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State Deputy
Mississippi State Council
2005 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
101st Annual State Meeting
22, 23, 24 April 2005
Natchez, Miss.

Thursday, April 21, 2005

- 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration for Supreme Representative, State Officers; Past State Deputies, State Directors, District Deputies – **Completed by Observing**
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. State Hospitality Room (Sponsored by the Convention Committee) – *Invitation ONLY* – **Ballroom**

Friday, April 22, 2005

- 8:00 -- 8:40 a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie** – **St. Mary's Basilica**
- 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Eola Hotel**
- 10:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Main Entrance**, Convention Center
- 10:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration– **Main Entrance**, Convention Center
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. District Deputy Meeting -- **Memphis Room**, Convention Center
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting – **St. Francisville Room**, Convention Center
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Hall**, Convention Center
1. Travel Cards Checked - State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
 2. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
 3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 5. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2004 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, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 9. State Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report – **Jim Farris**
 10. Distribution of Resolutions - State Advocate, **Peter Sukanek**
 11. Announcements of Committee Assignments - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
 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. – **Memphis Room**, Convention Center
 - e. Resolution Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – **Greenville Room**, Convention Center
 - f. Other Announcements
 16. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

Friday, April 22, 2005 (continued)

- 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar Opens – **Nashville Room**, Convention Center
7:30 p.m. Doors Open for Friday Night Dinner Social
1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
 2. Presentation of Colors – **Fourth Degree Color Corp**
 3. National Anthem – **Abby Brown**
 4. Pledge of Allegiance -- Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 5. Welcome – Mayor of Natchez, **The Honorable Phillip West**
 6. Response – State Secretary, **Larry Tabor**
 7. Introduction of the Supreme Representative, State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
 8. Prayer – **Bishop Joseph Latino**
 9. Meal
 10. Power Point Presentation, Mark LaFrances (Shown during dinner)
 11. Awards to be Presented:
 - a. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards - State President, **Joanne Brumfield**
 - b. State Bowling Tournament Awards – Council 1583, Grand Knight , **James Evertt**
 - c. Keep Christ in Christmas Awards -- **Nat Zummo**
 - d. Poster Contest – State Program Director, **Robert Jones**
 - e. State "People with Intellectual Disabilities" Program Awards – **James Farris.**
 - f. Squires Awards – Immediate Past State Deputy, **Thomas Chady**
 - g. Insurance Agency Awards – **Jerry Woods**
 - h. Family of the Month Awards – **Art Dunn**
 - 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. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
- 10:00 p.m. - Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Larry Tabor** – **Memphis Room**, Convention Center
10:00 p.m. - Resolutions Committee – State Advocate, **Peter Sukanek** – **Greenville Room**, Convention Center

Saturday, April 23, 2005

- 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass and Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives. Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Latino as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State Chaplain Father Brian Kaskie – **St. Mary's Basilica**
- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Main Entrance**, Convention Center
9:00 --10:00 Registration – **Main Entrance**, Convention Center
9:30 --12:00 **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Hall, Main Entrance**, Convention Center
1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
 2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
 3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
5. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary, **Larry Tabor**
6. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney – PSD, **C. Bruce Pabon**
7. Address to the Delegates – Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Latino**
8. Address to the Delegates – Representing the Biloxi Diocese, **Father Dominic Fullam**
9. Address to the Delegates – Supreme Director, **Dennis Stoddard**
10. State Chaplain's Report - **Father Brian Kaskie**
11. State Deputy's Report – **Richard Lieding**
12. State Secretary's Report – **Larry Tabor**
13. State Treasurer's Report – **Daniel Lechner**
14. State Advocate's Report – **Peter Sukanek**
15. State Warden's Report – **Gerald Schmuck**
16. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Thomas Chady**
17. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney – **C. Bruce Pabon, PSD**
18. General Agent's Report – **Jerry Woods**
19. State Vocations Report – **Noel Aucoin**
20. Colombian Squires Report – **Thomas Chady, IPSD**
21. Assignment of Meeting Rooms
22. Other Announcements
23. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. **State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – Louisiana Suites, Convention Center**

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Ladies Luncheon – Carriage House Restaurant**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Past State Deputies Luncheon – Vicksburg Room, Convention Center**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – Concordia Room, Convention Center**

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

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

1. Audit – Immediate Past State Deputy, Thomas Chady, **Concordia Room**
2. Good of the Order – Dr. Paul Gospodarsk, **New Orleans Room**
3. Ceremonials – Gerald Schmuck, **Greenville Room**
4. Public Relations – Robert Leo, **New Orleans Room**
5. State Convention – Roger Fethers, **Baton Rouge Room**
6. Financial Secretaries – James Farris, **Vicksburg Room**
7. Membership – William Waggoner, **Baton Rouge Room**
8. Council Activities – James Hill – **St. Francisville Room**
9. Community Activities – Richard Greenwold – **Mississippi Hall**
10. Church Activities – James Leatherwood – **St. Francisville Room**
11. Family Life Activities – Art Dunn – **Mississippi Hall**
12. Youth Activities – Joseph Jones – **Mississippi Hall**
13. Pro-Life Activities – Rob Hudson - **Mississippi Hall**
14. Mileage and Per Diem – Daniel Lechner – **Memphis Room**
15. Vocation Activities – Noel Aucoin - **St. Francisville Room**

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Hall, Convention Center**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**

3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskle**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
5. Convention Committee Reports
 - a. Pro-Life - State Chairmen, **Rob Hudson**
 - b. State Program Activities - State Program Director, **David Scott**
 - c. Public Relations - **Robert Leo**
 - d. Membership - State Director, **William Waggoner**
 - e. Ceremonials - State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck**
 - f. K of C Audit - Immediate Past State Deputy, **Thomas Chady**
 - g. Mileage and Per Diem - State Treasurer, **Daniel Lechner**
 - h. Financial Secretaries - **James Farris**
 - i. State Convention - **Roger Fethers**
 - j. Good of the Order - **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
5. Resolutions presented to the Delegates - State Advocate, **Peter Sukanek**
6. Announcements
7. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskle**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

- 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar Open
- 6:30 p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession - **Greenville & Concordia Room**,
Convention Center
- 6:30 p.m. Color Guard Assembles - **Memphis Room**, Convention Center
- 7:00 p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened -- **Nashville Room**, Convention Center

1. Procession of the Dignitaries
2. Presentation of Colors - **Fourth Degree Color Corp**
3. National Anthem - **Abby Brown**
4. Pledge of Allegiance -- Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
5. Prayer - **Bishop Latino**
6. Meal
7. Keynote Address by Supreme Director, **Dennis Stoddard**
8. Presentation to Helen Parrish, Executive Director, Mississippi Special Olympics
9. Max Voss Memorial - Council 1034 Representative
10. Awards Presentation
 - a. Fourth Degree Awards -- Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 - b. Membership Awards - State Membership Director, **William Waggoner**
 - c. Best Newsletter Awards - State Program Director, **David Scott**
 - d. Best Scrapbook Awards - State Program Director, **David Scott**
 - e. Best Pro-Life Project Award - **David Scott**
 - f. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards - **David Scott**
 - g. Best Vocations Project Awards - **David Scott**
 - h. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards - **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 - i. Best Church Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
 - j. Best Community Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
 - k. Best Council Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
 - l. Best Family Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
 - m. Best Youth Activity Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
 - n. Best Council Awards - Program Director, **David Scott**
 - o. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award - **Robert Fratesi, PSD**
 - p. Special Presentations - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**

Saturday, April 23, 2005 (continued)

- q. Mississippi State Council, Knight of the Year Award - Program Director, **David Scott**
- r. Mississippi State Council, Family of the Year Award - Program Director, **David Scott**

Sunday, April 24, 2005

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Latino as Principal Celebrant –
St. Mary's Basilica

10:00 - 1:00 p.m. **FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION – Mississippi Hall, Convention Center**

- 1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Gerald Schmuck and Assistants**
- 2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Richard Lieding**
- 2. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Brian Kaskie**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
- 4. Remarks
 - a. Bishop Joseph Latino
 - b. Father Dominic Fullam
 - c. Supreme Director, Dennis Stoddard
 - d. Fourth Degree Master, Dr. Paul Gospodarski
- 6. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report - **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
- 7. State Convention Report: 2005 – State Convention Chairman, **Larry Gardner**
- 8. Position of Election Tellers
- 11. Election of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - b. State Treasurer
 - d. State Advocate
 - e. State Warden
- 9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the 120th Annual Supreme Convention – Chicago, Ill., 2 thru 5 August 2005
- 10. Selection of Site for 2010 State Convention
 - 2006 Biloxi
 - 2007 Biloxi
 - 2008 Tupelo
 - 2009 Bay St. Louis
 - 2010 Jackson
- 11. Unfinished Business
- 12. New Business
- 13. Closing Remarks
- 14. Closing Prayer - **Father Dominic Fullam**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Mississippi State Council
101st Annual State Convention
Convention Committees

The committees listed below are appointed to assist in the work of the convention. With the exceptions of the Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and the Election Tellers, all other committees will meet between 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., at the locations listed, on Saturday, 23 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 **Convention Center, Memphis Room**
Larry Tabor, State Secretary Friday, 22 April 2004, 10:00 p.m.
Richard Greenwold #10499
Dennis C. Louis DD #1
Rory Ross # 898
Richard Warren # 1034
Larry R. Foulk # 8054
Harvey Caldwell #10443
2. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE **Convention Center, Greenville Room**
Peter Sukanek, State Advocate Friday, 22 April 2004, 10:00 p.m.
Thomas Chady IPSD
Robert Fratesi PSD
Thomas Zettler PSD
Carl Muse # 1605
3. ELECTION TELLERS **Convention Center, Mississippi Hall**
Sunday, 24 April 2004
4. AUDIT COMMITTEE **Convention Center, Concordia Room**
Thomas F Chady, IPSD Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
Robert D. Webb # 2180
Howard V. Hill # 5267
Richard Berryhill # 9124
Jacob Eftink #10901

5. CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE **Convention Center, Greenville Room**

Gerald Schmuck, State Warden Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.

Ron Kopacz DD #2
John L. Bennett # 802
Charles R. Herring # 2180
Anthony Moran # 9958
Jim Henderson #11904
Jim Griffin # 9543

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE **Convention Center, New Orleans Room**

Robert Leo Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.

Ben T. Bailey, Jr. DD #3
Marion J. McCraw DD #5
Robert Flag # 1583
William N. Koeppel # 2134
Hollis Moran # 9958
Joseph E. Kaley #12271

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE **Convention Center, New Orleans Room**

Dr. Paul Gospodarski, Master Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.

Delegate # 848
Frank Tarrant # 1244
Herbert Young # 1522
Noel L. Skinner # 6592
Raymond G. Ball # 8912
Sonny Fountain # 9094
Robert Zeller #12271

8. FINANCIAL SECRETARIES **Convention Center, Vicksburg Room**

Jim Farris, State Mental Retardation Chairman Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.

James Tarrant, Jr. # 5654
Richard Hoda # 7087
Richard Zdziemborski # 7910
Thomas Corken # 7915
Louis P. DeFillipo # 7974
Michael Siller # 8038
Keith Wall # 8054
William Fessler # 9673
Sherwood Beckham #11654

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

9. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE **Convention Center, Baton Rouge**
William Waggoner, State Membership Director Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
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| Jerry Woods | General Agent |
| Martin Bisek | DD #6 |
| Louis D. Schwartz | DD #8 |
| Ben Makry | # 8285 |
| William Kane | # 1522 |
| Charles Mink | # 4898 |
| Joseph J McQueen, III | # 7211 |
| Gordon Cowie | # 8038 |
| Ronald Cross | # 9673 |
10. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE **Convention Center, Baton Rouge**
Roger Fethers Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
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| Ronald Brumfield | DD #5 |
| Richard Warren | # 1034 |
| Luther Gollott | # 1244 |
| Jim Hoda | # 7087 |
| Pick Noble | # 8848 |
11. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE **Convention Center, Memphis**
Daniel Lechner, State Treasurer Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
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| John Leonhard | DD #9 |
| Mike Columbus | # 2945 |
| Michael Aguzzi | # 5556 |
| Richard Warren | # 1034 |
| Jim Griffin | # 9543 |
| Robert N. Frey | #11956 |
12. CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Convention Center, St Francisville**
James Leatherwood, Church Director Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
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| Ray Millwood | # 2134 |
| Jimmy Sherwood | # 2945 |
| Ellis Antoon | # 5267 |
| Claude L. Vinson, Sr. | # 8760 |
| Mike Meehan | # 9124 |
| Jimmy Bowen | # 9543 |
| Ted Gray | #10216 |
| Steven Jubera | #10901 |
| Timothy Anderson | #11995 |
| Delegate | # 1605 |
13. COUNCIL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Convention Center, St Francisville**
James Hill, State Council Director Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
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| Gerry Clark | # 8285 |
| Donald Malaresta | # 2969 |
| Charlie Nioley | # 4472 |
| John Fiester | # 7120 |

Alan Erickson	# 8848
Dennes Deister	#10216
Robert Pyle	#11541
George Holetz	#11995
Steven Jones	# 6872

14. YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Convention Center, Mississippi Hall
Joseph R. Jones, Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
State Youth Director

Delegate	# 848
John Prazza	# 898
Gene Rogers	# 4472
Shea Skean	# 5556
Delegate	# 6872
Bill Sonnemann	# 7120
Roger Houle	# 9409
Robert J. Frey	#10499
Daniel Gillis	#11541

15. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Convention Center, Mississippi
Art Dunn, Family Life Director Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00pm

Manfred Carr	# 1034
James Glover	# 2969
Harry Williams	# 5654
Anthony Knue	# 7211
Eddie D. Dixon	# 8760
Delegate	# 9234
Philip Messer	#10499
Don Eakin	#11654
Charles Nagg	#11904

16. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Convention Center, Mississippi
Richard Greenwold, Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
State Community/Awards Director

Charlie Underwood	# 1583
Elvis Gates	# 4898
Keith Applewhite	# 7915
Stephen Martinolich	# 7854
Thomas Brilley	# 8912
James Starks	# 9409
Harry W. Smith	#11956
Robert N. Frey	#13471
Delegate	# 9234

17. PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Convention Center, Mississippi Hall
Rob Hudson, Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 p.m.
Pro-Life Chairmen

Larry Grant	# 1908
Randolph Follett	# 6765
William O'Conner	# 7854

Alan Erickson	# 8848
Ronald DoPalma	# 7974
Paschal Cruz	#13502
Delegate	#11934
Delegate	#12331
Dan Burt	#13471

18. VOCATION ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

**Convention Center, St
Francisville Room**

Noel Aucoin, Vocation Chairman

Saturday, 23 April 2004, 1:00 pm

Allan Konyon	DD #10
Carl Brochard	DD #12
Joseph Goellner	# 1908
Richard Sowers.	# 6765
James H. Craig, III	# 7915
Paul S. McClain	# 9094
Delegate	#12166
Delegate	#12331

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101th Annual State Convention
REPORT OF THE 2005 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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
2005 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE # 1	DELEGATE # 2
2	802	Meridian	John L. Bennett	Thomas Zettler
2	848	Jackson	Michael F. Macke	Ivan Lambert
2	898	Vicksburg	John F. Piazza	Timothy R. Ros
2	1034	Natchez	Richard Warren	Manfred Carr
2	1244	Biloxi	L. C. Gollott	Frank Tarrant
2	1522	Bay St. Louis	William J. Kane	Herbert Young
2	1583	Gulfport	Robert S. Flagg	Charlie Underwood
2	1605	Pascagoula	Kenneth P. Broussard, Sr	Michael G. Gilly
2	1908	Hattiesburg	Larry Grant	Joseph B. Goellner,
2	2134	Greenville	Wayne Ebelhar	William N. Koeppe
2	2180	Laurel	Robert D. Webb	Charles R. Herring
1	2945	Leland	Mike Columbus	
2	2969	Clarksdale	Donald Malatesta	James G. Glover
2	4472	Pass Christian	Warren Reso	John Dufrene
1	4898	Long Beach	Elvis Gates	
2	5267	Greenwood	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.	Robert Ritchey
2	5556	Cleveland	Shea Skean	Billy F. Boswell, II
2	5654	Ocean Springs	Harry D. Williams	James L. Tarrant,
0	6555	Shelby		
2	6592	Bassfield	Noel L. Skinner	Keith Applewhite
2	6765	Starkville	Randolph Follett	Richard Sowers
2	6872	Picayune	Michael Spencer	Ron J. Cassagney
2	7087	Kiln	Jim Hoda	Richard Hoda
2	7120	Southaven	John Fiester	Bill Sonnemann
2	7211	Lumberton	William A. Knue	Joseph J. McQueen
2	7854	Clinton	Stephen Martinolich	Lloyd Everhardt
2	7910	Orange Grove	Michael Murphy	Richard Zdziemborski
2	7915	Brookhaven	Thomas L. Corken, Jr.	Wade H. Ditcharo
2	7974	Columbus	Louis P. Defillipo, Sr	Paul S. McClain
1	8038	Pearl	Gordon Cowie	
0	8054	McComb		

NO.	COUNCIL	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE # 1	DELEGATE # 2
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Ben Mokry	Gerry Clark
1	8760	Holly Springs	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	
2	8848	Tupelo	Alan Erickson	Pick Noble
2	8912	Corinth	Thomas Brille	Raymond G. Ball
2	9094	D'Iberville	Roger Feters	Noel Aucoin
2	9124	Gautier	Richard Berryhill	Mike Meehan
0	9234	Indianola		
2	9409	West Biloxi	Roger R. Houle	Donald Ulrey
2	9543	Madison	Jim Griffin	Jimmy Bowen
1	9673	Woolmarket	William J. Fessler	
2	9958	Lizana	Hollis J. Moran	Anthony J. Moran
2	10216	Brandon	Ted Gray	Dennis Deister
1	10443	Grenada	Harvey Caldwell	
2	10499	Ocean Springs	Robert J. Frey	Philip Messer
0	10901	Oxford		
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	Robert Pyle	Edward Croal, Jr.
2	11654	Wiggins	Donald Eakin	Sherwood Beckham
2	11904	Lucedale	Jim Henderson	Charles Nagg
2	11934	Gluckstadt	Joseph R. Jones	Joseph Best
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	Harry W. Smith	Robert N. Frey
2	11995	West Harrison	John Maynard	George Holetz
2	12166	Pascagoula-SH	Richard Clement	William Waggoner
2	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	Joseph E. Kaley	Robert Zeller
2	12331	Dedeaux	James B. Inabinet	Andy Ladner
0	13471	Philadelphia/Tucker		
2	13502	Batesville/Sardis	Pascual Cruz	Jimmy Griffin

98 TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED
114 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE

DISTRICT DEPUTIES		D	DIRECTORS
District	1	Dennis C. Louis	Membership Director
District	2	Ron Kopacz	William Waggoner
District	3		Program Director
District	4	Robert Leo	David Scott
District	5	Marion J. McCraw	Church Director
District	6	Martin Bisek	James Leatherwood
District	7	Ron E. Brumfield	Community Director
District	8	Louis D. Schwartz	Richard E. Greenwold
District	9	John Leonhard	Council Director
District	10		James Hill
District	11		Family Director
District	12	Carl Brochard	Arthur A. Dunn
			Youth Director
			Joseph R. Jones

D -- DELEGATE

G. David Atteberry
Robert Fratesi
Marvin L. Lott

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

Jesse J. Quinn, Jr
C. Bruce Pabon
Thomas R. Zettler

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HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph Latino
Father Dominic Fullam

Respectfully Submitted,
LARRY TABOR
State Secretary

**Meridian Council 802
Grand Knight's Report**

(Report transcribed from hand-written submission)

The elected and appointed officers for the calendar year 2004-2005 is as follows:

Chaplain	Father Matthew Simmons
Grand Knight	John L. Bennett
Deputy Grand Knight	John Kasper
Financial Secretary	George Walston
Chancellor	Tom Zettler, PSD
Treasurer	Mouise Richards, PGK
Warden	Dr. Richard Fleming
Advocate	John J. Maloney, PGK
Recorder	John Harwell
Lector	Larry Birzer
Trustee	Frank Polizzi, PGK
Trustee	David Kock, PGK
Trustee	Bob Leo, DD
Inside Guard	David Smith
Outside Guard	P.J. Carter

The following are the Council Chairmen:

Council Director	Russell Smothers
Church Director	P.J. Carter
Community Director	John L. Bennett, GK
Youth Director	Frank Polizzi, PGK
Family Director	Bob Leo, DD
Pro-life-Family	John L. Bennett, GK and Wife Nelda

Council 802's main source of finances is Wednesday night bingo. Every night of the year, the concessions on "Bingo Nite" the bar is manned by our Warden, Dr. Richard Fleming, assisted by Tom Beeman, Theresia Beeman, and Mrs. Dot Durzpau. Almost a full time job. A pretty good job. It contributes mightly to the funds available for Council use. Ten percent (10%) of all Council funds goes to tithes. Our Council supports St. Patricks, St Joseph, and Holy Shepard Church. Although not part of our Parish, Council 802 tithes to Holy Rosary Church in Neshoba County. Fr. Dave is pastor of the church whose members are mostly Choctaw Indians.

Deceased members wives and friends are always invited to all council picnics, all 5th Tuesdays, and any other event that includes Knights and their families. We are a Council that Prays, Plays, and Dines together.

In August of each year the Council votes on and approves an annual budget. Listed are some of the Projects that are touched by Council 802:

Council: Every month a Knight of the Month is selected. The second Tues of each month is reserved for a Council social, the time is utilized by the Lector to educate and entertain the members, ie, health programs Russ Smothers our Council over sees the Picnics and scheduled information classes. Drug awareness program are regularly scheduled, Super Bowl Parties, Programs on Patriotism were given by Lector Larry

Birzer. Our Council participates in the RSVP Program. We support (2) two seminarians each year.

Church: Coffee and do-nuts are supplied after the 0745 Mass @ St. Patrick's each Sunday. This serves as a way to welcome new parishners and potential Knights. Again this year the Council purchased new Bibles for all the Confirmation Class. In Oct and May, the most holy rosary is recited before every mass on Sat & Sunday, as well as after every council meeting. A Columbus Day Mass is celebrated. A Cemetery Mass is celebrated in Nov – ie, all souls day. We provide Christmas gifts to all the nuns and clergy. Pro-life is celebrated in Jan with Mass and Rosary. RCIA Breakfast is provided by Council. This year (18) eighteen Knight and (8) eight Ladys participated. In April the Council provided First Communion Breakfast for St. Patrick's Parish. Every year our Altar Servers are recognized, we provide monetary support for field trip.

