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2008 Convention Minute Book



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mississippi State Council
104th Annual State Meeting
25, 26, 27 April 2008
Biloxi, Miss.

Friday, 25 April 2008

- 8:30 - a.m. Golf Tournament
- 9:30 - a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter** Blessed Seelos Catholic Church
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting -- **Ballroom D**
- 12:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration -- **Ballroom Foyer**
- 12:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration -- Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries -- **Ballroom Foyer**
- 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. 4th Degree Honor Guard Competition -- **Ballroom D**
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting -- **Ballroom D**
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION -- Ballroom D (Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked - State Warden, **M. Jim McCraw and Assistants**
 2. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
 3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 5. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2007 Convention Minutes
 6. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received - State Secretary, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
(District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Directors and Chairmen)
 7. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates - State Warden, **M. Jim McCraw**
 8. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 9. State Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report -- **James Farris**
 10. Distribution of Resolutions - State Advocate, **David Scott**
 11. Committee Assignments - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
 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. -- **Ballroom D**
 - e. Resolution Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. -- **TBD**
 - f. Mileage and Per Diem Meeting, 10:00 p.m. -- **Ballroom D**
 - g. Other Announcements
 13. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**
- 7:30 - p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social -- **Ballroom A/B**
1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
 2. Presentation of Colors -- **Fourth Degree Color Corp**
 3. Pledge of Allegiance -- Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**

NOTE: These meetings will start as soon as possible after "Friday Night Dinner Social"

4. Welcome – Nathan Sullivan, City of Biloxi, Director of Parks and Recreation

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5. Response – State Secretary, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
6. Introduction of the Supreme Representative -- State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
7. Prayer – **Bishop Joseph Latino**
8. Meal
9. Introduction of Visiting Priest and Seminarians – **Larry Tabor**
10. Awards to be Presented:
 - a. State “Persons with Intellectual Disabilities” Program Awards – **James Farris**.
 - b. Insurance Agency Awards – **Jerry Woods**
 - c. Top Proposer Awards – **William Waggoner**
 - d. Membership Awards – **William Waggoner**
 - e. Top Gun Council Awards- State Membership Director, **William Waggoner**
 - f. Honor Council Awards - State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - g. Council of Excellence Awards - State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - h. Distinguished Council Awards - State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - i. Stellar Council Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - j. Special Presentation -- State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
- 10:00 - p.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Dr. Peter Sukanek** – **Ballroom D**
- 10:00 - p.m. Resolutions Committee – State Advocate, **David Scott** – **TBD**
- 10:00 - p.m. Mileage and Per Diem Meeting – State Treasurer, **Gerald Schmuck** – **Ballroom D**

Saturday, 26 April 2008

- 8:00 - a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives. Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Latino as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State Chaplain Father Charles Nutter – Blessed Seelos Catholic Church
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration – **Ballroom Foyer**
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Ballroom D**
- 9:30 - 12:00 a.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Ballroom D (Members ONLY)**
 1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **M. Jim McCraw and Assistants**
 2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
 3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 5. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
 6. Address to the Delegates – Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Latino**
 7. Address to the Delegates – Representing the Biloxi Diocese, **Most Reverend Thomas Rodi**
 8. Address to the Delegates – **Gary Nolan, Supreme Director of Ceremonials**
 9. State Chaplain's Report - **Father Charles Nutter**
 10. State Deputy's Report – **Daniel Lechner**
 11. State Secretary's Report – **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
 12. State Treasurer's Report – **Gerald Schmuck**
 13. State Advocate's Report - **David Scott**
 14. State Warden's Report – **M. Jim McCraw**

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SECOND BUSINESS SESSION (continued)

15. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Larry Tabor**
16. State Chairman for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - **Thomas Zettler, PSD**
17. General Agent's Report – **Jerry Woods**
18. State Vocations Report – **Deacon Larry Campbell**
19. Colombian Squires Report – **Thomas Chady, PSD**
20. State Directory – **Mike Kassouf**
21. Assignment of Meeting Rooms
22. Announcements
 - a. Tables and chairs that are re-arranged for committee meetings need to be moved back.
23. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Ballroom A**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Carnaval de Brasil**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Carnaval de Brasil**

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

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Ballroom B**

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

1. Audit – Thomas Chady, PSD, **Ballroom D**
2. Good of the Order – Dr. Paul Gospodarski, **Ballroom D**
3. Ceremonials – Richard Lieding, PSD, **Ballroom D**
4. Public Relations – Elvis Gates, **Ballroom D**
5. State Convention – Arthur Dunn, **Ballroom D**
6. Financial Secretaries – Jim Farris, **Ballroom D**
7. Membership – William Waggoner, **Ballroom D**
8. Council Activities – Raymond Ball – **Ballroom D**
9. Community Activities – Richard Greenwald – **Ballroom D**
10. Church Activities – Donald Cox – **Ballroom D**
11. Family Life Activities – Carl Brochard – **Ballroom D**
12. Youth Activities – Joseph Jones – **Ballroom D**
13. Pro-Life Activities – Dennis Riecke - **Ballroom D**
14. Vocation Activities – Deacon Larry Campbell - **Ballroom D**

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Ballroom C/D (Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **M. Jim McCraw and Assistants**
2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
5. Convention Committee Reports

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THIRD BUSINESS SESSION (continued)

- a. Pro-Life – State Chairmen, **Dennis Riecke**
- b. Public Relations – **Elvis Gates**
- c. Membership – State Director, **William Waggoner**
- d. Ceremonials – PSD, **Richard Lieding**
- e. K of C Audit – PSD, **Thomas Chady**
- f. Mileage and Per Diem – State Treasurer, **Gerald Schmuck**
- g. Financial Secretaries – **Jim Farris**
- h. State Convention – **Arthur Dunn**
- i. Good of the Order – **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
- j. State Program Activities – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
6. Resolutions presented to the Delegates – State Advocate, **David Scott**
7. Announcements
8. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

6:00 p.m.

Cash Bar Open - **Ballroom Foyer & Ballroom A/B**

6:30 p.m.

Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Ballroom D**

6:30 p.m.

Color Guard Assembles – **Ballroom D**

7:00 p.m.

Doors to Banquet room opened – **Ballroom A/B**

1. Procession of the Dignitaries
2. Presentation of Colors – **Fourth Degree Color Corp**
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
4. Prayer – **Bishop Thomas Rodi**
5. Meal
6. Keynote Address by **Gary Nolan, Supreme Director of Ceremonials**
7. Awards Presentation
 - a. Squires Awards – **Thomas Chady, PSD**
 - b. Fourth Degree Awards – Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 - c. Best Pro-Life Project Award – **Noel Aucoin**
 - d. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards – **Noel Aucoin**
 - e. Best Vocations Project Awards – **Noel Aucoin**
 - f. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
 - g. Best Church Activity Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - h. Best Community Activity Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - i. Best Council Activity Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - j. Best Family Activity Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - k. Best Youth Activity Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - l. Best Council Awards - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - m. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award – **Robert Fratesi, PSD**
 - n. Special Presentations – State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
 - o. Mississippi State Council, Knight of the Year Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - p. Mississippi State Council, Family of the Year Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**

Sunday, 27 April 2008

7:30 - a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Rodi as Principal Celebrant – Church of the Vietnamese Martyrs

9:30 - 10:30 p.m. **OPEN MEETING – Ballroom D (Everyone Invited) – Awards**

1. State Ladies Auxiliary Installation/Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
2. State Bowling Tournament Awards – Council 1244, Biloxi, Grand Knight, **Dick Benton**
3. Keep Christ in Christmas Awards – **Nat Zummo**
4. Poster Contest – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
5. Family of the Month Awards – **Carl Brochard**
6. Best Newsletter Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
7. Best Scrapbook Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**

10:30 - 1:00 p.m. **FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION – Ballroom D (Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **M. Jim McCraw and Assistants**
2. Opening of Fourth Business Session - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
5. Remarks
 - a. Bishop Joseph Latino
 - b. Bishop Thomas Rodi
 - c. Supreme Director of Ceremonials, Gary Nolan
 - d. Fourth Degree Master, Dr. Paul Gospodarski
9. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report - **Dr. Paul Gospodarski**
10. State Convention Report: 2008 – State Convention Chairman, **Arthur Dunn**
11. Position Election Tellers
12. Election of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - c. State Treasurer
 - d. State Advocate
 - e. State Warden
13. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Convention – Quebec City, Canada, 5 – 7 August 2007
14. Selection of Site for 2012 State Convention
 - a. 2009 – Jackson
 - b. 2010 – Natchez
 - c. 2011 – Oxford
15. Unfinished Business
16. New Business
17. Closing Remarks
18. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Charles Nutter**

Convention Committee Assignments

The committees listed below are appointed to assist in the work of the convention. With the exceptions of the Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, Mileage & Per Diem 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, 26 April 2008. 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**
Peter Sukanek, State Secretary
Chairman
Richard Greenwold
William Sonnemann DD #2
Steve Overman # 1605
Richard Sowers # 6765
Mike P. Columbus # 2945
Charles Wilkerson # 9543
Ballroom D, Near Head Table
Friday, 25 April 2008, 10:00 p.m.
2. **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**
David Scott, State Advocate
Chairman
Larry Tabor IPSD
Robert Fratesi PSD
Thomas Chady PSD
Thomas Zettler, PSD # 802
To Be Determined
Friday, 25 April 2008, 10:00 p.m.
3. **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE**
Gerald Schmuck, State Treasurer
Chairman
John Piazza # 898
Ben Velasquez # 1908
Donald Malatesta # 2969
Earl Favre # 6872
Ballroom D, Near Back of Room
Friday, 25 April 2008, 10:00 p.m.

