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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL 97th Annual State Meeting April 20-21-22, 2001 Biloxi, MS

Thursday, April 19, 2001

4:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Registration for State Officers, Past State Deputies, State Directors, District Deputies, and Delegates - Holiday Inn		
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.			
Friday, April 20, 2	2001		
7:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament		
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - Father Martin Gillespie - Holiday Inn (Ship Island Room)		
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	State Officers Meeting - Holiday Inn (Room 114)		
10:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Registration - Officers and Delegates - Holiday Inn (Petit Bois Island)		
10:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Registration - Members and Guests - Holiday Inn (Petit Bois Island)		
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting - Holiday Inn (Camellia Room)		
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	FIRST BUSINESS SESSION - Convention Center		
	Welcome to Biloxi, Congressman Gene Taylor		
	2. Response - State Secretary Thomas Chady		
	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 Jim Lambert		
	7. Introduction of the Assistant to the Supreme Knight, Louis W Barbour - State Deputy		
	8. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 1999 Convention Minutes		
	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 - Jim Lambert		
	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		
	15. Announcements		
	a. Hospitality Rooms Must Be Closed During Business Sessions		

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b. Ladies Activities c. Youth Activities

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Friday, April 2	0, 2001 (continued) 15. Announcements (continued)		
	d. Credentials Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m.		
	e. Resolution Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m.		
	f. Other Announcements		
	16. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance		
	10. Closing Player - State Chaptain Patier Michael Ware		
7:00 p.m.	Doors to Banquet room opened.		
7:30 p.m.	Friday Night Dinner Social (with cash bar starting at 7:00 p.m.) Awards to be Presented:		
	State Ladies Auxiliary Awards - State President, Jean Underwood		
	State Bowling Tournament Awards - Natchez Council		
	3. State Mental Retardation Program Awards – Bradley Burden		
	State Mental Relational Program Awards – Bradley Burden Insurance Agency Award - Henry Mosco		
	5. Squires Awards – Jerry Roberts		
	6. Honor Council Awards - State Program Director Peter Sukanek		
	7. Council of Excellence Awards - State Program Director		
	Distinguished Council Awards - State Program Director Distinguished Council Awards - State Program Director		
	Distinguished Council Awards - State Program Director Top Gun Council Awards- State Membership Director Joseph Goellner		
	9. Top Gun Council Awards- State Membership Director Joseph Goetiner		
10:00 -	Credentials Committee - Holiday Inn (Petit Bois Room)		
10:00 -	Resolutions Committee Holiday Inn (Room 100)		
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Saturday, April			
8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass and Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives - Concelebrated		
	Mass with Bishop Joseph Howze as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State		
	Chaplain Father Michael Nance - Convention Center		
9:00 - 10:00	Registration for Members and Guests - Holiday Inv (Petit Bois Island)		
9:00 - 10:00	Registration for Delegates - Convention Center		
9:30 - 12:00	SECOND BUSINESS SESSION - Convention Center		
	Travel Cards Checked by State Warden Danny Lechner and Assistants		
	Opening Prayer - State Chaplain Father Michael Nance		
	3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master Jim Lambert		
	4. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary Tom Chady		
	5. Address to the Delegates - Bishop Joseph Howze, Bishop of Biloxi Diocese		
	6. Address to the Delegates - Assistant to the Supreme Knight, Louis W Barbour		
	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.		
	 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		
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10:00 - 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting - Holiday Inn (Deer Room)

Saturday, April 21, 2001 (continued)

- 12:00 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon Boliday Ion (Ballroom)
- 12:00 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon Holiday Inn (Lounge)
- 12:00 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon Holiday Inn (Dauphin Room)
- 12:00 1:00 p.m. Lunch (All others are on their own)

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

- Audit Bradley D. Burden Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- Good of the Order -- John Szymonik -- Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- Ceremonials Guy Todaro, Jr. PSD Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- Public Relations Daniel Lechner Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- State Convention Larry Tabor- Holiday Inn (Room 242)
- Financial Secretaries Bob Hudson Holiday Inn (Deer Island)
- Membership Joseph Goellner, Sr. Holiday Inn (Lounge)
- Council Activities Robert Leo Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- Community Activities Richard Greenwold Holiday Inn (Lounge)
- 10. Church Activities Randy Banks Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- 11. Family Activities Robert Barr Holiday Inn Express (Ball Room)
- 12. Youth Activities David Scott Holiday lun (Dauphin)
- 13. Pro-Life Activities Rob Hudson Holiday Inn (Dauphin)

2:45 - 5:00 p.m.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION - Convention Center

- 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
 - a. Pro-Life Rob Hudson
 - State Program Activities Peter Sukanek
 - Public Relations Daniel Lechner
 - Membership Joseph Goellner d
 - Ceremonials Guy S. Todaro, Jr.
 - f. K of C Audit Bradley D. Burden
 - Mileage and Per Diem Richard Lieding
 - h. Financial Secretaries Bob Hudson
 - State Convention Larry Tabor

 - Good of the Order John Szymonik
 - k. Resolutions Larry Tabor
- Announcements
- Closing Prayer State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Dignitaries Assemble for Procession - Convention Center

Doors to Banquet room opened

- State Banquet and Awards Presentation Convention Center
- Keynote Address by the Assistant to the Supreme Knight, Louis W Barbour
- State Ladies Auxiliary Scrapbook Awards State President Jean Underwood
- Best Pro-Life Project Award Rob Hudson
- Best Vocations Project Awards John J. Maloney
- Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards Larry M. Campbell
- 6. Top Proposer Award Membership Director Joseph Goellner, Sr.
- Membership Awards Membership Director
- 8. Best Newsletter Awards Program Director Peter Sukanek
- 9. Best Scrapbook Awards Program Director
- 10. Best Council Awards Program Director
- 11. Best Church Activity Award Program Director
- 12. Best Community Activity Award Program Director
- 13. Best Council Activity Award Program Director

Saturday, April 21, 2001 (continued)

- 14. Best Family Activity Award Program Director
- 15. Best Youth Activity Award Program Director
- 16. Mississippi State Council Knight of the Year Award Program Director
- 17. Mississippi State Council Family of the Year Award Program Director

Sunday, April 22, 2001
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Joseph Howze as Principal Celebrant -**Convention Center**

10:00 - 1:00 p.m. FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION - Convention Center

- 1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden Daniel Lechner and Assistants
- Opening Prayer State Chaplain Father Michael Nance
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance Fourth Degree Master, Jim Lambert
- 4. Remarks
 - a. Bishop Joseph Howze
 - b. Assistant to the Supreme Knight, Louis W Barbour c. Fourth Degree Master Jim Lambert
- 5. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report Larry M. Campbell
- State Convention Report: 2001 Larry Tabor
- Position of Election Tellers
- 8. Election of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - State Treasurer d. State Advocate
 - State Warden
- 9. Election of Delegates and Alternates

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10. Selection of Site for 2005 State Convention

2002 Hattiesburg

2003

2004 Jackson

2005

- 11. Unfinished Business
- 12. New Business
- 13. Closing Remarks
- 14. Closing Prayer State Chaplain Father Michael Nance

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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL 97th Annual State Convention April 20-21-22, 2001 Biloxi, MS

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 Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express on Saturday, 21 April 2001. 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.

Holiday Inn

The committees are as follows:

1. Credentials Committee

	Tom Chady, State Secretary		Friday, 20 April 2000, 10:00 p.m.
	Rory Ros	#898	. , ,
	James Hill	#2134	
	Gene Rogers	#4472	
	Johnny Capocaccia	#5556	
	Yelvin Raymond	#9094	
	Richard Cameron	#9543	
	Richard Greenwold	#10499	
2.	Resolutions Commit	tee	Holiday lon,
	Larry Tabor, State	Advocate	Friday, 20 April 2000, 10:00 p.m.
	Thomas R. Zettler, PSD		• , • , •
	Guy Todaro, IPSD		
	Jimmy Necaise	#1583	
	Lonnie Parvin	#9673	
3.	Election Tellers		Convention Business Meeting
	Tom Zettler, PSD		Sunday, 22 April 2000
	Jesse Quinn, Jr., PSD		,,,
	Dennis E. Ladnier, Sr	., PSD	
4.	Audit Committee		Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom
Bradley D. Burden, CPA		CPA	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	Glenn Waguespack	#2180	,,,,, <u>.</u>
	Leon J. Shapley	#2945	
	Thomas Bryant	#5556	
	David Breaux	#6765	
	Buddy Honeycutt	#10443	

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Convention Committees

5. <u>Ceremonials Committee</u>

Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom

٠.	Guy Todaro, IPSD	-22	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	Harvey Caldwell, II	DD #3	Cutai any, an inpini noon, xino pian
	Robert Boney,	DD#11	
	Paul Patak	#10901	
	Raymond Tanet	#11956	
	John Leonhard	#11995	
	Carl Muse	#12166	
6.	Public Relations Com		Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom
	Daniel Lechner, State	e Warden	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	Joseph Jones	DD #6	
	Frank Polizzi	#802	
	Thomas Wiltz	#1244	
	Ron Cassagne	#6872	
	Ken Lubbers	#7120	
	Chris Mills	#8912	
	Angelo Goundas	#940 9	
7.	Financial Secrectarie		Holiday Inn, Deer Island
<i>'</i> •	Bob Hudson, North M		Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	James Farris	DD #2	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:50 p.m.
	Louis Schwartz	#2180	
	Leonard Tarrant		
		#5654	
	Richard Zdiemborski	#7910 #7074	
	Louis Difilipino	#7974	
	Nat Zummo	#8038	
	Eddie Dixon	#8760	
	Albert Kais	#9409	
	Ed Croal	#11541	
	Rick Fuerst	#11654	
	John C. Minninger	#11943	
	and ALL Financial Se	cretaries in attendance	at the Convention.
8.	Good of the Order Co	ommittee	Holiday Inn, Deer Island Room
	Gerald Schmuck,	DD#10	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	William C. Jarret	#1908	•
	Jim Glover	#2969	
	Bill Deily	#6872	
9.	Membership Commi	<u>itee</u>	Holiday Inn, Lounge
		dembership Director	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	Henry Mosco, Insurar		
	Ricky Warren	DD #7	
	Carl Brochard	DD #12	
	Charles J. Morlino	#2945	
	John Hamilton	#2969	
	Ed Menard, Jr.	#4472	
	Tom Curtin	#6555	
	Charles Carr	#6592	
	Thomas Hannigan	#6765	
	Hollis J. Moran	#9958	
	Damell Lepre	#9094	
	Eddie Merriman	#10443	

10.	State Convention Committee Larry Tabor, State Convention Chairman		Holiday Inn. Room 242	
	Larry Indor, State C		Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1.50 p.m.	
	John R. Ward	DD #9		
	Jerry Roberts	#898		
	Larry Bellapanni, Jr.	#1908		
	Larry Campbell	#7120		
	Steve Simoneaux	#9543		
11.	Mileage and Per Dier Richard Lieding, Sta		Holiday lun Express, Ballroom Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.	
	Michael Buccantini	DD #8	-	
	Gerald Klecker	#1605		
	Joe Bramucchi	#6555		
	Paul Gospodarski	#8285		
	Jesse Pope	#9673		
	Willie Jones	#11995		
	G1 1 4 4 2 C		W. P.J. V. V. V. D. B. B.	
12.	Church Activity Con Randy Banks, Churc		Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.	
	Jim McCraw	#848	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1.50 p.m.	
		#1034		
	Jimmy Searcy			
	William A. Seal, Jr.	#4898		
	Elbert Cuevas	#7087		
	Kurt Dubbel	# 7 974		
	Martin Bisek	#10216		
	James Henderson	#11904		
	C. J. Malley	#12331		
13.	Council Activity Con Robert Leo, State Co		Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.	
	Edward Renz	#1522	• •	
	Orlander Shiyou	#7087		
	Earl Westfall	#7915		
	Dale Young	#8038		
	Dave Frieldy	#8848		
	Jesse Quinn, III	#5267		
	Al Konyn	#11541		
	Foote R. Singleton	#11956		
14.	Youth Activity Com	mittee	Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom	
	David Scott, State Yo	anth Director	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.	
	Ron Brumfield	#1034	becareay, at reptit 2001, 1:30 pimi	
	Joe Ryan	#10499		
	Sean Burns	#10499 #6592		
	Wade Ditcharo	#0392 #7915		
	Felix Osuii			
	Dennis C. Louis	#8760 #8912		
	Anthony Moran	#9958		
	Dan Hammond Mike Mitchell	#10216		
	Robert Zeller	#10901 #12271		

15.	Family Life Activity	Committee	Holiday Inn Express, Ballroom	
	Robert Barr, State F		Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30pm	
	James Leatherwood	DD #1		
	George Rutherford	#848		
	Fred Clark	#1605		
	Frank Pasquini	#5654		
	Paul Croft	#7854		
	Douglas Simmons	#8285		
	John Scanian	#11934		
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16.	Community Activity	Committee	Holiday Inn, Lounge
	Richard Greenwold, State Community		ir. Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	William Kane	#1522	•
	Karl Kuberger	#1583	
	Elbert Cuevas	#7087	
	Ralph Corrado	#7974	
	Richard Cameron	#9543	
	Sherwood Beckman	#11654	
17.	Pro-Life Activity Co	<u>mmittee</u>	Holiday Inn, Dauphin
	Jeff Houin, Committ	ee Chairman	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 p.m.
	Larry Miller	DD #4	• • •
	David DiLorenzo	#4898	
	Charles Bounds	#7211	
	Paul Croft	#7854	
	Mike Brown	#8054	
	Robert Frey	#11956	
	James B. Inabinet	#12331	
18.	Vocation Activities C	Committee	Convention Center, General Bus.
	John Lilly, Committe	e Chairman	Saturday, 21 April 2001, 1:30 pm
	Joseph McQueen	#7211	
	William Waggoner	#12166	
	Jerry Gollott	#1244	
	Bill Hetrick	#7854	
	Steve Simoneaux	#9543	
	Robert Lowery	#9124	
	Joel Varnado	# 7 910	
	John P. Bernardi	#2134	
	Joe Kaley	#12271	
	Joe Furlen	#9124	

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Monsignor John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian Mississippi Frank Polizzi

District Deputy, Larry Miller in July, duly installed the council officers. The following officers for fraternal year 2000 - 2001 were installed:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Recorder
Advocate
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustees
1 - year

Father James Brett Francis A. Polizzi William Webster John Kasper George Walston Thomas Zettler James Denova Mac White David Smith Ramon Jones

Robert Leo David Koch Pete Vining

Appointed

Program Director Church Activities Chairman Community Activities Chairman Council Activities Chairman Youth Activities Chairman Family Life Activities Chairman Bingo Chairman Building Chairman William Webster John Kasper Jack Schons Robert Leo Frank Polizzi George Polizzi Dolson Rivers William Webster

Council 802 was very saddened at the loss of our friend, brother and Worthy Chaplain, Father James Brett on Sunday, May 6, 2001. Father Brett, who gave fifty-six years of his life to the priesthood, provided spiritual guidance to our membership. We will miss him greatly.

CHURCH:

2 - year

3 - year

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. 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 preceding each mass at St. Patrick Church during the month of May, in honor of the Holy Mother and January for the unborn. 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.

COUNCIL:

Our council is 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 there 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.

VOITH

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, an annual children's Christmas party, 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 picnics to coincide with our patriotic holiday throughout the year.

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Recognizing that membership is the lifeblood 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 prolife message on a highway billboard. We recently sent a contingency of Knights and their families to a pro-life vigil at the state capitol building in Jackson

YOCATIONS

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, they are both being ordained in May of 2001. We continue to donate to the Priest Education Fund.

Respectfully Submitted, Francis A. Polizzi Grand Knight

John T. Savage Council 848

Jackson, Mississippi Jim McCraw, Grand Knight

Council 848 membership is made up of six parishes in the Jackson metropolitan area: St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Richard, St. Therese, Holy Family, and Holy Savior. We meet at 7:30pm the first Tuesday of each month in the Cathedral Hall of St. Peter.

In the second of a four-year rebuilding plan, our focus has been developing leadership in new officers and committee chairs. The quality we recruited last year was exceptional but few understood how the order works or the various offices. By blending them with our Council core, we achieved a good balance of experience and desire.

Though very active, it has been in the last few months that things are beginning to click. Our new members are beginning to understand their responsibilities. The Council leaders felt a solid foundation is crucial. Done properly, we will attract men and be able to get them involved. Our plan is: Recruit quality, Teach well, Get them active, and Repeat.

Taking advantage of the Council's rich history, and using KC ceremonials was essential to instilling a sense of tradition in our membership, both old and new. We set the tone by installing our officers in ceremonial robes. The installation was both colorful and impressive. Many of our older members had never worn robes and were deeply affected. This was made possible through the generosity of my fellow Grand Knights at St. Jude and St. Therese. District Deputy Joe Jones and State Treasurer Rich Leiding performed the installation in red robes that topped off the evening.

We slowly became very visible at St. Peter by actively participating in everything. The Bishop Gerow Assembly Honor Guard has been invaluable. Every function is considered a recruiting opportunity, particularly when the Honor Guard is in full regalia. This same approach was begun at St. Richard and is now beginning to bear good fruit.

Council Officers:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Financial Secretary
Chancellor
Advocate
Recorder
Warden
Trustee

Jim McCraw
Michael Macke
Henry A. Kajdan
Phillip Poitevin
Fred D. Cunningham
Andrew Sill
Brian Macke
Chester Lamparty
George Rutherford
Joseph Miller

Father Patrick Farrell

Surge Committee

Trustee

Trustee

Church Council Community Family Youth Membership Pro-Life Michael Macke, Chairman Fred D. Cunningham Ivan Lambert Gerald R. Graham Richard Meredith Loys Bedeil Andrew Sill Phillip Poitevin

Church Activities

- 1. Held successful Spagnetti Dinner to benefit Priests Education Fund.
- Conducted Vocations program with Father Joe Tonos.
- 3. Members very active in parish liturgical, administrative and education.
- Provide financial support for St. Vincent DePaul Society, Catholic Service Appeal, Catholic Charities, Isaiah House, St. Peter, St. Richard and Priest Education Fund.
- 5. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" and Marian Hour of Prayer.

Council Activities

- 1. Hosted First Degree.
- 2. Conducted three membership drives & Open House.
- 3. Publish monthly Newsletter with recap of activities and calendar of events.
- 4. Publish Council Telephone Directory.
- 5. Sponsored Annual Christmas Party. Invited priests & religious.
- 6. Participated in Regalia Raffle to raise funds for WWII Memorial.
- 7. Participate in RSVP with member seminarian.
- 8. Conducts monthly "Meal with a Message" social with Ladies Auxiliary.

Community Activities

- 1. Sponsored three Voter Registration Drives.
- 2. Participated in building Kid Friendly Playground at St. Richard.
- 3. Participated in annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
- 4. Supports Willowood Program for disabled.
- Volunteers serve on government & civic boards, prepare tax returns for seniors, provide transportation for disabled and elderly, work with Gleaners, and at St. Dominic Hospital.

Family Activities

- 1. Quarterly Corporate Communion.
- 2. Family of the Month.
- 3. Mayor of Flora proclaimed week of Nov19 "Knights of Columbus Family Week".
- 4. Council participated in Right to Life Candlelight vigil at New Capitol.
- Council was a sponsor for Right to Life Annual Banquet. Also bought three tables for members, spouses and area priests as our guests.

Youth Activities

- 1. Hosted Annual Basketball Tournament for Catholic elementary schools.
- Supports parish CYO and Boy Scouts with leaders and financial help.
- 3. Maintains scholarship fund for sons & daughters of members.
- 4. Sponsors Drug Awareness program through bookmarkers in schools and libraries.
- 5. Conducted "Learn about the Knights" for CCD class.

Council 848 is extremely fortunate to have dedicated men who have been members for 25 to 50 years and a few even longer. They are teaching us what it really means to be a Knight of Columbus and how to be a Catholic man. They are our future.

Respectfully submitted, Jim McCraw Grand Knight Knights of Columbus Vicksburg Council 898 Vicksburg, Mississippi Mike Lee, Grand Knight

The 2000-2001 fraternal year marked yet another extremely successful year for Council 898 in all program areas. A special thanks to Chaplain Father Thomas McGoing and Deputy Grand Knight Ed Canizaro. Their wisdom, guidance, and support, made it easy to succeed. Thanks also to Father James O'Riordan and Father Charles Boykins for their help and direction. A summary of each program area is as follows: CHURCH - We contributed \$4,000 to the Priest Education Fund thanks to our yearly Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, and continued our successful Saltillo Breakfasts for the diocesan mission in Mexico. COMMUNITY - We prayed a pro-life Rosary for the overturn of Roe v Wade, prepared and delivered Meals on Wheels the first Saturday of each month, and ran the concession stands for the Run Thru History and Miss Vicksburg pageant. COUNCIL - We conducted a drawdown that raised over \$6,000 for Council Home Improvements, prayed the Rosary before each Council meeting, played the Saints Game and reflected on a meditation each council meeting, held Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day programs and dinners, and conducted several First Degree exemplifications. FAMILY - We celebrated a Memorial Mass to honor members who died during the past year, held Fourth of July and Labor Day picnics, Lenten Fish Fries, and summer pool and burgers. YOUTH - We continued our free throw contest, sponsorship of a Colombian Squires Circle, Boy Scout troop, Cub Scout pack, and little league baseball team, as well as our support of Vicksburg Catholic School. May God Bless You all!

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Lee Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report

Bishop R.O. Gerow Council 1034 Natchez, MS Jimmy Searcy

I am nearing the end of my first year as grand knight of council 1034, Natchez. There has been a lot of spirit, faith and fellowship. I am not happy with the members we had to drop. We do have a good membership drive going with a good number of candidates.

In July 2000, the duly elected and appointed officers of council 1034 were installed by our own district deputy brother Ricky Warren. I think with the group I have under me will help this council and will made a difference in our lives, our families, our parish, and in our community. Our council chaplain Rev. Al Camp stated and I quote (is the best council in the state) unquote with the people I have and the plans we are installing, we are on our way to doing this.

The officers for the 2000-2001 fraternal year are as follows:

Chaplain Rev. Al Camp
Grand Knight Jimmy Searcy
Deputy Grand Knight Walt Brown
Financial Secretary Ron Brumfield
Chancellor Jim Mair

Conrad Anderson Jr. Treasurer Gene Simonton Advocate Larry Gardner Recorder Pat Galloway Warden Eric Glidden Inside Guard Justin Robinson **Outside Guard** Ron Brumfield Trustee Joe Garrity Trustee Ricky Warren Trustee Darren Cowart Lecturer Max Voss House Chairman

Activities

Walt Brown, Program Chairman

Church Activities: Audley Case, Chairman

- (1) Members serve as ushers, lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD teacher, choir, Parish council, finance committee
- (2) Sponsored CYO youths to Saltillo Mission
- (3) Brother designs and constructs Pascal candle for St. Mary's
- (4) Brothers attend retreat at Manressa (5) Monthly - say Rosary for vocations
- (6) Sponsored two church renew groups
- (7) Ongoing -make K of C hall available for church activities
- (8) sponsored church softball team
- (9) Held celebration for father camps 40th year ordination to priesthood
- (10) Sponsored RCIA refreshment break

Community Activities: Ron Brumfield, Chairman

- (1) Brothers work at Cathedral football field
- (2) Sponsored parish blood drive
- (3) Participated in state "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the mentally handicapped
- (4) Held Rosary on anniversary of Roe V. Wade
- (5) Help with Cathedral School fall festival
- (6) Brothers visit sick and elderly
- (7) Sponsor Supreme Knight's Columbus Day Radio Address
- (8) Council sponsored three families during Christmas with money, food, cloths, and
- (9) Members served on community committees i.e. Chamber of Commerce, firefighters Association, Natchez Veteran Association, Restaurant Association, Community Band, Opera Association.
- (10) Sponsor team in American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk-A Thon
- (11) Members help and donate to local stewpot
- (12) Brothers serve on parish council
- (13) Brothers serve on school board
- (14) Brothers adopt a highway clean up

Council Activities: Joe Garrity, Chairman

- (1) Enter best scrapbook competition at state convention
- (2) Publish council newsletter
- (3) Hold monthly benefit dinner
- (4) Held spaghetti benefit dinner
- (5) Sponsor KC weekly bowling league
- (6) Sponsored the K of C bowling tournament
- (7) conducted memorial service for Deceased Members Program booklet #2942
- (8) Held Columbus Day Awards Dinner social
- (9) Held council Halloween party
- (10) Participated in raising of American Flay for local pageant twenty-two
- (11) Held seven benefit lenten fish frys
- (12) Held council New Year's Eve social

Family Activities: Mark La Frances, Chairman

- (1) Held Rosary for unborn on anniversary for Roe Vs Wade
- (2) Held family barbecue, pool party, dinner and video party
- (3) Hosted Ladies Auxiliary night
- (4) Held family of the month award program
- (5) Sent resolutions of deceased members
- (6) Monthly announce and pray for any brothers or family members that are sick or in distress

Youth Activities: Freddie Voss, Chairman

- (1) Ongoing support and help local CYO with activities
- (2) Sponsor Boy Scout Troop 159
- (3) Ongoing brothers serve as scout masters, teeball, softball, baseball, soccer coaches
- (4) Held children Christmas Party with Santa Claus
- (5) Held local Drug Awareness Poster Contest
- .(6) Held local free throw contest and went to State
- (7) Held youth retreat at Knights of Columbus Hall
- (8) Sponsored youth soccer team
- (9) Honor Alter Servers with certificate of appreciation

Membership Activities: Ricky Warren, Chairman

- (1) Held membership drives at local parishes. Results were commitment from eight (8).
- (2) Continued public relation campaign to inform the parishes and public about the Knights of Columbus.

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

Respectfully submitted, Jimmy Searcy Grand Knight

BILXOI COUNCIL # 1244

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT FOR 2000 – 2001 PERE & DUC COUNCIL, No 1522

OUR COUNCIL'S OFFICERS WERE DULY ELECTED AND INSTALLED IN JULY OF 2000. A SUPPER WAS SERVED WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS.

OFFICERS FOR 2000 - 2001 TERM:

CHAPLAIN	FATHER BOB KELLY
GRAND KNIGHT	EDDIE RENZ JR.
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	CHARLES JACKSON
CHANCELLOR	MATTHEW BLACKLEDGE
RECORDER	ROY BROCATO
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	FLMFR MARSH
TREASURER	FDDIE DENZ CD
ADVOCATE	TEDDY MODEL
WARDEN	TEDDI MUKEL
DIGIDE OLLARD	DALE JOHNSON
INSIDE GUARD	RICHARD BESSEY
OUTSIDE GUARD	JERRY WEST
TRUSTEE - THIRD YEAR	MARK BLACKLEDGE
 SECOND YEAR 	WAYNE HOFFMAN
- FIRST YEAR	JAY MARSH

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Our Council has a unique situation not experienced by many councils. We have the privilege to represent 5 church parishes, Our Lady of the Gulf, St. Clare, St. Rose de Lima, St. Ann and St. John, and St. Augustine Seminary. This gives us many opportunities to participate in church activities. Below is a list of some of the many things our Council does to support these Church Parishes.

- Provide ushers, extra-ordinary Eucharistic ministers, commentators, lecturers, and choir members for Sunday Masses.
- Provided helpers and organizers for Church Fairs at Our Lady of the Gulf, St. Clare, and St. Rose de Lima.
- Hourly coordinators for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.
- Monetarily Supported one seminarian in his studies with \$50 a month and just recently elected to support a seminarian from Mexico with \$100 a month.

- Donated time and effort to maintenance and upkeep of the churches and Our Lady of the Woods Shrine.
- Donated \$100 to the Pro Life Monument in front of the new Biloxi Diocesan Office.
- Teach CCD, RCIA, Confirmation and other church related instructions.
- Held Family Corporate Communions monthly on the third Sunday of the month rotating each month at a different mass and church.
- Sponsored a Candlelight Procession through the Holy Door at Our Lady
 of the Gulf in union with the Holy Father to consecrate the world to the
 Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Hosted the traveling Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Augustine Seminary.
- Held a memorial mass for our deceased members at St. Augustine Seminary.
- Carried our banner at the Rosary Rally in Biloxi.
- Organized, supplied, and cooked two meals to feed 250 adorers from the Perpetual Adoration Chapel gatherings.
- Brother Knights attended Manresa Retreat House.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Brother members are in the Chamber of Commerce.
- Brother members are in the Historical Society.
- Brother member is the Mayor of Bay St. Louis.
- Assisted our Ladies Auxiliary in sponsoring two dances for the Mississippi Regional facility for the mentally challenged.
- Marched on Hwy 90 median in Bay St. Louis for Pro Life day displaying Pro Life signs.
- Sponsored a Red Bean lunch on Columbus Day for all county and city workers.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

- Hold Bingo on Sunday and Wednesday nights to raise money to support our council and its activities.
- Had a representative from Hospice come and give a talk at one of our socials.
- Held a Christmas dance for all members and guest.
- Sponsored socials every month for our members and potential members.
- Mailed out 250 Newsletter to Brother Knights throughout the country.
- Sent Mass cards to our deceased members families.
- Held numerous fundraiser dinners for our council and charitable organizations.
- Put our hall up for sale in order to build a new and better facility.

- Constructed a Snowball stand to help raise funds.
- Our membership got together on the third Saturday of the month and proclaimed them Hall Beautification Days.
- Have visited Brother Knights in the hospitals.
- Donated the use of the hall for use by a group of dedicated members and their wives to have a flea market that raised funds for our council and Our Lady of the Gulf Church.

- Donated money to have masses said for our deceased members.

 Held the installation of officers for our 4th Degree Assembly.

 Sponsored a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplification where we cooked complimentary red bean dinner for all.
- Held the installation of our Ladies Auxiliary and served them a meal.

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:

- Held an Insurance Night for our Knights and Ladies at a monthly social.
- Sponsored a family of the month program.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Fry L Eddie Renz Jr., Grand Knight Pere le Duc Council No. 1522

Bishop Gunn Council 1583 Gulfport, MS Jimmy Necaise

Chaplin

Grand Knight Deputy Grand Knight Chancellor

Financial Secretary Treasurer Recorder

Warden Inside Guard Outside Guard 3-year Trustee 2-year Trustee

1-year Trustee Advocate Jimmy Necaise Robert Flagg

Larry Everett Richard Moran Mike Guel

Melvin Ray Cliff D'Angelo Chuck Farve Nick DeNicola

Nick Pitalo Roger Trisotto Andrew (Terry) Hurst

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. We have Bingo on Sunday and Monday Nights. We do a lot of catering during the summer months, which helps in maintaining our facility. We are very fortunate to have a facility that enables us to attract these catering events. Our council still has about 10,000 man-hours of time invested in our fundraisers.

This year we held a "Ten Thousand Dollar Draw Down" to help supplement our income. This was also a way we would be able to contribute to the Priest Education Fund at the State Convention.

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 find raiser for the Presentation Sisters. We also provide and prepare for numerous functions of the Church.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a success again this year. For seven years we have invited the local Church Community and the Police and Fire

Departments. We serve close to 500 meals.

We had a very good turn out at our Christmas dinner, which is held for the membership and their families and visitors that may be in during the holidays.

The Council donated \$24,000 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 days 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, Jimmy Necaise Grand Knight, #1583

> Council # 1605 Pascagoula

No report

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL #1908 HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT 2000-2001

It is with great pride that I report the activities of the Bishop Fahey Council #1908 for the 2000-2001 Fraternal Year

The year marked an increase in membership for the Bishop Fahey council and an improvement in attendance at business meetings and various functions the council participated in. There was an increased interest in our council from both members and prospects. A phone tree was implemented to advise brothers with voice contact of meetings and activities forthcoming.

It is my sad duty to report that Bishop Fahey lost two brother Knights this year, former Past Grand Knight John McGregor and James Murry and two widows Verla Mae Abadie and Dorothy Scott

Elections were held on the last regular business meeting in May. District Deputy Mike Bucciantini installed the officers on July 16. Officers for the 2000 - 2001 Fraternal year were as follows

Grand Knight	Larry Bellipanni
Deputy Grand Knight	John Krumpos
Chancellor	Rob Eddy
Recorder	Ben Velasquez
Treasurer	Bill Jarrett
Advocate	Todd Eavenson
Warden	Bill Kerley
Inside Guard	Bud Browning
Outside Guard	Phil Wright
3 year Trustee	Dave Atteberry
2 year Trustee	Louis Skietts
1 year Trustee	Joe Goeliner

A summary of our council activities is given below:

Church Activities:

- a) Council donated approx \$2,000 to the Priest Education Fund and \$500 to Christopher Fund;
- b) Council members participated in Mass services as lecturers, ushers, and ministers at St. Thomas and Sacred Heart Churches;
- c) Council members participated in CCD training and served as Sunday School instructors at St. Thomas and Sacred Heart Churches;
- d) Council members served on the Sacred Heart School Board and St. Thomas Parish Councils;
- e) Council members provided labor for cooking and clean-up at the Sacred Heart Seafood Jamboree and Fall Festival;
- g) Council held six Lenten Fish Fries for the Priest Education Fund, having various groups in the church provide additional manpower for each.
- h) Led a Rosary each Sunday morning before Mass.
- Purchased Rosaries on CD's and Tapes for free distribution to parish members.
- j) Organized families to bring gifts to altar at 10:15 mass on Sunday's at St. Thomas.