Youth: Bro Frank Polizzi again headed up this directorship. Frank worked close with St. Patricks School in several projects. Creative Contraption Contest (making something out of stuff), Columbus Day Poster Contest, Toys for Children in Hospital – this was completed on Christmas Eve day – a toy for every child in the Hospital, actually three (3) hospitals. After which a KC Santa went to a private home to see a young person who really believed. Donation to Angel Tree Project. Participated in Local, District, and State Free Throw Contest. Provide monetary support for CYO Convention Ad. Support Boy Scout Troop 7 – Support Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. Promote St. Patricks Day contest. Invite all of St. Patricks and St. Joseph Church Youth to Easter Egg Hunt and program at KC Hall. Donate monies for 5th Grade Graduation class and provide refreshments @ High School Graduation.

Family: Chaired by Grand Knight John Bennett. Provide snacks, beverages, and good conversation with patients at East Mississippi State Hospital ever 4th Thurs. Provide Santa Claus at Christmas Party for Male – Patients with gifts for 54 patients. Support KAIROS, a prison ministry head up by Bro Alan Woolley. Tootsie Roll Drive moneys to Lauderdale County Mental Health, Support Operation Reindeer. Donate moneys to Wesley House, and Angel Tree Foundation. Provide KC member to help Salvation Army Bell Ringers. Support City League Soft ball Summer Team. Each year the council host the Msgr John L. Burns Award Banquet. This award goes to the person or persons who have served the Lauderdale County or church Community in the past year.

Pro-Life Family Couple: John L. and Nelda Bennett represented the Council at the Candle Lite Vigil in Jackson, MS, at the Capital Bldg. This event is held each Jan to commemorate the infamous Roe Vs Wade Supreme Court decision. Grand Knight John Bennett gave an educational seminar on abortion, its effects before and after this Jan.

These are an incomplete list of the Meridian Council 802 efforts to promote our Order. Not mentioned are the many knights and their lady's who made all this possible. Without their support and help, I could do nothing. I publicly thank each and every one of them.

Respectfully submitted
John L. Bennett, G.K.

**Biloxi Council
1244
Grand Knights Report**

The fraternal year of 2004-2005 has been a very fruitful one. The participation of the brother knights and families has been outstanding. This group signifies the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus.

We have had 69 projects or events this year. Below is a partial list of our projects.

1. Our largest project was collecting and delivering supplies to the hurricane victims of central Florida. We collected and delivered about thirty thousand dollars worth of good to the KC council in Florida. We had about 2500 man hours in the project.

2. The toy ride has grown from a local project to a diocese wide event. Thanks to the Asgards who started the ride, and now have the police and fire departments joining in our cause. The ride has collected enough toys that we have distributed them throughout Biloxi diocese. This year we distributed between 12 and 14 thousand dollars worth of toys and money to the needy.

3. We have worked to regenerate the interest of the youth with programs such as our vocations day program. This was attended by 400 students and the seniors were presented with full size bibles.

4. Some 50 to 80 children of our brothers attended our Christmas and Halloween parties and the Easter egg hunt. We feel these were great turn outs for projects that were almost lost.

5. We are planning to remodel the hall and kitchen this year to better accommodate the many council and community activities we have scheduled.

I feel that Council 1244 is in a very healthy state at this time. I would like to thank all the brother knights who have made my three years as grand knight a very enjoyable and satisfying one.

Respectfully Submitted

L.C. (Billy) Gollott
Grand Knight

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908
PO BOX 17623
HATTIESBURG MS. 39404
2004-2005

The following officers were elected by the membership to lead Bishop Fahey Council for the 2004-2005 fraternal year. District Deputy #8 Don Schwartz formally installed them on June 19, 2004.

Grand Knight	Larry Grant
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Lawson
Financial Secretary	Bud Browning
Chancellor	John Sneed
Treasurer	Joe Goellner
Advocate	Brian McCrory
Recorder	Ben Velasquez
Warden	Lynn Landrum
3 rd Year Trustee	Joe Yore
2 nd Year Trustee	John Krumpas
1 st Year Trustee	Bill Jarrett
Inside Guard	Doug Lawler
Outside Guard	Hilary Englert

The year ended March 31, 2005 is the 87th year as a Council. During the fraternal year the Council continued its long-standing tradition of engaging in a wide variety of program activities. Our membership director, Joseph B. Goellner Sr., continued his outstanding efforts and during the year ended March 31, 2005, the council added 14 new members. As of March 31, 2005, our Council consisted of 94 associate members, 41 insurance members and included 11 honorary/honorary life members.

We publish a monthly newsletter and maintain a web site. As we ended the year we are preparing a meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish in the 306 Walnut St. building. At the Annual State Convention held in April 2004 the Council was recognized as follows: Top Gun Award; Stellar Council; Christopher Fund-Highest Donation in the Diocese; and Star Council. Two projects, Family and Youth were awarded second place recognition, and the Lawson Family was recognized as runner-up Family of the Year. While the Council does not have a Ladies Auxiliary, we recognize and appreciate the contribution and support provided by our spouses. The following is a sample of projects our Council engaged in during the fraternal year:

Church Projects:

- Eucharist Adoration
- Hospital Communion Ministry
- Supreme R.S.V.P Program
- Support Priest Education

Community Projects:

- Respect Life Month Ceremony
- Fundraising Drive for Mentally Challenged
- Habitat for Humanity Work Days
- St Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving Food Basket Program
- Community Volunteer Tax Assistance Programs

Council Projects:

Hosted Three Degree Exemplification's
Degree Team Membership
Quarterly Socials
Family of the Month, Knight of the Quarter
Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

Family Projects:

Quarterly Corporate Communion's
Family Cookout
Hosted Visiting Boy Scout Troop
Hosted Coffee/Donut Day after Mass at two Parishes
Hosted Assembly/Council Holiday Party

Youth Projects:

Sponsored Sacred Heart Cub Scout Pack #144
Donations to Sacred Heart School and Endowment Funds
KOC Free Throw Contest
KOC Essay Contest at Sacred Heart School
Raffle to Benefit Catholic College Youth
Recognized Altar Servers
Sponsored Boys/Girls State Candidates

As this Fraternal Year comes to a close we take pride in our many accomplishments that provide benefit to our Parishes, Clergy, Community and Youth. However, we recognize that new challenges and opportunities lie ahead and that we must look back only briefly and keep our eyes fixed on the road ahead.

Respectively Submitted,
Lawrence Grant
Grand Knight Council 1908

**Grand Knight's Report
Laurel Council 2180
Laurel, Mississippi
2004-2005**

On July 17, 2004, the duly elected and appointed officers for the 2004-2005 fraternal year were installed by our own, Don Schwartz, District Deputy #8 at a reception for Brother Knights, their wives and guests in the Parish Hall.

The following officers installed are:

Chaplain	Father Ron Herzog
Grand Knight	Bob Webb
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Grant
Chancellor	Pete Mazzanti
Recorder	Charlie Rawls
Treasurer	Pat Myers
Financial Secretary	Bill Gatzman
Advocate	Tommy Williams
Warden	Joe Flick
Inside Guard	Dan Nelson
Outside Guard	Pat O'Flynn
3 rd Year Trustee	Bud Herring
2 nd Year Trustee	Tom Canizaro
1 st Year Trustee	Glenn Waguespak

Program Director	Bill Grant
Membership Director	Mike Ishee
Pro-Life Chairpersons	Steve & Mary Johnson

Knight of the Year 2003-2004	Charlie Rawls
Family of the Year 2003-2004	Larry and Linda Pressley
Knight of the Year 2004-2005	Pete Mazzanti
Family of the Year 2004-2005	Rich and Cathy Hollingsworth

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Bill Gatzman, Chairman

- CHURCH FESTIVAL – HELP SET UP AND CLEANUP
- COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS BASKET
- GUMBO SALE FOR PRIEST EDUCATION FUND
- KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – BILLBOARD
- LEAD ROSARY BEFORE MASS- MONTHS OF MAY & OCTOBER
- REPAIR & IMPROVE PARISH FACILITIES
- SPONSORED POT-LUCK DINNER FOR PARISH MISSION
- TRIP TO SALTILLO, MEXICO
- QUARTERLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASSES
- MONTHLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASSES

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Don Schwartz, Chairman

- INSTALL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN CITY PARK
- KEEP UP PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN
- MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST PROCEEDS TO ASSIST TWO SEMINARIANS
- PARTICIPATE IN SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVES
- POT LUCK SUPPER/ COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER
- PRO LIFE ROSARY & MASS, PARTICIPATE IN PRO LIFE CHAIN
- PURCHASE TICKET TO SUPPORT ICS DRAWN DOWN FUND RAISER
- SCHOOL FAIR – SET UP & TAKE DOWN
- SPONSOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
- TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
- VOLUNTEER IN ST. VINCENT'S DE PAUL'S STORE
- VOLUNTEERS HELP COOK FOR ICS "PAUL ELIAS BASS TOURNAMENT"
- WEEKLY VOLUNTEER HELP FOR CHRISTIAN FOOD MISSION

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Charlie Rawls, Chairman

- 1ST DEGREE TEAM
- CONDUCTED A 1ST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
- FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT / POT LUCK SUPPER
- INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & RECEPTION FOR CHURCH FAMILY
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (2)
- MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED KNIGHTS
- MONTHLY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
- MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONTHLY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
- MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- PIG ROAST & AWARDS DINNER

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Dan Nelson, Chairman

- ADOPTED FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS
- ANNUAL FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD
- MARDI GRAS PARTY
- SUBMIT FAMILY OF THE YEAR AT STATE CONVENTION
- QUARTERLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASS
- PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK
- SET UP MONTHLY MUSIC ALIVE CONCERT RECEPTIONS
- ST. NICK CHRISTMAS PARTY

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Glenn Waguespack, Chairman

- ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST CYO SENIOR RETREAT
- SUPPORT PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- SUPPORT SQUIRES' CIRCLE 3768
- PURCHASE TICKET TO SUPPORT ICS-SCHOOL DRAWN DOWN FUND RAISER
- VOLUNTEERS HELP COOK FOR ICS-SCHOOL "PAUL ELIAS BASS TOURNAMENT" FUND RAISER
- SET AND TAKE DOWN FOR ICS-SCHOOL FAIR
- SUPPORT CCD PROGRAM (MEMBERS TAUGHT CLASSES)

PROLIFE ACTIVITIES: Steve and Mary Johnson, Chairpersons

- PRO-LIFE ROSARY MASSES
- LIFE CHAIN
- PRO-LIFE DISPLAY
- ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES: Mike Ishee, Chairman

- RECRUITMENT
- RETENTION
- INSURANCE PROMOTION

As another fraternal year comes to an end, I would like to thank the members of Council 2180 for the honor and privilege of serving as Grand Knight. It has been a great experience for me; I am also humbled by the loyalty, dedication, kindness and generosity demonstrated by my Brother Knights. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for a job well done!

This past year has been a productive and rewarding year for Council 2180 as our Brothers were visible in all areas of parish and community life. We worked hard, accomplished a great deal and had fun along the way as we strived to strengthen our dedication and service to Church, Country, Family and Fellowman. I would like to thank all the officers and chairmen of the council for their help and support during the year. I would like to especially thank our Past Grand Knight Bud Herring and his wife Nita, District Deputy Don Schwartz and Financial Secretary, Bill Gatzman, for their leadership and guidance. Without them, we would not have achieved our many goals.

With God as our inspiration, may the coming year bring even greater achievements for our council and Brother Knights everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Webb
Grand Knight

C.G. Shapley Council, No. 2945

708 Seventh Street
Leland, MS 38756
2004-2005

As of April 2005, we have a total of 48 members in our council, 43 active and 5 inactive members.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Donated \$500.00 to the Priest Fund.
2. Purchased a \$100.00 raffle ticket for the Annual Parish Bazaar.
3. Has Masses offered for the Deceased Parish members.
4. Provided Liturgy Team, which includes Lector, Commentator, Ushers, Alter Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Gift Bearers for Sunday.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Took fruit baskets and poinsettias to the nursing homes at Christmas time.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

1. Sponsored Delegates to the State K.C. Convention.
2. Held a drawing for a cash prize at each meeting to encourage attendance at meetings.
3. Had a football pool raising \$1000.00.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

1. Held Honorary Dinner for Graduating Catholic High School Seniors of our Parish.
2. Presented Bibles to our Graduating Seniors.
3. Presented the C.G. Shapley Sportsmanship Award to a High School Senior.
4. Sponsored Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our parish.

FAMILY LIFE:

1. Held Memorial Services for the Deceased Members.
2. Held a Christmas Party and Social for members and wives.
3. Sent Get-Well cards, Anniversary Cards and New Parents Cards to members.

CONCLUSION:

Brother Leon Shapley had served for Grand Knight for the past years. Brother Leon passed away in November, 2004. He loved the Knights of Columbus and will be missed by many. I was serving as Deputy Grand Knight and am serving the remainder of this year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of C. G. Shapley Council 2945. I would like to thank all the officers, Chairman and all the members of the council who worked hard to make this a very successful year.

Leon J. Shapley (Deceased)
July 2004 - November 2004

Jimmy Sherman November 2004 - June 2005
Grand Knight

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

On June 23, 2004, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Chady 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 McMinn
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 Bocce Tournaments, Blood drives, a spaghetti supper, and monthly socials keep our bonds of fraternity strong and results in a more unified council.

Fraternally,
Shea Skeen
Grand Knight

**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 regional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplification, in which 17 new members were brought into the order, and 33 members advanced to 2nd and 3rd degree status.

Church Activities

- Conducted a Raffle for an olive-wood Nativity set from the Holy Land, which netted us \$1250 profit. The proceeds were donated to the Priest Education Fund
- Provided financial assistance to two seminarians each month through RSVP
- Purchased rosaries and KC rosary tapes for 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
- Provided a Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month, with proceeds earmarked for Vocations

Community Activities

- Participated in pro-life activities
- Organized and participated in two blood drives
- Helped local individuals with household repairs, and medical expenses

Council Activities

- Maintained a First Degree Team, and conducted 4 exemplifications, including one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree exemplification
- Conduct a drawing to award a KC license plate to one member each month
- Participated in Corporate communion at Mass
- Sending out monthly newsletters/calendars

Family Activities

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

Youth Activities

- Provided primary financial support for an enclosed trailer for a local Boy Scout troop.
- Supported Junior CYO, including a sponsoring and helping to conduct a one-day retreat
- Council members serve as CCD instructors
- Provided 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

**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	Jay Remke
Outside Guard	Anthony Pullen
3 rd Year Trustee	Dan Garrigan
2 nd Year Trustee	John Fiester
1 st Year Trustee	Larry Campbell

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 Szekeley
Council Activities	John Fiester

This has been busy year for us as a Council, especially with the settling of our new church. We have found many new needs with our growth and getting our new church made a home. Many nights have participated in the needs of the church. It has kept us busy. We are still working on several projects.

CHURCH

Many of our Knights serve as Liturgical Ministers and Ushers in the Parish. The council has participated in fund raisers and many new events that have been created due to the move to our new church. Sponsored Blood Drives and sponsored a Parish blood pressure screening. Donated \$1000.00 to the State Priest Education Fund, with money raised from monthly pancake breakfast and Lenten fish fries. We gave \$500.00 to the Priest of the Sacred Heart Education Fund and \$500 to the Mississippi Diocese Priest Education Fund. The reason for giving to the Priest of the Sacred Heart, the north Mississippi churches has been manned by the SCJ Priest since churches were started here. Raised funds to give to different church needs throughout the year. Worked at Honoring Larry Campbell for 25 years of service as a

Deacon in our Parish, with a fourth degree honor guard at mass. We along with the parish had a reception for Larry. It was a great success. Sponsored a Parish Prayer Service.

This year the council helped with the Parish Festival, even though it rained most of the day we were there cooking, serving, working with set up and tear down. The event was very successful, the attendance was very good.

COMMUNITY

Conducted an annual mental retardation drive, which benefited "Desoto Industries", a local sheltered workshop. Sponsored pancake breakfast each month for the parish. Sponsor 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.

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. Held a Family Christmas Party Held a Valentines Day Party

YOUTH

Assisted Boston Youth on missionary trip. In the area for habitat repairs. Assisted Chicago Youth Group on missionary trip. Hosted an ice cream social for 2 visiting youth groups Hosted a supper for both groups, had our youth participate. Conducted a Free Throw competition. Sponsored a substance abuse poster contest. Sponsored a essay contest for the youth. Presented Rosaries to our youth making Confirmation

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Tarver
Grand Knight Council 7120

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Council 7211
LUMBERTON/POPLARVILLE
GRAND KNIGHT REPORT-2004 – 2005**

During our 27th year of serving the Faith Communities of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lumberton and St. Joseph in Poplarville, the following members served as leaders for this Council.

Chaplin	Fr. Ken Ramon/Landry
Grand Knight	Anthony Knue
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Jackson
Chancellor	Wilson John
Recorder	Reggie Savoie
Treasurer	Frank Delaney
Advocate	Bob Zimprich
Warden	Sal Boscareno
Inside Guard	Lawrence Schlautman
Outside Guard	Joe Didier
1 st yr. Trustee	Preston Stuit
2 nd yr. Trustee	Bob Sullivan
3 rd yr. Trustee	Alberto Esquivel

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

Listed below are activities our council has had in this fraternal year.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Held Marian Hour of Prayer
- Served as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Servers
- Lenten Soup Supper/Led Stations of Cross
- Helped with St. Joseph Day Altar
- By-monthly Knights of Columbus Mass
- Led rosary before mass during October
- Held a Memorial Mass for deceased brothers and wives of brother Knights
- Training and scheduling of Altar Servers
- Maintenance of Church Grounds and Buildings at both churches
- Assist both Altar Societies
- Assist in St. Vincent de Paul Store
- Conducted a vocations program
- Participated in RSVP Program
- Assisted in Saltillo Mission
- Parish Rosary Service
- Parish Council

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Visit and entertain mentally challenged
- Quarterly Blood Drive
- Placed flags by graves for veterans on Veteran's Day
- Contributed to the Saltillo Mission
- Sponsored Christmas Party for the mentally challenged

- Support food for needy
- Support Pro-Life Causes
- Help with St. Vincent de Paul
- Participate with help for mentally challenged
- Participate in Adopt a Highway Program
- Hospital visits

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Two (2) Scholarships awarded annually
- Support Christian Children Fund
- Present pins to children making their First Communion
- Present Rosaries to those being Confirmed
- Sponsor CYO Group
- Conduct programs to educate youth in liturgical programs
- Sponsor drug awareness program
- Sponsor Essay Contest
- Sponsor Easter Egg Hunt for children

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Attended School of Columbianism and Winter Meeting
- Monthly support to Morning Star
- Monthly support to Brothers Keepers
- Monthly support to seminarian
- Installation Ceremony and Dinner for new KC Officers and Church Family
- Held a Turkey Shoot

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Support Quarterly Communion
- Assist widows of deceased members
- Hold Memorial Mass
- Sponsor Family Picnic and Softball game with youth

Respectfully Submitted,
W. ANTHONY KNUE
GRAND KNIGHT

Grand Knight's Report Holy Savior Council 7854 April 1st 2004 to March 31st 2005.

The Fraternal year for Holy Savior Council began with initiation of Officers on August 15th, dinner following. Honored guests were the Past State Deputy Tom Chady, Current State Deputy Rich Leiding, and District 5 Deputy Jim McCraw. The first activity of the year was a church grounds cleanup in preparation for the rededication of our church. Our Church suffered damage due to water and termites, and we had been out for over a year, relocating the Celebration of Eucharist to our old church building. KC members on the building reconstruction were Herman Cooper – Chairman, Arnie Senger, Charles Leblanc, Allan Scott, and Charles Collins (FS). We were awaiting

rededication of the church, when we were told that our pews had burned in a warehouse fire, delaying the rededication to March 13, 2005. The cost for repairs was \$800,000dollars. This reconstruction was a significant event for the church.

For the months of September, October and November we celebrated Eucharist corporately, and had two sausage and biscuit breakfast's to raise funds for the Priest Education fund with a goal of \$500. The monies for the food were donated at each event by an anonymous KC member. For priest Sunday, October 31st, we handed out KC prayer vocation cards at each of the masses, and Fr. McGing lead the entire assembly in prayer at those masses, highlighting the need for prayer for vocations on this priest Sunday. This same day, we assisted Religious Education with our annual Halloween carnival. We also had a memorial mass for deceased members of the Knights on November 4th.

Advent season witnessed the KC's sponsoring and making dinner for a Parish social, where newcomers to the church we introduced and welcomed to their Parish family at Holy Savior. Promotion of the Keep Christ In Christmas program was done by selling Christmas cards and by sponsoring a float in the local Clinton Christmas parade – sadly we had the only float that had anything to do with Christmas and Christ in the parade highlighting to me the secular view of Christmas and the dire need for keeping Christ in Christmas.

At the turn of the year, we focused on the KC State and local council, hosting a first degree on January 19th, and a major exemplification on February 5th, two events which we are very honored to do and proud to work with State and the degree teams. During February and March we celebrated Corporate Communion following another church grounds cleanup Feb 26th, with a KC social after the 5:00 vigil corporate communion. On February 13th we had the honor of having Fr. Brian Kaskie, State Chaplain, to offer insight into the history of the Eucharist for our 4th annual afternoon of reflection for the men of the parish in observation of the year of the Eucharist. We also had a blood drive during the month of February. The Fraternal year ended with the rededication of our church, and installation of our Parish Priest, Fr. Thomas McGing. The Knights and Ladies assisted in welcoming people to the parish and making the dinner afterward a parish family focal event. We thank the 4th Degree for providing an honor guard during that significant event in our Parish history. We reached our \$500 goal for Priest Education, with many thanks to the Parishioners who gave so generously to support our fund raising efforts. The sausage and biscuit breakfast that we continue to sponsor are to help provide crucifixes for each classroom in our Religious Education building.

This April we continue our tradition of living out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy by highlighting the need for vocations – we have invited the Director of Vocations to speak at all the masses on World Day of Vocations April 17th and will hand out more prayer card and bookmarks. We are also taking and funding our parish youth to a Skating party on the 19th, and have plans to take the Altar Servers out for a fun day, and will give our first communicants certificates to commemorate this momentous event in their Christian lives.

Our brothers are also actively involved in supporting the Boy Scouts of America, Altar Server training, Habitat for Humanity, small faith groups, building committee, lectors, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, CYO, rosary recitation at the abortion

clinic, and Religious Education, to mention a few. Our members are kept abreast of our activities through by call tree, e-mail, quarterly newsletters, and by our Parish Bulletin.

One of our members, James Jeff passed away this year, Holy Thursday.

I believe our council has lived out and exemplified the ideals of Fr. McGivney during the last fraternal year. I want to thank all of the officers and Directors of Holy Savior council for their assistance to me during my first year as GK, and particularly Bill Hetrick PGK and current Programs Director and Jim McCraw, our District Deputy whom I have relied upon for sound advice. I dedicate this report and Holy Savior Fraternal year's activities to Pope John Paul II called to eternal life April 2005.