Mike Brechtel # 10216

3. ELECTION TELLERS

Robert Fratesi, PSD
Thomas Chady, PSD
Richard Leiding, PSD

Ballroom D

Sunday, 27 April 2008

4. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thomas Chady, PSD
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Gerald Schmuck, State Treasurer

Skip Barrett # 4472

Ronnie M. Sperier # 6872

Claude L. Vinson, Sr. # 8760

5. CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE

Richard Lieding, PSD
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Dr. M. Wayne Ebelher DD #3

Robert J. Jackson # 7211

Joseph Goellner # 10499

John R. Leonhard # 11995

Footie R. Singleton # 13936

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Elvis Gates,
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Philip Jabour DD #6

Dr. Wade Ditcharo DD #7

John Young # 5267

William A. Knue # 7211

Roger Hudson, Jr. # 12271

Bill Heath # 12331

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Dr. Paul Gospodarski
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Keith Applewhite	# 6592
James Leatherwood	# 8912
Mike Meehan	# 9124
Robert Pyle	# 11541
Pascual Cruz	# 13502
David Szymanski	# 14051

8. FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Jim Farris

Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Michael Kassouf	DD # 4
Sherwood Beckham	DD # 8
Ralph W. Gatzman	# 2180
J. Leonard Tarrant	# 5654
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Richard Zdziemborski	# 7910
Keith A. Wall	# 8054
Ben Mokry	# 8285
Thomas Moran	# 9958
James Henderson	# 11904
Joe Suhanin	# 14051

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

9. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ballroom D, See Attachment

William Waggoner, Membership Director Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Chairman

Jerry Woods	General Agent
Michael Spencer	DD #9
Heath Skinner	# 6592
Larry Roberts	# 9543
B. J. Lewis	# 11541
James Holland	# 11904
Jimmy D. Griffin	# 13502

10. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Arthur Dunn, DD #11

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Chairman

Peter Sukanek	State Secretary
M. Jim McCraw	State Warden
Guy Heying	# 848
Larry Gardner	# 1034
Felix Garth	# 8285

11. CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Donald Cox, Church Director
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

John Kasper	# 802
Tony Dixon	# 1522
Daniel B. Nelson	# 2180
Louis Ybara	# 5556
Larry Westfall	# 7915
Eddie Dixon	# 8760
Lonnie White	# 9409
Michael Butler	# 10499
John Johnson, II	# 11995

12. COUNCIL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Raymond Ball, Council Director
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Hollis Felts	# 848
John C. Dahn	# 1522
James L. Everett	# 2945
James Bradham	# 5556
Owen S. Junkin	# 7915
David Palladino	# 8848
John W. Cruso	# 9543
Robert Parker	# 11654
Lynwood Ridge	# 13936

13. YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Joseph Jones, Youth Director
Chairman

Ballroom D, See Attachment

Saturday, 26 April 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Greg Rottman	# 898
Bob Flagg	# 1583
Mike P. Columbus	# 2945
Dennis J. Hilbert	# 7974
Daniel Setaro	# 6765
Mark Dye	# 8848
Paul Leidig	# 9673
Bob Theriot	# 11541
Roger L. Hudson, Jr.	# 12271

14. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Ballroom D, See Attachment
Carl Brochard, State Family Life Director Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm
Chairman

Karl Koberger # 1583
Jim Glover # 2969
Jimmie Ray Hoda # 7087
Max Holland # 7854
Howard Ferguson # 7974
Frank Olivero # 8912
Kenneth Mayfield # 9958
Joseph Best # 11934
Roger L. Hudson, Sr. # 12271

15. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Ballroom D, See Attachment
Richard Greenwold, State Community/ Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm
Awards Director
Chairman

Joe Garrity # 1034
Kenneth P. Broussard, Sr. # 1605
Joe Spence # 4472
SHELBY # 6555
Daniel Bicknell # 7120
Franklin Tinney # 8038
David Seymour # 9094
Ted Gray # 10216
A. P. Altenaler # 11956

17. PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Ballroom D, See Attachment
Dennis Riecke, State Pro-Life Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm
Chairmen

Richard D. Benton # 1244
Mel Critchlow # 1908
Charles Mink # 4898
William O'Conner # 7854
Thomas Logue # 8038
Roger Feters # 9094
Mitch Sones, II # 10443
Harry Smith # 11995
George Holetz # 11995

18. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE Ballroom D, See Attachment
Deacon Larry Campbell, Vocations Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm
Chairman

George Roberts	DD # 12
Thomas Easter	# 1244
John Bernardi	# 2134
James Acy	# 5267
Leroy Holmes	# 7910
Louis O. Amedee	# 8054
Daryl Ladner	# 9124
Harvey Caldwell	# 10443
Larry Necaie	# 12331

Committee Reports

Report of the 2008 Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee met on Friday, April 25 and again on Saturday, April 26 to review the delegates present. The delegates are as follows:

State Chaplain	Rev. Father Charles Nutter	Absent
State Deputy	Daniel Lechner	Present
State Secretary	Peter Sukanek	Present
State Treasurer	Gerald Schmuck	Present
State Advocate	David Scott	Present
State Warden	M. James McCraw	Present
Immediate Past State Deputy	Larry Tabor	Present

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO.1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	802	Meridian	1 John Kasper	1 Thomas Zettler
2	848	Jackson	1 Guy Heying	1 Hollis Felts
2	898	Vicksburg	1 John Piazza	1 Greg Rottman
2	1034	Natchez	1 Larry Gardner	1 Joe Garrity
2	1244	Biloxi	1 Richard D. Benton	1 Thomas P. Easter
2	1522	Bay St. Louis	1 John Gelder, III	1 John C. Dahn
2	1583	Gulfport	1 Bob Flagg	1 Karl Koberger
2	1605	Pascagoula	1 Steven Overman	1 Kenneth P. Broussard, Sr.
2	1908	Hattiesburg	1 Ben Velasquez	1 Mel Critchlow
2	2134	Greenville	1 John P. Bernardi	1 Robert Fratesi
2	2180	Laurel	1 Daniel B. Nelson	1 Ralph W. Gatzman
2	2945	Leland	1 James Sherman	1 Mike Columbus
1	2969	Clarksdale	1 Jim Glover	0 No Delegate
2	4472	Pass Christian	1 Joseph Spence	1 Francis Barrett
2	4898	Long Beach	1 Elvis B. Gates, Jr.	1 Darren M. Mayer
2	5267	Greenwood	1 John D. Young	1 James Acy
2	5556	Cleveland	1 Louis Ybarra	1 James W. Bradham
2	5654	Ocean Springs	1 Carl Brouhard	1 Robert Boney
0	6555	Shelby	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	6592	Bassfield	1 Keith Applewhite	1 Heath Skinner
2	6765	Starkville	1 Daniel Setaro	1 Richard Sowers
2	6872	Picayune	1 Earl Favre	1 Ronnie M. Sperier
2	7087	Kiln	1 Jimmie Ray Hoda	1 Richard Hoda
2	7120	Southaven	1 Daniel Bicknell	1 Lawrence Campbell
2	7211	Lumberton	1 Robert J. Jackson	1 William A. Knue
2	7854	Clinton	1 Max Holland	1 William A. O'Connor
2	7910	Orange Grove	1 Richard P. Zdziemborski	1 Leroy Holmes
2	7915	Brookhaven	1 Earl J. Westfall	1 Owen S. Junkin

2	7974	Columbus	1	Dennis J. Hilbert	1	Howard Ferguson
2	8038	Pearl	1	Franklin Tinney	1	Thomas Logue
2	8054	McComb	1	Louis O. Amedee	1	Kieth Alex Wall
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	1	Felix Garth	1	Ben Mokry
2	8760	Holly Springs	1	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	1	Eddie D. Dixon
2	8848	Tupelo	1	Marcel Crudele	1	Mark Dye
2	8912	Corinth	1	James Leatherwood	1	Frank Oliverio
2	9094	D'Iberville	1	David A. Seymour	1	Roger Fetters
2	9124	Gautier	1	Daryl Ladner	1	Mike Meehan
0	9234	Indianola	0	No Delegate	0	No Delegate
2	9409	West Biloxi	1	Lonnie White	1	Donald F. Cox
2	9543	Madison	1	Larry Roberts	1	Charles Wilkerson
2	9673	Woolmarket	1	John W. Cruso, Jr.	1	Paul F. Leidig
2	9958	Lizana	1	Kenneth Mayfield	1	Thomas Moran
2	10216	Brandon	1	Mike Brechtel	1	Ted Gray
1	10443	Grenada	0	No Delegate	1	Harvey Caldwell
2	10499	Ocean Springs	1	Joseph Goellner, Sr.	1	Michael Butler
0	10901	Oxford	0	No Delegate	0	No Delegate
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	1	Robert Pyle	1	B.J. Lewis
2	11654	Wiggins	1	Robert Parker	1	Bob Theriot
2	11904	Lucedale	1	James Holland	1	James Henderson
2	11934	Gluckstadt	1	Joseph Jones	1	Joesph Best
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	1	A. P. Altentaler	1	Harry W. Smith, Jr.
2	11995	West Harrison	1	John R. Leonhard	1	George Holetz
1	12166	Pascagoula-SH	1	John Johnson, II	0	No Delegate
2	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	1	Roger L. Hudson, Jr.	1	Roger L. Hudson, Sr.
2	12331	Dedeaux	1	Larry Necaie	1	William Heath
0	13471	Philadelphia/Tucker	0	No Delegate	0	No Delegate
2	13502	Batesville/Sardis	1	Jimmy D. Griffin	1	Pascual Cruz
2	13936	Columbia	1	Foote R. Singleton	1	Lynwood Ridge
2	14051	Olive Branch	1	Joe Suhanin	1	David Szymanski

Total Delegates Seated: 107

Total delegates in the State: 118

District Deputies Present

District	1	
District	2	William Sonnemann
District	3	Dr. M. Wayne Ebelhar
District	4	Michael Kassouf
District	5	William O'Connor
District	6	Philip Jabour

State Directors Present

Membership Director	William Waggoner
Program Director	Noel Aucoin
Church Director	D Donald Cox
Community Director	Richard E. Greenwold
Council Director	Raymond Ball
Family Director	D Carl Brochard

District	7	Dr. Wade Ditcharo	Youth Director	D Joseph R. Jones
District	8	Sherwood Beckham, Jr.		
District	9	Michael Spencer		
District	10	James Everett		
District	11	Arthur Dunn		
District	12	George Roberts		

Past State Deputies

John P Myers		C. Bruce Pabon
Jesse J. Quinn, Jr.		Thomas F. Chady
Robert Fratesi	D	Richard Lieding
Thomas Zettler	D	

Honorary State Chaplains

Archbishop Thomas Rodi
 Bishop Joseph Latino
 Bishop William Houck

D – DELEGATE

Audit Committee Report

The audit committee reviewed the statements, deposits, and expense vouchers. They all appeared to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting guidelines and within the confines of state council regulations.

We feel that the statement passed out to delegates earlier clearly reflects the current financial position of the state council.