Community Activities:

- a) Council conducted two Tootsie Roll drives, raising over \$5,000 distributed to Hattiesburg Association of Retarded Citizens, Life of South Mississippi, and Pine Belt Regional Mental Health resources;
- b) Council members serve in the St. Vincent DePaul Society;
- c) Council members participated in the Casino Night for the Civitan Camp for the mentally handicapped;
- d) Council members visited homebound members and parishioners in the area nursing homes;
- e) Council provided the cooks and food for annual St. Thomas picnic;
- f) Council members participated in St. Thomas clean up days.

- g) 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) Provide manpower for Father Mike Tracey's good-bye party

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) 5 council members attended the leadership training workshop in Woolmarket;
- e) One council member served as District Deputy;
- f) Council held Spouses Knight Out, where knights and their spouses met a local restaurants;
- g) Council held an Officer Retreat;
- h) Council held Corporate Communions at Sacred Heart and St. Thomas
- i) Council provided a fellowship meal before second business meetings.
- j) Council held a Membership Night Spaghetti Dinners.
- k) Held a Christmas Dinner and awards banquet 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;
- e) Held annual council crawfish boil.
- f) Encourage family participation in all KC activities (tootsie roll drive, bingo night, etc.) g) Tailgating party before Southern Miss football game.

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 100 kids;
- d) Council sponsored a boy and girl for Boys and Girls State, respectively;
- e) Sponsored work day at Sacred Heart School;
- f) Council sponsored Responsibilities of Catholic Youth in Society essay contest.
- g) Council sponsored dances for the CYO's and altar servers of both parishes.

Conclusion

I have enjoyed serving as Grand Knight for Council 1908 the past 2 years. Thanks to the efforts of the other officers our council was able to grow in membership and visibility in the church and community. As I leave office I feel that I leave the council in very good shape. A foundation has been laid and a mission has been defined, leaving us primed for future growth and ready to meet the challenges of the future. I look forward to seeing each of you in Hattiesburg in 2002.

Respectively Submitted

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

Father Korstenbroek Council 2134 Greenville, Mississippi James E. Hill

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

Father John Bohn
James E. Hill
Steve Bennett
Sammy Santucci
Ray Millwood
Robert Fratesi
Bill Koeppe
Wayne Ebelhar
Joey Agostinelli
Jim Lenior
Michael Womack
Ed Shaw
Bernard Boykin
John Bernardi

The following members served as committee chairmen:

Program Director Church Activities Council Activities Membership Director Youth Director Steve Bennett Ray Millwood John Bernardi Robert Fratesi Michael Womack

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. Help to deliver Parish Calendars and Mass schedule for Christmas services.
- 6. Supreme's Millennium Holy Hour.
- 7. Furnished & cooked for Altar Servers Party.
- 8. Cooked spaghetti Supper for Parish Fair.
- 9. K'C' members cook for the Men's Lenten Breakfast each Monday morning during Lent.
- 10. K'C' cook for Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday parish hall.
- 11. Donated \$ 2,800.00 to the Priest Education Fund.

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.
- 5. Members participate in the Habitat for Humanity program.
- 6. Members serve on-City Council-Appeals Boards.
- 7. K'C' sponsor a special blood drive at hall for Texas Gas employee burn victim.
- 8. K'C' members prepared lunch for 500+ attended St. Joseph Parish Community Day Mass.
- 9. Homecoming Flag-St. Joseph High School 20'x30'

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 4th 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.

Family Activities:

- 1. Family of the year.
- 2. Council held a Memorial Mass for deceased members.
- 3. Sponsored a Fifth Social Dinner for members and wives (dates).
- 4. Held Recognition Night for members (dates).
- 5. Announce and pray for any Brothers or Brothers Family that are sick or in distress.
- 6. Friday night cookouts for family.
- 7. Christmas social for family.
- 8. 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 2180 Laurel, Mississippi Glenn Waguespack

Officers for the fraternal year were as follows:

Chaplain Father Ron Herzog Grand Knight Glenn Waguespack Deputy Grand Knight **Bud Herring** Chancellor Pete Mazzanti Recorder Paul Smith Treasurer Tom Canizaro Financial Secretary Bill Gatzman Advocate Tommy Williams Warden Robbie Herrin Jerdy Dogget Inside Guard Outside Guard Arthur Axton 3rd Year Trustee Charlie Rawls 2nd Year Trustee Tommy Welborn 1st Year Trustee Joe Flick Membership Director Mike Ishee Program Director **Bud Herreing** Knight of the Year Don Schwartz

Family of the Year Dr. Steve & Mary Johnson

A summary of program activities:

Church activities - Robbie Herrin, Chairman KC men's retreat
Keep Christ in Christmas - billboard & Christmas card sales
Lead Rosary before Mass - months of May & October
Gumbo sale for Priest Education fund
Church fair - set up, cook, cleanup
Collect for Christmas basket
Marion Hour of Prayer devotion
Repair & improve parish facilities
Assist Schooldraw down

Community Activities- Don Schwartz, Chairman

Monthly pancake breakfast proceeds to assist two Seminarians
Tootsie Roll drive
Pot luck supper/collect supplies for Domestic Abuse Shelter
School fair - set up & take down
Sponsor Lenten soup supper
Memorial garden & stations upkeep
Participate in Quarterly Blood drive
Monthly assist Habitat for Humanity
Weekly volunteer help for Christian Food Mission
Install Christmas lights in City Park
Keep up Parish Memorial Garden
Pro-life Rosary & Mass
Participate in Pro-life chain

Council Activities - Paul Smith, Chairman

Monthly Corporate Communion
Monthly Family of the Month Program
Annual Family of the Year award Mardi Gras Party
St. Nick Christmas Party
Set up monthly Music Alive Concert
Adopted family for Christmas

Youth Activities - William Gully, Chairman

Support Squire Circle 3768 Squires fishing tournament Annual Easter Egg Hunt Support parish youth activities Boys fishing & campout trip

Respectfully Submitted

Glenn J. Waguespack Grand Knight

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

As of April 2001, we have a total of 51 members in our council, 36 active and 3 inactive members.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Donated \$300.00 to the Priest Education Fund.
- Purchased a \$100.00 raffle ticket for the Annual Parish Bazaar.
- Had Masses offered for Deceased Parish members.
- Provided Liturgy Team, which includes Lector, Commentator, Ushers, Alter Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Gift Bearers for Sunday, every first Sunday of the month.
- 5. Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" radio spots on local radio stations in Greenville.
- Sponsored the Presentation of the Lives of the Saints and those who were beatified during the Season of Lent.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Volunteered the use of our Council Hall to the community in the event of a disaster.
- Allowed civic organizations to use the Council Hall free of charge.
- Rented Council Hall to persons having parties who were in the Nursing Homes at Christmas time.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

- Conducted an Insurance Program featuring Jerry Woods, our Area Agent, followed by a Social.
 - 2. Sponsored Delegates to the State K. C. Convention.
 - 3. Held a drawing for a cash prize at each meeting to encourage attendance at meetings.

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

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.
- Sponsored Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our parish that were in the 3rd grade and under.
- 5. Sponsored a Santa Claus Program forthe young childred of the parish.

FAMILY LIFE:

- 1. Held Memorial Services for deceased members.
- Held a Social for members and their wives at the installation of officers.
- 3. Held a Christmas Party and Social for members and wives.
- Sent Get-Well cards, Anniversary Cards and New Parents Cards to members.

CONCLUSION:

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

Respectfully submitted, Leon J. Shapley

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Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Magr. J. T. McKeuna Council No. 2969 P.O. Box 23 Clarksdale, MS 38614

April 18, 2001

Dear Worthy State Deputy, Officers, and Clergy:

The 2000-2001 fiscal year was another challenge for the closely knit few who form the backbone of our Council. Our council roster is many, while those willing to participate are very few. Our geographic community is in serious decline, and many good men, young and old alike, have departed our area never to return except to visit. I most sincerely applaud the efforts of the following gentlemen, who with the continuing support of their own families, put forth the real effort to maintain Council #2969 through stressful and turbulent times:

John Hamilton, Deputy Grand Knight - our resident diplomat; Raymond Cole, acting Financial Secretary - a tireless workhorse in general; Warren Matthews, Trustee - a truly devoted knight; and Stanley Swentkowski - his fire continues to burn all of us in good ways.

This past year, our Council focused its efforts in concert with our home parish of St. Elizabeth, to provide assistance to the efforts of our parish to build a new parochial school. In addition to regular and traditional projects, our council members contributed countless man hours to projects geared toward both fund-raising and groundbreaking activities for the new school building. Thank you to all brother knights for your outstanding efforts. You each know your contributions, and your community has benefitted from your toil.

We recognize and applaud the efforts of all Mississippi councils that will list the imnumerable projects and activities performed, and we are genuinely glad for the deserved credit they will receive. However, we respectfully decline to "compete" for awards and recognition in that accolades are not our motivation for what we do.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY H. McCLELLAN, G.K.

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. Council #4472 enjoyed a very successful array of programs during the dates of June 1st through February 28, 2001. Our membership increased, as did our attendance at monthly meetings and Council functions. Our goal has been to recruit younger members and set up a retention program to sustain our current members. We were happy to have received both Top Gun and Star Council awards.

We have been blessed with the appointment of Father Dennis Carver as new Pastor at St. Paul's Parish. Father Dennis is a devoted Knight and serves as our Council Chaplain. His spiritual guidance and experience within the Knights of Columbus will add to the success of our Council's growth.

On August 27, 2000, the worthy District Deputy, Jerry Schmuck, installed the duly elected Officers at a luncheon for all Brother Knights and wives, with State Deputy, Bruce Papon and Insurance Field Agent, Jim Rigby, as honored guests.

The following Officers were installed:

Chaplin	Father Dennis Carver
Grand Knight	
Deputy Grand Knight	Richard Allard
Chancellor	Rick Love
Recorder	Ken Reavor
Financial Secretary	Warren Reso
Treasurer	
Advocate	Emile Vial
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 is a brief report of Council activities during the period of June 1st through March 31, 2001.

Church:

- 1. Council members served as choir members, lecturers, ushers and Eucharist Ministers.
- 2. Assisted parish priest during Christmas masses -setting up chairs for extra seating.

- 3. Donated money for Priest Education Fund.
- Assisted with the construction of a parish building at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Community:

- 1. Participated in Tootsie Roll sale drive.
- 2. Helped with local blood drive.
- 3. Helped with St. Paul's Carnival Association fund raising efforts.
- 4. Donated over 250 hours at St. Paul's Seafood Festival.
- 5. Provided food baskets for needy families during Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- 6. Delivered toys to needy families in depressed areas of our community.

Council:

- 1. Held monthly socials in building spirit and unity of members.
- 2. Held membership drives.
- 3. Corporate Communion of both parishes.
- 4. Served doughnuts and coffee after mass on Sundays.
- 5. Held a successful \$2,500.00 draw down with a profit of \$4,400.00.
- 6. Formed a Ladies Auxiliary to assist Council.
- 7. Began a monthly newsletter.
- 8. Held funnel cake and cider sale at Christmas in the Pass.

Family Life:

- 1. Corporate Communion at both St. Paul's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes.
- 2. Attended funerals of deceased members and prepared food for families.
- 3. Visited the sick at Miramar and Dixie White House nursing homes.
- Held prayer services for deceased members and family members sick or in need of help.
- 5. Held family outings with food and beverage.

Youth:

- 1. Support local Scout Troop.
- 2. Appoint Director to set up Columbian Squires and other youth activities.
- Involved youths help with Carnival activities and Seafood Festival as merits for confirmation requirements.
- 4. Gave \$200 Scholarships to two students attending St. Paul's Elementary School.

Respectfully Submitted.

Gene Rogers Grand Knight

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL, No. 4898 P.O. Box 452 Long Beach, Mississippi 39560

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

Outside Guard

Trustee's

Fr. Mike Austin
W. A. Seal, Jr.
David Di Lorenzo
Rodney J. Sandoz
Stanley Van Winkle
W. Edward Seal
William G. Hincks, Jr.
Gerald J. Catalano
Pete H. Carrubba
James W. Holliday, Jr.
Norman Rheaume
David V. Larosa, Jr.
Norman M. Mcdonld, Ir.

Norman M. Mcdonld, Jr. Ben J. Di Lorenzo Patrick E. Hamel

On July 1st 2000 Council 4898 and its Ladies Auxiliary installed their newly elected officers at an installation dinner held at the council home.

The newly elected officers and appointed committee chairman were properly reported to the Supreme Council as required.

All mandatory requirements for the State Council Program of Activities were properly met and reported.

We are very proud of the hard work put forth this year by our officers and members and feel that we have made a difference in St. Thomas Parish and in the community of Long Beach. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to participate fully in all areas of the state program and to include as many of our members and their families as possible in doing so. We are very proud to have achieved that goal. Our committees for Council, Community, Family Life, Youth and Church have been very active all year and have performed excellently. I feel that we are most proud of our Lenten program to raise money for the Priest Education Fund. On Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent, we along with our Ladies Auxiliary, held Catfish dinners that enabled us to donate \$3,500.00 to help with the education of our future priests.

I would like to thank our District Deputy, Gerald Schmuck for his guidance and leadership this year and to commend him for his efforts and also our State Officers and Committee Chairman for their hard work and leadership.

All in all it has been a very satisfying year and I am very proud to have served as Grand Knight of our council.

Vivat Jesus,

William A. Seal, Jr

Grand Knight

Council # 5267 Greenwood No report

Father Rotondo Council 5556 Cleveland, Mississippi Johnny Capocaccia

On July 5, 2000 the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by Worthy District Deputy Harvey Caldwell 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 Michael Aguzzi Deputy Grand Knight Financial Secretary Ben Bailey Harry Delles Chancellor Recorder Douglas Cocilova Treasurer Joseph Rocconi Michael Rocconi Advocate Warden Peter Rocconi Inside Guard Billy Boswell Outside Guard **Burke Nichols** Trustee (one year) Albert Rocconi Jr. Douglas Cocilova Trustee (twoyear) Trustee (three year) Thomas Bryant

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director Billy Boswell Church Director David Rocconi **Community Director** Harry Delles Council Director Joseph Rocconi Youth Director Douglas Cocilova Family Director Michael Aguzzi Membership Director Johnny Capocaccia

A summary of the program activities follows:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Masses said for vocations. 1.
- Monetary support for parish priest.
- Monthly "Bingo" for Priest's Education Fund.
- Donation to the Priest's Education Fund.
- Knights assembled and removed the parish outdoor nativity scene. Sponsored "keep Christ in Christmas" billboard.
- Held masses for "Pro-Life".
- Brother knights serve in many capacities of church activities such as: members of the pastoral council, financial committee, ushers, lectors, choir, Eucharist ministers, CYO sponsors/teachers, etc.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Raised money for the mentally handicapped program.
- Held blood drives during the year.
- 3. Promoted Columbus Day with message on local radio.

- 4. Made and delivers Christmas packages to Parchman Prison inmates.
- Donated food and cooked meal for youths from churches in our community who collected canned foods for the local Helping Hands Organization.
- 6. Individuals participating in leadership roles in the local community.
- 7. Member serves as County Supervisor.

COUNCIL ACTIVITES:

- 1. Insurance night held for Knights and wives.
- 2. Publish a quarterly newsletter.
- 3. Sponsor and maintain First Degree Team.
- 4. Held installation of council officers with dinner for Knights and wives.
- 5. Organized and held three football pools as fundraisers.
- 6. Sponsored annual spagetti supper serving over 2000 people.
- 7. Rent K. of C. hall at discount rates to help fund raising groups.

FAMILY ACTIVITES:

- 1. Sponsored memorial mass for deceased members.
- 2. Have masses said for deceased members or members of their families.
- 3. Selected a Family of the Month and a Family of the Year.
- 4. Sponsored a bocci tournament for couples.
- 5. Sent get well or sympathy cards to Knights and their family members.

YOUTH ACTIVITES:

- 1. Sponsored local Free Throw Tournament.
- 2. Participated in State Free Throw Tournament.
- 3. Knight teaches and trains new alter servers.
- 4. Knights participate as coaches in soccer, football, and baseball community youth program.
- 5. Knight teaches Hunter Safety Program for young people and adults in the community.
- 6. Help CYO with any requests during the year. Knights serve as adult advisors.
- 7. Sponsor students to Girls' State and Boy's State.

Our council continues to grow and prosper. We are blessed with many active members, including fathers, sons, and grandfathers who enjoy working together on our various projects. When we get together with our wives and children it is like one big extended family and we have some great times.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Johnny Capocaccia Grand Knight

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

On July 19, 2000, 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. Martin J. Gillespie
Grand Knight	Bob Jones
Deputy Grand Knight	
Chancelor	Bernie McGinley
Recorder	Vincent Lepoma
Financial Secretary	Jim Thomson/Leonard Tarrant
Treasurer	John Bosco/George Fero
Lecturer	Joe Niezgoda
Advocate	George Fero
Warden	Ray Hawkins
Inside Guard	Jim Bailey
Outside Guard	Glenn Lassere
3 Year Trustee	.Bobby Cox
2 Year Trustee	.Frank Pasquini
1 Year Trustee	Leonard Tarrant/Charles Nannery

The following served as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Carl Brochard
Church Activities	
Council Activities	Leonard Tarrant
Family Activities	Gerald Ferrill
Youth Activities	
Community Activities	
Membership Director	
Public Relations	
Health Services	

Community Activities:

- 1. Blood Drive
- 2. Planted shrubs around the school and church
- 3. Held Fireman and Policeman recognition night
- 4. Sponsored Turkey Dinner for Villa and Samaritan House
- 5. Made a new sign for the school and donated it to the school

Church Activities:

- 1. Held a monthly corporate communion
- 2. Held Memorial Mass for the deceased members
- 3. Brother Knights are ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers
- 4. Sponsored a Seminarian Michael O'connor
- 5. Participated in the procession of the Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue

Council Activities:

- 1. Held weekly Sunday Breakfast at the KC Hall
- 3. Hosted Initiation of 4th degree
- 4. Held Vocations Night
- 5. Held Annual Fraternal Benefits Night
- 6. Had weekly fish fries on Fridays during lent
- 7. Supported State Convention with a full page add in convention program

Family Activities:

- 1. Submitted monthly family of the month
- 2. Sponsored Monthly social dinners for the families
- 3. Sponsored children's Halloween party
- 4. Sponsored children's Christmas Party
- 5. Shared in 5th Wednesday Steak Nights

Youth Activities:

- 1. Sponsored free-throw contest
- 2. Have and active Squires Circle
- 3. Participate in fund raising for the poor and elderly
- 4. Go to sporting events as a group
- 5. Sponsored State Squires Convention

Fraternally Submitted, Bob Jones Grand Knight

Shelby Council 6555 Shelby, Mississippi Thomas S. Curtin

In August 2000, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy Mr. James Farris, with a social after the instillation of officers.

The Following Officers were Installed for 2000-2001:

Grand Knight Thomas S. Curtin Deputy Grand Knight Bruno Fava Chancellor Victor Malatesta Treasurer Sam Mangialardi Mike Mangialardi Financial Secretary David Malatesta Advocate Warden Joe Bramucci Inside Guard Albert Malatesta Outside Guard Rocco Morris Joe Capoccacia Trustee Trustee Joe Fava James Nassar Trustee

Church Activities:

Our council members serve as lecturers, finance reporter, and Eucharistic ministers. They also serve on maintenance committee such as repair, maintain church grounds, etc. Made a donation of \$300.00 to the priest education fun. Also, donated \$150.00 to the success of the annual spaghetti dinner this 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 utensil, dishes and pans.

Community Activities:

Collected approximately \$800.00 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 of the 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 has been scheduled for the last week in April and we expect a good turnout.

Fraternally Submitted, Thomas S. Curtin Grand Knight

FATHER MALACHY BURNS COUNCIL # 6592

No report

Father John P. Egan Council 6765 Starkville, MS David Breaux

Our council was extremely actively during the past year. A summary of our activities in each area follows:

Church activities included participating in a Holy Hour of Prayer, quarterly church cleanups, and a weekly pro-life rosary (and soup lunch during Lent). We also participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program. We also prepared dinner for the Catholic Student Association at Mississippi State University every first Tuesday of the month, and were actively in various aspect of parish life.

Council activities included hosting quarterly family social, and a Super Bowl party. We also published a council newsletter – Knight Line.

Family Activities included primary support for, setup and food at our annual parish picnic, and crawfish boil. We also hosted a benefit/social for a child in the community with serious health problems.

Community activities included sponsoring two blood drives, and participation in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Youth activities included alter server training and support, and support for the Catholic Student Association and the CYO.

Council officers for the past year were:

Grand Knight

David Breaux Gary McFadyen

Deputy Grand Knight Chancellor

Fred Smith

Recorder

Mike Chupa

Treasurer

Tom Tehan/Jack Simmons

Financial Secretary

Jack Simmons/Brian Engelland

Warden Inside Guard Outside Guard Arnie Moore German Rodriguez

Terry Engleken

Council Trustees for the past year were: Thomas Hannigan James Heitz John Obringer

Activity Directors for the past year were:

Program Director

Thomas Hannigan

Church Director

Mike Chupa

Vocations Director

Michael Novinski

Community Director

Tom Tehan

Pro-Life Couple

Frank and Debbie Shannon

Father Michael O'Brien served as council Chaplin for the majority of the year. In January, he was transferred to Natchez. His duties as council Chaplin has been assumed by Father Jeffrey Waldrep.

In the upcoming year we hope to be able to build upon our past successes, and to more effectively recruit new members to our council.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Breaux Grand Knight

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT OSCAR J. GELPHI COUNCIL 6872 P.O. BOX 55 PICAYUNE, MS 39466

Our council has had and extremely successful year in all of the five sponsored programs

Our church activities include 24-hour adoration with our Knights handling most of the late night and early morning hours. The council provides most of the ushers and many of the lectors, commentators and ministers for all of the masses. We are very proud of the fact that we are now helping in the support of 4 seminarians from our parish. In February, we again erected 4400 crosses to honor the memory of and protest the animal like deaths of unborn

In the community, we were active in the support of a golf tournament, church fair, various fish fries and dinners and the "St. Joseph Altar" with the proceeds going to our new church and halt. We were active in the support of St. Vincent charities here in our Parish and our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets (along with toys) have grown to new heights. This is mostly due to the generoeity of our parishioners. Our "Tootsie Roll" drive was very successful with the proceeds going to St. Michael's home and also to the Pearl River Central School's Special Class. Also, this year, our council embarked on an ad campaign to sell peint and hang signs on the fences of our local youth baseball fields. Five hundred hours was spent on this project to raise funds for that organization. Our "benans bingo" continues to bring enjoyment to our elderly in our local home and our Sunday morning coffee and doughnuts is going well.

Our council had two membership drives this year, which are expected to bring our membership to over the 100-member mark. Our four yard sales were very successful, with proceeds going toward the purchase of new land where we plan to build a new hall to better serve our council and community. Our bingo continues to be our main source of revenue for all our charities, and though it has been up and down, it has been very productive. Our two plonics brought out many members and non-members and our dinners before our monthly meeting are going well. Our 4th Degree assembly continues to grow and is active in many endeavors. Our honor guard and color guard members were very active in many events throughout the state.

On the youth front, our Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack are growing by leaps and bounds. Our leaders, who are council members, are doing a great job here. Our council has provided them with a closed-in trailer for the storage and transportation of their equipment. Each year, our council sponsors a breakfast for our graduating high school seniors and their parents.

mary, we think this year has been extremely successful, and we pray that with more hard work and God's blessings, we will prosper even more in the future.

RON CASSAGNE GRAND KNIGHT

Ron Cassagne	s for the fraternal year are: Grand Knight
Bill Diely	Deputy Grand Knight
Jerry Hebert	Treasurer
Gary Benton	Recorder
Sidney Graf	Chancellor
Jim Danton	Advocate

Program Directors Bill Diely Director Sidney Graf Youth Jim Danton Membership Cleve Jacks Bryan Cassagne Council Tom Wedia

Joe Diecidue Ken Gergeron Ted Barze Dick Plenchard Jim Mounsey Ron Sperier George Helkamp

Committee Chairman Jim Mounsey Jerry Herbert Joe Discidus Joe Dominick Floyd Dupre Dick Planchard Ron Sperier Ted Barze

Warden In-Guard Out-Guard Financial Sec Trustee Trustee Trustee

Bingo Yard Sales Hall and Breakfast Telephone Cooking Crew Clean up Tootsie Roll Mother's Day Flowers

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 Treasurer Mike Ladner Recorder Richard Hoda Jimmy Ray Hoda 1st Trustee 2nd Trustee Wayne Cuevas 3rd Trustee Roy Taylor 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 our beginning in 1978. We hope and pray to continue the legacy that has been set fourth by our forefathers into this new millenium.

Thanks to all the members, family, and friends for your support to the knights in all our activities throughout this past year.

Grand Knight A. Elbert Cuevas

Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 Southaven, Mississippi

The following members served as officers in the 2000-2001 fraternal year.

Grand Knight Jim Brewington Deputy Grand Knight John Fiester Chancellor Alan Magyar Vic Hageman Treasurer Recorder Nick Bickel Financial Secretary Jim Farris Advocate Roy Szekely Lecturer Ken Lubbers Warden Robert Crowder Inside Guard Frank Dominiioni Outside Guard Karl Lubbers Trustee 1 year Jerry Jewett Trustee 2 year Frank Miller Trustee 3 year Dan Garrigan

The fraternal year 2000-2001 was a very satisfying year for Council 7120. While we did not attain the growth we had hoped for, we have recently added some new members that show great promise and future leadership potential. Programs in place for the coming year have the potential to spur growth in the council.

The council maintained a good mixture in all program areas. Highlights were our monthly pancake breakfast with proceeds going to the priest education fund, Lenten fish fry's, mental retardation drive, annual Christmas tree lot, and the concession stand at Ole Miss. These programs will be continued in the coming year.

I commend my brothers and our auxiliary for their support and hard work this year. It has been a rewarding experience that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Respectfully submitted, James H Brewington Grand Knight

> OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL # 7211

> > No report

2000-2001 Grand Knight's Report - Holy Savior Council #7854 (Clinton, MS),

Chaplain	Father Noel Prendergast
Grand Knight	Paul Croft
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill O'Connor
Chancellor	Art Richardson
Financial Secretary	Charlie Collins
Treasurer	Chuck Weiss
Recorder	Mike Weisenberger
Advocate	Kelly Cummins
Warden	Fred Roquemore
Trustees	Ray Raybert
	Bill Hetrick
	Lloyd Everhardt
Inside Guards	Dave Tazik
Outside Guard	Bill Averitt
Program Director	Chris Callegan
Church Director	Paul Ashby
Community Director	Joe Zarich
Council Director	Paul Croft
Family Director	John Haselhorst
Youth Director	Kelly Cummins
Membership Director	Bill Hetrick
Lecturer	Charlie Collins

The Clinton Council of Knights had another outstanding service year thanks to all Brother Knights and parishioners. The Ladies Auxiliary has helped tremendously and has expanded our programs. Some of our many activities were as follows:

- 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/Community)
- 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 and Open House with Ladies Auxiliary (Church/Family)
- Fraternal Benefits Night and Small Faith Community Prayer Group (Council/Community) Hosting Exemplifications and Penance Services (Council/Church)
- 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; and especially Bill O'Connor 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 (1999-2000 and 2000-2001)

Father Harry Wade Council 7910 (Orange Grove) Gulfport, Ms. 39503 Grand Knights Report:

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of 7910, for making this past year a pleasant and meaningful term as Grand Knight.

I especially want to thank the officers and chairmen, who did their jobs in a very productive and caring manner.

Due to the effort of our program director, we began several new programs that accomplished many good services for our families, church, youth, council, and community.

We look forward to even better things next year. I would like to thank our District Deputy, Brother John Ward, for his help, guidance, and counsel the past two years.

We look forward to spreading the concept of unity, fraternity, and all the values of the Knights of Columbus. May God's peace be with each of you.

Joel Varnado Grand Knight Grand Knights Report Council 7915 Brookhaven, Mississippi

The past fraternal year has found our Council on both ends of the emotional spectrum. We started the year in a high note, with a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive. This success was due to outstanding work and dedication of the Chairman Brother Joe Bonfiglio and his Co Chairman Brother Mark Nettles.

Our Officer Installation Banquet was well attended in July.

Council 7915 had a food booth at the local Fall Festival in our city in October. Council members worked together to complete a very nice playground on the church grounds.

We held a Parish Spaghetti Dinner in November to raise money for the Priest Education Fund.

In December we had a well attended Christmas party for the Council members, spouses and widows. The Council also held its 5th annual holiday appreciation dinner for local law enforcement and emergency personnel.

Parish youth participated in the Council Free Throw competition, and one parish youth won in state competition.

We held fish fries on Friday's during lent.

The Council held one first degree this year and brought in five new members this fraternal year. Council 7915 attended both School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter meetings. Council meetings are attended by approximately 20% of the membership with all present taking an active part.

Unfortunately, we have had some setbacks and sad experiences this past year. The most traumatic was when the greatest promoter of Columbianism, not only in our Council but one of the greatest in the state passed away. Brother Joe Bonfiglio died suddenly December 5, 2000. Joe was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He was a true Knight who will always be missed and never replaced.

Our Council also has had difficulty in keeping officer positions filled. Brothers are hesitant to come forward and take leadership roles.

We pray for greater achievements in the next state fraternal year. It has been an honor to serve Council 7915 as Grand Knight.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Delchan

Wade Ditcharo, Grand Knight

WD/mr

W.H. JOLLY Council 7974 Columbus, Ms Kurt R. Dobbel

The following Knights were selected to serve as officers for Council 7974 for 2000-2001 Fraternal year. They were formally installed by District Deputy Larry Miller.

Grand Knight Kurt Dobbel

D.P.Grand Knight Dennis Hilbert

Chancellor Francis Baird

Recorder George Brulin

Treasurer Ralph Corrado

Advocate Tony Torrez

Warden Francis Zaiontz

Inside Guard Cliff Sedberry

Outside Guard James Shaw

Trustee One Year Larry Miller

Trustee Two Years Kenneth Simon

Trustee Three Years Ralph Corrado

This year was not much different than last year.

Below is the summary of the council activities.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 1. Fund drive for the mentally challenged
- 2. Thanksgiving meal for needy.
- 3. Blood Drive.
- 4. Participate in Pro-Life Rally.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- 1. Monthly newsletter
- 2 Knight of the month.
- 3. Council Socials.

SAINT JUDE CENTENNIAL COUNCIL # 8038

No report

Grand Knight's Report Charles R. Brill Council 8054 McComb, Ms.