Best Activity – Church

Holy Savior Council 7854 promoted vocations on Priest Sunday, October 31st. We highlighted the need for prayer for vocations by handing out KC vocation prayer cards at each of the masses. Fr. McGing led the assembly at each of the masses in praying this prayer corporately. This Priest Sunday we also had one of our many sausages and biscuit breakfast's to raise money for the Priest Education Fund. This day, we raised about \$200.00. Jon Bass, our Church director demonstrated leadership as our Church Director by organizing this effort.

Best Activity – Council

On February 13th, 2005, we had our fourth annual KC Day of Reflection for the men of the Parish. We were honored to have Fr. Brian Kaskie, State Chaplain, to enlighten our minds on the history of the Eucharist. Brother Mike Harkins suggested Eucharist as a topic since the Holy Father stated this the year of the Eucharist. The Ladies Auxiliary provided food for us once again this year, and we were glad to do the same for them on their Day of Reflection held later that month.

Best Activity – Family

On November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent the KC's promoted and sponsored a Parish wide family social event. Fr. McGing, concerned about welcoming new members to the parish asked for us to take this opportunity to welcome new members to the parish. We were more than willing to help with Fr. McGing's request. Our Parish Center was bursting, with barely enough room for everyone to sit. Each new member of our Parish Family was introduced one by one. It was an excellent way to show to newcomers that they are a part of our Parish Family.

Best Activity – Community

We decided early in the year to sponsor a float in the annual Clinton Christmas Parade, taking the opportunity to promote Supreme's effort at keeping Christ in Christmas. This takes us beyond our Parish community where we have annually promoted the KC Christmas card program. My thanks go to John Henderson and Manuel Fuentes for getting that activity together. The parade demonstrated how secular Christmas has become, even in the town with the oldest Baptist College in the state. There were many floats promoting one dentist here and another there, one to

promote the school board bond. There were the cute floats of all the kids saying merry Christmas. Finally, toward the end the KC float came by -- it was the only float that had anything to do with Christ and Christmas. The KC float was the ONLY float that mentioned Christ. This was our first year in the Christmas Parade, and we certainly hope to promote Christ in Christmas next year with an even larger entourage.

Best Activity - Youth

After consultation with our Religious Education director, offering our services to assist the youth, we settled on a Skating Rink party at the suggestion of our Religious Education Coordinator. The Knights funded the bill to the skating rink providing for their skating time as well as pizza for the kids. This activity will be held April 19th, 2005. This is one activity where the Knights have shown initiative to assist the parish in assisting and rewarding the efforts of Religious Education. The teachers and parents are all able to celebrate the end of the school year with a fun time

Best Vocation Activity

Holy Savior Council 7854 promoted vocations on Priest Sunday, October 31st and World Day of Vocations, April 17th. We highlighted the need for prayer for vocations by handing out KC vocation prayer cards at each of the masses. Fr. McGing led the assembly at each of the masses in praying this prayer corporately. This Priest Sunday we also had one of our many sausage and biscuit breakfast's to raise money for the Priest Education Fund. This day, we raised about \$200. We had many more sausage and biscuit breakfasts attaining our goal of \$500 by mid year. On World Vocations Sunday, April 17th, we will have the Director of Vocations or one of our seminarians come and speak at each of the masses. We will again hand out the KC prayer cards on vocations so Father can lead the assembly in prayer for vocations. We will also hand out KC book mark prayer cards. We choose these dates of Priest Sunday and World Vocations Sunday as excellent opportunities to work with the Church's calendar to promote vocations. Jon Bass, our Church director demonstrated leadership as our Church Director by organizing these efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Martinolich,
GK Holy Savior Parish Council No. 7854.

**Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915 Brookhaven
Grand Knight Report**

2004-2005 Council Officers

Grand Knight	Wade Ditcharo
Deputy Grand Knight	Owen Junkin
Treasurer	Aaron Achord
Financial Secretary	Thomas Corkern
Recorder	Earl Westfall
Chancellor	Anthony Ditcharo
Warden	Nick Battaglia
Lector	Kelly Green
Trustees	Thomas Phillips, Norman Ratliff and James Craig
Advocate	Danny Smith
Inside Guard	Brandon Achord
Outside Guard	David Camp

Following the State Convention, where our Council received the Council of Excellence Award, we returned to our home council and began the task of fund raising and aiding our high school youth on a mission trip to Saltillo, Mexico. Two vans full of youth and luggage were sent on a ten day mission, thanks to our Council membership. We also sponsored an end of the CCD year cook out for the youth.

The summer was filled with many Council members being sports coaches and serving on community wide committees for city and county beautification.

Alter servers were trained by Council members, and in early fall we co-sponsored a cook out for CCD class start up. We also helped organize, cook and serve at our annual church picnic. We held our annual Tootsie Roll Drive in the fall and raised over \$3200.00 for the mentally deprived in our community.

Our annual spaghetti dinner for the Priest Education Fund was also held in late fall with \$1500.00 being given to this very worthy cause. The Council members, aided by some parishioners, cleaned the church cemetery prior to the All Souls Day blessing.

In December we helped the youth with a float for the Christmas parade. Approximately thirty youth and some adults rode on the float. The award winning float was lighted with a "Keep Christ in Christmas" banner with our council number on it. We also assisted with social at the parish center following the parade.

We held a free throw contest for parish youth and helped with a fish fry during Lent to aid in youth activities. The March Blitz membership drive aroused much interest in our council with the initiation of two new members and hopefully five more in the near future.

Our Council submitted all reports to state and supreme and we attended both the School of Columbianism and the mid-winter meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Wade Ditcharo
Grand Knight

Saint Jude Centennial Council 8038
399 Barrow Street, Pearl, Mississippi 39208
Grand Knights Report 2004-2005

Gordon Cowie Grand Knight
Worthy State Deputy,

It is with great honor that I have this opportunity to report on the activities of the St. Jude Centennial Council 8038. As is the case of my predecessors, this council has continued to experience the effects of an aging Council that is being tested on basic survival skills. With the ever-changing roles of two-working families, the ability to fully participate in any organization begin to drain the precious time spent available to maintain core family functions. As this trend continues, the Knights will have to adjust to alternative methods of communication using available technologies to keep our Brother Knights informed, and spread the benefits to younger potential candidates to becoming Knights of Columbus.

In spite of the difficulties of holding a council together, the core of dedicated members of the council continue to meet the demands of Columbian activity with pride and professionalism. Because I have members who have interchangeably performed needed tasks regardless of their assigned functions, I acknowledge them not for specific roles, but for the commitment they have to keeping the spirit of Father McGivney flourishing:

Brothers:

Frank Altieri	Ron Humphrey	James Morales	Mike Siller
Chester Bellard	Tom Logue	Pat O'Neil	Elmer Solomon
Paul Case	Pat McBride	Freddie Roberts	Frank Tinney
Jim Dunn	Jim Montour	James Roberts	Nat Zummo

While keeping up with the administrative demands of the Council, this council has continued to support a group of core responsibilities throughout the year, such as:

1. KC's assisted with Open-Air Mass
2. Participate as Eucharistic Ministry, Ushers, Choir, and teach CCD classes
3. Keep Christ in Christmas w/Christmas card Sales
4. KC's visit sick and elderly shut-ins to deliver the Eucharist.
5. KC's hold Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Disabilities
6. Sponsor a KC Family Corporate Mass
7. Leadership and support for CYO during fund-raising events
8. Cooked fried catfish each week during the Lenten season.

The below listed personnel have died since, or were not mentioned in our last convention:

Deceased:	Larry Bielski	Greg Smith	John Dobersberger
	Leroy Hebert	Dennis Yolk	Corbalee Slusher

During this time as we end one liturgical season, and start a new year, we in the Council must experience the loss of Pope John Paul II, and prepare for new Pastoral leadership

both under Father Gerald Hurley, and a new Popel I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to lead this Council during the previous year, and work wit our extraordinary District Deputy Brother Martin Bisek, and the rest of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon Cowie
Grand Knight, 8038

CHARLES R. BRILL COUNCIL No. 8054
P. O. Box 1048
McComb, Mississippi 39649-1048

OFFICERS

Grand Knight:	Larry R. Foulk, Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight:	Andy Spinnato
Financial Secretary:	Keith Wall
Chancellor:	James (Jim) O'Rourke
Recorder:	Vince Culotta
Treasurer:	Mitch Bellipanni
Advocate:	Robert Crosby Jr.
Warden:	Dalton Case
Inside Guard:	Jake Bellipanni
Outside Guard:	Bill Robinson
Trustee One Year:	Dennis Dunn
Trustee Two Years:	Michael Brown Sr.
Trustee Three Years:	Bill Garner

MEMBERS

Rev. William Henry	Frank Smith
O'Neil Anedee	Gregory Spinnato
Michael Authement	Guy Vaccarella Jr.
James S. Benson	William Valley
Joseph Berghman	David Whittington
Gunion Bonnabel	Mike Williams
Isaac Duane Broussard	David Sink
Conner Burns	Ardean Shaw
Mike Cancienne	Michael Scheel
Joseph Serio	Kevin Rust
Frank Saldana	Roy Coleman
Cleston Savoie	Richard Rowell
Rev. Don Derivaux	Jeffrey Rowell
Edward Di Giovanni	Peter Rodrigue
Gregory Ditcharo	Robert Howard
Patrick Doyle	James Hogan
Joe Fortenberry	Richard Hay
Edward Gabler	

Another fraternal year is coming to a close. This year our membership increased 14%. This was accomplished with the efforts of all our Brothers. It is through their efforts and hard work that we are able to accomplish our objectives and perform our duties throughout the parish. No matter what their contributions, it all adds up to the fulfillment of the Council.

The Council maintains its activities in the Church as ushers, Parish Councils, RCIA, CYO, Eucharistic Ministers and other activities. We are active in leading the Rosary before Mass and promoting Adoration on the first Friday and Saturday of each month.

Our First Degree Team was reorganized this year and has held an exemplification. We plan on many more. This is a good way for us to install new members and get them active within the Council more quickly. Once again we have begun our Lenten fish fry that has been a success for us. This year we reinstated our Tootsie Roll Drive for the first time in a couple of years and had good success with it. Our other activities include taking care of the needs of the parish, the needy, the elderly and all other areas of concern within our parish.

We are looking forward to the coming year and continuing our efforts of membership and involvement within the Church and Parish. We are truly dedicated to vision of Father McGivney and the Knights of Columbus. Our intentions are to also get more 3rd Degree members involved in pursuing their 4th Degree and becoming Sir Knights.

May God Bless this Council and our efforts as Knights continue on a positive road to the service of Church and Parish.

Vivat Jesus
Larry R. Foulk, Sr
Grand Knight

St. Therese Council 8285
Jackson, Mississippi
Grand Knight's Report
2004-2005

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	Felix Garth
Treasurer	Warren Brooks
Advocate	Russell Rooks
Warden	Jim Woods
Trustee – 3 yr	Jun Tristeza
Trustee – 2 yr	Jim Hancock
Trustee – 1 yr	Jerry Simmons
Financial Secretary	Rich Leiding

The Council carried out a balanced array of activities and had several notable successes. For a council with less than 50 registered members, we are gratified with the year we've had and the participation exhibited by Brothers during the year. There were a number of noteworthy accomplishments:

- A 10% membership gain.
- The council published a regular newsletter after not having one consistently for several years.
- The council carried out at least nine and as many of eleven activities across the five program areas (Family, Council, Youth, Church, and Community).
- The Council averaged almost 100 hours of service a month
- The Council has established strong rapport with the Pastor who helps publicize the Knights to men of the parish and allows the Council to talk at masses at key times during the year
- Specific major activities included:
 - An Independence Day barbeque fundraiser for priests education that raised over \$1,000
 - Participating in the Tootsie Roll Drive, raising \$900
 - Additional activities that distributed over \$4,000 to other causes.
 - A party and recognition for altar servers
 - Participation in at least 5 work days at the parish and school
 - Built soccer goals for the parish athletic association
 - Two Brothers coached the parish school's football team
 - Monthly pancake breakfasts for the parish
 - Hosting council and district basketball free throw competitions
 - A fundraising social for a local pro-life cause
 - Hosting monthly rosaries before council meetings

- o Support for parish RCIA, 1st communion classes
- o Assisting with fund raising for the parish Cub Scout pack
- o Creating fundraising opportunities for the local Catholic High School library and various of its student groups along with enabling students at the high school to provide almost 300 hours of community service by assisting at Council activities
- o Hosting a Marian Hour of Prayer
- o Reinstitution of monthly Corporate Communion after several years of inactivity
- o Promoted participation by Brothers in monthly 1st Saturday Eucharistic Adoration
- o Helping several Brother Knights in the Council move to new homes
- o Participation in Supreme-recommended recruitment blitz days in October 2004 and March 2005
- o Participation in required Schools of Columbianism
- o Held a Fraternal Benefits night attended by members and general parishioners.
- o Awarded Shining Armor pins to two Brothers during the year.

St. Therese KofC Council 8285 is alive and providing useful service to its members, its pastor, the parish, catholic education and the broader community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Mokry
Grand Knight

**Father Robert Reitmeier Council #8848
Tupelo, MS
Grand Knight's Report-2004-2005**

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Alan Erickson
Deputy Grand Knight	Roy Jaeger
Chancellor	Tony Pallazo
Financial Secretary	Jeffrey Houin
Recorder	Robin Haire
Treasurer	Alvin LeBlanc
Warden	Paul Harkins
Advocate	John Sheffeld
Inside Guard	Ronny Buse
Outside Guard	Marcel Crudele
First Year Trustee	Greg Weatherford
Second Year Trustee	David Friloux
Third Year Trustee	Brian Friloux

Service Program Chairman

Program Director	Roy Jaeger
Membership	Rob Hudson
Church	David Friloux
Community	Alan Erickson
Family	David Palladino
Youth	Scott Jepson
Council	Marcel Crudele

Church Program Activities

Sponsored a men's retreat.
Prayed the Rosary for Vocations.
Participated in the Sierra Club.
Planned and participated in a Mass for the Unborn.
Hamburger meals to raise money for the Priest Education Fund.
Erected crosses for the unborn.
Continued sponsorship for Round Tables.

Community Program Activities

Participate in the Parish Christmas Care Tree Program.
Participated in the Annual State Tootsie Roll Drive.
Visited the sick and shut-ins.

Council Program Activities

Completed First Degree Exemplifications.
Hosted an open house for recruitment.
Maintained a council website.
Participated in the Knight of the Month program.

Family Program Activities

Hosted a quarterly Corporate Communion

Participated in Parish social functions.

Completed a fund raiser for our Memorial to the Unborn and began construction.

Youth Program Activities

Hosted a Free Throw contest.

Provide crucifix to the graduating high school seniors.

Supported the Annual Youth Retreat.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Erickson

Grand Knight

Father Patrick McAlpine Council 9094**D'Iberville, Mississippi****Floyd "Sonny" Fountain**

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9094 for the 2004-2005 fraternal year and were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District 11 Deputy, Robert Fell:

Chaplain	Fr. Patrick McDermott
Grand Knight	Floyd Fountain
Deputy Grand Knight	Arthur Dunn
Chancellor	Roger Feters
Financial Secretary	Lavoughn Stokes
Advocate	Julius Chastant
Treasurer	David Seymour
Recorder	Carl Ried
Warden	Elvin Raymond
Inside Guard	Emmitt Landry
Outside Guard	Cecil Krohn
Trustee (2004-2007)	Darnell Lepre
Trustee (2004-2006)	Mark Fontenot
Trustee (2004-2005)	Darnell Lepre

The 2004-2005 fraternal year was another year of growth and accomplishments for our Council. I was very proud to have served as Grand Knight of Council 9094 and I want to thank each one of my Brothers for helping me make this past fraternal year a success. Thanks to all of the Officers and Committee Brothers for all of your hard work and dedication. Special thanks to my wife, Susan, and the Ladies Auxiliary for all their help and patience in our successful projects this year. With God as our inspiration, we undertook the following activities:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES (Elvin Raymond - Chairman)

- Participated in the liturgical roles of the parish as Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.
- Held Right to Life Masses
- Served as Sponsors for RCIA
- Donated funds for RCIA Crucifix gifts for Home
- Donated a record amount to the Priest Education Fund
- Providing monthly financial support to a Seminarian
- Provided one-time financial support to another Seminarian
- Clean-up around Church Rectory, School and Gym
- Assisted in Church Set-up for Christmas Mass
- Participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer
- Provided Leadership and Manpower for the Church Bazaar
- Donated numerous hours to the Parish Administrative Duties
- Involved in CCD Educational Roles
- Held Lenten Fish Dinners & a Christmas Dance to raise funds for Priest Education Fund
- Helped maintain Parish Facilities
- Assisted and supported St. Vincent De Paul
- Leadership Roles in Parish Renew Programs
- Sponsored an Ad for the Church Sunday Missal

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Teddy Harder – Chairman)

- Council held a Tootsie Roll Drive
- Participated in Keep D'Iberville Beautiful by Cleaning up Lemoyne Boulevard
- Members Visited the sick and elderly
- Installed additional Outside Lighting on Bazaar Grounds
- Members serving as Leaders in the Community
 - Teddy Harder - City Councilman
 - Teddy Harder – County School Board
 - Brian Freeman - City Councilman
 - Ike Kincke – Parish School Board
 - Steve Moore- Chamber of Commerce Member
 - Larry Tabor- Chamber of Commerce Member
- Provided in the Upkeep of grounds at site of Old Church
- Donated to Morning Star Pregnancy Care Center
- Purchased ticket to Support Sacred Heart School Draw-down

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES (David Whitman – Chairman)

- Published Newsletter
- Hosted a Membership Drive
- Honored Knight of the Month
- Held Council Awards Dinner
- Held Council Socials
- Provided speakers for our Socials
- Conducted an Installation of Officers and Dinner

- Held a First, Second & Third Degree Exemplification at Council
- Donated Food & Money to St Vincent De Paul
- Brother Knights make six trips with supplies to Saltillo, Mexico
- Provided planning, building, and manpower for Annual Bazaar
- Sponsored Teams in the Local Baseball Leagues
- Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting
- Held a Council Fish Fry
- New members recognized by Grand Knight at monthly meeting and presented certificates

YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Roger Fellers – Chairman)

- Several Members Coach Various Youth League Teams
- Youth Program Leadership (CCD, CYO, Altar servers)
- Sponsors Boy Scout Troop
- Hosted Scouts Thanksgiving Dinner
- Hosted Scouts Blue and Gold Award Dinner
- Recognized Altar Servers
- Hosted Altar Servers Dinner
- Provides Support as Needed to CYO
- Provided financial support to 1 CYO members to attend convention
- Hosted Confirmation Dinner
- Members serve as Scout Masters for Boy Scouts
- Purchased Keep Christ in Christmas Cards for CYO
- Purchased CYO convention ads
- Conducted Council and District Free Throw Contest
- Hosted District Level Free Throw Contest
- Conducted Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest
- Judged the Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby
- Conducted Essay Contest

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (Larry Tabor – Chairman)

- Assisted with Supper & Substance Dinner for the Parish
- Participated in Biloxi Diocese Rosary Rally
- Hosted Family Steak Night
- Family Corporate Communion
- Honored Family of the Month
- Held Family Pizza Dinner
- Held Wine and Cheese Social
- Sponsored a Mother's Day Program
- Sponsored a Father's Day Program
- Hosted 1st annual Parish Family Picnic

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonny Fountain
Grand Knight

ST. MARY GAUTIER Council, No. 9124
PO Box 246 Gautier, M5 39553
March 31, 2005
Grand Knight's Report (2004-2005)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2004-2005 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. Passed out Rosary Bouquet Cards at St Mary's 3. Participated in Altar Server Training at St Mary's 4. Participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Program 5. Participation in the Life of the Parish 6. Participation in Lenten Stations of the Cross Program 7. Sponsored Friday Night Lenten Fish Dinners

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. Visit to Sick Member of our Church and Community 5. Food Donations to Local Food Banks and Shelter Facility 6. Participation in Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Challenged 7. Sponsored a Blood Drive 8. Participated in the Hwy 90 Pro-Life Chain 9. Participation in Local Civic and Church Groups

Council Activities: 1. Council Newsletter 2. Council Members participate in various 1st and 3rd Degree Initiation Teams 3. Council Socials 4. Fall Membership Drive 5. Council Christmas Party 6. Spring Membership Drive

Family Activities: 1. Quarterly Corporate Communions 2. Participation in Supreme's Monthly Family of the Month Program 3. Participation in Diocesan Rosary Rally 4. Mass for Deceased Council Member 5. Respect for Life Rosary 6. Valentines Dinner Out With Wives and Sweethearts 7. Submission of Council Family of the Year 8. Flowers for Mothers on Mother's Day 9. Prayer Cards for Fathers on Father's Day

Youth Activities: 1. Financial Support to Local CYO Groups 2. Participation in various Community Youth Programs 3. Council Free Throw Tournament 4. Sponsor District Twelve Free Throw Tournament 5. Easter Egg Hunt 6. Graduating Senior Luncheon 7. Youth Scholarship Program

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Berryhill
Grand Knight Council 9124

**Knights of Columbus
James D. Hart Council 9673, Woolmarket, MS
Grand Knight's Annual Report**

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Ronald Cross
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul Leidig
Chancellor	Gerald Pickich
Recorder	Patrick Chubb
Treasurer	Joseph Souza
Advocate	Thad Anderson
Warden	Albert Delgaicco
Inside Guard	Chuck Lewis
Outside	David Biagini
Trustee for one year	Leo Ridge
Trustee for Two Years	Sammie Orr
Trustee for Three Years	Walter "Jimmy" Robinson
Financial Secretary	William "Bill" Fessler

Program Activities

Church

- Prepared and served breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Proceeds contributed to Priest Education Fund -- \$1,200 for this fraternal year.
- Established a council Land Committee to clear and maintain 3.5 acres of church property. Over 1,000 man hours contributed to this project.
- Led rosary prior to Sunday masses
- Participated in Supreme's Marian Hour of Prayer

Youth

- Conducted free-throw contest -- over 20 children participated. Every child received a participation certificated and winners awarded a trophy.
- Two Knights volunteered as chaperones during the Biloxi diocese CYO convention.
- Sponsored a fish fry to support parish Catholic Youth Organization. Proceeds used to send children to Biloxi diocese CYO convention.
- Built a bon-fire for parish CYO celebration

Community

- Donated funds to St. Vincent d' Paul society
- Several Knights' serve as leaders in community organizations
- Paid a visit to retired veterans at Naval home in Gulfport
- Participated in food drive for local community food pantry
- Provided funds to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets

Family

- Recognized one family as Family of the month
- Recognized parish mothers with a long stem carnation during Mother's Day weekend masses
- Held a parish Family Fun Day. Provided food, games, and entertainment for parish families
- Several knights teach in parish CCD program

Council

- Recognized two knights as Knight of the Month
- Council nominee for Knight of the Year selected as the State Knight of the Year
- Made donation to United in Charity foundation
- Held monthly corporate communions. Knights serve as ushers, greeters, altar servers, reader and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during mass.
- Two new knights exemplified to third degree
- Several knights joined the Father McGivney Guild
- Chancellor leads formal "Prayer for Vocations" during monthly business meetings

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Leidig
Deputy Grand Knight

Council #10216
St. Paul – Brandon,MS

Officers

Chaplin – Fr. Brian Carroll
Grand Knight – Ted Gray
Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Brechtel
Financial Secretary – Henry Morgan
Chancellor – Bill Morris
Advocate – David Cannon
Recorder – Kevin O'Donnell
Treasurer – Ray Butz
Warden – John Bonelli
Inside Guard – Mike Kirby
Outside Guard – Rick Leblanc

Trustees

Dan Hammond
Martin Bisek
Philip Jabour

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. Completed over 60 program activities this fraternal year. An average of 9 total events per month – between all Knights activities.
2. Continued to Keep our best programs :
 - a. Keep Christ in Christmas
 - b. Pray rosary at every meeting
 - c. Participate in Tootsie Roll Drive and raised a record over \$ 6,000
 - d. Sponsored annual blood drive that had a 30% increase in participation – turning away another 20% because lack of staff.
 - e. Publish Monthly newsletter – with calendar
 - f. Hold on going socials

- g. Sponsor Founders Day Banquet
- h. Participate in Supreme Family of the Month program
- i. Monthly Breakfast after Sunday masses
- j. Family fish fry – twice during lent
- k. Sponsor KC free throw contest
- l. Sponsor and support scouting
- m. Pay for church's weekly bulletin printing
- n. Donated \$ 1,500 to Parish Building Fund
- o. Contributed \$ 150.00 to pro- life in honor of deceased member
- p. Gave rosaries to RCIA candidates
- q. Donate all extra food and cooking related items after each function to MATTS HOUSE
- r. Knights are on organizing committee for Parish Drawdown
- s. Sponsor 2nd annual Parish Fun Fest
- t. Knights Choir continue to relieve – regular choir during summer
- u. Sponsor parish altar server party
- v. Coliseum work – has generated over \$5,000 to our programs

3. Started new program activities this year

- a. Organized two church clean up days
- b. Started cooking for Search Youth retreat
- c. Assisted Bro. Knights families in Iraq
- d. Purchased and cooked Lunch for Monthly Deanery
- e. Started Council Website
- f. Cook Dinner before all Monthly Meetings
- g. Family Christmas Carol at two local hospitals
- h. Sponsored Championship Bishops Cup team consisting of Brother Knights

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Achieved Top Gun Status
- 2. Added 16 new members – 320% of quota
- 3. Six new members added 2nd & 3rd Degree status
- 4. Six members – added Sir Knight 4th Degree Status
- 5. Had a record 8 new members receive 1st degree in our member ship drive dubbed "Operation October" – in which we hosted the degree.