We do want to remind the State Deputy that a certified audit by a CPA must be conducted ASAP as required by the Supreme Council

Respectfully Submitted,

Tomas F. Chady PSD Chairman
 Gerald Schmuck State Treasurer
 Skip Barrett # 4472
 Ronnie M. Speirer # 6872
 Claude L. Vinson, Sr. # 8760

Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee

The committee met on the evening of April 25, 2008 and reviewed the mileage and per diem figures for this year's convention as per the resolution at the State Convention held in Biloxi in April 2007. Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.25 per mile one way and \$75.00 per day per diem for two days. Past State Deputies receive no mileage allowance.

Details of the payments follow:

State Officers						
Name	Office	Miles to Biloxi	At \$0.25 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total	
Danny Lechner	State Dep	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Peter Sukanek	St Sec	344	\$86.00	\$150.00	\$236.00	
Gerald Schmuck	St Treas	13	\$3.25	\$150.00	\$153.25	
David Scott	St Advoc	186	\$46.50	\$150.00	\$196.50	
Jim McCraw	St Ward	174	\$43.50	\$150.00	\$193.50	
Larry Tabor	IPSD	4	\$1.00	\$150.00	\$151.00	
Rev. Thomas Rodi	Honorary State Chaplain			\$150.00	\$150.00	
Rev. William Houck	Honorary State Chaplain			\$150.00	\$150.00	
Rev. Joseph Latino	Honorary State Chaplain			\$150.00	\$150.00	
				State Officers Total	\$1,530.25	
Past State Deputies						
Name				Per Diem (2 days)	Total	
John Pat Myers				\$150.00	\$150.00	
Jesse J. Quinn Jr.				\$150.00	\$150.00	
Robert Fratesi	Delegate			\$0.00	\$0.00	
Tom Zettler	Delegate			\$0.00	\$0.00	
C. Bruce Pabon				\$150.00	\$150.00	
Tom Chady				\$150.00	\$150.00	
Richard Lieding				\$150.00	\$150.00	
				Past State Deputies Total	\$750.00	
District Deputies						
Name	District		Miles to Biloxi	At \$0.25 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Pickens Noble	DD 1	Excused		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bill Sonneman	DD 2		369	\$92.25	\$150.00	\$242.25

Wayne Ebelhar	DD 3		304	\$76.00	\$150.00	\$226.00
Michael Kassouf	DD 4		271	\$67.75	\$150.00	\$217.75
William O'Connor	DD 5	Delegate	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Philip Jabour	DD 6		175	\$43.75	\$150.00	\$193.75
Wade Ditcharo	DD 7		185	\$46.25	\$150.00	\$196.25
Sherwood Beckham	DD 8		48	\$12.00	\$150.00	\$162.00
Michael Spencer	DD 9		74	\$18.50	\$150.00	\$168.50
James Everett	DD 10		13	\$3.25	\$150.00	\$153.25
Art Dunn	DD 11		4	\$1.00	\$150.00	\$151.00
George Roberts	DD 12		12	\$3.00	\$150.00	\$153.00
District Deputies						
Total						\$1,863.75

Delegates

Council	City	Delegates	Miles to Biloxi	At \$0.25 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
802	Meridian	2	174	\$43.50	\$150.00	\$387.00
848	Jackson	2	174	\$43.50	\$150.00	\$387.00
898	Vicksburg	2	215	\$53.75	\$150.00	\$407.50
1034	Natchez	2	226	\$56.50	\$150.00	\$413.00
1244	Biloxi	2	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	2	47	\$11.75	\$150.00	\$323.50
1583	Gulfport	2	13	\$3.25	\$150.00	\$306.50
1605	Pascagoula	2	30	\$7.50	\$150.00	\$315.00
1908	Hattiesburg	2	83	\$20.75	\$150.00	\$341.50
2134	Greenville	2	304	\$76.00	\$150.00	\$452.00
2180	Laurel	2	116	\$29.00	\$150.00	\$338.00
2945	Leland	2	294	\$73.50	\$150.00	\$447.00
2969	Clarksdale	1	359	\$89.75	\$150.00	\$239.75
4472	Pass Christian	2	23	\$5.75	\$150.00	\$311.50
4898	Long Beach	2	17	\$4.25	\$150.00	\$308.50
5267	Greenwood	2	287	\$71.75	\$150.00	\$443.50
5556	Cleveland	2	319	\$79.75	\$150.00	\$459.50
5654	Ocean Springs	2	12	\$3.00	\$150.00	\$306.00
6555	Shelby	0	334	\$83.50	\$150.00	\$0.00
6592	Bassfield	2	115	\$28.75	\$150.00	\$357.50
6765	Starkville	2	271	\$67.75	\$150.00	\$435.50
6872	Picayune	2	74	\$18.50	\$150.00	\$337.00
7087	Kiln	2	43	\$10.75	\$150.00	\$321.50
7120	Southaven	2	369	\$92.25	\$150.00	\$484.50
7211	Lumberton	2	72	\$18.00	\$150.00	\$336.00
7854	Clinton	2	183	\$45.75	\$150.00	\$391.50
7910	Gulfport	2	13	\$3.25	\$150.00	\$306.50
7915	Brookhaven	2	185	\$46.25	\$150.00	\$392.50
7974	Columbus	2	264	\$66.00	\$150.00	\$432.00
8038	Pearl	2	175	\$43.75	\$150.00	\$387.50
8054	McComb	2	161	\$40.25	\$150.00	\$380.50
8285	Jackson	2	174	\$43.50	\$150.00	\$387.00

8760	Holly Springs	2	376	\$94.00	\$150.00	\$488.00
8848	Tupelo	2	316	\$79.00	\$150.00	\$458.00
8912	Corinth	2	367	\$91.75	\$150.00	\$483.50
9094	D'Iberville	2	4	\$1.00	\$150.00	\$302.00
9124	Gautier	2	26	\$6.50	\$150.00	\$313.00
9234	Indianola	0	267	\$66.75	\$150.00	\$0.00
9409	Biloxi	2	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
9543	Madison	2	186	\$46.50	\$150.00	\$393.00
9673	Woolmarket	2	11	\$2.75	\$150.00	\$305.50
9958	Lizana	2	32	\$8.00	\$150.00	\$316.00
10216	Brandon	2	175	\$43.75	\$150.00	\$387.50
10443	Grenada	1	285	\$71.25	\$150.00	\$221.25
10499	Ocean Springs	2	12	\$3.00	\$150.00	\$306.00
10901	Oxford	0	344	\$86.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
11541	Gulfport	2	13	\$3.25	\$150.00	\$306.50

Delegates

Council	City	Delegates	Miles to Biloxi	At \$0.25 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
11654	Wiggins	2	48	\$12.00	\$150.00	\$324.00
11904	Lucedale	2	63	\$15.75	\$150.00	\$331.50
11934	Gluckstadt	2	189	\$47.25	\$150.00	\$394.50
11956	Columbia	2	115	\$28.75	\$150.00	\$357.50
11995	Pass Christian	2	30	\$7.50	\$150.00	\$315.00
12166	Pascagoula	1	30	\$7.50	\$150.00	\$157.50
12271	Gulfport	2	13	\$3.25	\$150.00	\$306.50
12331	Pass Christian	2	36	\$9.00	\$150.00	\$318.00
13471	Philadelphia	0	218	\$54.50	\$150.00	\$0.00
13502	Batesville/Sardis	2	321	\$80.25	\$150.00	\$460.50
13936	Tylertown	2	136	\$34.00	\$150.00	\$368.00
14501	Olive Branch	2	377	\$94.25	\$150.00	\$488.50
Delegates Total						\$19,858.00

State Chairmen

Activity	Name		Miles to Biloxi	At \$0.25 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Membership	Bill Waggoner		33	\$8.25	\$150.00	\$158.25
Program	Noel Aucoin		4	\$1.00	\$150.00	\$151.00
Council	Raymond Ball		367	\$91.75	\$150.00	\$241.75
Church	Don Cox	Delegate	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	Richard Greenwold		12	\$3.00	\$150.00	\$153.00
Family	Carl Brochard	Delegate	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth	Joe Jones	Delegate	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Chairmen Total						\$704.00

Grand Total \$24,856.00

Respectfully
submitted,

Mileage and Per Diem Committee:
John Piazza - Council 898
Ben Velasquez - Council 1908

Earl Favre - Council 6872
Mike Brechtel - Council 10216

Gerald Schmuck,
State Treasurer
Chairman

Ceremonials Committee Report

Since the beginning of the 2007-2008 fraternal year, the following strides have been made in ceremonials:

- ❖ We have welcomed two newly certified conferring officers, Grand Knight Larry Roberts from 9543 Madison, and Brother Tom Hannigan from 6765 Starkville.
- ❖ The standard fee schedule has been re-established.
- ❖ Major degrees are now scheduled one per quarter in each of the three regions of the state; north, central, and south.
- ❖ A minimum number of 15 candidates for a major degree is now in place.
- ❖ Since the fraternal year began, eight major degrees have been conducted with class sizes ranging from 19 to 45 candidates. Only one degree was cancelled for an insufficient number of candidates.
- ❖ The state council is now capable of conducting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees in Spanish.

The following recommendations were made:

- ❖ There is an urgent need for a 3rd degree team for the southern region. Hopefully, one may make its debut this summer.
- ❖ The two existing 3rd degree teams, while doing an excellent job, need to recruit more back up team members.
- ❖ Communication regarding upcoming degrees, including the use of the state website, needs to be improved.
- ❖ Grand Knights and District Deputies need to be fully trained as to their responsibilities in hosting a major degree.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Chady, PSD, and Richard T. Lieding, PSD
Co-Ceremonial Chairs

Committee Members:

Dr. M. Wayne Ebelher,	DD#3	Joseph Goellner	#10499
James Acy	#5267	Robert J. Jackson	#7211
John R. Leonhard	#11995	Footie R. Singleton	#13936

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Bishops, Worthy Supreme Representative Nolan, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

The following members of the committee were present:

Peter Sukanek	Jim McCraw
Guy Heying	Larry Gardner
Felix Garth	Gordon Cowie
Nathan Simon	

Some of the lessons learned from this year's convention were discussed. The following recommendations were made:

1. Investigate the possibility of on-line registration and payment of fees
2. Keep good records of early registration and send out confirmation of receipt of fees
3. Increase the registration fee to \$70 per person

Respectfully submitted,

Art Dunn
Convention Chairman

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

This completes my third rewarding year as State Council Director. I attended the Mid winter meetings North, in Grenada, MS and offered my assistance to all present. I also attended the State Council Meeting in Jackson, Ms. On April 12th 2008. At the 2008 State Convention in Biloxi, Ms. I chaired the Council Activities Committee.