Church Activities:

Christmas program for the Sisters of Chatawa Life In The Spirit Seminar Helping Hands Program (for non Catholics) Alpha Program (for non Christians) Guion Bonnabel- church repair program Al Bonnabel-Flower beds around church Rosary during the month of May Held 2 prayer vigils for sick in parish Flowers and Masses for deceased members

Community Activities:

Members work and support MICA food program
Fund raiser for St. Alphonsus School
Members assisted Pike Co. Toys for Tots
Members worked to create a Pike Co. Animal Shelter

Council Activities

Provided pallbearer for Sisters of Chatawa Retirement Home Membership (ask a member back)
Donated \$200.00 to bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund Sign-up Fr. McGivney Membership Guild Super Bowl Jackpot January Social
Cooked fish on Fridays during Lent
Rung the bell for the Salvation Army-December

Family Life Activities:

Family Adoration
Family Stuffed Animal Project
Adopt-A-Family Program
Donated \$200.00 to a needy family
Donated \$100.00 to St. Alphonsus School tuition Fund
Visited parish shut ins
Sent member birthday cards

Youth Activities:

Provided Santa Clause and Elves for children's parties Members assist Boy Scouts Summer work program for St. Alphonsus School Summer work program for West Lincoln School Donated \$690.00 to Fr. Henry's Tuition Fund Assist McComb Youth basketball Program

Respectfully submitted Michael S. Brown, Sr. Grand Knight

St. Therese Council 8285 Jackson, Mississippi Paul N. Gospodarski

- While election of officers took place in June 2000, the installation ceremony was held in August. The ceremony was held at St. Therese Church and our Chaplain held a Corporate Mass prior to the Ceremony. We had no vacant officer positions and most committee chairmanships were staffed. After the installation ceremony, we all enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by our newly elected treasurer and his wife. Many knights and their families attended the dinner. All those in attendance had a wonderful time. The new officers discussed many new service programs that they wanted to see implemented during the next Colombian Year. A by-law change took effect at the beginning of the year, which included holding our monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month, which was preceded by a Mass in our Chapel. Our Chaplain Father Tom Lalor celebrated the Mass.
- 2. At our first meeting of the year, a group of brother knights presented a program of action to develop and implement a new service initiative to assist inmates in two prisons; Parchman and Rankin Country Correctional Facility. The proposal was based on a request from the Catholic Chaplain asking us to increase our services to inmates and their families. The program was approved and funding for this initiative was also approved.
- 3. Brother knights have made significant financial contributions to the St. Therese Parish and Catholic School during this past year. Knights funded replacement of doors for the school at \$350.00 each, donated more than \$500.00 dollars for the food pantry, provided \$500.00 for the scholarship fund, gave our Pastor \$200.00 for a Christmas/Birthday present; donated \$500.00 for our Pastor's favorite charity, and raised \$1,200.00 for the Brother Luke Pearson Scholarship Fund which was sent to our Bishop for investment with other funds donated previous years. Additionally, Brother Knights donated several hundred dollars of canned goods for the food pantry and donated clothing, toilet articles and kitchen materials for our needy neighbors.
- 4. The Outreach Committee has been exceptionally busy this year. Brother Knights made 15 visits to our neighbors to do yard clean up work, repair broken windows, assist in house cleaning, provide plumbing and electrical repair services and advocated with local city administrators for major home repairs for roofing and remodeling. Additionally, many Knights participated in the Habitat Blitz sponsored by two Catholic Parishes and donated several hundred dollars to this project.
- Regretfully we lost two of our Brothers who were called home to God.
 Brother Bob Grant and Brother John Smith were founding members of our

Council. They will both be missed. We held four corporate and memorial Masses for our brother Knights and their families with our Chaplain as the principal celebrant

- 6. Throughout this past year, we celebrated with our Brother Knights and their Families and held four potluck socials. Attendance has been growing and the last social saw 30 members and their families participate in this program. We held two recruitment programs and during March Brother Tom Chady, our State Secretary joined us to make a presentation regarding recruitment and retention.
- 7. We participated in the monthly Family and Knight of the Month program and honored two of our brother Knights as Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. This celebration was held on Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. mass and our Chaplain and Grand Knight presented these awards to our deserving brothers and their families. Additionally, for the first time, the Council honored a distinguished family of the parish who has made significant contributions to the parish and local community. This presentation was held after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and many members of the family of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rook participated in this very special event. Family members traveled from many states to join us in presenting this honor to the Rook Family.
- 8. The Council sponsored and participated in the annual free throw program and held our annual Christmas Party for the children of our Parish. Brother Knights also did the cooking for the annual Parish Picnic and distributed take home dinners for our annual Turkeyfest Program. We also assisted in the annual auction and participated in our School Draw Down Project.
- 9. In addition to our financial support to our Parish and School, Brother Knights continued to make significant financial contribution to other organizations as well. We provided funds to our youth organizations, RCIA Retreat, the Community Stewpot, and Birthright of Mississippi and we support our parish program for helping disadvantaged children in our neighborhood. Brother Knights donated all the tips we received from working at the Coliseum for the hockey games and concerts to this worthwhile charity.
- During the past year, many of our brothers participated in raising funds by staffing one of the concession stands at the Coliseum. We were able to support our many charitable programs with funds raised from these events. All together, we earned more than \$7000.00, which helped to fund our projects and pay the council expenses.
- We will participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Program this year and we expect to have more of our brother knights participate in this project. Last

year the funds raised from this endeavor was given to the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi, a statewide not for profit organization that provides many services for children who have suffered a brain injury either from an accident or from a congenital problem.

12. While this year has been very busy, all of us have been encouraged to do even more especially since our Council received a third place award from Supreme for our Community Outreach Program. This award was presented to the Council at a Sunday Mass and our State Deputy made the presentation. Many members of our parish had never heard of this project, since the Knights have made a serious effort to maintain confidentiality of our services to those in need. Our Chaplain explained to the members of the Parish how significant this project was and congratulated the Knights on receiving the award.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Gospodarski, Ed.D., FAAMA Grand Knight

St. Joseph's Council 8760 Holly Springs, Mississippi Eddie Dixon

District One Deputy, James Leatherwood, properly installed duly elected officers of Council #8760 for the 2000-2001 fraternal year during a formal ceremony.

The following person were installed as indicated:

Grand Knight Eddie Dixon Deputy Grand Knight Claude Vinson, Jr. Chancellor Albert Hammer Financial Secretary Ronald Kopacz Treasurer Victor Beard Recorder Fagin Mauney Advocate David Stratmon Warden Loyd Taylor Inside Guard Joseph Vinson Outside Guard John Clay Three Year Trustee James Rayford Two Year Trustee Claude Vinson, Sr. One Year Trustee Frank Houck

The following appointments were made to the various activity areas:

Program Director Claude Vinson, Jr. Church Director Ron Kopacz Vocations Director Fr. Paul Casper Community Director Eddie Dixon Pro-Life Chair (Couple) Frank/Doris Houck Health Services John Freeman Council Director David Stratmon Public Relations Claude Vinson, Sr Family Director Fagin Mauney Youth Director Ralph Howard Membership Director Ron Kopacz Recruitment Fagin Mauney Retention Claude Vinson, Sr. Lecturer Albert Hammer

MEMBERSHIP:

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Members serve continuously as Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes.
- 2. Members participate in Legion of Mary.
- Knights held special ceremony for the dedication of monument in memory of all innocent victims of abortion. Parish family was invited to special service.
- Member accompanied priests to Chrism Mass in Jackson.
- 5. Held Pancake Breakfast to raise money for priest Education Fund.
- 6. Member cuts grass on church grounds.
- 7. Members participate in Parish Pastoral Council.

- Members meet every first Friday of the month to pray the rosary during the benediction and adoration
 of the Holy Eucharist.
- Members provided escort and honor guard before Mass for local sister who celebrated her 75th
 anniversary in the religious order.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Member serves as Director on Homeless Shelter Board.
- 2. Member held "Soup Supper" to raise funds for Homeless Shelter.
- Member is director of restoration for the Church of the Yellow Fever, which is a highlight in the Holly Springs community.
- 4. Member is on Board of Extended Day Care Program.
- Selected and recognized "Co-Citizens of Year".
- 6. Member is an elected County Board of Supervisors, representing Marshall County.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

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

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Selected "Family of the Month".
- Selected "Family of the Year".
- 3. Planned recreational games for Annual Parish Picnic.
- 4. Furnished refreshments and watermelons for Annual Parish Picnic.
- 5. Council held quarterly communion encouraging other families to participate.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Member participates in Life-Teen Program as advisor.
- 2. Member is "Santa" to two parochial schools.
- 3. Provided gift bags to pre-teen catechumens at Christmas.
- 4. Provided paddleboat rides for youth at Parish Picnic.

SUMMARY:

Council 8760 has had a very rewarding year, though at times things were neither simple nor easy. There is a very definite spirit of knighthood in this Council and it has been a distinct pleasure to serve a second term as Grand Knight. This Council has enjoyed the very tangible support of the District Deputy James Leatherwood.

Father Paul has been very supportive of bringing the parish council together considering the mixed racial and cultural aspects of the church. He often allows the chance for children to participate considering Sunday is the only time parish really gets together on a regular basis.

Respectfully Submitted, Eddie Dixon Grand Knight

FATHER ROBERT REITMEIER COUNCIL 8848 TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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

Outside Guard
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Program Director
Church Director
Community Director
Council Director
Family Director
Youth Director

Lecturer Roundtable Coordinator

Membership Director

Fr. Henry Shelton
Jeffrey Houin
David Friloux
Sam Orlando
Dick Lockhart
Mickey Goussett
Patrick Quinn
Bob McDade
Bryan Brown
Billy Hoing
Bernard Leblanc
Pick Noble
Ken Leick
Rob Hudson

David Friloux
Ted Williams
Greg Burress
Roy Jaeger
David Palladino
David Friloux
Rob Hudson
David Palladino
Leonard Bowen

Our 2000- 2001 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
- Brothers organized and helped with Parish Mission
- Sponsored a Men's Retreat

Community

 Christmas Caretree project distributed gifts and food to needy families in the community

- Raised monies for the McDougal Center of Tupelo through the Tootsie Roll Drive
- Brothers participate in various leadership roles in the greater community

Council

- Hosted a 2nd / 3rd degree exemplification
- Honored Fr. McGiveney with a memorial mass
- Hosted Golf Tournament and dinner to promote fellowship
- Held an Award/Recognition Banquet for our Council

Family

- Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers
- Quarterly Corporate Communion
- Plan Parish Picnic

Youth

- Hosted a local free throw contest
- Brothers serve as coaches, youth leaders, and CCD teachers
- Provide crucifixes to graduating seniors

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Houin Grand Knight

St. James Council #8912 P. O. Box 845 Corinth, Ms 38834-0845

GRAND KNIGHT
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
CHANCELLOR
CHAPLAIN
RECORDER
TREASURER
ADVOCATE
LECTURER
WARDEN
INSIDE GUARD
OUTSIDE GUARD

TRUSTEES

CHRISTOPHER T. MILLS
BILL GEER
MATT CZARNECKI
RAY BALL
BOB HAUSER
HENRY MEEKS
DENNIS LOUIS
TOMMY THOMPSON
JAMES LEATHERWOOD
LARRY GANN
OLIVER DELONG
SAM AWWAD
KEITH FLATT
JOE SCHICKE
DAVID ANAKWENZE

When I took over as Grand Knight in July, I had two main objectives for our council. My first objective was to try to have the council act more as a family unit by conducting more family oriented activities, monthly if possible. My second objective was to support the Priest Education Fund in the best way possible.

As my first year comes to a close, I have found it to be a very educational experience. I can only hope that next year will be as productive, enjoyable and fulfilling as this year has been. I would like to thank all of my fellow knights for their continued support, dedication to the cause and continuous leadership in our church community.

CHURCH

Contributed to the Priest Education Fund, serve a Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators and Parish Council Members. Cleaned and maintained the playground facility at our parish. Put in drain for the church parking lot.

COMMUNITY

Participate in the annual Tootsie-Roll Drive. Provided funds for Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to the needed families in the area.

FAMILY EVENTS

Went to Pringle's Park in Jackson, TN to enjoy a semi-pro baseball game. We had our first annual Knights of Columbus family picnic at

Bay Springs Lake. We held a hot dog roast and hay ride at fellow Knight, Tommy Thompson's home.

YOUTH EVENTS

Knights held a Halloween party for the youth at the church. We also conducted a breakfast with Santa. The altar servers were entertained by going bowling. Help fund the annual Vocational Bible School.

COUNCIL EVENTS Council has conducted two first degree ceremonies. We have held two district meetings at our church. We attended the fourth degree ceremonies in Jackson, Mississippi with 9 members receiving their fourth degree. Family members attended this event with the C knights. Other council activities included annual Christmas party, Pancake fund-raiser every month. We had our first Fish Fry during lent. Conducted the annual Free-throw competition for church youth. Council sold religious Christmas Cards during the month of November and December, 2000. Conducted rosary service for deceased members and their families. The knights also were asked to act as pall bearers at each of the funeral services.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally yours,

Christopher T. Mills. Grand Knight

Christophe Typells

Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville, Mississippi Darnell Lepre

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9094 for the 2000-2001 fraternal year and were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District 11 Deputy, Robert Boney:

Chaplain Fr. Patrick McDermott Grand Knight Darnell Lepre Deputy Grand Knight Randy Banks Chancellor Noel Aucoin Financial Secretary Arthur Dunn Advocate Jim Fleenor Treasurer Wade Howat Recorder Julius Chastant Warden Curtis Dartez Inside Guard Teddy Harder Outside Guard Cecil Krohn Trustee (2000-2003) Albert Allegue Trustee (1999-2002) Ed Creech Trustee (1998-2001) Greg Davis

The 2000-2001 fraternal year was a year of growth and accomplishments for our Council. I am very proud to have served as Grand Knight of Council 9094 and I want to thank each one of my Brothers for helping me make this past fraternal year a success. Thank you to all of the Officers and Committee Brothers for all of your hard work and dedication. Special thanks to my wife, Pat, and the Ladies Auxiliary for all their help and patience in our successful projects this year. With God as our inspiration, we undertook the following activities:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES--Curtis Dartez (Chairman)

- Participated in the liturgical roles of the parish as Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.
- · Served as Sponsors for RCIA
- Donated to Priest Education Fund
- Clean-up around Church Rectory, School and Gym
- Assisted in Church Set-up for Christmas Mass
- Participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer
- Provided Leadership and Manpower for the Church Bazaar
- Donated numerous hours to the Parish Administrative Duties
- Involved in CCD Educational Roles
- · Held Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for Priest Education Fund
- · Helped maintain Parish Facilities
- Assisted and supported St. Vincent De Paul
- Sponsored a quarterly K of C Communion Mass
- Leadership Roles in Parish Renew Programs
- · Sponsored an Ad for the Church Sunday Missal

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (John Radich - Chairman)

- · Council held a Tootsie Roll Drive
- · Participated in Keep D'Iberville Beautiful by Cleaning up Lemoyne Boulevard
- · Members Visited the sick and elderly
- Installed New Outside Lighting on Bazaar Grounds
- · Members serving as Leaders in the Community

Teddy Harder - City Councilman Brian Freeman - City Councilman Ike Kincke - Parish School Board

- · Provided in the Upkeep of grounds at site of Old Church
- Donated to Morning Star Pregnancy Care Center
- Purchased ticket to Support Sacred Heart School Drawn Down

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES (Ed Creech - Chairman)

- Published Council Newsletter
- Hosted a Membership Drive
- · Honored Knight of the Month
- Held Council Awards Dinner
- Council Anniversary Party
- Held Council Socials
- Conducted an Installation of Officers and Dinner
- Conducted 2001 Convention Working Group Meetings
- Held two First Degree's at Council
- · Sold poor-boys for Neighboring Council
- Donated Food & Money to St Vincent De Paul
- Provided planning, building, and manpower for Annual Bazaar
- · Sponsored Teams in the Local Baseball Leagues
- Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting
- Assisted and supported the Formation of a State KC Auxiliary Council
- Held a Council Fish Fry
- Conduct 2001 Convention Working Group Meetings
- Brother Knights worked degree work for second and third degrees
- New members recognized by Grand Knight at monthly meeting and presented certificates

YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Noel Aucoin - Chairman)

- Planning the Formation of a Squires Circle
- Several Members Coach Various Youth League Teams
- Youth Program Leadership (CCD, CYO, Altar servers)
- Sponsors Boy Scout Troop

- · Hosted Scouts Thanksgiving Dinner
- Hosted Scouts Blue and Gold Award Dinner
- Recognized Altar Servers
- Hosted Altar Servers Dinner
- Provides Support as Needed to CYO
- Hosted Confirmation Dinner
- Members serve as Scout Masters for Boy Scouts
- Purchased Keep Christ in Christmas Cards for CYO
- Purchased CYO convention ads
- Conducted Council and District Free Throw Contest
- Conducted Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest
- Judged the Cub Scouts Pine Box Derby

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (Larry Tabor - Chairman)

- Hosted Parish Family Breakfast
- Participated in Biloxi Diocese Rosary Rally
- Hosted Family Steak Night
- Family Corporate Communions
- Honored Family of the Month
- Held Family Pizza Dinner
- Held Wine and Cheese Social
- Sponsored a Mother's Day Program
- Sponsored a Father's Day Program

Respectfully Submitted, Darnell A Lepre Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report (2000-2001)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2001 State Fraternal Year, we have been an extremely active council. We assisted with the repairs to parish church facilities 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 Altar Server Training for the youth of our parish, Marian Hour of Prayer. local food drives, charitable fund raising, pro-life rosary, Mother's and Father's programs, graduating seniors' luncheon, free throw contest, and lenten fish fries 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 quarterly 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. Repairs to church facilities
- 2. Trip to Satillo, Mexico
- 3. Altar server training
- 4. Rosary for the sick of our parish
- 5. Marian Hour of Prayer
- 6. Participate in the life of the parish
- 7. Lenten Friday night fish dinners
- 8. Rosary bouquet cards

Community Activities:

- 1. Tootsie Roll fund drive for the mentally retarded
- 2. Parish food drive
- 3. Church fair booth cleanup and renovations
- 4. Respect life rosary in front of our pro life monument
- 5. Members in various community leadership rolls
- 6. Sponsored a blood drive
- 7. Sponsored a "55 Alive" program

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. Conducted a fraternal benefits program
- 6. Hosted a new State Officers cocktail party

Families:

- 1. Provided carnations to mothers on Mother's Day
- 2. Participated in the Biloxi Rosary Rally
- 3. Provided Sacred Heart pins to fathers on Father's Day
- 4. Sponsored a "Family of the Month/year" awards
- 5. Valentines Day dinner out with our ladies
- 6. Memorial Mass for deceased members
- 7. Provided repairs to local resident's porch and ramp

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 12 free throw contest
- 5. Members involved in various youth sporting activities
- 6. Sponsored an Easter Egg hunt
- 7. Worked as CCD teachers
- 8. Financially supported various church and community youth activities

Respectfully submitted.

Robert Lowery, Grand Knight Council #9124

Council # 9234

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No report

REINHARDT SCHROEDER COUNCIL # 9409

No report

Dear Brother Knights:

It is hard to believe that I have completed my second year as Grand Knight of Council 9543 in Madison, Mississippi, and it is time for the 2001 convention in Biloxi. Like most candidates for this honorable position, I entered the office with much apprehension and questioned my ability and worth to fulfill the duties of this office. I have been very fortunate and received the full support of our priest as well as the entire parish at St. Francis of Assisi. Our membership has grown to over 180 members, and we as a council have enjoyed many successes. Our council has been very active this past year. A few of the activities conducted by our council this year are listed below by the various program areas:

Church

Sponsor of monthly vocations awareness Mass
Participate in the life of the parish activities as ushers, lectors, choir members, eucharistic ministers, etc
Participate as a council in maintaining parish facilities
Sponsor a "Keep Christ in Christmas" program
Planned, organized, and sponsored a vocations awareness week
Organized, planned, and worked a Christmas Gala Fundraiser for church
Moved donated items to church
KC cooking team planned, organized, cooked, and served over 300 meals at the dedication of or new
church, pastoral diocesan dinner.

Community

Participate in the drive for mentally/physically challenged people Assist in set up and operation of St. Richard school's annual fun festival Planned, organized, and supervised all activates for St. Francis' cajun festival Participate as a council in helping to build a new playground at St. Richards Conduct a drug abuse awareness program

Council

Sponsored a First Degree team Conduct a membership drive Provide a fraternal meal after each monthly meeting

Family

Family pool and pizza party
Family campout
Participate in the Supreme Family of the Month
Adopted a family at Christmas through social concerns committee

Youth

Sponsored a Squires Circle
Several members coach youth league baseball and soccer
Sponsor local and state free throw contest
Support Boy & Cub Scout troops

It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of Council 9543, and I would like to thank the State Officers and everyone who has supported me over the last two years. May God bless each and every one of you!

Richard Cameron, Grand Knight Council 9543

JAMES D. HART COUNCIL # 9673

No report

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

THIS REPORT COVERS THE ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANN LIZANA COUNCIL #9958 FOR THE.YEAR OF 2000 - 2001.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- 1. LEAD ROSARY BEFORE MASS AND PROVIDE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.
- 2. PURCHASE 15 EASTER LILLIES FOR CHURCH ALTAR FOR EASTER VSUNDAY.
- 3. PURCHASE 15 POINSETTIA FOR CHURCH ALTAR FOR CHRISTMAS.
- 4. PURCHASED FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALTAR AT CONFIRMATION.
- 5. HELPED WITH CHURCH GROUNDSLCLEAN UP.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- 1. MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON HIGHWAY 53.
- 2 PROVIDE PRIZES FOR SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO AND LUNCH PROVIDED BY LADIES AUXILIARY AT NO COST TO:THE SENIORS. CONDUCT THE BINGO.

YOUTH ACT EVITIES:

- 1. HOLD LOCAL FREE THROW CONTEST.
- 2.SPONSER A GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, LITTLE LEAGUE.
- 3. DONATE TO THE CYO FOR CONVENTION EXPENSE.
- 4. PROVIDE THE GIFTS AT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS. PROVIDE SANTA CLAUSE.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

- 1. MONTHLY SOCIALS.
- 2. MEMBERS FREE DINNERS SEMI-ANNUALLY.
- 3. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BANQUET.
- 4. CONDUCT RAFFLES FOR BUILDING PROGRAM.
- 5.HOLD AN ANNUAL \$2500.00 DRAW DOWN IN SEPTEMBER.
- 6. TREAT ALL COUNCIL WORKERS TO FREE BEVERAGES AT ALL FUNCTIONS, AND TO OUARTERLY DINNERS.
- 7. PRESENT KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER WITH CHECK FOR \$ 25.00.
- 8. PRESENT KNIGHT OF THE YEAR WITH A CHECK FOR \$25.00.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

- 1. PARISH DINNER FOR ALL FAMILIES HONORING MOTHERS OF OUR PARISH ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE MOTHERS DAY.
- 2. ASSISTED 12 FAMILIES DUE TO ILLNESS OR HOSPITALIZATION.
- 3. PARISH DINNER IN HONOR OF COLUMBUS DAY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HOLLIS J. MORAN
GRAND KNIGHT

St. Paul Council 10216 Brandon, MS Martin Bisek

Growth and opportunity seem to have been the order of the day with our Council in 2000-2001. We acted on the opportunity to continue the increase of our membership and expanded our horizons to include several major new programs, fund raisers, projects, and activities. As Grand Knight I am blessed with a active and dedicated Officer Corp and Brotherhood. We have had the experience and joy of successfully serving our Church, our Community, our Families, our Youth and our Council.

The following Officers directed our Council.

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Financial Secretary
Warden
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustees:
1 year
2 year
3 year

Rev. Brian Carroll
Martin Bisek
Philip Jabour
Ron Barry
John Lewis
David Cannon
Ted Gray
Ray Butz
Frank Whitehead
Mike Welk
Robert Walters

Lloyd Long Dennis Deister Dan Hammond

Activities Report St. Paul Council 10216

Church Activities

- 1) Knights are called upon to perform maintenance on the Church and it's property.
- Knights are members of the Parish Council, teachers of Confirmation Classes, sing in the choir, serve on the Building Committee and Capitol Campaign, serve as Ushers, Commentators, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.
- The Council sponsors the cost of the weekly Church Bulletin by selling advertising space on the back page.
- 4) Knights work in the Sunday children's nursery and act as sponsors and teachers of the RCIA Class.

- The Council collected, donated and delivered food for the nuns of the Hispanic Missions in Forest and Morton Ms.
- Knights sponsor a Vocation poster on the Church bulletin board and held a successful fund raiser for the Future Priest Education Fund.

Community Activities

- 1) The Council sponsors and supports the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
- 2) Knights support Prolife Organizations, particularly Birthright.
- 3) The Council members maintains the tomb of the Unborn at St. Paul Church.
- 4) Knights serve on fundraiser committee for Catholic Charities.
- 5) Knights built bookshelves for classrooms at our local High School.
- 6) The Council provided a meal for the Habitat For Humanity program and many Knights that volunteered to work on the house.
- Knights donated clothes and furnishings to the Community Battered Women Shelters.
- 8) The Council co-sponsored the Parish Blood Drive that was the most successful ever held at our church.

Council Activities

- The Council sponsored a Membership Drive that resulted in a net 10% gain in our membership.
- Eight members of our Council attended the School of Columbianism and the Mid-Winter Meeting.
- The Council began a Quarterly Newsletter that is highly informative and professionally done.
- 4) All monthly business meetings are begun with recitation of the Holy Rosary.
- Knights assist the Women's Guild with setup and cleanup of their parish functions and monthly meetings.
- 6) The Council sponsored and held a 1st Degree Ceremony that gained eight new Knights for the Order.
- Knights participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas Card Sales Program that was one of the most successful in the State.
- 8) Several Socials were cosponsored with the Women's Guild.

Family Activities

- The Council organizes and promotes a Monthly Parish Breakfast September - May.
- The Council prepared Mother's Day Brunch with Champaign, Mothers ate free.
- 3) Knights assisted handicapped Knights with maintenance of home, vehicle and wheelchair. We also help financially.
- 4) The Council cosponsored a going away party for parish members
- The Council held it's Annual Founders Day Banquet and Awards Program for all Knights and their families.

- 6) Knight held two Lenten Catfish Dinners for everyone in the Parish.
- 7) The Council sponsored a Family Social at Barnett Reservoir.

Youth Activities

- Knights are active in coaching Youth Activities as well as the Boy Scouts of America.
- 2) The Council participated in the K.C. Basketball Free Throw Competition.
- 3) Knights are the Parish directors of the C.Y.O.
- 4) Knights donated 25 cases of Candy to the C.Y.O. for a fundraiser.
- 5) Knights helped build a new Playground at St. Richard School.
- 6) Knights and their Spouses teach in the PRE Program

A Special Thanks to all my Brother Knights, especially Joe Jones our District Deputy for their time and talents this past year.

Respectfully Submitted, Martin Bisek Grand Knight

Father Clifford Meador Council 10443

Grenada, Mississippi

Grand Knight Report

This year has proven to be the best year yet for Council 10443. We have recruited more new members, completed more projects, and raised more money than ever before in our short ten year history. We owe it all to our dedicated membership.

As the year started out, we could hardly get a quorum together to hold a meeting. Then we realized that we had something to celebrate. Our council was ten years old on July 12, 2000. In late August we held a steak dinner for all members and their families. But we didn't stop there, we invited eight new prospective members and their families. All eight men took the First Degree in an exemplification held prior to the dinner and exemplified by a team made up of state officers. The dinner was a success. Many of our non-active members made a pledge to return to the meetings.

Attendance at meetings went from eight members to sixteen to twenty-two members and sometimes more. We held raffles, we did service projects, and we accepted the responsibility of ushers at all Masses. In just a few short weeks we held another membership drive and signed five more prospects. It was time for another degree.

In late December our council hosted a First, Second, and Third Degree for the northern region of the state. Again, the First Degree was exemplified by the State officers, with the Second and Third Degrees being exemplified by a team from Memphis, Tennessee.

In the early fall, Father Meryl Schmidt made the decision to leave our parish and return to Michigan to care for his aging mother. In January, he was replaced by Father John Brock. The council has been very busy trying to make Father Brock feel welcome in our parish. The council initiated a plan to remodel the parish rectory. With the renovation almost complete, we hope to move Father Brock back into the rectory soon after Easter.

All these accomplishments would not have been possible had it not been for the dedication of our membership to the true spirit of knighthood. My thanks go out to all our council officers and especially to our District Deputy, Harvey Caldwell.

Respectfully submitted,

Suddy Honeycutt

Buddy Honeycutt

Grand Knight

MSGR GREGORY KENNEDY COUNCIL # 10449

No report

St John's Council 10901 Oxford, Mississippi

The officer installation included:

Chaplain Fr. Joe Dyer **Grand Knight** Paul Patak Deputy Grand Knight Mike Mitchell Chancellor Sam DeJohn Financial Secretary Bob Hudson Treasurer Dr. Joe Supple Walt Turnbull Ron Rychlak Warden Advocate Recorder **Duane Andrews** Inside Guard Jeya Suppiah Joe Supple Jr. **Outside Guard** Trustee John Gordon Trustee Tony Grant Trustee James Reid Lecturer George Kehoe

The council continues to celebrate Corporate Communion once each quarter, and says the rosary each Sunday morning prior to Mass. Brothers volunteered and were trained to back up all positions on the first degree team, and the monthly newsletter is still being published.

The council sponsored a basketball freethrow championship, interviewed applicants for Wal-Mart's college scholarship, and cooked once a month for Total Youth Ministry. Rosaries were presented to first communicants and confirmandees.

The council sponsored the start up of Brownies Troop # 82, participated in the annual Drive for the Handicapped, and purchased two tables at the local Pro-life banquet. Again clothes, food, and gifts were provided to needy families at Christmas.

The council hosted a parish picnic for World Family Day, and constructed the outdoor Advent wreath in front of the church. The Lenten Fish Frys once again allowed us to gather for fellowship and make a contribution to the church building fund.

The council is comprised mostly of inactive members. The active minority certainly do impact the Church, the Community, and the State. I thank each of you for your effort and your time. I invite and challenge all Knights to be more active in Knights of Columbus activities in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Patak

St. James Council 11541 P.O. Box 8944 Gulfport, MS 39506

It has been both and honor and a challenge serving as Grand Knight of St. James Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 11541. Through hard work and guidance by past Grand Knights Ed Croal, Jr and Harold Noll, it has truly been a learning experience.

I would like to thank all my brother knights both in Council 11541 and through out the state and district who provided me with support and input in my first year as Grand Knight and only my third year in the Knights of Columbus.

Officers include:

Chaplain Grand Knight Msgr. McGough Matthew McGahan

Deputy Grand Knight

Al Konyn Dan Gillis

Chancellor Recorder Financial Secretary

Tom McCusker Ed Croal

Treasurer Warden Inside Guard Outside Guard Three year Trustee Jay Oberlies Doug Brown Norman Otto Mike Kilgore

Two Year Trustee One Year Trustee Fred Custer Harold Noll Odie Smith

Our council spent the year working to increase membership and turn out for our meetings and council events. WE had several events but high lights included the following:

Church Repairs - We had over 25 Knights and family members show up for our first Parish WorkDay. WE were provided a "Wish: work list by Msgr. McGough. Our event was over two Saturday mornings. Over 120 man hours were donate and during this time all tables in the parish center were either repair or reinforced. The estimated savings to the parish was over \$1500.00. Several other small work parties were formed during the year to repair items designated by Msgr.

Red Cross Blood Drive-we had two blood drives during the year with a total

collection of over 120 pints of blood.

Parish Festival - Our council raised over \$2000.00 to donate to the school.

Health Symposium - WE started a health symposium bringing local health experts into the parish to give presentation and to answer questions on health concerns. Speakers include Mr. Jim Soriano, from Choice Behavior Health who talked on Stress Management for the Holidays and KC Arnold, Family Nurse Practitioner who spoke on Diabetes and its symptoms.

Deaths: During the 2000-2001 one our council lost four members to death, Frank Fulmer, Chester Boynick, Francis Collins, and Past Grand Knight Harold Noll. All will be missed especially Brother Noll, who was not only active as an officer but served the parish and church in numerous capacities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew F. McGahan Grand Knight

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**

SHERWOOD BECKHAM ROBERT PARKER RICKY FUERST JOHN PHILLIPS ROBERT DAVIS DON EAKIN **BARRY MIHAS** LELAND BERGERON **NEAL McINNIS** PAT BONNEY FRANK MANISCALCO MACK McCARNEY

TRUSTEE

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's softball teams in local Church League. Worked to support the 1st Country Fest for our community thru the

our Church and parish members.

COUNCIL

Serve Parish breakfast monthly. Sponsor yearly Parish pinie. Sponsor

Halloween Party for our children.

FAMILY

Corporate Communion Quarterly.

YOUTH

Support our youth: Weekly P.L.A.Y program; Yearly Diocesan Youth Conference, Yearly trip to The Mission in Mexico; Support the Easter Egg Hunt. Sponsor our Alter Servers with training & recognition. Provide coaches

for youth baseball, basketball, and soccer.

Sherwood Beckham,

Grand Knight.

