. CASSAGNE
7087	RICHARD HODA	PHILLIP HODA	HOWARD LADNER	GERARD NECAISE
7120	JAMES H. BREWINGTON	FRANCIS J. MILLER	ARPAD A. MAGYAR	KENNETH L. LUBBERS
7211	CHARLES R. BOYER	WILSON J. JOHN, SR.		
7854	PAUL CROFT	FRED ROQUEMORE	ART RICHARDSON	CHIRS CALLEGAN
7910	JOEL VARNADO	RICHARD ZDZIEMBORSKI		
7915	EARL WESTFALL	JOE BONFIGLIO	JAMES CRAIG	WADE DITCAHRO
7974	KURT R. DORBELL	RALPH CORRADO	LOUIS DE FILIPO, SR.	WILLIMA C. SEABERRY
8038	L. C. GUILLOTTE	GORDON COWIE	MICHAEL G. SILLER	JOSEPH WALLS
8054	COUNCIL WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE			
8285	MARVIN CANNON	PAUL GOSPODARSKI		
8760	EDDIE DIXON	RONALD KOPACZ	CLAUDE VINSON	VICTOR BEARD
8848	JEFF HOVIN	BUD TOMASO	ROB HUDSON	SAM ORLANDO
8912	DENNIS C. LOUIS	TOMMY THOMPSON	CHRIS MILLS	
9094	ALBERT ALLEGUE	DARNEL LEPRE		
9124	ROBERT C. BARR	JOE FURLAN	JOHN ODWYER	DON TIBLIER

	DELEGATE # 1		DELEGATE # 2	ALTERNATE # 1	ALTERNATE # 2
9234	COUNCIL WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE				
9409	WILLIAM F. ENTRIKEN		MATENO F. YAPIT	BOBBY R. WELDON	GREGORY E. BERTUCCI
9543	RICHARD CAMERON		STEVE SIMONEAUX	DAVE SCOTT	DENNIS RIECKE
9673	LONNI R. PARVIN		JESSE E. POPE	JOSEPH SOUZA	
9938	HOLLIS J. MORAN		ANTHONY J. MORAN	FRANCIS J. MORAN	JAMES E. LADNER
10216	DAN L. HAMMOND		MARTIN J. BISEU	LOUIS ZYLKA	JOHN C. LEWIS
10443	DAN BUZZARDE		BUDDY HONEYCUTT	MICHAEL LIBERTS	LEE MUENSTENTEIGER
10499	RICHARD GREENWOLD		JOE RYAN		
10901	JAMES REID		TONY GRANT	MIKE MITCHELL	RON RYCHLATS
11541	DANIEL J. GILLIS		EDWARD C. CROAL	ALLAN KONYN	FRTIZ J. OBERLIES
11654	SHERWOOD BECKHAM		ALFRED MCCARNEY	RICKY FUERST	DONALD EAKIN
11904	KEVIN SCHNEIDER		JAMES HENDERSON	GARY NANCE	DAVID NANCE
11934	JOHN J. SCANLAN		JOHN C. MINNINGER	KERRY MINNINGER	DAVID COBB
11956	FOOTE R. SINGLETON		ROBERT N. FREY	PAUL J. MACKIN	JOSEPH H. SINGLETON
11995	HARRY V GEAUTHREAUX		JOHN L. MAYNARD	RHETT MAYNARD	JOHN LEONARD
12166	CARL E. MUSE		WILLIAM C. WAGGONER	HENRY A. BERTAGNOLLI, JR.	JAMES A. VENDRELL
12271	WM R. "MAC" McLELLAN JR.		ROBER E. ZELLER	MANUAL P. MABANTA	
12331	CJ J. MALLEY		JAMES INABET	ROY SAVOIE	CHRIS ORY

A total net gain of 170 members is shown by this report. Included are 2156 insurance members and 3751 associate members. Also included in these total are 507 honorary life members, 93 honorary members and 331 inactive members.

The following 80 members have been reported by their councils as deceased since last convention:

<u>COUNCIL #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
848	JACKSON	WALTER G. SCHILHAB, PGK VANCE AVALON FRANCIS MORRISON PHILLIP A. PAYMENT
898	VICKSBURG	DANIEL SWAN JAMES R BRES ADAM R. RULA FRANCIS LANEHART
1034	NATCHEZ	PAUL A. DOHERTY WILLIAM B. GARRITY FRANCIS J. GASQUET FRANCIS D. PERRAULT EDWIN A. VEDRENNE
1244	BILOXI	TONY JOE ROSETTI STEARNS C. PLUFF, PDD STEVE MARINOVICH JOHN H. DIAZ JOSEPH BARICEV CURTIS FOUNTAIN EDWARD RUG
1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	KEVIN ODEGAARD MICHAEL McGINITY ALBERT N. GRASS JOSEPH FLEURITE, JR HAROLD BERMOND ANDY BECKER KENT SELLIER



<u>COUNCIL #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1583	GULFPORT	KENT C. BARBER FELIX J. BERTUCCI MACK M. HARPER, PGK JAMES R. LONG JAMES F. MITCHELL JOHN P. TANSEY JOSPEH J. ZAK
1605	PASQCAGOULA	HAROLD A. THOMAS WILLIAM C. MILBURN VINCENT J. COX ALFRED J. KREBS
2134	GREENVILLE	BRADFORD M. CRIDDLE KARL E. KREMSEY CHARLES V. MICHELL GEORGE SHAMOON
2180	LAUREL	JAMES L. GRIMLEY DONALD J. O'BRIEN
2945	LELAND	FRANK ALDRIDGE RICHARD ASBURY LOUIS LABELLA
2969	CLARKSDALE	JOHN LARVENZI, PGK, PFN, PDD EUGENE DOYLE, PGK PUAL JOSE
4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	LOUIS STARITA
4898	LONG BEACH	HARRY O. KALETSCH JOHN W. VIGER JAMES E. LEVENS, JR
5267	GREENWOOD	FRANK DISCHINO ALEX MALOUF, SR. DEWEY MALOUF, SR.
5556	CLEVELAND	JOHN RODNEY DANGELO
5654	OCEAN SPRINGS	CYRIL CHAMBERS LOUIS CERV

<u>COUNCIL #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
6872	PICAYUNNE	IRVIN L. BARCO ALFRED H. RIVERA
7120	SOUTHAVEN	GORDON COKER, PGK, PFN STASYS STASIULIS
7211	LUMBERTON	CARL R. BRADLEY
7915	BROOKHAVEN	ROY MALTA
8038	PEARL	PAUL "POLO" FONTANA
8054	McCOMB	NEIL M. FAUST
8848	TUPELO	JOHN P. McCANN PATRICK J. CARROLL JOHN W. McDOWELL
9673	WOOLMARKET	FRANK L. FLOYD, JR.
10216	BRANDON	LEONARD HOOVER RONALD LAWTON
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	WILLARD DORSEY MATTHEW McNUTTY, JR.
10901	OXFORD	JIMMY CASTIGLIONE
11934	GLUCKSTADT	HENRY J. KLAAS
11956	COLUMBIA/ TYLERTOWN	JAMES W. HARPER, JR.
12331	SACRED HEART	CECIL J. LADNER

**WIFE'S**

<u>COUNCIL #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
802	MERIDIAN	CARRYL STOCKTON
5556	CLEVELAND	STELLA FIORANELLI
8054	McCOMB	TALLIE CASCIOLA
8848	TUPELO	ROBBIE McCANN MARY McDOWELL
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	EFFIE KITCHEN
		HELEN WILLIAMS
		MRS. A. E. VALVEROI

COUNCILS	COUNCIL NAME	4/01/99	4/01/00	INCREASE	DECREASE
802	MERIDIAN	210	221	11	
848	JACKSON	79	84	5	
898	VICKSBURG	373	403	30	
1034	NATCHEZ	195	194		1
1244	BILOXI	390	398	8	
1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	214	215	1	
1583	GULFPORT	296	275		21
1605	PASCAGOULA	206	193		13
1908	HATTIESBURG	107	103		4
2134	GREENVILLE	146	144		2
2180	LAUREL	117	107		10
2945	LELAND	53	51		2
2969	CLARKSDALE	204	201		3
4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	36	47	11	
4898	LONG BEACH	142	138		4
5267	GREENWOOD	71	69		2
5556	CLEVELAND	166	172	6	
5654	OCEAN SPRING	164	172	8	
6555	SHELBY	40	40		
6592	BASSFIELD	84	84		
6765	STARKVILLE	76	81	5	
6872	PICAYUNE	76	87	11	
7087	KILN	46	47	1	
7120	SOUTHAVEN	92	90		2
7211	LUMBERTON	62	82	20	
7854	CLINTON	73	79	6	
7910	ORANGE GROVE	118	116		2
7915	BROOKHAVEN	83	72		11
7974	COLUMBUS	44	44		
8038	PEARL	98	86		12
8054	McCOMB	55	56	1	
8285	JACKSON	74	66		8
8760	HOLLY SPRINGS	35	38	3	
8848	TUPELO	161	161		
8912	CORINTH	35	43	8	
9094	D'IBERVILLE	90	102	12	
9124	GAUTIER	111	126	15	
9234	INDIANOLA	40	40		

COUNCILS	COUNCIL NAME	4/01/99	4/01/00	INCREASE	DECREASE
9409	WEST BILOXI	124	135	11	
9543	MADISON	135	163	28	
9673	WOOLMARKET	61	77	16	
9958	LIZANA	64	66	2	
10216	BRANDON	63	69	6	
10443	GRENADA	33	31		2
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	101	102	1	
10901	OXFORD	112	109		3
11541	GULFPORT	121	119		2
11654	FR. PAUL GILLIS	42	49	7	
11904	LUCEDALE	45	43		2
11934	GLUCKSTADT	39	46	7	
11956	FR. PATRICK QUINN	42	44	2	
11995	WEST HARRISON	34	39	5	
12166	SACRED HEART	68	81	13	
12271	SEEBEE BASE	40	49	9	
12331	SACRED HEART	40	47	7	
TOTALS		5826	5996	276	106
TOTAL INCREASE				170	

<b>DECEASED MEMBERS BY COUNCIL</b>		
<b>COUNCILS</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	
848	JACKSON	4
898	VICKSBURG	4
1034	NATCHEZ	5
1244	BILOXI	7
1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	7
1583	GULFPORT	7
1605	PASCAGOULA	4
2134	GREENVILLE	4
2180	LAUREL	2
2945	LELAND	3
2969	CLARKSDALE	3
4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	1
4898	LONG BEACH	3
5267	GREENWOOD	3
5556	CLEVELAND	1
5654	OCEAN SPRING	2
6872	PICAYUNE	2
7120	SOUTHAVEN	2
7211	LUMBERTON	1
7915	BROOKHAVEN	1
8038	PEARL	1
8054	McCOMB	1
8848	TUPELO	3
9673	WOOLMARKET	1
10216	BRANDON	2
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	2
10901	OXFORD	1
11934	GLUCKSTADT	1
11956	FR. PATRICK QUINN	1
12331	SACRED HEART	1
GRAND TOTALS		80

## MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

State Treasurer's Report  
Richard T. Lieding

It has been my pleasure to serve as you State Treasurer during this past fraternal year. I have tried to do so to the best of my ability.

At the beginning of the fraternal year, acting as a team, the State Family undertook several measures to reduce operating expenses while not cutting back on our services to you, our brother Knights. This is a time when expenses are rising and our income is decreasing. Please keep in mind that our primary source of our income comes from per capita tax. We decided to:

- Keep the per diem limitation on meals.
- State Officers agreed not to be reimbursed for the first 50 miles traveled.
- Carpool whenever possible.
- Keep the number of midwinter meetings to three.
- Publish the Magnolia Knight only on our web site.

In other matters, all appropriate documentation to renew the State Council's status under Mississippi's Charitable Solicitations Act were forward to the MS Secretary of State office. The State Council has been approved as a charitable organization. Also, please find attached to this report a copy of the financial statement for the fiscal year April 1, 1999, to March 31, 2000.

Lastly, Brothers, as always I appreciate the kindness, friendship, and hospitality shown to me as I have visited with you. I thank you for that. I appreciate the honor to serve you and look forward to doing so in the future.

Vivat Jesus and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard T. Lieding  
State Treasurer

## Mississippi State Council

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: (4-01-99) \$50,711.96

#### Receipts:

Per Capita	\$30,508.20
Donations	\$226.00
Millenium Angel	\$4,999.98
Interest Income	\$470.92
Disaster Relief	\$750.00
Christmas Card Sales	\$458.00
SMA Fathers' Fund	\$502.00
Christopher Fund	\$2,928.25
Returned Convention Checks	\$243.00
	\$41,114.15

#### Expenses:

SMA Fathers	\$62.00
Supreme Convention	\$2,000.00
State Convention	\$21,091.11
Travel	\$4,441.36
Supplies	\$2,278.10
State Directory	\$801.97
Magnolia Knight	\$422.56
Website	\$455.00
Sub/Dues	\$84.50
Degree Expenses	\$246.00
Membership Promotion	\$129.65
Millenium Angel	\$4,999.98
Bowling Tournament	\$116.00
Disaster Relief	\$1,150.00
Christopher Fund	\$3,275.05
MS. Charities Registration	\$50.00
Bank Charges	\$40.30
Returned Check/fee	\$142.00
	\$41,785.58
	(-671.43)

Ending Bank Balance: (3-31-00) \$50,040.53

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

Vivat Jesus!

It has been only a short year since the last convention and many good things have happened within our Jurisdiction. I can report as your State Advocate that it has been a fast-paced year with many opportunities to visit local councils and attend all of the State meetings. I was fortunate to attend most, if not all, major exemplifications. I hold the Knights of Columbus close to my heart and during my travels through the state come to realize there are many of you who do the same.

I made a commitment to you a year ago and reaffirm that promise now for my actions and dedication in the future. You have welcomed me into your council chambers and have shown gracious hospitality and fraternalism during my visits. Each degree I have attended has been special, each social or special event a success.

As your State Advocate, there are several responsibilities I have assumed. First and foremost is our State By Laws. I have been working to ensure the State has current and correct By Laws on file with the Supreme office. I am working with Past State Deputy Robert Fratesi and the Supreme Advocate's office to gather the needed information to update and publish our By Laws. Once this action is finalized, all councils will be notified and provided a copy.

Second and equally important, I must ensure each council in the state has approved and published Council By Laws. I can report with certainty that I have 28 out of 55 council By-laws in my possession. That is a poor showing and my goal is to have 100 per cent of council by laws in hand by December 31, 2000. I will have the necessary paper work to hand out during the Schools of Columbianism to request each council without approved or printed By-laws, to take action to complete this important bit of information.

I have a special request of myself and hopefully you too can share this expectation. I believe the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction have not yet reached its fullest potential. There is much more we can do as a fraternal organization to strengthen our ties with all Catholic families of our state. We, as a unified force, need to put our words into action, become more involved, and to pray for strength and unity. When we are inspired or motivated from a special event such as a degree or church service, we need to put that energy into action. We need to ensure every man who is asked to join our Order is afforded the opportunity of a complete overview of our organization. We must give him and his family a valid reason not only to join but to also instill the desire for them to become active and the determination for them to remain. We can strengthen Columbianism in Mississippi. It will take proper planning, implementation, and follow up.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the fine hospitably you have afforded my lovely wife, Denise, and I on the occasion of our visits. Everyone has shown us what good old southern hospitality really is. But just as important, you have also shown us how true fraternity and brotherhood coupled with family fun is good for the spirit as well.

Please know I am but a phone call away. Please call if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry J. Tabor  
State Advocate

State Warden's Report  
Daniel J. Lechner

It has been a pleasure for me this year to serve you as your State Warden. It has been a year that has passed by so fast that I have to take a deep breath, relax, and recall all of the wonderful things that have taken place. From the Schools of Columbianism, where we all learned things that we thought that we already knew, to the degree exemplifications where we renewed our pledges to be followers of Christ.

The year has been one where we welcomed in a new millennium, added new members to our great organization, and sadly, had to say good bye to some of our beloved fellow knights. We have laughed together, cried together, and prayed together.

I guess that the main thing I learned is, as brother knights, we are together.

Vivat Jesus,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel J. Lechner

## GENERAL AGENT REPORT

Your Excellency Bishop Houck, Bishop Howze, Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, Field Agents, Delegates, and Brother Knights, it is a genuine pleasure to be here with all of you today.

Progress in the '90s: During the decade of the '90s the K. C. jumped ahead in a number of ways. During 1995, charitable contributions topped \$105 million, and three years later (1998) they had jumped to \$110.7 million. In 1995 the members had given more than 50 million hours of volunteer service to the Catholic Church, community projects and youth programs. Three years later, this increased to 55 million hours.

A milestone was reached in 1996 when the amount of insurance issued amounted to more than \$4 billion when 88,455 policies were issued, pushing the total insurance in force to \$31.3 billion. By the end of 1999 this amount had climbed to \$38.2 billion, and the sales for that year totaled nearly \$4.3 billion. Their current membership stands at more than 1.6 million and local councils at more than 12,000.