3. STATE LEVEL PARTICIPATION

- 1. Hosted 4th Degree Exemplification and Dinner
- 2. Three members part of degree teams
- 3. Hosted and had several members attend School of Columbianism
- 4. One Brother is a District Deputy
- 5. Had several members attend Mid- Winter Meeting
- 6. Donated \$ 1,800 to Bishop Gerow priest Education Fund
- 7. One member helped conduct State free throw Contest
- 8. Hosted three 1st Degrees

4. SUPREME LEVEL PARTICIPATION

1. On track to receive Star Council Award for 4th year in a row
2. Met Insurance Quota

We had another really good year culminating at the State Convention in which we won several awards including Top Gun, Stellar Council and Best Council awards.

Respectfully Submitted

Ted Gray
Grand Knight
Council #10216
St. Paul – Brandon, MS

**Council 10443
Grenada MS**

Brother Knights:

The past 12 months have been very exciting. I was elected as Grand Knight in May 2004. We had our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive at our Wal-Mart Super store and the attendance of members was fantastic. We had over 25 members show up to make the days gross over \$1,000.

Last year, we gave to the Priest Education Fund \$1,500.00. This year I am proud to say we are giving \$1,510.00. Vevat Jesus!

Then as Grand Knight I started to learn the duties of a Grand Knight and soon found out I needed all the help I could get from my council members and Ron Kopacz our District Deputy. Several members, Buddy Honeycutt and Harvey Caldwell, along with others are continuing to assist me in learning the position of Grand Knight. I think in a 3 years I will know my JOB.

We continue to grow our council, this year we took in 3 new 3rd Degree members at the Starkville degree. We also have e more Form 100's filled out and a potential of 2 more. I am working with Ron Kopacz on the next degree and hope it is in Batesville.

Fraternally submitted,
Lee Mustenteiger
Grand Knight

Msgr Gregory Kennedy Council 10499
Ocean Springs, Mississippi
Grand Knight Report
2004 – 2005

The second year as Grand Knight of this council has been just as rewarding as the first. It has been a privilege to continue to serve my fellow brothers as their Grand Knight. What an honor it is to know you that these men have the confidence and trust in me to lead them once again. In the future, when I recall these past two years, I am certain it will be remembered as one of great personal happiness and fulfillment, not to be outdone by charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Our council officers for the 2004-2005 fraternal year were as follows:

Chaplain	Deacon Martin Finnegan
Grand Knight	Robert Frey
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe McCormick
Financial Secretary	Kerry Roberts
Chancellor	Philip Messer
Recorder	Steve Bordelon
Treasurer	Peter Pinto
Advocate	Stephen Holtorf
Warden	David Hood, Sr.
Inside Guard	Donald Catchot
Outside Guard	Frank Hilt
Trustee 1 st year	Charles Rose, Jr.
Trustee 2 nd year	Jerry Bodin
Trustee 3 rd year	Wayne Leonard

Over the past year, we have participated in many worthy church, community, council, family, and youth activities. None of these activities 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 their cooperation, our achievements would not have been possible. I also want to thank those in our council who have shared their knowledge, insight, and words of encouragement with me over this past two years. If it were not for them, my term as their Grand Knight would have been a difficult task.

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

Respectfully submitted
Robert Frey
Grand Knight

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

On July 20th, 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 Sokvlowski
Outside Guard	Larry Higginbotham
Trustee	Frank Maniscalco
Trustee	Sherwood Beckham

Activities:

The Council officers were installed by District Deputy Don Schwartz. There of our Council officers attended his district meeting. We still have our monthly pancake breakfast, which is a huge success. The parishioners of St. Francis look forward to these events.

The council has assisted several needy families of the parish. Several of our council members participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer and the Rosary Rally in Biloxi.

The council also supports the St. Vincent DePaul Society to pack and distribute Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our council held its annual car show and even though it rained, all that did come out had a great time. One of our very dedicated Knights, John Phillips, chaired our Angel Tree again this year. The annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage supper was a great success and all ate well.

I am once again proud to serve this council as its Grand Knight. It has not been a good year as our goals fell short, but we will try harder next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Eakin
Grand Knight.

**Council 11934
Gluckstadt
Grand Knight's Report**

Chaplain	Fr. Robert Olivier
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	Pete Wiesenburger
Trustees:	John Scanlan
	Kerry Minninger
	Stephen Jones

We started off the year with the installation of our officers by our DD Martin Bisek. After this function we went to work doing all the things that Knights are suppose to do. We start our year with our fish fry for the Canton Nursing Home participated in the tootsie roll drive and the Christmas card program. In between we work and played with the CYO, Habitat and all of the church jobs we are as to do. Some have gone with Antoine to the clinic to pray and we have held rosaries at our monument and in church to end abortion. We have held fish fries to raise money for Priest Ed, Pro-life and The Christopher Fund .As you can see we have been doing all of the same things that the rest you have been doing all year. I would like to thank DD Mark and Ned for all of your extra work you did and to thank all of our Knights and Wives for all you did in all of our efforts. As Knights we played a in the celebration of our 100th year as a Church in the Gluckstadt community and thanks to the 4th Degree for the Honor Guard. As we go to convention I would like to congratulate all of you for all you have done all year and leave you with a parting thought "When you look at all the awards and hear all that was done just remember all the joys of working together and all the happy faces left behind" and that made it worth it all. VIVAT JESUS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectively Submitted
Joseph R. Jones Jr.
Grand Knight

**Father Patrick Quinn Council # 11956
Columbia / Tylertown, Mississippi**

As Grand Knight of our council, as small and strong as we are, I think on per capita basis, we are the number one council in the United States. Our goals were met, some came easily while some we had to work hard at. We supported our vocations in two ways - Selling raffle tickets for the Motorcycle Raffle and our annual Lenten Fish Fries; with proceeds going to the Priest Education Fund. We do this out of the goodness of our hearts. I am proud of the work our council and supporters dedicated to our two annual fund raisers - Washington Parish Fair and the Magnolia Mardi Gras Festival. I would like to thank all of our officers, committee directors, council members, Ladies Auxiliary and Father Victor Seidel for all of their support.

Council Officers

Chaplin	Father Victor Seidel	Lecturer	Paul Stalcup
Grand Knight	Harry Smith	Trustees	3 rd Yr James Rivero
Deputy Grand Knight	Patrick Altentaler		2 nd Yr Raymond Tanet
Chancellor	Foote Singleton		1 st Yr Robert Gonsoulin
Financial Secretary	Joseph Singleton	Columbian Squires	Raymond Tanet
Treasurer	Paul Mackin	Membership Director:	Foote Singleton
Advocate	William Laughlin	Recruitment Committee:	
Recorder	Albert Rogers		Harry Smith
Warden	James Hughes		Foote Singleton
Inside Guard	Aswald Ledet		Patrick Altentaler
Outside Guard	Leroy Bell		Paul Mackin
			Bob Frey

Church Activities : James Hughes

- ★ Members of our council serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. We also have a member on the Parish Council.
- ★ We donate the proceeds of our Lenten Fish Fries to our Priest Education Fund to benefit our local Seminarians.
- ★ We make a donation to the Christopher Fund.
- ★ We support missions to Saltillo, Mexico.
- ★ We sponsor "Keep Christ in Christmas".
- ★ We sponsor the Stations of the Cross.
- ★ We pray the Rosary before every meeting.
- ★ We donate funds to Holy Trinity and St. Paul Catholic Churches.

Community Activities : Charles Laughlin

- ★ We maintain Pro-Life Monuments in front of Holy Trinity and St. Paul Catholic Churches and distributed leaflets in church.
- ★ We participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive. Monies benefit Camp Sunshine in McComb and Pine Belt Graphics in Columbia.
- ★ We have two Adopt-a-Highway sections which we keep clean and support our CYO's recycling program.
- ★ We visit the sick and elderly at home and in hospitals.
- ★ We participated in the construction of a community playground.
- ★ We support our local Food Pantries and provide food baskets for the needy.
- ★ We have members that pray with prisoners.

- ★ We honor local law enforcement and firemen through the Good of the Order and at our Awards Banquet.
- ★ We fed and sheltered homeless.

Council Activities : Robert Gonsoulin

- ★ We conduct membership drives.
- ★ We publish a monthly newsletter.
- ★ We have established and maintain a Council Website.
- ★ We hold a Fraternal Benefits Information program.
- ★ We have monthly Socials before every meeting.
- ★ We conduct Memorial Services for Deceased Brother Knights
- ★ We award Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year.
- ★ We maintain a Council Scrapbook.
- ★ We have a Recognition Night at our annual Awards Banquet.

Family Activities : Adam Rogers

- ★ We have Family Corporate Communions.
- ★ We award and submit Family of the Month.
- ★ We award and submit Family of the Year.
- ★ We assist widows and families of deceased members.
- ★ We sponsor a parish breakfast for the parishioners at church.
- ★ We have a Family Social before meetings.
- ★ We adopt a needy family and donate food baskets to them along with other items.
- ★ We sponsor a Family Super Bowl Party annually.
- ★ We sponsor Fish Fries.

Youth Activities : Raymond Tanet

- ★ We sponsor a Columbian Squires Circle
- ★ We support the parish CYO groups at Holy Trinity and St. Paul Catholic Churches.
- ★ We honor our churches' altar servers at our annual Awards Banquet.
- ★ We have members who coach sports.
- ★ We support a Drug Awareness Poster Contest.
- ★ We sponsor a local KC Free Throw Contest.
- ★ We sponsor a Knight of Columbus Essay Contest.
- ★ We sponsor a toy drive and collect other needed items for needy children.
- ★ We sponsor an annual Breakfast with Santa for the children of our parishes.
- ★ We sponsored an end of school party at Tylertown Primary School.
- ★ We also participate in an annual Halloween Party.

For a council of just over fifty members, we put in a lot of hours and hard work. We have surpassed our goals and look forward to doing more next year.

Vivat Jesus
Harry Smith
Grand Knight

**Sacred Heart Council 12166
Pascagoula MS**

Let me introduce my team for the 2004-05 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	Carl E. Muse
Treasurer	James B. Barlow, III
Advocate	Rusty Lachaussee
Recorder	James McCarty
Warden	Jerry Brister
3 yr Trustee	Clarence Martin
2 yr Trustee	Danny Smith
1 yr Trustee	Michael Turner

We had a busy year. We were able to help our elementary school with several projects, help the church with various items, especially the fair booth and grounds upkeep. We also sold numerous tickets for the motorcycle at our county fair. We did several projects for pro-life as well.

My Deputy Grand Knight has been an asset to our council and has helped when called upon. He is also our tootsie roll chairman this year.

I would like to thank our Ladies Auxiliary members who 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 as well. 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

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 2004/2005

This year was quite busy, but rewarding. One filled with all the required business; laced with plenty of projects and events geared toward good deeds, fun, and enjoyment for our knights and their families. My second year as Grand Knight proved to be equally rewarding as the first. A number of council projects, challenges, and memorable events are now behind us and the experience is one I would not trade for anything. I highly recommend to any interested Brother Knight to actively seek a nomination to be Grand Knight of their council. It is not only a challenging position, but also a very rewarding experience.

July kicked off a new fraternal year with our annual parish pool party at the Seabee Base community pool. This event was accompanied by a barbeque prepared and served up by our members. This always proves to be a big hit and a relief from the summer heat and humidity; all enjoyed a great time. A combination membership drive and Hail & Farewell was held by the council at Keesler Air Force Base for Fr Glaros, outgoing chaplain, and Fr Okorie incoming chaplain for the Air Force Base. The council sponsored a Marion Hour of Prayer the first 2 Sundays of the month prior to mass, which was very well received by the parishioners.

August was installation of officers for the upcoming year, by our District Deputy, Al Konyn, at a potluck social with our spouses and guests in attendance. The council provided the meat entree with plenty of delicious side dishes to round it out. The council volunteered to assist an elderly, handicapped widower with yard cleanup and tree trimming at her home prior to hurricane season. A breakfast was planned and cooked by the council following mass, with the parishioners all invited, to celebrate the promotion of Fr Mikstay to the rank of Commander.

September was a chance for us to pray the Rosary in the name of peace prior to mass.

October was also a full month with several of our families attending the annual Rosary Rally held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. A potluck dinner was held at St James for Bishop Rodi; at which time the seed money for the motorcycle raffle was paid back in full to the diocese. Thank you Bishop Rodi for believing in us and supporting our fund raising effort. The council supported and worked at the annual fall festival for the youth of the parish.

November culminated the many hours of planning for the Veterans Day Motorcycle ride to benefit the Seabee Museum and the annual Seabee Ball. This event was a Southeast US event with riders massing at the Mississippi State Welcome Centers on 1-10 and riding to the Seabee Lake for a BBQ dinner and guided tours of the museum. We began our food drive to collect non-perishable foods for the less fortunate on the coast. We provided 2 full baskets of food for Thanksgiving to needy veterans' families, with the remainder going to St Therese food pantry in Gulfport.

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 Christmas Children's Mass, 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. Ewe provided approximately 150 pounds of non-perishable food to St Therese food pantry for distribution to needy families during the holiday season.

January, the beginning of a new year, brought about a reflection on the past year and planning for the new. Our annual Valentine Dinner Dance preparations are in full swing as is planning for other projects.

February on the coast brought the Mardi Gras festivities and the annual pilgrimage to the home of our Past Grand Knight, Bob Zeller who lives on the parade route, to celebrate and enjoy the Pass Christian Mardi Gras Parade and for the renewal of their marriage vows. Our annual Valentines Day dinner dance was a smashing success as usual. February also ushered in the beginning of Lent, and preparations for Lenten season.

March began our bi-weekly Friday fish fry's with the proceeds earmarked for the Priest Education fund. March was also busy with the preparation of reports for the State Convention as well as choosing and writing up nominations for Knight and Family of the Year.

April, it is State Convention time and the close of another state year. As Grand Knight I have been busy finalizing reports and verifying the council history project to be turned in at the convention. May brings our annual Mental Retardation "Tootsie Roll" Drive. Also, lets 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 puzzle pieces 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 I could not have accomplished all the projects and good deeds we have done this year." All the members of Council #12271, St Joseph the Worker Parish parishioners, 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 of this council and deserve the credit.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivat Jesus
Joseph E. Kaley
Grand Knight

District Deputy Reports

District Deputy Report District Deputy #2 Ronald S. Kopacz

Serving as District Deputy #2 this past year has been both challenging and rewarding; the birth of a new council in our district, along with meeting our membership goals reflected the hard work of all council members, and the image of the knights in our churches and communities.

District #2 consists of Council# 7120 in Southaven, my home council; Council# 2969 in Clarksdale; Council#6555 in Shelby; Council #10443 in Grenada, and our newly formed Council#13504 in Batesville.

Special thanks to the First Degree team from Southaven Council 7120 who devoted so much of their time traveling to other councils within District 2 to exemplify and welcome these new brother knights into our order.

I want to express my thanks to State Deputy Rich Lieding and Tom Chady, Past State Deputy, for their advise and support this past year. Their help added the support needed by our councils to give 100% in service to our church families, and communities.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald S. Kopacz
District Deputy #2

District Deputy # 4 – Robert "Bob" Leo

Worthy State Deputy and State officers, it has been my honor and privilege to serve yet another term as District Deputy for district # 4, which consists of councils # 802 in Meridian (my home council), council 6765 in Starkville, council # 7974 in Columbus, and last but not least our newest council # 13471 in Philadelphia Ms.

I had the honor and pleasure of installing all the officers of these council in the months of July 2004, and it was a great pleasure to watch these councils grow in membership and in their activities. Council # 802 being the oldest council in the state has a really come along way thanks to their Grand Knight who has a great foresight on things that need to be done, and gets them done. Council #6765 has a tremendous leadership in this council; its membership just keeps on growing. Council # 7974 in Columbus has a brand new Grand Knight and is he a "go getter" it seems that when this Grand Knight asks you to do something it is very hard to refuse, as a result his membership continues to grow. Last but not least is our brand new council, Council # 13471. This is our newest council and is just starting to take off, the Grand Knight of this council is working very hard to see that his council and their activities begin to grow and become the great council that it can be.

This year district # 4 held its District Free Throw and was well attended by the local community youths, of which four of them attended the State Free throw competition, and one of the 12 year olds won the State competition for that age group.

I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy for affording me the great opportunity to ~~serve~~ these great councils. and I am looking forward to continuing to do this in this up and coming new year. I would like to thank all of the State Officers and State Family for all of their support throughout the year. May the good Lord Bless you and keep you in His Heart.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Leo
District Deputy # 4

District Deputy #5

Jim McCraw

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as District Deputy for John T. Savage Council 848, Vicksburg Council 898, Clinton Council 7854 and St. Therese Council 8285.

It was my pleasure to have State Deputy Rich Lieding join me in the installation of officers at all but Clinton 7854. It was a pleasure to have these Councils so involved in many State events. Each had terrific support from their members.

Two District meetings were held, one of which was a joint meeting with District 6. Our relationship between the two districts has been very cordial. We partner on funding special initiatives, alternate First Degrees between districts, and gave \$1,000 to the Retired Priests Fund as a group.

This years' growth has been mostly in the two Jackson Councils. All have been very active in service projects. Insurance will keep 848 from Stellar but they are on track to attain STAR. It is expected St. Therese will attain Stellar Council this year, and STAR Council at Supreme. Only a year ago, I worried about their future but Ben Mokry and his core of leaders had a plan and stuck with it.

We conducted several joint Council events this year, including a Marian Hour of Prayer at St. Therese. Clinton hosted a Major Exemplification in February and 848 hosted one in June. Vicksburg hosted a Hispanic Major Exemplification in October. All four have hosted First degrees. Vicksburg conducted an elaborate Centennial weekend full of activities and dignitaries to honor their rich history.

I have been able to attend more Council functions this year. Each time I'm greeted with hospitality and am becoming more familiar with the regular members. My wife, Barbara, looks forward to the social visits as well.

This was the first year we conducted a District Free Throw. One of the winners won at the State competition, another came in second. The Councils have agreed this helped

scheduling their Free Throw earlier. We'll continue it next year. All Council records were audited for the first time and was well received.

In closing, I congratulate Mike Macke, Ben Mokry, Stephen Martinolich and Vince Chiarito for the wonderful job they have done this year. They have earned the title by which they are known, "Worthy Grand Knight".

Faternally,

Jim McCraw
District Deputy 5

**DISTRICT DEPUTY # 6
MARTIN BISEK**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

It has totally been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for District #6 these past two years. My district consists of four excellent councils:

8038	Pearl St. Jude
9543	Madison St. Francis
10216	Brandon St. Paul
11934	Gluckstadt St. Joseph

Each of these councils represents the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism with great enthusiasm in its highest form. All four councils collected individual record donations for the State Program for People With Intellectual Disabilities. Each council received a State award for excellence in their service programs and one council (10216 Brandon) received the highest award as Stellar Council. As a District these councils achieved 100% of their supreme membership goals and had an overall increase in insurance members. All four of these councils contributed handsomely to the Priest Education Fund to support our future priests. Lastly two of these councils received our State highest award as Best Councils in their size category.

9643 Madison St. Francis
Best Extra Large Council

10216 Brandon St. Paul
Best Large Council

I want to thank the Grand Knights, Officers, and Members in District #6 for welcoming me into their meetings, functions, and social events. I have enjoyed our time working together to improve our fraternity for our Church and community.

VIVA T JESUS
Respectfully submitted,
Martin Bisek
District Deputy #6

DISTRICT DEPUTY # 8
Don Schwartz

It has been an honor to have served as District Deputy these past four years under the leadership of two great State Deputies, Tom Chady and Richard "Rich" Lieding. I have had the privilege of presiding over the installation of the officers in all five councils in my district this past year. They are as follows:

1908 Hattiesburg	Grand Knight Harry Grant
2180 Laurel	Grand Knight Bob Webb
7211 Lumberton	Grand Knight Anthony Knue
11654 Wiggins	Grand Knight Don Eakin
11956 Columbia	Grand Knight Harry Smith

These councils have done an excellent job in each of their parishes as communion ministers, lectors, C.C.D. teachers, pastoral council members and officers, and workers for parish functions.