The Committees task was to select The Family of the year, the Knight of the year and the Best Council Activity of the year. The Council members were:

Kenneth Frey, Council 848	Marcel Crudele, Council 8848
John C. Dahn, Council 1522	John W. Cruso, Council 9673
James L. Everett, Council 2945	Robert Parker, Council 1165
James Bradham, Council 5556	Lynwood Ridge, Council 13936

Owen S. Junkin, Council 7915

All members were present except James Everett Council 2945.
The Committee met at 1:00 PM On April 26th 2008 and completed this very challenging task.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond G. Ball
State Council Director

PROLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

The delegates comprising the 2008 ProLife Committee reviewed and voted on all the submissions for the Best ProLife projects for the Diocese of Jackson and the Diocese of Biloxi. All committee members thought there should be more project submissions. After voting on those submissions very little time remained but the committee members did discuss the following:

1. Council prolife efforts should be broader than just opposing abortion. Knights are too silent regarding capital punishment issues and social justice issues.
2. ProLife is a huge topic area that encompasses abortion, organ donation, capital punishment, hunger, living conditions, medical care and euthanasia.
3. The Long Beach council put up crosses in January 2008.
4. Brandon Council 10216 held a baby shower for a prolife organization. They involved the parish youth and the event was a great success in collecting donated baby items and funds. This is an event that more councils should sponsor.

Darren Mayer, Council 4898
Harry Smith, Council 11956
Roger Feters, Council 9094
Dick Benton, Council 1244
George Holetz, Council 11995
Bill O'Connor, Council 7854
Tom Logue, Council 8038
Raymond Cole, Council 13502
Melvin Critchlow, Council 1908

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Riecke, Pro-Life Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

I chaired this year's committee meeting at the convention. This was the first time I have ever chaired such an event for the State Council and appreciate the opportunity to serve. Our committee consisted of myself and 6 fellow Knights who were tasked to review the submitted entries for Best Scrapbook and Best Newsletter.

The entries were broken into two subgroups: Small-Medium Size Councils and Large-Extra Large Councils.

We had 5 entries for the newsletter contest and 7 entries for the scrapbook contest. The scrapbook division had two council entries that spanned 2 volumes. All entries were very well put-together and some of the scrapbooks looked as if they had been put together by professionals! It was readily apparent some Mrs. Knights had their hand in the design and layout which was a great thing.

As I said from the dais at the meeting, I implored all councils that made entries to take steps to protect these fine works for later generations. Katrina taught us the value of things lost and some of the memories we lost in our scrapbooks can never be retrieved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elvis Gates
Grand Knight-St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898
Long Beach, MS

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolutions Committee met on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 pm. All members were present. The resolutions with the committee's recommendations follow.

David Scott, State Advocate

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas,

The 2008 Annual State Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 104th Convention, and

Whereas,

The 2008 Convention Committee is comprised of members from Council 9094 - D'Iberville, Council 9409 - West Biloxi, Council 9673 - Woolmarket, Council 10499 - Ocean Springs, Council 11654 - Wiggins, Council 12166 - Pascagoula, Council 12271 - CB Base and Mississippi Field Agents, and

Whereas,

Several other councils located along the Mississippi Gulf Coast provided financial support through monetary contributions,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to the members of the Convention Committee and to the Councils that provided financial support for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibilities at this convention.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: Accept Recommendation

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother Gary R. Nolan and his lovely wife Dawn have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Nolan is the Supreme Council Director of Ceremonials of the Knights of Columbus, and Past State Deputy of the Illinois Jurisdiction, and a Former Master of the Southern District of the Illinois Jurisdiction, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that Brother Nolan'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 Nolan and his wife Dawn 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

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas,

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has served with distinction as head of the Catholic Church,
and

Whereas,

Pope Benedict XVI has been an inspiration to us all and has led the Catholic Church with
exemplary spiritual guidance,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus reaffirms its pledge of loyalty and
allegiance to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI, and passionately prays for his continued
good health and continued guidance to the Holy Catholic Church.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: Accept Recommendation

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 4

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 1.7 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,

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

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 5

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 and those who have served 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

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

Resolution No. 6

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, and

Whereas,

The 105th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Jackson, Mississippi, and

Whereas,

The continued rise of the cost of gasoline has created a burden on those members traveling from a great distance to attend the annual meeting, and

Whereas,

The Mileage and Per Diem Committee at the 2007 Annual Convention recommended an increase in the mileage reimbursement,

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 are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.30 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 \$75.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: Accept Recommendation

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 7

Whereas,

The members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus desire to participate in an annual bowling tournament to foster fraternity and sportsmanship, 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 2008-2009 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 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

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in the tournament,

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 the State Convention, 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

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 104th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 9

Whereas,

Thomas J. Rodi has served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi since 2001 with courage, wisdom, dedication, compassion, fortitude, loyalty, and love, and

Whereas,

During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Bishop Rodi provided strong leadership and inspiration to the people of the Diocese of Biloxi just as a true shepherd leads and calms his flock, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus were fortunate to have Bishop Rodi join their ranks shortly after he was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus congratulate and stand in solidarity with Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi upon his appointment as the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Mobile, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi Knights express their love and gratitude to Archbishop Rodi for his service and support to our Order and we pray for his continued spiritual growth as Archbishop, priest and Knight of Columbus.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: Accept Recommendation

CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The following brother knights were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council #</u>
John Kasper	802
John Gleber	1522 (alternate)
Daniel B. Nelson	2180
Louis Ybara	5556
Earl Westfall	7915
Eddie Dixon	8760
Lonnie White	9409
Michael Butler	10499
John Johnson II	12166

The delegate as listed above completed the assigned task to select the Best Church Program Activity and the "Family" and "Knight of the Year".

Upon completion of the selection process a general discussion of Church Activities took place with the following suggestions resulting:

1. Selection of a Family that is dedicated to the church be selected on a monthly basis (crossover to "Family of the Month").
2. Recognition of altar servers for their dedication to the church. Note: A certificate is available from Supreme for this purpose.
3. When knights are assigned as Ushers, Lectors, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers they should wear KOFC name tags or shirts to show visibility of the Knights of Columbus in their parish.
4. A council purchased a chalice and they have designated it the "Elijah Cup". They have obtained literature consisting of Vocations prayers. They pass the cup and the vocations prayer information to a family that keeps them for a week so the family can have a family prayer program for vocation. The family then passes the cup and prayer program to the next family on the list. They currently have families scheduled for the next year.

Respectfully Submitted
Donald F. Cox
Church Activities Director

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The community committee met on 26 April 2008 at 1300 in the Ballroom D.

Attendance:

Chairman: Richard Greenwold

A. P. Altenaler
Daniel Bicknell
Kenneth Broussard, Sr.
Joe Garrity
Ted Gray
David Seymour
Joe Spence
Franklin Tinney

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 1358.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD E. GREENWOLD
Community Director

FAMILY COMMITTEE REPORT

ON April 26, at the 104th State convention the family Life Activity Committee met, chaired by Carl Brochard and with the following members:

Karl Koberger	Council 1583
Jim Glover	Council 2969
Jimmie Ray Hoda	Council 7087
Max Holland	Council 7854
Howard Ferguson	Council 7984
Frank Olivero	Council 8912
Kenneth Mayfield	Council 9958
Joseph Best	Council 11934
Roger L. Hudson	Council 12271

We reviewed the submissions of the Family of the year, Knight of the year and the best Family Activity. Each member was asked to pick the best submission.

We also talked about the ways to submit a Family of the Month, and how many Councils turned in a family each month.

Respectively Submitted
Carl Brochard and Team

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Bishops, Worthy Supreme Representative Nolan, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

The meeting of the State Youth Committee was held on April 26. Those in attendance were:

Paul Leidig	Council 9673	Woolmarket
Danny Setaro	Council 6765	Starkville
Dennis Hilbert	Council 7974	Columbus
Christopher Mark Dye	Council 8848	Tupelo
Bob Theriot	Council 11654	Wiggins
Greg Rottman	Council 898	Vicksburg
Bob Flagg	Council 1583	Gulfport

It is proposed that we hold three separate state (area) free-throw contests: north of Highway 82, between Highways 82 and 84, and south of 84. These would all be on the second Saturday of March. It is also proposed that we do the same with the soccer contest.

These proposals are to get more participation, hopefully, in each and do it in an affordable manner, as the cost of transportation is becoming a great deterrent.

We also need much more participation in the Poster Contest.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Jones
Youth Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members

William Waggoner – Chairman – (State Membership Director)

Michael Spencer – DD# 9

Heath Skinner - #6592

Larry Roberts - #9543

B.J. Lewis - #11541

James Holland - #11904

Jimmy D. Griffin - #13502

We discussed three major areas concerning membership recruitment and retention. Those areas were problems faced by councils, successful practices of councils and the needs of all councils.

Problems

- 1) The lack of resources (men to recruit for knights) – This is a particular problem for small parishes, since those councils have recruited most, if not all, the eligible catholic men in the parish. The only real alternative for many of these councils is to try and make inroads into the Hispanic community if there is one.
- 2) The lack of participation by current members – This is a problem faced by councils of all sizes. Many times new members are brought into the council and then left to basically fend for themselves. Councils have got to develop more programs for the families of these new members. The most successful councils get the families involved in activities and this gives the new members and even a lot of the older members a reason to get involved with the council and parish.
- 3) Lack of a full time priest – When councils are served by a priest that has several parishes or mission churches to serve it makes it more difficult to get the continuous support that the council needs to flourish. This can be particularly a problem when the priest is a military priest and so much time is spent serving the needs of our troops.

Successes

- 1) Visibility – The councils that have had the greatest success have been those that have been highly visible within the parish and community. In many instances the councils have been approached by members of the parish wishing to join. The fact that the council and its members do so much for the parish and community shows them that the Knights are truly concerned about what goes on.
- 2) Family Activities – Once again the successful councils stress family activities. Since the Knights are a family oriented organization, this should be a major area of activity. This helps bring the sons of Knights, because they see just how much they do for the parish and community. In other words it helps to groom the next generation of Knights for service.
- 3) Wives – This goes hand in hand with the family activities. Getting the wives of Knights involved helps to keep the husbands involved in all council activities.