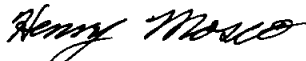
Mosco Agency results in the year 1999 : Finished #36 out of 138 Agencies in Premium income. Finished #13 out of 138 Agencies in applications per 1000 members.

1. Policies written and issued: 468
2. Gross Volume: \$21,017,000
3. Applications per 1000 members: 80.61
4. Net Premium income: \$166,813

Winners of the Insurance Promotion Award in Net Growth & % gain for the Fraternal Year 1999 was:

1. St. Joseph the Worker Council #12271 in Gulfport, Ms., with 11 NET GROWTH.  
Field Agent: James Rigby.
2. St. Joseph the Worker Council #12271 in Gulfport, Ms., With 366%.  
Field Agent: James Rigby.

Fraternally,



Henry Mosco, FIC, LUTC, IOIM  
General Agent

#### 1999/2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

It is my honor to report the State Membership Activities for the past State Year ( 4-01-99 to 3-31-2000 ) and the Supreme Council Year from 7-01-1999 to 6 - 30 -2000.

My involvement began soon after the 1999 State Convention as State Deputy Elect, Bruce Pabon asked me to serve as the State Membership Director. I accepted my new responsibilities and immediately began to develop an action plan. The first activity was to assemble the membership information statistics from the 1998/99 Year. The previous State Director Larry Tabor was completing the last quarter of the Supreme Fraternal Year. I thank him for his assistance with the initial plans and through out the year.

The primary objective was to develop a membership team at the State Level that could effectively provide assistance to the District Deputies , Council Officers and Council Directors. After evaluating several options, I proposed a plan to the State Deputy, which changed the functional structure for the State positions of Membership Director, Retention Chairman, New Council Development, and Round Table Chairmen. Since all these positions are membership related and depend on each other for success or failure, why should not everyone at the State, District, and Council Level share the responsibility? Another primary consideration was to reduce the geographic area for travel while providing support to Districts and Councils. The State Deputy agreed with my plan and the new concept with a State Membership Director with three Regional Coordinators was developed. Each coordinator was assigned to an area consisting of four districts which provided a smaller geographic area in which to implement membership activities. Three dedicated and experienced knights, Bob Hudson, Dennis Riecke, and Don Cox accepted the challenge as Regional Coordinator in the North, Central and Southern Regions.

Now, that the structure was in place at the State Level, the next task was to introduce the new plan to the State Family at the Summer Meeting and to the Council Members at the Schools of Columbianism. To prepare for the meetings, new procedures had to be written , presentations and handouts developed for presentation by each Regional Coordinator and myself. The State Officers, District Deputies, Council Officers and Chairmen were presented with an information packet, which included promotional materials, membership analysis and a suggested program agenda for a Membership Prospect Orientation Meeting at each council. The program agenda required that Council Officers and Chairmen function as a team to conduct the Orientation Meeting. Some councils reported that the suggested agenda was used with success. Thank you for making it work. I hope more of you will implement a Prospect Orientation Meeting for prospective members in your council.

To make a successful implementation of any plan, two-way communication must occur between all team members. Using the Regional Concept, communication must occur between the Coordinators, District Deputies and Councils to properly conduct Membership Activities. Several methods of communication were used this year, including E-Mail on the Internet. The E-Mail messages worked great, but some had difficulty accessing analysis the report attachments to the E-Mail message. Hopefully, a common software solution can be determined or use of the State Web Page can be developed to provide access to the reports that are normally attached to the E-Mails. I challenge you to offer suggestions for improvement of E-Mail Communications and the successful use of the TEAM CONCEPT.

You have received several status reports during the past year. To provide a summary of activities for the State Year and a tool for the last quarter of the Supreme Year, an information packet has been provided for State Officers, District Deputies, and Delegates to this convention. The packet includes the following reports: State Year Membership Stats by council size, North, Central and Southern Regional Analysis, Supreme Year Membership Stats by council size and the Supreme Membership - Insurance

Progress Report. Please use this information to conclude the current year and plan your recruiting strategy for the next State and Supreme Years.

A review of the analysis reveals those councils who are to be congratulated and those who had Net Losses during the State Year. Please note that several councils with small net gain can achieve the Star Council Award by an excellent recruiting – insurance effort during the last quarter of the Supreme Year.

Retention efforts worked well in most councils. Only three councils had losses of ten or more members. The total losses during the State Year was 151 members. Each council should know the reason for the loss of each member and develop a plan to prevent losses. Congratulations to those councils who have a working Retention Program. Remember, the best Retention Program and Recruiting Tool is a strong Service Program.

New Council and Round Table Development did not produce any new units. Several locations provide an excellent opportunity for development and should be a high priority for the District Deputies and State Coordinators and Directors during the next year.

Please see the Membership Award Reports listing the Topgun Councils , Highest Net Gain by Council Size and Highest NET Percentage GAIN by Council Size.

It has been a pleasure serving as the State Membership Director and I am available to serve in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph B Goellner  
State Membership Director

### 1999/2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

#### HIGHEST NET GAIN AND HIGHEST PERCENT GAIN BY COUNCIL SIZE CATEGORY 4-01-99 to 3-31-00

##### SMALL COUNCIL

TOTAL NET GAIN -- 9 MEMBERS	# 12271	Seabee Base - Gulfport	GK	W. R. McClellan
TOTAL PERCENT GAIN -- 22.50 %	# 12271	Seabee Base - Gulfport	GK	W. R. McClellan

##### MEDIUM COUNCIL

TOTAL NET GAIN -- 21 MEMBERS	# 7211	Lumberton/Poplarville	GK	Charles Boyer
TOTAL PERCENT GAIN -- 33.33%	# 7211	Lumberton/Poplarville	GK	Charles Boyer

##### LARGE COUNCIL

TOTAL NET GAIN -- 28 MEMBERS	# 9543	Madison	GK	Richard Cameron
TOTAL PERCENT GAIN -- 20.90%	# 9543	Madison	GK	Richard Cameron

##### X-LARGE COUNCIL

TOTAL NET GAIN -- 37 MEMBERS	# 898	Vicksburg	GK	Michael Lee
TOTAL PERCENT GAIN -- 9.92%	# 898	Vicksburg	GK	Michael Lee

## 1999/2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### TOPGUN COUNCILS :

Award criteria: Double the number of the 5% State Net Gain Quota. X-Large councils must meet maximum Number of 5% Net Gain plus 10 additional members.

### SMALL COUNCIL CATEGORY -- Less than 50 members as of April 01, 1999

# 4472	Pass Christian	GK Gene Rogers
# 8760	Holly Springs	GK James Rayford
# 8912	Corinth	GK Dennis Louis
# 11654	Wiggins	GK Sherwood Beckham
# 11934	Gluckstadt	GK Joe Scanlan
# 11956	Columbia/Tylertown	GK Foote Singleton
# 11995	West Harrison	GK Harry Geauthreaux
# 12271	Seabee Base- Gulfport	GK W.R. McClellan
# 12331	Dedeaux	GK C. J. Malley

### MEDIUM COUNCIL CATEGORY -- 51 to 79 Members as of April 01, 1999

# 848	Jackson	GK George Rutherford
# 6872	Picayune	GK Ronnie Spier
# 7211	Lumberton/ Poplarville	GK Charles Boyer
# 9673	Woolmarket	GK Lonnie Parvin
# 10216	Brandon	GK Dan Hammond
# 12166	Sacred Heart- Pascagoula	GK Carl Muse

### LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY: -- 80 to 150 Members as of April 01, 1999

# 9094	North Biloxi	GK Albert Alleque
# 9124	Gautier	GK John Lilly
# 9543	Madison	GK Richard Cameron

### X-LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY : -- 151 or more Members as of April 01, 1999

# 898	Vicksburg	GK Michael Lee
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1999-2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP 4-01-1998 TO 3-31-2000																			
#	SMALL COUNCILS	STATE PARTY SIZE	STATE QUOTA	TOP QUOTA	APR - JUN		JUL - SEP		OCT - DEC		JAN - MAR		STATE NET TOTAL	STATE % GAIN	STATE SIZE	STATE % GAIN	STATE SIZE	STATE % GAIN	STATE SIZE
					NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL									
1	4372	36	1.8	2	4	3	38	2	0	0	2	7	43	18.44%	47	18.44%	47	18.44%	47
2	6446	40	2	2	4	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0.00%	40	0.00%	40	0.00%	40
3	7974	44	2.2	2	4	0	44	0	0	0	1	1	46	2.27%	44	2.27%	44	2.27%	44
4	6796	34	1.7	2	4	3	37	1	0	0	4	38	11.79%	38	11.79%	38	11.79%	38	
5	8912	38	1.76	2	4	-1	34	1	2	0	6	7	43	20.89%	43	20.89%	43	20.89%	43
6	9234	40	2	2	4	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0.00%	40	0.00%	40	0.00%	40
7	10443	32	1.6	2	4	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0.00%	32	0.00%	32	0.00%	32
8	11664	42	2.1	2	4	3	46	0	1	0	3	7	49	16.87%	49	16.87%	49	16.87%	49
9	11954	46	2.26	2	4	0	46	-2	0	0	3	4	44	-4.44%	43	-4.44%	43	-4.44%	43
10	11924	40	2	2	4	0	40	1	0	0	3	4	44	10.00%	44	10.00%	44	10.00%	44
11	11866	34	1.7	2	4	3	36	2	3	0	1	4	38	11.79%	39	11.79%	39	11.79%	39
12	12271	40	2	2	4	2	42	3	0	0	4	9	48	22.50%	48	22.50%	48	22.50%	48
13	12331	41	2.06	2	4	3	44	2	0	0	3	8	49	19.81%	47	19.81%	47	19.81%	47
TOTALS	643	543	28	56	17	60	6	24	56	10.13%	608	10.13%	608	10.13%	608	10.13%	608	10.13%	608

#	MEDIUM COUNCILS	STATE PARTY SIZE	STATE QUOTA	TOP QUOTA	APR - JUN		JUL - SEP		OCT - DEC		JAN - MAR		STATE NET TOTAL	STATE % GAIN	STATE SIZE	STATE % GAIN	STATE SIZE	STATE % GAIN	STATE SIZE
					NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL	NET SUBTOTAL									
1	848	77	3.86	4	8	0	77	1	-1	0	9	86	11.89%	84	11.89%	84	11.89%	84	
2	2946	81	3.65	3	6	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	61	0.00%	61	0.00%	61	0.00%	61
3	5267	87	3.95	3	6	2	69	0	1	0	3	70	4.46%	69	4.46%	69	4.46%	69	
4	6796	76	3.76	4	8	4	79	0	0	0	2	6	81	8.00%	81	8.00%	81	8.00%	81
5	8972	76	3.8	4	8	2	78	9	1	0	12	89	16.79%	87	16.79%	87	16.79%	87	
6	7997	48	2.26	2	4	0	48	0	0	0	1	1	48	2.25%	47	2.25%	47	2.25%	47
7	7211	65	3.16	3	6	14	77	2	0	0	8	21	34	33.33%	32	33.33%	32	33.33%	32
8	7964	73	3.06	4	8	0	74	0	3	0	3	6	79	8.25%	79	8.25%	79	8.25%	79
9	8964	66	2.76	3	6	0	66	0	0	0	4	4	68	7.27%	68	7.27%	68	7.27%	68
10	8296	79	3.06	4	8	3	74	-4	1	0	0	4	68	-4.46%	68	-4.46%	68	-4.46%	68
11	8973	81	3.96	3	6	3	64	4	4	0	5	10	77	26.33%	77	26.33%	77	26.33%	77
12	8968	64	3.2	3	6	1	66	0	0	0	1	2	66	3.13%	66	3.13%	66	3.13%	66
13	14216	82	3.1	3	6	1	63	-1	0	0	8	8	70	12.30%	69	12.30%	69	12.30%	69
14	12166	66	3.4	3	6	4	72	0	2	0	4	12	80	17.86%	81	17.86%	81	17.86%	81
TOTALS	910	910	46	92	33	843	9	11	43	10.84%	998	10.84%	998	10.84%	998	10.84%	998	10.84%	998

COUNCIL	% GAIN =	# 5367	# 7964	# 8964	# 11964	# 12271	# 12331
TOPGUN =	# 4472	# 6780	# 8912	# 11864	# 11954	# 12271	# 12331

1993-2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP 4-01-1999 TO 3-31-2000																			
RANK	NAME	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE	COUNCIL	STATE
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	1900	106	146	7.25	6	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	2134	146	7.25	7	14	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	2160	117	8.86	6	12	14	2	118	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4088	141	7.05	7	14	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	6892	84	4.2	4	8	8	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	7129	88	4.4	4	8	8	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	7919	120	8	6	12	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	7916	80	4	4	8	8	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	8038	101	5.06	8	16	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	8094	92	4.8	8	16	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	8124	111	6.66	8	16	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	8409	128	6.15	8	16	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	8443	134	6.7	7	14	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	10499	134	6.7	7	14	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	10801	113	5.88	6	12	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	11841	118	6.9	6	12	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772	1772
1	202	211	10.66	11	22	21	11	216	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	898	273	16.66	18	36	28	18	282	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
3	1054	186	8.75	16	32	20	16	187	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1244	281	15.86	20	40	30	20	386	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	1822	215	10.75	11	22	21	11	216	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	1853	284	14.7	18	36	28	18	386	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	1885	284	10.2	16	32	20	16	386	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	2089	284	10.2	16	32	20	16	386	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	2088	186	8.3	18	36	28	18	386	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	2484	167	8.26	8	16	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	2648	189	7.36	9	18	10	4	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879	2879
TOTALS	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886
1999/2000	STATE MEM	6886	TARGET	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886	6886
NET	GAIN	286	AS OF	05/1/2000	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286
NEEDED	TO	284	TARGET	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284



1999-2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP

SUPREME YEAR

7-01-1999 TO 6-30-2000

#	SMALL COUNCILS	% EQUALS	COUNCIL QUOTA	TOP QUM	SUPREME 7/1/99 SIZE	JUL-SEP NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	OCT-DEC NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	JAN-MAR NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	APR-JUN NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	SUPREME 7/1/00 SIZE	% GAIN
1	4472	1.86	2	4	38	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	43	10.26%
2	6666	2	2	4	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0.00%
3	7574	2.2	2	4	44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	2.27%
4	8790	1.86	2	4	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	2.70%
5	8912	1.7	2	4	34	1	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	42	23.53%
6	9224	2	2	4	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0.00%
7	10443	1.8	2	4	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0.00%
8	11044	2.25	2	4	46	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	48	8.89%
9	11904	2.25	2	4	46	-2	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	48	-2.22%
10	11934	2	2	4	40	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	44	10.00%
11	11966	2.15	2	4	43	-2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	44	0.00%
12	11985	1.75	2	4	35	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	36	8.87%
13	12271	2.1	2	4	42	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	46	10.47%
14	12301	2.2	2	4	44	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	46	0.00%
TOTALS					860	8	7	24	32	0	0	0	0	890	0.80%

#	MEDIAN COUNCILS	% EQUALS	COUNCIL QUOTA	TOP QUM	SUPREME 7/1/99 SIZE	JUL-SEP NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	OCT-DEC NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	JAN-MAR NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	APR-JUN NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	SUPREME 7/1/00 SIZE	% GAIN
1	848	3.85	4	8	77	1	-1	0	0	9	0	0	0	86	11.89%
2	2845	2.86	3	6	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0.00%
3	8267	3.66	3	6	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	1.45%
4	6796	3.96	4	8	79	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	81	2.53%
5	8872	3.9	4	8	78	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	12.82%
6	7087	2.25	2	4	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	46	2.22%
7	7211	3.85	3	6	77	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	84	8.09%
8	7864	3.7	4	8	74	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	78	6.78%
9	8064	2.79	3	6	66	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	68	7.27%
10	8298	3.7	4	8	74	-4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	4.76%
11	8672	3.2	3	6	84	4	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	89	20.31%
12	8866	3.25	3	6	86	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	87	1.16%
13	10216	3.16	3	6	83	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	1.19%
14	12196	3.5	3	6	72	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	11.11%
TOTALS					843	9	11	43	63	0	0	0	0	908	8.89%

1998-2000 STATE MEMBERSHIP

SUPREME YEAR

7-01-1998 TO 6-30-2000

#	LARGE COUNCILS	%	EQUALS	COUNCIL QUOTA	TOP GUN	SUPREME 7/1/98	JUL-SEP	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	APR-JUN	SUPREME 7/1/00	% GAIN
						SIZE	NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	SIZE	
1	1808	8.1		8	10	102	2	1	0	0	3	2.84%
2	2134	7.25		7	14	148	3	0	-1	0	2	1.34%
3	2180	8.75		8	12	118	-2	0	0	0	-4	-3.39%
4	4888	7.85		7	14	141	0	0	4	0	4	2.84%
5	6892	4.2		4	8	84	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
6	7120	4.4		4	8	88	1	1	1	0	3	3.41%
7	7910	6		6	12	120	-3	1	-1	0	-3	-2.50%
8	7915	3.95		4	8	79	-4	1	-1	0	-4	-5.06%
9	8038	5.05		5	10	101	0	1	0	0	8	7.92%
10	8064	4.7		6	10	84	1	0	7	0	8	9.52%
11	8124	8.7		8	12	114	6	2	4	0	12	10.53%
12	8468	6.3		6	12	128	4	2	1	0	7	5.47%
13	8643	7.85		7	14	141	2	16	4	0	21	14.89%
14	10488	8.15		8	10	109	0	0	1	0	4	3.64%
15	10891	8.75		8	12	115	1	0	-4	0	-3	-2.51%
16	11841	8.2		8	12	124	1	-8	2	0	-6	-4.83%
TOTALS				89	178	1792	12	16	-1	0	27	1.51%