As of April 1, membership in our district had a net gain of nineteen (19) members and seven (7) insurance members.

I wish my replacement, the councils of my district, and the incoming state officers all the best for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Schwartz

District Deputy # 9
John R. Leonhard

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as District Deputy for the past year. I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Richard Lieding for giving me this change to serve as District Deputy for the past year.

I would at this time like to thank all the Council that I serve for the good work they have been doing the past year.

The Council in my District are 6872 Picayune, Grand Knight Michael Spencer, 7087 Kiln, Grand Knight, Jimmie Hoda, 7910 Gulfport, Michael Murphy, 9958 Lizana, Hollis Moran, 11995 West Harrison, Timothy Anderson, 12231 Dedeaux, James Inabinet, All Councils have been active this past year.

I look forward to serving as District Deputy for the next year. 2005-2006, which will be my last year.

VIVAT JESUS
Respectfully Submitted
John R. Leonhard
District Deputy # 9

District Deputy # 12
Carl Brochard

Worthy state deputy and state officers, I greatly appreciate the privilege of serving the Mississippi jurisdiction as the district deputy of district 12, for the 2004-2005 year. I would like to thank the State Deputy Rich Lieding for this opportunity.

July 9, 2004 I attended the state council organizational meeting at Madison parish. On July 10, 2004, I attended the installation of officers. And on June 27, 2004, I attended the School of Columbianism.

I installed the (6) councils officers on the following dates:

St. Mary 9124	July 24, 2004
Sacred Heart 12166,	July 24, 2004
Fred I. Westbrook 5654	July 14, 2004
St Lucy 11904	August 1, 2004
St. Elizabeth 10499	August 21, 2004
Msgr. P.J. Cary 1605	July 24, 2005

September 11, 2004, I had a meeting to discuss on going programs, with the Grand Knights of District 12. I visited all councils in district 12 at least two to three times this year.

August 15th, I went to Biloxi to witness Council 1244 perform a first, second and third degree. I also attended 8 first degrees in district 12.

December 11, 2004 we had a district meeting at St. Mary's 9124, with all (6) councils in very good attendance, to talk about a district first degree.

January 28th, 2005 I attended a first, second, and third degree at D'Iberville council 9094.

January 29th 2005 I attended the mid winter meeting in council 9094.

January 28, 2005 I attended the council free throw contest for councils 5654.

January 29th, 2005, I attended the district free throw contest for district 12, at St. Mary's 9124.

I will add the District 1st degree has worked out great, we have had 15 new members for the district since January, 2005 when we started it.

Respectfully submitted
Carl Brochard
District Deputy 12

State Deputy's Report

It is my duty at this time to report to you, the delegates of the 101st annual state convention, on the status of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. Growth in membership is considered vital to the health of any jurisdiction. The Supreme Council reminds state deputies of this and of the membership status of their jurisdiction frequently in various subtle and unsubtle ways. I commend those councils who are membership active and I congratulate our State Membership Director, Brother Bill Waggoner, for his efforts. With two months left to go in this supreme fraternal year, we have brought in 221 new knights as of April 1, 2005. That would leave us 61 new members shy of our supreme goal of 282 new members if it wasn't for our suspension rate. The back door isn't open; it's torn off the hinges. So far this year, Mississippi has lost 104 knights and I am receiving notices of intent to suspend on a weekly basis. That is a gain to loss ratio of 2 to 1. I am of the firm belief that each knight suspended, except in those very few cases of not remaining a practical Catholic, is an admission of failure on our part. **We have failed to keep a Catholic gentleman interested in what we are doing.** We know what works: programs and personal contact. I know of one grand knight who had the very commendable goal of personally meeting and visiting with every member of his council. I encourage every council whose suspension rate is high to do a bit of soul searching on how they can improve their rate of retention.

A man's first reaction to joining our Order depends, in a large part, on how well the ceremonials are performed. I am proud of our three 2nd and 3rd degree teams and the professional job that they do. I commend our State Warden, Gerry Schmuck, for stepping in as our ceremonial chairman and doing an excellent job. One of the highlights of this fraternal year was the first Hispanic 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree ever held in Mississippi which took place in Vicksburg. This major ceremonial was conducted in Spanish. At that time, we were honored to have Bishop Rigoberto Corredor Bermudez, of Garzon, Columbia, join Council 898, Hopefully, Bishop Bermudez can help open the door for the Order in his country.

The Mississippi Jurisdiction has one of the strongest state programs in the Order. I commend our State Program Director, Brother David Scott, for the excellent work he has done over the past four years. While we have many programs to be proud of, it should be noted that our programs for priest education and the mentally disabled are two of the best, if not the best, in the Order. My compliments go to the chairmen of those programs, Dr. Paul Gospodarski and Brother Jim Farris.

As I prepare to retire from state office, there are several acknowledgements I wish to make. Our Immediate Past State Deputy, Brother Tom Chady, has been an invaluable source for guidance and wisdom, and I thank him for it. My brother State Officers have not only carried out their respective duties well, but they also have functioned at all times as a fraternal team and I commend them for that. I wish to make the same commendation for our District Deputies and State Chairmen who have worked hard in the true spirit of Columbianism. Lastly, to you, my brother knights, I thank you for the hospitality, friendship, and fraternalism that you have shown to me, and my family, as I have done my best to serve you over these past ten years. It is deeply appreciated. I wish you all well and pray for the success of your efforts in the coming years.

Vivat Jesus!
Respectfully Submitted,
Richard T. Lieding,
State Deputy

State Secretary's Reports

Deceased Members by Council

<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Necrology</u>	<u>As of 15 April 2005</u>
802	Meridian	Thomas Blasi Joe Godeaux Frances O'Flinn Marie Stroble (Ladies Aux) Joe Haaf	
848	Jackson	Gerald G. Graham (4th Degree) John R Ennis (4th Degree)	
898	Vicksburg	John J. Franco Gene P. Hale Delbert L. Perrin Melvin M. Carlson	
1034	Natchez	Charles H. Berdon Max Voss (Former DD)	
1244	Biloxi	Rev Peter Quinn Phillip J. Levine, Sr, PGK Vincent Pettinato Melvin J. Landry, Sr William R. Emile	
1522	Bay St Louis	Monsignor Gregory Johnson Rev. Peter A. Smits Kevin E. Odegaard Emmett S. Demoran Lionel T. Sellier	
1583	Gulfport	Latternee N. Montague David C. Minchew Jr. William J. Rednour David M. Hannaghan Vincent D. Alfonso Lucas O. Lisotta, PGK	
1908	Hattiesburg	Dr. Tom Vanderloo	
2134	Greenville	Fletcher J. Miller John M. Azar Kenneth J. Radigan	
2180	Laurel	Dominick Ghignone Charles R. Taylor	
2945	Leland	Rev Charles Loyacano Pete Menotti Jr. Louis Santucci Leon Shapley GK	
4472	Pass Christian	Donald Mallini Emmett McKeough	
4898	Long Beach	Paulino Carrubba, PGK, FN, FM, FDD	
5654	Ocean Springs	Harry Geller (4th Degree) William Hosey Alfred Frentz (4th Degree)	

Council	Location	Necrology	As of 15 April 2005
7087	Kiln	Leroy A. Cuevas	
7120	Southaven	Veronica Thompson (Ladies Aux)	
7211	Lumberton	Bill Cantrell	
		Durene Schwierjohn	
7854	Clinton	James a. Jeff	
7910	Orange Grove	Arnold Lee Fuller	
8038	Pearl	Larry Bielski	
		Leroy Hebert	
		Greg Smith	
		John Dobersgerger	
		Corbalee Slusher	
8054	McComb	Sammy Casciola	
8848	Tupelo	"Rivers ""Tres"" Wall"	
9094	D'Iberville	Russell Quave	
		John Mitchell	
		Randy Banks (4th Degree)	
		Merrell Seymour (4th Degree)	
		Christopher M. Ross	
9409	West Biloxi	Walter G. Bouchard	
		Joseph W. Tiblier (4th Degree)	
		Michael J. Kelly	
		Mary Lee Norris (Ladies Aux)	
9673	Woolmarket	Andrew Primeaux (4th Degree)	
		Joyce Ryals (Ladies Aux)	
9958	Lizana	Wilson Ladner	
		John Pierce	
10499	Ocean Springs	Roland W. Hillebrand (4th Degree)	
10901	Oxford	Benny M. Duncan	
11541	Gulfport	Erwin Oberlies	
		Matthew McGahan (PGK) (4th Degree)	
		William Lyons	
11904	Lucedale	Fred Schuck	
11995	West Harrison	Cathy Maynard (Ladies Aux)	
		Lacy J. Cuevas Sr	
13502	Batesville	Howard E. Rice	

**State Secretary's Report on
Council Membership**

COUNCIL	4/01/04	4/01/05	INCREASE	DECREASE
902 MERIDIAN	203	214	11	
848 JACKSON	113	120	7	
898 VICKSBURG	455	456	1	
1034 NATCHEZ	175	178	3	
1244 BILOXI	388	391	3	
1522 BAY ST. LOUIS	206	213	7	
1583 GULFPORT	252	235		17
1605 PASCAGOULA	157	160	3	
1908 HATTIESBURG	121	134	13	
2134 GREENVILLE	152	150		2
2180 LAUREL	115	116	1	
2945 LELAND	53	53		
2969 CLARKSDALE	159	169	10	
4472 PASS CHRISTIAN	73	77	4	
4898 LONG BEACH	143	142		1
5267 GREENWOOD	60	63	3	
5556 CLEVELAND	201	202	1	
5654 OCEAN SPRINGS	196	204	8	
6555 SHELBY	35	35		
3592 BASSFIELD	91	91		
3765 STARKVILLE	89	95	6	
6872 PICAYUNE	122	128	6	
7087 KILN	67	67		
7120 SOUTHAVEN	106	110	4	
7211 LUMBERTON	93	96	3	
7915 BROOKHAVEN	75	78	3	
7974 COLUMBUS	69	78	9	

8038 PEARL	92	92		
8054 MCCOMB	55	63	8	
8285 JACKSON	58	64	6	
8760 HOLLY SPRINGS	36	36		
8848 TUPELO	146	150	4	
8912 CORINTH	59	62	3	
9094 D'IBERVILLE	144	139		5
9124 GAUTIER	126	125		1
9234 INDIANOLA	15	15		
9409 WEST BILOXI	139	148	9	
9543 MADISON	221	232	11	
9673 WOOLMARKET	76	79	3	
9958 LIZANA	68	68		
10216 BRANDON	113	129	16	
10443 GRENADA	46	49	3	
10499 OCEAN SPRINGS	94	104	10	
10901 OXFORD	77	69		8
11541 GULFPORT	109	100		9
11654 WIGGINS	52	52		
11904 LUCEDALE	41	45	4	
11934 GLUCKSTADT	56	57	1	
11956 COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN	53	57	4	
11995 WEST HARRISON	55	55		
12166 PASCAGOULA	89	90	1	
12271 SEABEE BASE	63	63		
12331 DEDEAUX	43	44	1	
13471 PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER	25	27	2	
13502 BATESVILLE/SARDIS	13	21	8	

Election of State Officers

For the Office of State Deputy:

Noel Aucoin (Council 9094 D'Iberville) placed the name of Larry Tabor in nomination for State Deputy. Nomination seconded by Joe McQueen (Council 7211, Lumberton). No other names placed in nomination. One vote cast for Larry Tabor.

For the Office of State Secretary:

GK Roger Houle (Council 9409, West Biloxi) placed the name of Danny Lechner in nomination for State Secretary. Nomination seconded by Harvey Culwell (Council 10433, Grenada). No other names placed in nomination. One vote cast for Danny Lechner.

For the Office of State Treasurer:

John Fieter (Council 7120, Southaven) placed the name of Peter Sukanek in nomination for State Treasurer. Nomination seconded by PSD Tom Zettler (Council 802, Meridian). No other names placed in nomination. One vote cast for Peter Sukanek.

For the Office of State Advocate:

GK Joe Kaley (Council 12271, Gulfport) placed the name of Gerry Schmuck in nomination for State Advocate. Nomination seconded by GK Elvis Gates (Council 4898, Long Beach). No other names placed in nomination. One vote cast for Gerry Schmuck.

For the Office of State Warden:

PSD Tom Zettler (Council 802, Meridian) placed the name of David Scott in nomination for State Warden. Nomination seconded by GK Gordon Cowie (Council 8038, Pearl). No other names placed in nomination. One vote cast for David Scott.

Election of Delegates to Supreme Convention

For Insurance Delegate:

IPSD Tom Chady (Council 898, Vicksburg) placed the name of State Treasurer-Elect Peter Sukanek in nomination to fill the insurance delegate. Nomination seconded by GK Joe Jones (Council 11934, Gluckstadt). No other names placed in nomination. One vote cast for Peter Sukanek.

For Two (2) Associate Delegates:

Joe Gollner (Council 1908, Hattiesburg) placed the name of GK Larry Gardner in nomination. Seconded by Ricky Warren.

GK Roger Houle (Council 9409, West Biloxi) placed the name of State Secretary-Elect Danny Lechner in nomination. Seconded by GK Billy Gollott (Council 1244, Biloxi)

GK Harry Williams (Council 5654, Ocean Springs) placed the name of DD Carl Brochard in nomination. Seconded by Leonard Tarrant (Council 5654, Ocean Springs)

GK Gordon Cowie (Council 8038, Pearl) placed the name of Dr. Paul Gospodarski in nomination. Seconded by Dennis Diester (Council 10216, Brandon).

GK Joe Kaley (Council 12271, Gulfport) placed the name of State Advocate-Elect Gerry Schmuck in nomination. Seconded by Billy Waggoner (12166, Pascagoula).

GK Michael Spencer (Council 6872, Picayune) placed the name of DD John Leonhard in nomination. Seconded by Ronald Cassangne (Council 6872, Picayune)

Results of the balloting is as follows:

Danny Lechner	68	Associate Delegate # 1
Gerry Schmuck	44	Associate Delegate # 2
Dr. Paul Gospodarski	40	(Withdrawn)
Larry Gardner	29	Alternate Associate Delegate # 1
Carl Brochard	14	Alternate Associate Delegate # 2
John Leonhard	11	

For Three (3) Alternate Insurance Delegates:

Mike Gilley (Council 1605 Pascagoula) placed the name of Billy Waggoner in nomination. Seconded by GK Billy Gollott (Council 1244, Biloxi)

IPSD Tom Chady (Council 898, Vicksburg) placed the name of Dr. Paul Gospodarski in nomination. Seconded by PSD Jesse Quinn (Council 5267, Greenwood).

GK Jim Griffin (Council 9543, Madison) placed the name of DD Carl Brochard in nomination. Seconded by GK Harry Williams (Council 5654, Ocean Springs).

Motion made by Joe McQueen (Council 7211, Lumberton) to close nominations. Seconded by GK Bill Kane (Council 1522, Bay St. Louis) Motion carried.

Results of the Balloting is as follows:

Dr. Paul Gospodarski	56	Alternate Insurance Delegate # 1
Billy Waggoner	37	Alternate Insurance Delegate # 2
Carl Brochard	9	Alternate Insurance Delegate # 3

Motion made by GK Mike Mackey (Council 848, Jackson) to host the 2010 State Convention in Jackson. Motion seconded by GK Gordon Cowie (Council 8038, Pearl). Motion carried.

State Treasurer's Report
(04-01-04 - 03-31-05)

Beginning Balance (04-01-04)		\$44,742.62	
Income:			
Per Capita	\$44,384.70		
Exemplification Fees	\$3,466.00		
Christopher Fund	\$4,891.00		
Christmas Card Proceeds	\$550.00		
Misc. Income	\$1,464.09		
Car Tag Receipts	\$660.00		
Interest Earned	\$33.83		
Returned and Voided Checks	\$268.00		
		\$55,717.62	
Expenses:			
Degree Expense	\$3,312.00		
State Officer/Committee Chrmn General Exp	\$12,516.59		
2004 State Convention	\$19,861.52		
Charity	\$500.00		
Christopher Fund	\$4,041.00		
Supreme Convention	\$2,664.35		
Bank Charges	\$89.90		
Magnolia Knight	\$208.48		
SMA Fathers (Mass Cards)	\$210.00		
Misc. Business Expense	\$820.52		
Returned Check (NSF)	\$348.00		
Priest Education	\$1,083.05		
Postage	\$736.28		
Printing and Reproduction	\$1,264.13		
Ads/Dues/Subscriptions	\$261.00		
Supplies	\$927.10		
		\$48,843.92	
Gain or (Loss)			\$6,873.70
Balance (03-31-05)		\$51,616.32	

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Lechner
State Treasurer

State Advocate's Report

At last year's convention, two items arose that required action by your State Advocate. First, Past State Deputy Robert Fratesi and I reported that we would make available a copy of the current, updated State By-Laws. This we did, and since last fall, they have been available on our state website. This also provided a convenient opportunity to revise some of these by-laws. Several resolutions proposing these changes were drafted, sent to each Grand Knight, and also posted on our website in early February.

A suggestion was also made at the convention that copies of the resolutions be provided to each delegate prior to future conventions. While this is certainly a good idea, it proved to be impractical for several reasons. However, each of the resolutions was posted on the state website, and a complete set of these has been there for about a month.

I would like to thank first, PSD Fratesi for his invaluable assistance with the by-laws, second, Tony Dardeau of Vicksburg for uploading the by-laws and resolutions to our website, and also Paul Gospodarski, Master of the Fourth Degree and Master of the State email list, for making it known that the by-laws and resolutions can be found on the web.

In one of my favorite novels, one of the characters bemoans the trouble he finds himself in, and asks why he was meant to live in such difficult times, a question many of us may have asked at some time. The answer he receives is that it is not our place to ask such questions. Rather, all we must do is make the most with the time that is given to us. I commend you, State Officers and delegates for making good use of your time this past year, for the programs your Councils have sponsored for your church and communities, making this Jurisdiction a better one.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter C. Sukanek
State Advocate

State Warden's Report
April 2005

For the past two years it has been my distinct pleasure to serve you as your State Warden. My predecessor, Brother Peter Sukanek stated in his 2003 report that the position of Warden is like being a policeman for the jurisdiction, ensuring that the laws and rules of the Order are obeyed. While this is in fact true, I must say that in my travels, I have not had any reason to be the jurisdiction's "policeman." Everyone has been very cordial and professional. Whether at State sponsored meetings, or at social gatherings, it has been refreshing to see true Fraternity in action.

The Warden is not only responsible for protocol and order at State meetings; he is also responsible for the care, maintenance and accountability of all State property. This may seem an easy task, but when I decided to hold an audit/inventory of equipment, things were not always where they were supposed to be. All who use the equipment have good intentions, but when it is loaned out from one brother Knight to another, it becomes difficult for the Warden to account for everything. After a meeting with all the State Officers, we decided the State Warden should devise a method of inventory control. This has been accomplished and all State equipment is now accounted for.

Linda and I would like to thank all of you for the hospitality and friendliness shown. You have made our travels throughout the State a very pleasurable, rewarding experience. You have always made us welcome and a part of the group.

In closing I would especially like to thank all the District Deputies for being my assistants at State meetings, conventions, etc. Your efforts helped to make sure everything functioned smoothly and on schedule. Thanks for the help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Schmuck
State Warden

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Mississippi jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the past ten years. I thank God, my wife Carol and daughter Carrie for allowing me to spend the necessary time to perform my duties to the fullest. I will always cherish the wonderful relationships I have built during these years. You will always be in my prayers and thoughts.

It is my hope and expectation that the leaders you elect behind me and Rich will continue to lead Mississippi with the utmost integrity and enthusiasm that it justly deserves. I will always be available to advise and assist. Thanks for the memories!

Vivat Jesus

Tom Chady IPSD

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Program Guidelines for this year were distributed and explained at the Schools of Columbianism for the Northern, Central and Southern Regions of the State. Forty-seven out of Fifty-seven councils submitted a council program report.

The following awards were presented at convention:

HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS

PERE LEDUC COUNCIL 1522	BAY ST. LOUIS
BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL 1583	GULFPORT
FR. KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL 2134	GREENVILLE
FRED L. WESTBROOK, SR. COUNCIL 5654	OCEAN SPRINGS
FR. HARRY WADE COUNCIL 7910	ORANGE GROVE
ST. JUDE CENTENNIAL COUNCIL 8038	PEARL
FR. PATRICK MCALPINE COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE
ST. MARY COUNCIL 9124	GAUTIER
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
FR. PAUL GILLIS COUNCIL 11654	WIGGINS
FR. R. J. SORIN COUNCIL 11995	WEST HARRISON
SACRED HEART COUNCIL 12331	DEDEAUX

COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

COUNCIL 898	VICKSBURG
BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL 1034	NATCHEZ
COUNCIL 1244	BILOXI
MSGR. P. J. CAREY COUNCIL 1605	PASCAGOULA
COUNCIL 2180	LAUREL
FR. ROTONDO COUNCIL 5556	CLEVELAND
FR. A. C. DENIS COUNCIL 7087	KILN
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL 7211	LUMBERTON
HOLY SAVIOR COUNCIL 7854	CLINTON
FR. ROBERT REITMEIER COUNCIL 8848	TUPELO
ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 11934	GLUCKSTADT
SACRED HEART COUNCIL 12166	PASCAGOULA
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER COUNCIL 12271	SEABEE BASE

DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARDS

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN
JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL 848	JACKSON
MSGR. JAMES T. MCKENNA COUNCIL 2969	CLARKSDALE
MSGR. LEECH COUNCIL 4472	PASS CHRISTIAN
FR. JOHN P. EGAN COUNCIL 6765	STARKVILLE
OSCAR J. GELPI COUNCIL 6872	PICAYUNE
HERNANDO DESOTO COUNCIL 7120	SOUTHAVEN
JOSEPH BONFIGLIO COUNCIL 7915	BROOKHAVEN
CHARLES R. BRILL COUNCIL 8054	MCCOMB

ST. JAMES THE LESS COUNCIL 8912
REINHART SCHROEDER COUNCIL 9409
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543
ST. LUCY COUNCIL 11904
FR. THOMAS BOYCE COUNCIL 13502

CORINTH
WEST BILOXI
MADISON
LUCEDALE
BATESVILLE/SARDIS

STELLAR COUNCIL AWARDS

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908	HATTIESBURG
ST. THERESE COUNCIL 8285	JACKSON
ST. PAUL COUNCIL 10216	BRANDON
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 st Bishop Fahey Council 1908	Hattiesburg
2 nd Bishop Gunn Council 1583	Gulfport
3 rd Charles R. Brill Council 8054	McComb

Best Community Activity

1 st Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802	Meridian
2 nd John T. Savage Council 848	Jackson
3 rd Bishop Gunn Council 1583	Gulfport

Best Council Activity

1 st St. Paul Council 10216	Brandon
2 nd Bishop Fahey Council 1908	Hattiesburg
3 rd Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094	D'Iberville

Best Family Activity

1 st Bishop Fahey Council 1908	Hattiesburg
2 nd St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543	Madison
3 rd Msgr. Leech Council 4472	Pass Christian

Best Youth Activity

1 st Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211	Lumberton
2 nd Msgr John J. Burns Council 802	Meridian
3 rd Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765	Starkville

Best Vocations Activity (Biloxi Diocese)

1 st Bishop Fahey Council 1908	Hattiesburg
2 nd Council 1244	Biloxi

Best Vocations Activity (Jackson Diocese)

1 st Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765	Starkville
2 nd St. Therese Council 8285	Jackson

BEST CHURCH PROJECT
Hospital Communion Ministry
Council 1908 - Hattiesburg

Members of our Council participate as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to patients in local hospitals. Since Sundays are busy days for our clergy, laypersons have volunteered to make visits to both hospitals each Sunday to bring the Eucharist to those who wish to receive. Our community has two major hospitals that serve a significant portion of the State. To serve Catholics who find themselves in the hospital on a Sunday morning our local parishes have combined resources to serve this group. Patients come from as far as 100 miles to seek medical care; therefore, visits involve patients from both local and distant communities.