Needs

- 1) Reputation Building – If a council builds up the reputation that they can be depended upon for whatever activity comes up in the parish, and then they will naturally attract new members from the parish. This applies even if it is not a KC function. We all need someone or a group we can depend on when we need them.
- 2) Shining Armor Award – More councils need to stress the Shining Armor award to their new members. Some of the greatest recruitment successes have been from councils that have pushed the program. It is a great way to get the new members involved in the council and therefore make them better knights.

- 3) Pastoral Support – Pastoral support is a key factor in those councils that have excelled. When the parish priest is behind them, there is nothing that they cannot accomplish.
- 4) Inactive & Former Member lists – This past year we had our greatest success in bringing former and inactive members back into the councils. We had over 30 men in these categories rejoin our ranks. Use of these lists is a great tool for bringing new blood to the councils.

The meeting was very productive and I strongly believe that such brainstorming between councils of varying sizes can benefit all.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Waggoner
State Membership Director

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Bishops, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights

After judging all award entries, the Committee began its meeting.

There was a lively discussion on the subject of a Statewide Raffle. The consensus of those present was favorable of a Raffle; however, they did not favor a Raffle for cash but rather a Raffle of a tangible item, such as an automobile. The Committee also felt that such a Raffle might best be held in separate parts of the state, that is, northern area, central area and southern area. The idea even surfaced about having a Raffle by several councils or one or more districts. There was a strong feeling, however, that any Raffle other than a council Raffle should have a limitation on the number and/or amount of tickets that a council itself could purchase.

All members of the Committee felt that the members of the Knights of Columbus has become a more prayerful group in recent years. The Committee had individuals who had been in the Order more than 50 years, and there were members who were relatively new. All felt this was a very positive situation.

The Committee discussed how essential prayer is to promoting all vocations: married life, single life, priesthood, diaconate, brotherhood and sisterhood. It was felt that all vocations begin in the home and that each family should pray for vocations on a regular basis.

There was unanimous consent with regard to Fr. Kent Bowlds' request for the Knights of Columbus to offer logistical support for area gatherings in the Catholic Diocese of Jackson. There was also unanimous support for the same type of help in the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

The Committee also felt that the Knights of Columbus should support the promotion of the Serra Club that already exists in the Diocese of Biloxi and a Serra Club in the Diocese of Jackson, if one is ever started for the Diocese of Jackson.

The Committee also felt that copies of some of the entries for Convention Awards should be made available at the Summer Schools of Columbianism so that all DD's and Grand Knights (new and old) could see the type of entries being submitted. It was felt that this might stimulate a larger number of council entries in all categories.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Lawrence Campbell, Chairman
George Roberts, Thomas Easter, John Bernardi, James Acy, Leroy Holmes, Louis O. Amedee,
Daryl Ladner, Harvey Caldwell, Larry Necaie

2008 State Convention
FINANCIAL SECRETARIES COMMITTEE MEETING

There were 19 Financial Secretaries present.

In a open discussion meeting there was discussion about the new internet procedures and how there seemed to be problems with "data change" items. Not everyone had attempted the procedure, but those who had said there were some problems.

In collecting dues, when there was a member who was having financial problems, and you felt you had reason to wave his dues, you should discuss it with the Grand Knight and him alone.

Discussed when you cannot reach a member and he would not get in touch to discuss his dues the way to handle his suspension.

Check on your roster for members who may be elegable for "Honorary Life" status at least once a year and keep those members up to date.

Update the State Directory on the State Web site when new officers are elected or other changes occur.

Insurance Agent when a appointment is made please keep it. Some have to travel several miles to meet with you and we should show some consideration for them. If you will not be able to keep a appointment, you should contact your agent to let him know.

Respectfully Submitted,
James (Jim) Farris

Financial Secretaries present:

John McCollins 9094 D'Iberville
Keith Alex Wall 8054 McComb
Hollis Felts 848 Jackson
Joe Suhanin 14051 Olive Branch
Thomas Moran 9958 Lizana
James E Henderson 11904 St Lucy
Bill Gatzman 2180 Laurel
Sherwood Bedshan 11654 Wiggins
Harry Steinwinder 1244 Biloxi
James (Jim) Farris 7120 Southaven

James M Lingenfelder 1583 Gulfport
Richard Zdziemborski 7910 Gulfport
Ben Mokry 8285 Jackson
Richard Hoda 7087 Kiln
George Walston 802 Meridian
Robert Boney 5654 Ocean Springs
Howard (Buck) Hill 5267 Greenwood
Mike Kassouf 6765 Starkville
Ron Brumfield 1034 Natchez

PAST STATE DEPUTIES REPORT

The following is a list of living past state deputies of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, with an indication of those attending the 2008 state convention:

1950 - 1952	John P. Myers	Present
1961 - 1963	Ely P. Shapley	
1969 - 1971	Norman L. Kiehm	
1973 - 1975	George R. Scheiderman	
1975 - 1977	Jesse J. Quinn, Jr	Present
1977 - 1979	G. David Atteberry	
1979 - 1981	Rodney J Sandoz	
1983 - 1985	Robert Fratesi	Present
1989 - 1991	Marvin L. Lott	
1993 - 1995	Thomas R. Zettler	Present
1995 - 1997	Jesse J. Quinn, III	Present
1997 - 1999	Guy S. Todaro, Jr.	
1999 - 2001	C. Bruce Pabon	
2001 - 2003	Thomas F. Chady	Present
2003 - 2005	Richard Lieding	Present
2005 - 2007	Larry Tabor	Present

Those present are entitled to two days per diem, unless they were a delegate, in which case they are also due mileage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas F. Chady, PSD
President, Past State Deputies Association

GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS

**Monsignor John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian
Grand Knight's Annual Report 2007/2008**

Council Officers

Chaplain	Father Frank Cosgrove	Recorder	John Harwell
Assistant Chaplain	Father Marlo Solorzano	Advocate	P. J. Carter
Grand Knight	John Kasper	Lector	Larry Birzer
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Romano	Trustee	Frank Polizzi, PGK
Financial Secretary	George Walston	Trustee	Bob Leo, DD PDD
Chancellor	John Maloney Jr	Trustee	John Bennett IPGK
Treasurer	Mouise Richards, PGK	Inside Guard	David Smith
Warden	Dr. Richard Fleming	Outside Guard	Ed Shamp

Charitable donations and tithing's totaled \$34,737.00

Program Activities: Jim Romano DGK Chairman

All K of C council required reports submitted on time

Council: P. J. Carter Advocate Chairman

Installation of officers and diner
Attended school of Columbianism and Mid-Winter meetings
Awarded Knight of the month, Knight of the quarter and submitted Knight of the year
Sponsored and maintained a certified first degree team
Published monthly council newsletter and maintained council website
Maintained and submitted council scrapbook
Member's socials second Tuesday each month
Delivered fruit baskets to hospitalized members and family
Conducted bingo weekly and raffle for softball team we sponsor as a fund raisers
Purchased weekly K of C advertisement in church bulletin
Memorial Day and Labor Day picnics for members and family
Member's horseshoe and pool tournaments
Member's award and recognition banquet
Super bowl parties for members and family

Church: Larry Birzer Lector Chairman

Columbus Day mass
Led the Stations of the Cross along with Knights of Peter Claver
Rosary after business meeting, led rosary for memorial services and led rosary before weekend masses at St Patrick and St Joseph during the months of Jan/Oct
First communion breakfasts and RICA luncheon
Provided coffee and donuts after mass on Thanksgiving at St Joseph
Holy Thursday Gethsemane watch
Masses offered for each deceased member and family member

All Saints Day mass at St Patrick cemetery
Participated in the Way of the Crosswalk downtown Meridian on Good Friday
Displayed Keep Christ in Christmas and Easter bill board
Donations- support for two seminarians, gifts for clergy, Ladies sodality, National and Ms Right to Life and tithing to three local catholic churches
Saved aluminum cans to add to the priest education fund

Community: Frank Polizzi, PGK Trustee Chairman

Participated in community leadership roles i.e. Director of KARIOS, Board member Red Cross, Dist committee member Boy Scouts vice Pres Central Labor Council, President National Association of Letters Carriers, President Meridian Symphony League, Director Close-Up program, Coach City softball and volley ball leagues, Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders
Monthly Visitation to East Mississippi State hospital with snacks/drinks to patients
Took Santa Claus with presents to East Mississippi State hospital
Annual Monsignor John J. Burns local community services award
Members, wives/widows baked cookies for 52 shut-ins during Christmas
Provided volunteers for Salvation Army bell ringers @ Wal-Mart
Participated in tootsie Roll drive and donated money raised to Parent Circle Group
Provided reading materials for prisoners

Family: Bob Leo, PDD Trustee Chairman

We believe that the family is the foundation of the Knight of Columbus, we honor our outstanding families by participating in the Family of the month program as well as electing a Family of the Year" whom we enter in the state competition. We hold many family activities throughout the year, someone of these include the children Christmas party, Valentines Day Sweet Hearts Night and a deceased members Mass. We also conduct picnics for the various holidays through the year. We include our departed Brothers widows in all of our family activities and have Quarterly Family Corporate Communion at St Patrick.

Youth: John Graupman Chairman

Creative Contraption kit, poster contests
Toys for Children in Hospitals on Christmas Eve
Easter egg Hunt for St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's children
Donations- Pinewood Derby, Boy Scouts Troop, Graduation St. Patrick's 5th grade

Membership: John Maloney Jr. Chancellor Chairman

Recruitment blitz in October
New first degree members 07/08 six
New third degree members 07/08 four
Change from associate to insurance 07/08 two

Pro-Life: John Bennett IPGK Trustee Chairman

To support the Pro-Life activities the members decided to auction themselves off for a day to others in the community who desired some sort of help that the "purchased" Knight could provide for the successful bidder. The proceeds raised \$765.00 and was donated to Catholic Charities to support the ideals of the pro-life movement.

Respectfully submitted
John C. Kasper, Grand Knight

Council 848 Jackson: No Report

Grand Knights Report Council 898 Vicksburg, MS

The past year 2007-2008 has been a very good year for Vicksburg council 898. We have accomplished a lot of good activities this year; some were great fun and hard work, but very rewarding to all of us at 898. They brought members and families closer together, giving us all a sense of pride and accomplishment physically and spiritually.

Church Activities

We lead the state drive to help raise funds for newly ordained priests. We sponsored two council members through the RSVP program. Our members served as commentator, lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

Community Activities

We held two fish fries for the Haven House and for the support of battered women in which we raised about \$3,500. We worked the tootsie roll drive to aid the mentally challenged (Jacobs Ladder). We participated and donated water for the Right to Life march. We cooked and served food for the runners of Run thru History. We provided manpower and facilities for Silver Cloud Day camp for the mentally challenged kids.