#	X-LARGE COUNCILS	%	EQUALS	COUNCIL QUOTA	TOP GUN	SUPREME 7/1/98	JUL-SEP	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	APR-JUN	SUPREME 7/1/00	% GAIN
						SIZE	NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	NET +/-	SUBTOTAL	SIZE	
1	802	16.5		11	21	210	4	0	6	0	10	4.76%
2	898	18.6		18	28	382	7	9	2	0	18	4.48%
3	1034	8.8		10	20	197	0	0	4	0	4	2.03%
4	1244	19.8		20	30	396	1	1	6	0	7	1.77%
5	1822	10.7		11	21	214	-1	8	-3	0	4	1.87%
6	1883	14.8		15	25	296	-4	1	0	0	-4	-1.35%
7	1888	12.55		10	20	206	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
8	2888	12.2		16	20	204	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
9	3086	8.3		8	16	186	2	7	0	0	7	3.76%
10	3884	6.45		8	18	189	2	0	3	0	6	3.17%
11	8848	8.15		8	16	183	3	-3	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS				129	233	2812	-2	23	17	0	38	1.36%
TOTALS				282	868	8887	27	87	83	0	147	1.63%

1998-2000	MEMBER	232
AS OF	3/31/00	167
NEEDED	TARGET	188

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NO. REGION	COORDINATOR	ROBERT J. JACKSON	COUNCIL # COUNCIL NAME GOAL												
			47/95 SIZE	47/95 NET +	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	10/1-12/31 NET +	11-3/31 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN					
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TOTAL			34	8	349	6	-1	1	14	346	4.11%	368	6	368	1.72%
COUNCIL # COUNCIL NAME GOAL			47/95 SIZE	47/95 NET +	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	10/1-12/31 NET +	11-3/31 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	
8790	HOLLY SPRINGS	4	34	3	37	1	0	0	4	38	10.81%	38	1	38	2.70%
8848	TUPPELO	18	188	4	183	3	-3	0	4	183	2.82%	0	-2	181	-1.10%
8912	CORINTH	4	38	-1	34	1	2	6	-1	112	-4.88%	0	3	112	-2.81%
10901	OXFORD	12	113	2	115	1	0	4	-1				0		
TOTAL			34	8	349	6	-1	1	14	346	4.11%	368	6	368	1.72%
COUNCIL # COUNCIL NAME GOAL			47/95 SIZE	47/95 NET +	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	10/1-12/31 NET +	11-3/31 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	
2949	CLARKSDALE	20	204	0	204	0	0	0	0	204	0.00%	0	0	204	0.00%
6886	SHELBY	4	40	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	0.00%	0	0	40	0.00%
7120	SOUTHAVEN	8	88	0	88	1	1	1	3	91	3.41%	0	3	81	2.69%
TOTAL			32	332	0	332	1	1	3	335	0.90%	0	3	338	0.904%
COUNCIL # COUNCIL NAME GOAL			47/95 SIZE	47/95 NET +	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	10/1-12/31 NET +	11-3/31 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	
2134	GREENVILLE	14	148	0	148	3	1	-2	2	147	1.34%	0	2	147	1.34%
5267	GREENWOOD	8	81	0	81	0	0	0	0	81	0.00%	0	0	81	1.48%
5584	CLEVELAND	16	168	0	168	0	7	0	3	173	2.92%	0	1	171	-1.16%
9254	INDIANOLA	4	40	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	0.00%	0	0	40	0.00%
10443	GRENADEA	4	32	0	32	0	0	0	0	32	0.00%	0	0	32	0.00%
TOTAL			60	601	2	603	3	-2	12	613	2.40%	0	13	618	2.46%
COUNCIL # COUNCIL NAME GOAL			47/95 SIZE	47/95 NET +	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	10/1-12/31 NET +	11-3/31 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	7/79 SIZE	7/79 NET +	STATE YTD	47/95 % GAIN	
802	MESQUITA	21	211	-1	210	4	0	6	8	220	4.27%	0	10	220	4.76%
8746	STARVALL	8	78	4	78	0	2	6	1	81	3.89%	0	2	81	2.17%
7874	COLUMBUS	4	44	0	44	0	0	1	1	46	2.27%	0	1	46	2.26%
TOTAL			29	330	3	337	4	0	9	348	4.89%	0	13	360	1.81%
GRAND TOTAL			181	1804	13	1821	14	8	45	1849	2.89%	0	23	1844	1.81%

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COUNCIL	LOCATION	FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD										FOUNDERS' AWARD									
		MEMBERSHIP					INSURANCE					MEMBERSHIP					INSURANCE				
		07/01/89 MEMBERS	QUOTA	THIS MONTH GAIN	LOSS	NET	YEAR TO DATE GAIN	LOSS	NET	PERCENT	07/01/89 MEMBERS	QUOTA	THIS MONTH GAIN	LOSS	NET	YEAR TO DATE GAIN	LOSS	NET	PERCENT		
00802	HERIDIAN	210	10	4	10	3	10	10	100.0	8	5	2	2	3	2	2	2	60.0			
00808	ARIZONA	77	5	3	3	0	10	1	9	180.0	3	8	1	12	3	1	12	3	32.0		
00888	VICKSBURG	382	18	2	18	1	18	1	18	100.0	8	1	1	2	2	10	2	10	111.1		
01034	NATCHEZ	197	18	3	2	1	18	1	18	100.0	4	4	3	1	3	2	4	1	111.1		
01822	SAV ST LOUIS	216	10	4	3	1	13	6	7	38.6	4	4	3	3	8	2	1	1	11.1		
01822	SAV ST LOUIS	216	10	4	3	1	14	10	4	40.0	4	4	1	2	1	3	6	3	66.6		
01843	SALFORD	286	13	3	1	2	11	8	3	90.0	7	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	55.5		
01808	PASCAGOULA	206	8	3	3	0	9	9	0	90.0	5	5	2	2	2	4	2	2	66.6		
01908	HATTIESBURG	102	5	3	3	0	6	6	0	28.5	3	3	1	1	2	4	2	2	66.6		
02134	GREENVILLE	148	7	3	3	0	6	6	0	28.5	3	3	1	1	2	4	2	2	66.6		
02180	LAUREL	118	5	3	3	0	6	6	0	28.5	3	3	1	1	2	4	2	2	66.6		
02948	LELAND	151	5	3	3	0	6	6	0	28.5	3	3	1	1	2	4	2	2	66.6		
03472	PASS CHRISTIAN	39	3	1	1	0	3	3	0	80.0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66.6		
04277	LONG BEACH	141	7	4	4	0	4	4	0	80.0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66.6		
04837	GREENWOOD	89	5	1	1	0	1	1	0	20.0	3	3	2	2	5	3	5	3	75.0		
08886	CLEVELAND	166	8	7	7	0	7	7	0	87.5	4	4	1	1	5	2	3	3	75.0		
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08795	PICTURE	78	5	2	2	0	2	2	0	40.0	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	66.6		
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07120	SOUTHAVEN	88	5	1	1	0	1	1	0	20.0	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	66.6		
07211	LUMBERTON	77	5	3	3	0	1	3	2	60.0	3	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	66.6		
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07910	GULFPORT	120	5	2	2	0	2	2	0	40.0	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	33.3		
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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP-INSURANCE PROGRESS REPORT

DATE OF REPORT 04/01/2000

AMBUITION MISSISSIPPI

FOUNDER'S AWARD		MEMBERSHIP										
COUNCIL	LOCATION	QUOTA	THIS MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			PERCENT	INSURANCE		
			GAIN	LOSS	NET	GAIN	LOSS	NET		GAIN	LOSS	NET
11804	LUCEDALE	48	1	1	0	1	3	2	80.0	3	1	2
11824	GLICKSTANT	40	2	2	0	4	4	0	80.0	3	1	2
11858	COLUMBIA/TYLER	43	1	1	0	3	3	0	80.0	3	1	2
11885	PASS CHRISTIAN	38	3	3	0	3	3	0	80.0	3	1	2
12106	PASCAGOULA	72	3	3	0	7	7	0	100.0	3	1	2
12181	CHICKASAW	42	3	3	0	3	3	0	100.0	3	1	2
12271	INDIAN	44	3	3	0	3	3	0	100.0	3	1	2
12331	INDIAN	44	3	3	0	3	3	0	100.0	3	1	2
STATE TOTALS		5807	57	16	41	285	122	163		18	12	6
7-01-99/3-31-00										12	4	8
4-01-99/6-30-99		APR-99	59	10	49					19	11	8
MAY-99			21	11	10					24	5	19
JUN-99			52	8	44					55	22	33
GRAND TOTAL			132	29	103	132	29	103		160	101	59
4-01-99/3-31-00												

**D. F. COX**  
**SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP**  
**1999 – 2000 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

♦ **DISTRICT #9:**

- All Councils had a net gain except one (1); namely Council #7910, however, they added one (1) new member
- Four (4) Councils have achieved State Goal; namely, Councils 6872, 11654, 11995 and 12311

♦ **DISTRICT #10:**

- All Councils had a net gain except one (1); namely Council #1583, however, they added three (3) new members
- Two (2) Councils have achieved State Goal; namely, Councils 4472 and 12271

♦ **DISTRICT #11:**

- All Councils had net gain
- One (1) Council achieved State Goal; namely Council 9673

♦ **DISTRICT #12:**

- All Councils had a net gain except two (2); namely Councils 1605 and 11904, however, both Councils added one (1) new member

**SUMMARY**

A NET GAIN OF 98 MEMBERS WAS ACHIEVED IN THE SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE COUNCILS WHO ACHIEVED STATE GOALS AND ARE IN POSITION TO BECOME STAR COUNCILS FOR THE 1999-2000 FRATERNAL YEAR.

Respectfully submitted,

Don F. Cox



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### STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The State program for 1999-2000 was essentially similar to those of the previous two years. At the mid-year mark, program reports were received from 33 of the 55 councils in the state. Unfortunately, the activity directors were unable to meet in one place and consequently, the reports with comments could not be distributed until after the mid-winter meetings. It was clear from the reports that were received, however, that many of the councils do not have a clear understanding of the difference between "special" and "other" programs.

At the end of the year, 38 councils submitted activity reports. (Two of the councils submitting mid-year reports failed to submit end of the year reports.) The program directors, the state membership director, and the previous program chair met in Jackson two weeks before the convention to review the submissions. These included the 38 program reports, as well as the nominations for best activities, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Each of these 38 councils received an award. There were 8 Honor Council awards, 6 Council of Excellence awards and 24 Distinguished Council awards. A number of other awards were presented at the State Convention as well. These include the following:

Best Newsletter (Large/Extra Large):	Council 9543, St. Francis of Assisi Madison Council 1244, Biloxi (second place)
Best Newsletter (Small/Medium):	Council 11956, Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 12166, Sacred Heart (tie)
Best Scrapbook (Large/Extra Large):	Council 1034, Bishop Gerow Council 7120, Southaven (second place)
Best Scrapbook (Small/Medium):	Council 11956, Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11904, St. Lucy
Drug Awareness Poster (8-11 yrs):	Shawna Stallcup, Council 7120
Drug Awareness Poster (12-14 yrs):	Chesley Schuller, Council 8038
Alcohol Awareness Poster (8-11 yrs):	Micah Schneider, Council 7211
Alcohol Awareness Poster (12-14 yrs):	Crystal Lovern, Council 8038
Best Pro-Life Project:	Council 6872, Picayune Council 898, Vicksburg (second place)
Best Vocation Project:	Council 802, Meridian Council 2180, Laurel (second place)
Best Church Activity:	Council 802, Meridian Council 898, Vicksburg (second place)
Best Community Activity:	Council 8285, St. Therese, Jackson Council 10901, Oxford (second place)

Best Council Activity:	Council 10216, Brandon Council 9543, Madison (second place)
Best Family Activity:	Council 10216, Brandon Council 1034, Natchez (second place) Council 9543, Madison (second place)*
Best Youth Activity:	Council 802, Meridian Council 10216, Brandon (second place)
Best Small Council:	Council 11956, Fr. Patrick Quinn, Columbia /Tylertown
Best Medium Council:	Council 12166, Sacred Heart, Pascagoula
Best Large Council:	Council 9543, St. Francis of Assisi, Madison
Best Extra Large Council:	Council 898, Vicksburg
Knight of the Year:	James E. Hill, Council 2134, Greenville
Family of the Year:	The Reynolds Family, Council 10901, Oxford

The nominations for the best activity awards, the Knight and Family of the Year are appended to this report.

This year it was necessary to have our final activity chairs meeting two weeks prior to the convention. This is a week earlier than in past years. However, from my perspective this additional week is a necessity. In addition, it would be beneficial to schedule small, perhaps district-wide, program meetings to review the program and the necessary paperwork with the council program directors. These meetings could be chaired either by the state program director or one of the activity directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Sukanek  
State Program Director

## STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

### **Best Pro-Life Project: Abortion Crosses, Council 6872, Oscar J. Gelpi, Picayune**

On the field adjacent to the church the brother Knights erected 4,000 white crosses representing the number of abortions committed in this country on a daily basis. The crosses are striking and dramatic to those who realize what they represent. Some people protest the statement they make; others leave flowers by the crosses perhaps in memory of an unborn child killed by abortion. Additionally a sign is displayed supporting our Lifeline Program that provides a 24-hour local telephone hotline that any pregnant young girl may call for help. We have done this project for several years and the crosses are stored in Father Noone's garage when not in use. Each year they are trucked to the site and erected. There is a competition between grand Knights to see who can erect the straightest lines with each cross exactly spaced. The tools are simple, iron divots to make holes, mallets and several lengths of clothesline rope equally marked for proper spacing. To erect this number of crosses takes time and when they are picked up they are trucked back to Father Noone's garage for storage until next year. It takes three days to erect the crosses and two days to take them down. Overall this is a very simple, but dramatic project and it deserves your attention.

### **Second Place, Pro-Life: Memorial Monument, Council 898, Vicksburg**

Several years ago, in an effort to increase our visibility in a stand against abortion, we planned, designed, raised funds for and constructed a Memorial for the Innocent Victims of Abortion on a lot in the city cemetery facing one of the busiest streets in the city. After the monument was dedicated, we pledged to hold a memorial every year on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the Row vs Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

We decided to do something slightly different this year. In all previous years, we held the ceremony at the site of the monument, but the weather in January is unpredictable at best, and the crowds had dwindled over the past few years. Therefore, we decided to move indoors and hold a reception afterward. It proved to be a wise decision. Our attendance increased by nearly six times, to an all time high of more than 30 people. These included Knights, Ladies, religious, children and families. Prayed the Rosary at our church, with a Knight leading each decade. The reception held immediately afterward featured hot chocolate, soft drinks, and cookies. Although this memorial was not lengthy, it did have an effect on everyone in attendance. We will continue this remembrance every year until the law is changed. It's the least that we can do to visibly show our opposition to this atrocity.

### **Best Vocations Project: Vocation Prayers, Council 802, Msgr. John J. Burns, Meridian**

The phrase "Vocations are Everybody's Business" is taken very seriously by the members of our Council. We participate in the RSVP program sponsored by the Supreme Council through our monetary support of two different seminarians. We also pray for the two seminarians from our council at every meeting. However, the main part of our program involves getting members of our parish involved in praying for vocations. Each week we pass a statue of the Sacred Heart from one family to another and the family who receives the statue agrees to pray for vocations each and every day that they have the statue. We believe that no prayer goes unanswered and we further believe that the vocations crisis is being brought to the forefront in our parish because of the impact of this particular program.

### **Second Place, Vocations Project: Pancake Breakfast, Council 2180, Laurel**

The vocation director approached us in August 1997, about helping two seminarians with a monthly stipend. Our council was to give whatever amount they felt they could afford. After deep prayer and consultations with our executive committee, we decided to bring it before the membership of the council to give fifty dollars a month to each seminarian. After further discussion at a council meeting, it was decided that we would have a monthly pancake breakfast after the nine o'clock mass on the first Sunday of the month with the proceeds going to the two seminarians. This breakfast would allow us to subsidize each one of the seminarians with one hundred dollars a month. This is an ongoing project. As one seminarian graduates another one is adopted by our council. This had been a very rewarding project. It could not be accomplished without the full support of our church family.