SAINT LUCY COUNCIL # 11904

No report

Gluckstadt Council 11934 St. Joseph Parish Gluckstadt, Mississippi

Officers for Fraternal Year 2000-2001

Rev. Robert Olivier Chaplain Grand Knight John Scanlan Deputy Grand Knight Kerry Minninger Financial Secretary John C. Minninger Chancellor Steve Hubbard Recorder David Cobb Treasurer Inc Best David Flood Lecturer Advocate Anthony Fertitta Warden John Hatch Clay Pruden Inside Guard Outside Guard David Kraft Trustees Rober Endris Dennis Strong Craig Endris

Overview. Participation and recruiting improved this year. Degree upgrades also gained interest. The Council had 5 brothers successfully join the ranks of the 4th Degree. We continue being the driving force behind most activities the men have spearheaded in the past to include Mother's Day Breakfast; Quarterly Corporate Masses; support of a Boy and Cub Scout Troop; semi-annual parish clean up days and grounds maintenance weekly. Major accomplishment was completion of our Right to Life monument installation. Sponsored and raised funds for Sister Jane's Jubilee celebration. Adopted 2 miles of Gluckstadt Road for trash pickup. Four Brothers and wives attended 2000 convention. Donated \$400 to Priest's Education Fund.

Youth. Parish supports CYO and coops activities with them – tootsie roll drive, Germanfest labor. We continue our financial support of Boy and Cub Scout troops and give them parish hall for meetings. Several Brothers assisted CYO with their annual Christmas visit to Ellisville State School. Partially financed expenses for 2 youth to participate in retreat. Presented our 2d annual St. Joseph the Worker award in May in honor of the best contributor of time and effort to the parish to Dalton Crotwell. Two Brothers established acolyte training program and trained 10 new servers. Responded to CYO softball game challenge and beat them by 10 runs. Provided laborers for the repainting of religious education building.

Needy. Cooperated with collection of food and school items for needy and students. Conducted fish fry for residents of Canton Nursing Home at church grounds and made contribution toward their monthly outing budget. Contributed tootsie roll allocation to handicapped children's Challenger softball league. Conducted 2 blood drives on Sunday after Mass – collected over 30 pints of blood. Assisted parish in Latino food drive in Forrest.

Worship. Quarterly Corporate Masses; Stations of Cross during Lent; One Brother on newly formed Rural RCIA team – inducted 6 new members on Holy Saturday. Sponsored 3d Annual Memorial Day outdoor Mass with 4th Degree Honor Guard.

Unborn. Raised over \$5000 to complete monument using spagetti supper, fish fry, pancake breakfasts, and rummage sale, as well as general canvass of parishioners past and present. Monument up - dedication set for October 01 based on Bishop Houck's availability. Made contribution to Knight's fund.

We continue to reach out to the young men of the parish and those new members who joined the parish.

VIVAT JENS JOHN SCANTAN, GK 19 APARL OI

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

It has been a great privilege and honor to serve as Grand Knight for the past two years. The Brother Knights of our council are the hardest workers and best gentlemen I have been around.

OFFICERS:

Chaplin: Fr. Mike Nance Grand Knight: Foote R. Singleton Deputy Grand Knight: Joe Singleton Chancellor: Bob Frey Advocate: Steve Kaufman Treasurer: Bob Gonsovlin Recorder: David Shows Financial Secretary: Paul Mackin Warden: Pat Altentaler Inside Guard: Ronald Meeche Harry Smith Outside Guard: Trustees Frank Miano Stanley McCarty Jimmy Hughes

It was a great honor being named best small council in the state. I would like to thank all my Brother Knights for their hard work and dedication. Also, I would like to say a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their hard work and help during the year.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES-RONALD MEECHE

- Sponsord St. Joseph Alter
- Donated Engraved Cross to deceased member's wife 2.
- Sponsored welcome mass for our new Priest Sponsored Breakfast and Lunch at both churches
- Various clean up days at both churches Members serve as Eucharistic Minisers, Lecturers, and Ushers
- Monthly Rosary before Mass
- Sponsored Lent Fish Fry every Friday during lent

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES -- DAVID SHOWS

- 1. Built wheelchair ramp for church members
- Concession stand at Poultry Fest
- Concession stand at Franklinton Fair
- Sponsored Volleyball Tournaments
- Motorcycles Blessing
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- Member served on Honor Guard
- Distributed food to needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES -- JIMMY HUGHES

- 1. Monthly Socials
- Built chicken cooker for church
- Participated in Knight of Month з.
- Scrapbook Competition 4.
- Monthly Newsletters 5.
- Membership Drives
- Donated Monument in Memory of Unborn
- Installation Breakfast Open House to the Parish

FAMILY ACTIVITIES -- PAT ALTENTALER

- Family of the Month
 Family Awards Banquet
- Christmas Dance Social
- State Family of Year
- Members attended Family Fall Festival
- Superbowl Party
- Picnic for Independence Day
- Sponsored Thanksgiving and Christmas meals

YOUTH ACTIVITIES -- RAYMOND TANET

- 1. St. Jude Bike-A-Thon
- Breakfast with Santa 2.
- Help train Alter Servers 3.
- Help with Halloween Carnival 4.
- Sponsored Vocations Day and Picnic 5.
- Bought Ad for CYO Convention 6.
- Sponsored Free Throw Competition
- Helped coach soccer team

Respectfully Submitted,

Foote Singleton Grand Knight

Father R.J. Sorin Council 11995 West Harrison Pass Christian, MS John Leonhard

In July 2000 the officers of our council were properly installed at St. Stephens by worthy District Deputy, Gerald E. Schmuck. The following officers were installed:

Chaplain Spiritual Leader

Grand Knight Deputy Grand Knight Chancellor

Financial Secretary

Treasurer Advocate Warden Recorder Inside Guard

One Year Trustee

Outside Guard Three Year Trustee Two Year Trustee

John Maynard Willie Jones James (Blu) Dubuisson Rhett Maynard

Brother Reiges

John Leonhard

Scottie Cuevas Richard Cuevas George Holetze Clyde Camp Louis Maynard Harry Geauthreaux Ronald Ladner Skip King

Program Director

John Maynard

- 1. Assisted in all programs in the council.
- 2. Followed through on all reports.

Church Activities

Walter (Skip) King

- 1. Annual marion Hour of Prayer
- 2. Assisted and supported St. Vincent DePaul
- 3. Provide Support for the RCIA
- 4. Sponsored Living Way Of The Cross
- 5. Sponsored a quarterly K of C Communion Mass

Community Activities

Scottie Cuevas

- 1. Supported Gulf Coast Battered Women Center
- 2. Supported Morning Star
- 3. Blood Drive
- 4. Visited sick and elderly
- 5. Supported Long Beach Regional Center

Council Activities

Revis Niolet

- 1. Membership Drive
- 2. Social Each Quarter
- 3. Fraternal Benefit Night
- 4. Support Softball
- 5. Monetary support to our Priest
- 6. Monetary support to our church

Family Activities

Richard Cuevas

- 1. Pro-Life Rally
- 2. Memorial Mass
- 3. Assisted needy Brother Knights
- 4. Assisted a Parish Family
- 5. Quarterly Family Social
- 6. Cooked and served Food at Thanksgiving Day Dinner for Senior Citizens
- 7. Cooked and served Mother's Day Breakfast

Youth Activities

Dennis Cuevas

- 1. Support CYO
- 2. Sponsor a yearly Easter Egg Hunt
- 3. Sponsor a CYO Dance
- 4. Provide Appreciation Certificates for Alter Servers

While this list of activities is not complete, it does show how active this Council has been in the last year. We could not have accomplished our goals with out the cooperation of every Knight in our Council.

Yours in Christ,

John Leonhard Grand Knight Council 11995

Sacred Heart Council Number 12166 3702 Quinn Drive Pascagoula, Ms. 39581

The council officers were duly installed by District Deputy Bro.Carl Brochard of the District #12 on July 29, 2000, at Sacred Heart Church after 5:00 P. M. Vigil Mass.

The following officers for fraternal year 2000-2001 were installed.

Chaplain Father Michael Kelleher Grand Knight Carl Edward Muse Deputy Grand Knight William C. Waggoner Chancellor Richard L. Clement Recorder James M. Hoffman Financial Secretary Thomas E. Martin Treasurer Benjamin M. Acosta Advocate Russell J. Lachaussee Lecturer James A. Vendrell Warden Jerry E. Brister Inside Guard Joseph Caraviello III Outside Guard Mark P. Turner 1 Year Trustee Michael M. Turner 2 Year Trustee Danny E. Smith 3 Year Trustee Thomas P. Higgins

2000-2001 Council Committee Chairmen:

Program Director

William C. Waggoner

Membership Director

John E. Johnson

Recruitment Chairman

John E. Johnson

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 four years old and is one of the most active councils in our jurisdiction. Our members still strive for excellence in all of our activities and take pride in all that they have accomplished this fraternal year.

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 humbling experience to be 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.

Church:

- 1. Council accomplishes grounds maintenance on going.
- 2. Council participating in parish life (lecters, comm., ushers, choir, euch ministers) on going.
- 3. Council participating in evangelation (CCD, RCIA, renew and facilitators) on going.
- 4. Council conducted Marion Hour of Prayer (9-7-00).
- 5. Council collected items to send to Saltillo Mission (6-10-00).
- 6. Council distributed "Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers to parish (12-16-00).
- 7. Council preparing for and presenting St. Joseph alter on (3-19-01).
- 8. Council has cursillo team members on going.
- 9. Council assist with Spanish Mass on second Sunday of each month on going.
- 10. Council participate in renew 2000.
- 11. Council sponsored reception for first communion children (5-27-00).
- 12. Council sponsored reception for resurrection H. S. graduation (5-21-00).

Council:

- 1. Grand Knight prepared and mailed council bimonthly newsletter on going.
- 2. Council holds monthly council social meeting (fourth Wed. of month)
- 3. Council holds monthly membership drive on going.
- 4. Council attended District 12 meeting with G.K., D.G.K., P. D., and F. S. attending (8-9-00)
- 5. Council held new officers social (9-9-00).
- 6. Council held social with ladies aux. (11-4-00).
- 7. Council Christmas social and Mass with other councils in East Jackson county (12-15-00).
- 8. Council phone committee calling members (two or three times monthly) on going.
- Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight attending monthly 2001 convention planning meeting on going (last meeting was 4-18-01).
- 10. Council holds Knight of The Quarter Program on going.
- 11. Council holds Knight of The Month Program on going.
- 12. Council held first and second annual cajun pig roast fundraiser (4-2-00)
- 13. Council annual awards banquet (6-10-00).
- 14. Council prepared and mailed letters to K of C members tootsie roll drive (4-10-00).
- 15. Council prepared and mailed 450 letters to businesses for tootsie roll drive (4-12-00).
- 16. Council held pancake breakfast fund raiser on first Sunday of each month on going.

Community:

- 1. Council accomplishes school grounds maintenance and beautification on going.
- 2. Council has volunteer with sing River Hospital auxiliary on going.
- 3. Council has an adopt-a-highway cleanup program (quarterly) on going.
- 4. Council participates in leadership in community (Red Cross, Kiwanic, United Way, Rotary Club and City Beautification) on going.
- 5. Council set up and worked spring fling (5-13-00).
- 6. Council set up and cooked for parish picnic (5-15-00).
- 7. Council accomplished tootsie roll drive (5-15-00/5-20-00).
- 8. Council worked Friday lenten fish fry (4-00).
- 9. Council passed out carnations for Mothers Day at all Masses (5-13-00).
- 10. Council built tractor shed for school (7-22-00).
- 11. Council attended fair booth planning committee (7-8,9 & 10-00).

- 12. Council moved tables and chairs for fair food booth (10-14-00).
- 13. Council built wheelchair ramps for elderly and handicapped on going.
- 14. Council sponsored Red Cross blood drive (6-25-00).
- 15. Council sponsored '55 alive" driving seminar for elderly (10-2 & 3-00).
- 16. Council sponsored an pro life billboard on U. S. Hwy 90 (10-00)
- 17 council worked fair food booth (10-17/24-00).

Family Life"

- 1. Council participates in family of the month program (supreme) on going.
- 2. Council holds family corporate communion (quarterly) on going.
- 3. Council has first and second cajun pig roast and fun day (4-2-00 & 4-1-01).
- 4. Council Knights and families attended council awards banquet (6-10-00).
- 5. Council held Memorial Mass (8-13-00).
- 6. Council Knights collected new toys for St. Vincent Depaul to give to the needy families at Christmas (12/00).
- 7. Council held family Mass and breakfast (11-9-00).
- 8. K of C's and families attended new officers installation and mass (9-9-00).
- 9. Knights gave away four tickets and \$50.00 in cash for baseball game in Mobile, Al. to a parish family (5-14-00)
- 10. Council participated in orderwide family corporate communion (10-8-00).

Youth:

- 1. K of C's coach and support local baseball and soccer leagues (12 K of C's involved) on going.
- 2. Council members participate in local youth programs (CCD, CYO, Cub Scouts, Baseball and Soccer) on going.
- 3. K of C sponsored first annual parish Easter Egg hunt.
- 4. Council sponsored pizza party and certificates were presented to parish alter servers (5-8-00).
- 5. Council advisors to CYO on Saltillo Mission trip (6-00).
- 6. Council sponsored drug awareness poster contest (1-12-01).
- 7. Council sponsored local free throw contest at Resurrection Gym on (1-19-01).
- 8. Council ushered first communion Mass (5-7-00).
- 9. Council worked children's rides at spring fling (5-13-00).
- 10. Council worked children's activities at parish picnic (5-14-00).
- 11. Council ushered Resurrection High School graduation (5-27-00).
- 12. Council installed new playground equipment at Sacred Heart Elementary School (11-4-00).

Respectfully Submitted

Carl Muse Grand Knight

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER COUNCIL 12171 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 maintained (in some areas expanded) their accomplishments of last year. Our membership has leveled out, but our faith and involvement is still very much in evidence. As a team, we our proud of our accomplishments during the past year. Once again 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 2001, 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 Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight Chancellor

Financial Secretary Treasurer

Advocate
Warden
Recorder
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee (Third Year)

Trustee (Third Year)
Trustee (Second Year)
Trustee (First Year)

Rev. Robert McClanahan William R. "Mac" McClellan Jr.

Robert "Bob" Zeller
Thomas Curran
Joseph "Joe" Kaley
Manual "Johnny" Mabanta

John Tancredi Brian Casey Keith Olson Luke Cardillo Julio Galang Geoff Stumpf

Gerald "Jerry" Schmuck

Earl Sears

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
Church Committee Chairman
Community Committee Chairman
Council Committee Chairman
Family Committee Chairman
Youth Committee Chairman

Bob Zeller John Tancredi Mark Schmuck Jerry Schmuck Johnny Mabanta 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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: John Tancredi

- 1. Eucharistic ministers
- 2. RCIA program.
- 3. CCD teachers.
- 4. Lectors.
- 5. Ushers.
- 6. Bible Study.
- 7. Advent Retreat.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Mark Schmuck

- 1. Assist families of deployed service members.
- 2. Rosary rally.
- 3. Blood drives.
- 4. Visit the sick.
- 5. Tootsie roll drive.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Jerry Schmuck

- 1. Membership drives.
- 2. District meetings.
- 3. Social events (three).
- 4. Memorial Service for Deceased Members.
- 5. Knight of the month.
- 6. Knight of the year.
- 7. Vocation Sunday.
- 8. State Convention committee.

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 month.
- 7. Family of the year.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Roy Nadeau

- 1. Pool party (two).
- 2. Altar server training.
- 3. Youth Pizza party.
- 4. Summer bible school.
- 5. CYO breakfast.
- 6. Easter egg hunt.

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 and council chaplain, Father Robert McClanahan, and all of my brother knights for all of the help and support they gave me this past year as the council's Grand Knight. Once again, the guidance and direction I have received from our Worthy State Deputy, Jerry Schmuck, has been invaluable to me. As a small council on board the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center many of our members are always on deployment overseas. As such, this means those members that are here pitch in to take up the slack and this they do quite willingly.

One brother knight that has been so helpful and always in the forefront is my Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Zeller. With all the programs, reports, etc. he is truly the key to the council's success. I'm sure that most Grand Knights will agree with me that a good Deputy Grand Knight is the backbone to any council.

I feel honored and privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight for council 12271 the past two years. It is with a great sense of pride that in July, 2001, I pass on the Leadership as Grand Knight to my Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Zeller, and wish for him all the support and help that has been given to me.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. McClellan fr.

Yours in Christ

William R. McClellan Jr.

Grand Knight

Grand Knight Report

Dedeaux Council 12331 Pass Christian, Mississippi C.J. Malley

Chaplain Grand Night

Grand Night
Deputy Grand Knight
Financial Secretary

Chancellor Recorder Treasurer

Lecturer Advocate Inside Gaurd Outside Gaurd Trustee Father Anthony D. Tran

C.J. Malley James B. Inabinet Charles E. Marz, Jr. Kim Ladner

Samuel J. Cuevas, Jr. Royce J. Ladner

Christopher S. Caccioppo Richard D. Randall Chanlie M. Faye Averil C. Necaise Harold F. Necaise

Winton A. Ladner Joel F. Lafferty

For the past three years I have been honored to serve as Grand Knight of the Sacred Heart Parish, Dedeaux, Knights of Columbus Council 12331. I was elected as a Charter Grand Knight and have held that position throughout our council's existence. During the past three years we have encountered several problems financially, emotionally, and spiritually. During the 2000-2001 fraternal year, we eliminated those on our roster who where considered "Deadwood". However, this decline in membership was offset by the addition of new members. We did not obtain our goal of a five-percent increase, but we did maintain our current membership.

Two memorial masses were sponsored by our council. The first was for our founder, Michael J. McGivney. The second was for our departed brother, Herman A. Lizana, who will be greatly missed by all our council members. May his soul rest in peace.

In September we suffered a severe shock when we lost our Worthy Chaplain Father Dennis J. Carver. He was transferred to ST. Paul's Church in Pass Christian. Upon arriving there he joined the Pass Christian Msgr. Leech Council 4472. Father Anthony Doan Tran has replaced Father Dennis as our Worthy Chaplain and Spiritual Director.

Fr. Tran is very supportive of the Knights of Columbus and has proven to be a great influence on our council.

In December thirty two Christmas baskets were provided and delivered to the most needy families of our parish. The recipients were very grateful, and the K.C.'s were overjoyed to help these families.

The response from the children who participated in our Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest was very positive. Plaques were presented to the winners.

The basketball Free-Throw Competition was a tremendous success with over 60 children participating. All contestants received a Participation Certificate, and the winners received a Champion Certificate. The children were also rewarded with cookies and other refreshments following the event.

A jambalaya dinner was held this year to raise money for the Priests' Education Fund. Plans are being discussed to make this an annual event in hopes of raising enough funds to help our Worthy Seminarians on a continuous basis.

A finance committee was formed to establish new ideas for raising funds for our council. This committee is very enthusiastic about forming new ways and means to help our council move forward in the years to come.

Recently, we invited all of the eligible ladies in our parish to consider forming a Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. The response was good and we are now focusing on an election of officers. I'm sure the Ladies Auxiliary will be a great asset to our council.

In closing, I would like to especially thank our District Deputy John Ward. He has been a driving force behind our council (even with his failing health). I would like to thank him for all the help and support he has given to our council. It has been my honor to serve as the first Grand Knight of the new Sacred Heart Dedeaux Knights of Columbus Council 12331

I want to start by saying how honored I am that you had the faith and confidence in me to serve you as Distric Deputy, for District one (1).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Knights of Columbus an the state level once again, moreover, I want to extend thanks to all the councils in my district for the great respect I received upon visiting them and all the help that I got, this is a fraternal organization and as such we are one, and that is how we are able to accomplish so much, thank you.

I started off the fraternal year in Ocean Springs during the state organizational meeting, where as, we were installed as state officers under the guidance of Bruce Pabon.

Installation of Council Officers

Council 8912

Christ Mills - Grand Knight, July 16

Council 8848

Geoff Houin - Grand Knight July 23

Council 8760

Eddie Dixon - Grand Knight August 13

Council 10901

Paul Patak - Grand Knight October 9

Accomplishments

School of Columbusism

Had great representation, learned a lot, this was a very productive school. Also mid-year meeting, where we were met with great respect and hospitality.

Went to the dedication of the Monument of the Unborn in Holly Springs, Ms., this was much needed and a continuing reminder of how bad abortion is.

Fourth degree exemplification in Madison, Ms., enjoyed a large turn out from District 1, with 9 Council 8912, 2 from Council 8848, and from Council 10901 as well. This was more than any other before, and the State Master should be very pleased with the response.

Certified a First Degree Team from Council 8912, Corinth.

Held our first, First Degree exemplification for both 8912 and 8848 with three new Brother Knights.

Held a Second and Third Degree exemplification, not too happy with the turn out, very low attendance.

District Meeting held on April 7. To finalize the plans for the Convention, Hospitality Room, along with the plans for the Mental Retardation Drive we are all working hard to get this under way.

Respectfully Submitted Vivat Jesus

James Leatherwood D. D. District 1 District Deputy # 2 James W. (Jim) Farris

It has been an honor to serve as District Deputy for this past year. District # 2 Councils are: #2969, Clarksdale, #6555, Shelby, and #7120, Southaven.

The Year began with #7120 hosting the State Convention in Robinsville. This was both a rewarding and trying experience. I would like to commend #7120 for their labor and commitment to this annual event. It seemed most everyone enjoyed and appreciated their efforts.

Council #2069 had some problems in the last half of the year. The Grand Knight quit attending meetings and performing his duties. The Deputy Grand Knight assumed duties of the Grand Knight in his absence to keep the business of the council on going.

The Financial Secretary resigned and the council was without a Financial Secretary for some time. The other officers of the council have tried to keep council going. Reports were late or not turned in. I hope that the council will have a better year this coming year.

Council #6555, shelby, had a typical year. Their regular programs were carried out, but they were unable to get new members.

Council #7120 had a good year for programs except for membership. There was a decrease after dropping some members who moved out of state and would not answer correspondence or keep dues current. Efforts continued in forming a complete 1st Degree Team, but that has not materialized.

I personally had some health problems and was not as active as I would have preferred, however I attempted to help these councils when I could be of service. In spite of the problems there are a lot of good men in these councils who are keeping them going and I believe will pull themselves up in the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Farris District Deputy # 2

DISTRICT DEPUTY #3
No Report

District Deputy #4 Larry D. Miller

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights:

In July I attended the installation ceremonies held in Ocean Springs. It was at this ceremony that I realized the tremendous faith and honor bestowed upon me by State Deputy Bruce Pabon.

One of my first privileges of the fraternal year was presiding over the installation of newly elected or re-elected officers. The enthusiasm and dedication the officers and members of these Councils show to the Knights of Columbus is outstanding. We also had 100% participation in a District Luncheon Meeting.

District 4 consisted of three Councils for the 2000-2001 Fraternal Year.

Council 802, Meridian, continues to be District 4's number one fundraiser, and have an active first Degree Team. Council 802 continues to support their church and community both financially and spiritually.

Council 6765, Starkville, the First Team Degree has been re-activated during this Fraternal Year. Council 6765 continues to support their church and community through various ministries.

Council 7974, Columbus, has brought in 7 new members this year and took part in the free throw competition. Three members joined the Fourth Degree in February. Council 7974 is the cooking force behind Annunciation School's Hamburger Supper and continues to support their church and community through various ministries.

In closing I would like to thank Worthy State Deputy Bruce Pabon for allowing me to serve as District Deputy. Also would like to thank the State Officers for their invaluable help during this fraternal year. I would like to thank the officers and members of my Councils for their continued dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted, Larry D. Miller District Deputy # 4

District 5

District 5 consists of council: 848 Jackson 9543 Madison

7854 Clinton

After I was installed as District Deputy, by State Deputy Bruce Pabon, I returned to this district where I either installed the newly elected officers or assisted State Treasurer Rich Lieding doing so.

This has been a very active district in all endeavors of the Knights of Columbus. All of the councils have worked hard on membership and Council 9543 is one of the leading councils in the state doing so again. Council 848 has also worked very hard on their continued growth. All the councils have worked with District 6 to host our monthly 1st Degree Exemplification. Clinton Council 7854 hosted a very successful 1st 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification. Madison Council 9543 hosted the first in a long time 4th Degree (in memory of Past State Regent Richard Henry) that turned out to be a supreme job well done. This was sponsored by Assembly 2269.

All of the councils have worked very hard on all of the programs of the K of C. They have all worked very hard with their Religious on their Church Programs and with their youth and community to promote the rest of the Knights of Columbus programs and ideals.

All of the councils in this district participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and did a great job for the Mental Retardation Program.

This has been a good year and I would like to thank all the Grand Knights for their help and support.

Respectfully Submitted Vivat Jesus Joseph R. Jones

District 6

Worthy State Deputy Bruce Pabon:

My district consists of councils

8038 Pearl 8285 St. Therese 10216 Brandon 11934 Gluckstadt

The year began with my installation by State Deputy Bruce Pabon in Ocean Springs. I in turn returned to my district to install all of the newly elected officers of the councils in my district. with assistance from our State Treasurer Rich Lieding, who I thank for all of his help and support this past year.

All of the councils in my district have been very active in all of the functions of the Knights of Columbus this year. We have continued to hold our 1st Degree Exemplification each month in conjunction with District 5. Although we did not bring as many new knights as last year, we did manage to keep more of the ones that we already had by expanding our efforts on retention. All of my councils participated in the Tootsie Roll drive and did an excellent job for the Mental Retardation Program.

All of the councils have done very well in all their efforts in support of th Church and the community. All of the councils have worked hard in support of their Religious and of the Priest Education fund and their support and stand on Pro-life.

I would personally like to congratulate St. Therese Council on their receiving of the award they received from Supreme Council for the project report submitted from the last state convention. I would also like to thank Dr. Paul for his efforts on the Priest Education Fund an Pro-life Fund in our 4th Degree Bishop Brunini Assembly. I would also like to thank all of the Grand Knights that have put in many hours working hard for their councils.

I would like to thank all of the Grand Knights and all of the Knights in District #6 for their support and their friendship this year.

Respectfully Submitted Vivat Jesus

Joseph R. Jones DD

RICHARD W WARREN DISTRICT DEPUTY #7

April 15, 2001

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District Deputy #7 Report

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers, It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as District Deputy #7 for the Mississippi Jurisdiction Knights of Columbus this past year. First and foremost, I would like to thank State Deputy C. Bruce Pabon for having the confidence and trust in me in appointing me to this important responsibility. Although I have not accomplished all the goals I set for my district, it has been a very busy and rewarding year for me. I am already looking forward to my second term as District Deputy with much enthusiasm and anticipation of setting and accomplishing attainable goals that will make this district stronger than ever.

District #7 consists of Councils 898 Vicksburg, 1034 Natchez, 7915 Brookhaven, and 8054 McComb. During the year I had the pleasure of installing officers in three of the four councils in my district for the fraternal year 2000-2001. I have attended each councils meetings and offered my services and the services of the State Council in any way that will make these councils better. All four Councils Grand Knights and Membership Directors have worked very hard to attain their individual membership goals but as of this date they have been unable to attain these goals. Council 898 has increased its membership by 11 members but have lost 4 members which leaves them with a plus 7 for the year, still a great job. Council 1034 has increased its membership by 6 but due to circumstances beyond their control, my home council has had to purge their books of inactive, nonpaying members by 22 which leaves them with a negative 16 for the year to date. This was a very unfortunate situation which had to be taken care of and I am confident we can overcome this loss in the coming year. Council 7915 has done a great job under the leadership of Grand Knight Wade Ditcharo and have increased membership by 4 which is only 1 away from their goal which I am sure they will accomplish before the fiscal year ends. Council 8054 has been in a rebuilding stage the past year and Grand Knight Mike Brown, being fairly new to the Knights of Columbus has done an excellent job in keeping his Council alive,. Membership has increased by 1 with the hope of reaching their goal of 5 before the fiscal year ends. All in all it has been a very positive year of growth for all the Councils in District 7.

One of my goals for the past year was to check on the possibility of forming a new Council or Roundtable in the Woodville Ms area. I have spoken with the new pastor Father Walter Brown and he has assured me that there is some interest from the parish and I plan to see if I can get something going in that area. I am satisfied with all that has been accomplished in District 7 this past year and look forward to an even better year as I begin my second term with much more knowledge of my responsibilities and duties. I would like to thank all the Grand Knights and fellow officers in my District for the support and courtesy they have given me this past year and look forward to working with them in the coming year to make District 7 stronger than ever.

May God continue to bless us all with His love and mercy as we as true Catholic gentleman continue our pledge to accomplish the dreams of our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney to be an organization promoting the principles of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and helping to provide a secure future for our families. With His help and blessings we can reach out to all Catholic gentleman to experience and practice these principles and enjoy the privilege of being a Knight of Columbus and to feel the pride and love for the Order we all share as Brothers working for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Kidan W. Namen

Richard W Warren District Deputy #7 District Deputy #8 Michael Bucciantini

District #8 consists of councils: 1908 Hattiesburg Grand Knight Larry Bellipanni, 2180 Laurel Grand Knight Glenn Waguespack, 6592 Bassfield Grand Knight Robert Carr, 7211 Lumberton Grand Knight Joe McQueen, & 11956 Columbia Grand Knight Foote Singleton. All 5 councils have again been active in their churchs & communities. Our two newest GK Glenn & Joe have done an excellent job stepping into their new positions. Our district will probably see new leadership at the other three councils, but the DGK in each council are all equal to the tasks they will be taking on.

As of 4/01/01, our district has a net gain of 7 new members according to Supreme. Council 2180 Laurel hosted an exemplification on 4/07/01 for the first time in their history and I thank GK Glenn Waguespack and his Brother Knights for taking on this task. Council 1908 Hattiesburg will be hosting the State Convention next year and will be calling on the other councils of the district to help make it a success. Having met the men of our district many times, I know they will not be disappointed.

I wish my replacement, the councils of my district, and the incoming state officers nothing but the best for the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted. Michael Bucciantini Dictrict Deputy # 8

> John R. Ward District Deputy # 9 Joseph Grimes (DDT)

District # 9 consists of seven Councils:Orange Grove 7910, Home Council Picayune 6872, Kiln 7087, Lizana 9958, Wiggins 11654, West Harrison 11995, Sacred Heart Dedeaux 12331.

I have enjoyed being District Deputy for the past four years, under the leadership of the Immediate Past Deputy Guy Todaro and State Deputy Bruce Pabon. It has been a wonderful and learning experience. The last year though has been a true example of fraternity. As most of you know, in June of 2000 I lost my eyesight. My Brother Knights have shown and offered their support during my endeavors both toward my Councils and me. I have to especially thank Brother Jerry Schmuck and Brother Joseph Grimes. They have literally taken me under their wings and encouraged me to continue my last year as District Deputy. I want to apologize for not visiting my councils as often as I would have liked to. Special thanks to my home Council and also the State Officers for their support and encouragement to Brother Joe Grimes. To me this is the true meaning of Knights of Columbus Fraternity.

Yours in Christ.

John R. Ward

District Deputy #10 Gerald E. Schmuck

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,

I have for another year had the honor to serve the Mississippi jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus as District Deputy for District 10. Although we have not been able to reach our goals as a district, this year has non-the-less been very rewarding. Working with the men of District 10 has been a very rewarding experience 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 Beatision 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.

All council officers were properly installed in July and August. Of the six councils, four had new Grand Knights. Eddie Renz Jr. relieved Brother Tom Mitchell in council 1522, Brother Jimmy Necaise relieved Brother Terry Hurst in council 1583, Brother Bill Seals relieved Brother Leonard Nahlen in council 4898, and Brother McGahan relieved Brother Dan Gillis in council 11541. Although most of them were inexperienced in their new positions, they should all be commended on their leadership abilities. All did their best to further the achievements of their predecessors.

As a team, all the councils of District 10 have worked hard throughout the year to keep alive the attributes of Charity, Fratemity, Unity and Patriotism in our district. While four of the six councils did not meet their goals of membership and/or insurance, all worked hard to promote the Knights of Columbus through their active promotion of program participation.

In closing, I would like to thank State Deputy Bruce Pabon for giving me the opportunity to serve once again the councils in District 10. Working with the men within the District has been an enlightening and rewarding experience. I would also like to thank my fellow District Deputies of the Souther region of the Slate; John Ward District Deputy #9, Joe Grimes District Deputy in Training (District 9), Robert Boney District Deputy #11, and Carl Broshard District Deputy #12 for their help and support. I would especially like to thank Insurance agent Jim Rigby. Once again, his advice and guidance during this past year has proven invaluable.

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

District Deputy #11 Robert F. Boney

It has been an honor to serve as District Deputy this past year. I look forward to serving you again this year at the request of our new State Deputy, Tom Chady. I am privileged to have Council 1244 Biloxi, Council 9094 D'Iberville, Council 9404 West Biloxi(Fatima) and Council 9673 Woolmarket.