Council Activities

We prepared food, cooked and served food for St. Aloysius's Pay-A-Day-In-May-Away. We attended funeral services for members and their family members. At one of our 5th Tuesdays we held an insurance night to promote fraternal benefits. We held a Lenten fish fry every Friday during lent. One of our members went over 300 in VIP recruiting program. We built a very nice deck next to the cook shack for outdoor socials. We participated In the K of C Mississippi Braves night ball game. We achieved the Fr. McGivney award.

Family Activities

We sponsored a memorial mass at the council hall for all the deceased members and their families. We held socials throughout the year for members and their families, 5th Tuesdays and presented awards to members. We attended Pro-Life activities.

Youth Activities

We provided leadership for CYO. We have a pool and burger night on every Friday night during the summer. We sponsored a Halloween party (trick or treat). We support Troop 7 BSA and Cub Pack 107.

I just want to say again how great an honor for me to serve as Grand Knight of Council 898 for the year 2007-2008. With all the help and cooperation I received from my broth Knights, it has made this year very memorable and successful for me and our council.

Respectfully submitted
John F. Piazza
Grand Knight

Council 1034 Natchez Grand Knights Report

The past year 2007-2008 has been a busy one for Council 1034. In my second year as Grand Knight I now have a better understanding of what the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGiveney was when he founded the Knights of Columbus. In July the duly elected officers of Council 1034 were installed by our Worthy District Deputy Wade Ditcharo. All required reports have been sent in on time and our Council has been very active in our local parishes and community. Our membership continues to grow. We have continued our "Good Samaritan" program where members of the council offer help to needy and elderly people of our community by running errands, doing small repairs and providing transportation to different events when needed. Also our Council held its third annual "Catholic Charities Golf Tournament" was able to donate over \$4000.00 dollars to Catholic Charities. We are very involved in the Pro-Life movement in our area and participated in placing crosses on the bluff representing the amount of abortions performed in the United States every hour and helped with a community wide candle light prayer service on the anniversary of Roe vs Wade and several members serve on the committee at St Mary's Parish and work with them on this very important program. We have continued to donate generously to the Priest Education Fund and adopted several needy families during Christmas. As you can see, we continue to be very active in our Council, Parish and Community.

In the past two years it has been an honor for me to have served as Grand Knight of one of the oldest Councils in the State. Our council is making plans now to host the 2010 State Convention in Natchez and this hopes to be a memorable event for our Council and the State. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the council members for their support and the help they have given me this past years and thank all the State officers and Supreme Council for their support. I am proud to be a member of Knights of Columbus and will continue to do my part to promote the principles of our Order and continue the vision of our founder Father Michael J. McGiveney.

Respectively Submitted,

Manfred J. Carr
Grand Knight Council 1034

**BILOXI COUNCIL 1244
GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT
2007-2008**

Our council officers for this fraternal year are:

Rev. Tony Arguelles	Chaplain
Richard "Dick" Benton	Grand Knight
Michael Arguelles	Deputy Grand Knight
Harry Steinwinder	Financial Secretary
Randy B. Trahan	Chancellor
Charles Harrison	Treasurer
Billy Davis	Advocate
Clarence Guillory	Recorder
Gerald Lamey	Lecturer
John Higginbotham	Warden
Terry Janca	Guard
Brian LLoyd	Guard
Septime "Pete" Hebert	Trustee
Frank Tarrant	Trustee
Thomas P. Easter	Trustee

We have had a busy and fruitful year with many church, council, youth , and fraternal activities accomplished by our members.

We have certified 1st and 2nd degree teams. We regularly offer the 1st degree exemplification when candidates are available for our council or other councils.

Our council was chartered on June 2, 1907. As part of our centennial celebration, seven Knights were selected for the designation as *Centennial Knight*. They are:

PGK Charles T. Simon joined our council April 16, 1939. He served three terms as Grand Knight and at age 92 still attends most of our weekly meetings and participates in our programs.

PGK Chester J. Trahan joined our council March 28, 1954. Chester served 1244 as our Houseman for 40 years. He also is still very active in our council meetings and programs.

PGK & Trustee Frank J. Tarrant joined our council March 6, 1965. Frank is the 1st and 2nd degree team Captain. He also serves as chairman of our finance committee.

Former FS Henry B. Ryan joined our council June 4, 1944. Henry served as Financial Secretary for 20 years. He has always been the personification of true knighthood. Unfortunately, his health does not allow him to participate as much as he would like. However, he does what he can with style, dignity, and generosity.

Treasurer Charles T. Harrison Sr. joined our council March 3, 1965. Charles has served as our Treasurer since 1971. He serves as the unofficial custodian of our council home. He was a major player in its restoration after Katrina.

Financial Secretary Harry L. Steinwinder joined our council June 24, 1956. Harry has been our Financial Secretary since 1970. He is the rock on which the Grand Knights he served have built their successes.

PDGK Albert E. D'Orville Jr. joined our council November 30, 1947. Al served our council through the chairs to Deputy Grand Knight until taking over as Scoutmaster of BSA troop 213 in 1969. He continued to lead this troop (which Biloxi Council 1244 has sponsored since 1932) until this year.

These seven have a collective total of almost 400 years of membership in Biloxi Council 1244. They truly exemplify the spirit of being a Knight of Columbus and we are honored to name them *Biloxi Council 1244 Centennial Knights*.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard "Dick" Benton, Grand Knight

Council 1522 Bay St. Louis: No Report

Council 1583 Gulfport: No Report

Council 1605 Pascagoula: No Report

BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908 HATTIESBURG

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Dr. Ben Velasquez	Financial Secretary	Lynn Landrum
Deputy Grand Knight	Mel Critchlow	Treasurer	John Snead
Chancellor	Brian McCrory	Warden	Robert Lawson
Recorder	Rob Eddy	Trustee	Dr. Bill Jarrett
Advocate	Joe Niezgoda	Trustee	Joe Yore
Guard	Ted Heintz	Trustee	Larry Grant
Guard	Leroy Rider		

This is our 90th year as a Council. As of March 31, 2008 our Council consisted of a total of 149 members composed of 110 associate members, 39 insurance members, 2 Honorary members and included 12 Honorary Life members. At the State Convention held in April 2007 the Council was recognized and awarded, the **Distinguished Council Award**. Most notably these council activities were recognized: Best Pro-Life Activity (Biloxi Dioceses)-*Rosary and Laying of Wreaths* and Second Best Vocation Activity-*Lenten Fish Fries for Seminarian Education*. Award for Participation in the Knights of Columbus Family of Month Program,(and earning 100% submission of Monthly Family of the Month Awards).

2007-2008 Activities included:

Church Activities – John Snead Director:

Attended Weekly Eucharist Adoration
Members serve on Hospital Communion Ministry
Led Scriptural Rosary Weekly in May and October
Members Serve on Parish Council and Parish Committees
Members Serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers

Vocations Activities – Bill Jarrett and John Snead Co-Director:

Lenten Fish Fries to Support Seminarian Education
Sponsorship of Seminararians
Prayer For Vocations at each Council meeting
Weekly Vocations Prayer by Families at Home

Pro-Life Activities - Lynn Landrum Director:

Rosary for Life at each Meeting
Raised funds for Pro-Life Memorial Fund
Respect Life ceremony at Sacred Heart & St. Thomas Churches in October after Mass
Corporate Communion & Memorial Mass for Unborn
Laying of Wreath at the Memorial for the Unborn-Sacred Heart Parish
Dedication of a Wreath (St. Thomas)

Community Activities - William Jarrett Director:

Fundraising for Mentally Challenged
Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Program
Community Volunteer Tax Assistance Programs

Bingo for seniors and Mentally Challenged-AARP and Civitan Organization
University Catholic Faculty/Student Cookout
Breadbasket Program for Needy Families
Members participated in civic organizations (VFW, American Legion)
Council Activities – Ben Velasquez & Joe Yore Co- Directors:
Family of the Month,
Monthly Mass for Living and Deceased Members
Participate in Parish Ministry Fairs
Donation to Catholic School for Capital Campaign
Participated in Social for Camp Shelby Troops
Cooked for Parish Teachers/Prior to 1st day of classes
Cleanup/Landscaped Parish Cemetery
Joint Cookout with Neighboring Councils
Coffee/Donut Day after Mass at two Parishes
Hosted Degree Exemplifications (1st)

Youth Activities - Robert Lawson Director:
Sponsored Sacred Heart Cub Scout Pack #144 and Scout Troop #14
Donations to Sacred Heart School and School Endowment Funds
Free Throw Contest at Sacred Heart School
Essay Contest at Sacred Heart School
Recognized Altar Servers from two Parishes
Sponsored Girls State Candidates (two girls)
Sponsored Boys State Candidate (one boy)

Family Activities- Ben Velasquez Director:
Quarterly Corporate Communions
End of Summer Family Cook-out
Joint Cookout with neighboring Councils
Coffee/donut Day after Mass at two Parishes
Cookout related to Family Month Activities
Christmas/Spouses Dinner Party

Ben Velasquez
Grand Knight Council 1908

Council 2134 Greenville: No Report

**Grand Knight's Report
Laurel Council 2180
Laurel, Mississippi
2007-2008**

On July 15, 2007, the duly elected and appointed officers for the 2007-2008 Fraternal year were installed by our District Deputy (#8) Sherwood Beckham (Council Officers) and our Past State Deputy John (Pat) Myers in the Parish Hall. A reception for Brother Knights, their wives and guests was held at a local restaurant.

