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State Deputy  
Mississippi State Council  
2004 State Convention Minutes**



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**Prayer for the Canonization of  
Father Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, Protector of the poor and defender of the widows and orphans, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandments of charity, and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then an "Our Father..." a Hail Mary...." And a Glory Be...")

Report all favors received to:  
The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild  
One Columbus Plaza  
New Haven CT 06510-3326

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting  
23, 24, 25 April 2004  
JACKSON, MS**

**Thursday, April 22, 2003**

- 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration for Supreme Representative, State Officers, Past State Deputies, State Directors, District Deputies, and Delegates
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. State Hospitality Room (Sponsored by the Woods Agency and the Mississippi Field Agents) – *Invitation ONLY* – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, Hall**

**Friday, April 23, 2003**

- 7:20 - 8:30 a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie** – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle**
- 9:00 – a.m. Golf Tournament
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **State Deputy's Suite**
- 10:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Crowne Plaza, Mezzanine**
- 10:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration– **Crowne Plaza, Mezzanine**
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. District Deputy Meeting -- **Board Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edison Walthall**
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION** – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**
1. Travel Cards Checked - State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
  2. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
  2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**
  3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Jim Lambert**
  4. Introduction of the Supreme Representative, Robert C. Stebler, Supreme Director, **Richard Lieding**
  5. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2003 Convention Minutes
  6. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received- State Secretary, **Larry Tabor** (District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Directors and Chairmen)
  7. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates - State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck**
  8. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report - Fourth Degree Master, **Jim Lambert**
  9. State Program for People with Mental Retardation Report - **James Farris**
  10. Distribution of Resolutions - State Advocate, **Peter Sukanek**
  11. Announcements of Committee Assignments - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**

**Friday, April 23, 2003 (continued)**

12. Announcements
  - a. Hospitality Rooms Must Be Closed During Business Sessions
  - b. Ladies Activities

- c. Youth Activities
- d. Credentials Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV**
- e. Resolution Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor V**
- f. Other Announcements
- 13. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

7:00 p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor I, II, & III**  
 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social (with cash bar starting at 7:00 p.m.)

- 1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
- 2. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance -- Fourth Degree Master
- 4. Welcome – **Mayor Harvey Johnson**
- 5. Response – State Secretary, **Larry Tabor**
- 6. Prayer – **Bishop Joseph Latino**
- 7. Meal (Blackened Catfish)
- 8. The First Century – **Dennis Riecke**
- 9. Awards to be Presented:
  - a. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards - State President, **Suzanne King**
  - b. State Bowling Tournament Awards – **Larry Burzer**
  - c. Keep Christ in Christmas Awards -- **Nat Zummo**
  - d. Poster Contest – **Joseph Jones**
  - e. State Mental Retardation Program Awards – **James Farris**
  - f. Squires Awards – **Jerry Roberts**
  - g. Insurance Agency Award – **Jerry Woods**
  - h. Family of the Month Awards – **Carl Brouhard**
  - i. Top Proposer Awards – **William Waggoner**
  - j. Top Gun Council Awards- State Membership Director, **William Waggoner**
  - k. Honor Council Awards - State Program Director, **David Scott**
  - l. Council of Excellence Awards - State Program Director, **David Scott**
  - m. Distinguished Council Awards - State Program Director, **David Scott**
  - n. Stellar Council Awards -- State Program Director, **David Scott**
  - o. State Deputy's Presentation

10:00 p.m. - Credentials Committee – Richard Lieding, -- **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV**  
 10:00 p.m. - Resolutions Committee – Daniel Lechner, -- **Crowne Plaza, Windsor V**

**Saturday, April 24, 2003**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass and Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives --,  
 Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Thomas Rodi as Principal Celebrant -  
 Necrology by State Chaplain Father Brian Kaskie – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle**

9:00 – 9:30 Registration – **Crowne Plaza, Mezzanine**  
 9:00 --10:00 Registration for Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Crowne Plaza, Mezzanine**



1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Jim Lambert**
4. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary, **Larry Tabor**
5. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney – PSD, **C. Bruce Pabon**
6. Address to the Delegates – **Most Reverend Joseph Latino, Bishop of Jackson Diocese**
7. Address to the Delegates – **Most Reverend Thomas Rodi, Bishop of Biloxi Diocese**
8. Address to the Delegates – **Robert C. Stebler, Supreme Director**
9. State Chaplain's Report - **Father Brian Kaskie**
10. State Deputy's Report – **Richard Lieding**
11. State Secretary's Report – **Larry Tabor**
12. State Treasurer's Report – **Daniel Lechner**
13. State Advocate's Report - **Peter Sukanek**
14. State Warden's Report – **Gerald Schmuck**
15. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Thomas Chady**
16. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - **C. Bruce Pabon, PSD**
17. General Agent's Report – **Jerry Woods**
18. State Vocations Report – **Bob Jones**
19. Colombian Squires Report – **Jerry Roberts**
20. Assignment of Meeting Rooms
21. Other Announcements
22. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

- 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Crowne Plaza, Warwick Room**
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Fairview Inn**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, Rectory**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, Hall**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (All others are on their own) **(848 Centennial BBQ: Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle parking lot)**

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. **CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS –**

1. Audit – Thomas Chady, IPSD – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**
2. Good of the Order – Ken Rains – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**
3. Ceremonials – David Scott, – **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**
4. Public Relations – C. Bruce Pabon, PSD – **Crowne Plaza, Churchill I**
5. State Convention – Gerald Schmuck – **Crowne Plaza, Churchill I**
6. Financial Secretaries – James Farris – **Crowne Plaza, Churchill I**
7. Membership – William Waggoner – **Crowne Plaza, Churchill II**
8. Council Activities – James Hill – **Crowne Plaza, Churchill II**

9. Community Activities – Richard Greenwold – **Crowne Plaza, Churchill II**
10. Church Activities – Robert Zeller – **Crowne Plaza, Winston I & II**
11. Family Life Activities – Carl Brouhard -- **Crowne Plaza, Winston I & II**
12. Youth Activities – Joseph Jones – **Crowne Plaza, Winston I & II**
13. Pro-Life Activities – Don Cox, Rob Hudson - **Crowne Plaza, Surrey I & II**
14. Mileage and Per Diem – Daniel Lechner - **Crowne Plaza, Surrey I & II**
15. Vocation Activities – Bob Jones - **Crowne Plaza, Surrey I & II**

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Jim Lambert**
4. Convention Committee Reports
  - a. Pro-Life – State Chairmen, **Don Cox/Rob Hudson**
  - b. State Program Activities – State Director, **David Scott**
  - c. Public Relations – **C. Bruce Pabon, PSD**
  - d. Membership – State Director, **William Waggoner**
  - e. Ceremonials – State Secretary, **Richard Lieding**
  - f. K of C Audit – **Thomas Chady, IPSD**
  - g. Mileage and Per Diem – State Treasurer, **Daniel Lechner**
  - h. Financial Secretaries – James Farris
  - i. State Convention – State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck**
  - j. Good of the Order – Field Agent, **Ken Raines**
5. Resolutions presented to the Delegates – State Advocate, **Peter Sukanek**
6. Announcements
7. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 6:00 p.m. | Cash Bar Open   |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dignitaries Assemble for Procession   |
| 7:00 p.m. | Doors to Banquet room opened -- <b>Crowne Plaza, Windsor I, II, &amp; III</b> |
1. Procession of the Dignitaries
  2. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
  3. Pledge of Allegiance -- Fourth Degree Master
  4. Prayer – **Bishop Joseph Latino**
  5. Meal (Prime Rib)
  6. Keynote Address by **Robert C. Stebler, Supreme Director**
  7. Awards Presentation
    - a. State Ladies Auxiliary Scrapbook Awards - State President, **Suzanne King**
    - b. Fourth Degree Awards, Sir Knight of the Year and Assembly of the Year – Fourth Degree Master
    - c. Membership Awards – State Membership Director, **William Waggoner**

- d. Best Newsletter Awards – State Program Director, **David Scott**
- e. Best Scrapbook Awards – State Program Director, **David Scott**
- f. Best Council Awards - Program Director, **David Scott**
- g. Best Pro-Life Project Award – **David Scott**
- h. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards – **David Scott**
- i. Best Vocations Project Awards – **David Scott**
- j. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **David Scott**
- k. Best Church Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- l. Best Community Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- m. Best Council Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- n. Best Family Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- o. Best Youth Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- p. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award – **Robert Fratesi, PSD**
- q. Special Presentations – State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
- r. Mississippi State Council, Knight of the Year Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- s. Mississippi State Council, Family of the Year Award - Program Director, **David Scott**

**Sunday, April 25, 2003**

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with **Bishop Joseph Latino** as Principal Celebrant – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle**
- 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. **FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION – Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**

- 1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
- 2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Jim Lambert**
- 4. Remarks
  - a. Bishop Joseph Latino
  - b. Bishop Thomas Rodi
  - c. Roger Stebler, Supreme Director
  - d. Fourth Degree Master – **Jim Lambert**
- 5. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report - **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
- 6. State Convention Report: 2004 – **Jim McCraw**
- 7. Position of Election Tellers
- 8. Election of State Officers
  - a. State Deputy
  - b. State Secretary
  - c. State Treasurer
  - d. State Advocate
  - e. State Warden
- 9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the 120th Annual Supreme Convention -- Dallas, Tex., August 3-5, 2004
- 10. Selection of Site for 2008 State Convention
  - 2004 Natchez
  - 2005 Biloxi

- 2006 Biloxi
- 2007 Tupelo
- 2008 Kiln
- 11. Unfinished Business
- 12. New Business
- 13. Closing Remarks
- 14. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Mississippi State Council  
100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
April 23, 24, & 25, 2004  
Jackson, 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 other committees will meet between 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., at the locations listed, on Saturday, 24 April 2004. Each committee chairman (listed in **bold**), except the Election Tellers, will make a written and an oral report to the convention when called upon. The written report must include a listing of committee attendees present. ***NOTE:** In the event a listed delegate is not present at the convention, then his council's alternate will serve in his place.*

The committees are as follows:

1. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV**  
**Larry Tabor, State Secretary** Friday, 23 April 2004, 10:00 p.m.  
Richard Greenwold #10499  
John Leonhard DD #9  
Delegate #1 # 2969  
John Ward # 7910  
Jesse Pope # 9673  
Don Eakin #11654
2. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Windsor V**  
**Peter Sukanek, State Advocate** Friday, 23 April 2004, 10:00 p.m.  
Thomas Chady IPSD  
Robert Fratesi PSD  
Robert Leo DD #4/#802  
Carl Muse #12166
3. ELECTION TELLERS **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV & V**  
**Robert Fratesi** Sunday, 25 April 2004  
G. David Atteberry  
C. Bruce Pabon
4. AUDIT COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV**  
**Thomas F Chady, IPSD** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00 m.  
Rory Ros # 898  
Ray Millwood # 2134  
Patrick Veltman # 4472  
Richard Clement #12166
5. CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Windsor V**  
**David Scott, State Program** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
**Director**

Dennis Louis	DD #1
John L. Bennett	# 802
Fred Cunningham	# 848
James Tarver	# 7120
Mark Vedros	# 9543
James Inabet	#12331

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Windsor V**  
**C. Bruce Pabon, PSD** **Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00**  

Martin Bisek	DD #6
Allan Konyon	DD #10
William Kane	# 1522
Art Richardson	# 7854
Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	# 8760
Mike Mitchell	#10901
7. GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Windsor IV**  
**Ken Raines, Field Agent** **Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00**  

Water Brown	# 1034
Michael G. Gilly	# 1805
Shea Skean	# 5556
Ben Morkey	# 8285
Mike Spencer	# 6872
Jim Hoda	# 7087
Roger Houle	# 9409
8. FINANCIAL SECRETARIES **Crowne Plaza, Windsor III**  
**Jim Farris, State Mental** **Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00**  
**Retardation Chairman**  

James Trant, Jr.	# 5654
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Richard Zdziemborski	# 7910
Louis P. Defillipo	# 7974
Keith Wall	# 8054
William F. Horton	# 9234
Sherwood Beckham	#11654

ALL Financial Secretaries in attendance that are NOT assigned to a committee.

9. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Surrey II**  
**William Waggoner,** **Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00.**  
**State Membership Director**  
Jerry Woods General Agent  

Ben T. Bailey, Jr.	DD #3
Robert Fell	DD #11
John Krumpas	# 1908
Gerry Clark	# 8285
Tom Curtain	# 6555
Joe Tannehill	# 9234
Robert Pyle	#11541

10. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Churchill I**  
**Gerald Schmuck, State Warden** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
Jim McCraw DD #5  
Jimmy Searcy # 1034  
Luther Goliott # 1244  
Alan Erickson # 8848  
Noel Aucoin # 9094
11. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Surrey I**  
**Daniel Lechner, State Treasurer** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
Ron Kopacz DD #2  
Terry Hurst # 1583  
Charles Mink # 4898  
Joseph J. McQueen, III # 7211  
Robert J. Frey #10499  
Rhett R. Maynard #11995
12. CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Winston I**  
**James Leatherwood, Church Director** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
Herbert Young # 1522  
Delegate # 2969  
Howard V. Hill # 5267  
Noel L. Skinner # 6592  
Claude L. Vinson, Jr. # 8760  
Jeff Houin # 8848  
Richard Berryhill # 9124  
Richard Belvel # 9409  
Joseph H. Singleton #11956  
Paschal Cruz #13502
13. COUNCIL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Churchill II**  
**James Hill, State Council Director** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
Michael F. Macke # 848  
Frank Tarrant # 1244  
William N. Koeppe # 2134  
Charles R. Herring # 2180  
Ken Lubbers # 7120  
Lloyd Everhardt # 7854  
Jim Griffin # 9543  
Ron Cross # 9673  
Steven Jones #11934
14. YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Winston II**  
**Joseph R. Jones,** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
**State Youth Director**  
Jerry Roberts # 898  
Joseph B. Goellner # 1908  
Bruno Fava # 6555

Charles Pellegrin # 6765  
 Raymond G. Ball # 8912  
 Leo Borosky # 9124  
 Philip N. Jabour #10216  
 Joseph E. Kaley #12271  
 Russell Giabrone #13471

15. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Winston I**  
**Rickey Warren, DD #7** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00

Bob Flag # 1583  
 Robert D. Webb # 2180  
 Mike Columbus # 2945  
 Charles F. Carr # 6592  
 Ron Humphrey # 8038  
 Larry R. Foulk # 8054  
 Harvey Caldwell #10443  
 John J. Maynard #11995  
 Bill Jonbsey #12331

16. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Surrey II**  
**Richard Greenwold,** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
**State Community/Awards Dir.**

Kenneth P. Brouard, Jr. # 1605  
 Robert Sullivan # 7211  
 Wade H. Ditchard # 7915  
 Michael Aguzzi # 5556  
 Gary McFadyen # 6765  
 Anthony Moran # 9958  
 Frank Hilt #10499  
 Robert N. Frey #11956  
 Robert Zeller #12271

17. PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Winston II**  
**Don Cox / Rob Hudson,** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00  
**Pro-Life Chairmen**

Rick Love # 4472  
 Jesse J Quinn, Jr. # 5267  
 Jim Muncy # 6872  
 Aaron J. Achord # 7915  
 Cliff Sedbury # 7974  
 Jacob Eftink #10901  
 Matthew McGahan #11541  
 James Inabinet #12331  
 Dan Burt #13471

18. VOCATION ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE **Crowne Plaza, Surrey I**  
**Bob Jones, Vocation Chairman** Saturday, 24 April 2004, 1:00

Louis D. Schwartz DD #8  
 Leon Shapley # 2945  
 James W. Holiday, Jr. # 4898  
 Nat Zummo # 8038



Sonny Fountain	# 9094
Hollis Moran	# 9958
Ron Berry	#10216
Sam Marascalo	#10443
Jim Henderson	#11904

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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100th Annual State Convention**

**REPORT OF THE 2004 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**STATE OFFICERS**

State Chaplain	Rev. Father Brian Kaskie
State Deputy	Richard T. Lieding
State Secretary	Larry Tabor
State Treasurer	Daniel Lechner
State Advocate	Peter Sukanek
State Warden	Gerald Schmuck
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas F. Chady

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL  
2004 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES**

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	802	Meridian	John L. Bennett	Robert Leo
2	848	Jackson	Michael F. Macke	Fred Cunningham
2	898	Vicksburg	Jerry Roberts	Rory Ros
2	1034	Natchez	Walter Brown	Joe Garrity
2	1244	Biloxi	Robert W. Fell, Jr.	Frank Tarrant
2	1522	Bay St. Louis	William J. Kane	Herbert Young
2	1583	Gulfport	Robert S. Flag	Terry Hurst
2	1605	Pascagoula	Kenneth P. Broussard, Sr.	Michael G. Gilly
2	1908	Hattiesburg	Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.	John Krumpas
2	2134	Greenville	Wayne Ebelhar	William N. Koeppe
2	2180	Laurel	Charles R. Herring	Robert D. Webb
2	2945	Leland	Leon J. Shapley	Mike Columbus
2	2969	Clarksdale	James G. Glover	Randall Hutchins
2	4472	Pass Christian	Richard H. Love	Patrick Veltman
2	4898	Long Beach	Walter Abadie	Charles Mink
2	5267	Greenwood	Howard V. Hill	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.
2	5556	Cleveland	Shea Skean	Michael Aguzzi
2	6765	Starkville	Charles Pellegrin	Gary McFadyen
2	6872	Picayune	Michael Spencer	Jim J. Mounsey
2	7087	Kiln	Jim Hoda	Richard Hoda
2	5654	Ocean Springs	Robert L. Jones, Jr.	James L. Tarrant

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0	6555	Shelby		
2	6592	Bassfield	Noel L. Skinner	Charles F. Carr
2	7120	Southaven	James A. Tarver	Bill Sonneman
2	7211	Lumberton	Robert F. Sullivan	Joseph J. McQueer
2	7854	Clinton	Art Richardson	Lloyd Everhardt
2	7910	Orange Grove	John Ward	Richard P. Zdziemborski
1	7915	Brookhaven	Dr. Wade H. Ditchard	
2	7974	Columbus	William C. Sedberry	Louis P. Defillipo
1	8038	Pearl	Gordon Cowie	
2	8054	McComb	Larry R Foulk, Sr.	Keith A. Wall
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Ben Mokry	Gerry Clark
2	8760	Holly Springs	Claude L. Vinson, Jr.	Claude L. Vinson, S
1	8848	Tupelo	Alan Erickson	
2	8912	Corinth	Raymond G. Ball	James Leatherwood
2	9094	D'Iberville	Noel A. Aucoin, Jr.	Floydd S. Fountain
2	9124	Gautier	Leo M. Borosky	Richard Berryhill
2	9234	Indianola	Joe Tannehill	William F. Horton
2	9409	West Biloxi	Richard Belvel	James Starks
2	9543	Madison	Mark Vedros	Jim Griffin
2	9673	Woolmarket	Ron Cross	William Fessler
2	9958	Lizana	Hollis J.   Moran	Anthony J   Moran
2	10216	Brandon	Philip N. Jabour	Ron Barry
2	10443	Grenada	Dan Buzzarde	Harvey Caldwell
2	10499	Ocean Springs	Robert J. Frey	Frank Hilt
1	10901	Oxford	Joe Supple	
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	Robert Pyle	Allan Koryn
2	11654	Wiggins	Donald Eakin	Sherwood Beckhan
2	11904	Lucedale	Jim Henderson	Donald Cox
2	11934	Gluckstadt	Joseph R. Jones	Robert S. Jones
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	Robert N. Frey	Joseph H. Singletor
2	11995	West Harrison	John J. Maynard	Rhett R. Maynard
2	12166	Pascagoula-SH	Richard Clement	Carl Muse
2	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	Joseph E Kaley	Robert Zeller
2	12331	Dedeaux	James B. Inabinet	Bill Johnesey
2	13471	Philadelphia/Tucker	Dan Burt	Russell Giambrone
1	13502	Batesville/Sardis	Pascual Cruz	

### DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District	1		Dennis C. Louis
District	2		Ron Kopacz
District	3		Ben T. Bailey, Jr.
District	4	D	Robert Leo
District	5		Marion J. McCraw
District	6		Martin Bisek
District	7		Ricky Warren
District	8		Louis D. Schwartz
District	9		John Leonhard
District	10	D	Allan Konyon
District	11	D	Robert Fell, Jr.
District	12		

### DIRECTORS

Membership Director		William Waggoner
Program Director		David Scott
Church Director	D	Robert Zeller
Community Director		Richard E. Greenwold
Council Director		James Hill
Family Director		
Youth Director	D	Joseph R. Jones

D = DELEGATE

107      TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED                      112      TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE

### PAST STATE DEPUTIES

G. David Atteberry  
Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.      DELEGATE  
Robert Fratesi  
C. Bruce Pabon  
Marvin L. Lott

### HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph Latino  
Bishop Thomas Rodi

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry J. Tabor  
State Secretary

## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORTS

### **Council 802 Meridian**

On July 5, 2003, Meridian Council 802 celebrated its 100 year anniversary. The following men were elected to serve the oldest council in the State of Mississippi:

Grand Knight	John L. Bennett
Deputy Grand Knight	John Kasper
Chancellor	Tom Zettler, PSD
Warden	Richard Fleming
Advocate	John J. Maloney
Treasurer	Mouise Richards
Recorder	John Harwell
Inside Guard	David Smith
Outside Guard	P.J. Carter
Trustee 3 year	Robert Leo
Trustee 2 year	Frank Polizzi
Trustee 1 year	David Koch
Financial Secretary	George Walston (Appointed by Supreme)
Lector	Larry Birzer (Appointed by GK)
Chaplain	Fr. Matthew Simmons

The men who volunteered to head various committees are as follows:

Council	John J. Maloney
Church	Tom Zettler PSD
Youth	Frank Polizzi
Community	John Bennett
Pro-Life Family	John Bennett
Newsletter Editor	Doug Smith

Knight of the Year: Jose Gomez

Family of the Year: John and Bridget with daughters Kara and Serena

Both of these entries were submitted to the State Council.

The following are some of our Council's on-going programs:

Presented a Community Award "Msgr John J. Burns Award" to the individual who we think has effected the Meridian community the most this past year. This individual was the Rev. Alvin Sunds, Pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Each month visit East Mississippi State Hospital a tend to the patients.

Help Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Christmas raise money

Post bill board with Christian themes. Example: Keep Christ in Christmas, Christ has Risen for Easter, One Nation Under God -w/flag, Pro Life - All Life is precious.

Community Director – John Bennett, GK.  
Council Activities for 2003-2004

July 2003 celebrated 100 years as established council. Recognized the past accomplishments, present accomplishments and talked about the future.

Every month chose a Knight of the Month. Every quarter chose a Knight of the Quarter. Held a Labor Day Picnic. December 31<sup>st</sup>, held a New Years Eve party. Held a Super Bowl party on Super Bowl Sunday. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted the annual K of C Bowling tournament. In March selected the Knight of the Year. In April 2004, attended the State Convention. In May 2004, held a Memorial Day picnic. In May 2004, conducted the annual K of C Horse Shoe tournament.

John Maloney  
Council Director

**Family Activities F Y 2003 -2004**  
**Bob Leo Chairmen**

We continue our Family of the month program where we submit a family to supreme for their consideration to be drawn as the supreme family of the month, and receive a statuette of the Holy Family.

We also participate in the Family of the year program for the state council's consideration to be selected as the Family of the Year for the state award.

We, include all of our deceased members widow's in all of our family activities.

We host a Christmas party for all of our member's children and grandchildren, presenting them with gifts from Santa Clause,

We continue to sponsor a Sweet Hearts Night on St. Valentines Day for the ladies of our council and the wives of our Brother Knights and also the widows of our deceased members.

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

Although these are only a portion of the family activities spelled out here, family activities are on going throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Leo PGK

#### **Youth Activities, 2003 – 2004 Fraternal Year**

We began our fraternal year by providing help at the annual St. Patrick School May Festival. Knights and Auxiliary Members provided in excess of one hundred work hours to help raise funds that defray tuition costs. May is also the Month in which our Knights prepare and serve breakfast to all high school graduates of St. Patrick Church. In June the Knights provided two hundred dollars funding for an Alter Server outing. In September our Council arranged and conducted games at the annual Catholic Community Picnic and conducted the Creative Contraptions Contest for St. Patrick's Elementary School students, grades three to six. October was our month for the Columbus Day Poster Contest for pre-school through second grade students. In December the Knights escorted Santa to our local hospitals on Christmas Eve, bringing joy to the hospitalized children. While our annual Christmas Party is held under the Family Activities Program, it should be noted that the program was directed at our K of C children. February, of course, is our Local Free Throw Championship and March the State Free Throw Championship. Our fraternal year wrapped up with the Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt for the Meridian Catholic Community, held on Easter Afternoon on the Council Home lawn, with children in four age categories searching for five hundred eggs, with fun and refreshments and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

In addition to our structured programs members of Council 802 serve on a multitude of community youth organization programs. Just to mention a few, our Youth Director serves on the Sowashe District of Boy Scouts of America committee where he also trains Scout Leaders and Chairs the Choctaw Area Council Annual Pinewood Derby. Another member, Fr. Elvin Sunds, serves on the Board of Directors of the Hope Village For Children. Various members of our Council and Auxiliary members serve in many volunteer capacities, in these, and other youth organizations.

Frank Polizzi  
Youth Director

Church Activities:

Monthly financial support to two seminarians.  
Pro-life rosary before all weekend Masses during January.  
Hosted a First Communion breakfast.  
Hosted a breakfast for the RCIA class.  
Conducted quarterly corporate communions.  
Assisted Holy Rosary Church with its 100th anniversary celebration.  
Sponsored a cemetery Mass.  
Provided monetary gifts to clergy and religious at Christmas.  
Sponsored coffee and donuts every week after 7:45 AM Mass.  
Participated in ordination ceremony for Brother Father Pat Smith.  
Donated to the Priest Education Fund.  
Sponsored a Gethsemane Watch on Holy Thursday evening.  
Participated in a city-wide Way of the Cross/Way of Peace march in downtown Meridian.  
Have Masses said for deceased members and immediate family members.  
Tithe to St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and Holy Rosary Church from our bingo profits.  
Highlight a Saint after each business meeting during "Good of the Order".

*Tom Zettler, PSD  
church Director*

In conclusion: Congratulations to the State Council on its 100 years and to the other councils that will be doing the same. Meridian council has always been active in our Church and community. It has been an honor and pleasure to represent Council 802 in this our 100 years.

Respectfully submitted.

John L. Bennett  
Grand Knight



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

Council 848 is still a very diverse and growing entity in the Jackson area.. We encompass 6 parishes from which we draw our manpower. Our main objective is to be as visible as is possible in the parishes that do not already have any type of service group. We work mainly with St. Mary's, St. Peters, St. Richards and Holy Family Catholic churches, along with U.M.C. and Millsap's College Campus Ministries.

In 2003 we went through, literally, a complete leadership change. Aside from G.K., F.S. and the 3 trustees, all of our officers were 1 or no previous offices held. Couple this with losing several key members to their final rewards, and this could have spelled disaster. Both, with 848 determination and hardheadedness we made it through our 1<sup>st</sup> year in really good shape.

Our numbers increased to 125, which includes 1 bishop, 8 priests, 3 seminarians, 1 brother and the death of 3 knights and 1 priest.

The regular meetings are held in St. Peters Parish Hall, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. with our social meal precedes this at 6:30p.m. We also have a nursery for the younger children.

We tried something a little different last year .At the request of monsignor Foley we Held a fish fry during lent. This was more successful than we could have hoped for, so much so that we are doing it again this year, the proceeds to go to the priest education fund.

Father Kaskie, our chaplain, now holds 2 offices. 1<sup>st</sup> as our chaplain, and secondly he is now the State Chaplain. Father still wears his name badge under his vestments and on his street clothes.

Our largest project to date was finally finished when the 2004 State Convention was officially closed Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> around 12:00 noon.848Sponsored the convention because this is our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the State Convention itself. This task was more than one council could handle, so we asked the metro area councils to help. They all pitched in and helped us all to put on one of the most successful and smoothly run conventions ever held. The workers are to numerous to list, so I will just say, Thank You ALL.

St. Mary's parish continues to grow and with our crack team of cooks, servers and clean-up crews, we are helping them to grow even now. Our next project for St. Marries is to do some much-needed painting and lighting repair and replacement in the cafeteria; which as most of us know is as old or older than most of us.

At St. Richard's Church and school, we are regularly getting requests for jobs that need to be done. The new priest, Fr. Mike O'Brien is not just a staunch supporter of the knights; he is also one of our brothers at 848. The principal of the school has come to know that he needs only to call the knights if there is something to be done. Be it helping build the playground, revamping the art room, landscaping or whatever.