### **Best Church Activity: Good Friday Event, Council 802, Msgr. John J. Burns, Meridian**

As the Best Church Activity from our Council, we submit our participation in the planning and conduct of "The Way of the Cross - The Way of Peace". This city wide ecumenical project is held on Good Friday and consists of ten stations throughout the city. The Knights of Columbus are responsible for

acting out one of these ten stations as well as for supplying water at the water stops, serving as co-directors on the planning committee, proper stationing of amplification equipment, and promotion of the event. Our involvement in this event stretches over a four-month period and involves a large number of our members. As a result of our involvement our Council has received front-page coverage in our local paper in Mississippi TODAY, and on the radio and TV stations.

We are pleased with our participation in this event. We pray that through it we will help in fostering a deeper belief in what Jesus Christ did for all of us on that first Good Friday.

**Second Place, Church Activity: Mission Breakfast, Council 898, Vicksburg**

From 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month from September through April (in May it's the second Sunday in honor of Mother's Day), our Council prepares a benefit breakfast with the proceeds earmarked for the Diocesan mission in Saltillo, Mexico. This is a long-standing project, begun by a late past Grand Knight, and now chaired by his right-hand man of many years. Our chairman arrives at 5:00 a.m. to begin his preparations, and waits for the rest of his kitchen and dining room crew to arrive at 6:00 a.m. The all-you-can-eat meal consists of pancakes, hash browns, grits, ham, and two kinds of sausage, biscuits, and gravy all for \$3 per person with a maximum of \$12 per family. Some of the crewmembers have changed through the years, but the price has remained the same and quality of the food has remained high.

These breakfasts have allowed us to donate over \$1000 to the mission for the past several years, which they have used to build many homes for the poor of Mexico. It is continuing to grow in popularity, and has turned the Council Home into a popular gathering place for families after Sunday Mass. This is a fun event for us to do, and a wonderful way for us to support the diocese.

**Best Community Service Project: Love Thy Neighbor, Council 8285, St. Therese, Jackson**

The Strategic Planning Committee of the parish, whose members included brother Knights, conducted a parish wide survey. The purpose of the survey was to collect data about how to meet the needs of members of the parish community, especially the poor, elderly, shut-ins and the disabled. The community that is served by members of the Knights of Columbus Council has a very large population of disadvantaged people. Data from the survey indicated that the needs of these individuals were not being met.

At the beginning of the Columbian year, Brother Knights passed a motion to establish a standing committee of the council to be known as the **Outreach Committee for Community Service**. Seven Brother Knights agreed to serve on the committee and they met with the pastor of the parish, a brother Knight and Chaplain of the Council, to establish the mission, goals and objectives of the committee. At the next meeting of the Council, member Knights unanimously passed a motion accepting the founding organization, purpose and objectives of the committee. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to: **"provide service to the disadvantaged and needy persons of the parish community without regard to race or creed at no cost to the recipient of the service and, to maintain strict confidentiality of the persons being served by the Knights of Columbus"**.

Since the establishment of the Committee, Brother Knights have provided the following services and, continue to provide to members of the parish community without cost to the parish or the recipient:

**Twenty-five** visits were made by brother Knights to make electrical or plumbing repairs at homes or apartments of local residents.

**Fifteen** visits were made by brother Knights to provide lawn and raking of leaves for residents.

**One** adoption of a disabled family was made providing nine monthly contributions of canned goods, toilet articles, and kitchen utensils to be used by the family.

**Five** visits by brother Knights to repair or replace broken windows.

**Ten** visits were made by brother Knights to assist roof damage and to serve as advocates for the families to city and county agencies to secure repair work.

Brother Knights continue to provide needed services to the residents of this parish community.

When the Pastor or the Pastoral Associate identifies the needs of the residents the Knights are called into action. The dedication of our brother Knights to serve the disadvantaged, elderly, shut-in and neglected people of our parish and continues to be an inspiration to all brother Knights of the council. No recognition is given to any brother Knight for the work that they do. They know that charitable works and service should be between them and our Savior, Christ Jesus.

**Second Place, Community Service Project: Challenged League Softball, Council 10901, St. John, Oxford**

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The Council financially sponsored a team as well as participated with the team in a handicapped softball league. The team members came from group homes as well as large institutions for the mentally handicapped. Council members participated in the games by assisting the fielders, running with the batters, pitching, and passing out lots of 'high fives'. The handicapped players were very pleased with the individualized attention they received from the Knights during the games. There was essentially one Knight helping out each player in the field. The players were very proud of themselves. This is among the most rewarding activities that we have done as a council in the past five years.

**Best Council Activity Project: Membership Drive, Council 10216, St. Paul, Brandon**

We recently completed our spring membership drive to coincide with Jubilee 2000 membership. The results of this effort was our most successful campaign ever, gaining for us eight new brothers and one inactive member rejoining the council. This amounts to a 15% gain in one major effort. We began our membership drive by having key members of our council attend the K of C Mid-Winter Meetings. At that program we were not only given facts concerning the need for new members we were also aided by helpful hints and suggestions to light the fire of recruitment.

After the Mid-Winter Meetings the Grand Knight of our council and the Membership Chairman got together and planned the membership drive that centered around one-on-one recruiting involving many brother Knights rather than using just one or two brothers that had been successful recruiters in the past. The focal point of this campaign was to be a membership dinner held at the church to inform all prospects about the Knights of Columbus.

This plan with specific dates was presented to the council at the next meeting. It was voted on and a six-man membership committee was named. Later that week the membership committee met in the home of the chairman and decided to split up the parish directory as a starting place for recruitment. Each committee member and the chairman agreed to personally contact prospects and focus on at least 10 potential new members each. A list of prospects was compiled and returned to the membership chairman for further processing. The membership chairman then took the list of prospects to our pastor for his approval. We wanted to be sure our recruits would pass the test as practical Catholics. Each member of the committee was then returned his adjusted list and he then invited each of his prospects to the membership dinner. A follow up letter (see attached) we sent to each potential prospect by the membership chairman again outlining the purpose of the dinner and further inviting each prospect to come.

Our Grand Knight contacted our District Deputy, State Membership Region Coordinator and our Pastor to ask them to attend the membership dinner. He also coordinated the membership of our council to insure that a large group of active brothers were in attendance.

The evening of the dinner was at hand. The membership chairman had assigned brother Knights to pick up prospects and bring them to the dinner. The usual last minute cancellations occurred but we expected a good crowd.

After a prayer we started the meeting with an excellent Bar-B-Q buffet. Brother Knights mingled with our prospects and we got to know each other. A short film on the life of our founder Mr. McGivney was shown to the group. Each prospect was asked to introduce themselves and our brother Knights did the same. The Grand Knight, the District Deputy, the State Membership Region Coordinator, our Pastor, and the Council Membership Chairman each gave a short presentation concerning our order. We then asked our guests to join the Knights of Columbus and fill out a form 100.

We have already discussed the fruits of our labor as far as new members are concerned. This project involved 60% of our active brothers and over 100 man-hours were spent. It was a wonderful success for ourselves, our council and for the Knights of Columbus.

The membership committee also gained a great new working list of prospects that were unable to attend this membership dinner for one reason or another.

**Second Place, Council Activity Project: Cooking Team, Council 9543, St. Francis of Assisi, Madison**

Members of our council formed a KC Cooking Team this year. It has provided services for many various projects over the past year. Many of the projects were fundraisers for our council where the Cooking Team cooked and catered parties for local businesses or events. One of the first projects the Cooking Team undertook was to provide meals at a sponsor's tent for Sky Parade for four (Fri-Mon) days. Other projects include cooking for business Christmas parties or employee appreciation dinners and for individual wedding receptions.

All of the projects done by the KC Cooking Team were not fundraisers. The cooking Team donated their services to the local Catholic High School for various projects. Our council cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken sandwiches, and French fries, which were served in the concession stand for

more than a dozen high school football and basketball games. We also cooked for the annual Catholic High School fundraising drawdown. Pork tenderloins, steamship roasts, chicken tenders, seafood gumbo over rice, pasta and potatoes were all prepared and served to over 700 people at the drawdown.

The KC Cooking Team also provided their services to help out Catholic Charities at their annual fundraising drawdown. A similar menu was prepared for the catholic charities drawdown that was attended by approximately 800 people. Two council members who own a local liquor store donated the wine and beverages served at each of the drawdowns.

The council also organized and prepared the food for the annual parish Cajun Fest. Sausage po-boys, crawfish etouffee, boudin, bar-b-que ribs, and seafood gumbo were among the menu items that were served at the Cajun Fest. Food was served to about 5,000 people at the Cajun Fest this past year. In addition, our council assisted with the local Catholic elementary school's annual Funfest Fundraiser. The KC Cooking Team cooked approximately 600 hamburgers for Funfest this year.

The Cooking Team also assisted the local Boy Scout Council by helping cook over 1,000 chicken dinners that were sold by the Boy Scouts as part of a major annual fundraiser for the Scouts.

The cooking Team has been an invaluable recruiting tool for our council. We have had men want to join the KC's just to help out with the Cooking Team. The public relations benefits that the Cooking Team generates has also been fantastic.

#### **Best Family Activity Project: Monthly Family Breakfast, Council 10216, St. Paul, Brandon**

As a council, we are trying to find a way that families of the parish could get together to meet each other and engage in parish fellowship. Our entire church membership seems to be on the go so much; we very seldom get the opportunity to sit down and enjoy a meal together. Several years ago we decided to start a monthly *family breakfast* that would accomplish this goal.

Our goals were to offer a good and nutritious breakfast and to keep the charges as low as possible. This will enable every parish member and family the opportunity to attend and enjoy the breakfast without high expense. We accomplished this by having a very dedicated and cost-conscious Knight in charge of procuring our supplies. His shopping ability combined with his negotiating skills with local grocery outlets enabled us to keep our price per plate to \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Our breakfast chairman is also a very organized individual who would call each member to make sure the breakfast event was staffed well enough to guarantee a quality breakfast that was enjoyable to all. Consequently, even though we start at 7:00 a.m. and finish by 12:30 p.m., there are plenty of fellow Knights to spread the work around.

We have now fine-tuned our monthly project to include special products to reflect the season. The highlight of our family breakfast project is the annual Mother's Day Breakfast. During this meal all mothers eat free. There are also waiters dressed in tuxedos. We serve a special menu that includes eggs benedict served with sparkling champagne.

This project has been so successful that our Pastor promotes it during the Sunday church service. He tells us it is a great help in meeting new parishioners. Also, we have form 100's ready to sign up new members. We have heard several comments from parishioners who have met people who have moved in from the same part of the country or even the same town but wouldn't have know then had it not been for this event. Our breakfast was designed to get everyone together as a family. Our records show that we will consistently serve 124 - 150 plates each month. I believe we have accomplished our goal and much more. The only complaint we receive is from families who ask us to have the breakfast every Sunday instead of only once a month!

#### **Second Place, Family Activity Project: Family Campout, Council 9543, St. Francis of Assisi, Madison**

Each year our council hosts a family campout with an outdoor mass and pig roast. This year, the campout was a huge success. A member of the council owns some land out in the country that makes for an ideal location for a campout. A whole pig was bought and was placed on the grill on Friday night so that it could cook all night Friday and all day Saturday. Families arrived throughout the day on Saturday and set up their tents around a common area that included a campfire. A pond is located on the property that provided several Knights and their children the opportunity to go fishing. Rides were given on 4-wheel all-terrain vehicles while others enjoyed relaxing in a hammock. A mounted telescope provided a great view of several celestial bodies. Saturday evening, a candlelight rosary was said for the council's deceased brothers and their widows were invited to participate in the memorial rosary. After the rosary, the parish priest celebrated an outdoor mass that was attended by over 50 Knights and their family members and potential Knights and their families. In total, over 250 people enjoyed the evening's activities. After mass, the pig was pulled and dinner was served with all the trimmings. A big pot of

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seafood gumbo added to the selection of food prepared for the meal. Hotdogs, marshmallows and other food were roasted over the campfire and many stories were told on into the wee hours of the night. Breakfast, consisting of eggs, sausage, doughnuts, orange juice coffee, grits, and other food items were served in the morning before everyone packed up and went home. This was a great family activity because the wives had an opportunity to meet and socialize with other KC wives, the kids had an opportunity to meet and play with other KC kids and the Knights had an opportunity to fellowship with other Knights. It also reinforced the council's commitment to the widows of our deceased brothers. Potential new KC members and former members were invited and attended the campout. This is an activity that many Knights look forward to each year.

**Second Place, Family Activity Project: Christmas Party, Council 1034, Bishop R. O. Gerow, Natchez**

Our annual family Christmas party covers two days. We start by gathering at our council hall with our families and go as a group to the community caroling in the park. After a few hours of caroling it is back to the council hall for coffee and hot chocolate. When everyone has warmed up we start decorating the hall and tree for our Christmas party the next day. Everyone from the smallest child to the oldest adult gets to put something on the tree. When the halls are decked with balls of holly, everyone rushes home in hopes that St. Nick will soon be there.

Parents drop the child's gift off at the council hall early in the day and put it in Santa's special box. When the children arrive everyone is fed sloppy joes, chips and ice cream. The older children then get out the bingo set and lead everyone in bingo games where the winner of each game gets a new silver dollar. The children hear sirens and rush to the windows to see Santa arriving in a red fire truck with one of his trusty elves with him. Santa arrives in the council hall to the screams of kids and adults alike. After greeting everyone he sits on his throne with his elf handling him the toys for all the good little girls and boys. One by one they sit on Santa's knee to receive their gift and tell Santa what else they want for Christmas. Santa must then be on his way again so on his way out you here him say Merry Christmas to all and to all a good "Knight". Everyone then leaves with visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads.

**Best Youth Activity: Hospital Christmas, Council 802, Msgr. John J. Burns, Meridian**

Christmas is a very special time especially for children. But for those children who have suffered some type of physical setback, Christmas can be a very lonely time. The Knights took it upon themselves to ensure that these less physically fortunate children realize that there is a Santa Clause and that he visits those children who are in hospital as well as those who are safely tucked in at home.

On Christmas Eve, the Knights gathered at the Council home to wrap gifts that had been purchased for each child in the three major hospitals that serve our community. After the wrapping was completed, the members started their rounds with Santa coming along with his helper (both dressed properly for the occasion). Singing Christmas songs as we went, we visited each and every child who was hospitalized and presented them with a stuffed animal (to avoid an possibility of injury). The bright eyes and smiling faces only made this task that much more pleasant and enjoyable. The local television station covered our visit. It is interesting to note that the majority of the children who we visited were not Catholic and this brought additional thank you's from the parents when they realized that this bunch of Catholic men were out spreading a very real brand of good cheer.

Santa was the recipient of a number of hugs and kisses from some very excited children and some parents breathed a little easier when they saw their children perk up after our visit. Father McGivney must have been watching and smiling as he saw the happiness on the faces of these children. The Knights who attended all agreed that we received much more than we gave!

**Second Place, Youth Activity Project: Scouts, Council 10216, St. Paul, Brandon**

The purpose of Scouting is to set the feet of boys, ages 7-18, on the right path to man hood. By example of their leaders and the lessons of the Scouting program that teaches skill, virtue and self-reliance. Scout oath says it all, "Duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to one's self".

The Scouting Program is a complex project encompassing a wide variety of smaller projects. Each year a new group of wide-eyed, shining faces take their 1<sup>st</sup> step on their trail to Eagle. Another small group that accepted and met the Eagle challenge have turned into a fine group of young men. They make you so proud; people could mistake them for your own sons.

What nobler reason to put in so many hours of dedicated service, to get volunteers from the council to raise money, to teach a merit badge class or to be a mentor for someone working to earn their religious medal?

The scouting schedule is full. Every Monday night we have a meeting and once a month a 3-day

camp out. Once a year we offer a 7-14 day summer camp. Twice a year a district camporee is held. Boys and leaders from across the state come together to discuss new ideas and problems. The National Jamboree is held every four years and lasts ten days. Thousands of boys from the United States participate as well as visitors from other countries. We took 35 boys to the last National Jamboree in Washington, D.C. They heard President Clinton speak and spent three days touring our nation's capitol. The World Jamboree was held in Santiago, Chile and was represented by scouts from around the globe.

There are also high adventure camps such as the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Last summer eight boys and three adults from our group spent two weeks backpacking in the high mountains. We covered approximately 90 miles of wilderness trails encountering wildlife such as deer, elk, black bear, and mountain lions. The well being of our 11-man team depended on teamwork and putting the groups needs ahead of any personal needs. We trained a year in advance to prepare ourselves mentally and physically. It was a challenge for boys and adults alike, but the bonds of friendship overshadowed the hardships. That is what scouting is all about.

In order to advance in rank, community service hours must be earned. The majority of projects are done on church grounds. This year alone, we have built picnic tables, flower beds, kneeling benches, painted Sunday School rooms, cleaned underbrush and drainage ditches, built nature trails, built shelves in storage closets and had food drives for the poor.

I could go on for there is no shortage of things to do with the Scouts or reasons for working with the program. It is no coincidence that 11 of the 12 astronauts who have walked on the moon were scouts.