This special ministry is a year round endeavor and three members of our Council are regular participants in this four person ministry. Using a special prayer format designed by our parish ministry coordinators, the lay person provides the hospitalized Catholic a few moments of time to focus on the reception of the Eucharist. Frequently, family members of the hospitalized are present as caregivers and also wish to receive the Eucharist since they may not be able to attend mass that day due to the patient's condition or visiting hours. Before and after this brief service, the ministers go an extra step to comfort the patients and see if there are any needs that the ministers can address. Ministers may also provide church bulletins, prayer cards or reading material for the patient and family members.

While time spent with each patient is just a few moments out of a busy day, this ministry has proven to be a very special occasion to each of our Council member participants and those they serve. Hospital patients frequently spend lots of time alone or waiting for families to arrive and some do not have family nearby or able to visit. Since most patients spend only one Sunday in a hospital, brief visits from someone representing their faith community frequently brings a pleasant respite in the midst of an emotional time. And the response reminds the minister of the gifts each person has to share.

BEST COMMUNITY PROJECT
State Hospital Visitation
Council 802 - Meridian

Our Council sponsors a monthly visit to the local mental hospital. During these visits, Knights visit with the male patients to instill in them the belief that "someone cares." For the majority of these men, we are the only visitors they will have during the course of their stay in the hospital.

Members meet at the council hall or go directly to the hospital where the visitations take place. We enter as a group. We take a variety of snacks and distribute them to the patients. Their favorite food is bananas, but they seem to enjoy a variety of chips and crackers as well and are given a soft drink to "top it off."

However, more important than snacks, is the time we the Knights spend with the patients on a one on one basis chatting with them and for a little while making them feel like VIPs and wanted once again. Many of these men have been hospitalized for years and many Knights have formed a personal bond with them. They look forward to our visits each month and enjoy the opportunity to "brag" a little about their life.

On the third Thursday of December, in addition to the normal snacks and drinks we take them each a wrapped Christmas gift which is given to them by Santa Claus.

We take special care of wishing them a Merry Christmas in song and surprisingly enough the men sing along although most of them do not remember the words. This is a wonderful way to enter Christmas season by giving to someone less fortunate.

This is truly a personal, charitable affair. Not only do we help the patients face another day by spending an hour with them, giving of ourselves, but we leave with a thought of God's goodness to all of us realizing how very blessed we are to be able to visit with them.

BEST COUNCIL ACTIVITY

Fractured Fairy Tale Council 9094 - D'Iberville

In effort to come up with money making ideas to support the many charitable, church and community projects conducted by both our council and our very active ladies auxiliary, a joint meeting of both organizations was held. During one of the brainstorming sessions of the meeting a suggestion was thrown out on the table. One of the charter members of our council, Raymond, told a story of womanless beauty pageants held in years past. The group then took the idea and went a step further. Since the idea of a womanless beauty pageant has been done over and over, the group decided to put together a full womanless production.

Raymond's daughter, a local T.V. and Community Theatre actress, was enlisted to draft the script of the stage production. Once the script was complete and the proper music scores chosen, it was time for the casting call. The name of the play was to be **A Fractured Fairy Tale** and even with this name, the response of volunteer "ACTORS" was overwhelming. After going through the candidates, a final 16 cast members were chosen and the remaining volunteers were happy to help with the sets, decorating and setting up of the refreshments.

The individual scripts were handed out and the cast began to study them and study them they must because there was only to be one rehearsal. When the night of rehearsal finally came, nerves were on edge and even with the moving of sets and pounding of hammers the rehearsal went off without a hitch. Now it was time for the real thing. The "ACTORS" had been gathering different items for their costumes for weeks and now it was time to put their ensembles together. As curtain time grew closer, the theater was packed with parishioners waiting to get a glimpse of the highly advertised production. The entire cast pulled off the show without a hitch and the viewers and the participants had a fantastic time. Several hundred dollars were raised and many worthwhile projects will benefit from this activity. But something else happened; the Brother Knights that participated were drawn closer together in fraternity. I guess a special closeness is built when Brother Knights share a dressing and must rely on one another to "zip up their evening gowns."

BEST FAMILY PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Joining a Community Event to Honor Grandparents Council 1908 - Hattiesburg

Our Council participated in a community celebration to honor Grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren. A typical family consists of parents and children. However, in today's society many parents cannot raise their children and grandparents must step in and fulfill this role. These unique families with grandparents as primary caregivers involve all races and income levels.

On National Grandparents Day in September our community honored these special "parents" with a picnic in the park. Our Council participated with several other local organizations and merchants to put on a fun filled day with food, games and amusements.

All the participants enjoyed a meal that was prepared by volunteers. Families brought their favorite dessert to share. Food was made possible through a grant from WalMart plus donations from local merchants.

Grandparents were treated to a little time to themselves as the kids took advantages of the park's amusements. Our Council set up the bingo equipment and play got underway. Local merchants and organizations donated prizes for the winner of each bingo game. Playing a game that's a favorite with lots of seniors was a big hit with the grandparents.

Over 50 families with "parent" caregivers ranging in age from 50 to 85 plus dozens of children took part in this special community celebration of family life. Feedback from the participants was very positive and enthusiastic. Twelve knights took part in this affair and all came away with a profound sense of satisfaction for having spent a few hours of time honoring a special group of families and bringing a little brightness into their day.

BEST YOUTH PROJECT

Youth Ministry
Council 7211 - Lumberton

Approximately four years ago, one of our council members started a Youth Ministry in the parish for all youth ranging from sixth grade through college. Since then, eight members of our council have become actively involved with this youth ministry.

- The youth are encouraged to help the needy by donating all food and money collected during their fundraisers to charitable organizations
- They presently supply three different groups on a regular basis with food, money and clothing
- Because all money collected from fundraisers is given to charitable organizations, this council voted to help support the youth by giving a monthly allowance to offset their operating expenses
- The council also voted to assist with the purchase of uniforms for the youth and assist in paying the cost of organized outings for all youth. This was done to eliminate embarrassment to any youth unable to purchase their uniform or attend an organized function because of family finances
- The council supports the youth in an annual picnic by supplying the food and drinks for the outing and also used this picnic as a membership drive
- Members of the council accompany the youth on an annual visit to the local nursing home
- Members of the council invite and accompany the youth on visits to a local home for the mentally challenged
- Members of the council have begun a weekly youth scripture study
- Members of the council have begun training the youth in serving as ministers of hospitality and as lectors
- Youth who have been confirmed are encouraged to become Eucharistic

- Ministers and are trained in this ministry by members of our council
- Members of our council, in addition to the financial assistance given, contribute approximately 425 man-hours per year assisting the youth in their various endeavors

BEST VOCATION ACTIVITY – BILOXI DIOCESE
Lenten Fish Fries to support Education of Seminarians
Council 1908 - Hattiesburg

The objective of this project is to generate funds for the Councils' contribution to the Diocesan Priest Education Fund. However, there are several other benefits to this annual project undertaken by our Council.

First, Catholics in our city are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross since the fish fries are scheduled to begin immediately after stations end each Lenten Friday. It also provides an opportunity for Catholics of local Parishes to work together on a church-focused project and by doing so come together in a more unified way as a Catholic community. Finally, this project generates a greater awareness and support for Priestly Vocations by involving a cross section of the entire Catholic community in a project dedicated solely to Priestly Vocations.

To accomplish these objectives, the Council recruited various adult and youth groups from local Parishes to participate and volunteering to perform the various tasks necessary to put on the fish fries each week. These tasks include setting up the dining area, serving the food and cleaning up afterwards. Council members plan and manage the weekly event, purchase the supplies, prepare the food, clean and store away equipment at the end of the night. Council members are encouraged to participate side by side with the non-members so as to network and set an example that may promote recruiting new members.

The annual effort continues to be successful as a means to accomplish all the project objectives. As important as any other objective, it also helps to break down barriers that tend to crop up between members of different parishes and fosters cooperation and exchanging of ideas on different social and liturgical activities carried out by each individual parish. Council members and parish group volunteers contribute approximately 100 hours in total each Lenten Friday to carry out this activity. The bottom line from a financial standpoint is that in the past fraternal year, this activity enabled the Council to contribute \$1100 to the Diocesan Priest Education Fund and \$500 to the Christopher Fund.

While we consider the project a success from a fundraising standpoint we consider the attainment of all the projects objectives and benefits to be equally important and vital to the health of our local Catholic community. For all of these reasons we are pleased to submit this activity for consideration as the Best Vocation Activity in the Biloxi Diocese.

BEST VOCATIONS PROJECT Jackson Diocese

Council 6765 - Starkville

On Sunday, May 2, 2004, our parish Knights of Columbus Council celebrated "world Day of Prayer for Vocations". An 8-foot table was used to display the pictures of our four seminarians as well as pictures of our two vocations from our parish. Under each picture was a personalized prayer card developed for each vocation. On the inside of the card was an area for all parishioners to sign and write any intentions that were being devoted to them. The cards were sent to each vocation.

Also the same day was our Sunday Monthly Pancake Breakfast to support Vocations, which has been running now for two years. We have raised over \$4100.00 through this monthly effort with a profit of over \$2400.00. We have been able to increase our donation to the State Council's Priest Education Fund as well as sponsor a discernment retreat in our parish. We have also supported one seminarian in 2003/2004. We are now supporting two seminarians and plan to support a third by fall of 2005.

BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT

(Biloxi Diocese)

Respect for Life Prayer Service/Guest Speaker and Social
Council 11904 Lucedale

Our council held a prayer service, guest speaker program and a social in the church parish center. The prayer service used a Marian hour program booklet. The guest speaker spoke on the history of legalized abortion and a "Respect for Life" personal discussion that described events in her life when a "yes to life" decision to say "NO to abortion" was made and that unborn child became a successful college student and a beautiful grand daughter. After the prayer service, a social was held with fellowship and many discussions took place to hold other "Respect for Life" programs in our area. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT

(Jackson Diocese)

Pro-Life Program
Council 802 - Meridian

On January 11, 2005, our council held their family Pro-Life Program. It consisted of a seven page handout. (1) A cartoon, (2) an October through December diary of an unborn child (five different KC members read different parts of the diary – December 28 the mother killed her baby), (3) a handout explaining partial birth abortion, (4) a Saline Abortion gone wrong, (5) an unborn eagle's value compared to an unborn child, (6) the womb (once safe/now deadly), and last but not least (7) "Abortion means NO Judge, NO Jury, NO Trial, NO Appeal and NO Stay of Execution.

Council participation enhanced the effect of this program. The council ended January by sending a delegation to the Capitol Building in Jackson for the annual Candle Light Vigil.

**2004-2005 Family of the Year
The Robert and Dixie Lawson Family**

Our Council's nominee for Family of the Year is an active family in all aspects – Council, Church, Community, Family and Youth activities. This Knight serves as Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director for the Council. Other offices that he has served in are Treasurer and Youth Director of the Council. He regularly assists the Council with all Lenten fish fries as well as the three Tootsie Roll drives held each year. He regularly attends Council meetings, Corporate Communion. Along with his many contributions to the Council, this KC still finds time to participate in Boy Scout activities with his son, who is a Tenderfoot in the local Boy Scout pack. He serves as Eucharistic Minister and Usher for Sunday masses and Minister of Altar Servers. Last year, with the assistance of the Altar Server Minister from another local church, he organized the first annual Altar Server Appreciation Party for the local Catholic churches. This year the Altar Servers had a Pizza/Roller Skating party and are looking forward to an upcoming trip to Ship Island this summer. He serves as a 2nd year 4th Degree Knight.

This Knight's wife is also active in the Church and with the young people. She is organist for the Church choir and regularly assists with youth choirs which are formed for special occasions, such as Easter and Christmas. Along with holding down a full-time job, she teaches piano to young people in the area. She participates regularly in Knights of Columbus functions which are open to all and enjoys the Lenten Fish Fries every year.

The two children of this knight have been active in their Church from the time they were able to enter CCD in kindergarten. The daughter, now a freshman in college, is an active participant in Catholic Student Association there, and belongs to Alpha Lambda Delta and Gamma Beta Phi freshman honor societies. Along with serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Commentator for the student masses, she occasionally plays flute for the Sunday morning mass. She was a member of the Diocesan Youth Picnic Team which organized the first annual Diocesan Youth Picnic. She was one of the first female altar servers at our church and served for many years before "aging out". During her high school years, she attended two Search retreats and was also nominated for the Eagle of the Cross award. Along with her ministries at church, she is an active member of the community. A Dean's List student, this year she is a member of the marching band, color guard, and Symphonic Wind Ensemble. A member of the International Champion Lions All-State Band for several years, she assists local high school students in preparing for annual auditions.

His son, currently in 6th grade, is a veteran altar server and assists his Dad with training sessions for new altar servers. He consistently attends KC Corporate Communion and works Lenten Fish Fries and Tootsie Roll drives with his dad. A "Straight A" student, he is in the gifted program at school and regularly attends Boy Scout meetings and activities. He regularly attends CCD and other related activities. He is a talented pianist as well and occasionally plays the piano for mass. He also plays soccer each season in the local soccer league.

As you can see, this family is very active, individually and as a family unit, in their Church, Community, and in all other activities of the Council including Family and Youth. They consistently laugh together and play together as well as supporting each other in rough times. With all of these qualifications, they were selected as our "Council Family of the Year" and we feel that this family is indeed deserving of being selected as "State Family of the Year".

2004-2005 Mississippi KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Patrick Chubb - Council 9673, Woolmarket

- Clearly this council's most active and influential; lives the principles of knighthood – charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism
- Dedicated over 1,000 hours to council activities, ranging from attending business meetings, coordinating program projects and working fundraisers
- Recruited two new council members; met all requirements and earned prestigious "Silver Knight" award, recognizing new knights for their energy and enthusiasm
- Supported new candidates by attending two exemplifications
- Installed as council's Worthy Recorder; maintained meticulous accounting of all council activities; ensured business meetings ran smooth and all council activities promptly accomplished
- Exemplified to Fourth Degree Knight – Elected as Assembly's Sentinel
- Served as color guard during parish's All Soul's Day service
- Established and chaired the council's land improvement committee
- When the parish pastor purchased 3.5 acres adjoining the church property, he turned to the knights to clear and maintain the property
- Coordinated the destruction and removal of vacated home, out-house and abandoned vehicle
- Led countless workdays to remove trees, fencing, overgrown vegetation and trash
- Dedicated over 250 hours to this clean-up project and led another 12 knights to contribute over 1,000 council man-hours
- Project completed by Easter Sunday as a gift to the parish community
- Worked council's fish fry to raise funds for CYO to attend diocesan youth convention and the council's annual Family Fun Day; \$1700 raised covers all cost for these events
- Game activity director during council sponsored Family Fun Day. Coordinated events for all ages; moonwalk, free-throw basketball contest, softball and soccer games. Solicited donations from local businesses – ensured every child received a prize
- Regularly attends council's corporate communion; his participation during liturgy exemplifies the KofC's dedication to the holy Eucharist
- Dedicated council Breakfast committee worker; worked every bi-weekly Sunday breakfast – efforts contributed to council raising over \$1,000 for Priest Education Fund
- Council chairman for "Unity in Charity" project; raised funds for seminarian education
- Hosted several council social gatherings in his home; his simple act of brotherhood is a model of Knights of Columbus fraternity
- Dedicated member of church community; serves as mass greeter and collector – always there to greet the regular church attendee and the new stranger seeking a place to worship
- Handpicked by pastor to serve as parish landscape committee chairman. Worked closely with over 35 parishioners to overhaul church grounds. Coordinated purchase, delivery and workday to beautify church grounds
- Participated in the parish's Last Supper re-enactment on Holy Thursday. He dedicated over 20 hours to learn the part of Judas to accurately portray the institution of the Eucharist and the ultimate betrayal of Christ
- Volunteer adult chaperone during diocese youth convention

**REPORT ON THE BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND
REPORT ON THE CHRISTOPHER FUND
REPORT ON THE KC SEMINARIAN EDUCATION TRUST FUND
2004-2005**

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 **\$107,689.84** for Priest Education for the year 2004-2005. The funds were distributed as follows:

The Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund:	\$107,689.84
The Christopher Fund (Divided Equally)	<u>2,238.30</u>
Grand Total	\$109,928.14
Additionally Life Insurance Policies Worth	\$325,000.00

Since the establishment of the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund, the Knights of Columbus for the Mississippi Jurisdiction have contributed a total of **\$1,429,488.84** which includes the total contribution given this past year. This year's contribution to the Bishop Gerow Fund of **\$107,689.84** exceeds last years total by **\$ 11,497.84** or an increase of **1.0%** over contributions given last year. The Diocese of Biloxi received a total of **\$69,665.48** and the Diocese of Jackson received a total of **\$38,024.36**. I am also delighted to report that we had a 99.99% participation of the Councils and a 75% rate of participation by our assemblies. There was a very significant increase in participation by the Ladies Auxiliary.

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 **\$39,056.55**. **Council 6872 of Picayune** received the Bishop R. O. Gerow awards for largest contribution and largest per capita contributions for each member. The Councils, Assemblies, Ladies Auxiliary and individuals also contributed a total of **\$29,489.78**, which added to the raffle total brought the total for the Diocese of Biloxi to **\$69,665.48**. The council that gave the most money as a single donation from a council was **Council 4898 of Long Beach**. **They gave a donation of \$3,800.00.**

Congratulation must go to Council 9443, St. Francis, for a marvelous contribution of \$7,000, which was the largest contribution for the Diocese of Jackson. Council 898 gave \$3,500, Council 2134 of Greenville gave \$2,200, Council 5267 of Greenwood gave \$2,238, Council 10216 of Brandon gave \$2,000, Council 10443 gave \$1510 and Council 1034 gave \$1034. Eight assemblies raised money for the Priest Ed. Fund this year and Assembly 555 of Stoneville gave the largest contribution of \$1,800.00. Regretfully, we did not meet or exceed last year's gifts to our Bishop for seminarian education. I do believe that we can do much better and the councils and assemblies of the Jackson Diocese should give serious consideration of doing a significant raffle.

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 \$19,820.11 and that is matched by a contribution from our Supreme Council of \$19,820.11 for a total of \$39,640.22. However we can do so much better. As of March 31, 2004 we have a total membership of 6,261 brother knights. If every Knight had contributed \$5.00 our total for the state would be \$31,305 and Supreme would match that total with another \$31,305 and the Christopher Fund would have a total of \$62,610.00. Supreme Council provided a check from the proceeds of the Christopher Fund for this year of \$2,238.00, which was equally divided between our two Dioceses, and a check will be given to each Bishop in the amount of \$1,119.00. 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 for the first year of the new **Knights of Columbus Seminarian Education Trust Fund** more than \$300,000 in insurance policies was given to the two dioceses to begin building this trust fund. The Jackson Diocese was given more than \$250,000 and the Biloxi Diocese received \$50,000. This is a marvelous way to begin building this trust fund for our Bishops. I thank all of my brother knights who have purchased and given ownership of these insurance policies to our dioceses.

Respectfully submitted

Paul N. Gospodarski
Chairperson
Priest Education Fund

State Membership Chairman's Report

This year I had the honor as serving the Mississippi Jurisdiction as the State Membership Director. I have had the pleasure of working with Tom Chady, Immediate Past State Deputy, again this year 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.