Of course, without our active and extremely supportive Ladies Auxiliary we would have a much harder time of it. These ladies are with us at nearly every function we do and we appreciate them more than words can express.

#### **848 Council Officers**

Grand Knight	Michael Macke	Warden	Antoine Otto
Deputy Grand Knight	Randy Jansen	Recorder	Joe Valencino
Chancellor	Guy Heying	Inside Guard	Ken Freye
Advocate	Fred Cunningham	Outside Guard	Thad Buck
Treasurer	Scott McMullin	Trustee 3 yr.	Jim McCraw
Financial Secretary	Brian Mack Sr.	Trustee 2 yr.	C. Lamparty
		Trustee 1 yr.	Hank Kajden

#### **Surge Committee**

	Chairman	Randy Jansen	
Church	Fred Cunningham	Family	Dick Meredith
Community	Hollis Felts	Youth	Guy Heying
Council	Ivan Lambert	Pro-Life	Antoine Otto

As in our recent past our success is judged by how the pastors of our various parishes feel about the work we do for them. Also as in the past, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our active members and the Ladies Auxiliary, I am confident that all of our pastors are very pleased with the Knights of Columbus, Council 848.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Macke  
Grand Knight  
Council 848

#### **Vicksburg Council 898 – No Report**

#### **BISHOP R.O. GEROW COUNCIL 1034 NATCHEZ**

Dear Brother Knights:

My term will soon be completed and our council will become Brother Larry Gardner's as it's newest Grand Knight. Brother Gardner will lead us into our second century as a council and I have no doubt that he will do a wonderful job as Grand Knight.

The Knights from Natchez have enjoyed another busy year. We have participated in many worthwhile projects and they are listed below.

The Officers for the 2003-2004 fraternal year are as follows:

Chaplains:	Rev. AL Camp, Rev Mike O'Brien, and Fr David O'Conner
Grand Knight	Walt Brown

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

Larry Gardner  
Ron Brumfield  
John Kerwin  
Conrad Anderson  
Ricky Warren  
Sonny Foggo  
Darren Cowart  
Manfred Carr  
Anthony Tuccio  
Freddie Voss  
Joe Garrity  
Jimmy Searcy

Activities:

Members served as ushers, lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD teachers, choir, Parish Council and finance committee  
Sponsored CYO youths to Saltillo Mission  
Ladies Auxiliary and brother designs and constructs Pascal candle for St. Mary's  
Brothers attend retreat at Manresa. Monthly said the Rosary for vocations.  
Made KC hall available for church activities and sponsored church softball team.  
Sponsored RCIA refreshment break; brothers work at Cathedral football field.  
Co-sponsored parish blood drive; participated in state "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the mentally handicapped and helped with Cathedral School fall festival. Brothers visited the sick and elderly. Council Sponsored three families during Christmas with food clothing and toys. Members served on community committees such as Chamber of Commerce, Firefighters Association, Natchez Veterans Association, Restaurant Association, Community Bank, and Opera Association. Members help and donate to a local stew pot, brothers serve on the parish council, school board, and sponsor "adopt a highway" clean up program. We held a spaghetti dinner and sponsored a KC weekly bowling league. We conducted memorial service for Deceased Members program packet #2942, held Columbus Day Awards Dinner Program, held seven benefit Lenten fish fries, membership drive social/dinner and held a Rosary for unborn on anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Hosted Ladies Auxiliary night, held family of the month award program, send resolutions for deceased members; Monthly announcement for prayer for any brother or family members that are sick or in distress; Ongoing support and help local CYO with activities; Sponsored Boy Scout Troop 158; Ongoing brothers serve as scout masters, tee-ball, softball, baseball, soccer coaches; Held children Christmas Party with Santa Claus; Honor Altar Servers with certificates of appreciation; Sponsored Squires Circle; Awarded Scholarships for graduating Seniors at Cathedral School and made contribution to Priest Education Fund.

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of my council for the past 2 years. I appreciate all the support from my brother knights and everyone at the State level as we look forward to hosting the 2005 State Convention next April.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt Brown  
Grand Knight.

**Biloxi Council 1244 – No Report**

**GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT FOR 2003 – 2004  
PERE Le DUC COUNCIL, No 1522**

Our Council's Officers Were Duly Elected And Installed In July Of 2003. A Dinner Was Served With State Officers, Friends And Relatives Of The Newly Elected Officers.

**OFFICERS FOR 2003 – 2004 TERM:**

CHAPLAIN.....FATHER THOMAS POTTS, SVD  
GRAND KNIGHT.....WILLIAM J. "BILL" KANE  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT.....HERBERT YOUNG  
CHANCELLOR.....MELVIN D. ESTRADÉ  
RECORDER.....EDWARD A. RENZ, JR.  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....ELMER J. MARSH  
TREASURER.....LESLIE R. BRIGGS  
ADVOCATE.....THEODORE MOREL  
WARDEN.....THOMAS D. JOHNSON  
INSIDE GUARD.....WILLIE BOYE  
OUTSIDE GUARD.....GERARD WEST  
TRUSTEE - THIRD YEAR.....EDWARD A. RENZ, SR.  
- SECOND YEAR.....MATTHEW J. GLEBER, III  
- FIRST YEAR.....MARK BLACKLEDGE, SR.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

Our Council has a unique situation not experienced by many councils. We have the privilege to represent four (4) church parishes and one (1) retirement center, Our Lady of the Gulf, St. Clare, St. Rose de Lima, St. Ann 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 and Retirement Center.

- Provide ushers, extra-ordinary Eucharistic ministers, commentators, lecturers, and choir members for Sunday Masses.
- Provide helpers and organizers for the 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 (1) seminarian in his studies with \$100.00 a month.
- Donated time and effort to maintenance and upkeep of the churches, Our Lady of the Woods Shrine and St. Mary's Cemetery.
- Teach CCD, RCIA, Confirmation and other church related instructions.
- Held a memorial mass for our deceased members at St. Augustine Seminary.
- Carried our Council banner at the Rosary Rally in Biloxi.
- Organized and cooked a meal to feed 250 adorers from the Perpetual Adoration Chapel gathering.

- Brother Knights attended Manresa Retreat House and St. Benedict's Abbey Christian Life Center.
- Sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas Program" billboard and a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

#### **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.
- Marched on Hwy 90 median in Bay St. Louis for the Pro Life Day displaying Pro Life signs.
- Marched in the procession and participated in the Pro Life Presentation given in the Rotunda of the Mississippi State Capital.
- Donated several cases of non-perishable food to the local Food Pantry.
- Participated in the yearly Drive for the Mentally Challenged and donated \$2772.00 to the South Mississippi Regional Center.

#### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

- Held a Christmas social for all members and guest.
- Sponsor socials every month for our members and potential members.
- Published and mailed out 250 Monthly Newsletters to Brother Knights throughout the country.
- Sent Mass Cards to our Deceased Family Members.
- Have visited Brother Knights and Family Members in the hospitals.
- Donated money to have masses said for our deceased members.
- Held the installation of officers for our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly.
- Sponsored a Founders Day Celebration Lasagna Dinner and Membership drive.

#### **FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES:**

- Held an Insurance Night for our Knights and Ladies at a monthly social.
- Organized and sponsored the Summer's End Festival 23 – 29 August 2003.
- Sponsor a program to assist widows and families of Deceased Members.
- Held a Memorial Mass for the Council and Family Members.
- Sponsor Family Socials; Pot Luck Dinners.

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

- Planned and Supported a Boy Scouts Retreat.
- Planned, Sponsored and Chaperoned a Youth Dance for Grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Sponsor and support local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.
- Presented the Rosary Patches to local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William J. Kane, Grand Knight  
Pere Le Duc Council 1522

**Bishop Gunn Council #1583, Gulfport, Ms**  
**Robert "Bob" Flagg**  
**Grand Knight Report 2003-2004**

Officer Elections were held on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2003.

Grand Knight	Bob Flagg
Deputy Grand Knight	Larry Everett
Chancellor	Nick DeNicola
Recorder	Gil Bailey
Financial Secretary	Gary Whitener
Treasurer	Mike Guel
Warden	Charlie Underwood
Trustee	Skipper Kalil
Trustee	Terry Hurst

This year, my second term went very well. The council really pulled together to finish a few projects that we did not get done last year.

- Bingo again was our largest source of income. Thanks to Larry Everett, our bingo chairman, we had an outstanding year. Bingo sets the level for contributions given throughout the year.
- Thanks to the efforts of Terry Hurst, catering and rental of the grounds had a good year. The income from catering and rental of the grounds pays the bills, maintenance on the facility and grounds.
- We hosted many functions this year. The Irish Gala which benefits our Presentation Sisters, Lenten meals with all proceeds going to St. John Elementary, St. John annual church picnic and the K.C. family picnic.
- One of our largest events is the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We again served over 400 meals to our church, K.C. families, the local police and fire departments on duty.
- This year we pulled together and held a drawdown to benefit the Priest Education Fund. Thanks to the efforts of a lot of people, we will again be able to make a sizable donation to Bishop Rodi.
- We held the free throw competition in March. We hope to expand on it next year. With the proceeds from the tootsie roll drive we were able to hand over a nice check to the Harrison County Child Development Center. Again, next year we hope to increase our support.
- Bishop Gunn Council is a very active Council. I would like to thank every member who took time to help in any way. I would also like to thank the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, without their help and support we couldn't do half the projects that we do.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Flagg  
Grand Knight

Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

Family of the Month: Carlos & Rebecca Velasquez- August  
Arthur & Eleanore Trochesset- September  
Randy & Sissy Zelenka- November  
Bill & Shirley Ellis- January  
Peter & Di Faccini- February  
Munson & Kelly Hinman- March

Members assisted in the basketball Free Throw contest that was conducted in

conjunction with a neighboring council. The council officers attended the District meeting held at the beginning of the year and both schools of Columbianism. The Council lost four brothers during the fraternal year, Fr. David Freuh, Donald Frederic, Sherwood Beckham, Sr., and Mack Hudson, Jr.. The Council gained one new member.

The council continues to maintain the charter for Boy Scout Troop #230 and provides space on the council grounds for their trailers for meetings and to house their equipment.

The council maintains a major exemplification team and members participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Broussard, Sr.  
Grand Knight, Msgr. P. J. Carey Council No. 1605  
Pascagoula, Mississippi

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

As we complete our Eighty-Sixth Year as a Council, it is my pleasure to acknowledge those who served and summarize the activities for the 2003-04 Fraternal Year. This report shall include Council Activities from April 01, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

After concluding a very successful State Membership and Program Year in 2002-03, the Council received several outstanding awards at the State Convention. In Membership, the Council received the " Top Gun " Award for more than 10% net gain, Second Highest Net Gain for the year, and two "Top Proposer of the Quarter" awards was received by Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director, Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.

For Program Activities, the Council received the Stellar Council Award, Best Vocation Activity in the Biloxi Diocese, and the State Award for Best Youth Activity.

After the State Convention, the Council completed the last quarter of the 2002-03 Supreme Fraternal Year. The Council received the Star Council Award and several Membership and Insurance Awards for Highest Percent Net Gain. This inspired the Council Officers began to plan the new Fraternal Year with increased dedication. The concluding year's Membership and Program Activities were evaluated and updated on the schedule for the new year. At the June 01, 2003 Council Meeting, Officers were elected and the process of appointing the various Chairmen began.

On June 29, 2003, the officers were duly installed by District Deputy, Don Schwartz:  
Co-Chaplain ----- Rev. Thomas Conway  
Co-Chaplain ----- Rev. George Murphy  
Grand Knight ----- Joseph B. Goellner, Sr



Deputy Grand Knight -----	Larry Bellipanni, Jr
Chancellor -----	William Browning
Financial Secretary -----	Lawrence A. Grant
Warden -----	Brian McCrory
Recorder -----	Ben Velasquez
Treasurer -----	Robert Lawson
Advocate -----	William Kinkopt
Inside Guard -----	Douglas Lawler
Outside Guard -----	Daniel Dorgan
Trustee 1yr -----	Joseph A. Yore
Trustee 2yr -----	William Jarrett
Trustee 3yr -----	John Krumpas

**The following members served as Director or Chairman of the various committees:**

Membership Director -----	Larry Bellipanni, Jr
Program Director -----	John Krumpas
Church Activities -----	Joseph A. Yore
Community Activities -----	Larry Grant
Council Activities -----	William Jarrett
Family Activities -----	Joseph A Yore
Youth Activities -----	Robert Lawson
Web Master -----	Joseph Little

**A Summary of the Program Activities is as follows:**

**Church Activities:**

1. Members participated in the life of both parishes – serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, CCD Teachers and School Board.
2. Sponsor Parish Roundtables
3. Conducted a Vocations Program
4. Participate in Supremes R.S.V.P Program
5. Program to recognize the local Clergy and Religious
6. Donation of \$ 500.00 to the Christopher Fund
7. Conducted the Marian Hour of Prayer
8. Sponsored a Retreat for Parish Adults
9. Provided funds and Supplies to Saltillo Missions
10. Sponsored Keep Christ in Christmas Program
11. Sponsored a parish Eucharistic Service
12. Sponsored Rosary Service for Adults each Sunday during CCD Classes
13. Provided Transportation to Parish Mission

**Community Activities:**

1. Sponsored a Re-Dedication of the Monument to the Unborn
2. Donated \$ 150.00 to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund
3. Conducted three drives for Mentally Challenged ( Tootsie Roll )
4. Sponsored Blood Drive in Parish
5. Encouraged members to visit the sick and elderly at home and the hospital
6. Participated in two Habitat for Humanity projects
7. Participated in food and clothing drive for the needy
8. Hosted and cooked for a local high school reunion
9. Several members serve as officers of local Civic Organizations

10. Participated in the Life Chain in local area

**Council Activities:**

1. Conducted three Membership Drives
2. Publish Monthly Council Newsletter
3. Established and Maintained Council Website
4. Held a Fraternal Benefits Information Program
5. Council Members participated on a Certified Degree Team
6. Held six Social events for the membership and families
7. Conducted Memorial Service for Deceased Members
8. Recognized Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year
9. Compiled and Submitted Council Newsletters at State Convention
10. Sponsored Columbus Day Event
11. Organized and manned refreshment booths at Church Festivals

**Family Activities:**

1. Sponsored Quarterly KC Family Corporate Communion
2. Participate in Supreme Family of the Month Program
3. Submitted Family of Year entry at State Convention
4. Assisted widows and families of deceased members
5. Sponsored two Family Party Events
6. Held a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members Families
7. Held Family Cookout/Pot Luck Event
8. Assisted a needy Family
9. Participated in National Family Week
10. Provided support and entertainment for the Grandparents Raising Children Event

**Youth Activities:**

1. Supported the CYO's in both Parishes
2. Assisted Area Boy Scout Organization and Troops
3. Conducted Program to recognize Alter Servers
4. Encouraged members to serve on Youth Program Committees
5. Sponsored local KC Freethrow Contest
6. Planned and sponsored Youth Retreat
7. Donated toys for needy children
8. Sponsored Youth Christmas Party for both Parishes
9. Provided support for local Catholic School
10. Sponsored Youth to Boys State and Girls State

**A Summary of Membership Activities is as follows:**

The Council conducted Membership Drives in each area Parish and participated in a Ministry Fair in each Parish. The result of our recruiting yielded twenty seven prospects including four prospects in the R.C.I.A. Class. We initiated nineteen of these prospects. We currently have four applications on file, who should the Degrees during the next quarter. The Council had a net increase of thirteen during the State Program Year.

### Conclusion:

The success of the Council during the 2003-04 State Program and Membership Year has been very rewarding. In addition to the above activities, several other achievements should be noted. First, the Officers developed a Multi-Year Plan with specified goals and objectives for the Council. To support this plan, a detailed budget was developed and managed by the Trustees. Next, Communication with the membership was improved by a Monthly Newsletter and the development of a Council Web Site. An E-Mail Address List was developed to transmit the Newsletter and other messages to reduce the distribution cost.

As I write this report, Membership and Program Plans have been scheduled for the last three months of the Fraternal Year and the results will be part of the report for the next State Year. It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of Bishop Fahey Council 1908 this year. A special thanks to the dedicated leadership of the Council Officers, Directors and chairmen assisted by an inspired membership who provided the support to make it a successful year.

Respectfully submitted  
Joseph B. Goellner, Sr  
Grand Knight

### FATHER KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL 2134 GREENVILLE MS

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Father Richard Somers
Grand Knight	Ray Millwood
Deputy Grand Knight	Wayne Ebelhar
Chancellor	Sammy Santucci
Recorder	Hugh Rester
Financial Secretary	Robert Fratesi, PSD
Treasurer	Dick Clark
Advocate	Maynard Chandler
Warden	Larry Moore
Inside Guard	Jim Lenoir
Outside Guard	Johnny Welch
Trustees: 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Steve Bennett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	James Hill
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Bernard Boykin
Ladies Auxiliary President:	Annetta Ebelhar

These Brother Knights are Committee Chairmen:

Program Director	Wayne Ebelhar
Church Director	Ray Millwood
Council & Community	Hugh Rester & Dick Clark
Membership Dir	Robert Fratesi

Youth Dir  
Family Dir

Larry Moore  
Hugh Rester

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Brother Knights serve in all church activities, usher, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, pastoral council, financial committee. Cook at Pentecost Sunday at park for about 400 people. Honor Guard for Bishop and other functions. Promoting paid ad for our Mission Week. Team members and sponsors for RCIA. Pancake supper at Parish Hall for Fat Tuesday. Cook spaghetti for Parish Fair. Deliver Parish calendars and Mass Schedule. Donated to Priest Ed. Fund. Men's Prayer b fast every Monday during Lent, the once a month thereafter. Many members served at Cursillo. Marian Hour of Prayer at church.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Toolsie Roll Drive. Many members have leadership roles in our local community. Mayor of our city is a Brother Knight. Members help with St. Vincent De Paul Society. Member participates very faithful with Habitat for Humanity (Wayne Ebelhar). Two members serve on City Council Appeals Board (Robert Fratesi, John Bernardi). Carry large flag at Home-coming game at St Joseph High School. Fund raisers for new school. Members serve at all home games, concession, tickets and parking. Members help with Annual Blood Drive.

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Family of the Year, Family of the Month, Forth of July party and Halloween party & hayride. Cook-outs, sponsors Boy Scout Troop.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Sponsor local free throw tournament. Member accompanied youth to State tournament (Larry Moore). Scholarship to Senior. Sponsor cake bingo for seniors.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Fish fry every Fri. during Lent. Cooking every Mon. nite during football season. Participated in Parish Fair in many areas. Held spaghetti dinner for Priest Ed. Fund. Work days for various needs. Horse-shoe tournaments. Sponsored several football and basketball pools. Held installation of officers. Published a quarterly Knight letter. Attended School of Columbianism. Visited Nursing Home. Started Round Table. Ladies Auxiliary helps with all functions.

#### RAY MILLWOOD

Grand Knight

**Laurel Council 2180  
Laurel, Mississippi  
Grand Knight's Report  
2003-2004**

On July 6, 2003, the duly elected and appointed officers for the 2003-2004 fraternal year were installed by our own, Mr. Don Schwartz, District Deputy #8 in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Father Ron Herzog
Grand Knight	Bud Herring
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Webb
Chancellor	Pete Mazzanti
Recorder	David Hughes
Treasurer	John Pat Myers
Financial Secretary	Bill Gatzman
Advocate	Tommy Williams
Warden	Joe Flick
Inside Guard	Dan Nelson
Outside Guard	William Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Glenn Waguespack
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Frank Dechert
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Charlie Rawls
Program Director	Bob Webb
Membership Director	Mike Ishee
Pro-Life Chairpersons	Steve & Mary Johnson
Knight of the Year	Bill Gatzman
Family of the Year	Mike and Pam Ishee

**A SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:**

**Church Activities: David Hughes, Chairman**

- Sponsor KC men's retreat open to parish
- Help setup, cook, cleanup for parish festival
- Assist St Vincent de Paul collect for Christmas baskets
- Sponsor a gumbo sale for priest education fund
- Install keep Christ in Christmas billboard & display
- Lead rosary before mass in months of May & October
- Repair & maintain all parish facilities
- Setup/ cleanup for confirmation & first communion receptions
- Donate money & supplies for mission trip to Saltillo
- Serve as pastoral council & ministry committee members,
- Lectors, Eucharistic ministers & ushers

**Community Activities: Don Schwartz, Chairman**

- Install Christmas Lights In City Park
- Maintain Parish Memorial Garden
- Participate In Semi-Annual Blood Drives
- Pot Luck Supper/ Collect Supplies For Domestic Abuse Shelter
- Sponsor A Pro Life Rosary & Mass, Participate In Pro Life Chain
- Participated In Pro-Life Rosary At Jackson Clinic
- Sponsor Lenten Soup Supper
- Sponsor The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive
- Volunteer In St. Vincent's De Paul's Store
- Weekly Volunteers Help At Christian Food Mission

**Council Activities: Charlie Rawls, Chairman**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team
- Sponsor A Fraternal Benefits Night / Pot Luck Supper
- Conduct Spring And Fall Membership Drives
- Memorial Mass For Deceased Knights
- Monthly Council Newsletter
- Monthly Executive Committee Meeting
- Monthly Knight Of The Month
- Monthly Pancake Breakfast- Proceeds Assist Two Seminarians
- Pig Roast & Awards Dinner
- Semimonthly Men's Dinner

**Family Activities: Dan Nelson, Chairman**

- Adopted Family For Christmas
- Annual Family Of The Year Award
- Mardi Gras Party
- Monthly Corporate Communion
- Quarterly Family Corporate Communion
- Monthly Family Of The Month Program
- Sponsored A Family Fish Fry During KC Family Week
- St. Nick Christmas Party
- Send Get Well & Birthday Cards To Knights and Family Members

**Youth Activities: Glenn Waguespack, Chairman**

- Purchase Ticket To Support ICS-School Drawn Down Fund Raiser
- Volunteers Help Cook For Ics-School "Paul Elias Bass Tournament" Fund Raiser
- Set Up And Take Down For The ICS-School Fair
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Boys Fishing & Campout Trip
- Squires Fishing Tournament
- Support Parish Youth Activities
- Support Squire Circle 3768

As my two-year term comes to an end, I would like to thank the members, especially the *active* members of Council 2180 for the honor and privilege of serving as Grand Knight. It has been a humbling experience for me; I am amazed at the loyalty, dedication,

kindness, generosity and hard work demonstrated by each one of you. Brother Knights, you were visible in all areas of our parish and community life and my heartfelt thanks to you for a splendid job!

Also, I would like to thank all the officers and chairmen of the Council for their help, support and hard work these past two years. We have worked hard, achieved many of our goals and hope we have had some fun along the way as we have strived to strengthen our dedication and service to Church, Country, Family and Fellowman.

I can not let my term expire with out thanking two men who exemplifies all that is good about the Knight of Columbus—our Financial Secretary, Mr. Bill Gatzman and our District Deputy, Mr. Don Schwartz for their guidance, leadership and never ending hard work. Without them and all they do for our Council, we would not have achieved our many goals. Brother Knights, thank you!

With God's grace and continued prayers, may Council 2180 experience growth, both spiritually and in active numbers and may the coming year bring even greater achievements for our Council and Brother Knights everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bud Herring  
Grand Knight

**C. G. Shapley Council 2945**  
**Leland MS**

As of April 2004, we have a total of 52 members in our council, 47 active and 5 inactive members.

**Church Activities:**

Donated \$500.00 to the Priest Education Fund, purchased a \$100 raffle ticket for the Annual Parish Bazaar, Had masses offered for the deceased members of the parish, provided Liturgy Team, which includes Lector, Commentator, Usher, Alter Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Gift Bearers for Sunday and every first Sunday of the month. Sponsored "Peace Be With You" radio spots on local radio stations in Greenville. Sponsored the Presentation of the Lives of the Saints and those who are beatified during the season of Lent.

**Community Activities:**

Volunteered to use Council hall to the community in the event of a disaster, allowed civic organizations to use Council hall free of charge, and took fruit baskets and poinsettias to the nursing homes at Christmas time.

**Council Activities:**

Sponsored delegates to the State K.C. convention, held a drawing for a cash prize at each meeting to encourage attendance at meetings. Had a football pool raising \$1000.00.

**Youth Activities:**

Held honorary dinner for graduating Catholic High school seniors of our parish.  
 Presented bibles to our graduating seniors. Presented the C.G. Shapley Sportsmanship Award to a high school senior. Sponsored annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our parish.

**Family Life:**

Held memorial services for the deceased members, held a social for members and their wives at the installation of officer, held a Christmas party and social for members and their wives. Sent get well cards, anniversary cards, and new parents cards to our members.

**Conclusion:** It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of C. G. Shapley Council 2945 in Leland the past year. I would like to thank all the officer, chairmen, and all the members of the council who worked hard to make this a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Leon J. Shapley  
 Grand Knight

**Clarksdale Council 2969 – No Report**

**Msgr. Leech Council 4472**  
**Pass Christian**

The 2003/2004 fraternal year was a good one for Msgr. Leech Council. The year started with our Installation of Officers in July by Worthy District Deputy Al Kony.

Our Officers are:

Grand Knight	Rick Love
Deputy Grand Knight	Stephen D'Angelo
Chancellor	Joe Spence
Financial Secretary	Warren Reso
Recorder	Richard Ward
Warden	John Dufrene
Treasurer	Bill Andry
Advocate	Rodney Keel
Inside Guard	Tom Brennan
Outside Guard	Bobby Blackman
Lecturer	Edgar Menard
Trustees	Pat Veltman
	Rick Allard
	Gene Rogers

Our membership attends St. Paul and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes and Fr. Dennis Carver of St. Paul and Fr. Thaddeus Searles of Our Lady of Lourdes are our Co-



Chaplains. Our monthly meetings alternate between parishes and, on the Sunday following our meeting; we have a Corporate Communion followed by donuts and coffee for all parishioners.

We had a mix of program and social events throughout the year, holding at least one each month. Highlights included celebrating Columbus Day with a membership drive, golf tournament, and cookout; a Drawdown party, our major fundraiser; participation in community events, such as Christmas in the Pass and Jazz in the Pass; and holding a fishing rodeo. We also had a spaghetti supper, crawfish boil, Valentine's dinner, and saw "The Passion of the Christ" as a group.

Our charitable efforts focus on our two Parishes and St. Paul School. We provide funds and many volunteer hours, including manning a booth at the school's Seafood Festival and awarding scholarships to two sixth grade graduates. We also support a seminarian who is preparing to serve our Diocese.

Msgr. Leech Council is growing in both numbers and in programs that benefit our members, their families, their parishes and our community. With God's grace, we will continue this growth.

Fraternally,  
Richard H. Love  
Grand Knight

**Longbeach Council 4898 – No Report**

**Greenwood Council 5267 – No Report**

**Father Rotondo Council #5556  
Cleveland, Mississippi**

On June 25, 2003, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by Worthy District Deputy Tom Bryant at a social for Brother Knights and their wives/guests at the KC Hall.

The following officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. Tom Lalor
Grand Knight	Shea Skeen
Deputy Grand Knight	Billy Boswell
Financial Secretary	Ben Bailey
Chancellor	Doug Cocilova
Recorder	Wayne Evrard
Treasurer	Jody Rocconi
Advocate	Luigi McMin
Warden	Luis Ybarra
Inside Guard	Andrew Delles
Outside Guard	Florencio Ybarra
1 yr. Trustee	Tom Bryant

2 yr. Trustee	Johnny Capocaccia
3 yr. Trustee	Michael Aguzzi

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Billy Boswell
Church Director	Ryan Short
Community Director	Fred Henry
Council Director	Joel Mosby
Youth Director	Martin Bray
Family Director	Chuck Williamson

A summary of program activities in each area are as follows:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

- Masses for vocations
- Monthly "Bingo" for Priest Education Fund
- Masses for Pro-Life
- Brother Knights serve their church in various ways including the pastoral council, CCD teachers, ushers, lectors, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, and CYO sponsors.
- Sponsor a Round Table
- Participate in Marian Hour of Prayer
- Assist the people of the Saltillo Mission

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

- Quarterly donations to the Sav-a-Life ministry
- Raised money for Mentally Handicapped Program
- Blood drives twice a year
- Provided lunch for youth who participated in a local canned food drive
- Members serve on various civic groups including Exchange Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Park Commission leaders.
- Participate in Prison Ministry
- Participate in American Cancer Society Relay for Life

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

- Council has one Certified Degree Team
- Participated in the KC Bowling Tournament
- Held monthly social meetings
- Recognized Knight of the Year

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

- Participated in the Supreme Family of the Month
- Submitted Family of the Year at State Convention
- Sponsor the mixed doubles bocce tournament
- Held a memorial mass for deceased members
- Donated money at Thanksgiving and Christmas to needy families

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- Supported the Parish CYO by preparing meal for CYO Canned Food Drive, and with monetary donations
- Allow local Boy Scout Troop to use KC Hall for meetings
- Sponsor an Alter Server Appreciation bowling party
- Sponsor a local Free Throw Contest
- Sponsor youths to Girl/Boy State

Our council is blessed with many active members including generations of family members who enjoy working together on various projects. Our membership continues to grow with the addition of 9 new members this year. We are happy to have a large group of young members as over 60 of 199 members are under age 30.