If your council is not working with a scouting group, it is a worthwhile project to consider. Our Council supports Scouting efforts and individual members contribute time and hours to assure it is a success.

#### **KNIGHT OF THE YEAR: James E. Hill, Council 2134, Greenville**

Our Knights of Columbus council takes a very special pride in nominating for Knight of the Year a Brother Knight who is a dynamic young man and has offered more than competent leadership to our council. His vigor and endless energy has opened the door to a new life for our council as he led us this year as our Grand Knight.

It is almost impossible to put on paper his accomplishments over the first year as the Grand Knight he served. He comes into this council with experience that he brought with him from his military background with leadership, organization skills. He enjoys working with his fellow Knights and the council as a team.

Since becoming Grand Knight of our council, he has created a situation among our membership that has been the dream of many Grand Knights.

He has fostered a participation in our members that has been long awaited. It seems that in the past years he has hit an untapped reserve of energy, willingness and participation of both young and older members.

Through the activities that he implemented, our council has evolved into a strong group of Catholic men working together toward a common goal to create a common good in our council, parish community, state and nation. It is all evidenced by the events that he has spurred as a Knights of Columbus.

His eagerness has stimulated a tremendous change in attitude toward the necessity of becoming a working team with our church, youth, clergy and fellow citizens. This naturally brought about a confidence, trusts, and changed attitude of those people toward the Knights of Columbus.

Through this man's endeavors, the Knights of Columbus have become one of the best-known and most respected organizations in our parish and city.

In keeping with his own Christian attitude, this man learned of some in our membership whose religion and faith was fading, were not attending church regularly. This man, who we nominate for Knight of the year, personally contacted and talked with each of these men. Assisted by the power of the Holy Spirit, he lead all of these Brother Knights back into active participation in the parish work. This worthy brother has guided our church activities not only by encouraging church attendance, but also by organizing many others in which the Knights of Columbus could participate as a group. This brother Knight undertook many personal projects in our council, which required many long hours of work and strong determination to make the Knights of Columbus a unique organization that falls short of none.

One of his most appreciated projects was **THE UNBORN MEMORIAL** to be placed in front of the hall. He took the extra time and many hours to make this happen. This Knight also has spent many hours at Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the needy by helping out when a truck of donated food had to be unloaded and put on the shelf and helped the ladies. He helped to build shelves to put the food on, helped to pick-up clothing and donated furniture that the people wanted to give them.



Our entire council is proud of and deeply indebted to this man. He has worked long and hard and brought our council from a mediocre to what we believe to be the most active Knights of Columbus Council in the state of Mississippi.

He has worked on every single project we have held in his first year as the Grand Knight. He never turned down anything. He never said "no" to help out when there was work to be done. It would be impractical to list every project, but we would like to take this opportunity so list some of the projects that he has organized or coordinated.

This Brother Knight has made a planning calendar for the up coming events in the council, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> business meeting the council planed the up coming events for the council for the entire year.

This Brother Knight undertook to have the council change the meeting nights from Wednesday to Tuesday so that the Priest of the parish could attend the meeting. This council has not had a priest at their meetings in years. Since the priest has been attending these meetings the membership has had a big turn around. The priest has given the Knights of Columbus a big "P.R." from the pulpit after each mass.

This fine Brother Knight organized memorial services in our council home for our deceased brothers.

He has organized a fifth social for members and their wives, which have been a tremendous success.

He coordinated with the priest at church for the Marian Hour of Prayer for the parishes.

He also helps the priest with a spaghetti dinner for the priest of the diocese, and the parish fairs that are held annually.

This Knight organized the children's Christmas party for the Knights of Columbus family and the parish. He spends many hours in planning this with the help of the ladies' auxiliary.

If a list of our council's activities could accompany this nomination, you would find it hard to believe the other work that this man has accomplished for the good of our order.

Incidentally, he does hold down a full time job.

Our council has never seen one person give so much of himself to the Knights of Columbus. Because of his efforts, our council is what it is today. Perhaps this council will vote unanimously to elect him as our Knight of the Year.

This upstanding Christian leader that we nominate is truly worthy to be called and receive the honored title of " Knight of the Year"

#### **FAMILY OF THE YEAR: The Reynolds Family, Council 10901, St. John, Oxford**

The candidates for Mississippi State Family of the Year have been the most active family in our council and parish in the past year. This family is the lead members of the Parish's RCA team. This family also leads the liturgy commission in the Parish. They have faithfully done both of these duties for many years. The Knight and his wife are active in training Liturgical and Eucharistic ministers as well as serving in these two capacities themselves. This family exhibits the strongest respect and veneration for the Eucharist. The Knight and his wife deliver communion to the sick and elderly. This special family has hosted a pizza party the first Friday of every month for a very long time. This party involves the intensive work of hosting around 60 visitors in their home. The pizza party is often the first social contact new parishioners have with the Parish. Generations of hungry and poor college students have passed through this pizza party. The family has maintained this tradition while caring for an elderly parent in a Christian manner in their home. This family has nine children, biological and adopted. These special people have many more unofficially adopted college students. Their love of the Church draws people to them. The Knight and his family run our Council's Tootsie Roll program. This family cooks supper for the Catholic Student Association every Tuesday night. In addition this family has participated in cooking for the Parish School of Religion. The Knight is in charge of grilling fish each Friday during Lent. This Knight and his family have continued these activities despite his being 70 years old and having diabetes. This family runs a pizza booth at our parish fair, another labor-intensive task. Cactus for the Lenten display are raised and donated by this family. The wife has been actively engaged at developing social activities for children in the Parish in the past year. This family heads our Knights of Columbus World Family Day Picnic held in August. This family faithfully participates in all Knights events such as the Marion Hour of Prayer. The Knights provide a free cookout to the Parish to celebrate the start of the school year.

Special consideration to this families' candidacy should be given based on the fact that they have not merely participated in the numerous activities mentioned above, but rather they have led most of these activities. It is almost unbelievable that a family could be involved in so many substantial activities without knowing them personally. It is their complete and total dedication of their lives to Christ and his Catholic Church that makes their accomplishments possible. This Knight and his wife are retired now. One

could say that this is the reason they have time to be so involved in the Knights of Columbus and their church. However, this special family has always been involved in these activities. The wife worked at a city school for severely handicapped children for many years. She taught the classroom with the most severely handicapped children in the school. The Knight was chairman of an academic department for many years. He is also the founding Grand Knight for our council.

This family deserves the Mississippi State Family of the Year Award for their activities with the RCIA program, Liturgy Commission, church service, pizza party Tootsie Roll Program, Catholic Student Association and pizza booth. They exhibit total dedication to each of these programs. It is not merely their substantial contribution to these service areas that must be recognized. This family deserves this prestigious honor for the way they live their lives. They are a bright shining light of faith in the darkness, raising nine children, caring for grandchildren and elderly parents, and indeed caring for an entire community. They are true Christians and an example for us all.

### **State Church Activities Director's Report**

During the 1999 – 2000 Fraternal Year it has been my privilege to serve as the States Church Activities Director. During the year I have attended on organizational meeting and School of Columbianism in July, the mid-winter planning meeting in December and the general mid-winter meeting on the coast. In December I reviewed and provided corrections and suggestions to the Semi-Annual Program Reports submitted by the councils throughout the state. The State Program Director called a meeting on 15 April 2000 in Jackson, to review the Final Council Program Reports, State Knight-of-the-Year, State Family-of-the-Year, and Poster nominations

At the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention, a committee of delegates met to decided on best church program. The following were on that committee:

Richard Greenwold	Church Director
Fred Cunningham	#848
Joe Garrity	#1034
William A. Seal, Jr.	#4898
Richard Hoda	#7087
Charles R. Boyer	#7211
Kurt Dubbel	#7974
Bud Tomaso	#8848
Dan L. Hammond	#10216
James Henderson	#11904
C. J. Malley	#12331

Additionally, the committee voted on State Knight-of-the-Year and State Family-of-the-Year.

The committee had an additional concern involving the Millennium Hour of Prayer Icon. This information was passed on to the State Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Greenwold  
State Church Director

### **State Community Activities Report**

Although I was unable to participate as much as I would have liked to, I enjoyed the time I was able to help. I have the utmost respect for all councils in the works they perform in their respective councils as well as their communities. Their work in PRO LIFE, getting involved in human needs of others is what it means to be a KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS. Although not all of the councils submitted reports, you could not be more impressed in the positive direction our councils are moving. If there were any mistakes on the mid-year or final reports they were minimal. I would encourage all District Deputies to ask their councils to submit reports complete and on time for it can get difficult to complete our task in a good and timely manner.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their cooperation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

W. F. Entriiken  
State Community Director

### **State Council Activities Report** 1999 - 2000

The State Council Activities Committee met to determine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards for Individual Council Activity functions. Further we needed to determine a Family of the Year candidate as well as a Knight of the Year candidate. These activities were accomplished.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Robert "Bob" Leo  
State Council Director

Committee:  
Earl Bourgeois  
Philip Hoda  
Carl Westfall  
Gordon Cowie  
Jeff Houin  
Darnel Lepre  
Jessie Pope  
Daniel Gillis  
Foote R. Singleton  
William McClellan

### **State Family Director's Report**

The 1999 Fraternal Year was my first as Mississippi's Family Director. During this year, I noted from the reports that I receive monthly from Supreme that most of the councils in Mississippi do not participate regularly in Supreme's Family of the Month program. Out of the 55 Councils in our State, we averaged only 10 Councils participating each month. I hope we can do better. In order to be considered as participating in Supreme's program, a Council must submit a minimum of six families (months). Other family activities include Family fun events, Memorial Masses, Assisting a Needed Family, Council Corporate Communion, and submission of a Family of the Year nomination for the State Convention.

In closing, let me say that it is through programs for our KC Families that we can show that the KCs are not all work. We need to tend to our families and their needs to keep our ranks strong and vibrant. Good examples start at home and the best lessons come from a family. Consider holding some family activities next year for your Council and I bet you will find families worth nominating to Supreme as Family of the Month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert C. Barr  
State Family Director  
Mississippi State Council

### **STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES REPORT**

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS THE STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR FOR THE FRATERNAL YEARS 1999-2000.

I HAVE HAD A RARE EXPERIENCE TO VIEW WHAT OTHER COUNCILS ARE DOING FROM A STATE LEVEL, MANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED, THESE COUNCILS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHILE REVIEWING ALL OF THE STATES COUNCILS, I AM PLEASED THAT SO MANY COUNCILS DO SUBMIT THEIR REPORTS TO THE STATE ON TIME.

DURING THE YEAR I HAVE ATTENDED AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TWO (2) MID-WINTER MEETINGS TWO SCHOOLS OF COLUMBIANISM, I HAVE ATTENDED A PRE-CONVENTION WITH THE STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND OTHER ACTIVITY DIRECTORS, TO REVIEW ALL THE STATE COUNCILS PROGRAM REPORTS BEFORE SUBMITTING THEM TO THE STATE CONVENTION ACTIVITY COMMITTEES.

SO I HAVE BEEN PRETTY BUSY DURING THE FRATERNAL YEAR. PERHAPS THE MOST CONCERNING MATTER TO ME IS THE DECLINE OF PARTICIPATION THE STATE SPORTS EVENTS, SUCH AS THE STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, AND THE STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, I HOPE IN THE COMING YEAR THAT WE WILL SEE AN INCREASE OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN THESE EVENTS.

IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MY PRIVILEGE TO SERVE MY BROTHER KNIGHTS IN THE COMING FRATERNAL YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
ROBERT "BOB" LEO  
STATE COUNCIL DIRECTOR

## VOCATIONS REPORT

Only four Councils in the state participated in or sent a report to Supreme Council of their participation in supporting seminarians for 1998 - 1999.

Council # 802 Meridian	\$3,850.00	received	\$700.00	refund
Council # 2180 Laurel	\$ 100.00	received	400.00	refund
Council # 7211 Lumberton	\$ 500.00	received	100.00	refund
Council # 11904 Lucedale	\$ 500.00	received	100.00	refund

Financial support of seminarians is needed and will be taken care of by the will of God. What is really needed is more seminarians for the priest hood and religious life. All Councils and Members of the Knights of Columbus can pray that people being called by God will hear and answer that call. I ask that all Councils end every meeting with a prayer for vocations and that the young men and women will hear that call and answer yes. If they answer yes I am sure the Knights of Columbus will back them 100% and we will have more Councils supporting seminarians.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Maloney  
State Vocations Chairman  
431 Eagle Drive  
Meridian, Ms. 39305  
March 6, 2000

## 2000 Knights of Columbus State Convention State Youth Activities Director's Report

During the 1999-2000 State Program year, it was my honor to serve my brother knights as the State Youth Activities Director. During the year I was lucky enough to attend the School of Columbianism, the three midwinter meetings held in the northern, central and southern part of the state and the pro-convention activities directors' meeting. In my capacity as State Youth Activities Director, I promoted the participation of all councils in the supreme sponsored youth activities, i.e., Substance Abuse Poster Contest, KC Free Throw Championships and sponsorship of Columbian Squires Circles. I am pleased to note that the vast majority of the councils in our state are very active in supporting youth activities in their respective parishes. I encourage each council to continue to support the youth in our state with activities that will enhance their spiritual, community and social lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Scott State  
Youth Activities Director

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2000 Knights of Columbus State Convention  
State Youth Committee Report

At the State Convention, a committee of delegates met to decide the best youth activities for the year as submitted by councils and to help select the Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year for the State Program Year. The following knights served on the committee: Ron Brumfield #1034; John P. Bernardi #2134; Joseph Kindy #6592; Joe Bonfiglio #7915; Eddie Dixonson #8760; Dennis C. Louis #8912; Anthony Moran #9958; Martin Biseu #10216; William Waggoner #12166 and Robert Zeller #12271.

Most of the councils throughout the state are involved in youth activities in some form. Activities include but are not limited to the following: sponsor a Columbian Squires Circle, support the parish CYO, support of boy/cub scouts, provide training for altar servers, mentoring students in afterschool programs, coach or sponsor youth athletic teams (baseball, soccer, basketball, etc.), sponsor youth retreats, support parish youth religious education programs support local Catholic High School or Elementary School programs, chaperone youth dances or parties, and many more youth activities. All councils are encouraged to review the reports submitted by each council to the Convention Minute Booklet for youth activity ideas.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Scott  
State Youth Activities Director

## 2000 State Free Throw Championship Report

This year the 2000 Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships were held on March 25, 2000, at St. Joseph High School Gymnasium in Madison. A total of 69 local or district winners representing many councils from across the state participated in this year's Championships.

Congratulations to our State winners:

<b>GIRLS</b>			
<b>Champion</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Score (out of 25)</b>	<b>Council Represented</b>
Katie Williamson	10	16	8038 Pearl
Angela Hilliard	11	13	8285 Jackson
Amy Anderson	12	15	7211 Lumberton
Lauren Biggert	13	18	8285 Jackson
Sarah Spiker	14	14	7211 Lumberton

<b>Boys</b>			
<b>Champion</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Score (out of 25)</b>	<b>Council Represented</b>
Stradford	10	22	7211 Lumberton
D. R. Grieves	11	19	9543 Madison
Sollie Norwood II	12	22	9543 Madison
Philip Thornton	13	21	2134 Greenville
Corey Jenkins	14	20	898 Vicksburg

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



### Financial Secretaries Meeting Report

The Financial Secretaries meeting was attended by fifteen financial secretaries including myself as Chairman. Additionally, Robert J. Lane, our guest from Supreme, also sat in on our meeting, the discussion and took lots of notes.

I opened the meeting with some personal comments about what I felt was the major role the Financial Secretary plays in a council, besides keeping the financial and membership records of the council. This is retention, retention as it relates to suspensions and how the delinquent records are shared with the Grand Knight. The Financial Secretary must keep the Grand Knight informed of the status of possible suspensions and secure the Grand Knight's approval prior to sending suspension notices. Keeping in mind that all proper procedures were followed to personally contact the delinquent knight. The District Deputy should also be informed as to the status of any possible suspensions prior to any notice being sent. The Retention Committee plays a major role in follow-up on delinquent members prior to suspension notices being sent to those knights.

There was a lot of discussion about the Financial Secretaries Personal Computer program (FSPC). The Windows program is now available and being used by many councils. Some bugs still remain but generally the program is working fine.

Discussion about proper training of new Financial Secretaries is an ongoing concern. It was recommended by the groups in attendance that a Financial Secretary training session be incorporated into the Schools of Columbianism or at a time shortly thereafter to familiarize new (and old) Financial Secretaries about how to better do their job.

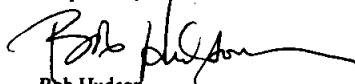
Proper billing procedure was discussed and it was noted that we should not allow a knight to drag out dues payment for a year or more. Follow up with your knights proposer, and Retention Committee. As noted earlier – use the proper contacts and you will save many men.

Request a copy of former members at least annually from Supreme. Circulate this information to the Grand Knights and membership Directors. These lists will produce new knights for your councils.