The following officers installed are:

LAUREL COUNCIL 2180

Chaplain	Father Mike Thornton
Grand Knight	Daniel B. Nelson
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe Harvey
Chancellor	Robert D. Webb
Recorder	David Hughes
Treasurer	Joe Flick
Financial Secretary	Bill Gatzman
Advocate	Frank Dechert
Warden	Bob Bergin
Inside Guard	Michael Maily
Outside Guard	Bud Herring
3 rd Year Trustee	Don Schwartz
2 nd Year Trustee	Charlie Rawls
1 st Year Trustee	Pat Myers
Program Director	Joe Harvey
Membership Director	Robert D. Webb
Pro-Life Chairpersons	Larry & Linda Pressly
Knight of the Year 2006-2007	Louis (Don) Schwartz
Family of the Year 2006-2007	Charles (Bud) and Nita Herring
Knight of the Year 2007-2008	Rodney (Bob) Wess
Family of the Year 2007-2008	Clifford and Sue Hess

ARTHUR F. AXTON ASSEMBLY 563

Faithful Friar	Rev. Ken Ramon-Landry
Faithful Navigator	Charles (Bud) Herring
Faithful Admiral	Louis (Don) Schwartz
Faithful Captain	Glenn Waguespack
Faithful Pilot	William (Bill) Gully Jr.
Faithful Comptroller	Ralph (Bill) Gatzman
Faithful Purser	Charlie Rawls
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Mike Williams
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Curtis Allen
Faithful Trustee 3 rd Year	Tim Waterson
Faithful Trustee 2 nd Year	Tommy Williams
Faithful Trustee 1 st Year	Joe Flick

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: RICHARD HOLLINGSWORTH

1. PARTICIPATED IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH, I.E., MEMBERS SERVE AS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, USHERS, PARISH COUNCIL, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ETC.
2. SPONSORED A PARISH ROUNDTABLE (2)
3. PARTICIPATED IN SUPREME-S R.S.V.P. PROGRAM
4. MAKE A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$100 TO THE CHRISTOPHER FUND
5. PARTICIPATED IN SUPREME'S MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER
6. ASSISTED THE PEOPLE OF A CATHOLIC MISSION, I.E., SALTILLO, HISPANIC MINISTRIES, ETC.
7. SPONSORED A KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
8. SPONSORED A PARISH PRAYER SERVICE (I.E., STATIONS OF THE CROSS, RECONCILIATION SERVICE, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION) DAY OF ADORATION
9. ROSARY DEVOTION, I.E., PARISH ROSARY SERVICE, COUNCIL SAYING THE ROSARY AT MEETINGS AND WEEKLY MASSES MAY AND OCTOBER
10. COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS BASKET
11. GUMBO SALE FOR PRIEST EDUCATION FUND
12. LEAD ROSARY BEFORE MASS- MONTHS OF MAY & OCTOBER
13. REPAIRED & IMPROVE PARISH FACILITIES
14. QUARTERLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASSES
15. MONTHLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASSES

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: DON SCHWARTZ, CHAIRMAN

1. SPONSORED AND PROMOTED A PRO-LIFE PROJECT (LIFE-CHAIN)
2. PROVIDED VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE TO A PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER
3. DONATION OF AT LEAST \$100 TO MISSISSIPPI PRO-LIFE MEMORIAL FUND OR OTHER PRO-LIFE CAUSE.
4. PARTICIPATED IN SUPREME'S DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD (MARCH)
5. PARTICIPATED IN THE DRIVE FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED (TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE).
6. SPONSOR A BLOOD DRIVE (2)
7. PARTICIPATE AS A COUNCIL IN VISITING THE SICK OR ELDERLY SHUT-INS OR HOSPITAL VISITS
8. PARTICIPATED IN A FOOD OR CLOTHING DRIVE TO ASSIST THE NEEDY AND VOLUNTEERED (3 MEMBERS) AS A COUNCIL TO ASSIST AT A SOUP KITCHEN
9. PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES, I.E., CIVIC, HISTORIC SOCIETIES, ETC.
10. PARTICIPATED IN SOME FORM OF PRISON MINISTRY
11. KEEP UP PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN
12. MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST PROCEEDS TO ASSIST ONE SEMINARIANS
13. PARTICIPATE IN SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVES (2)
14. POT LUCK SUPPER/ COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER
15. PRO LIFE ROSARY & MASS, PARTICIPATE IN PRO LIFE CHAIN
16. PURCHASE TICKET TO SUPPORT ICS DRAWN DOWN FUND RAISER
17. SCHOOL FAIR - SET UP & TAKE DOWN
18. SPONSOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
19. VOLUNTEER IN ST. VINCENT'S DE PAUL'S STORE

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: CHARLIE RAWLS, CHAIRMAN

1. CONDUCTED 3 MEMBERSHIP BLITZES (MAY AND OCTOBER 06 AND FEBRUARY 07)
2. PUBLISHED MONTHLY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
3. MAINTAINS AN E-MAIL MEMBER LIST(FURNISHED GOOD OF THE ORDER, FYI, ETC)
4. COUNCIL HAS 4 ONE MEMBERS ON A CERTIFIED DEGREE TEAM (CERTIFIED TEAM)
5. CONDUCT A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED BROTHER KNIGHTS
6. RECOGNIZE KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR YOUR COUNCIL (SUBMITTED KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRIES TO STATE CONVENTION)
7. APPOINTED AN ELECTRONIC FORMS SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR AND/OR INTERNET CONTACT. SUBMITTED THE NAME TO STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
8. 1ST DEGREE TEAM
9. CONDUCTED A 1ST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
10. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
11. MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED KNIGHTS
12. BI-MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
13. MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
14. PIG ROAST & AWARDS DINNER

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: TODD COFFIN CHAIRMAN

1. SPONSORED A K OF C FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION AT LEAST QUARTERLY
2. PARTICIPATED IN THE SUPREME FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM (SUBMITTED 12 ENTRIES TO THE SUPREME DURING THE FRATERNAL YEAR)
3. SUBMITTED FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRY AT STATE CONVENTION
4. HELD A MEMORIAL MASS, PARTICIPATED IN THE MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS
5. PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK
6. PARTICIPATED IN SCHOOL OKTOBERFEST (SCHOOL FUND RAISING EVENT)
7. EASTER EGG HUNT
8. PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PARISH MEMBERS AND THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED
9. ANNUAL FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET
10. MARDI GRAS PARTY
11. SUBMIT FAMILY OF THE YEAR AT STATE CONVENTION
12. QUARTERLY FAMILY COMMUNION MASS
13. PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK
14. COORDINATE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
15. PARTICIPATED IN THE SUPREME FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: WAYNE HOLLOMON CHAIRMAN

1. SUPPORTED THE PARISH CYO OR OTHER CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP
2. SUPPORTED SCOUTING (BOY/CUB SCOUTS, BROWNIES, ETC.) COUNSELOR
3. CONDUCT A PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AND/OR ENCOURAGE YOUTH LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION (ALTER SERVERS, YOUTH CHOIR, YOUTH COMMENTATORS, OR LECTORS)
4. ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS (COACHING YOUTH ATHLETICS, CUB SCOUTS, ETC.)
5. DONATED TOYS (OR OTHER ITEMS) TO NEEDY CHILDREN (CHRISTMAS BASKETS)
6. PARTICIPATED IN CYO STATE CONVENTION (PROVIDED SECURITY)
7. PROVIDE SUPPORT TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL
8. ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
9. PANCAKE BREAKFAST, CYO, SENIOR RETREAT
10. SUPPORT PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES
11. PARTICIPATED IN ANNUAL SKI TRIP
12. PURCHASE TICKET TO SUPPORT ICS-SCHOOL DRAWDOWN FUND RAISER
13. SET UP AND TAKE DOWN FOR ICS-SCHOOL FAIR
14. SUPPORT CCD PROGRAM (MEMBERS TAUGHT CLASSES)

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES: LARRY AND LINDA PRESLEY, PRO-LIFE COUPLE

1. PRO-LIFE ROSARY MASSES
2. LIFE CHAIN
3. PRO-LIFE DISPLAY
4. ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES: BOB WEBB, CHAIRMAN

1. RECRUITMENT
2. RETENTION
3. 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 another year as your Grand Knight. Again, 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 long the way as we strived to strengthen our dedication and service to our Church, Community, Youth, Council, and Family. I would like to thank all the officers and chairmen of the council, and their families for their help and support during the year. I would like to especially thank our Past Grand Knight, Bob Webb; Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Harvey; Financial Secretary, Bill Gasman, 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.

C.G. Shapley Council, No. 2945 Leland

As of April 2008, we have a total of 46 members in our council, 40 active and 6 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.
5. Sponsored a pancake supper for the parish.
6. Sponsored a Marion Hour of Prayer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1. Supplied the Christmas stockings at the annual parish Christmas Social.
2. Sponsored a community Halloween Carnival.

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 Catechism of the Catholic Church Books 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.
5. Sponsored a Halloween Party for children and parents, candy, hay ride, haunted house, and supper,

FAMILY LIFE:

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

CONCLUSION:

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.

Jimmy Sherman

Grand Knight

Council 2969 Clarksdale: No Report

Msgr. Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian

Officers: Joe Spence-GK, John Dufrene-DGK, Rick Allard-Chlr, Frank Koch-FS, Rodney Keel-Rcdr, Michael Burch-Tr, Jim Wilkinson-Adv, Andy Ladner-Wrd, Francis "Skip" Barrett – programs director
Holy Family Parish, 22342 Evangeline Rd., Pass Christian, Ms.

Programs/Activities Report as of December 31, 2007

- Monthly Business meetings , held first Monday of every month
- Pro- Life Rosary held every month prior to business meeting
- Monthly Corporate Communion Mass held on Sunday following business meeting with Parish Social following the Mass (coffee, donuts, juice)
- Monthly Executive Council Officers meetings held on last Monday of every month
- Council Raffle ticket sales x 3
- Participated in State Raffle in support of Priest Education for Jackson and Biloxi Diocese
- Donation of Papal and US American flags to Church
- Independence day Mass , July 4, 2007
- Sponsored City / County " in remembrance " program / Mass for Fire, Police and youth of Elementary School , September 11, 2007
- Monthly attendance to City of Pass Christian Council meetings
- Assistance in relocation of local Priest and daughter of Sisters of Mercy
- Assistance in Hispanic Ministries of Parish , two brothers one a Deacon support the Parish in transportation , attendance and celebration of the Mass / translation of Holy Readings, etc.
- Boy Scouts assistance, financial support as well as adult troop leadership
- Work in support of elderly , rebuilding and various support efforts as identified by the Parish office
- Attendance at School of Columbianism , three council officers attended
- Attendance at Annual State Jurisdiction Convention in Biloxi -- two delegates attended along with several fraternal brothers
- Attendance at Mid-Winter meeting , four council officers attended
- Service to Parish in various ministries, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters welcome party, Lectors, Parish Council membership involvement on weekly basis throughout the Church year
- Involved in Community rebuilding and beautification efforts
- New membership Blitz activities , attended all Masses with message of KofC fraternal body
- Financial donation for Pro-Life \$ 100.00
- Financial donation for Mentally Challenged

- Financial donation (Scholarship) to St. Vincent De'Paul Elementary 6th grade students ,
\$500.00 each to male and female student
- Visits to sick and infirmed at hospitals along the Ms. Gulf Coast
- One Council officer attended Supreme Convention in Nashville

Programs/Activities Report (continued) as of December 31, 2007

- Assisted Council # 4898 with St. Vincent De'Paul cook out in spring 2007
- Various Socials including celebration of Councils 50 years of service , Christmas, new members dinner/social
- Donation to new St. Vincent De'Paul School , brick program
- Christmas Social for Parish ministries, planned, financed and provided food , drink and entertainment to Parish ministers - approximately sixty members in attendance.
- Celebrated Rosary with Diocese at Rite to life Rosary rally
- New membership Blitz March and October
- Blood Drive , working with Parish
- Financial Donation to Sisters of Mercy , Jamica Hurricane recovery
- Annual Fraternal Service Party
- Provided Social for # 120 volunteers - provided food , cooked and provided sit down supper at Parish Hall

St Vincent de Paul Council 4898 Long Beach

It is my honor to report on the activities of the St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898 for the fraternal year of 2007-2008.