Sponsoring a New Year's Dance, Bocce Tournaments, Blood drives, a spaghetti supper, and monthly socials keep our bonds of fraternity strong and results in a more unified council.

Fraternalty,  
Shea Skeen  
Grand Knight

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

Our worthy District Deputy installed the following duly elected and appointed officers with a social after the installation of officers.

Chaplain.....	Vacant at the installation, Rev. Mike Austin
Grand Knight.....	Bob Jones
Deputy Grand Knight.....	George Peloquin
Chancellor.....	Gerald Tarrant
Recorder.....	Richard Tinsley
Financial Secretary.....	Leonard Tarrant
Treasurer.....	Morris Sonnier
Lecturer.....	Joe Niezgoda
Advocate.....	George Fero
Warden.....	Howard Newby
Inside Guard.....	Troy Ross
Outside Guard.....	Joe Shields
3 Year Trustee.....	Carl Brochard
2 Year Trustee.....	Robert Foster
1 Year Trustee.....	Harry Geller

The following served as committee chairmen:

Program Director.....	George Peloquin
Church Activities.....	George Fero
Council Activities.....	Bernie McGinley

Family Activities.....	Carl Brochard
Youth Activities.....	Charles Robertson
Community Activities.....	Troy Ross
Membership Director.....	Bernie McGinley
Public Relations.....	Joe Niezgoda
Health Services.....	Troy Ross

Here are just a few of our activities we held this year.

1. Blood Drive
2. Fireman and Policeman Recognition night
3. Sponsored Turkey dinner for Villa Maria and Samaritan House
4. Held monthly corporate communion
5. Held memorial mass for deceased members
6. Held Vocations night
7. Held annual Fraternal Benefits Night
8. Submitted monthly family of the month
9. Submitted monthly knight of the month
10. Hosted mid-winter meeting
11. Sponsored Free-Throw contest
12. We have an active Squires Circle
13. We sponsor a round table
14. Youth go to sporting events as a group
15. Sponsored children's Christmas Party
16. Helped with School Bazaar
17. Many Knights are Eucharistic ministers, lectors and ushers
18. Sponsored quarterly social dinners
19. Held Divine Mercy Icon prayer and celebration
20. Participated in, Keep Christ in Christmas
21. Sponsored a seminarian
22. Held membership drive
23. Participated in tootsie role drive

Council has been very active and successful this fraternal year.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Bob Jones  
Grand Knight

**Shelby Council 6555**  
**Grand Knight's Report**

In year 2003, the same officers were re-elected for installation ceremony. No District Deputy at that time.

OFFICIALS

Grand Knight	Bruno Fava
Deputy Grand Knight	David Malatesta
Chancellor	Joe Fava
Treasurer	Sam Mangalardi

Advocate	James Nassar
Inside Guard	Joseph Mangalardi
Outside Guard	Rocco Morris
Trustee 1 yr	Joe Fava
Trustee 2 yr	Robert Tarzi
Trustee 3 yr	James Nassar

Church Activities:

Members serve as Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, take up collection. Made donation of \$300 for Priest Education Fund, \$200 donation for the Spaghetti Super. Members cooked spaghetti and helped to cook the meat balls. Donated eggs for the children's Easter egg hunt. Donated \$300 a month to help support the church.

Community Activities:

Collected \$519.42 during tootsie roll drive for the mentally retarded. Donated \$200 to buy Christmas gifts for the inmates at state prison at Parchman, MS. Sold football pool which netted \$500.00. Donated food and drinks after Christmas Eve Mass. Recited one decade of the Rosary for the end to abortion and terrorism. Held memorial service for the deceased brother Knights in the month of November, 2003.

Faternally submitted,

Bruno Fava  
Grand Knight

**Bassfield Council 6592 – No Report**

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

This has been an active year for our council. In addition to three First Degree Exemplifications conducted by our own First Degree Team, we recently hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification. 22 members of our council are now Fourth Degree members in the Eugene T. Hicks Assembly 2734. We also hosted a Pre-Release screening of the movie "The Passion of the Christ" for our council and parish, as well as nearby parishes, for which we sold 375 tickets.

**Church Activities**

- \$ Donated \$350 to the Priest Education Fund
- \$ Purchased rosaries and tapes for the RCIA members
- \$ Participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sales program
- \$ Active in many parish activities, including prayer services, adorations, stations of the cross, and rosaries

**Community Activities**

- \$ Participated in prolife activities

- \$ Organized and participated in two blood drives
- \$ Helped local individuals with household repairs, and medical expenses

#### **Council Activities**

- \$ Hosted a Pre-Release screening of "The Passion of the Christ" for our council, our parish, and nearby parishes
- \$ Maintained a First Degree Team, and conducted 3 exemplifications
- \$ Participated in Corporate communion at Mass
- \$ Helped host a Fourth Degree Exemplification locally
- \$ Established a website at [www.netdoor.com/com/stjosephstarkville/Knights/](http://www.netdoor.com/com/stjosephstarkville/Knights/)
- \$ Sending out monthly newsletters/calendars

#### **Family Activities**

- \$ Participated in Parish Picnic, including setup, cooking and cleanup
- \$ Organized and led Friday afternoon Stations of the Cross, with a soup dinner afterwards
- \$ Participated in the Family of the Month program

#### **Youth Activities**

- \$ Supported Junior CYO, including a sponsoring and conducting a one-day retreat
- \$ Council members serve as CCD instructors
- \$ Providing free admission to one of our monthly Pancake Breakfasts to each CCD student who has perfect attendance each semester
- \$ Cooked monthly meals for the Catholic Student Association at Miss. State University
- \$ Council members serve as local leaders in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Randolph F. Follett, Grand Knight

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

This year has been a very busy year for Council 6872. Our main goal at the start of the year was to increase our membership to meet our State goals and to become a Top Gun Council. Here is a high light of what we were able to accomplish this past year:

#### **Church Activities:**

- Donated \$2500.00 to the Priest Education Fund
- Provided rosaries for inmates at the Mississippi Correctional Facility in Leaksville
- Many members of Council 6872 are Usher, Extra ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic guards
- Purchased new vestments for St Charles Borromeo Church

### **Community Activities**

- Provided monetarily to 2 pro-life organizations and volunteered at one other. We also placed over 4000 crosses across in the church field are to honor the lives that are aborted day.
- Participated in the tootsie roll drive.
- Provided monetary assistance to Habitat for Humanity and have 3 members on the board of Habitat in Pearl River County.
- Held a Blue Mass for the local community in Picayune and Pearl River County this year that doubled in local Law Enforcement, Fire Department and EMS participation over last year.
- Provided food baskets for 75 families at thanks giving and 68 families at Christmas

### **Council Activities**

- Participated in Corporate Communion monthly
- Hosted the School of Colombianism in the Summer of 2003
- Sent out monthly newsletters and calendars.
- Conducted two membership drives
- Held memorial service for deceased members
- Held month socials

### **Family Activities**

- Participated in family of the month and the family for February 2004 was selected as one of the Families of the month for Supreme
- Sponsored and participated in the First Annual Parish Picnic including setup, cooking and cleanup
- Held two family picnics in the summer time for members

### **Youth Activities**

- Sponsor and support a Boys Scout troop, A Cub Scout Pack at the Council Hall in Picayune
- Sponsor a Religious Venture Crew at St Charles Borromeo Church
- Provided toys to needy families at Christmas time and held a children's Christmas party.
- Held an Easter egg hunt for the children of the local National Guard unit that was deployed to Iraq.

### **Council Officers**

Grand Knight:	Michael G. Spencer	Deputy Grand Knight:	Vacant
Chancellor:	Sydney Graff	Financial Secretary:	Charlie Caviler
Treasurer:	Alvin Lunn	Recorder:	Dave Schouest
Advocate:	Jim Saunders	Warden:	Joe Diecidue

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael G. Spencer, Grand Knight

**Kiln Council 7087 – No Report**

**Hernando Desoto Council 7120  
785 Church Road  
P.O. Box 361  
Southaven, MS 38671**

I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with a great group of Knights during the past year, and I have seen tremendous growth and development during this time. The growth has been achieved entirely through the concerted efforts of my Brother Knights. I have also received great assistance and counsel from my predecessors and mentors. The following Officers have led Council 7120 this past year:

Chaplain	Fr. Patrick J. Lloyd, S.C.J.
Grand Knight	Jim Tarver
Deputy Grand Knight	Ron Kopacz
Chancellor	Dan Bicknell
Recorder	Jerry Jewett
Treasurer	Jason Honeycutt
Advocate	Eric Lentz
Warden	Robert Purifoy
Inside Guard	Steven Frazier
Outside Guard	Anthony Pullen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Vic Hageman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Dan Garrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	John Fiester

The Following Knights also served the council:

Lecturer	Ken Lubbers
Program Director	Bill Sonneman
Church Activities	Fred Schott
Family Activities	Ron Kopacz
Youth Activities	Wayne Lovett
Community Activities	Roy Szekely
Council Activities	John Fiester

Council 7120 celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, at Christ the King in Southaven, MS, as a Council in May of 2003 with a 25 year banquet. We had many of the Knights who have served with distinction honored at this banquet. There were several Knights present who were 25 year members present for our celebration. It was a wonderful occasion.

The council participated in developing a Council at Queen of Piece Parish Olive Branch, MS. I am happy to say the Council is close to being formed with a great deal of work by our District Deputy, Ron Kopacz. The Council also participated in many activities this past year. Some of these activities are included.

**CHURCH**

- Many of our Knights serve as Liturgical Ministers and Ushers in the Parish.



- The Council Participated in clean up of our new property
- Sponsored Blood Drives and Sponsored a Parish blood pressure screening
- Donated \$1000.00 to the State Priest Education Fund, with money raised from monthly from monthly pancake breakfast and Lenten fish fries. We gave \$500.00 to the Priest of the Sacred Heart and \$500 to the Mississippi Priest Education Fund.
- Raised funds and donated it to the building of a new maintenance building on the new church property, participated in the building of the building.
- Several members of the council participated on the building committee for our new church, which was dedicated on February 28<sup>th</sup> of this year.
- Our Fourth Degree members had an honor guard for the dedication
- We chaired and had the hospitality committee for the dedication, and the community open house the following weekend by holding tours of the church and facilities, for both Catholics and other faiths.
- Presented Rosaries to our new Catechumens and Candidates.

#### **COMMUNITY**

- Conducted an annual mental retardation drive, which benefited "Desoto Industries", a local sheltered workshop.
- Sponsored pancake breakfast each month for the parish.
- Sponsored and cooked three Lenten Fish Fries
- Sponsored and held a service for "Light up for Christ". It was a great success
- Visited sick and administered communion to those who could not attend church.
- Paid Utility bills for family in distress.

#### **COUNCIL**

- Conducted a Parish wide recruitment drive
- Ran a concession stand at Ole Miss Football games as a fund raiser
- Participate in the Knight of the Month Program
- Prayed a Rosary for vocations at monthly business meeting
- Hosted a Valentine's Day dinner for Knights, wives and wives of deceased Knights
- Hosted a Christmas Party for Knights and their wives

#### **FAMILY**

- Sponsored a Corporate Communion
- Sponsored Memorial Masses for members and family members who passed away during the last year.

#### **YOUTH**

- Assisted Boston Youth on missionary trip
- Hosted an ice cream social for 2 visiting youth groups
- Hosted a breakfast for Boston youth groups
- Conducted a Free Throw competition
- Sponsored a substance abuse poster contest
- Presented Rosaries to our youth making Confirmation

Respectfully submitted,  
James A. Tarver  
Grand Knight Council 7120

**Lumberton Council 7211 – No Report**

**Clinton Council 7854 – No Report**

**Fr. Harry Wade Council 7910  
Orange Grove, MS - Grand Knights Report**

Fraternal year 2003 was a time of trial and tribulation. It was beset with all manner of problems from indifference to lack of support, to a leadership which was challenged physically and emotionally.

It required extreme and recurring patience and persistence to achieve success it did attain, making it possible to attain goals believed unattainable. Nonetheless, our goals were met with merit and distinction. A determined effort by the established leadership and key officers in the Council brought about changes and accomplishments which would not have occurred but for far sighted vision and determination.

A change in Pastoral leadership occurred which is leading to a union of religious and lay managements that will sustain the Council for the years to come. The transfer in of several key knights will also aid that cause and lay the groundwork for solid organizational programs and leadership in the future. State officers have been apprised of these changes and through their collective wisdom we are headed in a more productive direction.

These changes could not have been brought about at the Council level alone. We wish to acknowledge with gratitude, the help and wisdom we have received in righting our ship of state and bringing it in line with established and proven practices that have made the Knights of Columbus the foremost organization it has become.

Discretion requires us to be circumspect in leaving specific events and individuals unnamed and unidentified thereby avoiding actions which would not serve the Order in a constructive way.

John Ward  
Grand Knight

**Grand Knights Report  
Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915  
Brookhaven, Mississippi**

Council 7915 Brookhaven has had a busy year at both the parish and community level. Our attempts have been to let those who are not Catholic and those who are not brother knights see what it is to be a member of this great organization. Our hopes are to increase our Catholic family as well as our ranks. We, Council 7915, have noticed that as time goes on the name, Knights of Columbus becomes better known and understood in our community.

Our parish family is supportive of what we stand for and the activities we sponsor, however, we have had difficulty in recruitment. We hope that this trend will end and that our council can grow. It has also been noted that many men comment of how nice it has been to have a full time field agent, for some time that was not the case.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wade Ditcharo  
Grand Knight Council 7915

**Columbus Council 7954 – No Report**

**Pearl Council 8038 – No Report**

**CHARLES R. BRILL COUNCIL 8054  
MCCOMB MS**

The following Knights were selected to serve as officers for Council 8054 for the 2003-2004 fraternal year:

Honorary Chaplain	Father Bill Englehart
Chaplain	Father Bill Henry
Co-Chaplain	Father Robert Dore
Grand Knight	Larry Foulk
Deputy Grand Knight	Andy Spinnato
Chancellor	Ardean Shaw
Recorder	Vince Culotta
Financial Secretary	Keith Wall
Treasurer	Mitch Bellipanni
Advocate	Alfred Bonnabel
Warden	Dalton Case
Inside Guard	Jake Bellipanni
Outside Guard	Bill Robinson
Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Dennis Dunn
Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Michael Brown
Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Rick Penick

As another fraternal year comes to an end, it is with gratitude and appreciation of those members that have devoted their service to the council and its activities. It is their service and participation that continues moving the Council along by sacrificing their weekends and family to perform their duties as Knights to the Church and Community.

Many of our members work in many capacities in our church, from Parish Councils, RCIA, CYO, and other advisory positions. We are active in the liturgy as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and ushers.

The Council has been holding a men's breakfast on the first Saturday of each month, leading the Rosary before Mass, promoting Adoration on the first Friday of each month. Helping the youth with a fish fry to raise funds for a needy family. We have attempted a

strong membership drive. In the future we are implementing our First Degree Team. Along with our normal activities, we are committed to furthering our membership and participation to Church and Community. We are most desperately looking at bringing past members back to the council and reaching out those that for whatever reason miss the participation of the Brothers.

Thus far in my year as Grand Knight, I have grown closer to my faith and Parish Community. Many thanks to those who have stood with the Council and their devoted time and energies.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry R. Foulk, Sr  
Grand Knight Council #8054

**St. Therese Council 8285  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Grand Knight's Report - 2003-2004**

Worthy State Deputy,

Council Officers duly elected and installed by worthy District Deputy Jim McCraw as follows:

Grand Knight	Ben Mokry
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Singletary
Chancellor	Rusty Kemp
Recorder	Doug Simmons
Treasurer	Mike Machost
Advocate	Mike Harkins
Warden	Jim Woods
Trustee – 3 yr	Jim Hancock
Trustee – 2 yr	Jerry Simmons
Trustee – 1 yr	Paul Gospodarski
Financial Secretary	Rich Leiding

As a first year Grand Knight it is my pleasure to recognize the committed men of the Council who put a great deal of time, effort and creativity into the work of the council this year. It is inspiring and energizing to observe them in action. Among the activities carried out in the 2003-2004 state fraternal year are the following:

Church

- Lenten Retreat for the men of the parish
- Keep Christ in Christmas program
- Members served on the RCIA team and the council supplied a meal to one of the meeting nights
- Led rosary devotion before daily mass preceding monthly meetings
- Led repainting of the large steel cross on the church property

- Provided food for a parish-wide picnic celebrating the Feast Day of St. Therese
- Provided Christian service hour opportunities to over 45 St. Joseph Catholic School students totaling over 200 service hours

#### Community

- Christmas social that collected items for Birthright moms and made a monetary contribution
- Demolished a wall during renovations for St. Therese School, saving the school approximately \$800
- Cleaned parish-owned lot
- Provided security at parish Sunday masses
- Assisted an elderly parishioner in a yard clean-up

#### Council

- Conducted a membership drive during Supreme's October Blitz
- Publish a newsletter
- Have members participating on a Certified Degree Team
- Held a social recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Council 8285's founding

#### Family

- Sponsored a family social
- Served meals in support of the Parish's annual Thanksgiving festival
- A member of the Council led a unique celebration, a Hunter's mass and wild game dinner, in honor of St. Hubert, traditional patron saint of hunters
- Sponsored a women's self-defense class

#### Youth

- Assisted Boy Scouts at St. Therese with fund raising and provided refreshments for boys and their parents at the Cub Scout Pack's Pinewood Derby competition
- Members coached boys basketball for St. Therese school
- Sponsored a Council Basketball Free Throw competition
- Carried out a poster/essay competition for children in St. Therese School during Catholic Schools week
- Sponsored a fish-fry fund raiser for the Louis Covert Scholarship Fund supporting St. Therese school
- Donated \$600 to the library fund at St. Joseph Catholic School

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ben Mokry  
Grand Knight

**Joseph's Council 8760  
Holly Springs  
Grand Knights Report**

The officers indicated below were duly elected and installed by District Deputy Dennis Louis:

Grand Knight	Claude L. Vinson, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Ralph Howard
Financial Secretary	Claude Vinson, Sr.
Chancellor	James Rayford
Recorder	Larry Scott
Treasurer	Victor Beard
Advocate	David Stratmon
Warden	Walter Walls
Trustee (1)	Derrick Richmond
Trustee (2)	Felix Osuji
Trustee (3)	Eddie Dixon
Inside Guard	Jevon Adkins
Outside Guard	Joseph Vinson

Hoping for a fraternal year of fruitful growth, the following appointments were made:

Program Director	Ralph Howard
Church Director	Larry Scott
Vocations Chairman	James Rayford
Community Director	Derrick Richmond
Pro-Life Couple	Frank & Doris Houck
Health Services (Deceased)	John Freeman
Council Director	Felix Osuji
Public Relations	Claude Vinson, Sr.
Family Director	Eddie Dixon
Youth Director	Ralph Howard
Membership Director	James Rayford
Retention Chairman	Victor Beard
Recruitment Committee	Claude Vinson, Jr., Eddie Dixon, David Stratman

**Membership Activities:**

St Joseph's Council 8760 has not progressed in the area of recruitment as it should have. Verily, we lost two members to transfers and one member was deceased. We did take in one new member. This has to be the focal point for our programs during the next fraternal year.

**Church Activities:**

1. Council members assist at Mass as ushers, lectors, and ministers.
2. Members are members of the choir and help plan the liturgy.
3. Members prepare hot sausages for the annual church picnic
4. Planned recreational games for church picnic.

Community Activities:

1. One member is elected official for the county.
2. One member cooked hot dogs, hamburgers, and smoke sausages (all night) for the Cancer Relay for Life participants.
3. One member hosted Bar-B-Que to raise funds for UNCF during Annual Rust College Founder's Day.
4. Prepared picnic for adults in Workforce Invest Act program.
5. Members regularly contribute to Marshall/Benton Counties Food Bank.
6. Recognized selected individuals in community for their service to the community.

Council Activities:

1. Held installation brunch for newly elected officers.
2. Hosted 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Red/White Honors Banquet.
3. Recognized Brother John E. Freeman as Knight of the Year (Posthumously) and presented his widow a commemorative plaque.
4. Held annual raffle to help defray costs of council programs.
5. Selected "Citizen of the Year"
6. Sent delegates to State Convention.
7. Prepared the pancake breakfast for Mother's Day and other selected days.

Family Life Activities:

1. Selected Family of the Month
2. Selected Family of the Year, Leon and Shirley Moore
3. Selected Family of the Month and recognized that family at the periodic pancake breakfast.

Youth Activities:

1. One member is advisor to Life Teen
2. Held annual free throw tournament.
3. One member played Santa Claus for two area schools
4. One member prepared Bar-B-Que for youth participating in the Workforce Investment Act

Summary:

Although Council 8760 has not flourished in the past few years, it still has a corps of dedicated members who strive to carry on the principles of Knighthood. I would be remiss if I did not mention their support and also that of our District Deputy, Denny Louis.

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

**Father Robert Reitmeyer Council 8848  
Tupelo, MS  
Grand Knight Report -2003-2004**

**Council Officers**

Chaplain	Fr. Henry Shelton
Grand Knight	Alan Erickson
Deputy Grand Knight	Roy Jaeger
Chancellor	Tony Pallazo
Financial Secretary	Jeffrey Houin
Recorder	Robin Haire
Treasurer	Alvin LeBlanc
Warden	Bob McDade
Advocate	John Sheffield
Inside Guard	Ronny Buse
Outside Guar	Marcel Crudele
1 Year Trust	Brian Friloux
2 Year Trus	Greg Weatherford
3 Year Trust	David Friloux

**Service Program Chairman**

Program Director	Roy Jaeger
Membership Director	Rob Hudson
Lecturer	Bob Hajeck
Church Director	David Friloux
Community Director	Patrick Quinn
Family Director	David Palladino
Youth Director	Scott Jepson
Council Director	Marcel Crudele

**Church Program Activities**

Sponsored a Men's Retreat.  
Prayed the Rosary for vocations.  
Participated in the Serra Club.  
Participated in a Memorial service for the unborn.  
Cooked French toast breakfast and hamburger meals for the Priest Education Fund.  
Erected Crosses for the Innocent.  
Sponsorship provided for several Round Tables.

**Community Program Activities**

Participated in the parish Christmas Care Tree Program.  
Participated in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive raising over \$14,000.  
Visited the sick and shut-ins.

**Council Program Activities**

Hosted a first, second and third degree exemplification.  
Hosted an Open House and recruitment meal.  
Maintained a Council web site.  
Participated in the Knight of the Month program.



### **Family Program Activities**

Hosted a quarterly Corporate Communion.  
Participated in parish social functions.  
Held a major fund raiser for our Memorial to the Unborn Project.

### **Youth Program Activities**

Hosted a Free Throw Contest  
Hosted an essay contest for sixth graders.  
Provided crucifixes to the graduating seniors.  
Supported a youth spring retreat to Washington, D.C..

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan R. Erickson  
Grand Knight

### **St. James The Less Council 8912 P.O. Box 8454 Corinth, Ms. 38834**

Council 8912 was Chartered on 16 February 1986. The Charter was issued by Larry Campbell, District Deputy District one. The following members were elected to office:

#### **FIRST OFFICERS 1986—1987**

Jack J. HORA	Grand Knight
Mike J. CHIDALEK	Deputy Grand Knight
Jude MCGRATH	Chancellor
Jay M. OANA	Recorder
Matthew S. CZARNECKI	Financial Secretary
Quentin M. HAYES	Treasure
Henry J. MEEKS	Lecture
James H. EDGERLY	Advocate
Louis R. CORDOVA	Warden
Robert R. SCALZI	Inside Guard
	Outside Guard
Edward W. WEEKS	Trustees
John J. WINTERSCHEIDT	
Robert J. HAUSER	

#### **PRESENT OFFICERS 2003 -- 2004**

Raymond G. BALL
Thomas J. BRILLEY
Jack J. HORA
James Greg DAVIDSON
Joseph L. ZOGLMAN
Ellis A. (Bill) GEER
Benny HANCOCK
Joel G. WEIHER
Larry D. GANN
Sam Y. AWWAD
William C. GARTH
Matthew S. CZARNECKI
Dennis C. LOUIS
Sylvester W. (Bill) HORA

The following appointments were made to the various activity areas for 2003 - 2004:

Chaplin	Robert Hauser
Program Director	Larry Gann
Church Director	Jack Hora
Youth Director	Joe Zoglman
Membership Director	James Leatherwood

Recruitment Committee	Sam Awwad Tommy Thompson Raymond Ball
Retention Chairman	Dennis Louis

To date council 8912 has produced two State Officers: James Leatherwood District Deputy District One 1999—2001; and Dennis Louis District Deputy District One 2001 – Present.

This is my second year as Grand Knight of Council 8912. It is a honor to have been selected to lead this council for another year. The schedule of council events implemented last year has worked out beyond all my expectations; it lets everyone know what is happening in the council, Meetings, Dinners, Youth Activities and so on. We have at least one family outing each month. I send a information letter to every member every month. I hold one Officers Meeting and one Membership Meeting every month. We average eighteen to twenty members at our meetings.

The following is a list of council activities.

#### **CHURCH**

Contribute to the Priest Education Fund; serve as, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators and Parish Council Members. We clean and maintain the playground equipment for our parish, Clean and mow church property. Provided twenty seven Christmas gift baskets for the widows and widowers of our parish.

#### **COMMUNITY**

Held annual Foolsie Roll Drive, Provided and distributed funds for needy families, cut brush, mow yards and plant shrubs for the widows of the community.

#### **FAMILY EVENTS**

Went to Pringle's Park in Jackson, Tennessee for our annual Evan Kay Memorial Baseball Outing (named for one of our deceased members), held annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic with fireworks, had annual wiener roast and hay ride at the home of Brother Knight Tommy Thompson, had appreciation Spaghetti supper for all who worked on the Christmas Float, had a Corn beef and Cabbage supper for St. Patrick's Day and honored all mothers on Mother's Day with roses and a Sunday breakfast.

#### **YOUTH EVENTS**

Held annual free throw contest, had annual Halloween Party for the youth of our church, had our annual breakfast with Santa, had annual bowling outing for all the young children of our church with free pizza afterwards and helped sponsor parish youth to the State Youth Convention.

#### **COUNCIL EVENTS**

To date we have held one recruiting drive and two first degree exemplification ceremonies. We have inducted seven (7) new members into the council. We gave Christmas gifts and gift baskets to the widows or our councils deceased Knights. We attended the fourth degree exemplification ceremonies in Starkville, Mississippi with four (4) members receiving the fourth degree. One of the most rewarding things we did this year was a FIRST. We built and entered a float in the annual Corinth Christmas Parade, complete with Fourth Degree Honor Guard. Other council activities include our annual

Christmas Party and awards Banquet, our annual fish fry during lent, a fund raising breakfast the second Sunday of each month, held a Valentines Dance with door Prizes, had our annual Golf outing, Sold Keep Christ in Christmas Cards, held rosary service for deceased members and their families. Also held rosary service on March 25<sup>th</sup> in honor of the day of the Unborn Child.

As I stated at the start of this report, our council was chartered just over eighteen years ago in 1986. We have grown a lot since then, in more ways than just size. Eighteen years of CHARTY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE to our Church, our Family, and our Community and looking forward to the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted  
Raymond G. Ball  
Grand Knight Council 8912 Corinth, Ms.

**D'Iberville Council 9094 – No Report**

**St. Mary Council No. 9124**  
**Grand Knight's Report**

Worthy State Deputy:

During the 2003-2004 State Fraternal Year, we have been an extremely active council. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. We have continued to be visible in parish life through youth, family, community, church, and council activities. Synopses of our activities for this past year are listed below.

**Church Activities:**

1. Council sponsored money raiser for Priest Education Fund
2. Participation in Lenten Stations of the Cross Program
3. Passed out Rosary Bouquet Cards at St Mary's
4. Participated in the Altar Server Training
5. Participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Program
6. Sponsored Friday Night Lenten Fish Dinners
7. Held a Marian Hour of Prayer Session
8. Participation in the Life of the Parish

**Community Activities:**

1. Participation in Hwy 90 Pro-Life Chain
2. Sponsor 55 – Alive Driver Training Course for seniors
3. Church Ground and facilities cleanup and repairs
4. Visited the sick members of our church and community.
5. Made food donations to local food banks and shelter facility.
6. Participated in annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally challenged.

**Council Activities:**

1. Produced council newsletter.
2. Council members participate in various 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Teams
3. Held council socials.
4. Held fall membership drive.
5. Held spring membership drive.
6. Held council Christmas party.
7. Had a net gain in Insurance membership.