The Financial Secretary in your council is a "key" player in your council. Choose him wisely, hold him accountable, and the Financial Secretaries should also hold their councils accountable – Financial, Retention and proper suspension procedures.

Lastly, ask another man to become a Knight of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Hudson,  
Chairman  
FSPC/CLP

## State Convention Committee Report

The Convention Committee met at 1:30pm in the general meeting room of the Convention Center in Tunica. The following recommendations and information was discussed:

1. The committee commends the host council (7120 Southaven) for their excellent support and service in this year's convention. Twelve dedicated men organized a superb convention.
2. The committee also commends Ken Lubbers for this morning's Mass preparations. In addition, the young altar servers did this convention and the Mass celebrants an honorable service.
3. The committee requests, if at all possible, to prepare and make available a "lessons learned" convention report and furnish it to the 2001 (Gulf coast) and 2002 (Hattiesburg) convention chairs.
4. The committee realizes solicitation of convention program ads is the sole responsibility of the host council. However, all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction are encouraged, if not obliged, to support host council requests for program ads. The committee also agrees that working with current registration fees is indeed a challenge and provides a host council the opportunity to test their ability to do their best to meet the expectation of the convention delegates.
5. The convention chair and co-chair for the 2001 state convention to be held at the Holiday Inn Coliseum in Biloxi provided the following information to the committee:
  - a. Since 1997, the last year the convention was held in Biloxi, over 7800 additional hotel rooms were added on the coast. The casino attractions on the Mississippi Gulf Coast have a major impact on the local tourism industry. Hotel room rates have steadily increased based on supply and demand. Negotiations are still under way to contract the lowest possible room rates for April 2001.
  - b. 2001 Convention packets will be available at the Schools of Columbianism in July 2000.
  - c. Hospitably rooms will be centrally located near the hotel's pool.
  - d. Two hotels will be available for the 2001 convention, the Holiday Inn Coliseum and the Holiday Inn Express, which is next door.
6. The convention committee concluded its meeting at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Tabor State Advocate, Chairman  
John R. Ward DD#9 Gulfport  
Jerry Roberts #898 Vicksburg  
Francis Miller #7120 Southaven  
Bill Jarrent #1908 Hattiesburg

#### **Good of the Order Committee Report**

The Good of the Order Committee met at 1:30 in ballroom "C" of the Tunica convention center. State Chairman John Szymonik was not available. As a result, the State Officers tasked District Deputy Gerald Schmuck to act as committee chairman. The first order of business was to review last year's report.

The committee made the following suggestions:

1. The State Good of the Order Chairman should open a line of communication with the State councils through the council lecturer. By doing this the lecturer can notify the State Chairman whenever a member/family member of the council becomes sick, in distress or dies. The State Chairman can then notify the State Officers and activate the telephone calling chain.
2. The council lecturer should gather input from the members of his council during the fraternal year for submission to the State Chairman prior to the State Convention. This input can then be submitted to the Convention Committee for consideration at the convention.
3. Councils should consider enrolling all recently deceased members of their parish, no matter whether they are a knight or a family member of a knight, in such things as the Sacred Heart League, the SMA Fathers Perpetual Mass Association, etc. Showing this type of concern for parish members displays a good example of what Knights Of Columbus stand for.
4. The State Chairman should look into obtaining, at no cost to the State Jurisdiction, State K/C license plate similar to the college and wildlife conservation plates that are currently available. Knight could then obtain the plate when they renew their tags and proudly display the Knight's presence throughout the state.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Atterberry, PSD, 1908 Hattiesburg  
Gerald Schmuck, DD #10, 12271 Seabee Base Gulfport  
Jim Mounsey, 6872 Picayune  
Donald Eakin, 11654 Wiggins

#### **Awards and Reports Chairman's Report**

The function of this office is to monitor the submission of reports required by State and Supreme councils. Additionally, to encourage councils within the State to submit their reports on time. To this end, phone calls and face-to-face conversations were accomplished in an attempt to achieve the goal of 100% submission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard E. Greenwold  
State Awards and Reports Chairman

## MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

### Keep Christ in Christmas State Report

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was a great success. Fifteen councils took part selling 1083 boxes of cards promoting the true meaning of Christmas. That's eight councils more than last year. The state council took in \$458.00 from the sale of these cards. Since 1989 there have been 7.3 million spiritual messages distributed by the Knights of Columbus order wide. Over \$1,462,550 have been raised for charity. I would like to thank all the participating councils and their dedicated chairmen for a job well done. I am certain all councils will appreciate all the hard work they put in.

I should also like to encourage the rest of the councils in the state to take an active part in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. All proceeds go directly to the council to be used however they wish. An additional \$0.50 out of each box sold goes to the state council. Please help promote the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Zummo  
State KCIC Chairman

### KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS AUDIT REPORT

Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the report of State Treasurer Rich Lieding, which covers a period of April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000.

This review consisted primarily of an examination of receipts and disbursements occurring during the year. A comparison of Revenue and Expense balances with the prior year's 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

Thomas Bryant #5556  
Leon J. Shapley #2945  
David Breaux # 6765  
Bill Hetrick DD#5, #7854

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
STATE PROGRAM FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED REPORT**

To: State Officers, District Deputies and Grand Knights

From: Bradley D. Burden, State Program for Mentally Challenged Chairman

Brother Knights:

The Knights of Columbus in Mississippi have had another successful year in the raising of funds for mentally handicapped citizens in Mississippi. The donated funds will impact over 75,000 mentally handicapped persons in this state.

We want to thank each and every Knight, their families, friends of the Knights of Columbus, the Miss. Assoc. for Retarded Citizens and the people of our communities across the state for all their hard work in helping those less fortunate. Our collections this year were \$97,786 with about 80% of our councils participating.

We want to recognize the councils making outstanding contributions this year. The council with the largest net donation is Tupelo council # 8848 and the council with the highest net donation per member is Columbia / Tylertown council # 11956.

The Mississippi State Council Officers and Past State Deputies make up the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. As State Chairman, I assist the State Deputy who serves as the President of the Foundation.

The 2000 state program was introduced and the program booklets were distributed at the Midwinter meetings in January. These booklets should already be in the hands of the local chairman for this year's drive and planning for the drive should be almost complete.

One thing I would ask of our membership is that they visit the local agencies receiving our funds and see how our contributions have helped that organization. If you needed any encouragement in pushing this program I am sure that would be enough. Also if your council is one of the ones that did not participate in 1999 please consider doing so in 2000.

This year we ask you to use the week of May 15th through May 21st to collect for the drive. The first part of the week is set aside for business donations and the weekend for the city-wide drive. Our insurance for workers collecting during this drive will be in effect on Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th.

75% of the proceeds sent in will be returned to the local councils with 25% being set aside for distribution by the State Foundation.

All monies less the cost of Tootsie Rolls should be forwarded to the State Chairman as soon as possible after the drive. Billing for Tootsie Rolls and aprons will be sent to the ordering council. This bill should be paid by using receipts from the drive. Each district deputy is responsible for placing orders for the councils in his district.

Additional audit and accounting and M.R. Disbursement forms are available today in case your council did not get a copy. Once your funds are received a check will be written for your share of the proceeds. Since the check requires two signatures there is some turnaround in our getting your check processed. Good luck to each council in this year's drive!

Fraternaly yours,

Brad Burden  
State Program for Mentally Challenged Chairman

**Knights of Columbus Foundation**  
**Report on Receipts and Expenses**  
**1999-2000 Year**

**Checking Account:**

Beg. Bal. 4/1/99	\$21,755.46
Receipts	102,432.22
Checks	74,238.97
End. Bal. 3/31/00	\$49,948.71

**Savings Account:**

Beg. Bal. 1/1/99	\$33,310.39
Receipts	501.34
Checks	0.00
End. Bal. 12/31/99	\$33,811.73

<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES as of 3/31/00</b>	<b>\$83,760.44</b>
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Outstanding Deposits	0.00
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**Outstanding Checks:**

# 2485	Council 848	2/19/99	500.00
# 2486	Council 848	2/19/99	1,000.00
# 2522	Council 12331	7/27/99	226.50
# 2532	Council 2969	9/9/99	151.50
# 2546	Coun. 5654/10499	2/3/00	2,204.96
#2548	Council 8038	2/3/00	250.00
# 2549	Council 7910	3/6/00	1,484.25
# 2550	Council 7120	3/26/00	1,379.18

7,196.39

<b>TOTAL BOOK BALANCE as of 3/31/00</b>	<b>\$76,564.05</b>
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDATION  
1999 PROGRAM REPORT**

Council	Council Name	Audit Report	Dist. Report	Income	Income Per Member	Council Distribution	State Distribution	Matching Funds	Total
802	Meridian	Y	Y	515.82	2.44	398.87	128.95	1,180.61	1,547.48
848	Jackson	Y	N	2,500.00	32.47	0	2,500.00	0	0.00
898	Viola	Y	Y	1,289.05	3.46	988.80	322.25	0	988.80
1034	Natchez	Y	Y	1,452.89	7.45	1,099.67	363.22	0	1,099.67
1244	Biloxi	Y	Y	4,615.62	11.80	3,461.72	1,153.90	10,385.16	13,848.88
1908	Hattiesburg	Y	Y	4,888.67	44.44	3,500.00	1,188.67	0	3,500.00
2134	Greenville	Y	Y	1,013.50	6.99	780.00	253.50	0	780.00
2180	Laurel	Y	Y	1,900.00	16.24	1,425.00	475.00	0	1,425.00
2845	Leland	Y	Y	345.95	6.78	259.46	86.49	0	259.46
2899	Clarksdale	Y	Y	302.00	0.99	151.50	50.50	0	151.50
4908	Long Beach	Y	Y	2,500.00	17.73	1,875.00	625.00	0	1,875.00
5287	Greenwood	Y	Y	2,787.05	41.30	2,075.29	691.76	0	2,075.29
5958	Cleveland	Y	Y	1,807.61	9.08	1,130.71	376.90	0	1,130.71
6555	Shelby	Y	Y	1,304.31	32.61	978.23	326.08	2,934.69	3,912.92
6872	Picayune	Y	Y	3,961.13	52.12	2,970.85	990.28	0	2,970.85
7087	Klan	Y	Y	2,678.70	59.53	2,009.03	669.67	0	2,009.03
7120	Southaven	Y	Y	1,638.91	20.90	1,379.18	459.73	0	1,379.18
7211	Lumberton	Y	Y	500.00	7.94	375.00	125.00	0	375.00
7854	Clinton	Y	Y	1,688.70	22.83	1,250.03	418.67	4,250.10	5,900.13
7910	Orange Grove	Y	Y	3,599.25	29.99	2,699.44	899.81	0	2,699.44
7915	Brookhaven	Y	Y	6,598.50	82.46	5,000.00	1,598.50	0	5,000.00
8054	McComb	Y	Y	660.00	11.82	487.50	162.50	1,482.50	1,860.00
8285	St. Theresa	Y	Y	388.28	5.04	276.21	92.07	0	276.21
8846	Tupelo	Y	Y	6,576.61	53.94	6,432.46	2,144.15	0	6,432.46
8912	Corinth	Y	Y	1,772.00	50.63	1,329.00	443.00	1,063.20	2,392.20
9084	D'Iberville	Y	Y	500.00	5.43	375.00	125.00	0	375.00
9124	Gautier	Y	Y	2,267.30	20.81	1,715.00	572.30	0	1,715.00
9409	West Biloxi	Y	Y	6,063.08	49.21	4,539.83	1,513.25	0	4,539.83
9543	Madison	Y	Y	2,807.13	19.46	1,955.34	651.79	0	1,955.34
9873	Woolmarket	Y	Y	4,808.07	75.54	3,456.05	1,152.02	2,000.00	5,456.05
10216	Brandon	Y	Y	3,531.00	56.85	2,646.25	882.75	0	2,646.25
10443	Grenada	Y	Y	629.05	19.66	471.76	157.27	0	471.76
10499/6954	Ocean Springs	Y	N	2,839.94	10.97	0	2,839.94	0	0.00
10901	Oxford	Y	Y	1,000.00	8.85	750.00	250.00	0	750.00
11541	Gulfport (St. James)	Y	N	825.00	8.99	0	825.00	0	0.00
11954	Wiggins	Y	N	269.35	6.41	0	269.35	0	0.00
11904	Lucedale	Y	Y	1,480.40	32.90	1,110.30	370.10	0	1,110.30
11956	Columbia/Tylertown	Y	Y	3,653.25	91.33	2,739.94	913.31	0	2,739.94
12169/1605	Pascagoula/Sacred Heart	Y	Y	7,411.43	27.25	5,568.58	1,852.85	0	5,568.58
12271	Gulfport (Seabee)	Y	Y	900.48	22.51	675.35	225.11	0	675.35
12331	Pass Christian	Y	Y	302.00	7.37	228.50	75.50	0	228.50
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$97,786.01</b>		<b>\$68,460.87</b>	<b>\$29,286.14</b>	<b>\$23,256.26</b>	<b>\$91,747.13</b>

INTRODUCTIONS:

YOUR EXCELLENCIES: BISHOP(S) HOUCK & HOWZE

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN: FR. NANCE

WORTHY REVEREND FATHERS

WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE: ROBERT J. LANE

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY: BRUCE PABON

WORTHY STATE FAMILY

MY BROTHER KNIGHTS

I wish to thank the State Family of the Knights of Columbus and the convention committee for the opportunity and time allotted to the Fourth Degree for their meeting this afternoon. I realize the time this weekend is valuable and limited so I thank you again. I thank our State Deputy Bruce Pabon for this opportunity to report to you on the progress of the Fourth Degree within the Mississippi District and Beinville Province.

Since our last convention in Vicksburg many things have happen to all of us, some good and some that makes us search deep within and ask why has this happen. I have been told that each of us has a cross to bear through life and that our Divine Master knows just how heavy this cross must be. I thought that the cross I would bear would be only for those times when members of my family or close friends would be called to their eternal reward or short-term illnesses. This is not the case, our State Family has experienced a heavy cross and I have experienced the same. Personally I thought I would fall, I never thought I would be the recipient of our first virtue Charity, I now know first hand the love that exist in each of you and the greatest of this organization. Without your prayers, thoughts and acts of Charity I believe I would have given up and fell. I thank you all and ask for your continued prayers for all our Brother Knights who may be experiencing difficult times, what ever they might be.

The Mississippi District of the Fourth Degree has had a very productive year and this trend appears to be continuing. Thirty five (35) new Sir Knights were Exemplified on October 9 in Ocean Springs and honoring the 100th anniversary of the First Exemplification Fifty five (55) new Sir Knights were exemplified in Vicksburg on February 26. On June 10 in Oxford another Exemplification will be held and hopefully we will see our numbers rise even higher.



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Visibility of the Knights of Columbus, in the state, through the use of the Honor Guards has been on the rise through out the year. At last year's convention you witnessed the presentation of Colors by the District Color Corp. and this seemed to encourage Honor Guard participation. This continued on at the Dedication of St. Mary's in Natchez as a Minor Basilica where over 40 Sir Knights and Knights of Peter Claver formed an Honor Guard of 50. Our Supreme Knight Charles Foos has said when a Sir Knight stands in his regalia he becomes a marked man, there is no doubt in anyone's mind, he is a Knight of Columbus.

Growth of the Fourth Degree within the Beinville province has reached almost 1,000 new Sir Knights in this the beginning of our 101st year.

Thanks to encouragement by my wife I attended the Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. I was accompanied by District Marshall Kenneth Broussard, Sr. and Faithful Navigator Bill Kane. Gentlemen, on the occasion of the next Pilgrimage I encourage you to take part in these Spiritual enriching activities. Knights of Columbus from all across the United States and Canada were present and participated in the Rosary with His Holiness Pope Paul, Mass with Cardinal Hickey and the rededication of Our Order to our Blessed Mother by Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant.

I owe a special thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Bruce Pabon, for he has taken every opportunity to promote the Fourth Degree. He has encouraged the advancement of all members to the higher degrees especially the Fourth Degree.

It has been said on many occasions and in many ways but all of our numbers begin with the recruitment of a candidate as a first degree member. Our duty does not end there. We have an obligation to ensure that the new member is given the opportunity to attain the higher degrees and more importantly become an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Our organization is an opportunity to experience first hand charitable acts, which lead to an enrichment of the individual's Christian life. Our responsibility to ensure that the new member is exposed to these opportunities is not easy but attainable.

The times ahead of us hold great promise. Our activities are on the rise and our image is good. Let us all strive to ensure that this progress continues.

In my closing may I remind you that we are approaching a time of the year when we all have the opportunity to exercise the right to vote. Remember we are but one of the few countries in the world where your vote does count. Exercise this right and encourage all you meet to do the same.

Again, Thank You for this time and opportunity.

Norman McDonald

## MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

### 2000 State Convention Mileage and Per Diem Report

The committee reviewed the mileage and per diem figures for this year's convention. As per Resolution No. 5 passed at the Vicksburg Convention in 1999, mileage is \$0.20 one way and is computed using mileage from the MS State Highway Department. Past State Deputies receive no mileage allowance. Per diem is \$50.00 per day for two days.