The 2004-2005 State year has been a frustrating one in the field of membership retention and round tables. Recruitment numbers this year is approximately 18%, or 35 new members, below the 2003-2004 levels. Round Tables in the Jurisdiction are down almost 70% from the same time period. However, the good news this year is the state as a whole was once again in the black in total membership gains. Many thanks to all the Councils and brother Knights that worked hard during this past year to help the Knights in Mississippi increase in number. This is still a lot of work left to be done to make Mississippi the shining example of Columbianism that we all know that we are capable of being. 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 57 Councils in the State and all our Brother Knights. The longer we put off trying to reach that goal, the harder it is going to be to accomplish. It gets harder each day we don't recruit new members. 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. Once again it is 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 2.5 percent growth which equated to a net gain of 158 new Knights. We had 325 men exemplified, but lost 130 to suspensions, withdrawals and deaths. This loss equated to a forty (40) percent loss of Brother Knights from the Jurisdiction. These losses were far too high and showed that a greater emphasis needs to be placed on getting out inactive members more involved in council activities. Of the 57 Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, 11 councils did not add a single new member during the year. We had 8 Councils that ended the State year with a loss of membership. However, I am happy to state that each one of those councils were membership active, and recruited new members to replace some of those that were lost. There were 13 councils that achieved positive growth and another 25 councils reached or exceeded their goal. Of that number, 16 councils reached their goals and 9 councils achieved Top Gun status. Those 25 councils are listed below:

COUNCILS REACHING STATE GOAL

Small Council Category (55 members or less)

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
2	10443	GRENADA	SAM A. MARASCALO
4	13471	PHILADELPHIA/TUCKER	RUSSELL GIAMBRONE

Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
10	4472	PASS CHRISTIAN	RICHARD LOVE
3	5267	GREENWOOD	HOWARD "BUCK" HILL
4	6765	STARKVILLE	RANDY FOLLETT
7	7915	BROOKHAVEN	DR. WADE DITCHARO
1	8912	CORINTH	THOMAS BRILLEY
11	9673	WOOLMARKET	RONALD CROSS

Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
5	848	JACKSON	MIKE MACKE
9	6872	PICAYUNE	MICHAEL SPENCER
2	7120	SOUTHAVEN	JIM TARVER
11	9409	WEST BILOXI	ROGER HOULE

Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
4	802	MERIDIAN	JOHN BENNETT
2	2969	CLARKSDALE	DONALD MALATESTA
12	5654	OCEAN SPRINGS	HARRY WILLIAMS
6	9543	MADISON	JIM GRIFFIN

TOP GUN COUNCILS**Small Council Category (55 members or less)**

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
7	8054	MCCOMB	LARRY R. FOULK, SR
12	11904	LUCEDALE	JIM HENDERSON
8	11956	COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN	HARRY W. SMITH JR.
2	13502	BATESVILLE/SARDIS	PASCUAL CRUZ

Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
4	7974	COLUMBUS	GINO CONTI
5	8285	JACKSON	BEN MOKREY

Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name	Grand Knight
8	1908	HATTIESBURG	LARRY GRANT
6	10216	BRANDON	TED GRAY
12	10499	OCEAN SPRINGS	ROBERT J. FREY

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	7	8054 MCCOMB	LARRY R. FOULK SR	8
	2	13502 BATESVILLE/SARDIS	PASCUAL CRUZ	8
MEDIUM	4	7974 COLUMBUS	GINO CONTI	9
LARGE	6	10216 BRANDON	TED GRAY	16
X-LARGE	4	802 MERIDIAN	JOHN BENNETT	11
	6	9543 MADISON	JIM GRIFFIN	11

COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN

SIZE	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	NET
SMALL	2	13502 BATESVILLE/SARDIS	PASCUAL CRUZ	61.54%
MEDIUM	4	7974 COLUMBUS	GINO CONTI	13.04%
LARGE	6	10216 BRANDON	TED GRAY	14.16%
X-LARGE	2	2969 CLARKSDALE	DONALD MALATESTA	6.29%

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	MICHAEL KASSOUF	6765 STARKVILLE
CENTRAL	TOM CHADY	898 VICKSBURG
SOUTH	JOE NIEZGODA	5654 OCEAN SPRINGS

July - September 2003

NORTH	RAY MILLWOOD	2134 GREENVILLE
CENTRAL	JIM GRIFFIN	9543 MADISON
SOUTH	BILLY GOLLOTT	1244 BILOXI

October - December 2003

NORTH	GERALD ANTICI	2969 CLARKSDALE
CENTRAL	JOE GOELLNER	1908 HATTIESBURG
SOUTH	MICHAEL SPENCER	6872 PICAYUNE

January - March 2004

NORTH	GINO CONTI	7974 COLUMBUS
CENTRAL	BILL GATZMAN	2180 LAUREL
SOUTH	PAUL BYRNE	11904 LUCEDALE

REGIONAL TOP PROPOSERS OF THE YEAR

NORTH	GINO CONTI	7974 COLUMBUS
CENTRAL	TOM CHADY	898 VICKSBURG
SOUTH	MICHAEL G. SPENCER	6872 PICAYUNE

STATE TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR

GINO O. CONTI
7974 COLUMBUS

RETENTION

As in the last couple of years, once again this year our jurisdiction has faced the problem of retaining members.. All totaled we lost 130 Brother Knights in the past State Fraternal year. This represents an 8.2 % drop in the number of Knights lost over last years numbers, which is an indication that councils are trying to get more of our wayward brothers back into the order. Although I do not have the exact number, we had more reinstatements this year than we have experienced in the last two years.

While I am aware that we can never completely stop the loss 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

At the very last of the 2003-2004 State year we welcomed our 57th council to the Mississippi Jurisdiction, Council#13502 Batesville/Sardis. PSD Tom Chady, thru his tireless efforts and dedication we added two councils in 2003-2004. We were not able to start any more new councils during 2004-2005, but efforts are continuing in Vancleave,, 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. Hopefully our efforts will bear fruit in the coming year. 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 fell short its Supreme quota for Round Tables by 28 with 42 being established. This year our quota is 58 Round Tables. At this point in the Supreme year, we are 43 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	7	1034 NATCHEZ	2
CENTRAL	8	2180 LAUREL	2
NORTH	3	2945 LELAND	1
SOUTH	10	4472 PASS CHRISTIAN	2
CENTRAL	8	7211 LUMBERTON	1
NORTH	1	8912 CORINTH	2
CENTRAL	8	11956 COLUMBIA/TYLERTOWN	2

TOTAL 15

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 Chairman's Report

Although we weren't successful in adding any new councils this year, it wasn't because of a lack of effort. We still have processes pending in Olive Branch, New Albany, Waveland, and Van Cleave. We will be adding regional assistants to assist with process next year.

Tom Chady
NCD Chairman

State Family Director's Report

The Family Life Activity Committee met at its appointed place and time. Members of the committee were:

Manfred Carr	1034
James Glover	2969
Anthony Knue	7211
Eddie Dixon	8760
Philip Messer	10499
Don Eakin	11654
Charles Nagy	119094
Carl Brochard	5654

First order of business was to vote on submissions for Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, and Best Family Activity.

The committee had the following recommendations:

1. No changes in the way we select and vote on winners.
2. Continue the pre-convention meeting as a screening method to submit the top 5 submissions in each category
3. Change the format from paragraph form to bullet sentences
4. Encourage more councils to submit Knight of the Month and Family of the Month, and Family of the Year and Knight of the Year packages

Respectfully submitted,
Art Dunn
Family Director

State Council Director's Report No Report

State Community Director's Report

The 2004-2005 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 101th 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 2004-2006 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus
Respectfully Submitted,
RICHARD E. GREENWOLD
State Community Director

State Youth Director's Report
(No Report)
State Vocations Director's Report
(No Report)

State Squires Chairman's Report

We held our annual meeting in Columbia in January. All four active circles were present. Joe Neisgoda was selected Counselor of the year and Christian Stilley was selected as Squire of the year. We have recently reinstituted a circle in Greenville and currently working on a combination of McComb and Brookhaven. We held a softball tournament and fishing tournament this past year also.

Tom Chady, PSD
State Squires Chairman

State Chairman's Report – People with Intellectual Disabilities Fund Report
Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi Annual Report
April 23, 2005

To: State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights of the 2005 State Convention.

The Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi has just completed another successful year helping some of the "People with Intellectual Disabilities" in our Great State.

Your Councils this past year collected \$97,923.88 for the various facilities in this state. They used this money for everything from buying computers buying playground equipment to transportation to summer camps. The thank-you notes I received from these facilities was impressive. On their behalf I thank you. The Foundation sent checks totaling \$27,400.00 to statewide facilities in January of this year. For this we thank you again for your efforts.

Of the 57 Council in the state, 36 turned in from \$200 to \$12,844. The thing wrong with this is that 22 councils did not do anything for this worthy cause. As can be seen by these figures don't be ashamed to send in a small amount, we welcome and appreciate all your efforts.

We have received a Memorandum from The Supreme Council concerning the terminology used in referring to people with mental retardation. They prefer that we not use the term "Tootsie Roll Drive" in referring to our annual drive for the retarded. The term preferred is "People with Intellectual Disabilities." I believe the best way is to remember that we do not want to offend anyone. We are all God's children and if your area prefers a particular terminology that is what should be used.

Expenses for year=\$895.02
Checking balance=\$3200.14
Savings balance \$8841.52

Respectfully submitted,
James (Jim) Farris, Chairman

Hispanic Outreach Chairman's Report

Jim McCraw

It was decided at the start of the year that establishing separate Councils would not be a realistic goal. A better plan was for our Councils to offer support within the parishes, reaching out to assist whenever and wherever opportunities arose.

That has proven to be a sound decision.

In Greenwood, the Knights assisted the **2004 Encuentro** by providing morning refreshments for the annual gathering of over 300 lay people.

Knights from Holy Savior in Clinton regularly donate clothing to St. Michael's in **Forest**. Members of Council 848 do the same with the sisters in **Morton**. In addition one member acquires and refurbishes old furniture, bicycles and other supplies the sisters distribute to those in need. Their ministry is to provide English classes to the Hispanics and Spanish classes to business owners who wish to communicate with employees.

The **Guadelupan Missionaries of the Holy Spirit** have established a **House of Formation in Forest**. They have a young Mexican social worker from California who is living the charism of the order for a year working in the Hispanic community. At the end of the year, she leaves for formal training in the order. Sister Gabriella Ramirez asked the Knights to fund her expenses. In response, Council 7915, Brookhaven, Council 8285 Jackson, Council 10216, Brandon and Council 848, Jackson each donated \$240 for this purpose. The Sisters rely heavily on donations: "The Lord will help us through you".

In September 2004 Vicksburg Council 898 brought in **Bishop Rigoberto Correodor Bermudez from Columbia** to become a member of our Order. They arranged his transportation and lodging while here, assembled a Hispanic degree team and conducted the first major Exemplification in Mississippi. That same weekend His Excellency celebrated mass in the Cathedral in Jackson where local knights provided a small honor guard. St. Peter was packed to capacity as mass goers listened to a beautiful homily in Spanish. It was a wonderful gift to the Hispanic community, which Bishop Bermudez attributed to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.

Jackson Council 848 has also provided meals for gatherings, arranged Honor Guards for various events and become a partner with the **Guadalupe Feast mass** at St. Peter. The Council distributed Guadalupe pins to the men, marched in the rosary procession and shared mass and a hearty ethnic meal which Assembly 554 served in tuxes while latino chefs cooked.

Council 9409, Biloxi was very close to forming a **Hispanic Council**. It was halted when key men were transferred. The demand to follow work has hurt many of our Councils but it is especially high in the Hispanic community. In Mississippi, building relationships is working. Now we have to improve how we share these successes among our Councils.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Service Award.

In an effort to promote these efforts, a new award is being presented at this year's Convention. Vicksburg will receive the Our Lady of Guadalupe Service Award. A second award will be presented to Jackson Council 848. Criteria will be developed and presented at the Schools of Columbianism. This should encourage Councils to report what they're doing so we can share their success.

Hispanic Information table at State Convention

In order to respond to increasing requests for KC literature in Spanish, a Hispanic Information table is provided at the State Convention.

Expert Advice

Brother Ted Dausch, Jackson Diocese Hispanic Ministry Office, has been a tremendous advocate for us. A Third degree member himself, he keeps reminding us: "Baby steps lead to progress. Be patient. Keep doing what you're doing. It is making a difference. People see you care."

This was a baby step year.

Caballeros De Colon

Sirviendo A Uno, Sirviendo A Todos

(In Service to One, In Service to All)

Jim McCraw

Chairman

State Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman's Report

Keep Christ in Christmas 2004-2005 State Report

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers:

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was another success. Fourteen councils took part in selling over 675 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 Mississippi Knights have distributed over 125,000 spiritual messages and raised over \$24,000 for charity. In 2004 Mississippi Knights distributed over 15,000 spiritual messages and raised more than \$1,800 for charity. The Mississippi State Council took in \$456.25 for 2004. I would like to thank all the participating councils and their dedicated chairmen for a job well done.

The following councils made their state quota's:

Council	Grand Knight	Chairman
6765 Starkville	Randy Follett	Randy Follett
7120 Southaven	Jim Traver	Jerry Jewett
8038 Pearl	Gordon Cowie	Nat Zummo
10216 Brandon	Ted Gray	Ray Burtz

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. McGiveny Guild Chairman's Report

**Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee
April 22-24, 2005**

The committee reviewed the mileage and per diem figures for this year's convention as per resolution passed by the delegates at the 101st annual State convention held in Natchez, Ms. April 2005. 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. It was recommended by the committee, due to the increase in gas prices, that the allowance for mileage be increased from \$.25 a mile, one way, to \$.30 a mile, one way. 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy F. Boswell II
Richard W. Warren
Mike P. Columbus
John R. Leonard
Jim Griffin
Robert N. Frey

Daniel Lechner
State Treasurer (Chairman)

Mileage And Per Diem - Natchez Ms 2005

<u>State Officers</u>		Miles to	At \$.25	2 Days	
Name	Office	Natchez	Per Mile	Per Diem	Total
Reverend Brian Kaskie	State Chaplain	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richard Lieding	State Deputy	115	\$28.75	\$100.00	\$128.75
Larry Tabor	St. Secretary	226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$156.50
Daniel Lechner	State Treasurer	226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$156.50
Peter Sukanek	State Advocate	296	\$74.00	\$100.00	\$174.00
Gerald Schmuck	State Warden	214	\$53.50	\$100.00	\$153.50
Thomas Chady	IPState Deputy	73	\$18.25	\$100.00	<u>\$118.25</u>
Total					<u>\$887.50</u>

<u>Past State Deputies</u>		2 Days	
		Per Diem	Total
G. David Atteberry		\$100.00	\$100.00
Robert Fratesi		\$100.00	\$100.00
Marvin L. Lott		\$0.00	\$0.00
"Jesse J. Quinn, Jr. (Delegate)"		\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Bruce Pabon		\$100.00	\$100.00
Thomas R. Zettler (Delegate)		\$0.00	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total			<u>\$300.00</u>

<u>District Deputies</u>		Miles to	At \$.25	2 Days	
		Natchez	Per Mile	Per Diem	Total
DD #1 Dennis C. Louis		386	\$96.50	\$100.00	\$196.50
DD #2 Ron Kopacz		318	\$79.50	\$100.00	\$179.50
DD #3 N/A		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DD #4 Robert Leo		206	\$51.50	\$100.00	\$151.50
DD #5 Marion J. McCraw		115	\$28.75	\$100.00	\$128.75
DD #6 Martin Bisek		139	\$34.75	\$100.00	\$134.75
DD #7 Ron E. Brumfield		0	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
DD #8 Louis D. Schwartz		145	\$36.25	\$100.00	\$136.25
DD #9 John Leonhard		203	\$50.75	\$100.00	\$150.75
DD #10 N/A		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DD #11 N/A		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DD #12 Carl Brochard		228	\$57.00	\$100.00	\$157.00
Total					\$1,335.00

<u>State Chairmen</u>		Miles to	At \$.25	2 Days	
		Natchez	Per Mile	Per Diem	Total
Membership William Waggoner (Delegate)		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program David Scott		122	\$30.50	\$100.00	\$130.50
Church James Leatherwood		386	\$96.50	\$100.00	\$196.50
Community Richard Greenwold		228	\$57.00	\$100.00	\$157.00
Mental Retardation James Farris		318	\$79.50	\$100.00	\$179.50
Family Director Arthur A. Dunn		226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$156.50
Youth Joe Jones (Del.)		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hon. St. Chaplains Bishops Latino/Fr. Fullam		0	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Total					\$1,020.00

<u>Delegates</u>			Miles to	At \$.25	2 Days	
Council	City	Delegates	Natchez	Per Mile	Per Diem	Total
802	Meridian	2	206	51.5	\$100.00	\$303.00
848	Jackson	2	115	28.75	\$100.00	\$257.50
898	Vicksburg	2	73	18.25	\$100.00	\$236.50
1034	Natchez	2	0	0	\$100.00	\$200.00
1244	Biloxi	2	226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$313.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	2	197	\$49.25	\$100.00	\$298.50
1583	Gulfport	2	214	53.5	\$100.00	\$307.00
1605	Pascagoula	2	246	\$61.50	\$100.00	\$323.00
1908	Hattiesburg	2	145	36.25	\$100.00	\$272.50
2134	Greenville	2	156	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$278.00
2180	Laurel	2	145	\$36.25	\$100.00	\$272.50
2945	Leland	1	156	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$139.00
2969	Clarksdale	2	216	\$54.00	\$100.00	\$308.00
4472	Pass Christian	2	203	\$50.75	\$100.00	\$301.50
4898	Long Beach	1	210	\$52.50	\$100.00	\$152.50
5267	Greenwood	2	200	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
5556	Cleveland	2	182	\$45.50	\$100.00	\$291.00
5654	Ocean Springs	2	228	\$57.00	\$100.00	\$314.00
6555	Shelby	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

6592	Bassfield	2	119	\$29.75	\$100.00	\$259.50
6765	Starkville	2	274	\$68.50	\$100.00	\$337.00
6872	Picayune	2	194	\$48.50	\$100.00	\$297.00
7087	Kiln	2	204	\$51.00	\$100.00	\$302.00
7120	Southaven	2	318	\$79.50	\$100.00	\$359.00
7211	Lumberton	2	167	\$41.75	\$100.00	\$283.50
7854	Clinton	2	105	\$26.25	\$100.00	\$252.50
7910	Orange Grove	2	214	\$53.50	\$100.00	\$307.00
7915	Brookhaven	2	72	\$18.00	\$100.00	\$236.00
7974	Columbus	2	290	\$72.50	\$100.00	\$345.00
8038	Pearl	1	120	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$130.00
8054	McComb	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8285	Jackson	2	115	\$28.75	\$100.00	\$200.00
8760	Holly Springs	1	319	\$79.75	\$100.00	\$179.75
8848	Tupelo	2	336	\$84.00	\$100.00	\$368.00
8912	Corinth	2	386	\$96.50	\$100.00	\$393.00
9094	D'Iberville	2	226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$313.00
9124	Gautier	2	246	\$61.50	\$100.00	\$323.00
9234	Indianola	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9409	Biloxi	2	226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$313.00
9543	Madison	2	122	\$30.50	\$100.00	\$261.00
9673	Woolmarket	1	226	\$56.50	\$100.00	\$156.50
9958	Lizana	2	220	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$310.00
10216	Brandon	2	139	\$34.75	\$100.00	\$269.50
10443	Grenada	1	236	\$59.00	\$100.00	\$159.00
10499	Ocean Spring	2	228	\$57.00	\$100.00	\$314.00
10901	Oxford	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11541	Gulfport	2	214	\$53.50	\$100.00	\$307.00
11654	Wiggins	2	186	\$46.50	\$100.00	\$293.00
11904	Lucedale	2	212	\$53.00	\$100.00	\$306.00
11934	Gluckstadt	2	138	\$34.50	\$100.00	\$269.00
11956	Columbia	2	159	\$39.75	\$100.00	\$279.50
11995	Pass Christian	2	203	\$50.75	\$100.00	\$301.50
12166	Pascagoula	2	250	\$62.50	\$100.00	\$325.00
12271	Gulfport	2	214	\$53.50	\$100.00	\$307.00
12331	Pass Christian	2	203	\$50.75	\$100.00	\$301.50
13471	Philadelphia	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13502	Batesville/Sardis	2	272	\$68.00	\$100.00	<u>\$268.00</u>
Total						\$14,021.75
Grand Total						\$16,926.50

2005 Mississippi Memorial Pro-life Fund Report

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

The fund provides an excellent way for councils, Knights and others to donate memorial gifts in remembrance of deceased Knights, family members, relatives, and friends.

Councils should always make their checks payable to either the Diocese of Biloxi or the Diocese of Jackson and not the Mississippi State Council. These donations should be sent to the Memorial Pro-life Fund Chairman for recording purposes. Each year all donations will be listed and acknowledged in the Memorial Pro-life Fund Chairman's report in our annual convention minute book and the council and assembly making the largest donation will be awarded a certificate at the Convention Banquet. There are plenty of councils that have not donated to this fund yet, so there is much room for improvement and increased donations to this worthy cause.

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

Miss. Memorial Pro-life Fund
Dennis Riecke, Chairman
605 Acorn Lane
Brandon, MS 39047

**Mississippi Memorial Pro-life Fund Donations
Diocese of Jackson**

Council	2005	2000-2004	Total
802 Meridian	200.00	0	200.00
848 Jackson	0	0	0
898 Vicksburg	100.00	0	100.00
1034 Natchez	100.00	0	100.00
2969 Clarksdale	0	0	0
2134 Greenville	0	0	0
2945 Leland	0	0	0
5267 Greenwood	0	0	0
5556 Cleveland	0	0	0
6555 Shelby	0	0	0
6765 Starkville	0	0	0
7120 Southaven	0	0	0
7854 Clinton	0	0	0
7915 Brookhaven	0	400.00	400.00
7974 Columbus	0	0	0
8038 Pearl	0	0	0
8054 McComb	0	100.00	100.00
8285 Jackson, St. Therese	0	100.00	100.00
8760 Holly Springs	0	0	0
8848 Tupelo	100.00	0	100.00
8912 Corinth	0	25.00	25.00
9234 Indianola	0	0	0
9543 Madison	1000.00	3,357.70	4,357.70
10216 Brandon	1,150.00	850.00	2,000.00
10443 Grenada	0	0	0
10901 Oxford	0	0	0
11934 Gluckstadt	100.00	560.00	660.00
Assembly			
1564 Msgr. John F. Clerico	0	25.00	25.00
2269 Bishop Joseph B. Brunini	150.00	1,850.94	2,000.94
2764 Starkville/Columbus	50.00	0	50.00
Individuals			
Charles Wilkerson	0	20.00	20.00
Nat Zummo	0	50.00	50.00
Brian Engelland	0	50.00	50.00
	2005	2000-2004	Total
Total Jackson Diocese Donations	\$2,950.00	\$7,388.64	\$10,338.64

**Mississippi Memorial Pro-life Fund Donations
Diocese of Biloxi**

Council	2005	2000-2004	Total
1244 Biloxi	0	0	0
1522 Bay St. Louis	100.00	100.00	200.00
1583 Gulfport	0	0	0
1605 Pascagoula	0	0	0
1908 Hattiesburg	200.00	0	200.00
2108 Laurel	0	300.00	300.00
4472 Pass Christian	0	0	0
4898 Long Beach	0	0	0
5654 Ocean Springs	0	0	0
6592 Bassfield	0	100.00	100.00
6872 Picayune	0	100.00	100.00
7087 Kiln	0	0	0
7211 Poplarville/Lumberton	0	0	0
7910 Orange Grove	0	0	0
9094 North Biloxi	250.00	200.00	450.00
9124 Gautier	0	0	0
9409 West Biloxi	0	350.00	350.00
9543 Madison	0	100.00	100.00
9673 Woolmarket	0	0	0
9958 Lizana	0	0	0
10499 East Ocean Springs	100.00	150.00	250.00
11541 St. James - Gulfport	0	0	0
11654 Wiggins	100.00	100.00	200.00
11904 Lucedale	0	0	0
11956 Columbia/Tylertown	0	0	0
11995 West Harrison	0	0	0
12166 Sacred Heart - Pascagoula	800.00	1,475.00	2,275.00
12271 Seabee Base	150.00	0	150.00
Ladies Auxiliary			
1522 Bay St. Louis	200.00	0	200.00
Individuals			
Larry Tabor	0	100.00	100.00
	2005	2000-2004	Total
Total Biloxi Diocese Donations	\$1,900.00	\$3,075.00	\$4,975.00
Total Statewide Donations	\$4,850.00	\$10,463.64	\$15,313.64

Pro-life Committee Report

The delegates comprising the pro-life committee engaged in a live discussion covering several topics. The following ideas and actions were discussed and presented to the delegates.