**Family Activities:**

1. Held quarterly Corporate Communion.
2. Participated in Supreme's Family of the Month program.
3. Participated in Diocesan Rosary Rally.
4. Held Mass for deceased council member.
5. Held respect for Life Rosary.
6. Hosted Valentines Dinner outing with wives and sweethearts.
7. Submitted Council Family of the Year.
8. Furnished flowers for Mother's Day

**Youth Activities:**

1. Provided financial support to local CYO groups.

2. Participated in various community youth programs.
3. Hosted Easter Egg Hunt.
4. Hosted graduating senior luncheon.
5. Held council Free Throw Tournament.
6. Sponsored District 12 Free Throw Tournament.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leo Borosky  
Grand Knight Council 9124

**Council 9234 – Indianola**  
**Grand Knights Report**

Council activities have been less than hoped for due to greatly increased work schedules for nearly all Brother Knights.

**Church:**

Our Council cooked all meals and coordinated deliveries of Spaghetti Suppers and cleaned up the Parish hall before and after. We participated in the Mass by serving as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers and Ushers more than once per month in each category. We sponsored And manned a Blood Drive for the Parish. We also provided food and drinks for the Annual Parish Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Community:**

Our KCs manned the beverage tent for the annual BB King Homecoming Festival. Plans are possibly underway to resume our annual BBQ chicken cook out. Plans are underway for other fund raising activities.

Our plans for 2004-2005 should pick up more activities and hopefully more participation.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Tannehill  
Grand Knight

**REINHARD SCHROEDER COUNCIL NO. 9409  
WEST BILOXI, MS**

**ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2003-2004**

Chaplain	Monsignor Francis Farrell
Grand Knight	Richard (Dick) Belvel
Deputy Grand Knight	Roger Houle
Recorder	Joe Harris
Financial Secretary	Al Kais
Treasurer	Henry Dick
Chancellor	Carl Mc Cardle
Warden	Ken Girten
Trustee #3	James Starks
Trustee #2	Angelo Goundas
Trustee #1	John Caranna
Lecturer	Buddy Chinn
Advocate	Albert Allegue
Inside Guard	Harold Catchot
Outside Guard	Brian Murphy

**HOME COUNCIL OF WORTHY STATE TREASURER DANNY LECHNER**

***GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT - Greetings Brother Knights,***

As my tenure in office comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my council members for their hard work and dedication. Without their hard work our accomplishments would be few. As I assumed office two years ago it was my goal to meet every brother Knight within our council. That goal was not achieved that goal. The one thing I will take with me is the knowledge that I gave 150% of my time and effort to the Council. My prayers will be for the next Grand Knight to succeed where I have failed. The Following Are Some Of The Achievements Accomplished By Our Council This Past Year:

**CHURCH** (Joe Harris)

Financial support for Seminarian  
Conducted Way of the Cross  
Sponsored a Widow and Widowers Dinner  
Sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card Drive  
Participated in Church clean up program  
Conducted Rosary before each business meeting  
Supplied workers for Spring Festival  
Supervised weekly bingo  
Served as RCIA team members  
Participated in every aspect of liturgical program  
Conducted Wednesday Hour of Adoration Ceremony

**COMMUNITY** (Ray Gouin)

Sponsored Tootsie Roll Drive -- Sponsored Blood Drive  
Conducted street clean up -- Attended and participated in Pro-Life Rally  
Visited sick and hospitalized  
Sponsored St. Vincent De Paul Pharmacy Awards Dinner

Two members elected to Ms. House of Representatives (Michael Janus and Leonard Bentz)  
Contributed Funds to Right To Life Foundation -- Sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**COUNCIL** (Ted Renn)

Held monthly Family Socials -- Maintained First Degree Team  
Conducted First, Second, and Third Exemplification  
Produced and distributed News Letter -- Sponsored Lenten Dinner  
Held Monthly Po-Boy sales to raise money for the Council  
Selected Knight of the Month -- Held membership drive  
Conducted Rosary before each business meeting.  
Held appreciation dinner for Fatima Elementary School Teachers  
Held appreciation dinner for RCIA candidates, team members, and sponsors

**FAMILY** (Leonard Bentz)

Held Spring and Fall family picnics -- Held Corporate Communions  
Selected Family of the Month -- Held Family Christmas Party  
Held Memorial Mass for deceased Knights  
Participated in Dinner for Marriage Anniversaries

**YOUTH** (Michael Janus)

Sponsored an awards program for Acolites  
Sponsored Parish Free Throw Contest and gave out participation awards  
Two full scholarships awarded to needy students attending Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School  
Sponsored ads for CYO Annual Convention  
Sponsored an ad in the Mercy Cross Football Program  
Provided support for Parish CCD classes  
Provided maintenance help at Elementary School  
Cooked hamburgers for Elementary School Festival

Respectfully submitted by

**Richard (Dick) Belvel**

Grand Knight Council #9409

VIVAT JESUS

**St. Francis of Assissi Council 9543**  
**Grand Knights Report**

I am happy to report a successful year for our council, filled with activities and projects designed to benefit our youth, parish, and surrounding community. Through hard work and dedication by many, we achieved the goal of seeking out those in need, opening our doors to new opportunities, and continuing to uphold a reputation of the theme of our Order-charitable service.

The following officers lead the council meetings throughout the 2003-2004 year:

Chaplain	Fr. Frank Cosgrove
Grand Knight Deputy	Fr. Rick Phipps
Grand Knight	Mark Vedros
Chancellor Financial	Mike Buollosa Jim Grifftm
Secretary Treasurer	Brendan Sheehan
Recorder	David Mattox
Advocate	Bob Ganz
Warden	Mike Mullett
Guards	Jody Hill
	Ken Rotenberry
	Philip Holman
	Chris Manning
Trustees	Steve Simoneaux
	Floyd Doolittle
	Mark Beyea
Cook	Greg Latour

Throughout this year, we have devoted a significant amount of efforts to helping our youth, church, and community. Our Catholic schools have called on us to prepare meals for festivals, banquets, drawdown, meetings, and various other financial support. We provided assistance, both in labor and monies to our CYO group, Advent Fair, Back to School nights, Saltillo, and Sunday night meals. We supported our Boy Scouts in fundraising efforts for their summer trips, scout projects, and equipment needs.

Our council continues to hold blood drives and donate blood in the name of the parish, to insure that all parishioners are insured in case of need. Our participation during the Lenten season with rosaries, meals, and Stations of the Cross helped to provide a place for prayer and preparation for the Holy Week. We helped out with the Church mission, Eucharistic adoration, religious education, and preparing the church for the numerous events held throughout the year that require adding chairs, decorations, beautification efforts, and overflow parking.

We traveled out into the community outside of the parish with support to schools, organizations, and senior citizen groups who may have needed a supporting hand, delivering gifts at Christmas, cooking meals for various events, and manpower to assist in fundraising efforts. Many of our members individually support help for the hungry, Habitat, activities for the youth, and hold leadership positions around the community.



As a council, we not only support each other to build strong fraternal relationships, but also are there where called upon by other councils in the area, hoping to be dependable brothers to all. our 1<sup>st</sup> degree team dedicates its time to at least one exemplification each month, and our 2nd and 3rd degree team continues to grow in its work around the state.

We continue to support pro life activities through prayer at clinics, rallies, and donations of \$1,000 toward the Pro Life fund. With generous support of sponsors and golfers, we were fortunate to raise \$9,000 for priest education, mainly from the Floyd Doolittle Golf Classic. A heartfelt thanks to our KC wives who help us whenever called upon, for decorations, donations, and support in our endeavors. Many thanks to the dedicated activity chairmen for their leadership this year, and to the brother Knights who helped to strengthen this council, that I consider myself fortunate and proud to be a member of this council.

Respectfully yours,

Mark Vedros  
Grand Knight

**Woolmarket Council 9673 – No Report**

**Lizana Council 9958 – No Report**

**St. Paul Brandon Council 10216  
Grand Knights Report  
2003-2004**

**Officers:**

Chaplin	Rev. Brian Carroll
Grand Knight	Philip Jabour
Deputy Grand Knight	Ron Barry
Chancellor	Ted Gray
Financial Secretary	David Browman
Treasurer	Ray Butz
Recorder	Woody Coleman
Warden	Kevin O'Donnell
Advocate	David Cannon
Inside Guard	Mike Kirby
Outside Guard	Kevin Daly

**Trustees:**

Martin Bisek  
Dan Hammond  
Dennis Deister

**Program Chairman:**

Ted Gray

**Program Directors:**

Church Chairman	Gerald Gaggini
Community Chairman	Kevin O'Donnell
Council Chairman	Mike Kirby
Family Chairman	Mike Brechtel
Youth Chairman	Dennis Deister

**Membership Director:**

Ron Barry

I am finishing my second year as Grand Knight and will be replaced shortly. I want to thank the Brothers of Council 10216 for having another great year. We qualified for Stellar Council again this year. We achieved Top Gun with 260% of our goal. We won Best Medium Council last year and moved up to large Council this year. Based on the year we had, I feel we have a good chance of winning Best Large Council the first year we have been in that category. Unless we lose an insurance member between now and the end of June, we will qualify for Star Council for the third year in a row.

We increased our donation to priest education to \$1800 and gave to both the Pro-Life and Christopher Fund. We will donate about \$2000 to our Church building fund, and will donate over \$1100 to the church to help fund vacation bible school this summer. We also purchased three vestments for our newly ordained associate pastor. We

Sonny Fountain	# 9094
Hollis Moran	# 9958
Ron Berry	#10216
Sam Marascalo	#10443
Jim Henderson	#11904

Over the past year, we have participated in many worthy church, community, council, family, and youth activities. None of which could have been possible without the desire, dedication, and hard work of my fellow brother knights and our Ladies Auxiliary. I deeply appreciate their efforts, because without them, our council would not have achieved the level of success it attained. I also want to thank those in our council who have shared their knowledge, insight, and words of encouragement with me over this past year. If it were not for them, my performance as their Grand Knight would have fallen short of the council's expectations.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to serve Council 10499 as Grand Knight.

Respectfully submitted  
Robert Frey  
Grand Knight

**St. John's Council 10901 - Oxford, MS**  
**Grand Knight's Report**

Following our quarterly Corporate Communion in June of 2003 District Deputy Denny Louis installed the duly elected officers for Council 10901 as follows:

Chaplain	Father Joe Dyer
Warden	Mike Chatelain
Grand Knight	Mike Mitchell
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Shows
Chancellor	Joe Tull
Financial Secretary	Joseph Supple, Jr.
Treasurer	Eddie Metrejean
Advocate	Jacob Eftink
Inside Guard	Tom Taylor
Outside Guard	Scott Shows
Recorder	Jeffrey Hooper
Trustee 3	Walt Turnbull
Trustee 2	James Reid
Trustee 1	Duane Andrews

The Officer Installation was followed by our annual awards banquet. Our new fraternal year got off to a very quick start with planning for our annual drive for physically and mentally challenged citizens. This was followed by our annual council fund-raiser of parking cars at Ole Miss home football games. This activity represents a substantial amount of time from all the council members and is very well supported. We also performed the set up and break down of booths for the annual Parish Oktoberfest. This event has come to be an early autumn fixture here in Oxford and is supported by much of the community. We also held a Spirit of Columbianism essay and poster contest and presented prizes to the top two contestants from each group. Our council supported our youth by cooking hamburgers and hotdogs each month at one of the weekly Total Youth meetings. We also provided hotdogs at the Total Youth Halloween carnival. We have also continued our commitment to the Save A Life foundation, by sponsoring four tables at their annual fund-raising banquet. The tickets for the event were made available to

members of our Council, Parish and the Catholic Students Association at no cost. Our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign was a large outdoor Advent Wreath. Our annual Christmas gathering was again very successful and well attended. Our Free Throw Contest was conducted in February with winners in each age group. The Lenten Fish Fries were again done on each Friday during Lent and proved to be one of the most successful our council has ever conducted. The proceeds from this event go to the St John's Building Fund.

Other events conducted by Council 10901 during the fraternal year include:  
Leading the Rosary each Sunday before 8:30 AM Mass. Financial support of our Seminarian, Lenin Vargas. Sponsoring the Parish Fall Hay Ride. Sponsoring and cooking for the Parish Splash Party in July. Provide Catechism to new RCIA graduates. Provide Rosaries to new Communicants. Adopted a needy family for Christmas.

Respectfully submitted;  
Michael F. Mitchell Grand Knight Council 10901

**St. James Council 11541  
Gulfport MS**

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of Council 11541, St. James Catholic Church Gulfport Ms. Our council had an unfortunate loss. Grand Knight Thomas McCusker lost his battle with lung cancer. We have worked very hard in supporting the McCusker family during their time of great loss. Our prayers are always with the McCusker family. I was honored to serve as Tom McCusker's Deputy Grand Knight I would like to thank the following Officers for their support

Deputy Grand	Mike Kilgore
Knight: Chaplain:	Dick Henderson
Financial Secretary:	Ed Croal
Chancellor:	Dan Gillis
Recorder:	B.1. Lewis
Treasurer:	Jay Oberliese
Advocate:	Chris Bread
Warden:	Mike Croal
Guard:	Buddy Jones
Guard:	Joe Romano
Trustee:	Odje Smith
Trustee:	Al Konyin
Trustee:	Matt McGahan

The following is a list of our accomplishments for this Past Fraternal Year:

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

- We clean the Parish cemetery, which includes, mowing, weed eating, pruning shrubs, and picking up trash. We clean the cemetery twice annually.
- We operate the hamburger booth at the Parish Fall Festival. We raised over \$2100.00 at the Fall Festival for the Parish.
- We sponsor quarterly corporate communion.
- We participate and support our Parish Perpetual Adoration program.
- We make contributions to the Priest Education Fund.
- We participate in the Diocesan Rosary Rally.
- We provide ushers for all Parish Church Services.
- We clean and mulch the Parish's flower beds twice a year.
- We prepared a free lunch for the Parish after the blessing of the St. Joseph's alters.

**COMMUNITY:**

- We participate the annual Pro-Life Rally.
- We conduct the annual fund raiser for People with Mental Disabilities.
- We purchased a washer and dryer for a family with a terminally ill child.
- We conduct an annual Parish yard sale.

#### YOUTH

- We hosted the local and regional Knights of Columbus free throw contest.
- We support and participate in the Parish Easter Egg Hunt.
- We host a Spring Party for Parish Altar Servers.
- We support our Parish's Life Teen Program.
- We provide a scholarship to our local Catholic Elementary School for our Parish Families.

#### FAMILY;

- We host a parish Mothers Day Breakfast
- We host a Soup and Sandwich dinner during Lent
- We choose a Family of the Year
- We sponsor a Family Christmas Party.

#### MEMBERSHIP

- We prepared several free meals for the Parish and used the free meals as an opportunity to recruit new members.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert W. Pyle  
Grand Knight Council #11541

#### **Fr. Paul Gillis Council 11654** **Wiggins MS – Grand Knights Report**

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the duly elected officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy Don Schwartz. The council officers for 2003-2004 are as follows:

Chaplain	Fr. Fintan Kilmurray
Grand Knight	Don Eakin
Deputy Grand Knight	John Phillips
Financial Secretary	Sherwood Beckham
Recorder	William Ladnier
Treasurer	Robert Parker
Advocate	Barry Wilhas
Warden	Leland Bergeron
Inside Guard	Bill Sokylowski
Outside Guard	Larry Higginbotham
Trustee	Frank Maniscalco
Trustee	Sherwood Beckham

#### COUNCIL;

- We sponsor memorial Service for deceased Members and their Wives.
- We nominate a Knight of the year.
- We visit sick and distress Members.
- We host 4th degree.
- We produce a Quarterly Newsletter.
- Our council's golf team finished 3rd in the Knights of Columbus state golf tournament -We supported the Harley Davidson Motorcycle raffle.
- We operated our concession trailer at several local events, Mardi Gras and Cruising' the Coast.

In this first year as Grand Knight, I am very thankful to have so many hard working fellow Knights and their families. We have completed several projects and achieved our membership goal. We are praying to and will achieve all other goals.

**Activities:**

July 20: Installation of Officers

July 27: Three officers and myself attended the district meeting in Picayune. All officers attending were new and had a rewarding session.

August: Regular monthly pan cake breakfast followed by the meeting.

September: Our council made a donation to a family of a young baby with cancer.

October: Three new knights were welcomed at the Hattiesburg exemplification.

Council members attended the Marion Hour of Prayer. Several knights attended the Rosary Rally in Biloxi, MS.

November: Donated to St. Vincent DePaul for Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the community. Third annual car show, a very important fund raiser as 50% of proceeds go to the Priest Education Fund.

December: Fellow knight John Phillips organized the Angel Tree. The Knights delivered these gifts on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Helped with the annual Christmas party and assisted in the Annual church cleaning.

January: Fellow knights attended mid-winter meeting in Ocean Springs. Bought 20 boxes of Girl Scout cookies for our troops in Iraq. Five new members received their first degree in Biloxi.

March: Annual St. Patrick Day Corned Beef and cabbage supper for the parishioners after Mass. We donated to a paralyzed parishioner to have dental surgery.

I have been very proud to serve as Grand Knight for this council and hope the coming year can be even better. We could not have accomplished what we have done without the help of all the officers and Brother Knights. We sadly miss fellow knight Paul Bacon, who died this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Eakin  
Grand Knight

**Lucedale Council 11904 – No Report**

**Council 11934  
Gluckstadt**

Grand Knight	Joe Jones
Deputy Grand Knight	Clay Pruden
Chancellor	Jason Crocker
Recorder	Mark Crocker
Treasurer	Joe Best
Financial Secretary	John C. Minninger
Advocate	David Cobb
Warden	Ned Darbonne
Inside Guard	Billy Endris



Outside Guard  
Trustee 1  
Trustee 2  
Trustee 3

Pete Wiesenburger  
John Scanlan  
Kerry Minninger  
Stephen Jones

Gluckstadt Council 11934 started this year by having our officers installed by our State Deputy Rich Lieding and our new District Deputy Mart Bisek. It didn't take long after that for us to get to work because we were contacted by Habitat for help, which we provided. Since that time we have been involved in many other projects and things in the Church and community. Our main community project each year is we hold a fish fry for the Canton Nursing Home, we usually have a fairly large crowd and everyone has a great time. Our best time each year is with our youth when we host the CYO/KC softball game and cook out. We hold a Quarterly Mass and during lent we hold a Special Way of the Cross. We try to hold a social each quarter and to make sure to have our Insurance Agent Ken Rains to attend at least one for a Fraternal Benefits Night. We hosted two First Degrees at our hall and brought in one new member. We took part in the tootsie roll drive and the Keep Christ in Christmas Drive, as most everyone else did we held fish fries and other events to raise money for Priest Ed., and the Pro-life Fund. We have been very active in the many programs of the Knight of Columbus, we have lifted up high the name of the Knights and preformed all we do in such a manner that all in our Council and all member of our Church are willing to help and support in our many endeavors. I would like to thank our DD Mart for all he has done to help us this year. Not only has he been here as a leader and a friend but he has also been a great help at most all of our fund raisers. Mart your help both mental and physical has been of great assistance to all of us. We have done many other things as all have so there is no need to list them all. So I would like to thank all for making this a great year for our council and all of those that have been helped through your efforts.

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

**Father Patrick Quinn Council 11956**  
**Columbia/Tylertown, MS**  
**Robert N. "Bob" Frey**

#### **ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

I want to take this opportunity to thank my brother Knights for allowing me to serve them as Grand Knight. This is indeed an honor and a privilege and a most rewarding experience. I want to express my appreciation and give a big "Thank You!" to our Ladies Auxiliary. We are so fortunate to have them at our side to render support. We all know we can depend on them to come to our aid at any time. It is through the effort of our Council and our Ladies Auxiliary that we are able to provide service to both of our parish churches, Holy Trinity Church in Columbia and St. Paul the Apostle Church in Tylertown, and to both communities. Further, I want to recognize and give thanks to our Pastor, Father Victor Seidel. He is a great comfort and guiding force to us all. Along with all of the above, I want to say thanks to our District Deputy, Don Schwartz for his help and support.

In this, my first year as Grand Knight, and in continuation of the efforts and hard work of our previous Grand Knights, Council 11956 enjoyed a very productive and rewarding year. Our members worked diligently and accomplished great things in all aspects of the work the Knights of Columbus are known for, that being service and dedication to our Church, our Country, our Family and our Community.

#### **Council Activities**

##### **Church:**

Corporate Mass on fifth Sunday of any month. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Usher Society and Greeters. Recite Holy Rosary of Mary before every meetings. Annual donation of \$750.00 to each of our two churches. Lenten Fish Fry each Friday during Lent, with all proceeds going to the Priest Education Fund. Provided Honor Guard and led ceremony for the dedication of the parish hall, named "Herberger Hall" in honor of our deceased member L. H. "Heb" Herberger. Provided services and maintenance on buildings and grounds at both churches.

##### **Community:**

Sponsored two parish wide picnics, one at each church, where all parishioners were invited and participated in a day long eating, drinking, fellowship and festive activities. Our council furnished all food and drinks. Held two Tootsie Roll Drives. Members preformed volunteer work at the two food pantries. Gave Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Baskets, along with gifts and toys for families in both Columbia and Tylertown. Sponsored "Breakfast with Santa", providing food and drinks for the kids of both parishes, while they visited with Santa and received gifts.

##### **Council:**

Five Council members attended the School of Columbianism. Five Council members attended the Mid-Winter Business Meeting. Council members faithfully attended monthly business meetings. Council held Award Banquet and social. Council provides dinners and socials before each business meeting. Sponsored "Membership Drive" on Corporate Sunday for both parishes, with luncheon following the Mass. Honored guest speakers were our Immediate Past State Deputy and our District Deputy.

##### **Youth:**

Sponsored "Free Throw Contests" at both parish churches. Sponsored the Annual Columbian Squires State Convention. Sponsored Youth retreat. Purchased and presented gifts to all members of the Confirmation Class at both churches. Held "Fish Fry" following the Confirmation of the candidates from both churches. Our honored guest and main celebrant was The Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Bishop of Biloxi. Purchased half page ad in CYO annual publication.

It is with great honor and pride that I present our roll of Officers and Directors.

##### **Our Council Officers:**

Chaplin:	Father Victor Seidel, S.T.
Grand Knight:	Robert N. "Bob" Frey
Deputy Grand Knight:	James P. "Chiney" Rivero
Chancellor:	Patrick A. Altentaler

Financial Secretary:	Paul J. Mackin
Treasurer:	Robert D. Gonsoulin
Advocate:	Michael R. Novinski
Recorder:	Frank J. Miano
Warden:	James F. Hughes
Inside Guard:	Aswald J. Ledet
Outside Guard:	Leroy H. Bell
Trustees:	Harry W. Smith, Foote R. Singleton, and Joseph H. Singleton

**Our Committee Directors are:**

Program Director:	James P. "Chaney" Rivero
Membership Director:	Foote R. Singleton
Church Director:	Earl F. Haydel
Council Director:	Harry W. Smith
Community Director:	David L. Roger
Family Director:	Patrick A. Altentaler
Youth Director:	Raymond H. Tanet

**Our Ladies Auxiliary Officers are:**

President:	Carole M. Frey
Vice President:	Mary Ann Altentaler
Secretary:	Halonna M. Dean
Treasurer:	Melissa Tanet
Historian:	Joy Hughes
Chaplin:	Claire Mackin

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert N. "Bob" Frey, GK 11956

**Fr. R. J. Sorin Council 11995**  
**West Harrison – Grand Knight's Report**

This year our programs were much the same as last year. Members and their families contributed many hours for the support of our Churches and their communities.

Some of the activities our council accomplished were:

Two blood drives for a total of 67 pints. Took part in the annual Tootsie Roll drive. Hosted two softball tournaments and an antique car show. Held a community pig roast serving two 240lb roasted pigs and 600 chicken quarters feeding 600 people. Held three community breakfasts, one at each church. Provided new bicycle for needy child for Christmas. Provided Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Sponsored a Mother's Day Dinner and fish fry during Lent. Raised funds for Priest Education Fund (\$2200.00). Provided workers for parish bingo and the concession, church yard clean up and grass cutting for two Churches. Sponsored a Marion Hour of Prayer, three Roundtables; one each at St. Stephen, St.

Ann and St. Williams. Pledged \$15,000 towards the construction of a new Church of which \$10,000 has been already Raised and paid.

Respectfully submitted,

John Maynard  
Grand Knight

**Sacred Heart Council 12166**  
**Pascagoula MS**

Let me introduce my team for the 2003-2004 year. The best help a Grand Knight can have is his team.

Chaplain	Rev. Michael Kelleher
Grand Knight	Richard L. Clement
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul O. Thompson, Sr.
Financial Secretary	Joseph A. Caraviello, III
Chancellor	Michael Turner
Treasurer	Benny Acosta
Advocate	Rusty Lachaussee
Recorder	Thomas Higgins
Warden	Jerry Brister
3 yr Trustee	Clarence Martin
2 yr Trustee	Danny Smith
1 yr Trustee	Carl Muse

This year was a slow starter but has gotten really moving as the year draws to an end. I have had to totally rely on the other officers to help get things going while I was out on assignment with work. Thanks to my Deputy Grand Knight.

But as I returned, we got the ball rolling and accomplished many things. I believe we have had a great year and a productive one.

**Church Activities:**

Collected items for Saltillo Mission; Sponsored reception for First Communion children; Sponsored reception for Confirmation children and adults; maintained church grounds; Members serve on church council; Serves as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Commentators; Conducted a Marion Hour of Prayer; Taught CCD classes; Held Lenten Fish Fries; Held Vocations dinner; Removed play sets and old buildings from school yard; Reserved 3 theater shows of "The Passion"; Help Light up for Christmas; Sponsored a Living Rosary.

**Community Activities:**

Sponsored Tootsie Roll Drive, blood drive, and Adopt a Highway clean up program. Set up and attended Pro-Life demonstration, visited the sick, shut ins, and administered

communion. Volunteered at auxiliary at Singing River Hospital. Released balloons for all the unborn. Held Katherine Lawrence Fundraiser.

**Council Activities:**

Produced council newsletter, held Christmas social, submitted Knight of the Month and Quarter. Submitted announcements and articles in Gulf Pine Catholic. Held Columbus social Dance.

**Family Activities:**

Honored Family of the Month and Quarter. Set up and assisted with Spring Fling and co-sponsored Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets with St. Vincent DePaul Society. Held Quarterly Corporate Communions.

**Youth Activities:**

Advisors to Jr and Sr CYO; Co-sponsored Free Throw contest; Coached and supported local youth sports leagues, assisted in local youth programs such as Scouts, Boys Home, and Big Brothers). Hosted breakfast and reception for graduating seniors. Advisors on CYO Saltillo Mission trip. Co-sponsored Toy Drive with St. Vincent DePaul Society.

I would like to thank our Ladies Auxiliary group whom contributed a great deal of time and support helping us to achieve our goals. I extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the members of our council. I hope to continue on as Grand Knight one more year. Our council is very active and I am sure we will continue its great efforts. With the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will accomplish all things that are great.

Faithfully submitted,  
Richard L. Clement  
Grand Knight Council 12166

**St Joseph the Worker - Council #12271  
U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, MS  
Joseph E. Kaley, Grand Knight  
Grand Knight's Report for State Year 2003/2004**

My first year as Grand Knight was busy but rewarding; one filled with all the business required by the state and supreme councils. It was also laced with plenty of projects and events geared toward good deeds, fun, and enjoyment for our Knights, their families, church, and the community. I highly recommend to any interested Brother Knight to actively seek a nomination to Grand Knight in their council. It is not only a challenging position, but also a very rewarding personal experience.

- July kicked off our fraternal year with our slate of new officers taking the helm. Suggestions were made and plans were discussed as to the direction our council would take during the following year.

- In August Field Agent, Jim Rigby, installed our new officers to their elected positions. The summer heat was reigned in by a couple of social events. Our annual parish pool party at the Seabee Base community pool was a chance for all to let down their hair and enjoy an evening with good food and good company. This was accompanied by a barbeque prepared and served up by our members. The event proved to be a big hit as well as a relief from the summer heat and humidity. An all day deep sea fishing trip aboard a charter boat provided an outstanding recreational experience for several members and families. The fish were slightly elusive, but we managed to capture a few; best of all was the great time and camaraderie had by all.

- September provided an opportunity for our first fundraiser. Someone asked, "Why we only had fish fries during lent, we like fish the rest of the year too." A date was set, and we had us a fish fry with the proceeds earmarked for pro-life program.

- October was also a full month with several of our families attending the annual Rosary Rally held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Our council was asked to provide the cooking staff and assist with the Fall Festival held for both the Catholic and Protestant communities on the Seabee Base. A fraternal benefits night was held in conjunction with a potluck dinner. The council provided ham and fried chicken, with families bringing side dishes. Our field agent, Jim Rigby, gave an outstanding synopsis of the Knights of Columbus organization and the benefits available to our members.