It was my privilege to install the councils of District 11 in the months of July, August and September. The most notable installation was Council 9094 D'Iberville, in that it was done in the church at the Mass. The Pastor, Father McDermott requested that it take place after the homily. He is very proud of this council, as are the brother Knights. I installed four newly elected Grand Knights. We had a fairly successful year. The past Grand Knights were a big help with the new Grand Knights. We look forward to an even better year in 2001-2002.

We are going to push membership a lot harder now since some councils have purged their books of deliquent members. I also had the pleasure of attending several socials and awards banquets of the four councils this past year. I witnessed the installation of the Ladies Auxiliary of 9094 into the state. I hope the other ladies will affiliate or reaffiliate with state.

All the councils are very supportive of their parishes as Eucharisitic Ministers, Lecturers, C.C.D. Teachers, Parish Council Officers and workers for Parish functions, such as bazzars, bingos, and dinners.

as bazzars, bingos, and dinners.

I am proud that I was awarded the honor to serve as your District Deputy and look forward to serving again with the Worthy State Deputy for year 2001-2002.

Respectively Submitted Robert F. Boney District Deputy #11 2001 report from Carl Brochard (DD12)

This has been a very eventful 2 years being able to serve as District Deputy for District 12. I have enjoyed working with the councils in my district.

Which are:

1605 Pascagoula 5654 Ocean Springs 9124 Gautier 10499 Ocean Springs 11904 Lucedale

12166 Pascagoula

We have started a round table in Vancleave, with council 5654 as parent and Bro. Scott Johnson heading it up.

Gautier Council hosted my district meeting and also the District Free Throw.

We had two councils that were in trouble at the beginning of the year, and one is pulling itself

together.

I have visited each council at least (2) times this fiscal year and plan to attend each one again this

Respectfully submitted

Carl Brochard District Deputy No. 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL 97th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

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STATE OFFICERS

State Chaplain	Rev. Michael Nance
State Deputy	C. Bruce Pabon
State Secretary	Thomas F. Chady
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 2001 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	Jim McCraw	George Rutherford
2	898	Vicksburg	Rory Ros	Jerry Roberts
2	1034	Natchez	Jimmy Searcy	Ron Brumfield
2	1244	Biloxi	Thomas Wiltz	Jerry Gollott
2	1522	Bay St. Louis	Edward Renz	William Kane
2	1583	Gulfport	Jimmy Necaise	Karl Koberger
2	1605	Pascagoula	Gerald Klecker	Fredrick Clark
2	1908	Hattiesburg	Larry Bellapanni, Jr.	William J. Jarrett
2	2134	Greenville	James Hill	John P. Bernardi
2	2180	Laurel	Glenn Waguespack	Louis D. Schwartz
2	2945	Leland	Leon J. Shapley	Charlie J. Morlino
2	2969	Clarksdale	John Hamilton	Jim Glover
2	4472	Pass Christian	Gene Rogers	Ed Menard, Jr
2	4898	Long Beach	William A. Seal, Jr.	David Di Lorenzo
2	5267	Greenwood	Jesse Quinn, Jr.	Bradley Burden
2	5556	Cleveland	Johnny Capocaccia	Thomas Bryant
2	5654	Ocean Springs	Leonard Tarrant	Frank Pasquini
ì	6555	Shelby	Joe Bramucchi	•
2	6592	Bassfield	Charles Carr	Sean Burns
2	6765	Starkville	David Breaux	Tom Hannigan
2	6872	Picayune	Ron J. Cassagne	Bill Deily
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2	7087	Kiln	Elbert Cuevas	Olander Shiyou
2	7120	Southaven	Ken Lubbers	Larry Campbell
2	7211	Lumberton	Joseph McQueen, III	Charles Bounds.
2	7854	Clinton	Paul Croft	Fred Roquemore
2	79 10	Orange Grove	Joel Varnado	Richard Zdziemborski
2	79 15	Brookhaven	Wade Ditcharo	Earl Westfall
2	7974	Columbus	Kurt R. Dobbel	Louis Defillpo
2	8038	Pearl	Dale Young	Natalie "Nat" Zummo
1	8054	McComb	Mike Brown	
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Paul Gospodarski	Douglas Simmons
2	8760	Holly Springs	Eddie Dixon	Ronald Kopacz
2	8848	Tupelo	Jeff Houin	Gene Ingram
2	8912	Corinth	Christopher Mills	Dennis C. Louis
2	9094	D'Iberville	Darnell Lepre	Elvin Raymond
2	9124	Gautier	Robert Lowery	Joe Furlan
0	9234	Indianola		
2	9409	West Biloxi	Angelo Goundas	Albert Kais
2	9543	Madison	Richard Cameron	Steve Simoneaux
2	9673	Woolmarket	Jessie E. Pope	Lonnie R. Parvin
2	9958	Lizana	Hollis J. Moran	Anthony J. Moran
2	10216	Brandon	Martin J. Bisek	Dan Hammond
2	10443	Grenada	Buddy Honeycutt	Eddie Merriman
2	10499	Ocean Springs	Joe Ryan	Richard E. Greenwold
2	10901	Oxford	Paul Patak	Mike Mitchell
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	Mathew Megahan	Allen Konyn
2	11654	Wiggins	A. C. McCarney	Rick Furest
2	11904	St. Lucy's, Lucedale	James Henderson	Curba Merrill
2	11934	Gluckstadt	John J. Scanlan	John C. Minninger
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	Foote R. Singleton	Raymond Tanet
2	11995	West Harrison	John Leonhard	Willie Jones
2	12166	Pascagoula-SH	Carl E. Muse	William C. Waggoner
2	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	Robert E. Zeller	Joe Kaley
2	12331	Dedeaux	C. J. Malley	James B. Inabet
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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 7 Richard Spence
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

John P. Meyers Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. Marvin L. Lott Tom Zettler Norman L. Kiehm G. David Atteberry Stanley M. Swentkowski

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph L. Howze

Respectfully Submitted,

THOMAS CHADY State Secretary

STATE DEPUTY REPORT

How many of you remember the Johnny Carson Show and the Great Karnack? The Great Karnack says: "A roller coaster ride; and the question is? What have the last two (2) years been like? The last two (2) years have been full of excitement, adventure, disappointment, sorrow and happiness. It seem like yesterday when I was honored to be elected to the office of the State Deputy of Mississippi. My eyes have been opened wide to the good deeds of the order. To see the army of Knights that are doing the work of the church and in turn the work of and for God.

As your State Deputy it is my honor to report to you the status of the knights in Mississippi. I have a few comments to make on several areas, however they will be short because you will hear from each chairman on the details.

Ceremonials

Ceremonials continue to be one of the strongest aspects of the Knights in Mississippi. Not only has PSD Guy Todaro been the ceremonial chairman, but a he has also been very active on the degree teams. We set as a goal to deliver all degree ceremonials in a timely manner. In the last six (6) months four 2^{nd} , four 3^{rd} and one 4^{th} degrees have been held. We have used all the local teams as well as team members from Tenn. and Ala. My thanks to Tenn. and Ala. for their help on these teams. This is just another way of showing brotherhood and unity.

Columbian Squires

The Squires continue to be strong within the state and at the supreme level. They continue to set the pace for others to follow. Do to their hard work it appears that two (2) new circles will come on board within the next few months.

Membership

A plan was written and many hours were put into the actions necessary to make recruiting work. The Plan Worked. I say again, The Plan Worked. What happened? We looked at all the dead wood and we decided to try and make it right. The paperwork was done, the process was followed and we have reaped the rewards. We hopefully have cleaned the books and are now ready to move forward with greatness.

Insurance

I feel that the Field Insurance Agent, is the unsung hero of the knights. Who provides for Father McGivney's dream to take care of the widows and family? The Agent! Who spends hours trying to provide for our retirement? The Agent! Who is the first there in time of need? The Agent! I could go on and on, gut I won't. What I will say is 'Don't pass up a good thing. The analysis is free, use it, you may find it will help you.

Mississippi is poised on greatness we have all the right things working. It is up to us to grab the gold ring and move forward.

. As promised I will always keep my remarks short, However I would not feel right if I didn't take time to say thanks to all who have helped and supported me.

Suppose one morning you never wake-up, do all your friends know that you love them? I was thinking I could die today, tomorrow or next week and I wondered if I had any wounds needing to be healed, friendships that needed rekindling are three (3) words needing to be said. Sometimes, I love you can heal and bless. Let every one of your friends know that you love them. Even if you think they don't love you back, you would be amazed at what these three (3) little words and a smile can do.

Just in case I die tomorrow.... let me say.... I love you all.

Thanks for the memories.

Vivat Jesus,

Respectfully Submitted,

C. BRUCE PABON State Deputy

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

		STATE CHAPLIAN	REVEREND MICHAEL NANCE	<u> </u>
		STATE DEPUTY	BRUCE PABON	
		STATE SECRETARY	THOMAS CHADY	
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		STATE WARDEN	DANNIEL LECHNER	· [
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JIM	JIM McCRAW	GEORGE RUTHERFORD	MIKE MACKE	TED PAYMENT
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JIMM	JIMMY SEARCY	RON BRUMFIELD	JOE GARRITY	WALT BROWN
THOMA	THOMAS J WILTZ	JERRY G. GOLLOTT	FRANK TARRANT	JERRY LAMEY
WARD	EDWARD A RENZ, JR	WILLIAM J. KANE	MELVIN D. ESTRADE	ELMER J. MARSH
JIMMY	JIMMY NECAISE	KARL KOBERGER	JOHN WINDHAM	ANDY PAPANIA
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ENCE	LAWRENCE BELLIPANNI, JR.	WILLIAM J. JARRETT	DAVE ATTEBERRY	JOHN KRUMPOS
JAME	JAMES E. HILL	JOHN P. BERNARDI	NORMAN L. KIEHM	ROBERT FRATESI
ENN W	GLENN WAGUESPACK	LOUIS D. SCHWARTZ	RALPH W. GATZMAN	BUD HERRING
LEON	LEON SHAPLEY	CHARLIE MORINO		
NHO	JOHN HAMILTON	JIM GLOVER	WARREN MATTHEWS	MIKE ROBINSON
GENE	GENE ROGERS	ED MENARD, JR.	TOM BRENAN	EMILE VIAL

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906	DARNELL A LEPRE	THOMAS C TIMMONS	NOEL A AUCOIN	ELVIN F. RAYMOND
9124	ROBERT LOWERY	JOHN GILLEY	JOE FURLAN	DON TIBLIER
9234		COUNCIL WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE	BE IN ATTENDANCE	
9406	ANGELO J GOUNDAS	WILLIAM F ENTRIKEN	GREGORY E. BERTUCCI	ALBERT G. KAIS
9534	RICHARD CAMERON	STEVE SIMONEAUX	CHARLES WILBERSON	LARRY ROBERTS
9673	JESSE E POPE	LONNIE PARVIN		
9958	HOLLIS J. MORAN	ANTHONY J MORAN		
10216	MARTIN BISEK	PHILLIP JABOUR	JOHN C. LEWIS, III	RAYMOND BUTZ
10443	BUDDY HONEYCUTT	EDDIE MERRIMAN	DAN BUZZARDE	PAUL MARASCALCO
10499	JOESPH RYAN	RICHARD E GREENWOLD	KERRY ROBERTS	FRANK HILT
10901	PAUL PATAK	MIKE MITCHELL	JAMES REID	MARK SHOWS
11541	MATTHEW McGAHAN	HAROLD NOLL	ALLEN KOYN	EDWARD CROAL
11654	RICKEY E. FUERST	A. C. McCARNEY	DON EAKIN	SHERWOOD BECKHAM
11904	JIM HENDERSON	CURBA MERRILL	KEVIN SCHNEIDER	DAVID NANCE
11934	JOHN J. SCANLAN	JOHN C. MINNINGER	DAVID COBB	GORDON PRIMA
11956	FOOTE R SINGLETON	RAYMOND H TANET	PAUL J. MACKIN	ROBERT N. FREY
11995	JOHN LEONHARD	HARRY GEAUTHREAUX	JOHN MAYNARD	WILLIE JONES
12166	CARL MUSE	WILLIAM C. WAGGONER	JERRY E. BRISTER	BENJAMIN ACOSTA
12271	BOB ZELLER	JOE KALEY	JOHNNY MABANTA	·
12331	C.J. MALLEY	JAMES B. INABINET	ROY SAVOIE	WILLIAMS JOHNSEX

A total net gain of one member is shown in this report. Included are 2173 insurance members and 3824 associate members. Also included in these totals are 519 honorary life members, 99 honorary members, 339 inactive members and 36 disabled members

The following 84 members have been reported by their councils as deceased since the last convention..

COUNCIL#	CITY	<u>NAME</u>
802	Meridian	David Duncan, PGK Leo Frey John E. "Pat" O'Flinn
898	Vicksburg	Fred W. Melsheimer, PGK Albert M. Schnieder
1034	Natchez	Frank P. Byrene, Sr. John P. Kenda Edward J. Foley
848	Jackson	Robert R. Grissett Gullaume T. Dumillier Manuel J. Scanlon
1244	Biloxi	Elton E. Starcher Gabriel A. Hungerford Shannon M. Trochesset Roland C. Agregaard F. Walker Tucei Joseph H. Bellman Michael J. Toomey
1522	Bay St. Louis	Leslie E. Blaize William J. Kennedy Hugh R. Benvenutti Joseph B. Fleuriet Michael G. McGinity Al Kingston
1583	Gulfport	Lawrence Cospelich
1605	Pascagoula	Alfred J. Krebs Herman J. Johnson Alvin T. Huyett Walter Langston, PGK

COUNCIL#	CITY	<u>NAME</u>
1908	Hattiesburg	John McGregor, PGK James Murray
2134	Greenville	Anthony M. Exsterstein Phillip Greco
2969	Clarksdale	Raymond Abraham Joe Buronini Johnny Compassie Eugene Dayll, PGK Paul Jose John Laurenzi, PGK, FDD Charles Tumunallo, Jr.
4472	Pass Christian	Jim Williams
4898	Long Beach	William G. Fennell Ronald S. Garrett
5556	Cleveland	Elio" Eugene" Tarsi Jr., PGK
5654	Ocean Springs	Charles Bellman Roy Riviere
6555	Shelby	Flower Mangialari Delmo Orizetti
6765	Starkville	Ed White
7087	Klin	Donald Cuevas Leo Garriga William. T. Walton
7120	Southaven	William J. Meucci
7211	Lumberton	Mark Lott
7910	Orange Grove	Paul R. Depew William F. Sweeney James V. Dauro James Kezty
7915	Brookhaven	Joseph F. Bonfiglio, PGK, FDD
7974	Columbus	William M. McInyre
8038	Pearl	Lorende C. "LC" Guillotte, PGK
8054	McComb	James Levins

	COUNCIL#	CITY	NAME
	8285	St. Therese Jackson	Robert E. Grant John A. "Pete" Smith, Jr. Thomas C. Loggie Phillip Pepper
	8912	Corinth	Walter P. Marshall Louis H. Cordova
	9094	N. Biloxi	Robert C. Crosby
•	9124	Gautier	Jack Barron Virgil Stecklein
	9409	West Biloxi	Bernard Chevalier Andrew A. Lechner Fred A. Spencer
	9543	Madison	Richard J."Dick" Henry, PFN
	10499	E. Ocean Springs	Milard Dorsey George Smith
	11541	St. James Gulfport	John Hackett Francis Collins Frank Fulmer Chester Boynick
	11956	Columbia / Tylertown	L. H. "Herb" Herberger
	12166	Sacred Heart / Pascagoula	Henry A. Bertagndlli, Jr., PGK
-	12331	Sacred Heart Dedeaux	Herman A. Lizana

WIFE 'S

COUNCIL#	<u>CITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
898	Vicksburg	Joyce Ros
1908	Hattiesburg	Verla Mae Abadie Dorothy Scott
9124	Gautier	Jo Abbott

DECEASED MEMBERS BY COUNCIL

COUNCILS	COUNCIL NAME	# DECEASED
802	MERIDIAN	3
848	JACKSON	3
898	VICKSBURG	2
1034	NATCHEZ	3
1244	BILOXI	7
1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	6
1583	GULFPORT	1
1605	PASCAGOULA	4
1908	HATTIESBURG	2
2134	GREENVILLE	2
2969	CLARKSDALE	7
4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	1
4898	LONG BEACH	2
5556	CLEVELAND	1
5654	OCEAN SPRING	2
6555	SHELBY	2
6765	STARKVILLE	1
7087	KILN	3
7120	SOUTHAVEN	1
7211	LUMBERTON	1
7910	ORANGE GROVE	4
7915	BROOKHAVEN]
7974	COLUMBUS	1
8038	PEARL	1
8054	МсСОМВ	
8285	JACKSON	4
8912	CORINTH	2
9094	D'IBERVILLE	1
9124	GAUTIER	2
9409	WEST BILOXI	3
9543	MADISON	1
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	2
11541	GULFPORT	4
11956	FR. PATRICK QUINN	1
12166	SACRED HEART	
12331	SACRED HEART	1
	TOTAL	84
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COUNCILS	COUNCIL NAME	4/01/00	4/01/01	INCREASE	DECREASE
802	MERIDIAN	221	209		12
848	JACKSON	84	90	6	
898	VICKSBURG	403	412	9	
1034	NATCHEZ	194	175		19
1244	BILOXI	398	390		8
1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	215	213		2
1583	GULFPORT	275	271		4
1605	PASCAGOULA	193	178		15
1908	HATTIESBURG	103	103		
 2134	GREENVILLE	144	137		7
2180	LAUREL	107	118	11	
2945	LELAND	51	51		
2969	CLARKSDALE	201	200		11
4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	47	60	13	
4898	LONG BEACH	138	139	1	
5267	GREENWOOD	69	70	1	
5556	CLEVELAND	172	180	8	
5654	OCEAN SPRING	172	169		3
6555	SHELBY	40	38		2
6592	BASSFIELD	84	84		
6765	STARKVILLE	81	82	1	
6872	PICAYUNE	87	94	7	
7087	KILN	47	46		1
7120	SOUTHAVEN	90	89		1
7211	LUMBERTON	82	88	6	
7854	CLINTON	79	80	1	
7910	ORANGE GROVE	116	103		13
7915	BROOKHAVEN	72	73	1	
7974	COLUMBUS	44	48	4	
8038	PEARL	86	87	1	
8054	McCOMB	56	56		
8285	JACKSON	66	61		5
8760	HOLLY SPRINGS	38	39	1	
8848	TUPELO	161	160		1
8912	CORINTH	43	42		1
9094	DIBERVILLE	102	122	20	
9124	GAUTIER	126	115		11

COUNCILS	COUNCIL NAME	4/01/90	4/01/01	INCREASÉ	DECREASE
9234	INDIANOLA	40	39		1
9409	WEST BILOXI	135	119		16
9543	MADISON	163	183	20	
9673	WOOLMARKET	77	76		1
9958	LIZANA	66	64		2
10216	BRANDON	69	72	3	
10443	GRENADA	31	45	14	
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	102	100		2
10901	OXFORD	109	108		1
11541	GULFPORT	119	122	3	
11654	FR. PAUL GILLIS	49	43		6
11904	LUCEDALE	43	39		4
11934	GLUCKSTADT	46	51	5	
11956	FR. PATRICK QUINN	44	41		3
11995	WEST HARRISON	39	45	6	
12166	SACRED HEART	81	86	5	
12271	SEEBEE BASE	49	49		
12331	SACRED HEART	47	43		4
1	OTALS	5996	5997	147	146
TOTAL	LINCREASE			1	

Position	N .		
rosition	Nominated	Nominator	Second & Close Nominations
State Deputy	Tom Chady	Dennis Louis	Rory Ros, Ken Lubbers, John Minniger
State Sectretary	Rich Lieding	Dr. Paul Gaspodarski	Bob Zeller, Bill Seal Martin Bisek
State Treasurer	Larry Tabor	Darnell Lepre	C.J. Malley, John Leonard Lonnie Parvin
State Advocate	Danny Lechner	Dennis Riecke	Jerry Gollot, Richard Cameron,
State Warden	Peter Sukanek	Tom Zettler	Dennis Louis Mike Mitchell, Steve Simoneaux
Martin Bisek made	motion to use new De		n

alternates. Seconded by Joe Ryan and passed.

Vickscburg nominated by Stever Simoneaux to host 2003 convention . Seconded by Jimmy Searcy and passed.

Natchez nominated by Jimmy Searcy to host 2006 convention. Seconded and passed.

Jimmy Necaise made motion to dispense with reading of the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Paul Gaspodarski.

State Officers

Tom Chady	State Deputy
Rich Lieding	State Secretary
Larry Tabor	State Treasurer
Danny Lechner	State Advocate
Peter Sukanek	State Warden

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Annual Supreme Convention Insurance Delegates

Delegate

Larry Tabor
Tom Zetler
Danny Lechner Alternate B (Alternate B wins by virtue of Alternate A winning Alternate A Associate Delegate) 10

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Associate Delegates

Alternate Delegate Delegate Dr. Paul Gaspodarski 46 Danny Lechner 74 Guy Todardo 50 Jerry Schmuck 46 Alternate

Alternates for State Deputy & Immediate Past Deputy

Alternate S. D. Alternate 1.P.S.D. 101 Carl Brochard Joe Goellner Larry Miller 67 53

Convention Sites

Vicksburg 2003 2005 Natchez

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve you, my brother Knights, as your State Treasurer for the 2000-2001 fraternal year. I have sought to do so to the best of my ability.

This past fraternal year, the State Family acting as a team, continued it's policy of keeping expense within reasonable limits while providing the services you elected us to do on your behalf.

We continued:

- the per diem limitation on meals.
- carpooling whenever possible.
- not paying State Officers for the first 50 miles traveled.
- keeping the number of midwinter meetings to three.

In other matters. Our tax forms were prepared and sent in a timely manner. We renewed our status as a approved charitable organization with the Mississippi State Secretary's office. Attached to this report is the statement of income and expense for the state fiscal year April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

Lastly, Brothers, I deeply and sincerely appreciate your kindness, hospitality, and friendship shown to me when I had the pleasure to visit with you. I thank you for that. I appreciate the honor to have served 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

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: (4-01-00)	\$50,040.53
Receipts:	
Per Capita Interest Refunds Millenium Angels Christopher Fund Donations	\$46,010.35 \$557.35 \$13.69 \$3,002.40 \$1,899.91 \$115.00 \$51,598.68
Expenses:	
2000 Convention Travel Website Christopher Fund Supplies Sub/Dues Supreme Convention Magnolia Knight State Directory Death Penalty Resolution 2001 Convention Degree Reimbursement Pro-Life Donation MS Charities Registration Service Charges	\$24,725.49 \$6,667.75 \$175.00 \$1,899.91 \$1,824.70 \$130.00 \$520.96 \$909.63 \$551.83 \$504.23 \$2,898.40 \$100.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$35.35
	\$41,092.55 (+10,506.13)
Ending Balance: (3-31-01)	\$60,546.66)

Respectfully Submitted, Richard T. Lieding State Treasurer

State Advocate's Report –2000-2001 Larry J. Tabor

Worthy State Officers and my dear brother Knights:

I have learned much in the two years I have served as Advocate for the Mississippi Jurisdiction. After last year's convention held in South Haven, I made a solemn promise to myself to never again be unprepared for the expectations of my office during the next convention. As most of you remember I was caught off guard and ill prepared to present and explain the resolutions in the manner so accustomed in the past. The lesson learned from this experience has taught me well and I now understand more than ever the value of teamwork. I have made a commitment to support my fellow state officers, in each office, in every manner, in all situations, and prepare myself always to uphold my duties and responsibilities.

I can not help being emotional. I believe the Knights of Columbus is a great organization. I care for each and every one of you out there. We have a great State organization, but we must take it upon ourselves to improve our worth from within. My tenure as your State Advocate has been a humbling experience, one for which I will be forever grateful

As your State Advocate, I took on several initiatives and additional responsibilities. I did what I could do to organize our State By Laws and make a recommendation as to their accuracy and condition. I wanted to ensure our State By Laws on file with the Supreme office were in order. I am contacted Past State Deputy Robert Fratesi and the Supreme Advocate's office to gather the needed to make that determination. My recommendation to the State is to begin a complete revision to our By-laws and have them prepared for review and approval during the 2002 State Meeting. My second endeavor was to ensure each council had approved and published Council By Laws on file with the State Advocates Office. We are not at 100 per cent yet and I will continue to work with the incoming Advocate to make this happen.

I want to thank everyone for their warm hospitality and fraternal commitment during my visits. Denise and I have enjoyed many events with you together and you have welcomed us graciously to your activities. It is always a pleasure to be with each of you, whether it is during a degree exemplification, a special event, or regional meeting. My tasks for the most part have been easy and enjoyable. It is during those times where I had to enforce the rules, laws, and constitution of our Order did my job become difficult. Thanks goodness I did more enjoyable duties than not.

My traveling partner, Danny Lechner, has made my travels around the State even more enjoyable. You actually need to travel with him, or even better yet, sleep with him to see his true colors. We had many laughs and discussed many issues together while on the road. This is one friendship I know will last forever.

I want to especially thank all my brother Knights for their vote of confidence by allowing me to serve as one of your Insurance Delegates to the 118th Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, held in Boston, Massachusetts, August 1-3, 2000. The experience gained from such an opportunity is hard to explain. We may sometimes think or question "why" when it concerns the operation of a single council, or district. We may even wonder what is the purpose of the State Organization. However, when one has been afforded the opportunity to attend the Supreme Meeting, all such questions are put to rest. Upon arrival, one can begin to feel the presence of the Order, and the intensity of its members. You immediately begin to realize the cultural diversity present by the languages you hear. The meeting seems to go quickly, 90 of the Church's Hierarchy, 1500 at the Cathedral Mass, 2500 at the State's Dinner—Wow, what a show of strength—all in support of Father Michael McGiveny's dream.

To all of you I pledge my continued support.

In closing, I wish to express thanks to all the State Officers for their support. There are many others—Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights and council members who are an inspiration to me. My home council (9094 D'Iberville) has been extremely supportive and patient. Together we can make dreams come true. Let's continue to work together for the Good of the Order.

The Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus will......

Respectfully submitted Larry Tabor State Advocate

State Warden's Report Daniel J. Lechner

It has been a pleasure for me to serve you, for the past two years, as your State Warden. This year has been one that has been filled with joy, achievements, sadness, disappointments, and unity.

From the Hand-off regional meetings, where we all learned things that we thought that we already knew and hopefully got answers to questions we asked, to the degree exemplifications where we renewed our pledges to be followers of Christ.

The year has been one where we 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.

The thing that I learned over the past two years is that I have been blessed to be among the best men belonging to the best organization in the world.

Vivat Jesus,

Respectfully Submitted, Daniel J. Lechner

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report (from 96th State Meeting, April 2000) Guy S. Todaro, Jr., PSD

My brother knights,

The day after my term expired as your State Deputy, July 1, Lisa and I were blessed with our third child and second daughter, Angelena Maria. Everyone is doing great. Thanks for all your prayers. Angelena is a strong and healthy ten month old. Trey and Jennifer have really taken to her. So all is well in the Todaro household. Lisa is handling quite well having more kids than hands. She claims there is not much difference in having three vs. two. And I have really enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time with them this past year. However, I have not forgotten my duties and obligations as Immediate Past State Deputy. This year has been exciting to watch and be part of a new administration that is taking the Mississippi Knights across the threshold into the Third Millennium.

I have tried to be an ear for Bruce and a sounding board, because many of the issues are repeats. I have tried to be his eyes and warn him of the pitfalls that administrations in the past have fallen into. I have tried to be a strong back to help him lean on when you feel you are alone when you make those tough decisions. But most importantly, I have tried to be a true brother to Bruce and his administration, supporting his plan, and being there for anything I can do to help. Just because you give up the reins and move out of the limelight, doesn't mean the fire of Columbianism goes out in your heart. For me just the opposite happened. It got stronger.

I have enjoyed going to the meetings that I could attend and being able to visit on a casual basis. I even caught myself deciding not to wear a suit at times, with Bruce's permission.

It has been a special privilege to assist our Worthy State Secretary Tom Chady in his hour of need. Tom showed us all what our priorities should be by missing this convention and being with his very sick wife Carol in her eighth week of her illness in the hospital. Please know my fellow state officers that I would do the same for all of you.

After having a year to reflect on my last two years of service to the Order as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction and seeing a glimpse of how our Order functions on a global level, I feel moved to tell you what a marvelous experience it has been and how it has positively affected my life.

Words cannot adequately express to you how much my personal and family life has been enhanced and rededicated to my Faith through my ministry in the Knights of Columbus. I sincerely thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on my family through the Knights. I also wish to thank you, the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen for your support and guidance these past two years. Your collective wisdom and dedication to the Spread of Columbianism in Mississippi truly made my job as State Deputy an easy and enjoyable one.

Finally, I wish to once again give accolades to the sometimes unsung hero's of our Order; namely our Order's Insurance Agency. These men's love and dedication to our Order are a lot of times taken for granted by state administrations. And as a result, their talents are not fully utilized. This is not the case in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Since the Mosco Agency became solely dedicated to the Mississippi Jurisdiction, we have accelerated Columbianism in our state. This is evident by the 18 Star Councils in 1998-1999. This 31% is a significant increase over previous years, and a trend that I know will continue.

Now that we have crossed the threshold into the Third Millennium, may the knights in Mississippi "Open wide the door to Christ" and continue to set the pace for our beloved Order. Vivat Jesus

Respectfully submitted,

Guy S. Todaro, Jr. Immed. Past State Deputy

Ceremonial Committee Report (from 96th State Meeting, April 2000)

The Ceremonial Committee met on Saturday, April 29, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. In attendance were: Mike Mitchell, Council #10901
Carl Muse, Council #12166
Kevin Schneider, Council #11904
Harvey Caldwell, DD #3
Bill Hetrick, DD #5
Henry Bertagnolli, Council #12166
John Maynard, Council #11995
Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD

The committee discussed the status of degree work in the Jurisdiction and proposes the following recommendations:

- 1. Consider setting up a permanent Second and Third Degree schedule for the State.
- 2. Consider setting up district wide degrees to share the costs rather than being hosted by one council burdening the entire cost. Also consider pay in advance by sponsoring councils.
- 3. In state degree teams should be considered first for Degrees over out of state teams.

It was also noted that we have not heard anything out of Supreme regarding potential changes in Degree work.

Respectfully submitted, Guy S. Todaro, Jr. Ceremonial Chairman

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report Guy S. Todaro, Jr., PSD

My brother knights,

I realized when I began collecting my thoughts for my report this year, that this will probably be the last time I will sit facing you at these meetings. Yes at the ripe old age of 43, after a ministry of 12 years culminating with serving you and our beloved Order as your State Deputy, it is now time to return to the simpler times, to status of rank and file, the backbone of our Order, the men and their families who serve at Mass, stand on street corners for the Mentally Challenged, and flip hamburgers at council functions.

These past twelve years have exceeded all my expectations. And they have flown by fast. Words cannot describe the joys, friendships, memories, and love that I have felt throughout these years. They weren't all good times. Some were trying. Some were sad. But I wouldn't trade any of them for a fortune.

Lisa too realized that this ministry started the same time as our marriage. After serving as Grand Knight for Council 1605, we were married in May 1989. I was appointed District Deputy for District Number 10 in July of that same year. And that was only the beginning. So for our entire married life, she has been supporting my vocation as a state officer in my service to you and our Order as well as giving birth and raising three beautiful children. What a beautiful, unconditional sacrifice she has made and continues to make. I feel so blessed.

I remember the day back in 1989 when State Deputy Marvin Lott called me and asked me to serve as District Deputy. I told him that I would have to talk it over with Lisa because we were getting married in a couple of weeks and I sure didn't want to start off on the wrong foot. He stated that he had confidence in my abilities and he knew that we would make the right decision. I accepted the appointment and I can truly say that I had so much fun that one year as District Deputy. Hey! I still have three more years of elicibility!

The next year Marvin called and said "You've done such a fine job as District Deputy, how about serving as State Program Chairman too?" Too, I said? Well that would have been a strain on a relatively new marriage, so I accepted the position as State Program Chairman. And Brother Larry Tabor took the District Deputy position.

Starting that year, you too showed me that you had confidence in my abilities. I received so much cooperation from Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights about doing programs and turning in their reports. That year, 1990-91, we exceeded previous records of percentage of councils participating. I do remember one Grand Knight in particular. I called and called to remind him of his reports being due. Finally after leaving several messages, he called me back. After a few pleasantries, he asked me where I lived. I told him in Pascagoula. He said, "Son, I live in the country. And about the time you are getting in from your hard day at work, I'm only half done with mine here on my farm. I just don't have the time to fill out any dad burn paperwork. Now I'll see you at the convention. Ok?" I guess I needed that dose of reality to put things into perspective.