The Committee also discussed the growing problems of rising expenses of the state convention. Recommendations included.

- encouraging carpooling.
- raising the per diem while eliminating an allowance for mileage.
- requiring delegates to attend all business sessions to receive their per diem and the State Warden to report on attendance at each business session.

Respectfully submitted.

The Mileage and Per Diem Committee

<u>State Officers</u>				
State Chaplain	<u>Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Two Days Per Diem</u>
State Deputy	Rev. Mike Nance	397	\$0.20	\$100.00
State Treasury	C. Bruce Pabon	397	\$0.20	\$100.00
State Advocate	Richard Lieding	206	\$0.20	\$100.00
State Warden	Larry Tabor	375	\$0.20	\$100.00
Immediate Past State Deputy	Daniel Lechner	375	\$0.20	\$100.00
	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.	397	\$0.20	\$100.00
				(\$1,029.40)
<u>Past State Deputy</u>				
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Two Days Per Diem</u>
	G. David Atteberry - paid as delegate			
	Robert Fratesi		\$100.00	\$100.00
	Norman L. Kiehn		\$100.00	\$100.00
	Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr.		\$100.00	\$100.00
	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.		\$100.00	\$100.00
	John P. Myers - paid as delegate			
	Tom Zetler		\$100.00	\$100.00
				(\$500.00)
<u>District Deputies</u>				
District # 1	<u>Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Two Days Per Diem</u>
District # 2	James Leatherwood	137	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 3	James W. Farris	0	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 4	Harvey Caldwell, III	137	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 5	Larry Miller	196	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 6	William Hedrick	214	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 7	Joseph Jones	198	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 8	Michael Bucciantini	294	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 9	John R. Ward	358	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 10	Gerald E. Schmuck	363	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 11	Robert Boney	378	\$0.20	\$100.00
District # 12	Carl Brochard, Sr.	397	\$0.20	\$100.00
				(\$1,634.40)
<u>State Chairmen</u>				
Membership	<u>Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Two Days Per Diem</u>
Program	Joseph Goellner, Sr.	294	\$0.20	\$100.00
Church	Peter Sulanek	79	\$0.20	\$100.00
Community	Richard E. Greenwold - paid as a delegate			
Council	William Entringer - paid as a delegate			
Youth	Robert Leo - paid as a delegate	201	\$0.20	\$100.00
	David Scott			
				(\$414.80)

	Council	Miles	Rate	Allowance	Attending	Two Days Per Diem	Total
802	Meridian	299	\$0.20	\$59.80	2	\$200.00	\$319.60
848	Jackson	206	\$0.20	\$41.20	2	\$200.00	\$282.40
898	Vicksburg	191	\$0.20	\$38.20	2	\$200.00	\$276.40
1034	Natchez	261	\$0.20	\$52.20	2	\$200.00	\$304.40
1244	Biloxi	375	\$0.20	\$75.00	2	\$200.00	\$350.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	378	\$0.20	\$75.60	2	\$200.00	\$351.20
1583	Gulfport	363	\$0.20	\$72.60	2	\$200.00	\$345.20
1605	Pascagoula	397	\$0.20	\$79.40	1	\$100.00	\$179.40
1908	Hattiesburg	294	\$0.20	\$58.80	2	\$200.00	\$317.60
2134	Greenville	117	\$0.20	\$23.40	2	\$200.00	\$246.80
2180	Laurel	325	\$0.20	\$65.00	2	\$200.00	\$330.00
2945	Leland	125	\$0.20	\$25.00	2	\$200.00	\$250.00
2969	Clarksdale	45	\$0.20	\$9.00	2	\$200.00	\$218.00
4472	Pass Christian	369	\$0.20	\$73.80	2	\$200.00	\$347.60
4898	Long Beach	368	\$0.20	\$73.60	2	\$200.00	\$347.20
5267	Greenwood	137	\$0.20	\$27.40	2	\$200.00	\$254.80
5556	Cleveland	81	\$0.20	\$16.20	2	\$200.00	\$232.40
5654	Ocean Springs	379	\$0.20	\$75.80	2	\$200.00	\$351.60
6555	Shelby	67	\$0.20	\$13.40	2	\$200.00	\$226.80
6592	Bassfield	276	\$0.20	\$55.20	2	\$200.00	\$310.40
6765	Starkville	172	\$0.20	\$34.40	2	\$200.00	\$268.80
6872	Picayune	355	\$0.20	\$71.00	2	\$200.00	\$342.00
7087	Kiln	381	\$0.20	\$76.20	2	\$200.00	\$352.40
7120	Southaven	0	\$0.20	\$0.00	2	\$200.00	\$200.00
7211	Lumberton	318	\$0.20	\$63.60	2	\$200.00	\$327.20
7854	Clinon	214	\$0.20	\$42.80	2	\$200.00	\$285.60
7910	Orange Grove	358	\$0.20	\$71.60	2	\$200.00	\$343.20
7915	Brookhaven	262	\$0.20	\$52.40	2	\$200.00	\$304.80

	Council	Miles	Rate	Allowance	Attending	Two Days Per Diem	Total
7974	Columbus	196	\$0.20	\$39.20	2	\$200.00	\$278.40
8038	Pearl	208	\$0.20	\$41.60	2	\$200.00	\$283.20
8285	Jackson, St. Therese	206	\$0.20	\$41.20	2	\$200.00	\$282.40
8760	Holly Springs	66	\$0.20	\$13.20	2	\$200.00	\$226.40
8848	Tupelo	106	\$0.20	\$21.20	2	\$200.00	\$242.40
8912	Cornith	137	\$0.20	\$27.40	2	\$200.00	\$254.80
9094	D'iberville	375	\$0.20	\$75.00	2	\$200.00	\$350.00
9124	Gautier	393	\$0.20	\$78.60	2	\$200.00	\$357.20
9409	West Biloxi	375	\$0.20	\$75.00	2	\$200.00	\$350.00
9543	Madison	201	\$0.20	\$40.20	2	\$200.00	\$280.40
9673	Woolmarket	375	\$0.20	\$75.00	2	\$200.00	\$350.00
9958	Lizana	360	\$0.20	\$72.00	2	\$200.00	\$344.00
10216	Brandon	226	\$0.20	\$45.20	2	\$200.00	\$290.40
10443	Grenda	92	\$0.20	\$18.40	1	\$100.00	\$118.40
10499	Ocean Springs	397	\$0.20	\$79.40	2	\$200.00	\$358.80
10901	Oxford	79	\$0.20	\$15.80	2	\$200.00	\$231.60
11541	Gulfport, St. James	363	\$0.20	\$72.60	2	\$200.00	\$345.20
11654	Wiggins	325	\$0.20	\$65.00	2	\$200.00	\$330.00
11904	Lucedale	361	\$0.20	\$72.20	2	\$200.00	\$344.40
11934	Gluckstadt	198	\$0.20	\$39.60	2	\$200.00	\$279.20
11956	Columbia / Tyler tow	376	\$0.20	\$75.20	2	\$200.00	\$350.40
11995	West Harrison	369	\$0.20	\$73.80	2	\$200.00	\$347.60
12166	Pascagoula - SH	397	\$0.20	\$79.40	2	\$200.00	\$358.80
12271	Gulfport - NCBC	363	\$0.20	\$72.60	2	\$200.00	\$345.20
12331	Dedeaux	377	\$0.20	\$75.40	2	\$200.00	\$350.80
							\$15,915.80

**REMARKS TO MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION  
APRIL 29, 2000**

**ROBERT J. LANE  
Assistant Supreme Secretary, Knights of Columbus**

It's a pleasure for my wife and me to be here in Mississippi for your 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Council Meeting. We look forward to traveling to state council meetings each year. Last year we were in Arkansas. Wherever we go, everyone is warm, friendly and hospitable, continually forming a constant reminder with us of who the folks are that are "the Knights of Columbus." We in New Haven are very mindful of this!

These are historical times and each one of us is fortunate to be alive as witnesses in the closing of one millennium and the opening of another in this Great Jubilee year, a new dawning, if you will.

Today, I'd like to touch upon the business of the Supreme Council during this past year under a series of categories.

- Y2K
- 1999 Performance
- Mississippi Performance
- Products
- System and Billing Improvements
- Museum
- Father McGivney
- Pride

**Y2K**

The Order took great precaution in preparing for Y2K investing substantial financial and human resources to ensure a successful transition to the year 2000. It is now history and history will record it as uneventful, but only because of a tremendous amount of preparation and contingency planning on the part of our Supreme Officers and staff.

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### **1999 Performance**

Best's and Standard & Poor's continue to rate the Order's claims-paying ability with their highest ratings, something that few other life and annuity insurers can point to, (but your Order can). I'm not going to bore you with an unending stream of figures and statistics, but I do want to mention that as of December 31, 1999, assets have reached an all-time high of \$8.064 billion as did our certificate holder dividend payout in the amount of \$252.7 million. In addition, we have a surplus ratio of 1.177, that is \$1.18 in assets for each dollar of liabilities.

1999 also witnessed important management changes. Carl A. Anderson succeeded Charles P. Riesbeck, Jr. as Supreme Secretary and Pat A. Cipollone succeeded Ricardo H. Garcia as Supreme Advocate. As you may or may not know, I've been around a long time (46 years in June) at the Supreme Council office, so I've seen many changes over the years. I've worked under Luke E. Hart, John W. McDevitt and Virgil C. Dechant as Supreme Knights and seven Supreme Secretaries. The Order has been blessed with outstanding leaders.

### **Mississippi Performance**

I was pleased to note that in 1998, (1999 figures are not yet compiled) Mississippi distinguished itself in several areas. Supreme Council records indicate that:

- \$410,690 was contributed to charitable causes, an average of \$70.74 per member;
- 32,383 visits were made to the sick and bereaved with 43,925 hours of commitment involved;
- 314,762 hours of community service was provided, and
- 1,851 blood donors were recorded.

All remarkable achievements for which you are to be commended.

Also on a positive note, at last glance, in a jurisdiction of 55 councils, all of your councils are in good standing with none suspended and only 6 (10%) failing to file audit reports that were due as of February 15, 2000.

Since July 1, 2000, Mississippi membership reflects a net gain of 89 members as of April 1, 2000 (four successive net increases) after net increases of 228, 87 and 158 the previous three years. However, everyone needs to get behind the recruitment efforts of the State Deputy with two months remaining in the fraternal year in order to achieve the best increase possible. Of concern, however, are some other matters that I feel obligated to mention. Telltale signs that some of your councils may be experiencing problems, (though suspension is not one of them), indicates that in 1999-2000, eight councils have not initiated at least one member, compared to five councils the previous year. In addition, ten have not submitted Form 365 and four have not submitted Form 185. All in all, 12 councils, or 25%, have failed to submit one form or another with five of the twelve not submitting five different reports. These statistics should be viewed as trouble signs that need follow-up and assistance where necessary in order to avoid the possibility of a council becoming inactive.

### **Products**

The Order introduced its Long Term Care Product earlier this year to round out its portfolio of life and annuity products. From the number of applications we've already received, it is apparent that interest is high and we think that the plans and options we have available will be very successful and competitive in the marketplace. You know, we're not like the commercial giants that have gone the route of forming financial services conglomerates. We've stayed with Father McGivney's vision of what the Knights of Columbus should be: "protector of widows and orphans." However, we've taken it a step further by offering protection to families by insuring wives and children as well. I'm sure Henry Mosco, an old acquaintance of mine while I served as Insurance Coordinator and Vice President of Insurance Services, and his capable staff would be pleased to discuss Long Term Care or any other product the Order offers for that matter, whenever it is convenient for you to do so.

### **System and Billing Improvements**

The long-awaited Windows Version of FSPC was released at the end of 1999 and with the exception of a few "bugs" that were called to our attention, it has been well received. To date, roughly 3,000 financial secretaries now have it and the number requesting it is growing each day.

We have also begun working on the Council Billing Statement with several improvements in mind that, hopefully, will make the statement more informative and user friendly. The statement will include a scanable-billing stub that will enable us to automatically process all payments that are made paid as billed. Look for it to be introduced by the end of 2000.



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### **Museum**

Two weeks ago we had a major press conference to announce the Order's new Knights of Columbus Museum. As I understand it, USA Today considered it the feature news item in Connecticut for that day. Work on the museum has been accelerating recently with a preliminary fall opening planned assuming all goes well. The New Haven Register, our local newspaper, described the announcement as follows in a recent editorial:

#### **K of C gives lift to city's culture New museum also will save architectural attraction**

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, perhaps the quietest of the community's major pillars, another feather is being added to New Haven's cultural crown.

The Knights' investment of \$10 million in its new museum not only gives the city another tourist magnet, it also will preserve one of the city's notable examples of modern architecture, the concrete and glass edifice at 1 Community Services Building.

The museum plan long has been in the works, but the renovations are now under way and Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant only recently announced the details. The 77,000 square foot museum will display items from the K of C's collections of fine and decorative arts, plus archival material. There will be a theater, space for touring exhibitions, and there will be no admission charge when it opens in the fall.

New Haven's arts and entertainment offerings are the primary lure for more than 2 million visitors who come here annually, and the Knights' offerings should reinforce a reputation that already has been firmly established by the city's theatrical spaces and fine arts, music, manuscript and natural history museums.

The K of C, an international Roman Catholic fraternal organization, has been a key New Haven institution since its founding in 1882 by the Rev. Michael J. McGivney. Although rarely a newsmaker, its insurance business is one of the city's largest employers, and its towering 1967 headquarters is a landmark.

The Knights took an interest in the building as a museum site and bought it in 1994. In the process of meeting its own needs, the Knights of Columbus has again extended its record of contributions to the welfare of its home city, which is thankful.

Once opened, visitors like yourselves will have an opportunity to see three sites: St. Mary's Church, where Father McGivney's remains are interred; the Supreme Council office; and now the Museum.

### **Father McGivney**

Speaking of our founder, his cause for Sainthood is moving forward. I had the pleasure of being present for the closing of the Archdiocesan phase of the Investigation of the Life and Virtue of Father McGivney by the Tribunal Commission appointed by Archbishop Cronin of Hartford. All of the papers that had been assembled during the investigation were packaged and sealed during the ceremony and delivered by the Postulator, Father Gabriel O'Donnell, to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Just last week an Associated Press release said that the Vatican had released an announcement that the papers were found to be in order and that Father O'Donnell could proceed to write a biography of Father McGivney's journey through life.

That brings me to another subject involving the Cause - the Father McGivney Guild. It is very important that the Order demonstrate a groundswell level of support for the Cause. You are urged, therefore, to fill out a Guild membership application and encourage others to do so as well (they don't have to be Knights). Your membership in the Order does not and cannot, according to the norms of the Vatican, automatically create Guild membership. Application forms appear regularly in COLUMBIA and Knightline, but I've brought some with me to make it convenient for you to join and I left them in the registration area for you to use. It doesn't cost anything, unless you are of the mind and means to contribute something (it doesn't have to be much). All contributions will be used by the Guild toward the costs associated with beatification and canonization, please God, should that occur. Urge your friends to join as well as we build a guild of devotion to our Founder.

### **Pride**

We can all take pride as Knights in the recent Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It was a spectacular moment in the Order's history as you heard yesterday from Norman MacDonald. More on that this evening at the banquet. Also on the list of the Order's proud moments is the worldwide broadcast of the opening of the Holy Year Door by the Holy Father in the Moderno Atrium of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve 1999 that was broadcast by EWTN and paid for by the Order. Your Order also paid the cost of renovating the doors and the Atrium itself as a reaffirmation of our love devotion to the Holy See and the Holy Father. A plaque displayed in the Atrium identifies the Knights of Columbus as benefactor. You can take justifiable pride in this endeavor as a member of our beloved Order in this project.

I could go on and on with more 1999 accomplishments, but I've already taken enough of your valuable time, so thank you for listening and thank you for your patience in permitting me to bring you up to date on matters of mutual interest.

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**ADDRESS**  
**MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION BANQUET**  
**APRIL 29, 2000**

**ROBERT J. LANE**  
**Assistant Supreme Secretary, Knights of Columbus**

Before embarking upon the text of my message this evening, I would like to share with you my thoughts regarding the Order's Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on April 1, 2000. In short, it was one of the shining moments for me in the 118 years of the Knights of Columbus existence. It was a spectacular day that occurred as part of a Board of Directors meeting that began on Thursday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup> and ended Sunday morning, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. But that Saturday was entirely devoted to the Pilgrimage.

For my wife and me, the day began with our arrival at the Shrine by bus from our hotel at approximately 10:00 a.m., only to witness some 200 odd buses already there along with members and their families from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines. At 10:30 a.m., we had the pleasure of processing through the Holy Year Door at the main entrance of the Basilica and on to the sanctuary of the main altar where we were seated along with the Board of Directors, State Deputies, the hierarchy

and the family of Cardinal Hickey who, later that day, would receive the highest award of the Knights of Columbus.