- November culminated all our planning for the Veterans Day celebration to honor our veterans, both living and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. We invited the residents of the Retired Military Services Home in Gulfport to celebrate mass with us during which we provided a 4<sup>th</sup> degree honor guard, headed up by Vice Supreme Master Bob Peters, and a somber special ceremony that honored, and brought tears to the eyes of all in attendance. Following Mass, everyone retired to the fellowship hall for a sausage and

egg breakfast prepared by the council. Father Vincent Capodanno Assembly, our Fourth Degree Assembly on board the Gulfport Seabee Base, held a military only exemplification the day prior to our Veterans Day celebration and as a council we sponsored the dinner held for the new Sir Knights and their families following the exemplification. Due to many of our chapel community having family or friends that live overseas, we kicked off our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Program by selling Christmas cards following mass.

- December we stressed the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme all during the month and sold religious Christmas Cards every Sunday following mass. At the conclusion of the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, we sponsored a party for the children of the parish in which Santa Clause, alias Brother Bob Zeller, arrived with bags of goodies for all the good children. We held our Christmas social with a delicious potluck dinner and good company. Since we did not hold our usual food drive for needy families this Christmas, we passed the hat and collected over \$100.00 which was donated to the Morning Star Pregnancy Center here on the coast.

January, the beginning of a new year, brought about a reflection of the past year and planning for the new. We sponsored a non-denominational evening bonfire, complete with a roast pig, smores and all, to promote good will and better understanding amongst

our chapel community. Our annual Valentine Dinner Dance preparations are in full swing as is planning for other projects.

- February brought the much-anticipated Valentine Dinner Dance the council sponsors each year. This is the event of the year for the council, and gets bigger and better each year. This event honors our spouses and loved ones that are so very much a part of our success as knights.

March brought the beginning of Lent, and preparations for Holy Week. Mardi Gras festivities kicked off which included the annual pilgrimage of members to the home of one of our brothers, Bob Zeller, who lives on the parade route, to celebrate and enjoy the Pass Christian Mardi Gras Parade. We held three Friday fish fry's with the proceeds earmarked for the Priest Education fund. We are proud to say, because of the success of these fish fry's; we were able to collect over \$650.00 for this very worthy cause. March was also busy with the submission of reports to Supreme as well as choosing and writing up nominations for Knight and Family of the Year for the upcoming State convention.

- April, Holy Week and Easter is once again upon us. It is State Convention time and the close of another state year. Several members of our council participated in Christmas in April, doing household repairs for elderly and needy families of the community. This event invariably seems to fall on the same weekend as the State Convention each year limiting our council's participation due to members attending the convention vice participating in this worthwhile community project.

May brings our annual Mental Retardation "Tootsie Roll" Drive. Also, let's not forget Mother's Day and honor not only our biological mothers, let's not forget to honor our heavenly mother, The Blessed Virgin Mary.

June is the end of another Fraternal Year, and election of officers. Do your part and throw your name in the hat to run for an office. Your dedication and spirit are what this organization revolves around.

It is hard to believe another year has passed. Although this list only touches the surface of the activities accomplished this year, it gives you an idea of how involved a small council can be. I have been amazed by the dedication and volunteer spirit of this group of knights. I have been humbled and honored to serve as their Grand Knight. We all know that behind every successful Grand Knight there are others that make the pieces of the puzzle fall in place. I would like to acknowledge a couple of individuals in particular for their dedication and efforts in making my job so much easier. "Thank you Father Mikstay and Deputy Grand Knight, Roger Hudson, for bringing it all together and making me shine as Grand Knight. Without your help we could not have accomplished all the projects and good deeds we have done this year." A special debt of gratitude goes to Bob Zeller for spearheading the motorcycle raffle for the Priest Education Fund

that did so well. All the members of Council #12271, St Joseph the Worker catholic community, our youth group, and everyone who has supported me during the year, I salute you. I am only the figurehead; those around me are responsible for the accomplishments and deserve the credit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vivat Jesus  
Joseph E. Kaley  
Grand Knight

**Dedeaux Council 12331 – No Report**

**Philadelphia Council 13471 – No Report**

**Batesville Council 13502 – No Report**



## **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS**

### **District Deputy # 1 No Report**

### **District Deputy # 2 No Report**

### **District Deputy # 3n No Report**

### **District Deputy # 4**

Robert (Bob) Leo

It has been an honor to serve as District Deputy #4 these past tow years for two State Deputies in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

District #4 consists of councils 802 in Meridian, my home council; council 6765 in Starkville; council 7974 in Columbus, and the newly chartered council 13471 in Philadelphia. I had the distinct pleasure of installing these council officers in the months of July and August, all except the new council 13471.

The majority of the councils had a very successful year in their growth of membership and council programs. I was pleased and honored to present three councils with the Father Michael J. McGiveny and the Columbia Award, but my greatest thrill came with the development of the new council—The Father Rafeal Toner Council 13471 – in Philadelphia Ms. I would like to thank Past State Deputy Tom Chady for all of his guidance, patience, and most of all his help in developing this new council. Without his help it would have been a lot harder and took a lot longer. Tom made it look easy. Congratulations and good luck to council 13471.

In closing, I would like to thank State Deputy Richard Lieding for affording me the opportunity to serve these distinguished councils as their District Deputy. I would also like to thank the Officers and members of these councils for their dedication and hard work in making their councils the best they can be.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert (Bob) Leo  
District Deputy #4

### **District Deputy # 5 No Report**

### **District Deputy # 6**

Martin J. Bisek

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the Councils in District 6 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. They are Council 8038 Pearl, Council 9543 Madison, Council 10216 Brandon, and Council 11934 Gluckstadt.

Each of these tradition rich councils are actively involved in different local, state and Supreme programs and functions of the Knights of Columbus. They were all membership active with 21 new brothers exemplified in the district and several re-instatements recorded. All four Councils participated in the major projects of the Knights of Columbus such as Tootsie Roll Drive and the Priest Education Fund with major contributions given in each area by each Council. These hard working Councils each earned one of the four program awards for excellence from the Mississippi State Council.

It was also my pleasure to coordinate and be a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team made up of brothers from Councils located both in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Districts. This team conducted a 1<sup>st</sup> degree in each month of the fraternal year and in several months more than one first degree was exemplified.

I wish to that the Councils of the 6<sup>th</sup> District and in particular the Grand Knights and officers for welcoming me to their activities and making my job so rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martin J. Bisek  
District Deputy # 6

**District Deputy # 7**  
Richard W. Warren

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers, to serve as District Deputy #7 for the Mississippi Jurisdiction Knights of Columbus for the past four years has been an honor and a privilege for me. I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position. Although I have not accomplished the goals I set for my district, it has grown in membership and all Councils have become stronger and more active. I am completing my fourth and final term as District Deputy and it has been a very rewarding experience. I would like to thank all the people who helped me in this position and especially all the Grand Knights and leaders in the councils of District 7 for all their hard work and determination in making our district and the Mississippi Jurisdiction the organization we can all be proud to be a part of.

District #7 consists of Councils 898 Vicksburg, 1034 Natchez, 6592 Bassfield, 7915 Brookhaven, and 8054 McComb. During the year I had the pleasure of installing officers in three of the five councils in my district for the fraternal year 2003-2004. I was unable to visit each council in my district like I had planned but have done my best to keep up with each council and offer my services as needed in any way that will make these councils better. All five council Grand Knights and membership directors have worked very hard to attain their individual membership goals. Council 898 has increased its membership and is on target for Star Council as well as Stellar and Top Gun council. Thanks for all of the hard work. Council 1034 has increased membership and should attain their goal before the fiscal year ends. They are also on target to attain Star Council and hopefully Stellar Council. Council 6915 Bassfield has made a big turn around from previous years and has become very active in their Church and community and their membership is increasing. Council 7915, the Joe Bonfiglio Council, has done a great job and continues to work very close with their parish, community, and Church in

many activities. Council 8054 has been very busy in the church and community and continues to prosper and grow in under great leadership and will soon have their own certified degree team and have grown in membership. The fraternal year has been a very positive year of growth for all the councils in District 7.

The Squires Circle in my home council in Natchez has finally become a reality and is very active in our parish and community. There is still an interest in forming a Squires Circle in council 7915 and I hope this can be accomplished in the coming year. District 7 also has a Roundtable representative in most of the parishes and hopefully these will become more active in the coming year. A lot has been accomplished in District 7 this past four years and I look forward to working closely with my successor to help him make our district stronger and better than ever. I would like to thank all the Grand Knights and fellow officers in my district and all the State Officers for their support and courtesy they have given me this past four years and look forward to working with them in the future in any way I can.

May God continue to bless us all with His love and mercy as we continue our pledge to accomplish the dreams of our Founder and to be the organization that promotes the principles of our Order and continue to support our families and all those in need. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we need to reach out to all Catholic gentlemen and invite them to join our Order and experience the joy of being a Knight of Columbus and all that we share as Brothers working for Christ, our church, and community. May God continue to bless America, the Knights of Columbus, and our country's leaders and please keep our military safe as we work through these trying times to achieve peace all over the world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard W. Warren  
District Deputy #7

**District Deputy # 8**  
Don Schwartz

It has been an honor to be able to serve as District Deputy the past year under the leadership of our State Deputy Richard Lieding. I had the privilege of presiding over the installation of officers in all five councils in my district:

1908 Hattiesburg	GK Joe Goellner, Sr
2180 Laurel	GK Bud Herring
7211 Lumberton	GK Robert Sullivan
11654 Wiggins	GK Don Eakin
11956 Columbia	GK Robert Frey

Four of these councils have met their quota for the fraternal year in both membership and insurance. As of April 1, membership in our district has a net gain of 31 new members and 11 new insurance members.

All of these councils have done an excellent job in each of their parishes as Communion ministers, lectors, CCD teachers, Pastoral Council officers, and workers for parish functions.

I am looking forward to my fourth term as District Deputy, setting and accomplishing attainable goals that will make this district and state stronger for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted  
Don Schwartz  
District Deputy #8

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

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

Again it is time to thank our State Deputy for the great honor and privilege to serve as his District Deputy this past year. I would like to take this time to thank my Councils:

6872 Picayune	Grand Knight Curt Calegan Sr
7087 Kiln	Grand Knight Jimmie Hoda
7910 Gulfport	Grand Knight John Ward
9958 Lizana	Grand Knight Hollis Moran
11995 West Harrison	Grand Knight John Maynard
12331 Dedeaux	Grand Knight James Inabnet

I was always received with great respect from all councils at their meetings. I am also proud to report all council in district 9 submitted all of their required reports for this fraternal year. All councils have been very busy and very active in their parishes and communities. I commend them for their dedication to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the State Officers that helped me through this year. I look forward to fraternal years 2004 and 2005, with the blessing of State Deputy Richard Lieding.

VIVAT JESUS  
Respectfully submitted

John R. Leonhard  
District Deputy # 9

**District Deputy # 10**  
Allan Konyn

I was honored when State Deputy Richard Lieding requested I stay on as District Deputy #10 for a third year. It was a year of hard work and enjoyment. District #10 is comprised of 6 councils, which are 1522 in Bay St. Louis, 1583 in Gulfport, 4472 in Pass Christian, 4898 in Long Beach, 11541 in Gulfport, and 12271 in the Navy CB Base in Gulfport. All 6 councils did very well during the year and all won award at last year's State Convention. 4472 in Pass Christian won Top Gun along with Distinguished Council and Best Newsletter for small/medium council. This Council is very active and

they all know what the word "volunteerism" means. Council 12271 in the Navy CB Base is very active also, winning Distinguished Council, Church and Community Activity. This year they are raffling off a new Harley motorcycle and with the help of all councils in the Southern District, all proceeds will go to the Priest Education fund, should be a noticeable sum. I was able to install all officers in all 6 councils by August and they are all doing well attending mid-winter meetings, getting all reports in on time, and being active to promote the true meaning of what being a Knight of Columbus means. I feel all councils will do well winning awards at this year's Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

God Bless,  
Allan (Al) Konyon  
District Deputy #10

#### **District Deputy # 11 No Report**

#### **District Deputy # 12** Kerry S. Robert

District 12 consist of:

Msgr. P. J. Carey, Council #1605, Pascagoula  
Fred L. Westbrook, Sr., Council #5654, Ocean Springs  
St. Mary, Council #9124, Gautier  
Msgr. Gregory Kennedy, Council #10499, Ocean Springs  
St. Lucy, Council #11904, Lucedale  
Sacred Heart, Council #12166, Pascagoula  
Msgr. P. J. Carey, Assembly #0651, Pascagoula  
Fr. Francis Deignan, Assembly #2059, Ocean Springs  
Squires Circle #2852, Ocean Springs – Sponsored by Council #5654

Brothers,

Please allow me to begin this annual report with a personal note. My wife and I would like to thank everyone for his or her sympathy and support in our time of grief. The outpouring of love and concern from our friends and family has been overwhelming. It is comforting to have such caring people around in time of tragedy.

District #12 started the new fraternal year with all new Grand Knights!! Council meetings and activities never skipped a beat. The confidence in these new officers by their councils proved them worthy by their accomplishments. Our council's are active in their parishes, communities and families. I feel the charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism of District #12 will be acknowledged at the State Convention. Being District Deputy with Knights of this caliber made my position satisfying.

I have enjoyed the past 2 years as District Deputy. God is always showing us different ways to do His Will. As a member of The Knights of Columbus I have been able to experience different avenues to helping others. I look to the future with hope of helping through the Catholic Church. I ask that you pray for me as I will be praying for you,

The Knights of Columbus, in the coming years. With our arms locked together, and our rosary in hand, who can defeat our strength in prayer?

Faithfully Submitted,  
Kerry S. Roberts, DD#12

## Supreme Director Robert Stebler's Comments

Keynote Speech  
Robert Stebler  
Supreme Director

May it please your Excellencies), Worthy State Chaplain, Rev. Fathers, deacons & religious, Worthy State Deputy, officers of the Mississippi State council, Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Worthy PSD's, FVSM, FM's leadership of the Mississippi State Council, dear ladies, families and guests VIVAT JESUS!!

How good it is to be with you at this historic meeting and to have this opportunity to bring you the fraternal greetings, congratulations and best wishes of our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors as you gather for the 100th Annual Meeting of the Mississippi State Council.

As we came in, I overheard someone saying "I hope his speech is short. Well ma'am, like Henry VII said to his many wives, "I won't keep you long".

It is good to be with you, and I want to take this opportunity to express Barb's and my sincere appreciation to State Deputy Rich Lieding and to Barbara, and to DD Jim McCraw your convention chairman, to Marvin Lott and your PSD's, and to Bill and Carolyn O'Connor who filled in my wife with many of the details to help us with our preparation and for the wonderful hospitality we have been shown since our arrival here in Jackson. We are truly grateful.

Anniversaries are always special times for they give us an opportunity to look back and to reflect on our past history and to recount the many good things that have brought us to where we are today.

The Mississippi Jurisdiction to date has some 51 State Deputies in her history, one having served on two occasions separated by a year. It is interesting to note that you are one of only a few jurisdictions to have a father son duo to serve as State Deputy. In the persons of Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., and Jesse J. Quinn III, separated by some 20 years. And how about Toni Todaro who once served as your State Auxiliary president and whose father and son were state deputies. We have already met so many extraordinary people and your convention honoree, Hank Kajdan is another one of them. Please accept the Congratulations of Supreme Council Hank.

As I looked through the listing of State Deputies, I noticed the name of a. G. Farve who served from 1932-34. Barb and I live just 200 miles from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and I couldn't help but wonder if there is a connection between him and Brett. If anyone knows, maybe you will let me know before we leave as we have been a longtime Green Bay Packer fans.

The Knights of Columbus actually first took root in Mississippi on July 5, 1903 when Meridian Council No. 802 (now Msgr. John J. Burns council) was instituted. Just months later, the order began to grow in Mississippi with the institution Jackson council No. 848

(now John T. Savage council) on February 28, 1904, who I understand you are honoring this weekend. In May of that same year, Vicksburg council No. 898 was chartered and on June 18, 1904, Natchez council No. 1034 (now bishop R.O. Gerow council) was instituted. Although the state council was established in February, 1906, a territorial deputy by the name of George W. Young was appointed for Mississippi in 1905. Charles F. Engle, a charter member of Natchez council was actually elected as the first State Deputy of Mississippi in 1906.

Most certainly, each of your past state deputies have touched this jurisdiction in their own special way, they have left their mark so to speak, and have each played a significant role in shaping this jurisdiction into what it is today. Might I ask each of the PSD's in attendance to stand, and will you join me in thanking them for their dedicated service.

In preparing for your 100th anniversary convention, I was thinking of what it must have been like to be a Knight of Columbus 100 years ago. Just think about it for a moment. Teddy Roosevelt was our President, Edward I. Hearn was our Supreme Knight and Pius X was our pope.

You probably worked 12-16 hours a day. You didn't own a car or listen to the radio or watch TV. The first public radio station didn't go on the air until 1922, and TV came into being in the late 40's. You certainly didn't travel by airplane; in fact, Orville and Wilbur Wright were just getting their flying machine off the ground about then. Walking or by bicycle was the chief mode of local transportation, and the train was used primarily for longer distances. You might very well have been a first generation immigrant. Your ethnic community and the church were the center of your social life. Your wife and your children were your top priority.

You can see why a fraternal organization such as the Knights of Columbus might have been very important to you then. The average life expectancy was 47 years of age at that time, there were no social security benefits, and you would want to be sure that your wife and children would have some sort of support should something happen to you.

With church and family at the center of your life, you would be glad to have a fraternal organization of catholic men who would help to support you in your faith and in your values, and give you added identity and security, especially if you were an immigrant, and to always be there for your family.

My brothers and dear ladies, I believe the key to the next 100 years is no different for the Mississippi jurisdiction today than it was then. To draw new strength from your roots, those same roots that gave life to council 802 back in 1903.

By making family and faith the center of our lives, by being a fraternal organization that looks out for one another, and supports one another because community is at the heart of our faith. By putting our faith into action through the many programs we sponsor, and by working for justice and peace to help make our world a better place for all.



This year has seen the order take great strides forward, building upon the spirit generated by the new millennium. We continue to "put out into the deep", and we continue to pursue "The Great Catch".

This past December, your State Deputy and I along with our ladies attended the mid-year meeting of state deputies held in Nashville, Tennessee, at which time the Supreme Knight laid out some challenges for each of us for the remaining months of this fraternal year.

He said that the order's greatness can be measured in many ways. By our tradition of service and fidelity to the holy father and to our church, by our selfless efforts in building a better world one new council, one new member at a time, and by our annual records of charitable giving and volunteer service.

But he also said that he truly believed that the real measure of the order's greatness can be found by two other means; by how closely we live up to the ideal of catholic manhood as Father McGivney's knights and by how successful we are in attracting more catholic men to join us.

Until we take to heart the challenge the supreme knight has given us, to realistically offer the benefits of Knights of Columbus membership to every eligible catholic man, then we are falling short of what the lord expects of us and what Father McGivney intended in founding our order.

You have heard many times that the future of the church is with the young. But the church today is young. We must do more to aggressively invite, accept and provide opportunities for young men. We need to adjust our programming to include them and their families, and to offer them opportunities for leadership.

And when we think of membership growth, we must remember to promote insurance membership. My brothers and dear ladies, that is one of our primary responsibilities as fraternal leaders - why? Because our top-rated insurance program is one of our greatest fraternal benefits. Every single one of our councils must have an environment that promotes this program. There is none better anywhere, and we owe it to our families to avail ourselves of the opportunity it provides.

Now anyone who has seen the **"heroes fund video"**, and most all of us have, know that this is true. The events of the past few years in the world and in our church prove that whatever challenges may arise, the Knights of Columbus can muster the resources to respond creatively and effectively.

Our **"Heroes Fund"** certainly proved it. Our **"In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests"** program proves it. Our pro-life **"get out the vote"** efforts proved it. Our recent involvement in **"world youth day"**, and bringing thousands of young people to the sacrament of reconciliation proved it. Our grant last year of **"\$1 million to the Special Olympics to provide transportation to the international games in Ireland"** proves it. The fact that **"Knights of Columbus members gave almost \$130 million to charity and more than 60 million hours of volunteer service"** this past year proves it. And in working with the Archdiocese for the military services of the United

States this past year, **"the order donated 10,000 rosaries to our troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom"**, which proves it.

In addition, the order has already distributed 100,000 copies of a book of catholic prayers to military personnel. These books fit neatly in a uniform breast pocket and are printed on laminated pages for resiliency in wartime confirms they are virtually indestructible. At our meeting just a month ago, the board authorized the printing of an additional 100,000 copies of these books in Spanish for our Hispanic troops

And so, it is not boasting to ask, **"If not we knights, then who?"** our goal however, must always be to convince more catholic men that they too need to take a stand alongside us on the many important issues we are certain to face.

Knighthood has always been a noble calling. That is no less true today than it was in times past. This year, the Supreme Council has reached new heights in its vocations programs of outreach and support for those answering god's call to the priesthood and religious life. The church needs holy vocations and we Knights of Columbus must do everything in our power to plant the seed in our families, and to encourage those who have an inclination to "say yes" to God's call.

Through our moral and material support of diocesan seminarians and priests, and their counterparts in religious life, with our RSVP and vocations scholarship programs, we express our solidarity with those who have already chosen to pursue a religious vocation. And in this regard, the Mississippi jurisdiction has already done a great job in offering some sort of support to all 14 of your seminarians.

Indeed, as we know from the example of our holy founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, **"one good priest can make a difference!"** such support creates a climate where young people know that we walk with them as they follow, with joyful hearts in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

And speaking of Father McGivney, his cause for sainthood continues to progress. The position, an in-depth presentation of his life and heroic virtue is now in the hands of the congregation for the causes of the saints for study. Membership in the Father McGivney guild continues to grow, and has now exceeded 83,000 members, but more are needed. Everyone in this room should be a member. If you're not, please enroll on the Knights of Columbus website or by using the coupon published monthly in Columbia magazine. My brothers and dear ladies, there is no charge, and there are many spiritual benefits.

On the subject of life, January 22nd marked the 31ST anniversary of Roe V. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that removed all restrictions from abortion on demand in our nation. This tragic anniversary should serve as a rallying call for each one of us, regardless of where we live. Pro-life gains in recent elections have fortunately enabled the pro-life movement to make significant strides forward in reversing the culture of death that has cast a dark shadow on this nation for much too long. But even though the number of abortions has been declining in recent years, there are still challenges on the horizon, perhaps the most significant of which, are the appointments of Supreme

Court justices in Washington. There are those who seek to block from the judiciary any man or woman, who by their judgment, has not sufficiently embraced the so-called "freedom to choose" as an absolute right. As Catholics called to faithful citizenship, each one of us has a moral obligation to make our voices heard loud and clear, that the criteria for appointment to the federal judiciary is integrity and fidelity to the law, not to pro-abortion special interest groups.

In his visit to the cathedral of Saint Louis, the Holy Father made the exhortation, and i quote: **"if you want peace, work for justice. If you want justice, defend life. If you want life, embrace the truth, the truth revealed by god."** end quote. As Catholics and as Knights, we are called to work for peace and justice in union with our Holy Father.

As Knights and as faithful citizens, we are called also to support the brave men and women of our military services, modern day "peace-makers" if you will, who are indeed blessed for their many sacrifices.

Ultimately, it is prayer that brings peace: peace to the individual soul, and peace to a world much in need of it. And so, as Knights we are called to work for justice, to defend life, and to embrace the truth. In the end, we Knights of Columbus will prove ourselves to be men of action, and men of faith.

The Knights of Columbus have benefited the church and our society in innumerable ways over our 122 year history. Think of all the wonderful things we have done, but think also of what we have yet to do.

My brothers, you are the leadership of the Mississippi State Council. Be a leader; **be who you are**. With leadership comes responsibility, as a leader, accept that responsibility; **be who you are**. Leadership requires a commitment, as a leader, make that commitment; be a leader; **be who you are**. Leadership requires action, be proactive and encourage others, especially those you lead to do the same. Be a leader; **be who you are**. Leadership requires patience and perseverance, honesty and integrity, be that kind of leader; **be who you are**.

Building a better world has always been our special mission. The needs of our church and of society are great; we must not delay in responding.

May god bless each of you and your families abundantly, and may god bless the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully,

Robert Stebler  
Supreme Director

### State Deputy

My Brother Knights:

A hundred years have gone by since the very first State Convention! Think of all that has been accomplished for our Church, country, and our Order during that time.

We have made significant strides in Mississippi this past state fraternal year. We have continued to build on and carry out the fine work done by the many previous administrations as we have moved forward.

Due to the fine work of our New Council Development Chairman, Brother Tom Chady, IPSD, and District Deputies Bob Leo and Ron Kopacz, we have new councils in the Philadelphia/Tucker and in the Sardis/Batesville area. My thanks to these brother knights for a job well done. At this point, I would like the delegates from Father Raphael Toner Council 13471 to stand and be recognized along with the delegates from our newest council 13501.

In addition, thanks to Brother Tom Chady's hard work with District Deputy Ron Kopacz, we are also close to forming a council in Olive Branch.

New membership is the life blood of the order. While retention remains a problem area, Mississippi has done well in membership overall. Thanks to the hard work of our State Membership Director, Brother Bill Waggoner, Mississippi has been in the top third of our membership division throughout this fraternal year. We have been in first place three times and are currently in second place. We won't rest here, however. There are still two months left to the Supreme fraternal year to recruit and offer Catholic gentlemen the advantages of belonging to our Order.

At the past Supreme mid-winter meeting in Nashville, our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, expressed the need for the insurance side of the Order to cooperate closely with the fraternal side on membership; my thanks to General Agent Jerry Woods and his field agents for their efforts to help recruit and retain.

Programs are what keeps a brother Knight interested and keeps him as a member. My appreciation goes to our State Program Director, David Scott, and all of his chairmen for developing a streamlined, easily reported state program.