Brothers, year after year you showed that you had confidence in my abilities. State Warden, State Advocate, and State Secretary were those formidable years you groomed and polished me. Then when you felt I was ready, BAM! you honored me in electing me State Deputy.

I could go on for hours about those two years, but I won't. I will say that Lisa and I both believe in our hearts that they were the best two years of our lives. And God truly blessed my administration with a wonderful State Chaplain, Father Dennis Carver, who continued to keep us focused on Christ and His mission for us through our ministry as Knights.

I do regret that my father didn't get to live to see me elected or serve as State Deputy. Because in those previously mentioned formidable years, when Lisa was home nursing newborns, Dad was my traveling companion many times so I wouldn't have to go on the road alone. I truly miss his guidance, his strong shoulders, and most importantly, his gentle heart.

Near the end of my first year of service as State Deputy, tragedy struck again with the passing of our State Treasurer and my father-in-law, Ted Knowles. Truly a leader among men who, if fate had it differently, I would be speaking before you tomorrow to nominate him as your next State Deputy. But my Dad and Ted had obviously completed their missions here on earth, and God's call could not be placed on hold for our convenience.

It was also during those two years as State Deputy that I came to appreciate the position of Immediate Past State Deputy. Bruce I hope I have met your expectations. I know that PSD Tom Zettler far exceeded mine.

And Bruce, in my book, you have taken our Jurisdiction to the next level. Despite the barrage of personal tragedy and illnesses, you have maintained a steady hand when it would have been easier to throw them up in defeat. My heart goes out to you. I hope you have successful years as Immediate Past State Deputy.

Throughout these past twelve years, I have tried to practice what we preach in our Ceremonials, my first love. That Charity begins at home with each other; that our Unity with our Faith is our strength, and that we are a TEAM, a FAMILY, and our Fraternal Love for each other must be shown in our interactions with each other. There is no room for politics. There is no tolerance for hidden agendas.

I can assure you that when I step down from this head table, my passion and commitment for our Order will not change. Whether or not I am again blessed and honored to serve our Order on the State or Supreme level, my strong love for our Order will always control my heart and my actions. Just because you give up the reins and move out of the limelight, doesn't mean the fire of Columbianism goes out in your heart. For me just the opposite happened. It got stronger!

I have also tried to challenge myself and you with subtle messages through these years about who we should be, and what we should be doing, and what our vision should be. Do you remember when we discussed the significance of the Deputy Grand Knight's jewel with its 32 rays that symbolize the 32 virtues that a man should possess? Or what about how it is probably not a coincidence that our State Convention is held during National Volunteer Week, and the Knights of Columbus were noted as the First Point of Light by President George Bush. Maybe you remember when we shared how blessed we were to be chosen to cross the threshold to a new millennium. I bet you can recall the discussion about whether we were "casually involved" or "personally committed." Oh sure you do. You remember. It's like ham and eggs. The chicken was casually involved, but the pig was personally committed.

Well maybe it is only fitting that I should end this ministry the same way I began it twelve years ago, in my example of Unity and comparing a flock of geese migrating south in formation.

Their mission is to travel as far south as they can to reach warmer temperatures in the winter season. Our mission is to practice our Faith every day of our lives and spread Columbianism in our corner of the world that God has entrusted to us.

The geese travel in a "V" formation because they can travel over 70% further in a "V" formation versus in a straight line. As Knights we perform our Charitable works via councils made up of families. Look at how many lives we have touched world wide through our 12,000 councils and 1.7 million men and families.

When the lead goose tires, he voluntarily rotates to the rear allowing a new, fresher goose to lead the flock. On the council and state level, we constantly elect new leaders to follow.

When one goose falls out of formation, two more follow him to aid him in recovery or until he expires. As Immediate Past State Deputy, we are asked to assist and fill in as necessary for knowledge, support and continuity.

The geese in the rear of the formation honk to keep the lead goose alert and on course, not just to make noise.

So Brothers I respectfully ask that you allow me the honor of joining you and my fellow Past State Deputies in the back of the room to do a little honking. Brother Zettler, make room for one more.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy S. Todaro, Jr. Immed. Past State Deputy

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF K OF C INSURANCE PROGRAM 2000

There are approximately 2,000 insurance companies doing business in the United States and Canada today.

You should take pride in the fact that if the Knights of Columbus were ranked with those companies, using standard measuring devices, we would place in the top 4%

To give our state and council officers evidence of our progress, we're providing this information. We also want to circulate this information to all of our jurisdictions, in order to:

- * Instill in all members a new sense of pride in our past accomplishments.
- * Encourage associate members to recognize that ours is a vibrant, dynamic program, worthy of their participation.
- * Enable the entire membership to realize that we have a tremendous potential within our grasp if we can harness the forces of enthusiasm, motivation and cooperation.

In the last 10 years the assets of the Order have increased by 175.5%. The insurance in force during this same period increased by 126.5% and the total premium income increased by 96.8%. Measured by any standards, these were remarkable feats.

Our last complete calendar year ending December 31, 2000, saw achievements which made the past facts look small by comparison:

LIFE INSURANCE WRITTEN	\$4,031,658,642
ANNUITY PREMIUM OF	\$150,855,143
LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE	\$40,403,178,236

THIS REPRESENTS A NET GAIN OF

\$2,197,097,236

for the year, after all death claims, matured endowments and surrenders.

Total assets during the calendar year

2000 increased by	\$490,316,720
Reaching an all time high of	\$8,553,945,938
Premium income amounted to	\$780,983,823
Benefits paid to beneficiaries and members, death claims,	
maturities, annuities, etc., amounted to	\$210,897,86 <u>1</u>
Dividends to be paid to	
insurance members in 2001	\$275,311,987

Insurance dividends are disbursed as per instructions of the insured. Some take their dividends in cash, some allow them to accumulate as interest. Most use their dividends to purchase additional insurance, thereby enabling them to enhance the amount of protection of their policies, without additional outlay of premium.

It is interesting to note that with more than \$40 billion of life insurance in force, and the exposure to death claims that this figure represents, we paid more in dividends to living members than we did in death claims to beneficiaries. This dispels the old notion that life insurance is a "die to win" proposition.

We hope that this fact sheet will enlighten some, reinforce others and encourage all to participate in your Fraternal Insurance Program. There is no reason why any member should seek protection elsewhere.

Henry Mosco General Agent

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT APRIL 01, 2000 TO MARCH 31, 2001

Brother Knights,

It is my honor to report the State Membership Activities for the past State Year (4-01-00 to 3-31-2001) and the Supreme Council Year from 7-01-2000 to 6 - 30 -2001.

My involvement continued after the 2000 State Convention as State Deputy, Bruce Pabon asked me to continue to serve as the State Membership Director. I accepted my responsibilities and immediately began to further develop an action plans for the new year. The first activity was to fill vacant positions on the Membership Team and request input for the action plan from thevState Deputy, Regional Coordinators and the District Deputies.

The primary objective was to develop the Membership Team at the State Level to effectively provide assistance to the District Deputies, Council Officers and Council Directors. We continued to use the same 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 Regional Coordinator concept with a State Membership Director with three Regional Coordinators was continued. Each coordinator was assigned to an area consisting of four districts which provided a smaller geographic area in which to implement membership activities. Bob Hudson, Dennis Riecke continued to serve in the North and Central Regions and Al Allegue was recruited to serve in the Southern Region.

Now, that the structure was in place at the State Level, the next task was to reintroduce the plan to the State Family at the Summer Meeting and to the Council Members at the Schools of Columbianism. To prepare for the meetings, procedures had to be reviewed and updated, 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. Without a common software solution or use of the State Web Page, communication by E-Mail will be difficult. I urge that communications receive a high priority at the State Level to develop a common solution. I challenge you to offer suggestions for improvement of E-Mail Communications and the successful use of the TEAM CONCEPT.

The State Officers, District Deputies, State Chairmen and others on E-Mail received monthly Membership 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. Please use this information to conclude the current year and plan your recruiting strategy for the next State and Supreme Year.

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 but could have worked better in some councils. Please note the results in your council. Now, what can you do to improve your councils status? 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 an active 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.

I developed a Special Membership Analysis Report for your information to give Membership Satistics for the past twenty years on one report. The message is very clear. High Membership Gain results from New Council Development. Notice the Membership History of your Council. What are the trends? What is the percentage annual gain between existing and new councils. Study the report and the information will surprise you. Look at the impact of deaths in your council. How do transfers impact the numbers?

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

I thank the Regional Coordinators for your service and the State Deputy for the opportunity to serve. 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

2000/ 2001 STATE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

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2000/2001 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, 2000

4472 Pass Christian GK Gene Rogers

7974 Columbus GK Kurt Dobbel

10443 Grenada GK Buddy Honeycut

11934 Gluckstadt GK Joe Scanian

11995 West Harrison GK John Leonhard

MEDIUM COUNCIL CATEGORY - 51 to 85 Members as of April 01, 2000

848 Jackson GK Marion " Jim " McCraw , II

7211 Lumberton/ Poplarville GK Joseph McQueen , III

10216 Brandon GK Martin Bisek

LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY: - 86 to 150 Members as of April 01, 2000

6872 Picayune GK Ronald J. Cassagne

9094 North Biloxi GK Darnell A. Lepre

X-LARGE COUNCIL CATEGORY: - 151 or more Members as of April 01, 2000

9543 Madison GK Richard J. Cameron

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SO. REGION	COORDWATOR	ALLEGUE	ADJUSTED	4/1-8/30 NET +/-	ADJUSTED	7/11-9/30 NET +/-	10/1-12/31 NET+/-	1/1-3/31 NET+/-	STATE	ADJUSTED	STATE YEAR
	DIST. DEP # 9	NHOL	SIZE		SIZE				NET+/-	SZE	% GAIN
COUNCIL #	COUNCIL NAME	GOAL									
6872	PICAYUNE	_	87	~	67	*	7	•	•	Z	9.20%
7087	KILN	*	4	•	4	•	۰	~	~	4	4.26%
7910	ORANGE GROVE	12	=	-15	102	•	7	-	9	103	-8.62%
1984	LIZANA	•	2	•	65	٥	•	a	۰	3	0.00%
11654	WIGGINS	-	\$	7	\$	7	۰	0	4	Ç	A.16%
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	DIST. DEP#10	JERRY	04/01/2000	4/1-8/30	07/01/2000	7/1-9/30	10/1-12/31	1/1/3/31	STATE	04/01/2001	STATE
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	COOLEGE VALUE	1			SIRE				NE I+	377	% GAIN
1522	BAY ST LOUIS	₹ :	218	₹.	212	•	-	n	-	213	1.40%
1983	GULFPORT	2	27.5	0	273	•	7	~	4	271	1.45%
775	PASS CHRISTIAN	•	4	n	2	•	0	•	φ	9	12.77%
4898	LONG BEACH	7	138	ų	132	-	7	œ	•	139	2.90%
11541	ST JAMES GFPT	12	1	7	123	-	-	-	٠,	122	4.20%
12271	SEABEE BASE	4	\$	٥	46	٠,	-	-	-	9	2.04%
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	DIST. DEP#11	BONEY	ADJUSTED	NET +/-	ADJUSTED	NET +/-	10/1-12/31 NET+/-	NET+	STATE	04/01/2001 ADJUSTED	STATE
COUNCIL #	COUNCIL NAME	GOAL	SIZE		SIZE				NET+/	SIZE	% GAIN
1244	BILOXI	30	386	7	392	۰	7	-	-	380	0.75%
9084	N. BILOXI	2	102	-	Ş	•	•	*	20	122	19.61%
9409	W. BILOXI	=	136	٥	<u>\$</u>	49	Ģ	-	-16	119	-11.85%
9673	WOOLMARKET	•	77	٥	77	-		•	-	9/	1.30%
TOTAL		62	712	7	706	2	7	-	~	707	1.12%
	DIST. DEP #12	CARL	04/01/2000	4/1-6/30	07/01/2000	7/1-9/30	10/1-12/31	1/1-3/31	STATE	04/01/2001	STATE
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0091	PASCAGOULA	2 :	2 :	۰ '	192	•	op ,	0	φ	178	4.86%
9634	OCEAN SPRINGS	=	172	ŗ	168	0	٥	•	-	169	0.58%
9124	GAUTIER	12	126	0	124	9	60	•	ΨĢ	116	3.07%
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	2	102	7	103	o	0	0	7	9	1.96%
11904	LUCEDALE	₹.	:	φ.	39	0	٥	0	φ	20	-13.95%
12166	SACRED HEART	•	=	-	82	7	٥	-	-	2	1.23%
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	DIST. DEP # 1	JAMES			SIZE				NET +/-	SIZE	% GAIN
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8760	HOLLY SPRINGS	•	8	٥	98	•	٥	•	٥	66	%00 G
8789	TUPELO	22	161		151	0	•		ĸ	160	3.13%
891 2	CORBITH	•	\$	6	5	7	•	۰	7	7	4.65%
10801	OXFORD	9	ţ	٥	108	n	φ	•	-	108	0.92%
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	DIST. DEP#2	JAMES	04/01/2000 4/1-6/30	4/1-6/30	07/01/2000	7/1-9/30	10/1-12/31	1/1-3/31	STATE	04/01/2001	STATE
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		CALLWELL	3776		ADJUSTED SIZE	NET 4/-	NET+/-	÷	NET +	ADJUSTED SIZE	YEAR % GAIN
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2945	LELAND	•	<u>.</u>	0	5	٥	0	٥	0	5	0000
5287	GREENWOOD	•	63	0	69	٥	0	-	-	2	45%
5556	CLEVELAND	₽	172	0	17.2	٥	ø	۰	6	180	5.23%
9234	INDIANOLA	•	ş	0	39	٥	0	٥	0	38	0.00%
10443	GRENADA	-	31	0	5		-	40	=	45	45.169
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2000/2001 STATE CONVENTION

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report is submitted as a summary of the discussions during the Membership Committee Meeting was held during the 97th Annual State Convention on April 21, 2001 under the chairmanship of State Membership Director Joe Goellner.

After opening the meeting with a prayer, the committee members were asked to introduce themselves. The chairman stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to evaluate Membership activities at the State and Council levels and to make recommendations for improvement during the coming year.

The committee reviewed the the Regional Concept structure used during the past two years which combined the duties of Membership , Retention , New Council Development and Round Tables under the leadership of the State Membership Director and three Regional Coordinators. The State Team's duty was to support the District Deputies, Council Officers and Council Membership Directors in the development and implementation of plans for Recruitment , Retention, New Council and Round Table Development in each District and Council. The committee found that the Regional Concept worked well as a new concept and should be continued with increased training for District and Council representatives.

It was noted that the Regional/Local Team Concept for Recruitment and Retention at the council level will

work well if implemented properly by the council. Several members of the committee discussed the successes

and failures of recruitment in their councils and the plans used. It was recommended that councils should use

assistance and information from the State or Supreme Council and develop plans and information specific to

the needs of the council that involves many Council members to provide a total team approach. Some

Councils used the State Council's suggestion of a Prospect Orientation Meeting using a suggested Prospect

Orientation Agenda as an example how a council can use information to involve many members in the membership process. It was noted that when a prospect is convinced to join by a well done orientation

program and kept busy by excellent program activities, a council will have a successful Recruitment

and Retention Program. If a council has members not paying dues, multiple members of the council, the proposer, should be involved to retain the membership. The Retention Process as provided by Supreme,

which includes the assistance of the District Deputy and the State, should be used.

Items that will need to be addressed during the next year are as follows:

- A. Develop a method to prevent members that transfer to a new location from becoming a Suspended Member.
- B. Determine a way to verify the actual number of prospective members a council has in the parish (s) represented by the council. Current information indicate that some small and medium size

councils have less Catholic Men in the parish than their Topour Membership Quata. Should the Qu

have less Catholic Men in the parish than their Topgun Membership Quota. Should the Quota be different for these councils?

C. Develop and Implement a plan to form a minimum of three New Councils and Roundtables during the next State Year.

In closing, the committee urges all councils to participate in communication with the District Deputies and State Coordinators to have a successful year for the growth of the Order.

	Respectfully Submi	tted,		
	Charles Morlino	# 2945	Thomas Hannigan	# 6765
# 7	Edgar Menard	# 4472	Ricky Warren	District Deputy
# 12	John Hamilton	# 2969	Carl Brochard	District Deputy
Agent	Hollis Moran	# 9958	Henry Mosco	General Ins
Ü	Danrell Lepre	# 9094	Joe Goellner	State
	Eddie Merriman	# 10443		

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The State program for 2000-2001 was similar to those of the previous three years. At the mid-year mark, program reports were received from only 23 of the 55 councils in the state. Most of the activity directors were met in Vicksburg to review these submissions. The reports with comments were distributed at the mid-winter meetings

At the end of the year, 42 councils submitted activity reports. Four of the activity directors, together with the state program director, met in Madison three weeks before the convention to review the submissions. These included the program reports, as well as the nominations for best activities, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Forty-one of these 42 councils received an award at the convention. (The one not receiving an award did not have a sufficient number of activities to warrant one.) There were thirteen Honor Council awards, eighteen Council of Excellence awards, eight Distinguished Council awards, and two Stellar Council awards. To qualify for the new Stellar Council award, a council must meet the requirements for Distinguished Council and meet the Supreme insurance quota. A number of other awards were presented at the State Convention as well. These include the following:

Best Newsletter (Large/Extra Large): Council 848, Jackson

Council 1522, Bay St. Louis (tie)

Best Newsletter (Small/Medium): Council 4472, Pass Christian

Council 11956, Columbia/Tylertown (second place)

Best Scrapbook (Large/Extra Large): Council 802, Meridian

Council 1034, Bishop Gerow (tie)

Best Scrapbook (Small/Medium): Council 11956, Fr. Patrick Quinn

Drug Awareness Poster (8-11 yrs): Mikey Arceo, Council 9543 Drug Awareness Poster (12-14 yrs): Katie Hude, Council 1034

Alcohol Awareness Poster (8-11 yrs): Libby Spencer, Council 9543 Alcohol Awareness Poster (12-14 yrs): Caitlin Huffines, Council 1034

Best Pro-Life Project: Council 802, Meridian

Council 1244, Biloxi (second place)

Best Vocation Project: Council 802, Meridian

Council 10901, Oxford (second place) Council 848, Jackson (second place)

Best Church Activity: Council 7211, Lumberton

Council 898, Vicksburg (second place) Council 802, Meridean (second place)

Best Community Activity: Council 898, Vicksburg

Council 8285, Jackson, St. Therese (second

place)

Best Council Activity:

Council 10901, Oxford

Council 848, Jackson (second place)

Best Family Activity:

Council 898, Vicksburg

Council 1034, Natchez (second place)

Best Youth Activity:

Council 802, Meridian

Council 848, Jackson (second place)

Best Small Council:

Council 11995, West Harrison

Best Medium Council:

Council 848, John T. Savage, Jackson

Best Large Council:

Council 2180, Laurel

Best Extra Large Council:

Council 9543, St. Francis of Assisi,

Madison

Knight of the Year:

Donald Schwartz, Council 2180, Laurel

Family of the Year:

The James Hughes Family, Council 11956,

Columbia/Tylertown

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 April 7). This is actually three weeks earlier than usual since the convention itself was a week earlier than usual. It may be beneficial to schedule small, perhaps district-wide, program meetings to review the program and the necessary paperwork with the council program directors. (This was actually done by several of the Councils on the coast prior to the due date for the mid-year reports.) These meetings could be chaired either by the state program director or one of the activity directors.

At this year's convention, several people criticized the review process for the selection of the best activities, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. There were two main objections. First, the convention delegates do not have the opportunity to review all of the submissions for each award. From a practical standpoint, such a process is completely unwieldy. A good review of all the submissions would take several hours, which is not available at the convention. A second criticism is that the "rules" for submission are not strictly enforced. Some of the submissions were handwritten, some were more than one page, some focused on events which occurred prior to the current program year. These are in fact, not "rules" but "guidelines." Reviewers are requested to consider only the events of the current year. The process itself is meant to have as many people as possible participate in the process and be eligible for an award. In future years, it may be valuable to invite more people than the activity directors to review submissions at the pre-convention meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Sukanek State Program Director

STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS-2001

Project Title-Best Pro Life

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. One of the oldest and still most successful methods of advertisement is the highway billboard. For a billboard to be effective it must be visible, attractive and short and to the point. Our council is fortunate enough to have our own billboard that is located on a major highway in our area. Department of Transportation statistics show an average of 18,000 cars that pass it daily, or more than 6,000,000 yearly. While this sign has been erected for about five years it is just recently that we had a custom sign made. A vinyl sign, measuring 12' by 25' displaying the simple message" All Life Is Precious" sends a fervent proclamation and announces to all the pro-life stance of the Knights of Columbus (see attached diagram). This sign was installed in early January 2001 and will remain till early April 2001 and because of its vinyl composition will be used many times over. If just one like is saved the \$700 cost will be well worth the money spent.

Project Title-Best Vocations

The need for financial support for vocations is well known among Knight's of Columbus. Our Council recognizes this need and is very involved in this concern. A brother Knight entered the Notre Dame Seminary over three years ago and our Council voted overwhelmingly to support his efforts with a donation of two hundred dollars per month.

Shortly after his admission this Brother Knight realized that a fellow seminarian was desperately in need of financial aid in order to continue his crusade for a vocation. The Seminarian I speak of is from Uganda, a very poor African nation. Without hesitation he brought this to the attention of our Council. In a unanimous vote our Council elected to support Godefry Okello in his calling to the priesthood in the amount of one hundred, fifty dollar per month. These commitments total \$4,200 per year along with our gift of \$1,200 to the Priest Education Fund, for a total of \$5,400 over the 2000-01 fraternal year.

Our Council is proud to support a seminarian who will return to our dioceses to do the Lord's work and even more proud to have helped with the education of a man who will return to the third world nation of Uganda as a priest to serve the underprivileged and bring them to the Lord's table.

Project Title-Best Church

Because this church community has grown so rapidly over the past three to four years, the need for a dedicated gathering space has become necessary. In addition, as a mission church, there were no facilities for our priest to stay over-night after celebrating a weekday evening mass. After considerable planning and with the congregation's approval a parish center with sleeping quarters and an office was approved. Starting in August 2000 members of this council stepped forward to provide leadership in the planning for and construction of this facility. A brother knight closely supervised each phase of the project. Contractors, subcontractors and volunteer labor were identified and scheduled to insure the project was kept on track. Materials had to be available when needed. After the initial building phase was completed, which included foundation work, framing, roof, brick and vinyl siding and sheetrock, the remaining work was to be completed by council members and other members of the church community. This included all of the interior and exterior trim, painting, installing plumbing fixtures, electrical appliances, cabinets, tile flooring, a large deck area and landscaping. When this project was completed February 2001, a 2632 square foot Parish Center was completed. Over 4300 hours of volunteer work (4000 hours were provided by members of this council) were involved in the completion of this most worthwhile project. The center was blessed by the Bishop at the end of February 2001.

Project Title-Best Community-Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is intended to aid disadvantaged citizens by arranging with various churches and organizations to provide and deliver hot meals. Our council's assignment is to deliver between 35 and 40 meals on the first Saturday of every month. Our long-time chairman coordinates this event by getting the necessary ingredients, containers, and client list, and planning the menu. He and his kitchen crew arrive early on Saturday morning to prepare for the 11:00 a.m. deliveries.

Delivery teams, consisting of Knights and their families, arrive before 11:00 am and receive their route assignments. We serve meals to both in-town and rural locations, including additional ones to needy or elderly individuals in our community, such as Knights and/or their widows. Our chairman adds these names to the delivery list upon recommendations made to him and at his own discretion. Deliveries are made regardless of weather conditions or the day happens to be a holiday.

Our Knights and their families relish this wonderful opportunity to bond with and serve the less fortunate of our community. Lasting friendships develop. Families report that the lessons of just one Saturday delivery are invaluable - a real eye-opening experience for all.

As an added bonus, our clients repeatedly offer favorable comments on the consistent quality of our meals, no doubt attributable to our excellent team that conducts this long-standing project. These compliments are but further endorsements of this worthwhile and most rewarding project.

Project Title- Best Council Program

The best council program for the 2000/2001 fraternal years by the brother Knights was a chalice presentation to a new priest. A fourth degree brother Knight of our council was ordained a priest May 2000. This brother Knight currently is serving as a Pastoral Priest with the Diocese of Biloxi. A ceremony was held in front of the Total Youth Ministry children and parents in which the brother Knight was presented with an engraved Chalice with a fourth degree Knights of Columbus symbol contained on its base. A Chalice blessing ceremony was conducted by our parish priest. The reverence that the Knights of Columbus hold for the Priesthood and the Eucharist was beautifully dually exhibited by this ceremony.

Project Title- Best Family -Fourth of July Picnic

What greater way is there to observe Independence Day than a family gathering? Charles Carroll, the only Catholic and last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence would have been proud of our Fourth of July celebration!

A very large number of families gathered to celebrate and enjoy the beautiful day. We planned a full day of activities, starting with swimming in the morning, and then we had smoked chicken with potatoes salad, baked beans and hot peppers. For the children, we had hamburgers and hot dogs and French fries - all this for the minimum charge of \$1.50 per person.

During the after-lunch rest period, we had an indoor cakewalk for the children. The prizes were made and donated by our ladies. After this rest period, we returned to the pool and participated in a variety of activities. For the adults, we had horseshoes, darts, dominos and bocce ball tournaments. For the children, we had games in the pool, including diving for dollars and the greased watermelon. A combination of Knights and older children took to the athletic field and became involved in a very high-spirited softball game.

After several hours on the old diamond, many came away with sunburn, sore muscles and bruised egos. As the day wound down, we had ice-cold watermelon to eat. When the sun began to set on this first Independence Day on the new millennium, we were treated to patriotic music by a group of our youth followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Over one hundred and fifty people enjoyed this day. The food was hot, the pool was cool, and the beer was COLD!

Man-hours 80 Brothers 60 plus 90+ family members and guests

Project Title- Best Youth Activity-Toys for Hospitalized Children

What could be worse for a child than being confined to a hospital room on Christmas? Not only is this an unpleasant circumstance for the child but also dampens the joyous Holiday spirit of the whole family. Our Council recognized the need to become involved in returning a little of the Holiday Spirit to these children and their families.

On Christmas Eve, 2000 ten Knights escorted Santa to the three local hospitals. Santa, with his bag full of soft and cuddly stuffed animals, walked through the hospital halls escorted by his helpers. He entered the room of each child in the adolescence ward and words cannot express the joy in the faces of the children upon seeing their unexpected guest. Not only where the children's spirits lifted, but in almost every case there were parents and relatives in the room. Santa's presence was enough to let each child know that they would not be forgotten on Christmas. Before departing he gave the hospitalized child a stuffed animal and in many cases gave one to a visiting brother or sister. A Christmas card was left with the parent so they would know that it was the Knights of Columbus who took the time to bring a little joy to their family on Christmas Eve.

This program not only required the valuable time of ten Knights on Christmas Eve but also, took several hours of phone calls to the hospitals, news media and shopping for gifts and cards. Every how and every dollar spent on this activity was rewarded with a child's smile.

Knight of the Year

This Knights of Columbus Council takes special pride in nominating for Knight of the Year a Brother Knight who has truly exemplified what the Knights of Columbus are all about. His service, leadership and dedication to the council, parish and community are truly an inspiration to everyone he comes in contact with. He has not only been very active in the Knights of Columbus but also the community. It is rare to see one person give so much of himself to others. We have listed many of the activities this Brother Knight is involved in.

Council

He presently holds the office of Chancellor and is our Community Activities Chairman. He is a member of our First Degree team. He is also the Color Guard Commander and a Trustee for the Fourth Degree Assembly. He actively participates on the Membership & Retention Committees. He has been active in the Knights of Columbus for 25 years. He has served as our Grand Knight for 3 years and had also served in that same capacity before coming to our Council.

Church

He is a Eucharistic Minister (Mass and Shut-ins), Vice-President on Pastoral Council and a Lector. He helps to maintain the Prayer Garden & Memorial to the Unborn and helps to maintain church grounds & facilities. He coordinates the activities of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and also coordinated the Parish's First Church Fair. He organized the collections for the Parish Christmas Basket and coordinated the setting up and clean up for the school October fest & Science Fair. He visits the sick and coordinates hospital visitations for the Lazarus Ministry.

Community

This Brother Knight donates his time to the Salvation Army and is the Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club Third District. He helps assist the Christian Food Mission - Meal on Wheels once a week. He puts on a monthly Birthday Party at the local Nursing Home and coordinates a Pot Luck Supper to benefit The Domestic Abuse Shelter. He coordinates the Monthly Arco Lane Food Distribution project. This project delivers much needed food assistance to the elderly every month. He took over our "Keep Christ in Christmas program" and Christmas Card Sales.

Youth

He has coordinated our Annual Easter Easter Egg Hunt. He has invited the Squires over to his house on many occasions to camp out and have a Fishing Contest.

Family

This Brother Knight has always helped to coordinate the Parish Mardi Gras Party, the Parish Christmas

Party and the Annual Life Chain. He is usually always there anytime there is any parish family event-taking place. He started and is involved in the Monthly Pancake Breakfast to provide assistance for two seminarians. This activity has become a family event and provides our parish a chance to engage in fellowship every month.

Our entire Council is very proud of this Brother Knight. He is always eager to serve his Council, Parish and Community. He is constantly reminding us that the Knights of Columbus are "the right arm of the Church". This nominee is truly worthy to receive the honored title of "Knight of the Year".

Family of the Year

Our 2001 Family of the Year candidates have been, since the formation of our Council some of the most active members in our Council. This family is a retired couple and they spend as much time on Knights of Columbus work as they would on a regular job. As purchasing agents for our council, as well as for our parish, our candidate had to forgo an assignment on the parish finance committee this year. The mileage that this couple covers in a year, finding the best prices and good deals for our council, is simply awesome. If our couple has a fault, it would be a statement made by a detractor, that they favor the church too much. I think of this more as a positive than a negative.

Our Knight candidate is presently serving as our third year trustee, and also as our inside guard. He is our admissions chairman, and is personally responsible for our gaining at least ten new council members. He not only approached the new people to solicit their membership, but also has been active as an interviewer on our admissions committee. He is a charter member of our council, here from the beginning.

Our candidate is a member of the fourth degree, and has recently purchased his regalia for honor guard duty. He has been responsible for the admission of six new members to our fourth degree ranks.

Our candidate's wife has been active in our ladies auxiliary, and is one of the founding members of that organization. She is a tireless worker on any and all fundraisers we hold. She has initiated a program whereby the ladies auxiliary has a weekly sewing bee at different members homes to supply stuffed animal toys for sick children at our area hospitals. Our candidate wife initiated our St. Joseph altar and takes the lead in the baking of many of the items for the altar. She also manages to get the help of her children and even people that are not members of the ladies auxiliary to help in this endeavor.

Our candidate family serves as Eucharistic ministers for our parish. Also, they purchase donuts and make coffee every Sunday for our parish after Mass coffee and donut social. Many times the voluntary donations cup does not cover the expenses involved in this undertaking.

It has been stated many, many times that no one would want to do the job this Knight and his family do for the parish, from the purchasing to the time expended to the monies that are freely contributed to each and every cause. Our small council would be hard pressed to accomplish all that it has in the past few years without this couples tireless efforts.

This candidate family took it upon themselves to collect the monies needed for the erection of a headstone monument in honor of the aborted, unborn children. They took on the legwork of finding a suitable headstone and then oversaw the installation of the monument.

Our candidate family has been in charge of our 'Mental Retardation Tootsie Roll Drive' since the inception of our council. In a small council of less than forty members, with an average of less than 30% working members or approximately 12 to 14 workers; we have been best in the State of Mississippi with our per member collections for the past two years. This is a testament to our candidate family's drive and dedication.

This family has been lucky enough to win one of the one hundred 'Family of the Month's statues that Supreme gives away each month. They have actually won it twice, so we like to think this is a sign that they must be a favorite family.

Ceremonial Director's Report (from 96th State Meeting, April 2000) Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you this year as State Ceremonial Chairman. We have great participation by brother knights who witness the degrees, and all degree teams, First, Second, and Third do a very professional job at instilling the principles of our Order to our newest members. The effectiveness of our degree work impacts our membership both in growth and retention as well as the active participation of our members in our charitable works.

I wish to thank those councils who have stepped up and have accepted their fraternal obligation of hosting or co-hosting major degrees, and the members who take the time to learn and deliver their parts in all degrees in a very professional manner. I also wish to thank the district deputies who do a very professional job at attending and documenting the degrees. I realize sometimes the paperwork is cumbersome, but it is much appreciated.