After being welcomed by the Rector, a Rosary recited by the Holy Father via satellite uplink from the Vatican that included participants connected from other sites in the world as well as those assembled in the Shrine began at 11:30 a.m. Confessions were heard at the conclusion of the Rosary throughout the Shrine until 2:00 p.m. when the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass would be concelebrated by our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Thomas V. Daily.

Forty minutes prior to Mass, the Fourth Degree (who, incidentally, are celebrating 100 years of existence) began their procession into the Shrine. A veritable sea of reds, whites, greens, lavenders, golds and powder blues (some 1,000 of them) paraded outside on the Basilica grounds and on into the edifice to the cheers and applause of those who admired their appearance and dedication to the Order. (Two hundred of the Honor Guard Corps remained in the Basilica for the service). It was a memorable forty minutes to this observer and to those, I'm sure, who viewed them on EWTN who broadcasted the entire three and one half-hours of events that followed.

My wife and I were honored to have been among the gift bearers to Cardinal Hickey. Although I haven't seen the video yet, I'm told that she

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was very evident in her presence, but at my expense. Apparently, the camera angle caused her (as tiny as she is) to block me out.

The service itself was beautiful for all 10,000 – 11,000 that were fortunate enough to be present, whether inside or outside watching on a large screen. Following Mass, a rededication of the Order to the Blessed Mother took place with everyone present taking an active part in the recitation along with the Supreme Chaplain who presided. Thereafter, Father Gabriel O'Donnell, Postulator of the Cause for Father McGivney, gave us a thorough briefing on the status of the Cause.

Immediately following, His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey was presented with the Gaudium et Spes Award by the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Chaplain in a moving tribute to him and a moving response from him. It was now 4:30 p.m. and we had been in Church six and one-half hours, but it was such a wonderful, and certainly spiritual experience that we had no conception of time and no one seemed to care if it ever ended. The Rosary, the Fourth Degree procession, the Mass, the rededication ceremony, the choir, the brass ensemble and the timpani drums, the Gaudium et Spes presentation – all are still very much with me and will be a part of me always.

If you were not present that day, I hope that these words will make you feel that you were, because, in essence, all Knights and their families were a part of that glorious day.

## **STATE CONVENTION TALK**

For obvious reasons, a lot of people have politics on their minds these days. That makes this a good time to say a few words about the Knights of Columbus and politics.

The founders of our Order were very wise men. One indication of their wisdom was the decision to exclude partisan politics from the K of C.

Over the years, this prudent policy has played an important role in helping us preserve our harmony and our unity of vision, purpose, and action. It is an indispensable source of the Order's strength.

At the same time, the exclusion of partisan politics does not in the least imply that the Knights of Columbus is not interested in politics, broadly understood. In fact, just the opposite is true.

As an organization of Catholic citizens, concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal realms, the Knights of Columbus is deeply and appropriately interested in many public issues, with a strong political dimension, that have a bearing on both.

High up on the list today is the broad range of human life issues--abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, capital punishment, and others. As Pope John Paul frequently reminds us, concern for

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human rights absolutely demands of us a practical commitment--lived out in deeds--to the dignity and sanctity of human life.

A second cluster of issues, closely related to life, are those that pertain to marriage and the family.

It is no secret that marriage and family life is widely threatened today in a number of different ways--no-fault divorce, coercive pressures to limit family size, discriminatory economic and tax policies including in some places a so-called "marriage penalty," and now even an aggressive campaign to bestow the hallowed status of marriage upon homosexual relationships.

In face of pressures like these, our Order--a Catholic family organization--is deeply committed to the view that strong marriages and strong traditional families not only correspond to God's plan but are the indispensable basis of stable, healthy nations and societies.

For this reason, defense of the family and support of laws and policies congenial to marriage and family life also stand high among our broadly 'political' priorities.

Closely related to marriage and family is the issue of education. Here, too, the Knights of Columbus has for many years taken a clear, uncompromising stand.

For us, education first and foremost is an issue of parental rights. Parents are the primary educators of their children. They have both the duty and the right to make conscientious choices about the schooling of their offspring.

Thus we oppose any attempt to impose a government monopoly in education, whether by law or as a de facto result of economic pressure. Parents who choose religious schools for their children have a sacred right to make that choice and deserve the support of Church and state in carrying it out.

Here is the basis of our policy of support for educational vouchers and other practical means of implementing the parental right. This issue, too, has occupied an important place on our agenda for many years.

I could go on to speak of religious liberties, of defense of the rights of the Church, and of many other issues of a broadly political nature that matter greatly to us as Knights.

But the point should be obvious: Although this is not, and will not become, a politically partisan organization, we have serious, abiding, longterm political interests and concerns that reflect deeply held convictions about the right ordering of society.

Today, the secularist mentality would seek to exclude religion and religious values from public life and the public policy debate.



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Operating from a false understanding of 'separation of church and state,' people who think this way seek to silence the religious voice in the public square.

This is something the Knights of Columbus will not and cannot accept.

We believe religion and morality have something important to say to politics. They serve as a kind of conscience--setting standards, identifying worthy goals, defining norms of conduct, and helping citizens evaluate parties and candidates without telling them how to vote.

Politics is not a value-free zone, a place where, morally speaking, 'anything goes.' Politics is the area of human endeavor in which conscientious citizens, applying moral principles and norms, seek consensus on how to realize the common good--and also on which of their fellow citizens shall be entrusted with public office to this end.

Partisan politics has no place in the Knights of Columbus. Serious, committed concern for public issues and the common good--'politics' broadly conceived, as I have been describing it--most certainly does.

Both of these principles have guided our Order from the start. Both will continue to guide it in the days and years to come.

## Bishop R. O. Gerow Natchez 1034

The Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034 Natchez would like to thank all the brother Knights for coming to the bowling tournament. It was a complete success and a lot of fun for us to have everyone in Natchez. We hope to see you in Natchez again next year.

TEAMS		Singles	Doubles	All Events
Money	\$420	\$384	\$384	\$100
Cost	\$245	\$224.00	\$224.00	
Exp.	\$48.98	48.95	48.95	\$48.95
Prize	\$126.04	\$111.05	\$111.05	\$1.05



The team event paid the top three teams. The singles event the top five was paid. The doubles event the top three teams was paid and in all events the top three was paid.

	Teams	Singles	Doubles	All Events
1st	\$60	\$32.50	\$50	\$25
2nd	\$40	\$26.50	\$35	\$15
3rd	\$26.04	\$20.50	\$26.05	\$11.05
4th		\$17.50		
5th		\$14.05		

At the team leader meeting held on Sunday it was voted on the the price of the events are to be raised to \$15 a person per event and \$5 for all events. We also voted to open the tournament to the Lady Auxiliaries , the Squires and wives. The teams can be mixed.

The final results are as follows:

Teams	Doubles
Meridian Gold	George Walston & Mike Griffith
Meridian Blue	Buster Mascagni & Greg Bernardi
Natchez #1	Joe Gomez & Pete Vining

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## Bishop R. O. Gerow Natchez 1034

### **Singles**

**David Cocilova  
Bob Leo  
George Walston  
Robert Fratesti  
Jack Schafer**

### **All Events Hcp.**

**Bob Leo  
Mike Griffith  
David Cocilova  
George Walston  
Jack Schafer**

### **All Events Scratch**

**Jack Schafer**

**Submitted by Darren Cowart PGK**

Brother Knights,  
Thanks for bringing your teams to the tournament. The report is enclosed as well as the checks for those of you that recieved them. We will have your averages for the ones who need them for next year. Thanks again, looking forward to seeing you next year.

**Fraternally Yours  
Darren Cowart**

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 1**

***Whereas,***

Southaven Council Number 7120 has been such an excellent host of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual convention, and

***Whereas,***

The officers, members, and wives have arranged to host such an outstanding, convention,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

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

***Recommendation:*** Adopt

***Action:*** Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Larry J. Tabor, State Advocate)

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**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

***Whereas,***

Brother Robert Lane and his lovely wife Lee has honored this State Convention with their presence, and

***Whereas,***

Brother Robert Lane is the Worthy Assistant Supreme Secretary, and

***Whereas,***

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council realize that Brother Robert Lane's address at the Convention Banquet will be extremely informative and well received by all,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council expressed its sincere appreciation to Brother Robert Lane, Assistant Supreme Secretary, and his wife Lee, extend to them a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find possible to do so.

***Recommendation:*** Adopt

***Action:*** Accept Recommendation as amended to reflect correct title.

(Submitted by Larry J. Tabor, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thirty-Sixth 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 the participants to again hold this activity in 2000,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense 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. The chairman of the bowling tournament will give a report at the State Convention.

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the bowling association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

***Recommendation:*** Adopt

***Action:*** Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Larry J. Tabor, State Advocate)

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**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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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. Said 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. The chairman of the softball tournament will give a report at the State Convention.

***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 Larry J. Tabor, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**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, and the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, District Deputies, and the Past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting.

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws states per diem expenses of the State Officers, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, and District Deputies, to the State Council meeting for the ensuing year are hereby set and established to be paid at a rate of \$50.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$.20 per mile one way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department.

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid per diem of \$50.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

***Recommendation:*** Adopt

***Action:*** Accept Recommendation as amended to excluded reference to Past State Deputies in paragraph 2.

For the record: Jim Monsey made a motion to increase the per diem to \$60.00 for all; seconded by Paul Gaspardarchi. By a voice vote, the motion failed.

(Submitted by Mississippi State Council)



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**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 6**

***Whereas,***

In the fraternal year 1999-2000, the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus has maintained Council funds in a banking institution that by their written resolution requires the following standards: (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 the capacity as Acting State Deputy or unavailability or in the event of incapacitation of the State Treasurer.

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That these standards must be applied from one fraternal year to the next, and,

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That it shall be the responsibility of the current State Treasurer to implement these standards at the beginning of each fraternal year.

***Recommendation:*** Reject. This resolution is in conflict with Article VI, Section 3, State By Laws. In order for action contained in this resolution to be reconsidered it must be submitted in proper format to request change to State By Laws.

***Action:*** Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by the Mississippi State Council)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION No. 7**

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus has a State Per Capita of \$8.00 (eight dollars) per member per year, and

***Whereas,***

There is seldom an accounting of said revenues, and

***Whereas,***

There are too many receiving mileage for there so called State Business trips and other wasted funds.

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the State Per Capita be reduced to \$6.00 (six dollars) per member per year.

***Recommendation:*** Reject

***Action:*** Accept recommendation. Full financial disclosure of State income and expenditures is provided bi-annually.

(Submitted by Biloxi Council #1244)

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**Resolution to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 8**

***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 97 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 our 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 two terms as State Deputy, and,

***Whereas,***

Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. is currently serving as Immediate Past State Deputy and throughout his many years of service to our Jurisdiction has brought great credit upon said Jurisdiction,

***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 Past State Deputy Guy S. Todaro, Jr. to the Supreme Board of Directors or for his election to the office of Supreme Warden at the earliest opportunity.

***Recommendation:*** Adopt

***Action:*** Accept recommendation

(Submitted by Past State Deputy Thomas R. Zettler)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION No. 9**

**A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY IN  
MISSISSIPPI**

**Whereas:** Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States has called upon the Knights of Columbus for their help in ending the death penalty in the United States in an article published in the January 2000 issue of *Columbia*, the official magazine of the Knights of Columbus,

and

**Whereas:** In 1995, His Holiness Pope John Paul II issued his pro-life encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, in which he proclaimed that all human life is under the Church's "maternal care," and it is clear that ... the nature and extent of the punishment must be carefully evaluated and decided upon and ought not go to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity: In other words when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society. Today however, as a result of steady improvements in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare if not practically nonexistent, and.... authority had a way that fulfills the purpose of defending public order and ensuring people's safety, while at the same time offering the offender an incentive and help to change his or her behavior and be rehabilitated."

and

**Whereas:** throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us again and again about a God who is merciful and kind and who wants us to live life in abundance and the consistent thread throughout the Gospels is that of love, not hate; justice, not vengeance and, Jesus Christ our Savior himself, the victim of the death penalty, did not condemn his executioners, but forgave them:

and

**Whereas:** there have been more than 627 executions in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed the use of the death penalty in 1976 and more than 16 individuals, who were juveniles when they committed their crimes, have been executed since 1976,

and

**Whereas:** since 1973, more than 80 people have been released from a death row with evidence of their innocence presented to the courts on their behalf and

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current research now indicates that 23 cases of execution have been found since 1900 where innocent people were executed,

and

**Whereas:** there have been four executions, including two juveniles, in Mississippi and more than 62 individuals are currently on death rows in Mississippi and, the minimum age to receive the death penalty in Mississippi is 16 and there are currently four inmates on Death Row who were juveniles when they committed their crimes and, Mississippi does not forbid the execution of the mentally retarded and, Mississippi does provide for life without parole according to the Mississippi Code Ann. Section 97-3-21 amended in 1994 that allows a jury to consider the possibility of life without any chance of parole,

and

**Whereas:** Mississippi does not currently have a statewide system of public defenders to serve the legal appeals of death row inmates,

and

**Whereas:** recognizing that every life is a gift from God and that the dignity of human life must never be taken away even in the case of someone who has done great evil,

and

**Whereas:** modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform including life without the possibility of any parole including the State of Mississippi,

**Therefore Be It Resolved:**

That the Knights of Columbus meeting in State Convention in April 2000 hereby support the Holy Fathers call for the abolishment of the Death Penalty and hereby support the call for help to the Knights of Columbus in ending the death penalty in the United States from Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops

and

**Be it further Resolved**

That the Knights of Columbus of Mississippi meeting in State Convention in April 2000 resolve that the death penalty be abolished in our state of Mississippi or, at the least, a moratorium on the death penalty be announced by the Governor of our state while a study is conducted as to the fairness and equality of imposition of the death penalty

and

**Be it further resolved**

that there be no more executions of juveniles in the State of Mississippi,

and

**Be it further resolved**

That the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus and the State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of the State of Mississippi forward this resolution after its adoption, to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court and every elected member of the state legislature no later than 90 days after its adoption by the members of the Knights of Columbus meeting in State Convention, April 2000 with a cover letter from them attesting to the passage of this resolution.

Submitted this day, April 28, 2000

by:

The Most Reverend William R. Houck

Bishop Diocese of Jackson

Honorary State Chaplain

Reverend Thomas L. Lalor

Chaplain Council 8285

St. Therese Council

Mr. Rich Lieding

State Treasurer and,

Financial Secretary

Council 8285 St. Therese Council

Dr. Paul N. Gospodarski

Treasurer, Council 8285

St. Therese Council

and Preparer of Resolution

The Most Reverend

Joseph L. Howze

Bishop Diocese of

Biloxi

State Chaplain

Brian Carroll

Bishop Brunini Assembly

Degree Knights

Marvin Cannon

Council 8285

Therese Council

Schiller,

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Honorary

Reverend

Chaplain

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Mr.

Grand Knight

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Mr. Nick

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**Recommendation:** Accept

**Action:** Accept recommendation as amended as reads "no later than 30 days" to read "no later than 90 days in last paragraph above."

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**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION No. 10**

***Whereas,***

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on March 29<sup>th</sup> in the year of Our Lord 1882, and

***Whereas,***

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus as an order to care for the widows and families of the Church, and

***Whereas,***

the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Family Fraternal Organization, and

***Whereas,***

the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program was established to ensure the financial well being of the widows and families of Brother Knights, and

***Whereas,***

the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program has grown to being rated one of the best programs in the United States of America, and

***Whereas,***

the Knights of Columbus continue to strongly support the family institution within the Church, the community, and within the Order, and

***Whereas,***

Only the initial issuance of an Insurance policy or annuity to a Brother Knight or member of his family is counted as an insurance member for the purpose of counting towards the quotas set by Supreme and State for each Council, and

***Whereas,***

In order to further the support of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program and most important of all, support of the family in today's world,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That each Insurance Policy or Annuity that is issued to a Brother Knight that is already an Insurance Member, that new policy or annuity shall be counted towards his Council's quota as a new Insurance member.

**Recommendation:** Reject

**Action:** Accept Recommendation. Bill Wagoner made a motion to amend Paragraph 7 to strike "or a member of his family." Seconded by Jim Monsey. By a voice vote, the amendment was rejected.

(Submitted by Sacred Heart Council 12166, Pascagoula, MS)



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**RESOLUTION No. 11**

***Whereas,***

The Knights of Columbus has always been justifiably proud that it is committed to prolife programs, and,

***Whereas,***

Councils may have the desire to donate to or assist prolife organizations in the state whose sole purpose it is to counsel Mississippi citizens and their families that face an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy and out of love provide them with assistance 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 moneys 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, without any costs to itself whatsoever, the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund, and

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***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 given to Bishop Howze and Bishop Houck at our annual state convention for use by prolife organizations selected by their respective Diocesan offices.

***Recommendation:*** Refer to State Deputy

***Action:*** Delegates Richard Cameron of Madison #9543 and Bob Jones, Ocean Springs 5654, called for a voice vote. The delegates voted unanimously to reject the recommendation and accept the resolution.

(Submitted by Grand Knight Council 9543, Madison)

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## NOTES