Lastly, as always, I appreciate all of the hard work each and every one of you does for our Order. I appreciate your kindness, hospitality, and friendship as I have traveled our state these past few months to visit with you. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard TR. Lieding  
State Deputy

**State Secretary's Report on Necrology**  
**Deceased Members by Council**

		Name			Name
802	Meridian	John R. Berney, DDS	5556	Cleveland	Victor J. Aguzzi Sr
		Fritz J. Kulicka			Rev John Leonard
848	Jackson	John Broggi			Frank E. Tarsi
		John R. Ennis	5654	Ocean Springs	Mike Mitchell, PGK
		Msgr Noel Foley			Fred Howell
		Mack R White	6555	Shelby	James Nassar
898	Vicksburg	Charles L Ford	7087	Kiln	Edward Shiyon
		Edward J.; Tetlak	7211	Lumberton	Edwin F. Cruden
		Philip Vedros			Harold E. Saddler
		Dante D. Ganzerla	7910	Orange Grove	Joseph Deisenruth
		Thomas J Hogan	7915	Brookhaven	Paul F. Reuter
		Tommie J. Anderson	8038	Pearl	Leroy Herbert
		William T. Ewell			Greg Smith
		William F. Lauderdale			Dale Young
1034	Natchez	James V. Forrest	8760	Holly Springs	John E. Freeman
1244	Biloxi	Vincent Pettinato	8848	Tupelo	John Brown
1522	Bay St. Louis	Joseph J Kersanac, PGK			Bill Bowes
		Henry F. Buras, Jr.	9094	D'Iberville	Boris Premeaux
1583	Gulfport	Harvey A. Puchey			Russell Quave
		Francis b. Wheat	9234	Indianola	Frank T. Bellipanni, IV
		Vivian Nechaie	9409	West Biloxi	John White
1605	Pascagoula	Sherwood H. Beckham			Wilbert Rigby
		Ernst J. Falgo, Jr.			Joseph Moore
		Donald E. Fredrick	9673	Woolmarket	Jake Marinovich
		Rev. David P. Frueh	10499	Ocean Springs	Gregory J. Van Acker
		Ed F. Hudson	11541	Gulfport	Thomas McCusker
		Mack H. Hudson			Richard Jermyn
		Ted Huyett	11654	Wiggins	Paul Bacon
		Jerry J. LeBlanc	11956		Donald F. Dauphin
		E. J. Murray, Jr.			Edward W. Kelley
2180	Laurel	Vincent A Liberto			
		Eugene Winchester			
		Charles R. Taylor			
4898	Long Beach	Ben J. DiLorenzo			
5267	Greenwood	Abe J. Malouf			
		Bradley D. Burden			
		Vince Corro			
			Ladies	Auxiliary	
848	Jackson	Mrs. Jennie T. Dehmer			
1522	Bay St Louis	Mrs. Louise Gibbens			
		Mrs. Merline Johnson			
		Mrs. Billie Tudury			
1583		Mrs. Francis B. Wheat			
1605	Pascagoula	Mrs. Verna Hooks	1908	Hattiesburg	Mrs. Patti Hand
		Mrs. Ollie Cox			Mrs. Dorris Forte
		Mrs. Sally B. Johnson			
11995	West Harrison	Mrs. Kathleen Maynard			

**State Secretary Report on Council Membership**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>4/01/04</b>	<b>4/01/04</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
802 MERIDIAN	202	202		
848 JACKSON	106	113	7	
898 VICKSBURG	439	457	18	
1034 NATCHEZ	172	176	4	
1244 BILOXI	390	384		6
1522 BAY ST. LOUIS	197	205	8	
1583 GULFPORT	251	255	4	
1605 PASCAGOULA	166	160		6
1908 HATTIESBURG	109	122	13	
2134 GREENVILLE	144	151	7	
2180 LAUREL	117	115		2
2945 LELAND	53	53		
2969 CLARKSDALE	157	160	3	
4472 PASS CHRISTIAN	69	73	4	
4898 LONG BEACH	143	143		
5267 GREENWOOD	63	62		1
5556 CLEVELAND	193	202	9	
5654 OCEAN SPRINGS	190	196	6	
6555 SHELBY	37	36		1
6592 BASSFIELD	90	91	1	
6765 STARKVILLE	84	89	5	
6872 PICAYUNE	113	123	10	
7087 KILN	67	67		
7120 SOUTHAVEN	101	102	1	
7211 LUMBERTON	84	92	8	
7854 CLINTON	84	88	4	
7910 ORANGE GROVE	87	87		
7915 BROOKHAVEN	74	76	2	

7974 COLUMBUS	61	68	7	
8038 PEARL	92	93	1	
8054 MCCOMB	53	56	3	
8285 JACKSON	59	58		1
8760 HOLLY SPRINGS	36	36		
8848 TUPELO	147	145		2
8912 CORINTH	53	59	6	
9094 D'IBERVILLE	139	145	6	
9124 GAUTIER	123	126	3	
9234 INDIANOLA	14	15	1	
9409 WEST BILOXI	147	141		6
9543 MADISON	208	223	15	
9673 WOOLMARKET	74	75	1	
9958 LIZANA	67	69	2	
10216 BRANDON	98	113	15	
10443 GRENADA	45	46	1	
10499 OCEAN SPRINGS	101	92		9
10901 OXFORD	94	97	3	
11541 GULFPORT	115	111		4
11654 WIGGINS	44	52	8	
11904 LUCEDALE	42	41		1
11934 GLUCKSTADT	55	55		
11956 COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN	43	48	5	
11995 WEST HARRISON	50	56	6	
12166 PASCAGOULA	89	90	1	
12271 SEABEE BASE	57	63	6	
12331 DEDEAUX	43	43		
13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER	0	39	39	

**State Secretary Report on  
Election of State Officers**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated By:</u>	<u>Seconded By:</u>
State Deputy	Richard Leiding	Mike Macke	Gordon Cowie
State Secretary	Larry Tabor	Noel Aucoin	Billy Gollott
State Treasurer	Danny Lechner	Dick Belvel	Philip Jabour
State Advocate	Peter Sukanek	Joe Supple	Frank Tarrant
State Warden	Gerry Schmuck	Joe Kaley	John Ward

All State Officers were elected to office by acclamation.

**State Secretary's Report On  
Election of Delegates to Supreme Convention**

**Insurance Delegate (1)**

<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>	<u>Votes Received:</u>
Larry Tabor	Noel Aucoin	91
John Leonhard	John Ward	19

**Associate Delegate (2)**

<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>	<u>Votes Received:</u>
Danny Lechner	Frank Tarrant	68
Gerry Schmuck	Joe Kaley	52
Jim McCraw	Gordon Cowie	33 (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> place become
Joe Goellner	John Krumpas	25 alternates)
Martin Bisek	Philip Jabour	10

**Insurance Alternates (3)**

<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>	<u>Votes Received:</u>
Peter Sukanek	Bob Fell	94
Jim Lambert	Ken Broussard	83
Joe Goellner	John Krumpas	74
Bill Waggoner	Carl Muse	72

**Site for the 2009 State Convention**

<u>Nominated:</u>	<u>Votes Received:</u>
Kiln 7097	74
	Jackson 848
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**State Chaplain's Remarks to the Convention**

No Report

# State Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report

(Revised after audit)  
(04-01-03 - 03-31-04)

Beginning Balance (04-01-03)		\$57,776.84	
Income:			
Per Capita	\$37,485.78		
Exemplification Fees	\$3,084.00		
Christopher Fund	\$2,882.00		
Christmas Card Proceeds	\$600.00		
Misc. Income	\$1,667.20		
Car Tag Receipts	\$150.00		
Interest Earned	\$57.97		
Returned and Voided Checks	\$790.54		
Donations	<u>\$87.00</u>		
		\$46,804.49	
Expenses:			
Degree Expense	\$2,791.96		
State Officer/Committee Chrmn General Expense	\$13,133.92		
2003 State Convention	\$20,159.92		
2004 State Convention Advance *	\$3,000.00		
Christopher Fund	\$2,131.00		
Supreme Convention	\$2,384.95		
Bank Charges	\$129.21		
Magnolia Knight	\$2,446.95		
SMA Fathers (Mass Cards)	\$352.53		
Misc. Business Expense	\$1,568.65		
Priest Education	\$48.03		
Postage	\$498.16		
Printing and Reproduction	\$5,495.91		
Ads/Dues/Subscriptions	\$397.50		
Supplies	<u>\$5,370.66</u>		
		\$59,909.35	
			(\$13,000.2)
Balance (03-31-04)		\$44,742.62	

\* 2004 State Convention advance was a one time only approval due to the 100th anniversary celebration and will be repaid by the Convention committee. (Repaid 4/23/04)

\*\* -\$13,034.22 was attributed to late Per Capita payments received after 03/31/04 (\$7,387.00), Magnolia Knight software/equipment upgrade (\$1,228.87), credit with Supreme supply Dept. (\$713.47), and the \$3,000.00 advance for the 2004 Convention. Total - \$12,329.34. Also, an increase in mileage by State Officers and Committee Chairmen at a rate of \$0.25 per mile verses \$0.20 per mile.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel J. Lechner  
State Treasurer

### State Advocate's Report

Brother Knights:

I have been honored to serve you this past year as your State Advocate. We have been fortunate this year to have encountered no problems which needed to be resolved with this office. Congratulations.

Let me share with you a brief story that I received from one terrific woman, my wife. One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried and howled for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. The farmer invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried even more. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

During our life, someone is going to shovel dirt on us, of all kinds. The trick to getting out of the situation is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells by not stopping, by never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up! My prayer for you is that you have the wisdom to see these troubles as stepping stones, and that you have the courage to take the step.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

P.S. The donkey later came back and kicked the crap out of the farmer that tried to bury him. Moral: When you try to cover your 'donkey', it always comes back to get you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter C. Sukanek  
State Advocate

### **State Warden's Report**

I appreciated your vote of confidence at last year's convention. I hope I have served you well and have not disappointed you. My experience this past year has shown that I currently have one of the easiest jobs in the state. The professionalism and camaraderie encountered in my travels throughout the state have been impressive. It has been very refreshing for me to experience the level of fraternity each and every one of you have displayed. It has been a distinct pleasure for me to serve all of you as the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Jurisdiction State Warden this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald Schmuck

### **Immediate Past State Deputy's Report**

Following installation of officers and regional schools of Columbianism the year appeared to be progressing in slow motion. I was able to make a couple of trips to Yazoo City and Philadelphia for NCD efforts. I attended several exemplifications and made a few council visits but used the extra free time to reacquaint myself to my wife and daughter.

The 2004 year saw a rapid increase in activity. I was serving the Vicksburg Council as DGK. Grand Knight Jerry Roberts informed me and the council that he was heading to Nebraska for a year on company business. So up jumped the devil. I then assumed the reigns as acting Grand Knight. In his absence, the State Deputy Rich Lieding appointed me as Acting State Squires Chairman. Weep for me no more.

District Deputy Bob Leo and I headed back to Philadelphia. Vicksburg then was hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification and many more activities quickly followed. The Squires' convention was already set for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time began to fly again. Throughout the year I have been in contact advising SD Rich Lieding on numerous matters. I look forward to another challenging year.

Vivat Jesus  
Tom Chady  
IPSD

**Opening Comments and Closing Remarks**

### State Program Director's Report

This year our Program Guidelines underwent some major changes. The Program Report was simplified and streamlined in an effort to facilitate reporting of activities by more councils. The Program Guidelines were distributed and explained at the Schools of Columbianism for the Northern, Central and Southern Regions of the State. Forty-four out of Fifty-five councils submitted a final council program report.

The following awards were presented at convention:

#### HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS

COUNCIL 1244 BILOXI  
PERE LEDUC COUNCIL 1522 BAY ST. LOUIS  
MSGR. P. J. CAREY COUNCIL 1605 PASCAGOULA  
COUNCIL 2180 LAUREL  
MSGR. LEECH COUNCIL 4472 PASS CHRISTIAN  
MSGR. JOHN F. CLERICO COUNCIL 5267 GREENWOOD  
FR. JOHN P. EGAN COUNCIL 6765 STARKVILLE  
FR. HARRY WADE COUNCIL 7910 ORANGE GROVE  
ST. JUDE CENTENNIAL COUNCIL 8038 PEARL  
ST. THERESE COUNCIL 8285 JACKSON  
ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 8760 HOLLY SPRINGS  
FR. ROBERT REITMEIER COUNCIL 8848 TUPELO  
REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL 9409 WEST BILOXI  
JAMES D. HART COUNCIL 9673 WOOLMARKET  
FR. CLIFFORD MEADOR COUNCIL 10443 GRENADA  
MSGR. GREGORY KENNEDY COUNCIL 10499 OCEAN SPRINGS  
ST. JOHN COUNCIL 10901 OXFORD  
ST. JAMES COUNCIL 11541 GULFPORT  
ST. LUCY COUNCIL 11904 LUCEDALE  
FR. R. J. SORIN COUNCIL 11995 WEST HARRISON  
SACRED HEART COUNCIL 12331 PASS CHRISTIAN

#### COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS - 2004

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL 802 MERIDIAN  
BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL 1034 NATCHEZ  
BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL 1583 GULFPORT  
MSGR. JAMES T. MCKENNA COUNCIL 2969 CLARKSDALE  
FRED L. WESTBROOK, SR. COUNCIL 5654 OCEAN SPRINGS  
OSCAR J. GELPI COUNCIL 6872 PICAYUNE  
FR. A. C. DENIS COUNCIL 7087 KILN  
HERNANDO DESOTO COUNCIL 7120 SOUTHAVEN  
HOLY SAVIOR COUNCIL 7854 CLINTON  
JOSEPH BONFIGLIO COUNCIL 7915 BROOKHAVEN  
ST. MARY COUNCIL 9124 GAUTIER  
ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 11934 GLUCKSTADT  
SACRED HEART COUNCIL 12166 PASCAGOULA

**DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARDS - 2004**

JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL 848 JACKSON  
COUNCIL 898 VICKSBURG  
FR. KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL 2134 GREENVILLE  
FR. ROTONDO COUNCIL 5556 CLEVELAND  
CHARLES R. BRILL COUNCIL 8054 MCCOMB  
ST. JAMES THE LESS COUNCIL 8912 CORINTH  
FR. PATRICK MCALPINE COUNCIL 9094 D'IBERVILLE  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543 MADISON  
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER COUNCIL 12271 SEABEE BASE

**STELLAR COUNCIL AWARDS - 2004**

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908 HATTIESBURG  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL 7211 LUMBERTON  
W. H. "BILL" JOLLY COUNCIL 7974 COLUMBUS  
ST. PAUL COUNCIL 10216 BRANDON  
FR. PAUL GILLIS COUNCIL 11654 WIGGINS  
FR. PATRICK QUINN COUNCIL 11956 COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN

A pre-convention meeting was held with the State Officers, District Deputies, State Activity Directors and State Committee Chairs being invited. This committee served the purpose of reviewing all submissions for best activities and Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Projects from each activity area were chosen and were presented to the delegates at convention.

The following Service Program Awards were presented at the State Convention:

**Best Church Activity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Council 898 Vicksburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Therese Council 8285 Jackson

**Best Community Activity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 CB Base
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sacred Heart Council 12166 Pascagoula
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville

**Best Council Activity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles R. Brill Council 8054 McComb
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Therese Council 8285 Jackson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

**Best Family Activity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Council 898 Vicksburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Paul Council 10216 Brandon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop Fahey Council 1908 Hattiesburg

**Best Youth Activity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Lucy Council 11904 Lucedale
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop Fahey Council 1908 Hattiesburg

**Best Vocations Activity (Biloxi Diocese)**

1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 CB Base

2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop Fahey Council 1908 Hattiesburg

**Best Vocations Activity (Jackson Diocese)**

1<sup>st</sup> St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543 Madison

2<sup>nd</sup> Council 898 Vicksburg

**Best Pro-Life Activity (Biloxi Diocese)**

1<sup>st</sup> Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654 Ocean Springs

2<sup>nd</sup> St. Lucy Council 11904 Lucedale

**Best Pro-Life Activity (Jackson Diocese)**

1<sup>st</sup> Council 898 Vicksburg

2<sup>nd</sup> Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

**Best Newsletter (Small/Medium Councils)**

Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Columbia/Tylertown

**Best Newsletter (Large/Extra Large Councils)**

Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

**Best Scrapbook (Small/Medium Councils)**

Msgr. Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian

**Best Scrapbook (Large/Extra Large Councils)**

Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

**Best Small Council**

Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Columbia/Tylertown

**Best Medium Council**

St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 CB Base

**Best Large Council**

St. Paul Council 10216 Brandon

**Best Extra Large Council (tie)**

Council 898 Vicksburg

St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543 Madison

**Mississippi State Knight of the Year:** Chad Sonnek Council 898 Vicksburg

**Mississippi State Family of the Year:**

The Thomas and Joan Thornton Family Council 898 Vicksburg

A copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> place activity submission for each program area is attached to this report.

I thank the State Deputy, Rich Lieding, the State Officers, the Program Activity Directors, and the District Deputies for all their help in providing this State with a good activities program. I congratulate those successful councils that were recognized for their hard work at this year's convention and encourage them to keep up the good work. I am proud to be a member of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,  
David Scott  
State Program Director



## Church Activity Awards

### BEST CHURCH PROJECT

#### Support of Biennial Priest Convocation

Every two years, the priests of our diocese meet with our Bishop in a four-day structured gathering of instruction, discussion and reflection. Just as critical to their continuing education and spiritual development is fellowship within the priestly family provided by the convocation that these members of the clergy are unable to enjoy on a regular basis because of the widely scattered nature of parish and mission assignments in our diocese.

The location of the convocation is the Bishop's prerogative. The site needs to be convenient, comfortable and with a local organization that can offer necessary support. Because our community meets these requirements and because our council has a proven reputation with the bishop and clergy, our community proved to be the ideal meeting site. We were asked to host a dinner one evening.

Because our order is "the strong right arm" of the church, we take our relationship very seriously. We are always glad to see old priestly acquaintances; however, we knew that we had a golden opportunity to meet, interact with, and serve all the priests who were present for the meeting. We began our hospitality with a social of complimentary liquid refreshment served by senior members in tuxedos. Our meal, prepared by our council chefs and served by embers (also in tuxedos) and Squires on the "good china and crystal," consisted of ribeye steaks, baked potato, green beans, salad, bread and a beverage. The priests and Bishop really enjoyed themselves and were very appreciative of our efforts. During the social and cooking process, the clergy interacted with each other and our Knights and Squires and thoroughly enjoyed the "male bonding." They eagerly await their return to our community and council home in two years (or sooner if the Bishop deems necessary), and no other sites or local hosts are even being considered for the convocation!

## Community Activity Award

### BEST COMMUNITY PROJECT

#### Celebration of Veteran's Day

As Grand Knight, I was thinking of ways to motivate and get our members involved. What better way for a Knights of Columbus Council to celebrate Veteran's Day than to honor our veterans and fallen comrades? Settling on this theme, the wheels were set in motion and a special project was in the making.

It was decided to invite as many veterans as we could to celebrate mass with us on Sunday prior to Veteran's Day. One thing led to another, and after initial contact with some veterans was made, the invitation was extended. We had a project in the making. How to make this a memorable event for our guests led to much planning and preparation. We wanted to honor our veterans, and at the same time make it a memorable event for them.

It was fortunate for us that the Vice Supreme Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights was in town at this time. He agreed to dress out and lead a contingent of Sir Knights as an Honor Guard at Mass. A few phone calls later we had 12 Knights ready to dress out, and others to serve as ushers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers. Flags from each branch of the Armed Forces were obtained and set up at the front of the church. Contact was made with members of each branch of the service, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard and a volunteer from each branch agreed to participate. They would process up the aisle in full dress uniform, following the Priest, servers and honored veterans, carrying a folded American flag with the respective color (hat) of each service on top. They marched up and placed the flags with the cover on top on the altar rail symbolizing our fallen comrades. As the mass was concluding, taps was played softly from the rear of the church; there was not a dry eye in the place, especially those who had served so gallantly during wartime. If you have never been there, you cannot savor the true feeling of the sound of taps softly sounding in the background. We had succeeded; our veterans had been properly honored for the many sacrifices they gave in the service of their country.

To honor them and then let them feel neglected after mass had ended was not our intent so our council prepared and served a fitting breakfast for them. The parishioners mingled with our guests and Vice Supreme Master, listening to stories and giving them a feeling of belonging, and that just maybe the many sacrifices they gave in the service of their country was after all, not forgotten. I received a phone call later that week from a veteran who had attended our service. He was expressing his gratitude and how happy and pleased he was that someone had taken the time and effort to make him and all veterans feel wanted and valued.

**Council Activity Award**

**BEST COUNCIL PROJECT**

**Pallbearer Service**

This activity was the idea of our council's first Grand Knight. We wanted to help and assist the Sisters of Chatawa in some way, which developed into the pallbearer service. This is the council's oldest activity. April 2004 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of pallbearer service to the Sisters of Chatawa.

Our Council is informed by the Sisters that one of the beloved Sisters has passed away. We meet in front of our parish church and ride together to St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa. Before the funeral mass, we visit with the Sisters, family members and friends. We have found out that the Sisters have many school students who have stayed in contact with them through the years. They are in attendance at the funeral service.

To our amazement, the Sisters have led an impressive life of service to God and church. The Sisters turn this solemn occasion into a "Celebration of Life" as they describe it. And what a beautiful celebration it is.

The mass is a celebration of prayer, music, friendship, love and scripture. Death should be a joyous return to the Lord. The Sisters do all that and more placing you in God's peace and love.

Then we gather at the cemetery on the grounds for the burial. The graveside service is an expression of love and friendship. You can tell the Sisters have a close personal family relationship. The service consists of final prayers and a song. Then we bless the coffin and grave.

If you think it is over, no. We are invited to dinner. We are served a delicious meal; one you would have at a fine restaurant but without the cost. This is when the Sisters touch your heart. Thanking you for serving in a ministry of this type. They appreciate your company and celebrating the life of one of their own.

Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony. Col. 3:14

## Family Activity Award

### BEST FAMILY PROJECT

#### Family Fun and Great Meals

Our Council tries to provide great fun and delicious food with its year-round family activities. We have several picnics, dances, and other celebrations; however, two of our extended seasonal events that provide the most enjoyment to our council families are our Family Pool and Burgers and our Lenten Fish Fries.

Because summer in Mississippi is always a hot time, we believe there is no better way to cool off than a dip in the pool with the family. Our pool is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Use of the pool by our families is a part of our membership, and we charge a modest fee for guests.

Family Pool and Burgers. Fridays are especially fun during swimming season. The lifeguard blows the whistle at 7:00 p.m., and everyone gets out of the pool to eat. Our chefs have had the grill fired up cooking and serving some of the best and juiciest burgers in town. We also prepare a bunch of french fries. For a modest price of \$2, you can enjoy a burger with all the trimmings, and for an additional \$1, we'll pile on an order of fries with it. There is a family maximum of \$12 - not a bad deal in today's market. The pool re-opens after the meal.

The size of the crowd varies; however, a hundred meals is about average for a typical summer Friday. Besides our expert chefs preparing the burgers and fries, members and spouses also work the in the kitchen preparing or slicing tomatoes, onions, lettuce and pickles, and condiments; serving food; collecting money; and cleanup. Nothing can beat a fresh home-cooked burger, and our Knights do it best. We received lots of compliments for the food and great family fellowship. Summer visitors - both local and out of town - also enjoy this activity, and, like any good family project, we have found it to be an excellent recruiting tool.

Lenten Fish Fries. "Best catfish in town" is what our community says. "We wish that you men could cook fish for us the year round and not just the Fridays in Lent." We must be doing something right, as each Friday, our crowds get bigger. The families - old and young alike - keep coming back for our catfish. On our best week, we served over 300 people! We start serving at our Lenten fish fries immediately after Stations of the Cross (around 6 p.m.).

The term fish "fry" may be a slight misnomer. True, we do offer the best deep-fried catfish in town, but we also feature a superb grilled catfish for the calorie-conscious. The trimmings of this sumptuous weekly feast include french fries, baked potatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans, garlic bread and iced tea - an all-you-can-eat fare for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, with a \$24 family maximum. What a deal!

This event seems to get better each year, as our experienced crew hones its skills even more. The young and old enjoy this weekly opportunity to visit at our facility and to partake of this outstanding economical fare. We are especially proud of what we are doing for family life in our community. With these fish fries, we have been given a golden opportunity to showcase our facilities and our members to our fellow Catholics and friends. Visitors to our area who stop by tell us how impressed they are with our strong commitment to family life. They are inspired to start such a project in their home Councils or parishes.

This year, our chairman decided to staff the "cabin crew" with members who hadn't been active in over a year. So far this year, over fifty knights and their ladies, whom we have not seen in a while, have answered our call to serve this seasonal feast. An added benefit is that this special family event, like our Family Pool and Burgers, has netted us some more Form 100s and soon-to-be Knights - a great means of recruiting.

## **BEST YOUTH PROJECT**

### **Toys for Hospitalized Children**

Christmas is a joyous time for all, especially children. Nothing could be worse for a child on Christmas than to be confined to a hospital bed. Not only does this dampen the spirit of a child but also it affects the whole family. Our Council recognizes the need to become involved and help to return a little of the Christmas Spirit to these unfortunate children in our local hospitals.

On Christmas Eve, 2003, six 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 with sleigh bells sounding bringing smiles to passing visitors, nurses and doctors alike. 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 were the children's spirits lifted, but in almost every case, there were parents and relatives in the room. Santa's brief visit, with that magic question, "and what to you want for Christmas?" 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 parents 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.

The program not only required the valuable time of six Knights on Christmas Eve, but also took several hours of phone calls to the hospitals, news media and shopping for gifts and cards. Every hour spent on this activity was rewarded with a child's smile. It also reminds us that a little bit of time means a whole lot to the youth of our community.

**Vocations Activity Award (Biloxi Diocese)**

**BEST VOCATIONS PROJECT**

(Biloxi Diocese)

Harley Davidson Raffle

Our church and our faith are suffering. We are experiencing a shortage of priests, brothers, and sisters like never before in history. Many factors enter in the decision of a person to enter into the religious life. Our council has taken on a major project to help ease one of these decisions for our prospective seminarians. Our project to raffle off a motorcycle with all proceeds being donated to the priest education fund is our way of helping to alleviate this burden on them and their families while in the seminary.

The seed for this project was actually planted at last year's convention in Vicksburg. While sitting around the pool with a bowl of Biloxi's famous gumbo and a cold beer, several of us were talking about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi, and it was brought up by one of our brothers (an avid Harley rider) that it was also the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Company's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Someone suggested we should work the two into something for this year's convention, and the idea for a raffle was born. One thing led to another, and it was decided that it was about time for the Biloxi Diocese to surpass the Jackson Diocese in monies donated to the Bishops for the priest education fund. Now we had a project, and a cause; how in the world could a small council like ours pull off such a monumental task. Where there is a will, there is a way, decision made, "lets get 'er done".

One of our brothers anted up and took on the job of program chairman, a few others promised their support. Through much brainstorming and unworkable suggestions, they finally decided the only way to pull it off would be to hit up some of our members and other councils in the area for seed money to purchase the bike. The begging began, and within a few days, the purchase of the bike was locked in and a deal cut with the dealer. Our choice was a Harley Davidson Sportster 1200 custom 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition. We were selling tickets even before we took delivery of the motorcycle. One rainy Saturday afternoon kicked off the drive in from of the Harley shop and within a couple of hours we had \$600.00 in the kitty. We were on our way, but profit was a galaxy away.

Numerous telephone calls and letters to Grand Knights, or anyone else who may have the means to help with our effort went out. The idea of getting as much exposure at all of the church events and festivals was stressed. We came to the conclusion early on that the trailer we had the bike on would only hook up to one of our member's truck due to the height of the hitch; what to do now. Our dedicated brother knight was kind enough to volunteer his services to pull the bike to all of the events where it was to be displayed. Contacts were made with stores, and shopping malls for permission to sell tickets at local festivals, anywhere we might make a few \$\$\$\$\$. Things were really beginning to happen.

Our chairman and Grand Knight were beginning to experience fear, elation, and burnout as the project progressed. Cancelled appointments, missed chances to display the bike and sell tickets, bad weather was all taking its toll. We finally hit the break-even mark and things were looking up; we may just pull this off. Our goal remains elusive and the final tally of what our efforts will produce will not be realized until the final moments before the drawing. Our plans are to sell tickets right up until the day of the

drawing. Every dollar we take in is a dollar that our much needed future priests will not have to worry about during their time in the seminary. They can be assured that the Knights of Columbus will support their dedication and total commitment to a religious life as long as they serve the needs of our Mother Church.



**Pro-Life Activity Award (Jackson Diocese)**

**BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT**

(Jackson Diocese)

**Memorial for the Innocent Victims of Abortion**

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

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

As a further show of our support of life in all phases from cradle to grave, we planned and refurbished a billboard on our property with a pro-life message that is changed on a regular basis. The billboard is full-size and highly visible from the thoroughfare on which we are located. Rather than write a check from our treasury, we have asked our members to develop creative means of fundraising and make personal sacrifices, especially during the Lenten season. We can get a great pro-life billboard message for around \$500, and that message will last about six months in our Mississippi weather. We have enough for our first message and will put it up shortly using our own council workforce. In the meantime, we are mowing and trimming the area around our billboard, so that our message will be more easily read by passing motorists.

We are fully committed to supporting the sanctity of life and believe that our monument, prayers and billboard demonstrate this strong stand. If these projects can change even one mind about the value of life - born and unborn - then all our prayers, efforts and treasure will have been well invested!

### **Family of the Year**

#### **FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

Family of Thomas and Joan Thornton - Council 898, Vicksburg

Our nominee for the Mississippi State Family of the Year is an example of how a Catholic family should be. The father is a Past Grand Knight, the youngest ever to serve the Council. He currently serves as a Trustee. He is very active in all aspects of our council life, especially our many projects and maintenance activities. On several occasions, we have had to tap into his engineering and MBA skills to address council, parish or community needs.

He is very active in his parish, having served as a member of the Parish Council, Commentator, Lector and Eucharistic minister. He coaches youth athletic teams for different age groups and different sports such as softball and soccer. Additionally, he is one of the counselors for our Squires circle. When called on, he never fails to help our Catholic school by assisting on various construction efforts, serving on boards or with cooking or other fundraising project. In the community, he and his family participate in Meals on Wheels and supporting our annual community run, among other events.

The mother is a teacher in the Catholic school system and the current President of the ladies auxiliary. She has served in that capacity several times and has also held all the other offices and chairmanships. If there is a major function at the parish or the council home, this lady will assist in organizing, decorating, kitchen help, securing servers, and, often, even as part of the clean up crew! Whenever we need help at any function we can count on this lady to jump right in and make it happen.

This family has an active leadership or participatory role in most of our functions. These activities include Family Mardi Gras, Pool and Burgers, Lenten Fish Frys, Easter Egg Hunt, Children's and Adult Christmas parties, Fourth of July and Labor Day picnics, Memorial Mass reception, plus our Columbus Day and St. Patrick Day celebrations, to name a few!

Both boys are altar servers in the parish and active members of the Squires Circle where they are officers and as part of the investiture team. Like their parents, they pitch in on projects in the parish, council, and school. The youngest child, a daughter, also helps all she can on the various projects (in the kitchen, serving line, or on our grounds) and plans to follow her brothers as an altar server. She grabs an apron and rolls meat balls, washes dishes, serves meals, or cleans up, as needed. One day, she also will be part of the Junior Ladies Auxiliary.