July - December 1999 Third Degrees

Six major Exemplifications were scheduled for the first six months of this fraternal year. Five were conducted. Of the five conducted, three were performed on Saturdays, two were performed on Sundays. It was noted that attendance from both the number of candidates as well as the members witnessing the Degrees was noticeably different. I do not believe it was due to geographic location because it was evident on the coast as well as in the north region of our state. Saturdays seemed to draw less candidates and members than the Sunday Degrees. Especially on the coast where the classes are typically 30+, the count on Saturdays was in the low to mid teens.

The main reason for the Saturday degrees was to avoid conflicts with parish facilities used for religious education and other parish events held on Sundays. I'm not suggesting we change anything in future degree dates. But we do need to watch the attendance level to see if this trend continues. We want to be reasonably sure that there will be enough support and attendance from the surrounding districts (that means more than the district where the degree is hosted) that the event is at least a breakeven financial venture for the host council.

January - March 2000 Third Degrees

As with the first half of this fraternal year, six major Exemplifications are scheduled for the remaining six months. However, we recently cancelled a degree in the northern region due to lack of potential candidates. Hopefully this will not become a trend.

Third Degree Teams

Both state teams, the team based in Greenwood as well as the one from Pascagoula have performed exceptional this fraternal year. They are always looking for new members, so please encourage brothers from the respective surrounding councils to consider joining. I promise that it is a very rewarding experience to be part of a team.

Ok Jackson/Vicksburg Area......it is time someone took the bull by the horn and started a Degree Team for the central region. Let's take a baby step and shoot for a certified Second Degree Team. It only takes four members. I commit to assist (including driving up for practices) if someone would just get us off dead center and get at least four brothers to commit to learning the parts. It would really be a boost membership in the area as well as offset some of the cost of a major Degree. It is a win-win situation. This is long overdue for the central region.

Besides our two in-state teams, we have worked out reciprocating agreements with neighboring Third Degree Teams from Memphis and Mobile. The State Deputy has the option to request one of these teams if there is a conflict with the team scheduled to perform the Degree or if it makes good business sense to use a "closer" team. Let me emphasize though that we are not trying to limit the use of our instate teams. Because the agreement is reciprocating. If we use one of their teams, they in turn schedule one of ours. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by our State Deputy. Our first and foremost obligation is to use our in-state teams.

Let's continue to ensure that our Order grows with strong Catholic men and their families and that we spread Columbianism in our State beginning with our Ceremonials. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD State Ceremonial Director

Ceremonial Director's Report Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD

Worthy State Deputy,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and my brother knights again this year as your State Ceremonial Chairman. We continue to have great participation by brother knights who witness the degrees, and all degree teams, First, Second, and Third, do a very professional job at instilling the principles of our Order to our newest members. They stack up to the best in our Order. I sincerely believe the effectiveness of our degree work impacts our membership both in growth and retention as well as the active participation of our members in our charitable works.

I would again like to thank those councils who have stepped up and have accepted their fraternal obligation of hosting or co-hosting major degrees, and a special thanks to the members who have taken the time to learn and deliver their parts in all degrees in a very professional manner.

From July 1 through December 31, 2000, six major Exemplifications were scheduled and conducted. Five more have been conducted since January 1, 2001. And two more are scheduled between now and the end of this fraternal year, June 30, 2001. Our most recent major exemplification was held April 7, in Laurel, MS. PSD John Pat Myers stated that it was the first time a Second and Third Degree was performed in Laurel. At least for the last 60 years that he knew the history on.

Brothers, in my opinion, this is an unacceptable statistic. Every council should have the opportunity to host a Second and Third Degree. Those councils that have hosted these degrees will tell you it ignites a fire in their members, old and new. It renews their spirit of Columbianism. It reunites them.

I wish to call your attention to Resolution Number 7 which I solicit your support in adopting. This resolution will allow every council the opportunity to consider hosting a Second and Third Degree without the threat of a financial loss. It will also put the accountability of scheduling, coordinating, and underwriting these degrees with the State Council, which has the ultimate responsibility for these degrees by Supreme's By-Laws. I pray that you vote in favor of this resolution.

On the subject of Degrees, I recently received a letter from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, acknowledging the fact that changes in our lifestyle and society are limiting the amount of time we can devote to our Order. To this end, he has officially agreed to allow the conduction of the First, Second, and Third Degrees on the same day. In fact, I will quote our Worthy Supreme Knight. "Therefore, at the recommendation of the Ceremonials Committee of the Board and in the best interests of the Order, I hereby advise State and District Deputies that they may schedule First, Second, and Third Degrees, in whatever combination circumstances may dictate, on any given day."

Finally I would like to salute our Degree Teams and their members. On behalf of our Jurisdiction, I would like to extend my appreciation to these men who spend many hours practicing and traveling to different locations to put on First, Second, and Third Degrees. Supreme has sent me these beautiful cards for each team member signifying that he is certified as a member of certain degree teams of our Order. I will hand these out to the District Deputies to pass on to the Grand Knights for final distribution. If I have missed someone, please notify your District Deputy and I will gladly order more from Supreme.

The future of our degree work looks very promising. With more and more brothers willing to learn parts, all of our teams appear to be in a state of growth. In fact, at last year's convention, I challenged the Jackson/Vicksburg area to start a Second Degree Team. I am happy to report that several men have accepted the challenge and are in the early stages of forming a new Second Degree Team.

Besides our two in-state Third Degree teams, we continue to have reciprocating agreements with neighboring Third Degree Teams from Memphis and Mobile. This proves that there are no jurisdictional lines that divide our fraternity.

Brothers, let's continue to ensure that our Order grows with strong Catholic men and their families and that we spread Columbianism in our State beginning with our Ceremonials. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD State Ceremonial Director

Ceremonial Committee Report

The Ceremonial Committee met on Saturday, April 21, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. In attendance were: Paul Patak, Council #10901
Carl Muse, Council #12166
Curba Merrill, Council #11904
Harvey Caldwell, DD #3
Robert Boney, DD #5
John Leonhard, Council #11995
Raymond Tanet, Council #11956
Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD

The committee discussed at length the status of degree work in the Jurisdiction and proposes the following recommendations:

- 1. The Committee supports the adoption of Resolution Number 7.
- 2. The Committee endorses our Supreme Representative, Lou Barbour's recommendation regarding the scheduling of one First Degree per month per District.
- 3. The Committee also respectfully requests that Brother Barbour check on the status of a resolution adopted at our 1998 convention regarding revising the Third Degree ceremonials.

Respectfully submitted, Guy S. Todaro, Jr. Ceremonial Chairman

STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS REPORT

Again it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your state Council Activities Director, for the years 2000-2001.

During the year I attended three (3) midwinter meetings and organizational meetings, during these meetings my main concern was for the State Council Activity, that seems to have all but disappeared, this time old traditional activity seems to have run it's course for whatever reason. And that is our state soft ball tournament. After a few futile tries to get some councils interested in hosting a tournament, including my own council, there wasn't enough interest shown.

At all the midwinter meetings that I attended I spoke to the assembly of Grand Knights and various officers about the state soft ball tournament and it's lack of interest and they all seemed to agree that there wasn't enough interest by the local councils to continue to support a state softball tournament.

My next proposal is to replace the state softball tournament with a state golf tournament to be hosted by any local council wishing to do so. This golf tournament should not be confused with the state convention golf tournament.

I am in the process of a drawing up a resolution to present at the 2000-2001 state convention to change the state softball tournament to a state golf tournament.

I am again requesting that each council submit a council activity which it considers to be it's best, so that all other councils can get ideas for future programs and all can benefit from it.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert (Bob) Leo State Council Director

VOCATIONS REPORT

It is encouraging to know that there is an increase in the number of Councils supporting a Seminarian or Nun this year. Thirteen men and one female were supported by nine Councils and one man received support from one Squire Circle.

COUNCIL	DONATION	REFUND RECEIVED	М	F
554A Jackson 802 Meridian	500.00 3,850.00	100.00	1	
848 Jackson	500.00	700.00 100.00	2 1	
1522 Bay St. Louis 2180 Laurel	950.00 1,900.00	100.00 300.00	2	1
6872 Picayune 8848 Tupelo	1,050.00 550.00	200.00 100.00	1	
10901 Oxford	750.00	100.00	1	
11904 Lucedale	600.00	100.00	2	
	10,650.00	1,800.00	13	1
2852 Ocean Springs Circle	100.00	20.00	1	

Lets double or triple our efforts next year.

Respectfully submitted. John J. Maloney Vocations Chairman

STATE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

The community committee meet on 21 April 2001 at 1330 in the Holiday Inn, Lounge. We had very poor attendance, 4 of 7. Reasons for this are unknown, but this problem needs to be addressed.

The committee reviewed and voted on Best Community Activity project, Knight of the Year, and Family of the year.

The committee had no other concerns so we adjourned at 1440.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD E. GREENWOLD Community Director

State Youth Activities Director's Report - 2001

During the 2000-2001 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 mid-winter meetings held in the northern, central and southern part of the state and the pre-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 Awareness Poster Contest, KC Free Throw Championships and sponsorship of Columbian Squires Circles. I congratulate the State-level winners of the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest and their sponsoring councils. The winners are:

8-11 yr old	Drug Abuse Awareness	Mikey Arceo	Council 9543 Madison
12-14 yr old	Drug Abuse Awareness	Katie Hude	Council 1034 Natchez
8-11 yr old	Alcohol Abuse Awareness	Libby Spencer	Council 9543 Madison
12-14 yr old	Alcohol Abuse Awareness	Caitlin Huffines	Council 1034 Natchez

The winning posters from each age group and category are sent to Supreme for judging at the Supreme level. The winners of the State Free Throw Championships are listed in a separate report. 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

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: Sean Burns - Council #6592; Wade Ditcharo - Council #7915; Ron Kopacz - Council #8760; Dennis C. Louis - Council #8912; Anthony Moran - Council #9958; Joe Ryan - Council #10499; Mike Mitchell - Council 10901 and Robert Zeller - Council #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: sponsoring a Columbian Squires Circle, supporting the parish CYO, supporting boy/cub scouts, providing training for alter servers, mentoring students in afterschool programs, coaching or sponsoring youth athletic teams (baseball, soccer, basketball, etc.), sponsoring youth retreats, supporting parish youth religious education programs, supporting local Catholic High School or Elementary School programs, chaperoning youth dances or parties, and many more youth activities. We discussed the hardship on councils from small parishes due to the small number of youth in those parishes. We further discussed the need to tie youth activities in with other activities, i.e., vocations. 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

2001 State Free Throw Championship Report

The 2001 Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships were held on March 24, 2001, at St. Joseph High School Gymnasium in Madison. I want to thank host council 9543, Madison for their assistance with the Free Throw Contest. A total of 44 local or district winners representing many councils from across the state participated in this year's Championships.

Congratulations to our State winners:

•		GIRLS	
Champion	Age	Score (out of 25)	Council Represented
Holli Smith	10	11	7915 Brookhaven
Amanda Barrios	11	13	7211 Lumberton/Poplarville
Charita Hilliard	12	7	9094 D'Iberville
Mattie Smith	13	16	1034 Natchez
Lauren Biggert	14	18	8285 Jackson
		BOYS	
Champion	Age	Score (out of 25)	Council Represented
Aaron Diaz	10	11	9094 D'Iberville
Mycah Pleasant	11	20	5654 Ocean Springs
Justin Davis	12	12	8285 Jackson
Justin Fanguy	13	17	11956 Columbia/Tylertown
Philip Thornton	14	21	2134 Greenville

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

Annual State Convention 2001 Financial Secretaries' Meeting 04/21/2001

Chaired by:

George Walston, FS Meridian, Council 802

Subjects Discussed: Retention

Withdrawal Cards

Suspensions - Importance of Timeliness to Councils

FSPC Program

Training of New Financial Secretaries, or lack thereof

As is common to these meetings the two main topics of discussion seemed to center around retention and the lack of training for new Financial Secretaries.

The requirement for allowing the withdrawal of a member was discussed, along with the importance of suspending a member if his dues are not paid and it appears that he is no longer interested in remaining a member of our order. The importance of personal contact by members of the retention committee with members who are about to be suspended was also stressed by those present.

The financial secretary program (FSPC) was discussed and the point was made that, if put to its best use, it can serve several council committees, not just the Financial Secretary.

Training of new Financial Secretaries was again brought up, as it has been for the last several years. So far, to the best of our knowledge, there has been no action taken by the State Council to start a training program. Former FS, Dennis Riecke and current FS, George Walston, Meridian 802, discussed the possibility of putting together a package for new Financial Secretaries that would go a step further in enlightening them as to their duties.

The Supreme Representative, Lou Barbour, spoke to the group briefly about things that were happening at Supreme to update the way things are done, and he also gave several names of people at Supreme who would be more than willing to help answer questions for Financial Secretaries, new or old.

There were twenty-one Financial Secretaries from councils across the state represented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

George B. Walston, FS Meridian, Council 802

State Convention Committee

Larry Tabor (chairman), John Ward DD #9, Jerry Roberts #898 Vicksburg, Larry Campbell #7120 Southaven, Larry Bellapanni #1908 Hattiesburg, and Steve Simereaux, Madison

Recent convention history has indicated that the current registration fees for convention attendance is unsatisfactory to support the convention standards we expect. The present average fee of \$50.00 / person compares to a cost of \$73.00 / person. This requires the host council to raise over \$10,000.00 above and beyond fees to cover the cost of convention center, lunches, dinners, committee meeting facilities and guest rooms. Southaven lost over \$6,000.00 and the 14 council gulf coast team will loose \$2,500.00. It is this committee's recommendation that the state council consider an increase in convention fees to accommodate the rising cost of hosting a state convention.

Recorded by Jerry Roberts

Good of the Order Committee Report

The Good of the Order Committee met at 1:30 in the ballroom at the Biloxi Holiday Inn Express. Sate Chairman John Szymonik was not in attendance. 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:

- This year's committee repeated last year's suggestion that the State Good of the Order Chairman should work towards opening a direct line of communication with the council lecturers. One way to do this is by way of a periodic article in the Knightline to provide current information and provide a method of communication.
- Because of a lack of input for the committees at the convention, the committee recommends that the State officers consider notify the councils which committees their delegates will be assigned to prior to the convention starting. In this way the delegates can do research
- 3. Councils throughout the State should consider forming a sick and bereavement committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide councils with the means of visiting the sick and their family members in the hospital and at home as representatives of the K/C. It should be noted that many councils throughout the state have already done this.
- 4. The lecturer/good of the order chairman in each council should gather birthdays and anniversaries of all members in their councils for sending congratulatory cards. This will help fraternalism and possibly entice an inactive member to return.

Respectfully Submitted, Gerald Schmuck, DD #10, 12271 Seabee Base Gulfport William Jarret Council 1908 Jim Glover Council 2969 Bill daly Council 6872

Keep Christ in Christmas

State Report

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was another great success. Sixteen councils took part in selling 1075 boxes of cards. Several councils put up billboards and signs promoting the true meaning of Christmas. Since 1989 there have been 7.5 million spiritual messages distributed by the Knights of Columbus order wide. Over \$1,500,000 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 would 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

Brother Knights:

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the report of State Treasurer Rich Lieding, which covers the period of April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001.

This review consisted primarily of an examination of receipts and disbursements occurring during the year, a comparison of revenue and expense balances with previous year amounts and a cursory examination of the general ledger, bank statements, canceled checks, deposits and invoices. This review is substantially less in scope than an audit.

Based upon our review we are not aware of any material changes that should be made to the state treasurer's report nor are we aware of any significant problems with the supporting records.

Respectfully submitted,

Knights of Columbus Audit Committee:

Bradley D. Burden, CPA - Chairman

It is the recommendation of this committee that an independent audit be performed at least every time that a new treasurer is elected and records are transfered.

Thomas Bryant
Glenn Waguespack
Tom Chady
David Breaux
Leon Shapley
Ronald J. Ola
Buddy Honeycutt
Acting Chairman

State Mentally Handicapped Report

To: State Officers, District Deputies and Grand Knights From: Bradley D. Burden, State Mental Retardation 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 72,000 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 \$89,170 with about 65% of our councils participating. However, this was about \$8,000 less that the 1999 drive.

We want to recognize the councils making outstanding contributions this year. The council with the largest net donation is once again Tupelo council # 8848 and the council with the highest net donation per member is again 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 2001 state program was introduced and the program booklets were distributed by mail to the councils in March. 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 2000, please consider doing so in 2001. We had several councils that participated in 1999, that did not choose to do so in 2000, and we ask them to please consider returning to the fold.

This year we ask you to use the week of May 14th through May 20th 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 18th and Saturday, May 19th.

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.H. Disbursement forms are available. 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 in this year's drive!

Fraternally yours,

State Mental Retardation Chairman

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Knights of Columbus Foundation Report on Receipts and Expenses 2000-2001 Year

Checking Account:

Beg. Bal. 4/1/00	\$49,948.71
Receipts Checks	89,329,38 67,675.63
End. Bal. 3/31/01	\$71,602.46
Savings Account:	

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Beg. Bal. 4/1/00			\$33,811.73
Receipts Checks			506.79 0.00
End. Bal. 3/31/01			\$34,318.52
TOTAL BANK BALANCES	as of 3/31/01		\$105,920.98
Outstanding Deposits			3,972.93
Outstanding Checks:			
# 2603 # 2606 # 2607 # 2608 # 2609 # 2610 # 2611	Council 7910 Council 10216 Council 10216 Council 10216 Council 8038 Council 8038 Council 848	3/30/01 3/30/01 3/30/01 3/30/01 3/30/01 3/30/01 3/30/01	1,435.13 830.50 830.50 830.50 2,134.17 500.00 1,100.00
# 2612 # 2613	Council 848 Council 848	3/30/01 3/30/01	600.00 1,379.18

9,639.98

TOTAL BOOK BALANCE as of 3/31/01 \$100,253.93

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDATION 2000 PROGRAM REPORT

Council	Council Name	Audit Report	Dist. Report	Income	Members	Income Per Member	Council Distribution	State Distribution	Matching Europa	Total
										1144
848	Jackson	Y	Y	3,000.00	86	34.86	2,250.00	750.00	0	2.250.00
1034	Natchez	Y	Y	581.54	201	2.89	436.16	145.39	0	436.16
1244	Bilani	Y	Y	2,776.07	403	6.89	2,082.05	694.02	0	2.082.05
1908	Hattieeburg	Y	Y	5,768.66	105	54.94	4,326.50	1,442,17	0	4,326.50
2134	Greenville	Y	Y	1,588.00	147	10.67	1,176.00	392.00	0	1,176.00
2180	Laurei	Y	Y	1,700.00	109	15.60	1,275.00	425.00	0	1,275.00
4898	Long Beach	N	Y	0.00	145	0.00	0.00	0.00	٥	0.00
5267	Greenwood	Y	Y	3,117.87	70	44.54	2,336,40	779.47	0	2,336.40
6555	Shelby	Y	Y	950.32	40	23.76	712.74	237.58	0	712.74
6872	Piceyune	Y	Y	5,892.92	88	66.97	4,419.69	1,473.23	0	4,419,69
7087	Klin	Y	Y	1,300.00	46	28.26	975.00	325.00	0	975.00
7211	Lumberton	Y	Y	500.00	84	5.96	375.00	125.00	٥	375.00
7854	Clinton	Y	Y	1,550.00	79	19.62	1.162.50	387.50	0	1.162.50
7910	Orange Grove	Y	Y	3,780.50	117	32.14	2,820,38	940.13	0	2,820.38
7915	Brookheven	Y	Y	6,969.00	75	92,79	5,219.25	1,739,75	ŏ	5,219,25
7974	Columbus	Y	N	480.70	45	10.24	0	0	ō	0
8038	Peeri	Y	Y	3,512.23	88	39.91	2,634.17	878.06	4.700.00	7.334.17
8848	Tupelo	Y	Y	10,140.45	163	62.21	7.805.34	2,536,11	0	7.605.34
8912	Corinth	Y	Y	3,544.30	42	91.53	2.883.23	961.08	2.162.57	5,045.80
9094	D'Iberville	Y	Y	3,652.70	102	35.81	2,739.53	913,16	0	2,739.53
9124	Gautier	Y	Y	1,076.07	126	8.54	807.05	209.02	ō	807.06
9409	West Billod	Y	Y	6,261.80	133	47.08	4,696.35	1.586.45		4.696.35
10216	Brendon	Y	Y	3,322.00	70	47.48	2,491.50	830.50	ō	2,491.50
10443	Grenede	Y	Y	963.75	32	30.74	737.81	245.94	ŏ	737.81
10499/5654	Ocean Springs	Y	Y	3,045,19	261	10.84	2,283,89	761.30	ŏ	2,283,89
10901	Oxford	Y	Y	1,000.00	112	8.93	750.00	250.00	ō	750.00
11904	Lucedale	Y	Y	625.19	49	16.84	818.89	206.30	ō	618.89
11934	Gluckstadt	Y	Y	628.71	44	14.29	471.53	157.18	ŏ	471.53
11958	Columbie/Tylertown	4	Y	4,422.13	46	98.13	3,316,60	1,106.53	ŏ	3,316.80
11995	West Harrison	Υ	N	1,283.16	38	33.77	962.37	320.79	ě	962.37
12166/1605	Peecagoule/Secred Heart	Y	Y	4,758.83	276	17.24	3,569,12	1,189,71	ŏ	3.569.12
12271	Gulfport (Seabee)	Y	Y	627.57	49	10.77	396.68	131.89	Ö	395.68
Totals				\$89,189.86			\$06,531.72	\$22,177.24	36,862,57	\$73,394,29

COUNCIL #	COUNCIL/ASSEMBLY/AUXILIARY	1953-1999	2000	1953-2000	
802	MERIDIAN	34,773.00	1,200.00	35,973.00	
802	1251 ASSEMBLY	2,450.00	100.00	2,550.00	
802	LADIES AUXILIRY	3,100.00	250.00	3,350.00	
848	JACKSON	30,005.00	1,000.00	31,005.00	
848	0554 ASSEMBLY	1,640.00		1,640.00	
898	VICKSBURG	65,750.00	4,000.00	69,750.00	
898	0558 ASSEMBLY	3,950.00	750.00	4,700.00	
1034	NATCHEZ	40,877.50	2,068.00	42,945.50	
1034	0559 ASSEMBLY	275.00		275.00	
	BILOXI	35,000.00	1,000.00	36,000.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	700.00	200.00	900.00	
	BAY ST. LOUIS	29,914.00		29,914.00	
	BAY ST. LOUIS	310.00		310.00	
	GULFPORT	69,759.00		69,759.00	
	BISHOP GUNN 055 ASSEMBLY	2,209.00	1,000.00	3,209.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	2,225.00	200.00	2,425.00	
	PASCAGOULA	138,795.00		138,795.00	
	0561 ASSEMBLY	400.00		400.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	2,025.00		2,025.00	
	HATTIESBURG	16,675.00	1,000.00	17,675.00	
	GREENVILLE	61,094.00	2,300.00	63,394.00	
	0555 ASSEMBLY	59,009.00	400.00	59,409.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	4,250.00		4,250.00	
	LAUREL 0583 ASSEMBLY 3788 SQUIRES CIRCLE LELAND CLARKSDALE PASS CRISTIAN LADIES AUXILIARY LONG BEACH 1719 ASSEMBLY LADIES AUXILIARY GREENWOOD 1589 ASSEMBLY CLEVELAND 1503 ASSEMBLEY OCEAN SPRINGS 2059 ASSEMBLY LADIES AUXILIARY SHELBY	23,845.00	1,800.00	25,645.00	
	0583 ASSEMBLY	1,700.00	100.00	1,800.00	
	3788 SQUIRES CIRCLE	721.00		721.00	
	LELAND	22,112.00	300.00	22,412.00	
	CLARKSDALE	30,570.00	1,000.00	31,570.00	
	PASS CRISTIAN	4,974.00	100.00	5,074.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	775.00		775.00	
	LONG BEACH	58,401.00	2,500.00	60,901.00	
	1719 ASSEMBLY	3,700.00		3,700.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	1,400.00		1,400.00	
	GREENWOOD	21,064.04	1,000.00	22,064.04	
	1589 ASSEMBLY	1,265.00		1,265.00	
	CLEVELAND 1503 ASSEMBLEY	14,450.00	1,000.00	15,450.00	
	OCEAN CORNEC	1,350.00	200.00	1,550.00	
	OCEAN SPRINGS 2059 ASSEMBLY	24,405.00	800.00	25,205.00	
	LADIES AUXILIARY	1,238.00		1,238.00	
	SHELBY	100.00	400.00	100.00	
	BASSFIELD	8,360.00	400.00	8,760.00	
	STARKVILLE	2,050.00	200.00	2,050.00	
	PICAYUNE	1,525.00	300.00	1,825.00	
	2227 SSEMBLY	32,925.00	3,455.00	36,380.00	
7087		1,000.00	E00.00	1,000.00	
	SOUTHAVEN	5,510.00	500.00	6,010.00	
7120	COUTTAVELY	6,113.00	900.00	7,013.00	

	2195 ASSEMBLY	1,620.00	300.00	1,920.00
	LADIES AUXILIARY	425.00	200.00	625.00
	LUMBERTON	37,820.28	770.00	38,590.28
	CLINTON	4,411.00	400.00	4,811.00
7910	ORANGE GROVE	1,870.00	150.00	2,020.00
	2347 ASSEMBLY	250.00		250.00
7910	LADIES AUXILIARY	200.00		200.00
7915	BROOKHAVEN	14,850.00	1,300.00	16,150.00
7974	COLUMBUS	2,375.00		2,375.00
8038	PEARL	2,129.00	175.00	2,304.00
8054	MCCOMB	8,220.00		8,220.00
8285	JACKSON-ST.THERESA	1,584.00	200.00	1,784.00
	HOLLY SPRINGS	2,550.00		2,550.00
8848	TUPELO	5,900.00	1,500.00	7,400.00
8848	2131 ASSEMBLY	800.00	250.00	1,050.00
8912	CORINTH	1,350.00		1,350.00
9094	D'IBERVILLE	2,886.00	500.00	3,386.00
9124	GAUTIER	3,474.00	500.00	3,974.00
9234	INDIANOLA	3,790.00	333,33	3,790.00
9409	WEST BILOXI	9,741.59	1,670.00	11,411.59
9543	MADISON	2,009.65	1,000.00	3,009.65
9673	WOOLMARKET	1,862.50	430.00	2,292.50
9958	LIZUNA	2,680.00	. 100.00	2,680.00
9958	2284 ASSEMBLY	510.00		510.00
9958	LADIES AUXILIARY	700.00		700.00
10216	BRANDON	2,450.00	1,000,00	3,450.00
10216	2269 ASSEMBLY	620.00	860.00	1,480.00
10216	LADIES AUXILIARY	50.00	000.00	50.00
10443	GRENADA	2,054.00		2.054.00
10443	LADIES AUXILIARY	75.00		75.00
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS - MSGR, KENNEDY	2,475.00	250.00	2,725.00
	OXFORD	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00
11541	ST. JAMES, GULFPORT	585.00	300.00	885.00
11654	WIGGINS	200.00	200.00	400.00
11904	LUCEDALE	300.00	200.00	300.00
11934	GLUCKSTADT	340.00		340.00
11958	COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN			0-0.00
	FR. PATRICK QUINN	400.00	300.00	700.00
12166	PASCAGOULA-SACRED HEART	200.00	140.00	340.00
12271	GULFPORT SEABEE BASE	225.00	140.00	225.00
12271	PASS CHRISTIAN-SACRED HEART	25.00	100.00	125.00
	ST. MARY	474.00	100.00	474.00
	STATE LADIES AUXILIARY	3,600.00	500.00	4,100.00
	INDIVIDUAL	3,735.00	721.00	4,456.00
	MISC	11,547.00	, 21.00	11,547.00
2347	FR.HENRY WADE-ASSEMBLY GULFPORT	100.00	100.00	200.00
	CHRISTOPHER FUND	.00.00	609.35	609.35
			300.00	009.33

1,019,201.56 44,448.35 1,063,649.91

REPORT ON THE BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

Most Reverend Bishop, Worthy Supreme Representative's, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers and Brother Knights.

I am please to announce that the receipts for this year's Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund totaled \$44,209.58 and brings our total contributions since 1968 to \$1,107,859.49. We are most grateful to the 40 Councils, 10 Assemblies and 4 ladies' auxiliaries plus individuals that made this year's program a success. This year's total contributions were just \$239.00 less than we collected last year. Last year total of \$44,448.53 was the largest raised since 1996 when collectively we donated to our bishops \$51,016.31.

It is still my firm conviction that with ever-increasing cost of seminary training, which is approximately \$20,000 per seminarian per year, that we need to make a concerted effort at increasing our level of giving. Our two dioceses together have 14 men in training and therefore, spend nearly \$300,000 annually to educate these young men. Brothers, only the ordained priests can provide us with the Eucharist. We must do all within our power to ease the burden for our two bishops.

I have several goals to propose. The first of these is that we commit as knights to have 100% participation from every council and assembly in our jurisdiction in the Gerow Memorial Fund. Secondly, I would hope that every council and assembly that donated last year would try to increase it's level of giving by a minimum of 15%. Since our new fraternal year is about to begin, we have ample opportunity to act now and plan now for events and activities that will make these goals possible. I was most gratified to receive several personal letters this year from brother knights explaining the unique and sometimes difficult circumstances they went through to make a contribution. Let me again commend everyone for the great effort.

I have another goal and challenge that I wish to place before you and that is: to max. out the Christopher Fund, which is an endowment program established by the Supreme Council in which the Mississippi jurisdiction is participating. We, as a state, may deposit with the Supreme Council a maximum of \$5.00 per member for every member in the state, which would be approximately \$30,000. The Supreme Council will match our contribution up to \$5.00 per member. This would mean that our Christopher Fund would be approximately \$60,000. The Supreme Council will manages these fund and is currently paying 8% annually on the total. Specifically, what I am proposing is that each council commit itself over the next 5 year to contribute \$5.00 per member. This could be done by donating \$1.00 per member per year over the next 5 years. Payments to the Christopher Fund would be in addition to contributions to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund. Checks to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund would be made out to the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund and given directly to each bishop based on which diocese the council or assembly or ladies' auxiliary or individual is domiciled. Checks to the Christopher Fund are remitted to the state treasurer who invest these moines directly with the Supreme Council. Several years ago by resolution, our jurisdiction earmarked earned proceeds from the Christopher Fund to be shared equally by each diocese for priest education.

Let me again remind you, brothers, that we can use our Knights of Columbus insurance program as an additional endowment for education of priest. When a member purchase a Knights of Columbus life insurance policy or any other life insurance policy and make the diocese owner or beneficiary of that policy, that the premium qualifies as a tax deductible contribution. At death, the dioceses would receive the death benefit. In several years, by participating in this way, we would create an endowment totaling several million dollars, and the earning only would be used to fund seminarian education. I encourage you to discuss this possibility with your council's Knights of Columbus field agent.

Gentlemen, the future is in our hands. We can accept these goals as ours and achieve them. It requires only our hard work and dedication. Let us pledge that we will keep alive the Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund and utilize the Christopher Fund to help serve the vocation needs of our 2 diocese, I look forward to many more productive years in this millennium.

May God continue to bless us all.

Respectfully Submitted.