1. Collect baby clothes and diapers by bringing a baby crib for these items to area churches.
2. Volunteer to work at Ronald McDonald houses.
3. Every Friday at noon have Council members lead a Rosary for Life.
4. Support local and state orphanage and adoption programs.
5. We must reinforce and strengthen children's natural respect for human life.
6. Have the state council sponsor a statewide pro-life program for high school and grade school children in CCD and in Catholic schools.
7. Don't be afraid to speak out on pro-life and respect for life issues.
8. Ask your clergy to speak more frequently on pro-life issues.
9. Cook a meal or hold a fund-raising event and donate the proceeds to your Diocese or a Pro-life Organization.
10. Every council, assembly and ladies auxiliary should donate annually to the Mississippi Memorial Pro-life Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Riecke, Miss. Memorial Pro-life Fund Chairman
Antoine Otto, Council 848
Larry Grant, Council 1908
Randolph Follett, Council 6765
Lloyd Everhart, Council 7854
Michael Murphy, Council 7910
Joseph Best, Council 11934
Winton Ladner, Council 12331

State Community Committee Report

The community committee met on 23 April 2005 at 1300 in the Convention Center, Mississippi Hall.

Attendance:

Chairman: Richard Greenwold

Charlie Underwood.

Elvis Gates

Keith Applewhite

Stephen Martinolich

Thomas Brille

Donald Ulrey

Harry Smith

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 Chairman's Report

April 2005

In September 2004 our worthy State Deputy, Rich Lieding, asked me to become the State Ceremonial Chairman. The appointment was confirmed by Supreme in October 2004. My predecessor in the position was PSD Guy Todaro. While his job kept him in Australia, State Deputy Rich Lieding filled in as Chairman "Pro Tem." When Guy was reassigned to Texas instead of returning to Mississippi, I was asked to assume his duties. While trying to learn my duties, I worked with the State Deputy and District Deputies throughout the State coordinating exemplifications and scheduling teams.

Brothers, as you know, we have had problems with membership this year. This becomes even more apparent when we look at the number of exemplifications conducted. From May 1st 2004 through April 30th 2005 we had only ten second and third degree exemplifications. We had three in the Northern region (Corinth, Starkville and Clarksdale), four in the Central region (Vicksburg-2, Clinton and Hattiesburg) and three in the Southern region (Bay Saint Louis, Biloxi and D'Iberville). The highlight of our Ceremonial year was in Vicksburg last September. At that time Vicksburg had the distinct honor hosting a special 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification in Spanish to exemplify the Bishop from Columbia South America.

After consulting with the State Officers about plans and expectations for this upcoming year, I have set a personal goal of trying to schedule at least one major exemplification in each region quarterly. I am depending on all Grand knights and District Deputies to help achieve or surpass this goal. To assist them, The Worthy State Deputy and I have developed DD and GK checklist. These checklists are designed to help them plan and prepare for hosting an exemplification.

We are currently blessed with three second and third degree exemplification teams throughout the State. We have one in each region and that makes it much easier to plan team utilization. We also have had an additional Second Degree team come on line this year. Council 1244 Biloxi's First Degree team took on the additional responsibility of becoming a Second Degree team and they are doing an excellent job. Our only problem in the State at this time is with Conferring Officers. Exemplification Conferring Officers are appointed by the State Deputy and are in charge of assigned exemplifications. We would like to have three in the State, one in each region. However, as of this writing we only have one. We are in desperate need of additional Conferring Officers. If anyone of you are interested or know of anyone interested in helping out, please contact me or the State Deputy.

It has been my pleasure to serve you as Sate Ceremonial Chairman these past seven months and I look forward to continuing in this position. May we all have a busy and prosperous year a head.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Schmuck
State Ceremonials Chairman

REPORT OF THE CEREMONIAL COMMITTEE

The State Ceremonials Committee met April 23, 2005 at 1:00 PM in the Greenville room of the Natchez Convention center. The following recommendations were made:

1. All exemplification teams must have a sponsor and cannot be an entity of themselves.
 - 1st Degree teams must be sponsored by a Council or District and managed by the District Deputy of the team's host district.
 - 2nd Degree teams will be sponsored by a Council or District Deputy. If a 2nd degree team does not hold Council sponsorship, the the District deputy will assume all management and control of team assets and finances.
 - 3rd degree teams will be sponsored by either a Council or the State. If a 3rd degree team does not hold Council sponsorship, the State Ceremonial Chairman will assume all management and control of team assets and finances.
2. Continue with the existing policy of trying to hold at least one major exemplification in each region every quarter provided there are enough candidates to meet the exemplification team's expenses.

3. With the rising cost of expenses, the committee recommends that the State raise the candidate's exemplification fee from \$16.00 for a second and third degree exemplification to \$20.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Schmuck, State Ceremonial Chairman
Ron Kopacz, DD#2
John Bennett, Council 802 Meridian
Charles Herring, Council 2180 Laurel
Anthony Moran, Council 9958 Lizana
James Henderson, Council 11904 Lucedale
Jimmy Griffin, Council 13501 Batesville

State Membership Committee Report

State Public Relations Committee Report

State Vocations Activities Committee Report

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

Harry Williams, GK 5654
Joe Goellner, 1908
Richard Sowers, 6765
Wade Ditcharo, GK 7915
Paul MacClain, 7974
Richard Clement, GK 12166
James Inabinet, GK 12331

Awards packages were passed out and voted on for Biloxi and Jackson Diocese Best Vocations Program of the year. Packages were submitted and voted on for Family and Knight of the Year.

Suggestions were discussed on various vocations programs and topics:

1. Fund raising is easy—getting the reason for the fund raiser across to the parishioners is the hard part.
2. Teen Day of Reflection—Priests and religious should be invited to discuss vocations.
3. Invite seminarians to talk to Catholic School students
4. Host a Religious Vocations Workshop, to include lay and religious vocations.

Respectfully submitted

Noel Aucoin
Vocations Chairman

State Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee met and reviewed the financial records of the Mississippi State Council. We noted that checks were properly countersigned, that expenses were properly approved and supported by appropriate receipts. We found no discrepancies or deviations from generally acceptable accounting principles. It was suggested that all future audit committees be chaired by a qualified financial person.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Chady, IPSD, Vicksburg
Jesse Quinn Jr, PSD, Greenwood
Richard Berryhill, GK, Gautier
Robert Webb, GK, Laurel

Meeting of the Financial Secretaries Report

There were 18 Financial Secretaries present and the following subjects were discussed.

The committee was asked to help judge the "Knight of the Year" and the "Family of the Year" award nominees.

We talked about the last convention's proposal that a letter to Supreme concerning updates to the FSPC program. Approximately 8 committee members sent letters and the response from Supreme was that there would be periodic updates on the Internet.

We discussed the change of address on the Internet and was it necessary to send in a Form 100. It was decided that it should not be necessary, but check your next Supreme statement to be sure.

We discussed the process of putting a member on disabled status.

Discussed how important it is to inform Supreme of the death of a brother immediately at his death. Even if a brother is in your parish and not a member of your council, you should inform Supreme.

Asked any new F S's if they had any problems and if there was any helpful advice we could give.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Farris, FS

Attendees:

George Walston, 802
Joe Singleton, 11956
Ron Brumfield, 1034
Sherwood Beckham, 11654
Elmer Marsh, 1522
Lenard Tarrant, 5654
Bill Gatzman, 2180
Benard Hijlcteu, 11654
Thomas L Corkern, 7915

Michael Kassouf, 6765
Louis Defillipo, 7974
David Mattox, 9543
Richard Zdziemborski, 7910
Richard Hoda, 7087
Roy Nadeau, 12271
Bill Fessler, 9673
Harry Steinwinder, 1244

State Convention Committee Report

This year's convention committee met at the Convention Centers' Baton Rouge Room on April 23, 2005 at 1:00 pm. The committee started the meeting off by commending the Natchez council on the great 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 is an excellent idea and should be continued for all future conventions.
- (3.) Host convention committees should consider dedicating each convention to an individual or family each year.
- (4.) Continue keeping the registration form on the web site 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.
- (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 resolutions received on the KC web site by the 1st of April each year. This needs to be done so the delegates can plan their 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, 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 special dietary needs should, if possible, be included with the nametags.
- (12.) Keep 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 in one large room.
- (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.

The following suggestions were also proposed to be considered:

- (1.) Financial costs for state conventions are the sole responsibility of the host council. Charges to members should be limited to the charges stated on the registration forms only. No extra or outside charges should be billed to a member beyond this. Submitted by Pick Noble #8848 Tupelo.
- (2.) Where by seating is supposed to be assigned at the banquet, it is recommended that arranged seating be established for top gun councils, dignitaries only and open seating be allowed as deemed necessary for all others. Submitted by Luther Gollott #1244 Biloxi.

Respectfully Submitted
Roger D. Fetters
Committee Chairman, 9094 D'Iberville

Luther Gollott Council 1244 Biloxi
Jim Hoda Council 7087 Kiln
Pick Noble Council 8848 Tupelo

MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CENTENNIAL HISTORY PROJECT REPORT

It is my pleasure to report to you on the status of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Centennial History Project.

Delegates to the 2004 Mississippi State Council Convention approved a motion for the State Deputy to appoint a committee of three (3) to five (5) dedicated Knights to serve on a Standing Committee to update the previous History Documents of the Mississippi State Council and include a summary of all Local Council Histories for the first 100 years. This Committee was to develop a plan and the estimated cost to promote, assemble and publish the History by print and/or electronic means and present it to the State Officers and District Deputies at the December 2004 Meeting. If approved by the State Deputy, the Committee was to develop the Project Implementation Plan and present it to the Local Councils at the Mid-Year Meetings.

The Committee was to provide a Project Status Report and recommend a method to provide the final implementation, recording, and distribution of the Centennial History to the members of the State and Local Councils to the 2005 State Convention for approval. Also, the committee should recommend a permanent plan to document, record and distribute the historical facts for the year 2004-2005 and the future.

The State Deputy Richard Lieding finalized the appointments to the Committee in September 2004. The Primary Committee members are : Dave Atteberry, PSD; Robert Fratesi, PSD; John P Myers, PSD; Jesse Quinn, Jr , PSD; and Joe Goellner, Chairman.

Starting in October, the Committee began to develop the various Project Options and Implementation Plan. The Plan was presented to the State Officers and District Deputies at the December Meeting. After several suggestions, the State Deputy approved the plan. The proposed options can be seen in Attachment "A" of this report.

To prepare for the presentations to the Local Councils at the Mid-Year Meetings, the three previous history documents were scanned into a Microsoft Word Computer Document. The information was divided into separate files by subject type and/or group. The Information was copied to 3.5" diskettes for distribution to the Local Councils and other entities for additions and updates. A detailed list of Instructions and a Standardized Format for the updated document were developed and included for use as a guide. These documents are included as Attachment "B" and Attachment "C" of this report.

After receiving the information at the Mid-Year Meetings, Grand Knights were urged to appoint the Local Committee and begin the project immediately to complete the updated diskette(s) for return to the State Committee at the 2005 State Convention. Prior to the Convention, only a few councils have contacted the State Committee with questions. Hopefully, the instructions and the suggested format were well understood and they have completed their updates.

The State Committee will be available at the State Convention to receive the updated diskettes and/or answer questions. To assist with after Convention Communications, the Committee request that each Council Grand Knight or Local Committee Chairman consult with the State Committee to verify and/or update their E-Mail , phone # and Mail address information. If councils need assistance with updating the History, the State Officers and District Deputies are asked to monitor and assist the Local Councils.

As the updated Council History Information is received, the State Committee plan is to update the previous files and merge the files into one document for one or more periods for our Centennial History. The number of time periods (First Fifty Years and Etc.) will depend on the size of the files.

Expenses to date are about \$100.00 . Supply Cost have been limited to two boxes of CDR-RW Disc, two boxes of 3.5" Diskettes, four Printer Cartridges and four reams paper. Many hours of donated labor was required to Plan the Project Proposal Options, develop the Instruction List and Standardized Format, scan the previous documents into the computer, re-format the scanned information, separate into files and copy to diskettes.

To limit additional future expenses, the Centennial History will be loaded on CD-R Disc for distribution to the State and Local Councils. A limited number of paper copies are planned. Councils can print additional copies or burn additional CD Disc from the original CD-Disc. If the State and Local Councils desire a different method of distribution, please provide the instructions, authorization and funds as required to the State Committee.

The formatting and merger of the updated History Files are expected to be very labor intensive. If several members with computer experience would volunteer to help, it would expedite the completion and distribution of the Centennial History.

As we speak, we should have plans to document the first year of the next Centennial History. Has every Grand Knight provided a detailed Grand Knight's Report? Did it list the Council Officers, membership activities, Program Activities, and other major events as requested on the suggested Standardized Format? If so, your council's History Report would be complete except for any pictures of important people or events. Did the Chairman of every entity of the State Council provide a detailed report on diskette to the State Secretary? If so, the State Council's History would be complete except for any pictures of State Meetings and Events.

It is recommended that State History Chairman be a permanent position to coordinate the receipt and recording of the annual State and Local Council History Information. It is suggested that he interface with the State Public Relations (Newsletter) and Good of the Order Chairman (E-Mail Communications) to coordinate and share Information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph B Goellner, Chairman

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	X
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.

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

Report on the Resolutions Committee

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas,

The 2005 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 101st Annual Convention, and

Whereas,

The 2005 Convention Committee was comprised of Council 1034 Natchez, and

Whereas,

The officers, members, and their wives have arranged to host such an outstanding convention, and

Whereas,

Council 1034 Natchez is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary this year,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to Council 1034 Natchez for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility at this convention.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: *Accept Recommendation*

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother Dennis J. Stoddard and his lovely wife Linda have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Dennis is a Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, and Past State Deputy of the Florida Jurisdiction, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that Brother Dennis'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 Dennis and his wife Linda 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 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 3

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 101st Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 4

Whereas,

The United States Pledge of Allegiance has been a part 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" 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)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 5

Whereas,

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, served the Catholic Church as the Vicar of Christ for twenty-six years, and

Whereas,

He was recognized as the most traveled Pope in history, and

Whereas,

His Holiness Pope John Paul II was an inspiration that led the Catholic Church with spiritual guidance into this millennium, and

Whereas,

Pope John Paul II proclaimed peace, justice, and the dignity of human life both in his words and by his actions, both in life and in his final hours, and

Whereas,

His Holiness, by his quiet grace, was an example for all men and women,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus prays for the repose of the soul of His Holiness, John Paul II, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus prays for his continued intercession on behalf of the Holy Catholic Church and of our Order.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by State Officers)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 6

Whereas,

The Ten Commandments are a moral corner stone on which our legal system is built, and

Whereas,

It is only right that we honor the origin of our laws by displaying these ten simple rules on public grounds, especially in places like court houses, where decisions are made everyday based on the morals delineated in the Commandments, and

Whereas,

Our U.S. Congress opens each session with a prayer, as does our State Legislature, the phrase "In God We Trust" is printed on U. S. currency and is carved in the wall above the speaker's chair in the U.S. House of Representatives, and

Whereas,

Our nation's Pledge of Allegiance declares we are "one nation, under God," and

Whereas,

The religious, historical, and philosophical applications of the Ten Commandments are all pertinent to American society and its legal system,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction goes on record as being against any action to prohibit the display of the Ten Commandments on public grounds, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That we urge the U.S. Supreme Court's debate and final decision in this matter approve continued public display of the Ten Commandments.

Recommendation: **Adopt**

Action: **Accept Recommendation**

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 7

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the men and women in the armed forces of the United States, and

Whereas,

Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been members of these armed forces, and

Whereas,

Members of the armed forces place their lives at risk to insure the safety and freedom of the residents of the United States,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving in the armed forces of the United States, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving in said armed forces.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Forty-First Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution adopted at the State Convention held in Jackson, 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 2005-2006 fraternal year,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council sponsors, at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Forty-Second Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament for its membership, said tournament to carry the official sanction of the United States 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 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas,

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council sponsors, 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 presents, 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 101st Annual State Convention
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Resolution No. 10

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state 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)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 11

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus currently has three major exemplification teams in the State, and

Whereas,

Each of these teams exemplifies in the most professional manner the principles of unity and fraternity to candidates for full knighthood in the Order, and

Whereas,

By resolution adopted by the Mississippi State Council, the degree teams are financially supported by the State to avoid undue financial hardship on Councils hosting major degrees,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That each degree team present annually to the State Deputy an accounting of the funds received, expenses, and its financial status.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by State Officers)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 12

Whereas,

The program and credits for the following year begins after the State Convention in April, and

Whereas,

The fraternal year in the Knights of Columbus begins on July 1st of each year, and

Whereas,

The State Deputy has made his District Deputy, State Directors and Committee appointments prior to July 1st, and

Whereas,

The subordinate councils do not have any knowledge of these appointments until the formal state directory is published some three to four months later, and

Whereas,

There are approximately six months left until the state convention after this information is received,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the State Secretary furnish a list to the Councils of State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and State Committeemen as soon as these appointments are completed by the State Deputy or the State Deputy-Elect, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That this information be sent by e-mail or listed on a sheet of paper, and that the complete formal state directory be sent in its present format after all other directory information is received.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Greenville Council 2134)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 13

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council is required to mail numerous official communications to its fifty-seven 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 fourteen 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 versus the many home address changes of primary Council officers, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That when a particular correspondence is normally sent to both the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary, one copy shall be mailed to the Council address and the second to the home address of the Financial Secretary.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted Larry J. Tabor, State Secretary)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 14

Whereas,

The Article VI, Section 3 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus states

The State Treasurer is authorized to pay out of the general fund of the State Council all sums necessary to pay the appropriations authorized and made by the State Council, the expenses of the State Council meeting, the authorized expenses of officers and committees, and all other expenses duly authorized by the State Officers, but no such payment shall be made of any item of expense unless and until a properly itemized statement thereof shall be filed with the State Deputy.

and,

Whereas,

The State Deputy may reject all or some of the expenses submitted to him,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That Article VI, Section 3 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus be revised to read as follows

The State Treasurer is authorized to pay out of the general fund of the State Council all sums necessary to pay the appropriations authorized and made by the State Council, the expenses of the State Council meeting, the authorized expenses of officers and committees, and all other expenses duly authorized by the State Officers, but no such payment shall be made of any item of expense unless and until a properly itemized statement thereof shall be submitted to and approved by the State Deputy.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 15

Whereas,

Article VI, Section 1 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus states

All checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper or obligations of any kind or character owing to the State Council shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and all withdrawals of its funds from the authorized depository shall be in the name of Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, by written check signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the State Deputy.

and,

Whereas,

In the case of emergency, the State Deputy or the State Treasurer may be unavailable or unable to sign,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That Article VI, Section 1 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus be revised to read as follows

All checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper or obligations of any kind or character owing to the State Council shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and all withdrawals of its funds from the authorized depository shall be in the name of Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, by written check signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the State Deputy. In the event either the State Deputy or the State Treasurer is unavailable or unable to sign, the State Secretary may sign in his stead.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 16

Whereas,

Article VII, Section 5 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus states

The order of election shall be as follows: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Delegates to the Supreme Convention, Alternates to said delegates.

and,

Whereas,

The following section of the by-laws specifies the simultaneous election of delegates and alternates, and

Whereas,

A member once elected as an insurance alternate may be subsequently elected as an associate delegate,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That Article VII, Section 5 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus be revised to read as follows

The order of election shall be as follows: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Insurance Delegates to the Supreme Convention, Associate Delegates to the Supreme Convention and Alternates to said delegates, and Alternate Insurance Delegates.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 17

Whereas,

Article VII, Section 6 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus states

When the nominations shall have been closed for each state office, the names of the candidates for that office shall be written in large letters on the blackboard so as to be plainly legible to all delegates, and plain sheets of paper shall be distributed to each delegate with instructions to write thereon just one name, the choice of that delegate for that particular office. When the nominations for the delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so nominated shall be plainly written on the blackboard, and the delegates shall write on their ballot the exact number of names for the position to be filled, and shall cast the same in one ballot. The same procedure shall be followed in the election of alternates, who shall be designated in the order of their preference, according to the vote electing them, provided that only insurance alternates shall fill vacancies for insurance representatives. Those candidates who receive the highest number of votes for the available insurance or associate delegate positions shall be elected to those respective positions, and those candidates achieving the next higher number of votes for those prime delegate positions shall be the alternate delegates. In case of a tie vote, the State Deputy shall designate which one shall serve. In the selection of the convention city, the names of the cities that have invited the convention shall be written on the blackboard, and each delegate shall write on his plain ballot the name of one of these cities as his choice.

and,

Whereas,

A blackboard may not always be available at the Convention, and

Whereas,

A member once elected as an insurance alternate may be subsequently elected as an associate delegate,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That Article VII, Section 6 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus be revised to read as follows

When the nominations shall have been closed for each state office, the names of the candidates for that office shall be displayed so as to be plainly legible to all delegates, and plain sheets of paper shall be distributed to each delegate with instructions to write thereon just one name, the choice of that delegate for that particular office. When the nominations for the insurance delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so

nominated shall be displayed, and the delegates shall write on their ballot the exact number of names for the positions to be filled, and shall cast the same in one ballot. The same procedure shall be followed in the election of associate delegates to the Supreme Convention. Those candidates who receive the highest number of votes for the available associate delegate positions shall be elected to those respective positions, and those candidates achieving the next higher number of votes for those prime delegate positions shall be the alternate delegates. When the nomination for alternate insurance delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so nominated shall be displayed, and the delegates shall write on their ballots the exact number of names for the positions to be filled and shall cast the same in one ballot. Only insurance members shall fill vacancies for insurance delegates or alternates. In case of a tie vote, the State Deputy shall designate which one shall serve. In the selection of the convention city, the names of the cities that have invited the convention shall be displayed, and each delegate shall write on his plain ballot the name of one of these cities as his choice.

Recommendation: **Adopt**

Action: ***Accept Recommendation***

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 101st Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 18

Whereas,

Article VII, Section 7 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus states

Where a contest exists for any position to be filled, the voting shall in all cases be done by secret, written ballot. The balloting shall be done in the following manner. The State Secretary shall call, from the permanent roll of the State Council meeting, the names of those persons entitled to vote, and as each name is called, such member will deposit his ballot in the receptacle provided therefore.

and,

Whereas,

Calling the name of each individual delegate is a time-consuming procedure, and

Whereas,

It is the wish of the State Council to expedite elections without compromising their integrity,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That Article VII, Section 7 of current by-laws of the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus be revised to read as follows

Where a contest exists for any position to be filled, the voting shall in all cases be done by secret, written ballot. The balloting shall be done in the following manner. The State Secretary shall call, from the permanent roll of the State Council meeting, the State Officer positions and the Council number and the number of qualified delegates from that Council, and as each Council is called, such qualified delegate will deposit his ballot in the receptacle provided therefore. The State Warden shall verify that each qualified delegate casts one vote.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Accept Recommendation

(Submitted by Peter C. Sukanek, State Advocate)

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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...")

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