Anytime there is an activity at the school, the church, the council home. Our community, you will find his family. They always help in any way they can. This family is an integral part of our Catholic community and the council and truly exemplify the principles of our order. We believe that they should be recognized as the Mississippi State Family of the Year.

## Knight of the Year

### KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Chad Sonnek – Council 898, Vicksburg

We are please to be able to nominate our Council's Financial Secretary as Mississippi Knight of the Year. Here is a humble, unassuming, yet extremely competent man, who is at practically every council function, usually in a leadership role. Although pleased with this nomination, he seemed to believe that others are more deserving and was almost reluctant to share facts for this nomination! His Brothers in our Council, however, ore of a common belief that he is most deserving of this honor because of his dedication to his council, parish, diocese, our Catholic school, and the community at large.

His greatest asset is not that he thoroughly understands financial matters and keeps meticulous records of all our financial transactions, but, rather, his winning smile and positive attitude. He is always first to arrive and the last to leave any function. Perhaps the best example is our monthly Saltillo Breakfast, which he chairs. He purchases supplies and lines up a crew. Our man is there at 5:00 a.m., while the rest of the crew arrives an hour or two later. He has the coffee made, hash brown underway, and music playing. He greets everyone with a smile and a welcome cup of coffee. During the event, he cooks, cleans, serves, runs errands as needed, visits with the public with the same smile, mops the floor and then counts the proceeds, which have amounted to around \$1,500 each season for the Saltillo Mission.

He edits our monthly Council newsletter, gently reminding the Grand Knight and others about needed input. As a result, he never misses a deadline of this important and informative publication to our membership.

As chair of the Council Bingo committee, he organizes bingos to benefit our Catholic school organizations, our Boy Scout troop, or other designated charities. These bingos, although hard work for a few dedicated Knights under our nominee's leadership, always yield needed funds for the band, an athletic organization, the Scouts or others.

A hard worker, he never asks someone to perform a task that he would not do himself. As a result, our Brothers are only too happy to serve when approached by our nominee. An excellent motivator, he seems to get more productive work out of us, and he never forgets that important "thank you" or pat on the back for a job well done.

His contributions to his parish, school and community are also legendary. Recently, he completed a term on the Parish Council, and he continues to serve as an usher. He is an active member of the Church Bible Study and Mass Committee and thoroughly enjoys learning more about Sacred Scripture. In addition, our nominee is always available to his Pastor, especially when financial skills are needed. Parishioners, just like our Brothers, are only too eager to oblige when he asks for help.

After completing a term on the Diocesan School Board, he continues as part of the new Board Member Training Team. He is Advisor to the Diocesan Catholic School Fundraiser, which serves all Catholic schools in our diocese.

At our Catholic school, his role as Development Director has revolutionized the fine art of fundraising. Alumni and friends have been very generous with bequests, scholarships, and legacies to the school. In addition, he has been successful in encouraging memorial contributions to the school to honor those no longer with us. As a result, the school has been able to establish a significant development fund or investment trust, with the interest allocated for expansion of its physical plant and classroom space. He also edits and publishes the all-important alumni newsletter that communicates news of ongoing academic, sports, development and expansion activities.

His winning smile has yielded countless volunteer hours of expertise (many from our Brothers) in construction skills, computers, cooking, cleanup, fundraising and other fields needed to keep a Catholic School operational and on a sound financial footing. He has assumed chairmanship of the annual winter drawdown and the spring carnival, the two principal fundraisers. Besides, he has encouraged recycling of cell phones and printer and toner cartridges so that the school can reap even more financial benefit for its expansion program.

In the community, he is a founding member of the Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAPC) and has served as a Board member for 19 years! As would be expected for a man of his talents, he serves CAPC on the Finance Committee. Also, our nominee has served the Exchange Club and the Civitan Club in various officer and on various committees over the past several years; he presently serves both of these civic organizations as a Fundraising Advisor. His positive interaction with the City administration has resulted in his securing for benefit of the Catholic school, the printer and toner cartridges from discarded printers and copiers. The discarded printers, copiers and other home and office appliances, placed curbside for pickup and disposal on selected days would normally have gone to a landfill; however, our nominee has won the right to collect and recycle these valuable cartridges. He has many contacts throughout our community and is able to take advantage of them for the positive good and to inform his Brothers about how they can make a difference.

Our nominee has demonstrated a positive attitude by his strong work ethic, his contributions to Council, Church, Catholic School, and Community, and his winning smile. We believe that he reflects the nature of true Knighthood and the four principles of our Order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. He is indeed most deserving of the honor of Mississippi State Knight of the Year.

**REPORT ON THE BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND  
REPORT ON THE CHRISTOPHER FUND  
REPORT ON THE KC SEMINARIAN EDUCATION TRUST FUND 2003-2004**

Most Reverend Bishops, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy,  
Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Delegates, and Brother Knights:

I am most pleased and privileged to report that the Knights of Columbus for the Diocese of Jackson and the Diocese of Biloxi gave an outstanding total of **\$102,768.20** for Priest Education for the year 2003-2004. The funds were distributed as follows:

The Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund:	\$96,192.00
The KC Seminarian Trust Fund:	3,000.00
The Christopher Fund (Divided Equally)	<u>3,576.20</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$102,768.20</b>

Since the establishment of the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund, the Knights of Columbus for the Mississippi Jurisdiction have contributed a total of **\$1,321,799**, which includes the total contribution given this past year. This year's contribution to the Bishop Gerow Fund of **\$96,192.00** exceeds last years total by a staggering **\$30,230.00** or an increase of **68%** over contribution given last year. I am also delighted to report that we had a 99.99% participation of the Councils and Assemblies throughout the state, even though some Council's had to overcome economic difficulties that have plagued our state for the past few years.

There is no doubt that the Diocese of Biloxi had a most successful Motorcycle Raffle and the efforts of so many Brother Knights of that Diocese should be exceptionally proud of their hard work. The raffle produced a net contribution to the Bishop Gerow Fund of **\$23,000.00**. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not congratulate Council 1583 for their contribution of \$7,000 and Council 4898 for the gift of \$4,800 as well as Assembly 2227 for their contribution of \$3,600 all from the Diocese of Biloxi.

It should also be noted that Brother Knights of the Jackson Diocese exceed last years total by more that \$2,500.00 for the Bishop Gerow Fund. Congratulation must go to Council 9443, St. Francis, for a marvelous contribution of \$8,000 and Council 898 for their gift of \$4,000 as well as Council 1034 for a contribution of \$3,000 and Council's 2134 and 10443 for their contribution of \$2,000 each.

This has truly been a miraculous year because of the exceptional work of all our Brother Knights and their support of our Bishop's, Priest and Seminarians. Thank you and God bless each Brother Knight, Our Ladies Auxiliary and your families for your loyalty and exceptional labor.

I am delighted to report that the total contributions to the Christopher Fund now stands at \$15,779.11 and that is matched by a contribution from our Supreme Council of \$15,779.11 for a total of \$31,558.22. However we can do so much better. As of January 1, 2004, we have a total membership of 6,122 brother knights. If every Knight had contributed \$5.00 our total for the state would be \$30,610 and Supreme would match that total with another \$30,610 and the Christopher Fund would have a total of \$61,220.00.

Supreme Council provided a check from the proceeds of the Christopher Fund for this year of \$3,576.20, which was equally divided between our two Dioceses, and a check

was given to each Bishop in the amount of \$1,788.10. This also was the largest amount ever given from the Christopher Fund for Seminarian Education. As can be seen, we could easily double this contribution to our Bishop's if each Brother Knight were to give \$5.00 so that we can reach our total membership contributions. Please give this matter your serious consideration and prayers.

Finally, I am very proud to report that the Delegates to the 100<sup>th</sup> State Convention unanimously passed a resolution to create a perpetual fund to be known as the **Knights of Columbus Seminarian Education Trust Fund**. Three Councils provided the required seed money to create this fund for each Diocese: Council 898 Vicksburg, Council 9543 Madison, and Council 9094 Seabees, each provided \$1,000.00 for the establishment of this fund. Funds for the Perpetual Trust will be derived from Insurance Policies that are purchased by Brother Knights and ownership given to the Diocese of their choice. Premiums for these policies can be used as charitable deductions for income tax purposes as long as ownership is given to the diocese of the policy. Additionally, Brother Knights and their families can bequeath gifts of stocks, bonds, property and cash to this fund as a part of their Wills. It should be noted that the principal of this trust fund will remain intact and only the interest derived from the fund will be used for Seminarian Education expenses by each diocese. This is truly an eternal gift that each Brother Knight should give serious consideration and prayers. It will be a gift that will last throughout time and continue to support our current and future Seminarians.

Dr. Paul Gospodarski  
Chairman  
Priest Education Fund

## State Membership Chairman's Report

### **State Membership Chairman's Report**

This year I had the honor as serving the Mississippi Jurisdiction as the Membership, Retention and Round Table Chairman. I started as the Co-Chairman with Robert Boney, until he had to withdraw for personal reasons. I must state that the time I did work with Robert was indeed a pleasure and I look forward to possibly working with him the future. I have also had the pleasure of working with Tom Chady, Immediate Past State Deputy, who served as the New Council Development Chairman. Tom has put in many hours this past year working with several Parishes on trying to start new councils. I want to thank him and all those throughout the Jurisdiction for their hard work during the past year. It has been an honor and pleasure working with them all.

For the 2003-2004 State year, we did only slightly better than the previous year, but anytime we can increase our membership it is a successful year. However, we have the capability to do even better and make the Mississippi Jurisdiction one of the elite of our Order. Details of each area are discussed below.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The long-term goal set a couple years ago of achieving 8000 Knights by 2007 has not changed. However, it appears that the work needed to accomplish that goal is not being done. It is still possible to reach that goal by 2007, but it is going to take a strong surge by all 55 Councils in the State and all our Brother Knights. Remember that membership is everyone's duty to the Order. Without new Knights to take the place of those we loose to deaths and suspensions, many of the good works that the Order does for the communities, Parishes and our Church will grow stagnant and do more harm than good. We must all make it a priority to bring in new members.

As in the previous year our yearly goal for each Council was a net increase of four percent. Top Gun Councils were to achieve a net increase of eight percent. No council's net goal would be larger than ten with Top Gun requirement of twenty. The top proposer program was continued once again this year. Not only were the top proposers for each quarter in each region recognized, but each and every Knight you brought in a new Knight this year was recognized with a certificate and their names being placed on the State Council's web page. It was my goal this year to recognize everyone who worked at increasing membership within the Jurisdiction.

We once again had hoped to achieve our goal of 400 new Knights this year, but we were only able to achieve a 3.02 percent growth which equated to a net gain of 185 new Knights. We had 325 men exemplified, but lost 140 to suspensions, withdrawals and deaths. This lose equated to a 2.2 percent lose of Brother Knights from the Jurisdiction. These loses were far to high and showed that a greater emphasis needs to be placed on getting out inactive members more involved in council activities. Of the 56 Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, 5 councils did not add a single new member during the year. Two Councils started off the State year with a loss of membership but was able to replace the loses with new members to remain at the same level of members. On the other hand, 22 councils reached or exceeded their goal. Of that number, 10 councils

reached their goals and 12 councils achieved Top Gun status. Those 22 councils are listed below:

### COUNCILS REACHING STATE GOAL

***Small Council Category (55 members or less)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
7	8054	MCCOMB	LARRY FOULK SR.

***Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
10	4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	RICHARD LOVE
4	6765	STARKVILLE	RANDY FOLLETT
5	7854	CLINTON	ART RICHARDSON

***Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
3	2134	GREENVILLE	RAY MILLWOOD
11	9094	D'IBERVILLE	NOEL AUCOIN JR.

***Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
7	898	VICKSBURG	TOM CHADY
10	1522	BAY ST. LOUIS	BILL KANE
3	5556	CLEVELAND	SHEA SKEEN
6	9543	MADISON	MARK VEDROS



## TOP GUN COUNCILS

### ***Small Council Category (55 members or less)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
1	8912	CORINTH	RAYMOND G. BALL
8	11654	WIGGINS	DON EAKIN
8	11956	COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN	JOSEPH SINGLETON
9	11995	WEST HARRISON	JOHN MAYNARD
4	13471	PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER	DAN BURT

### ***Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
8	7211	LUMBERTON	ROBERT F. SULLIVAN
4	7974	COLUMBUS	DENNIS HILBERT
10	12271	SEABEE BASE	JOSEPH KALEY

### ***Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)***

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
5	848	JACKSON	MICHAEL MACKE
8	1908	HATTIESBURG	JOSEPH GOELLNER SR.
9	6872	PICAYUNE	CURT CALEGAN
6	10216	BRANDON	PHILLIP JABOUR

### ***Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)***

THERE WERE NO EXTRA-LARGE COUNCILS TO MAKE TOP GUN

As in years past, we also recognize councils by size with the highest net gain and the highest net percent gain. Those councils are as follows:

#### COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET GAIN

SIZE	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	NET
SMALL	4	13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER	DAN BURT	25
MEDIUM	8	7211 LUMBERTON	ROBERT F. SULLIVAN	8
LARGE	6	10216 BRANDON	PHILLIP JABOUR	15
X-LARGE	7	898 VICKSBURG	TOM CHADY	18

#### COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN

SIZE	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	NET
%				
SMALL	4	13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER	DAN BURT	2500%
MEDIUM	4	7974 COLUMBUS	DENNIS HILBERT	11.67%
LARGE	6	10216 BRANDON	PHILLIP JABOUR	15.15%
X-LARGE	6	9543 MADISON	MARK VEDROS	7.21%

Once again this year I had difficulty getting the names of all the proposers for the Top Proposer Program. There was more cooperation this year than last, but it still took many phone calls, e-mails and personal contact to obtain all the data needed to accurately give all of our proposers the credit due them for their hard work and dedication to the order. The top proposers by region for each quarter of the State Fraternal year 2003-2004 are listed below:

#### REGIONAL TOP PROPOSERS OF THE QUARTER

April - June 2003

NORTH	RAY MILLWOOD	2134 GREENVILLE
CENTRAL	TOM CHADY	898 VICKSBURG
SOUTH	CHARLES J. CAVALIER JR	6872 PICAYUNE

**July - September 2003**

NORTH	RAYMOND E. COLE	2969 CLARKSDALE
CENTRAL	TOM CHADY	898 VICKSBURG
SOUTH	TIM ANDERSON	11995 W. HARRISON

**October - December 2003**

NORTH	MICHAEL KASSOUF	6765 STARKVILLE
	DAVID FRIoux	8848 TUPELO
CENTRAL	JOE GOELLNER	1908 HATTIESBURG
SOUTH	RICHARD GREENWOLD	10499 OCEAN SPRINGS

**January - March 2004**

NORTH	RUSSELL GIANBRONI	13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER
CENTRAL	SHERWOOD BECKHAM	11654 WIGGINS
SOUTH	JULIO GALANG	12271 SEABEE BASE

**REGIONAL TOP PROPOSERS OF THE YEAR**

NORTH	RUSSELL GIANBRONI	13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER
CENTRAL	TOM CHADY	898 VICKSBURG
SOUTH	MICHAEL G. SPENCER	6872 PICAYUNE

**STATE TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR**

**RUSSELL GIANBRONI**  
**13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER**

## RETENTION

Once again this year our jurisdiction has faced the problem of retaining members. The first quarter of the state fraternal year, we had a net loss of 27 Brother Knights. This was over and above the 50 new Knights that were exemplified during that time period. All totaled we lost 140 Brother Knights in the past State Fraternal year. This represents a 5.7% drop in the number of Knights lost over last years numbers. While I am aware that we can never completely stop the lose of Knights, I strongly feel that the Councils ,and for that matter each and every Knight needs to do more to keep these good men from leaving our ranks. It is the duty and responsibility of each and every one of us to talk to the non-participating Knights to find out why they are no longer involved. We need to find out what it was that attracted them to the KC's in the first place and help them reignite that passion and drive that brought them to us in the first place. Only by getting our Brothers involved in each of their Councils activities, can we hope to retain them and then in turn see our Councils grow and prosper.

As we have said so many times in the past, the best way to get a man to join the Knights of Columbus is to ask him. The same is true about keeping them. If you don't see one of your members at Council activities, ask him why. Find out what activities he is interested in and get him to help in just a small way. Make him feel as if what he does to help truly matters and that he **is needed**. Only by getting to the root of the problem can we find a working solution.

## NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

This year we have added a new Council to our Jurisdiction, Council#13471 Philadelphia/Tucker. Thanks to the efforts of PSD Tom Chady and others we were able to add the first new council in two years. Efforts are currently underway in Vancleave, Batesville/Sardis, Olive Branch, New Albany and Yazoo City. All of these parishes are at different stages of development and may or may not become new councils within the near future. Efforts will continue to be made to get them established and working for the good of all they will be serving.

## ROUND TABLE DEVELOPMENT

Last year the Mississippi Jurisdiction surpassed its Supreme quota for Round Tables by 10 with 65 being established. This year our quota is 67 Round Tables. At this point in the Supreme year, we are 29 short of our goal. Several Councils to date have not filed the necessary forms for continuing their Round Tables or have simply abandoned their Round Table efforts in those Parishes. With the large number of rural parishes and mission parishes in the state, the presence of KC's working in and for the parishes can have a significant impact on the growth and even survival of those parishes. The Knights have a responsibility to our vocations and our Church to see that our parishes flourish and grow. Knights working in the parishes along side of the Priests is one of the best ways to help the Church grow and prosper.

This is also a huge opportunity for councils to bring in new knights to their ranks. The Parishes without Councils are a largely untapped resource for recruitment. Round Tables give the councils a great opportunity to help the Priests and the Parishes in the community that do not have a Council.

**COUNCILS ESTABLISHING ROUND TABLES**

REGION	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	# ROUND TABLES
NORTH	4	802 MERIDIAN	3
CENTRAL	5	848 JACKSON	4
CENTRAL	7	898 VICKSBURG	5
SOUTH	11	1244 BILOXI	6
SOUTH	10	1522 BAY ST. LOUIS	5
CENTRAL	8	2180 LAUREL	2
NORTH	3	2945 LELAND	1
SOUTH	10	4472 PASS CHRISTIAN	1
NORTH	3	5556 CLEVELAND	1
SOUTH	12	5654 OCEAN SPRINGS	1
CENTRAL	8	7211 LUMBERTON	1
CENTRAL	5	7854 CLINTON	2
NORTH	1	8848 TUPELO	2
CENTRAL	8	11956 COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN	1
SOUTH	9	11995 WEST HARRISON	3

TOTAL 38

We have not been as successful as I had hoped in our four program areas, I feel we have had a good year. There is always room for improvement and I feel with your continued efforts and support we can make the coming year even better than this past year. We need to strive to keep our Brother Knights in and working for the betterment of the Order, our Parishes and our Church. I want to thank PSD Tom Chady for his hard work this year and also State Deputy Rich Lieding for his confidence in my abilities and the opportunity to serve all of my Brother Knights in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. I feel both honored and humbled to serve all of you in the capacity of State Membership Director this past year. I look forward to working with all of you in the future and feel I have been blessed by getting to meet and get to know everyone I have come in contact with.

Vivat Jesus  
Respectfully Submitted,  
William (Bill) C. Waggoner  
State Membership Director

### **New Council Development Chairmen's Report**

We have visited numerous parishes regarding the possibility of creating a new council. At this time, we have been successful in bringing aboard Philadelphia/Tucker and added Batesville/Sardis last Wednesday night.

We have made proposals to Yazoo City, Olive Branch and New Albany, which is functioning as a roundtable and meeting regularly with hopes of growing into a council in a year or so. We have also been in contact with Vancleave which recently completed the construction of a new church.

We have made Hispanic outreaches in Carthage, Jackson, and Biloxi; and will continue to pursue the possibilities of a Hispanic council somewhere in Mississippi. Although our efforts have been slow, we did add a new council for the first time in five years. Unfortunately for Mississippi our gain will go unnoticed since Supreme tripled our old goals from one to three.

Fraternally Yours,

Tom Chady  
NCD Chairman

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

As State Family Director in 2003-2004, I went to the installation of State Officers and Organizational meeting in Jackson, Ms. I attended the Mid regional meeting, and the southern regional meeting. I attended (2) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees.

I attended the Midwinter regional meetings and attended the southern and middle of state, councils.

The State had an average of 22 councils reporting each month for the Families of the Month. Each Month I congratulated each family, for the State Deputy, through Ken Rains under the good of the order, for them being picked as Family of Month, which was 13 families, picked by Supreme. Thanked each council that took the time for submitting their family of the month.

This Year we awarded 11 councils a certificate for submitting a Family of the month every month during this year.

Fraternally  
Carl Brochard  
State Family Director

**State Council Director's Report – No Report**

**State Community Director's Report**

The 2003-2004 fraternal year, During the year the Community Director attended an organizational meeting, the School of Columbianism on the coast, the Mid-Winter state-planning meeting, the general council Mid-Winter meeting on the coast and the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention.

The State Program Director called the pre-convention meeting for State Officers and Program Directors in Madison to review and vote on Best Program, Knight of the Year, and Family of the Year submissions to select the best 3 or 4 in each category. Convention delegates in various committees will then vote on these selections.

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation and support during the 2003-2004 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD E. GREENWOLD  
State Community Director



**State Youth Activities Director's Report – No report**

**State Vocations Director's Report**

**BILOXI DIOCESE VOCATIONS REPORT**

I would like to say how proud I am of the Knights of Columbus in the state of Mississippi. All of our seminarians are being supported financially. The beautiful thing is, that if we had more, I am sure they would be taken care of too. Our seminarians are the future of our church. We need them. Unfortunately, we are not getting enough young men and women to be a part of the priest hood and religious life. Each council meeting should end with a prayer for vocations. We are the right hand of the church. Let's pray for its continued growth in Christ.

For those councils that have supported our seminarians please do not forget to submit your reports to supreme. You have done a good job. You deserve something in return. I would like to say that I have been proud to serve you as the Biloxi Diocese Vocations Chairman for the past two years. I pray that our strong hand of the church will continue to strengthen and grow. God Bless to all of you.

Fraternally Submitted

Deacon Bob Jones  
Biloxi Diocese Vocation Chairman  
418 Ruskin Ave.  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

### State Squires Chairman's Report

The state squires held their annual convention on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 in Columbia. A total of 26 boys representing three circles were present as were many counselors. The convention opened with a prayer by State Pryor Fr. Martin Gillispie and pledge of allegiance followed by an investiture welcoming two new squires into the Columbia/Tylertown circle. Following the investiture elections were held for state officers. Jared Jones of Ocean Springs was elected State Chief Squire. Other officers are:

Deputy Chief Squire	Namon Bangs	Ocean Springs
Marshall	James Martin	Ocean Springs
Bursar	Chad Lassere	Ocean Springs
Notary	Christian Stilley	Ocean Springs
Sentry	Jacob Cowart	Natchez
Pole Captain	David Flynt	Columbia/Tylertown
	Matthew Richardson	Natchez

Following elections we broke for lunch, which was provided by the Columbia/Tylertown council. The meeting was reconvened. Jeremy Lasdere was elected State Squire of the Year and Raymond Tanet was voted as the State Squire Counselor of the Year. Reports were given on last year's fishing trip and softball trip.

Dates for annual events were finalized; June 5<sup>th</sup> softball tournament in Columbia, August 21<sup>st</sup> fishing trip to Ocean Springs; and next state convention November 6<sup>th</sup> in Natchez. State Pryor Fr. Martin Gillispie closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Chady  
State Chairman

### **State Mentally Handicapped Fund Drive Report**

Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi Annual Report  
April 23, 2004

To: State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights of the 2004 State Convention

The Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. has just completed another successful year of helping the Mentally Challenged in our great State.

Of the 55 Councils in the State, 32 held drives in their local area and raised \$94,068.74. Of this amount \$69,411.17 was returned to the Councils, who in turn presented it to a local agency that caters to these Special persons.

In January of this year, the State foundation in turn sent checks totaling \$26,500.00 to Statewide Agencies on behalf of the Foundation and Councils in the State for a total of \$95,911.17 for the year's total. These funds were greatly appreciated as evidenced by the letters of appreciation I received from some of those agencies.

I must mention to you as I do in every report, that it is very important that you present to the benefactor of your share of the funds your Council raises in a timely manner. There are several checks still outstanding from this year's drive.

In the years that the Foundation has been in existence (1976-2004) we have contributed I would guess some \$2,500,000.00 for the needs of our less fortunate citizens. The State Council is in the process of calculating the exact figure. While this is a very impressive figure, in the last several years it was accomplished with approximately 60% of the Councils. With 100% participation can you imagine what the figure would be? I only ask that every Council take a active part in this annual drive in any way you can. I realize that in some areas it may not be as easy to raise funds, but the amount is not as important as it is to have 100 % participation. Won't you help this year?

Expenses for year= \$439.77  
Checking Balance 4-23-2004= \$2120.90  
Savings Balance \$11,810.84

Respectfully submitted,  
James (Jim) Farris, Chairman

### **State Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman's Report**

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers:

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was another great success. Sixteen councils took part in selling 807 boxes of cards. This year, four councils made their quotas set forth by the State. Several councils put up billboards and signs promoting the true meaning of Christmas. Since 1995 the Mississippi Knights have distributed 123,501 spiritual messages and raised \$22,752 for charity. In 2003, Mississippi Knights distributed 13,719 spiritual messages and raised \$2,421 for charity. The Mississippi State Council took in \$550 for 2003. I would like to thank all the participating councils and their dedicated chairmen for a job well done.

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 \$0.75 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.

### **Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Chairman's Report**

My Dear Brother Knights:

I am honored to report this year will be a turning point in the cause for canonization of the Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney. The Roman process of investigation into his life and holiness is nearing completion, and the investigation into a reported miracle is progressing. The Guild plays an important role in making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

Each quarter, the Guild chairman is updated on the current number of members in our jurisdiction. Our count reflects Guild membership as of April 1, 2004.

At present, the total membership in the Guild is 83,057. Each day we receive enrollments by the way of snail mail, as well as through the K of C website. As of April 1, there are 529 Guild members in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

The spiritual heritage of Father McGivney is his precious gift to the K of C. We owe it to him and the church to share his gift with those we meet and with whom we work.

I encourage all Knights, families, and friends enroll in the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild to support his cause for canonization.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Bruce Pabon, PSD

## Report of Mileage and Per Diem Committee Report

### Mississippi Knights of Columbus 2004 State Convention - Jackson, Ms. April 23-25, 2004

#### Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee

The committee reviewed the mileage and per diem figures for this year's convention as per resolution passed by the delegates at the 99th annual State convention held in Vicksburg, Ms. April 2003. Mileage is reimbursed at the rate of \$0.25 per mile one way. Past State Deputies receive no mileage allowance. The per diem rate is \$50.00 a day for two (2) days.

The committee continues to support the resolution that requires delegates be seated at all business and committee meetings (Saturday and Sunday) unless otherwise excused by the State Deputy, in order to be entitled to receive mileage and per diem payments.