Lawerence M. Campbell Priest Education Fund Chairman

BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

COUNCIL#		1953 - 2000	2001	1953 - 2001
802	Meridian	\$35,973.00	\$1,200.00	\$37,173.00
	1251 Assembly	\$2,550.00	\$200.00	\$2,750.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$3,350.00	\$250.00	\$3,600.00
848	Jackson	\$31,005.00	\$1,000.00	\$32,005.00
	0554 Assembly	\$1,640.00	\$100.00	\$1,740.00
898	Vicksburg	\$69,750.00	\$4,000.00	\$73,750.00
	0558 Assembly	\$4,700.00	\$750.00	\$5,450.00
1034	Natchez	\$42,995.50	\$1,034.00	\$44,029.50
	0559 Assembly	\$275.00		\$275.00
1244	Biloxi	\$36,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$37,000.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$900.00		\$900.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$29,914.00		\$29,914.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	\$310.00		\$310.00
1583	Gulfport	\$69,759.00	\$2,000.00	\$71,759.00
	0556 Assembly	\$3,209.00		\$3,209.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,425.00	\$100.00	\$2,525.00
1605	Pascagoula	\$138,795.00		\$138,795.00
	0561 Assembly	\$400.00		\$400.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$2,025.00		\$2,025.00
1908	Hattiesburg	\$17,675.00	\$2,000.00	\$19,675.00
2134	Greenville	\$63,394.00	\$2,800.00	\$66,194.00
	0555 Assembly	\$59,409.00	\$0.00	\$59,409.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$4,250.00	\$300.00	\$4,550.00
		\$620,703.50	\$16,734.00	\$637,437.50

BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

COUNCIL#		1953 - 2000	2001	1953 - 2001
2180	Laurel	\$25,645.00	\$2,100.00	\$27,745.00
	0583 Assembly	\$1,800.00	\$100.00	\$1,900.00
	3788 Squires Circle	\$721.00		\$721.00
2945	Leland	\$22,412.00	\$300.00	\$22,712.00
2969	Clarksdale	\$31,570.00	\$1,000.00	\$32,570.00
4472	Pass Christian	\$5,074.00	\$200.00	\$5,274.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$775.00		\$775.00
4898	Long Beach	\$60,901.00	\$3,750.00	\$64,651.00
	1719 Assembly	\$3,700.00		\$3,700.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00
5267	Greenwood	\$22,064.04	\$600.00	\$22,664.04
	1589 Assembly	\$1,265.00		\$1,265.00
5556	Cleveland	\$15,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$16,450.00
	1503 Assembly	\$1,550.00	\$200.00	\$1,750.00
5654	Ocean Springs	\$25,205.00	\$500.00	\$25,705.00
	2059 Assembly	\$1,238.00	\$200.00	\$1,438.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$100.00		\$100.00
6555	Shelby	\$8,760.00	\$300.00	\$9,060.00
6592	Bassfield	\$2,050.00		\$2,050.00
6765	Starkville	\$1,825.00	\$300.00	\$2,125.00
6872	Picayune	\$36,380.00		\$36,380.00
	2227 Assembly	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
7087	Kiln	\$6,010.00	\$300.00	\$6,310.00
7120	Southaven	\$7,013.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,013.00
		\$283,908.04	\$11,850.00	\$295,758.04

BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

COUNCIL#		1953 - 2000	2001	1953 - 2001
7120	2195 Assembly	\$1,920.00	\$200.00	\$2,120.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$625.00	\$200.00	\$825.00
7211	Lumberton	\$38,590.28	\$600.00	\$39,190.28
7854	Clinton	\$4,811.00	\$400.00	\$5,211.00
7910	Orange Grove	\$2,020.00		\$2,020.00
	2347 Assembly	\$250.00		\$250.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$200.00		\$200.00
7915	Brookhaven	\$16,150.00	\$1,500.00	\$17,650.00
7974	Columbus	\$2,375.00	\$300.00	\$2,675.00
8038	Pearl	\$2,304.00		\$2,304.00
8054	McComb	\$8,220.00	\$200.00	\$8,420.00
8285	Jackson St. Theresa	\$1,784.00	\$200.00	\$1,984.00
8760	Holly Springs	\$2,550.00	\$100.00	\$2,650.00
8848	Tupelo	\$7,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,400.00
	2131 Assembly	\$1,050.00	\$250.00	\$1,300.00
8912	Corinth	\$1,350.00	\$100.00	\$1,450.00
9094	D'Iberville	\$3,386.00	\$600.00	\$3,986.00
9124	Gautier	\$3,974.00	\$500.00	\$4,474.00
9234	Indianola	\$3,790.00		\$3,790.00
9409	West Biloxi	\$11,411.59		\$11,411.59
9543	Madison	\$3,009.65	\$500.00	\$3,509.65
9673	Woolmark	\$2,292.50	\$618.25	\$2,910.75
9958	Lizana	\$2,680.00	\$400.00	\$3,080.00
	2284 Assembly	\$510.00		\$ 510.00
		\$122,653.02	\$7,668.25	\$130,321.27

BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

COUNCIL#		1953 - 2000	2001	1953 - 2001
9958	Ladies Auxiliary	\$700.00		\$700.00
10216	Brandon	\$3,450.00	\$1,250.00	\$4,700.00
	2269 Assembly	\$1,480.00	\$2,269.55	\$3,749.55
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$50.00		\$50.00
10443	Greneda	\$2,054.00	\$500.00	\$2,554.00
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$75.00		\$75.00
10499	Ocean Springs	\$2,725.00		\$2,725.00
10901	Oxford	\$1,200.00	\$200.00	\$1,400.00
11541	Gulfport St. James	\$885.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,885.00
11654	Wiggins	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
11904	Lucedale	\$300.00		\$300.00
11934	Gluckstadt	\$340.00	\$400.00	\$740.00
11956	Columbia/Tylertown	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
11995	West Harrson		\$100.00	\$100.00
12166	Pascagoula	\$340.00	\$100.00	\$440.00
12271	Gulfport Seabee Base	\$225.00		\$225.00
12331	Pass Christian Sacred Heart	\$125.00	\$186.00	\$311.00
	St. Mary	\$474.00		\$474.00
	State Ladies Auxiliary	\$4,100.00	\$500.00	\$4,600.00
	Individual	\$4,456.00	\$100.00	\$4,556.00
	Misc	\$11,547.00		\$11,547.00
2347	Fr. Henry Wade Assembly	։\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
	Christopher Fund	\$609.35	\$1,001.78	\$1,611.13
	•	\$36,435.35	\$8,207.33	\$44,642.68
	Grand totals	\$1,063,699.91	\$44,459.58	\$1,108,159.49

Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund

Delegates assembled at the 96th Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council in Robinsonville, MS in April 2000 voted to establish a Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund. This fund will not require any funds from the Mississippi State Council. This fund will function the same way the Bishop R. Gerow Priest's Education Fund does. Councils can contribute money to the fund throughout the year for presentation to the Bishop of Jackson and the Bishop of Biloxi at our annual state convention. Our bishops will distribute the funds to prolife organizations selected by their respective Diocesan offices.

The fund provides an excellent way for councils, Knights and others to donate memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased Knights, family members, relatives, and friends. At the awards presentation at the Convention Banquet Dinner on Saturday night, Madison Council 9543 made the first donations to the fund. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Diocese of Jackson in memory of Knights Paul Fontana (8038), Henry Klaas (11934), Don Scott (1908) and Lisa Riecke. A \$100.00 donation was also made to the Diocese of Biloxi in memory of Knights Ted Knowles (1605), J. Lessie Ladner (4472), and Marilyn Pabon.

Councils should always make their checks payable to either the Diocese of Biloxi or the Diocese of Jackson and not the Mississippi State Council. These donations should be sent to the Memorial Prolife Fund Chairman for recording purposes. Each year all donations will be listed and acknowledged in the Memorial Prolife Fund Chairman's report in our annual convention minute book.

Donations should be sent to the chairman at the following address:

Miss. Memorial Prolife Fund Dennis Riecke, Chairman 605 Acorn Lane Brandon, MS 39047

Respectfully

Dennis Riecke Miss. Memorial Prolife Fund Chairman

Prolife Committee Report

The delegates comprising the prolife committee engaged in a live discussion covering several topics. First we discussed that being prolife means not just opposing abortion but respecting every stage and aspect of human life. It encompasses opposing assisted suicide, euthanasia, and the right to die advocates. One member reported that he heard a news story that reported many Catholics in California support euthanasia. We must remember that the teachings of the church consistently support the dignity of all life. When such issues arise in the media our clergy need to specifically relate these church teachings to those who may have forgotten them.

We discussed some of the prolife activities the councils had undertaken in the last year. Some thought that enthusiasm for prolife programs has been decreasing over the years. The prolife crosses were erected in the Jackson area and were very impressive. An important component of this project is good publicity to relate what the crosses represent and ask people to examine their conscious regarding the toll of abortion not just on the innocent infants but on the entire family, the community and society. Council 802 in Meridian placed a prolife tombstone in front of their council home. The Adoption Option Classic Golf Tournaments are another excellent activity but would they be as successful if the theme was the respect of the end of life issues such as assisted suicide and euthanasia? Council 802 has also placed prolife billboard panels obtained from the Supreme Council on the billboard that they own. Prayer services have been scheduled by the Fourth Degree at the tomb of the unborn which was placed at the Mississippi-Alabama highway rest stop on the coast. Council 8054 in McComb has been assisting the crisis pregnancy centers in town. Some councils have tried to get schools to show films to teenagers that depict the true costs and effects of abortion. Such films are available from the Supreme Council. Other good activities mentioned were Life Chains with signs where people gather in a public place to pray for prolife causes and Prolife Vigil Masses. If you can do nothing else, you can pray for a greater respect for human

The delegates believed that the prolife materials available from Supreme need to revised and updated to address the how the lack of respect for human life by children and teenagers can result in tragic incidents such as the school shootings in Littleton, Colorado; Pearl, Mississippi; Kentucky and elsewhere. Our prolife programs should be more closely linked to Pope John Paul II's "Culture of Death" teachings. Education is the key to combating lack of respect for human life. Parents, pastors and educators need to relate prolife and respect for life issues. Some delegates believed that a big problem was that parents are afraid to properly discipline their children for fear of lawsuits.

The delegates believed that since sex education instruction in schools focuses on the physical aspect of sexual relations, it is insufficient since moral issues are not discussed and explored. Such a narrow emphasis may merely encourage teenagers to engage in safe sex. Sex education should begin in the home and parents need to discuss the moral and religious issues associated with sex. Good school programs such as those in Monroe, Louisiana and at Pass Christian High School where senior boys and girls are paired as couples and given a baby doll to take care of help students comprehend the enormous commitment required to care for children.

Some of the delegates believed that doctors who assist in suicides are violating the Hippocratic oath which says doctors should comfort, soothe and support those in pain. People should die with dignity. Life is an eternity but being alive is only a part of life. None of us know how or where or when our life or that of our family members and relatives will end. So, it is very important that each family should discuss the end of life issues and decisions with each other so each members intentions can be respected and implemented if they are in a condition where they cannot specifically express them. Everyone needs to discuss under what circumstances they want their family members to end life support measures.

Another prolife issue concerns handicapped individuals. Jesus taught us to minister to all those in need. Our activities to help handicapped people show others that we are committed to supporting quality of life issues. Many people probably don't consider these as prolife activities.

The last topic we discussed, capital punishment, is a difficult one for many Catholics. The end result of it, an execution, results in a loss of life just like abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many people consider themselves prolife but favor capital punishment. Perhaps this is so because those sentenced to death have been convicted of violent crimes and are not innocent victims like aborted babies or those suffering from tremendous pain due to illness. They are fully responsible for their actions. The Catholic church advocates that respect for life is "a seamless garment" from conception until natural death. In the past the Catholic church has held that capitol punishment was necessary if there was no other way to protect society from such evil, violent individuals who pose a threat to other members of society. With the advent of life in prison without the chance of parole sentencing, society is protected from these individuals and thus execution is no longer necessary. It is a difficult issue as people cite Old Testament bible verses such as "an eye for an eye" demanding revenge and equal punishment. Victim's families believe executions are necessary for proper punishment. There is nothing society can do to bring back their loved ones and short of this there is really no restitution. Does one death sanction or justify another? Under what circumstances are we justified in taking another life? Most of us would agree that such dire actions are only justified if our own life or that of a family member is in imminent danger. Our church teaches that only God can create and take life. It is a difficult issue that we can only discern through much prayer and careful consideration.

In conclusion we said a prayer for our State Prolife Couple, Antoine and Betty Otto who could not be with us due to health problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Riecke, DD#5, Acting Chairman Dr. Luis Borrell, DD #4 Leonard Nahlen, Council 4898 Robert Boney, Council 1244 Fred Roquemore, Council 7854 John Leonhard, Council 7910 Les Jordan, Council 8054 Rhett Maynard, Council 11995 Ronald Ola, Council 5267 John Czarnetsky, Council 10901

New Council Development

Unfortunately my duties as District Deputy required much of my time so I had little to devote to fostering the establishment of new councils. My past involvement in the development of new councils when I served you as State Membership Director taught me that three things are imperative to the formation of a new council. First of all, success depends on whether you have one or two men in a parish that really desire to help form a council by talking to other parishioners and encouraging them to join. Secondly, the pastor must either encourage, support or allow the effort to begin. Thirdly, the District Deputy must organize the formation steps and be actively involved and supportive.

This was especially evident in Dedeaux, where those essential factors were represented by our Worthy State Chaplain, Fr. Dennis J. Carver. Fr. Dennis enthusiastically encouraged the men of his parish to consider forming a council. He felt that those men needed an organization to help them become more involved in their church and community. The effort grew slowly, more so than he anticipated but in September 1998 over 30 men were inducted into our order as a First Degree Exemplification was held in Scared Heart Church. Council 12331 had been formed with C. J. Malley serving as Grand Knight.

In the last few years several new councils have been formed from round tables. I believe that we should renew our efforts to explore locations and opportunities to form round tables. When they are guided by the host council and have a solid activity program, they often grow into councils. Small parishes are often very cohesive and because of their size, a history of cooperation and devotion exists among the men of these parishes. These are excellent qualities for the establishment of round tables.

Few men join our order without contact from a Knight. We must ask them and personal contact is the best way to do this. By this I mean that a mere letter will not suffice. You must talk to them in person or on the phone. There are inactive and former Knights in every parish in the state. I encourage each Knight to consider approaching the pastor of a church in your area and discuss whether he would allow someone to come speak in his parish about the Knights of Columbus. Once again, we must personally approach them.

I believe that new council development can be very successful if we adopt a comprehensive effort. It was my intention to send a fact sheet, introductory letter and questionnaire to the pastor in each parish that did not have a round table or council. Unfortunately my other duties did not permit this but I think it should be pursued in the future.

It is indeed disappointing that the largest parish in the Diocese of Jackson, St. Richard's in Jackson does not have a council. Letters were sent to the pastor and an informational meeting date was published in the bulletin. Due to the existence of many groups and programs, meeting space is limited. A decent organizational effort never materialized for various reasons, one being the lack of consistent effort on my part. A Knights of Columbus Council is a type of ministry that the parish has never had and perhaps the value of such is not fully realized. My involvement with the effort to begin a council there leads me to the conclusion that the effort must come from the men in that parish. If a group of men in the parish show sufficient interest and band together the effort will

proceed. Future efforts at St. Richard's will employ this approach and I believe it will be successful.

I regret that I was not able to spend the time necessary that this position required to be successful and that our jurisdiction fell one council short of attaining its new council development quota of two new councils.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Riecke

Public Relations Committee Report

The Public Relations Committee met at 1:30 p.m. At the Holiday Inn Express with a general discussion on ways to increase the Knight of Columbus visibility in the community.

- The purchase of banners, tee shirts, ball caps, etc. with the council numbers and the Knights of Columbus logo to be displayed at every occasion possible.
- 2. Talk to CCD and RCIA classes.
- Participate in National holiday celebrations, drug awareness, pro-life, and essay programs.
- 4. Publicize council awards in local and Diocesan newspapers.
- Create and maintain a list of media contacts (radio, tv, news, publication phone, fax, and e-mail addressees)
- 5. Purchase promotional videotapes from supreme and show at open house functions

Respectfully submitted, Public Relations Committee

Daniel J. Lechner, State Warden Jospeh Jones, DD #2 Frank Polizzi, Council # 802 Thomas Wiltz, Council # 1244 Ron Cassagne, Council # 6872 Ken Lubbers, Council # 7120 Chris Mills, Council # 8912 Angelo Goundas, Council # 9409

2001 STATE CONVENTION MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee reviewed the mileage and per diem figures for the year's convention. As per Resolution # 5 passed by the delegates at the 96th Annual State Meeting held in Robinsonville, Ms in April of 2000, mileage is reimbursed at the rate of \$0.20 a mile one way. Past State Deputies receive no mileage allowance. Per Diem is paid at the rate of \$50.00 per day for two days.

The committee also discussed the twin problems of attendance at the business meetings and the rising expense of attending the annual convention. It was pointed out that the present mileage rate is adequate if gas prices rise to no more that \$4.00 per gallon. Carpooling was again encouraged. Also, the committee renewed the recommendation of the 2000 committee to require the delegates to attend a least the Saturday and Sunday business sessions to be eligible to receive their mileage and per diem reimbursements.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Lieding, Chairman Michael Bucciantine Paul Gospodarski Willie Jones Jerry Klecker Jesse Pope

State Officers	Name	Miles	Rate	Two Days per diem	Total
State Chaplain	Rev. Michael Nance	97	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$119.40
State Deputy	C. Bruce Pabon	4	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$119.40
State Secretary	Thmoas F. Chady	207	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$141.40
State Treasurer	Richard T. Lieding	165	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$133.00
State Advocate	Larry Tabor	0	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$100.00
State Warden	Daniel Lechner	0	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$100.00
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-	Norman L. Kiehm			\$100.00	\$100.00
	Marvin L. Lott *			\$100.00	\$100.00
	John Pat Myers			\$200.00	\$200.00
	Jesse J. Quinn.Jr	ъ.,		\$100.00	\$100.00
	Stanley M. Swentkowski	Paid as	1 Delegate		
	Tom Zettler			\$100.00	\$100.00
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District Deputies	Name	141	_		
District 1	James Leatherwood	Miles	Rate	Two Days per diem	Total
District 2	James W. Farris	355	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$171.00
District 3	Harvey Coldwell, III	355	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$171.00
District 4	Larry Miller	261	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$152.20
District 6	Joseph Jones	255	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$151.00
District 7	Ricky Warren	173	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$134.60
District 8	Michael J. Bucciantini	205	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$141.00
District 9	John R. Ward	78	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$115.60
District 10	Gerald E. Schmuck	12	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$102.40
District []	Robert Boney	12	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$102.40
District 12	Carl Brochard, Sr.	0	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$100.00
	can brochard, Sr.	4	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$100.80
State Chairmen	Names	Miles	Rate	Tura Davis V	
Membership	Joseph Goellner, Sr.	78	\$0.20	Two Days per diem	Total
Program	Peter Sukanek	316	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$115.60
Chruch	Randy Banks	0	\$0.20	\$100.00	\$163.20
Council	Robert Leo	Paid as a D		\$100.00	\$100.00
Family	Robert Barr	17	\$0.20	A 100.5-	
Youth	David Scott	170	\$0.20 \$0.20	\$100.00	\$103.40
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Council	Council Name	Miles	Rate	Allowance	Attending	Two Days per diem	Total
802	MERIDIAN	166	\$0.20	\$33.20	7	\$200.00	\$266.40
848	JACKSON	165	\$0.20	\$33.00	7	\$200.00	\$266.00
868	VICKSBURG	207	\$0.20	\$41.40	7	\$200.00	\$282.80
1034	NATCHEZ	205	\$0.20	\$41.00	2,	\$200.00	\$282.00
1244	BILOXI	0	\$0.20	\$0.00	7	\$200.00	\$200.00
1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	27	\$0.20	\$5.40	2	\$200.00	\$210.80
1583	GULFPORT	2	\$0.20	\$2.40	2	\$200.00	\$204.80
1605	PASCAGOULA	21	\$0.20	\$4.20	2	\$200.00	\$208.40
1908	HATTIESBURG	78	\$0.20	\$15.60	2	\$200.00	\$231.20
2134	GREENVILLE	182	\$0.20	\$56.20	2	\$200.00	\$312.40
2180	LAUREL	109	\$0.20	\$21.80	7	\$200.00	\$243.60
2945	LELAND	273	\$0.20	\$54.60	2	\$200.00	\$309.20
5969	CLARKSDALE	316	\$0.20	\$63.20	2	\$200.00	\$326.40
4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	22	\$0.20	\$4.40	2	\$200.00	\$208.80
4898	LONG BEACH	82	\$0.20	\$3.60	2	\$200.00	\$207.20
5267	GREENWOOD	261	\$0.20	\$52.20	2	\$200.00	\$304.40
5556	CLEVELAND	293	\$0.20	\$58.60	2	\$200.00	\$317.20
5654	OCEAN SPRING	4	\$0.20	\$0.80	7	\$200.00	\$201.60
6555	SHELBY	306	\$0.20	\$61.20	-	\$100.00	\$161.20
6592	BASSFIELD	108	\$0.20	\$21.60	2	\$200.00	\$243.20
6765	STARKVILLE	249	\$0.20	\$49.80	2	\$200.00	\$299.60
6872	PICAYUNE	19	\$0.20	\$12.20	7	\$200.00	\$224.40
7087	KILN	36	\$0.20	\$7.20	2	\$200.00	\$214.40
7120	SOUTHAVEN	355	\$0.20	\$71.00	2	\$200.00	\$342.00
7211	LUMBERTON	\$	\$0.20	\$12.80	7	\$200.00	\$225.60
7854	CLINTON	175	\$0.20	\$35.00	2	\$200.00	\$270.00
7910	ORANGE GROVE	17	\$0.20	\$2.40	7	\$200.00	\$204.80
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7915	BROOKHAVEN	155	\$0.20	\$31.00	7	\$200.00	\$262.00
7974	COLUMBUS	255	\$0.20	\$51.00	. 74	\$200.00	\$302.00
8038	PEARL	170	\$0.20	\$34.00	7	\$200.00	\$268.00
8054	McCOMB	137	\$0.20	\$27.40	· -	\$100.00	\$127.40
8285	JACKSON ST. THERESE	165	\$0.20	\$33.00	7	\$200.00	\$266.00
8760	HOLLY SPRINGS	346	\$0.20	\$69.20		\$200.00	\$338.40
8848	TUPELO	307	\$0.20	\$61.40	2	\$200.00	\$322.80
8912	CORINTH	355	\$0.20	\$71.00	7	\$200.00	\$342.00
9094	D'IBERVILLE	0	\$0.20	\$0.00	2	\$200.00	\$200.00
9124	GAUTIER	17	\$0.20	\$3.40	7	\$200.00	\$206.80
9234	INDIANOLA						
9409	WEST BILOXI	0	\$0.20	\$0.00	2	\$200.00	\$200.00
9543	MADISON	170	\$0.20	\$34.00	2	\$200.00	\$268.00
9673	WOOLMARKET	œ	\$0.20	81.60	7	\$200.00	\$203.20
9958	LIZANA	25	\$0.20	\$5.00	7	\$200.00	\$210.00
10216	BRANDON	174	\$0.20	\$34.80	L1	\$200.00	\$269.60
10443	GRENADA	270	\$0.20	\$54.00	2	\$200.00	\$308.00
10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	4	\$0.20	\$0.80	2	\$200.00	\$201.60
10901	OXFORD	316	\$0.20	\$63.20	2	\$200.00	\$326.40
11541	GULFPORT ST. JAMES	12	\$0.20	\$2.40	2	\$200.00	\$204.80
11654	FR. PAUL GILLIS WIGGINS	41	\$0.20	\$8.20	2	\$200.00	\$216.40
11904	LUCEDALE	56	\$0.20	\$11.20	7	\$200.00	\$222.40
11934	GLUCKSTADT	173	\$0.20	\$34.60	2	\$200.00	\$269.20
95611	FR. PATRICK QUINN	46	\$0.20	\$19.40	2	\$200.00	\$238.80
11995	WEST HARRISON	30	\$0.20	\$6.00	7	\$200.00	\$212.00
12166	SACRED HEART	21	\$0.20	24 .20	2	\$200.00	\$208.40
12271	SEEBEE BASE	12	\$0.20	\$2.40		\$200.00	\$204.80
12331	SACRED HEART	77	\$0.20	2.40	2	\$200.00	\$208.80

ADDRESS: Assistant to Supreme Knight Lou Barbour

As I travel throughout our various states, my love of our order is constantly renewed by the many wonderful brother knights, their lovely ladies and their family members who accomplish the many successful programs and charitable endeavors performed by each jurisdiction.

I often wonder after some of our meetings, conventions, "if we could only let our members know how important each of you are." I wonder if sometimes our council members "can't see the forest for the trees." We become so entrenched with our weekly, monthly and yearly activities we forget to notice or realize the impact we have on the church, our communities, and thousands of individuals.

If each member only knew how much his presence, or his lack of presence, means to his council, district, state council and order, as a whole.

The essence of membership, in the Knights of Columbus, is not just how many members you have. The real essence of membership in this order is what each member accomplishes with his wife and family through the council.

The essence of membership is the development of pride; it is a feeling that pushed us to want to recruit new members, so we can share the joy of what we have accomplished. It is a feeling that once instilled, will make us work harder at retaining members, because we not only need them, but we want them to again find that spirit they have lost.

The essence of membership is really very simple, let's look at what Mississippi accomplished last year. The essence of membership lies in the \$400,861 raised last year for charitable distribution; it lies in the 39,975 visits to the sick and bereaved; it lies in the 1814 blood donors; it lies in the 346,493 hours of volunteer service to the community; it lies in the 40,159 hours of fraternal service.

The essence of membership is something you can be proud of. It's the feeling you get when you attend a special Olympic event that is sponsored by the state, or that your council helped support. It's the feeling you get when working for Pro-Life; knowing that your prayers, your money, your involvement has helped to save one life, 100 lives, 1000 lives.... We will never know. It's the feeling you get with our support for vocations, our priests, our bishops, and our church. It's the feeling you get with your support of the mentally handicapped. All of these, and many other unreported acts, are the essence of membership; these alone should encourage every active member to want to recruit one more catholic man and his family to share in your success. And please do not think anything you do is for nothing.

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. And elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" The nobleman asked. "Yes" the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools. In time, he graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin .The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Yet is this enough? I will say no! Think about this, last year each member in Mississippi averaged \$67.37 for the charity work accomplished. When I visit with our councils and ask them to tell me what percentage of our members were active, they gave me an average of 25 percent, which means that each active member raised \$269.48 last year.

Think what this would mean if we could rekindle the spirit of our members who are inactive; think what charitable endeavors your councils could accomplish if our active members were 50 percent or 75 percent.

Last year Mississippi lost 177 members to suspension and withdrawal, and 101 members to death and transfer or 278 at \$67.37 per person, is 18,728.86. Think what an additional 18,728.86 could have done for vocations, special Olympics, Pro-Life, mentally handicapped.

The essence of membership is recruiting, retention, and increased involvement in your programs. Who will fill the void when a council is dissolved, when members are lost or pass away? The answer is right there in each of our hearts and in knowing that each of our members makes a difference:

"When we really believe this," then bringing in a new member is no longer an effort, it is simply a sharing of a joyful and wonderful experience, retention is no longer about the failure to pay dues, it is the reaching out to a brother knight and his family and rekindling his lost spirits, and reaching out to our inactive members is more than letting each of them know they are needed and how important they are to your council and our order.

Let me close with quote from Teddy Roosevelt:

While Daring Greatly

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. Due credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows great enthusiasm, great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that this place will never be with those timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

If you don't believe this, look around!

Thank you, for all that you are doing for Columbianism, and I hope you will get out and work a little harder. Just think what would happen if each district deputy would hold just <u>one</u> First Degree in his district during May and June. Just think about it! "Do it, do it now."

God bless each and every one of you!

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas,

The 2001 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 97^{th} Annual convention, and

Whereas,

The 2001 Convention Committee was comprised of Council 1522 Bay St Louis, 4472 Pass Christian, 5654 Ocean Springs, 7910 Orange Grove, 9094 D'Iberville, 9409 West Biloxi, 9673 Woolmarket, 9958 Lizana, 10499 E. Ocean Springs, 11541 St. James, Gulfport, 11654 Wiggins, 11995 West Harrison, 12166 Pascagoula, and 12271 Seabee Base.

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 councils for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Larry J. Tabor, State Advocate)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother Lou Barbour and his lovely wife Ceil have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Lou Barbour is the Worthy Assistant to the Supreme Knight for Fraternal Affairs, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council realize that Brother Lou Barbour's address at the Convention Banquet will be extremely informative and well received by

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Brother Lou Barbour and his lovely wife Ceil, and extends to them a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Larry J. Tabor, State Advocate)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thirty-Seventh Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Robinsonville, 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 during the 2001-2002 fraternal year,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved.

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Thirty-Eighth 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)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas,

The members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus have in the past participated in softball tournaments, and

Whereas,

There has not been a State Softball Tournament in the last three years due to lack of participation or waning interest,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Annual Golf Tournament for its membership. 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 golf tournament will give a report at the State Convention.

Be It Further Resolved,

This State Golf Tournament is not to be confused with nor take the place of the annual golf tournament held in conjunction with State Conventions,

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the appropriate golf association, suitable trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Robert J. Leo, State Council Director)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

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

(Submitted by Mississippi State Council)

Resolution to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION No. 6

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 98 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 the office of 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

Whereas

Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. has served two successful terms as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction and is now completing his second term as Immediate Past State Deputy, and,

Whereas,

Brother Guy S. Todaro, Jr. has continued to serve the Order with distinction, pride, and humility through his exemplary dedication and support of the programs of the Order and by his continual recruitment efforts,

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)

Resolution to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION No. 7

Whereas:

Section 118 (a) of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Order authorize the local Council to set initiation fees with certain exceptions, and

Whereas:

Resolution #12 from the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction approved an increase of the standard initiation fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00, and

Whereas:

Resolution #12 also established a breakdown of the \$20.00 initiation fee to be \$4.00 per candidate for the First Degree, \$6.00 per candidate for the Second Degree, and \$10.00 per candidate for the Third Degree, all of which goes to the local council, and

Whereas

In some areas of the Jurisdiction, because of geographic and travel limitations, Second and Third Degrees combined do not produce enough candidates to fairly compensate Degree Teams and councils who host these major Exemplifications, and

Whereas

Several Major Exemplifications have been canceled because of the forecasted financial loss to the host council due to lack of sufficient candidates to cover anticipated expenses, and

Whereas:

The Mississippi State Council believes that every man should become at least a Third Degree Knight (and hopefully a Fourth Degree Knight), and

Whereas

The Mississippi State Council also believes that it is not appropriate to expect or allow a local council a potential financial loss because of their willingness to host a Major Exemplification,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:

That effective July 1, 2001, \$16.00 of every \$20.00 initiation fee collected by the local councils be sent to the State Council to underwrite the cost of Second and Third Degree Initiations in the Jurisdiction.

Be It Further Resolved:

That in the spirit of unity and fraternity, the State Council encourages all councils within its Jurisdiction to consider hosting a Major Exemplification in the future.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Guy S. Todaro, Jr., IPSD, State Ceremonial Chairman)

Resolution to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convention Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION No. 8

Whereas:

Each year delegates to the Annual State meeting must spend the necessary time to nominate and cast ballots to elect the prime delegates and their respective alternates to the Supreme Council Meeting, and,

Whereas:

This process can be time consuming and somewhat confusing when considering how fatigued most delegates can be in the last business session, and the issue compounded when several ballots must be taken to fill the prime delegate and alternate positions, and,

Whereas.

In the past, these procedures have been carried out in several ways depending on the modifications made by motions from the floor, and,

Whereas:

Our convention delegates have expressed a desire to find a more expedient method to this process, and,

Whereas:

Our State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates, and the state must then currently elect one additional insurance member and two associate members as well as alternates for each of the five delegate positions, and,

Whereas:

Article VII, Section 6, of our current State By-Laws, states: "When the nominations for the delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so nominated shall be plainly written on the blackboard, and the delegates shall write on their ballot the exact number of names for the position to be filled, and shall cast the same in one ballot. The same procedure shall be followed in the election of alternates, who shall be designated in the order of their preference, according to the vote electing them, provided that only insurance alternates shall fill vacancies for insurance representatives."

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Article VII, Section 6, of our current State By-Laws should be amended to include (add) the following sentence "Those candidates who achieve the highest number of votes for the available insurance or associate delegate positions shall be elected to those respective positions and those candidates achieving the next higher number of votes for those prime delegate positions shall be the alternate delegates."

Recommendation: ADOPT

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Larry Tabor, State Advocate)

Resolution to the Delegates of the 97th Annual State Convection Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

Resolution No. 9

Whereas,

The Mississippi Jurisdiction hold it's annual meeting each year to satisfy the requirements stated in its by-lays, and

Whereas.

Host councils bid to host said conventions at no cost to the State and exercise their best judgment to provide adequate and expected requirements and amenities, and,

Whereas.

Current convection registration fees set at \$45.00 for the member and \$55.00 for a spouse or guest for a total package cost of #100.00 and,

Whereas,

Estimate costs for the 2001 convention is \$146.00 for the same package, which includes all meals, convention space rental, printing, and other related expenses, and,

Whereas

Host councils must aggressively initiate such additional income through program ad sales, raffles, and rebates to derive an expected convention income equal to expected cost, which may not always be the result, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the current registration fee for the member be increase to \$60.00 per person, and other functions, such as DD Luncheon, PSD Luncheon, Ladies Luncheon, etc., based on actual cost are to be additional fees collected by the host council.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by the 2001 Convention committee)

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