#### Mileage And Per Diem - Jackson Ms 2004

##### State Officers

Name	Office	Miles to	At \$.25	2 Days	Total
		Jackson	Per Mile	Per Diem	
Fr. Brian Kaskie	State Chaplain	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Richard Lieding	State Deputy	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Larry Tabor	St. Secretary	172	\$43.00	\$100.00	\$143.00
Daniel Lechner	State Treasurer	172	\$43.00	\$100.00	\$143.00
Peter Sukanek	State Advocate	177	\$44.25	\$100.00	\$144.25
Gerald Schmuck	State Warden	161	\$40.25	\$100.00	\$140.25
Thomas Chady	Immediate Past State Deputy	45	\$11.25	\$100.00	\$111.25
Total					\$881.75

##### Past State Deputies

				2 Days	Total
				Per Diem	
	G. David Atteberry			\$100.00	\$100.00
	Robert Fratesi			\$100.00	\$100.00
	Marvin L. Lott			\$100.00	\$100.00
	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. (Delegate)			\$0.00	\$0.00
	C. Bruce Pabon			\$100.00	\$100.00
	Total				\$400.00

##### District Deputies

DD #1	Dennis C. Louis	Miles to	At \$.25	2 Days	Total
		Jackson	Per Mile	Per Diem	
DD #2	Ron Kopacz	218	\$54.50	\$100.00	\$154.50
DD #3	N/A	195	\$48.75	\$100.00	\$148.75
DD #4	Robert Leo (Delegate)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

DD #5	Marion J. McCraw	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
DD #6	Martin Blisek	10	\$2.50	\$100.00	\$102.50
DD #7	Ricky Warren	105	\$26.25	\$100.00	\$126.25
DD #8	Louis D. Schwartz	100	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
DD #9	John Leonhard	171	\$42.75	\$100.00	\$142.75
DD #10	Allen Koryn (Delegate)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DD #11	Robert Fell, Jr. (Delegate)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DD #12	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total					\$899.75

### State Chairmen

			Miles to Jackson	At \$.25 Per Mile	2 Days Per Diem	Total
	Membership	William Waggoner	192	\$48.00	\$100.00	\$148.00
	Program	David Scott	5	\$1.25	\$100.00	\$101.25
	Church	Robert Zeller (Del.)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Community	Richard Greenwold	176	\$44.00	\$100.00	\$144.00
	Council	James Hill	120	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$130.00
	Youth	Joe Jones (Del.)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Hon. St. Chaplains	Bishops Latino/Rodi	0	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
						\$723.25

### Delegates

Council	City	Delegates	Miles to Jackson	At \$.25 Per Mile	2 Days Per Diem	Total
802	Meridian	2	93	23.25	\$100.00	\$246.50
848	Jackson	2	N/A	N/A	\$100.00	\$200.00
899	Vicksburg	2	45	11.25	\$100.00	\$222.50
903	Natchez	2	105	26.25	\$100.00	\$252.50
1244	Biloxi	2	172	\$43.00	\$100.00	\$286.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	2	176	\$44.00	\$100.00	\$288.00
1583	Gulfport	2	161	40.25	\$100.00	\$280.50
1605	Pascagoula	2	192	\$48.00	\$100.00	\$296.00
1908	Hattiesburg	2	90	\$22.50	\$100.00	\$245.00
2134	Greenville	2	120	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$260.00
2180	Laurel	2	90	\$22.50	\$100.00	\$245.00
2945	Leland	2	125	\$31.25	\$100.00	\$262.50
2969	Clarksdale	2	158	\$39.50	\$100.00	\$279.00
4472	Pass Christian	2	171	\$42.75	\$100.00	\$285.50
4898	Long Beach	2	165	\$41.25	\$100.00	\$282.50
5267	Greenwood	2	101	\$25.25	\$100.00	\$250.50
5555	Cleveland	2	150	\$37.50	\$100.00	\$275.00
5654	Ocean Springs	2	176	\$44.00	\$100.00	\$288.00
6555	Shelby	0	164	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6592	Bassfield	2	84	\$21.00	\$100.00	\$242.00
6765	Starkville	2	126	\$31.50	\$100.00	\$263.00
6872	Picayune	2	149	\$37.25	\$100.00	\$274.50
7087	Kiln	2	175	\$43.75	\$100.00	\$287.50
7120	Southaven	2	195	\$48.75	\$100.00	\$297.50
7211	Lumberton	2	117	\$29.25	\$100.00	\$258.50
7854	Clinton	2	13	\$3.25	\$100.00	\$206.50
7910	Gulfport	2	161	\$40.25	\$100.00	\$280.50
7915	Brookhaven	1	55	\$13.75	\$100.00	\$113.75
7974	Columbus	2	150	\$37.50	\$100.00	\$275.00
8038	Pearl	1	7	\$1.75	\$100.00	\$101.75
8054	McComb	2	76	\$19.00	\$100.00	\$238.00
8285	Jackson	2	N/A	N/A	\$100.00	\$200.00
8760	Holly Springs	2	204	\$51.00	\$100.00	\$302.00
8848	Tupelo	1	169	\$42.25	\$100.00	\$142.25
8912	Corinth	2	218	\$54.50	\$100.00	\$309.00
9094	D'Iberville	2	172	\$43.00	\$100.00	\$286.00
9124	Gautier	2	188	\$47.00	\$100.00	\$294.00
9234	Indianola	2	145	\$36.25	\$100.00	\$272.50
9409	Biloxi	2	172	\$43.00	\$100.00	\$286.00
9543	Madison	2	5	\$1.25	\$100.00	\$202.50

9673	Woolmarket	2	172	\$43.00	\$100.00	\$286.00
9958	Lizana	2	148	\$37.00	\$100.00	\$274.00
10216	Brandon	2	10	\$2.50	\$100.00	\$205.00
10443	Grenada	2	119	\$29.75	\$100.00	\$269.50
10499	Ocean Springs	2	176	\$44.00	\$100.00	\$288.00
10901	Oxford	1	177	\$44.25	\$100.00	\$144.25
11541	Gulfport	2	161	\$40.25	\$100.00	\$280.50
11654	Wiggins	2	124	\$31.00	\$100.00	\$262.00
11904	Lucedale	2	156	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$278.00
11934	Gluckstadt	2	10	\$2.50	\$100.00	\$205.00
11956	Columbia	2	124	\$31.00	\$100.00	\$262.00
11995	Pass Christian	2	171	\$42.75	\$100.00	\$285.50
12166	Pascagoula	2	192	\$48.00	\$100.00	\$296.00
12271	Gulfport	2	161	\$40.25	\$100.00	\$280.50
12331	Pass Christian	2	171	\$42.75	\$100.00	\$285.50
13471	Philadelphia	2	57	\$14.25	\$100.00	\$114.25
13502	Batesville/Sardis	1	152	\$38.00	\$100.00	\$138.00
Total						\$14,021.75
Grand Total						\$16,926.50

Respectfully submitted,

Mileage and Per Diem Committee

Daniel Lechner  
State Treasurer (Chairman)



**Pro-Life Activity Report – No Report**

**STATE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**  
**CONVENTION REPORT**

The community committee met on 24 April 2004 at 1300 in the Crowne Plaza, Surrey II.

Attendance:

Chairman: Richard Greenwold

Kenneth P. Brouard,  
Robert Sullivan  
Wade H. Ditchard  
Michael Aguzzi  
Gary McFadyen  
Anthony Moran Jr.  
Frank Hilt  
Robert Frey  
Robert Zeller

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 1400.

Vivat Jesus  
Respectfully Submitted,  
RICHARD E. GREENWOLD  
Community Director

## State Ceremonial Committee Report

The Ceremonials Committee met at this year's state convention to discuss the status and quality of ceremonials being performed throughout the state. Several concerns and recommendations were discussed.

**Concern:**

Candidates don't fully understand the lessons conveyed during the exemplification.

**Recommendation:**

Candidates should be encouraged to return and attend the next exemplification as a witness in order to more fully appreciate the lessons being taught by the degree. More emphasis should be placed on getting members to attend the exemplifications as witnesses. Councils should consider holding exemplifications during regularly scheduled meetings.

**Concern:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplifications tend to run too long.

**Recommendation:**

Reduce the amount of time spent on introduction of guests. Limit the comments made by each team member during the X and the dignitaries that attend the exemplification. Focus more on the lesson being taught by the exemplification and less on other activities.

**Concern:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree teams need additional volunteers as team members.

**Recommendation:**

Encourage Knights from any council to volunteer to be a part of one of the degree teams. Their participation would have to be coordinated depending on the location of the exemplification, i.e., a D could not participate in an exemplification close to his home council. Degree team members should cross train on the different parts so as to make the team more flexible when certain members have a conflict with an exemplification date.

**Other Recommendations:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree exemplifications should occur frequently, if possible, i.e., once a month.
- An effective 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification needs at least 15-20 candidates.
- District Deputy/Grand Knight/State Officers should maintain good communications with the degree teams about the layout of the degree facility, i.e., antechamber, rooms for DP and TM, etc.
- Degree teams should communicate with State Officers concerning needs for the team, i.e., need for additional D's etc.
- State Officers should actively recruit more members for the CO's part (CO is not actually part of the degree teams)

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

David Scott, Ceremonials Committee Chairman  
Dennis Louis  
John L. Bennett  
Fred Cunningham  
James Tarver  
Mark Vedros  
James Inabinet  
Fred Clark

## **Membership Committee**

### **Meeting**

Saturday April 24, 2004

William Waggoner - State Membership Director  
Jerry Woods - General Agent  
Pick Noble - Field Agent  
Jamie Cuevas - Field Agent  
Brian De Rossette - Field Agent  
John Krumpos - #1908  
Gerry Clark - #8285  
Joe Tannehill - #9234  
Robert Pyle - # 11541

Many topics were discussed in the meeting. The most prominent topic was retention of current members. Use of active members of the councils is essential to finding out why the missing or delinquent members are no longer paying their dues or playing an active role in councils activities. It was suggested that there should be increased coordination between the Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights and the Insurance Field Agents( in the case of Insurance members), to find the delinquent members and find out why they no longer want to be a part of the Council.

The education of first degree candidates prior to them going thru exemplification was brought up as a way to possibly educate our candidates as to exactly what the Knights of Columbus do, and that when they join, that the Council pays the State and Supreme per capita out of their yearly council dues. It should also be explained to them what it takes to withdraw from the Knights if they need to too, and that if they simply stop paying their dues that they are hurting the Council financially and thus taking away funds that can be used for projects to better the Parish and community. This might be a way to head off any one from coming into the Knights who is joining to just stop from being badgered by a member to join or to just add to a resume. It is essential that we bring in new members for the right reasons and not to just add members just for the sake of adding members.

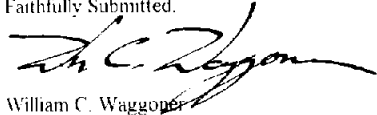
It was also suggested that the breakout sessions during the Schools of Columbianism be reinstituted so that more ideas can be brought out and discussed about recruitment and retention.

It was also suggested that councils establish a mentoring program for the First degree members during their first year or so in the Council to help guide them and get them involved in Council activities. The mentors need to be either the proposer or someone that wants to make sure that the new members become active in the Knights and don't feel like they have been abandoned.

Discussion was also held on how to deal with Parish Priests that are not as supportive of Councils activities as might be needed. The consensus was to take it one step at a time slowly show him what the Knights can do for him and the Parish

The meeting was very productive, but actually needed at least two more hours to more fully discuss the items that were brought up. I would like to personally thank all the members of the committee for their thoughts and comments.

Faithfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.C. Waggoner", written in a cursive style.

William C. Waggoner  
State membership Director

**State Public Relations Committee Report – No Report**

**State Vocations Activities Committee Report**

The Vocations Activities Committee met at its appointed time. Committee members present were:

Louis D. Schwartz	DD#8
Leon Shapley	#2945
Walter Abadie	#4898
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Hollis Moran	#9958
Ron Barry	#10216
Jim Henderson	#11904
Dan Buzzarde	#10443
Mike Kirby	#10216
Brian Engelland	#6765

Recommendations of the committee:

1. Program Director should pass out award packages prior to meeting on Saturday afternoon. It is not fair to vote on packages without prior knowledge and time to digest.
2. Possibly divide up Family of the Year and Knight of the Year to separate committees for voting.
3. We recommend to the State Council, that \$25.00 be requested from each council each year to be put in a fund to bring seminarians to the State Convention.

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### **State Audit Committee Report**

Brother Knights:

The Knights of Columbus Audit Committee met and reviewed the report of the State Treasurer, Danny Lechner, which covers the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

The review of records was done under generally acceptable accounting principles. We noted there was an omission of \$3004.00 convention expense. When added to the statement issued today the figures will balance. This will not have any effect on the ending cash balance. A revised statement will be issued Sunday morning.

A review of the bank statements, cancelled checks, and expense vouchers showed no sign of deviations from current state guidelines.

Respectfully submitted  
Audit Committee  
Rory Ros  
Richard Clement  
Pat Veltman  
Wayne Ebelhar  
Tom Chady, IPSD



### Meeting of the Financial Secretaries Report

Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights:

There were 19 Financial Secretaries present at the meeting.

The main concern of those present was the "FSPC" program. I won't go into all the details, but the consensus was that they recommended that a letter be sent by all Financial Secretaries to the Supreme Knight requesting a more user friendly update of the current program.

There was a discussion of the more recent changes in the procedures of suspending delinquent members and in procedures for a withdrawal card.

Some of the brothers discussed their problems with filing reports and collecting dues.

It was as it has been for the last several years that I have attend these meetings some lively discussions and perhaps a few problems solved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Farris, FS

Attendees:

Michael Kassouf, 6765  
Buddy Stokes, 9094  
Keith Alex, 8054  
Ron Brumfield, 1034  
Bill Horton, 9234  
Charles D. Bounds, 7211  
Joe Supple, 10901  
Richard Hoda, 7087  
George Watson, 802

Elmer Marsh, 1522  
Paul Mackin, 11956  
Leonard Tarrant, 5654  
Warren Reso, 4472  
Sherwood Beckham, 11654  
Louis DeFillipo, 7479  
Bill Fessler, 9673  
Richard Zdziemborske, 7910  
Robert Fratesi, 2134

### State Convention Committee Meeting Report

This year's convention committee met at the Crown Plaza Hotel Churchill #1 room on April 24 2004 at 13:00 hours (1 P.M.). The committee started off by commending the Jackson area councils on the terrific job they did coordinating this year's convention. They then reviewed and discussed the minutes of past meetings and ideas for future improvements. The following suggestions are provided:

1. To have a successful convention, planning committees must start the planning process approximately two years before the convention date.
2. Sponsoring seminarians at the convention was an excellent idea this year and should be continued for all future conventions.
3. Host convention committees should consider dedicating each convention to an individual or family each year like the convention committee did this year.
4. Continue keeping the registration form on the web but add the delegate slips. Also, send registration confirmation to individuals as registration is received.
5. While the registration form this year was clear and easily understood, minor modifications may be needed to meet future convention needs. For example, committees should consider adding babysitting needs to the list. If enough people need babysitting, it should be made available.
6. Although the current registration fee barely covers the costs of the associated meals, the price should still remain the same. Future committees can offset the additional costs by aggressively pursuing ads for the convention booklet and actively seeking corporate sponsors at different levels.

**NOTE:** By seeking corporate sponsors as well as selling ads, the Jackson area councils will be the first in several years to break-even or possibly net a small profit on this year's convention.

7. Host convention committees should continue briefing convention dates/activities at all Schools of Columbianism and Mid-winter meetings.
8. Post the convention agenda and resolution received on the KC web site by the April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. This needs to be done so the delegates can plan their time and brief their councils on what the new resolutions are.
9. Host convention committees should send, through various types of media such as the KC web site, both Diocesan newspapers, postcards etc., reminders of convention dates and highlights of any scheduled activities for wives/guests.
10. More activities planned for non-delegates, their families and wives of delegates during business meetings could increase convention attendance.
11. Having the individual meals paid for listed on the nametags was a good idea. This committee recommends that it should continue. Also, the committee recommends that special dietary needs should, if possible, be included with the nametags.
12. Keep the assigned seating and bring back the advanced seating chart for each banquet so people know what table they are assigned to and where they are supposed to sit.

13. Hospitality rooms are critical to a convention's success. To help with this, the committee recommends that future planning committees try to keep all hospitality rooms in one centralized area or one large room like Council 1908 did in Hattiesburg.
14. After a convention is complete, the committee should have a "lessons learned" meeting and prepare a memorandum of "lessons learned" for the next convention committee. At this meeting the new committee chairman should be invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald Schmuck, State Warden, Committee Chairman  
Jim McCraw, DD#5  
Robert Fell, DD#11  
Walt Brown, GK, Council 1034 Natchez  
Alan Erickson, GK, Council 8848 Tupelo  
Noel Aucoin, GK, Council 9094 D'Iberville  
Clay Pruden, Council 11934 Gluckstadt

### Past State Deputies Association Report

The following is a list of the Living Past State Deputies who have served the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus:

1950-1952	John P. Myers	
1961-1963	Ely P. Shapley	
1969-1971	Norman L. Kiehm	
1973-1975	George Scheiderman	
1975-1977	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.	X
1977-1979	G. David Atteberry	X
1979-1981	Rodney J. Sandoz	
1983-1985	Robert Fratesi	X
1989-1991	Marvin L. Lott	X
1991-1993	Stanley M. Swentkoski	
1993-1995	Thomas R> Zettler	
1995-1997	Jesse J. Quinn, III	
1997-1999	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.	
1999-2001	C. Bruce Pabon	X
2001-2003	Thomas F. Chady	X

Those listed above who are in attendance at this convention are indicated by an "X" mark and entitled to two (2) days per diem. Unless they are also a delegate, in which case they would be entitled to mileage.

Fraternaly Submitted,  
Marvin L. Lott  
Past State Deputy  
Association President

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the  
100th Annual State Convention of the  
Mississippi Jurisdiction of the  
Knights of Columbus  
Jackson, Ms.  
April 23,24,25 2004**

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100th Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 1**

***Whereas,***

The 2004 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 100th Annual Convention, and

***Whereas,***

The 2004 Convention Committee was comprised of Council 848 Jackson, Council 7854 Clinton, Council 8038 Pearl, Council 8285 Jackson, Council 9543 Madison, Council 10216 Brandon, and Council 11934 Gluckstadt, and

***Whereas,***

The officers, members, and their 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 at this historic convention.

**Recommendation: Adopt**

***Action:                   Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100th Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 2**

***Whereas,***

Brother Robert C. Stebler and his lovely wife, Barbara, have honored this historic State Convention with their presence, and

***Whereas,***

Brother Robert C. Stebler, is a Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, and Past State Deputy of the Michigan Jurisdiction, and

***Whereas,***

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

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Brother Robert C. Stebler and his wife, Barbara, and extends to them a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

***Recommendation:        Adopt***

***Action:                    Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100th Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION No. 3**

**Whereas,**

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Fortieth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Vicksburg, and

**Whereas,**

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in the tournament, and

**Whereas,**

It is the express desire by vote of the participants to hold this activity again during the 2004-2005 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 Forty-First 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, and

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council presents, 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 Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)



**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100th Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**Whereas,**

The members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus desire to participate in an annual golf tournament to foster fraternity and sportsmanship,

**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, and,

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That 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, and,

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That the Mississippi State Council present, at no expense to itself and as provided by the appropriate golf association, appropriate 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 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 5**

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi State Council is required to mail numerous official communications to its fifty-five Councils throughout the state, and all said communications are primarily addressed to either the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, and

***Whereas,***

Forty-two (42) Councils in the State have Post Office Box addresses and thirteen have street address, and

***Whereas,***

At the beginning of each fraternal year the State Council must gather current home address information on all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, and then make corrections well into the fraternal year, and

***Whereas,***

In an effort to communicate effectively with Council Officers and standardize mail delivery, and to add assurance mail intended for the Council Officers is cost effective and accurate in its delivery,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That all official communications mailed by Officers of the State Council will be addressed to the Council's address, preferably to a Post Office Box, as the Council's address remains stable verses the many home address changes of primary Council officers.

**Recommendation:**        **Reject**

**Action:**                ***Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 6**

***Whereas,***

Each year the Supreme Council processes changes to the Order's Constitution and Laws of the Order, and publishes revisions to same, and the makes distribution to State and local Councils for their information and guidance, and

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi State Council is required to publish and maintain its own By-Laws as a record of its rules and regulations to conduct its official business, and local Councils are also required to publish and maintain By-Laws to document their own policies and rules, and

***Whereas,***

Each fraternal year the State Advocate assumes the responsibility to maintain the State Council's By-Laws, and

***Whereas,***

The current version of the Mississippi State Council's By-Laws is dated July 1983, and several significant changes have been approved and incorporated since that time, and the only copy of the document resides with the State Advocate, and

***Whereas,***

In an effort to ensure the Mississippi State Council By-Laws are current and accurate,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the State Deputy shall appoint a By-Laws Revision Committee, chaired by the State Advocate and comprised of other State Officers and at least two Past State Deputies, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That the By-Laws Revision Committee take action to review current State By-Laws to ensure their accuracy and content, and prepare a revised document for consideration and approval in accordance with Article X (Ten) of the current State By-Laws, at the 2005 Annual State Meeting, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That upon approval by two-thirds vote of the revised State By-Laws, the State Advocate will submit same to the Supreme Council for final approval, and then upon receipt from

the Supreme Council, publish copies of the State's By-Laws and distribute copies as deemed appropriate.

**Recommendation:**        **No Action**

**Action:**                **Accept Recommendation**

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 7**

***Whereas,***

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order and considered as the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, and

***Whereas,***

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council provides superb guidance and service to its more than 1.6 million members,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus sincerely appreciates the efforts of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, his fellow Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, and Supreme Office Staff, and expresses its gratitude for their leadership and inspiration in furthering the cause of Columbianism, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That we pledge our loyalty and appreciation to our Worthy Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, for all he has done in the name of our Order, and pray for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater successes.

***Recommendation:        Adopt***

***Action:                    Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 8**

***Whereas,***

The United States Pledge of Allegiance has been apart of our American Heritage for more than one hundred years, and

***Whereas,***

The words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, due in large part to the dedicated support of the Knights of Columbus, and

***Whereas,***

Our Order has always made national patriotism an integral part of our protocol during our meetings and ceremonials, and

***Whereas,***

Our Order established the Forth Degree to further demonstrate and instill the virtues and characteristics of patriotism in our communities, and

***Whereas,***

Once again there has been an attack initiated against the words "under God" in our nation's Pledge of Allegiance,

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction goes on record as being against any action to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That we urge our legislators to do everything necessary in their powers to insure the words "under God" will remain a part of our Pledge of Allegiance, and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That the Knights of Columbus take the lead on a national level by urging other fraternal and civic organizations to join in our fight to keep the words "under God" forever in our Pledge of Allegiance.

***Recommendation: Adopt***

***Action:                   Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

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**RESOLUTION No. 9**

**Whereas,**

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has served admirably for the past twenty-five years as head of the Catholic Church and has been recognized as the most traveled Pope in history, and

**Whereas,**

His Holiness Pope John Paul II has been an inspiration that has led the Catholic Church with spiritual guidance into this millennium, and

**Whereas,**

Pope John Paul II will be celebrating his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 18, 2004, which is another testament to his long-lived devotion to our Holy Mother Church, and

**Whereas,**

Undaunted by his failing health, Pope John Paul II continues to make history with his writings, words, actions, and holy presence,

**Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,**

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus reaffirms its oath of loyalty and allegiance to the Vicar of Christ, Pope John Paul II, and passionately prays for his good health and continued guidance to the Holy Catholic Church.

**Recommendation:**        **Adopt**

**Action:**                **Accept Recommendation**

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100th Annual State Convention  
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**RESOLUTION No. 10**

**Whereas,**

The fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael McGivney as an expression of his "vocation as an *alter Christus*, another Christ," with the intention to assist Catholic men to draw closer to Jesus and his mother Mary, and

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus must always be promoters of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and, in accepting the responsibility to live one's life as a "practical Catholic," they accept responsibility to promote and sponsor vocations to the priesthood as a fulfillment of the vision of the founder, Father Michael McGivney, and

**Whereas,**

His Holiness Pope John Paul II has been a great champion of the holiness of marriage and family and he has often repeated the truth "that respect for the vocation to holiness within the sacrament of matrimony leads to a greater respect for the call to holiness in the priesthood and religious life," and

**Whereas,**

The Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction have a long and distinguished history of supporting their Bishops, Priests and Seminarians,

**Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,**

That the delegates of the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction, meeting in the 100<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Jackson, Mississippi, do hereby approve the creation of *The Knights of Columbus Seminarian Education Trust Fund for the Diocese of Jackson and the Diocese of Biloxi*, and

**Be it Further Resolved,**

That this trust fund shall be a Perpetual Trust Fund with the corpus remaining intact and the interest from such funds to be used for the education of seminarians in each diocese, notwithstanding that the administration of the trust fund shall comply with the rules and regulations of all applicable laws and the by-laws of the Catholic Foundation of Jackson and Biloxi, and

**Be it Further Resolved,**

That the funding for this trust fund shall be derived from the proceeds of insurance policies purchased by brother knights who give ownership of the policy to their diocesan



Bishop in Jackson or Biloxi, or by gifts bequeathed in their wills or deeds of property,  
and

***Be it Further Resolved,***

That this resolution shall remain in force in perpetuity or until another resolution is  
adopted to modify or rescind it.

***Recommendation: Adopt***

***Action: Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted by: Paul N. Gospodarski, Chairperson, Priest Education Fund)

Sponsored by:

Most Reverend Joseph Latino  
Bishop, Diocese of Jackson, MS

Most Reverend Thomas Rodi  
Bishop, Diocese of Biloxi, MS

The Officers of the Mississippi State Council

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**Resolution No. 11**

**Whereas,**

The delegates to the 97<sup>th</sup> State Convention passed a resolution changing the accountability procedures for major degrees in the State, and

**Whereas,**

The purpose of that resolution was to eliminate the financial burden of the degrees on the host Council, and

**Whereas,**

This procedure has proven to be an accountability and collection burden for the State,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That henceforth the existing procedure be modified so that each Council will pay the cost of the major degrees (\$16 per candidate or otherwise as direction by the Supreme Council) at the time of the major degree exemplification, and

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That Councils who fail to pay at that time will be billed by the State, with payment due within 30 days, and

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That this resolution remain in effect until modified or revoked at a future Convention.

**Recommendation:**        ***Adopt as Amended***

**Action:**                    ***Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted by State Officers)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
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**Resolution No. 12**

**Whereas,**

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws states that the expenses of the State Officers, State Membership Director, State Program Director, the five Service Program Directors, Delegates, District Deputies, and past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,**

That pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies, State Membership Director, State Program Director, and the five Service Program Directors to the State Council Meeting for the ensuing year are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.25 per mile one-way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department, and

**Be It Further Resolved,**

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$50.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

**Recommendation:**        **Adopt**

**Action:**                    **Accept Recommendation**

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

Motion # 1  
Grand Knight Alan Erickson  
Council 8848, Tupelo

During the 100<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, GK Alan Erickson made the following motion:

"I so move that we encourage our State Deputy to form and chair a committee of the Mississippi State Family Director and the Mississippi State Chaplain to draft and adopt a letter to be written to all Mississippi State legislators, to include but not limited to those in Jackson, MS, and Washington DC, the Governor of Mississippi, and the President of the United States. This letter is to contain verbiage that reflects that reflects the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus' belief that marriage is a sacramental union ordained and bless by God between one man and one woman, and that any future legislative actions relating to marriage would be expected to reflect this view. This letter should be completed and mailed within 90 calendar days of adoption of this motion. Once completed, a copy of the letter should be made available to all council Grand Knights for wide distribution to the members and parish councils."

This motion had numerous seconds. The motion was amended to include distribution to all members of the Supreme Court Justices as well as all presidential nominees or candidates.

*Whereupon at the adoption of this motion in support for the institution marriage, the delegates assembled by standing ovation unanimously and enthusiastically expressed their support.*

Motion # 2  
Motion to Establish and Publish  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HISTORY IN MISSISSIPPI  
Motion made by Brother Joseph Goellner, Grand Knight Council 1908,  
Hattisburg

The most common method of documenting the History of the State Council and the History Summaries of Local Councils has been the State Council Minute Book compiled and published annually by the State Secretary. This Minute Book has been the Official Minutes of the State Council Meetings at the Annual Convention. During recent history, Local Council History has been included via a Grand Knights Report submitted at the Annual State Convention. Often, some of the Grand Knights do not submit the report therefore, the history of some the Local Councils is not recorded. Also, other information such as photos of important activities or events are not included.

There were three other attempts to publish the State and Local History during the First Century.

In 1971, a history book was published that included the State and the eighteen ( 18 ) Local Council Histories for the years of 1903 to 1971. The second history book contains the State and Local Council History for thirty two ( 32 ) councils during the years of 1972 to 1984. Eight of the thirty two ( 32 ) Councils did not submit a summary of the Council

History. Past State Deputy Robert Fratesi had to delay the publication several years to make several attempts to convince the Local Councils to submit a summary of the council history. The third History Book for the period of 1985 to 1994 was not published in book form. State Council History and Local Council History from those councils that did submit a report was published in a Report Paper. Only about 30 copies was printed and distributed to State Officers and others.

Today, as we start into the next century as a State Council, the history of twenty-five of the fifty seven councils, that were established since 1984, have not been included in any History Publication except the State Convention Minute Book. The Minute Book is the only historical documentation for the original thirty-two Councils for the last twenty years as well.

It is very important that State and Local Council History be summarized and published in a easy to read format for all State and Local Members to share and enjoy reading. Local councils should be encouraged to maintain a detailed summary of the activities and photos for a history of the council. The Local Council and State Convention Minute Books should be maintained for each year for record purposes as well as a source for information source for the History.

**To provide for the update of the previous 100-year history and the documentation and publishing of the history in the future, I submit the following motion:**

**I move that the State Deputy appoint a committee of three (3) to five (5) dedicated Knights to serve on a Standing Committee to update the History of the Mississippi State Council and include a summary of all Local Council Histories for the first 100 years from 1903 to 2003 and each ongoing year starting with year 2004. The Committee shall develop a plan and the estimated cost to promote, assemble, and publish the History by print and/or electronic means. The committee shall proceed, if the State Deputy approves the plan and cost. Also, the Committee shall provide a report and a recommendation for a permanent plan for providing the updated history and future documentation and distribution of the State and Local Council History to the 2005 State Convention for approval. The motion was seconded by Brother Harvey Calwell, delegate from Council 10443, Grenada**

*Whereupon the motion was carried by the convention delegates*