Since my first election as Grand Knight, now 3 terms ago, I have had the privilege to work with some outstanding Knights during some challenging times. Since Katrina, we have continued to restore and revitalize our parish and our council. This past year was no exception.

Elected for this year's term were:

Grand Knight: Elvis Gates; Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Morgan; Chancellor: Darren Mayer;
Recorder: Michael Daley; Treasurer: Norman McDonald; Fin. Secretary: Rodney Sandoz;
Advocate: Harry Myers; Warden Ennis Johnson; Inside Guard: Andy Kovacs; Outside Guard:
Jim Delinski; 3 Year Trustee: Doc Holliday; 2 Year Trustee: Bill Seal;
1 Year Trustee: Chuck Mink

Projects Performed:

Church Activities

Participated in the life of the Parish, i.e., members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, Sunday School Teachers, etc.

Participate in Supreme's R.S.V.P. Program
Make a minimum donation of \$100 to the Christopher Fund
Sponsor a parish retreat/parish mission
Sponsor a "Keep Christ in Christmas" program
Sponsor a parish prayer service (i.e., Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation Service, Eucharistic Adoration)
Rosary Devotion, i.e., Parish Rosary Service, Council saying the Rosary at meetings, Lenten Friday Rosary
Other Church Activity (describe) Lenten Fish Fry Ash Wednesday and Every Friday of Lent

Community Activities

Sponsor or Promote a Pro-Life Project
Provide Volunteer Assistance to a Pro-Life Organization, i.e., Birthright, Right to Life, Pregnancy Crisis Center (Does *not* include monetary donations)
Donation of at least \$100 to Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund or other Pro-Life cause.
Participate in Supreme's *Day of the Unborn Child* (March)
Sponsor a blood drive
Participate in a food or clothing drive to assist the needy or volunteer as a council to assist at a soup kitchen
Participate in community leadership roles, i.e., civic, historic societies, etc.
Participate in some form of Prison Ministry
Honor or Recognize Fire and Law Enforcement Officers or Emergency Response Personnel, i.e. Blue Mass or some other program

Council Activities

Conduct a Membership drive
Maintain a council Website
Council has at least one member on a Certified Degree Team
Hold on-going Socials, at least quarterly
Conduct a Memorial Service for Deceased Brother Knights
Recognize Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year for your council (submit Knight of the Year entry to State Convention)
Other Council Activity (describe) Celebrated Fr. McGivney Birthday Party 8-12-07
Council Anniversary Celebration
Sponsor a Columbus Day Celebration (October) or Founder's Day Celebration (March 29)

Family Activities

Sponsor a KC Family Corporate Communion at least quarterly
Participate in the Supreme Family of the Month program
Submit Family of the Year entry at State Convention
Sponsor a Family fun event, i.e., party, picnic, canoe trip, bowling, etc.
Sponsor a Family Social, i.e., burger night, pot luck dinner, etc.
Hold a Memorial Mass
Sponsor a Marriage Vow Renewal Program or Recognize Milestone Marriage Anniversaries, i.e., 10, 25 or 50 year anniversaries
Other Family Activity (describe) Showed The Ten Commandments movie at church for public

Youth Activities

Support the parish CYO or other Catholic Youth Group
Actively participate in community youth programs (coaching youth athletics, 4-H club, Explorers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, mentoring, etc.)
Sponsor a Drug Awareness Poster Contest or similar program
Sponsor Knights of Columbus Essay Contest
Other Youth Activity (describe) Cooked for kids at back to school picnic 8-24-2007
Establish a Youth Scholarship Program
Provide support to a local school, i.e., Adopt a School (preferably a Catholic school)
Sponsor a program for the youth of the parish, i.e., Easter egg hunt, Christmas party, teenage

Pro Life Activities

Donated services to Morningstar Crisis Pregnancy Center to have a washer and dryer connected for them to wash/dry clothes and baby clothes for new mothers and infants
Participated in the Life Chain in front of St. Thomas Church property on Hwy. 90 on October 7, 2007
Built and erected 200 white crosses and a protect life sign on the St. Thomas Church property on January 22, 2008
Planned and participated in a Day of the Unborn Child mass at St. Thomas on March 25, 2008
Currently there are 7 Knights and their spouses planning to attend this year's convention in Biloxi. We are still recruiting for this year as well as carrying on our goal of bringing in more Knights for next fraternal year. As of this writing we have brought in 12 new Knights as well as reinstated 3 others.

In Service,

Elvis B. Gates, Jr.

Grand Knight

Council 5267 Greenwood: No Report

*Father Rotondo Council #5556
Cleveland, Mississippi*

On June 27, 2007, the duly elected and appointed officers were installed by Worthy District Deputy Wayne Ebelhar 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	Luis Ybarra
Deputy Grand Knight	James W. Bradham
Financial Secretary	Ben Bailey
Chancellor	Doug Coclova
Recorder	Wayne Evnard
Treasurer	Jody Rocconi
Advocate	Fred Henry
Warden	Michael Rocconi
Inside Guard	Robert Vargas
Outside Guard	Florencio Ybarra
1 yr. Trustee	Michael Aguzzi
2 yr. Trustee	Shea Skeen
3 yr. Trustee	Billy Boswell II

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	James W. Bradham
Church Director	David Doran
Community Director	Michael Aguzzi
Membership Director	Johnny Capocaccia
Youth Director	Michael Rocconi
Family Director	Dustin Pambianchi
Retention Chairman	Ben Bailey

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
- Sponsor "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Quarterly donations to the local Save-a-Life ministry
- Raised money for People with Intellectual Disabilities Program
- Blood drives
- 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. Members include the Mayor and one alderman of Cleveland.
- Participate in Prison Ministry

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

- Council has a Certified First Degree Team
- Held monthly social meetings
- Recognized Knight of the Year and Family of the Year
- Special Mass and Breakfast for Knights
- Conducted membership drive
- Appointed Electronic forms submission coordinator

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

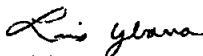
YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- 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
- Supported youth by providing a meal at vacation bible school and teachers
- Sponsored Girls State Delegate

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 3 new members this year. We are happy to have a large group of young members as 37 of 191 members are under age 30.

Participating in special mass, bocce tournaments, blood drives, a spaghetti supper, and monthly socials keep our bonds of fraternity strong and results in a more unified council.

Fraternally,



Luis Ybarra
Grand Knight

Council 5654 Ocean Springs

Grand Knight -----Carl Brochard
 Deputy Grand Knight-----Doug Denehie
 Chancellor ----- Thomas Brochard
 Warden -----Bernie McGinley
 Treasure-----Burt Fleming
 Financial Secretary--- Leonard Tarrant
 Recorder----- Charles Robertson
 Inside Guard----- Leeward Danise
 Out Side Guard-----Joseph Langlinais
 Advocate -----Adam Jowel
 Lecturer ----- Carney "Skip" Murphy
 Trustee ----- Frank Pasquini
 Trustee ----- Harry Williams
 Trustee ----- James Starnes

We got off to a good start at the beginning of the year in 2007. We are back up and running and the main hall is finished. We have had numerous Functions and Fund raising projects for the needy. We had a meal at Thanksgiving for our senior citizens of Ocean Springs.
 We hosted the Mid Winter meeting for the State. We also hosted the Southern State Free Throw champion ship, which went well. We hosted (1) 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree. We put on a District 1st Degree each month.

We have picked up our membership attendance, by having the Ladies meet on the same night as we meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

We started a weekly Breakfast for St. Alphonsus church members starting in June, to show them how we appreciate them helping us with their support.

Respectively
 Carl Brochard

Council 6555 Shelby: No Report

Council 6592 Bassfield: No Report

Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765 Starkville

Membership

New Member	14	Deaths	3
Transferred in	4	Suspensions	0
Transferred out	1	Added Insurance	3
Reapplication	1	Minus Insurance	1
Honor Life			
Added	3		

Church Activities

- Provided financial assistance to 3 seminarians each month through RSVP program
- Added 4th seminarian to our RSVP program in March 2008
- Provided assistance to Dwelling Place retreat facility
 - Tree removal
 - Assisted with Fall Festival fundraiser
 - Held annual grill raffle with proceeds earmarked to Dwelling Place
- Provided rosaries for RCIA members
- Distributed Veritas Series "*Prayer Time*" A collection of devotional prayers to RCIA Class
- Provided breakfast after each Men's Advent Prayer Breakfast conducted by pastor.
- Participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sales program
- Sold KCIC Magnets as an additional Christmas season sales program
- Active in many parish activities, including prayer services, adorations, and rosaries
- Provided a Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month, with proceeds earmarked for Vocations.
- Made a donation of \$400 to the Christopher Fund.

Community Activities

- Participated in pro-life activities
- Organized and participated in three blood drives
- Member serves on Advisory Board of Boys and Girls Club
- Donated \$100 to Mississippi Pro-Life Fund
- Participate in the Drive for Mentally Challenged (Tootsie Roll Drive) by making a \$50 donation to the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Foundation.

Council Activities

- Maintained a First Degree Team
- Conducted 3 First Degree Exemplifications
- Hosted a Major Degree in February
- Participated in the Knight of the Month program
- Sent Birthday Cards to all members during the year
- Maintained a Council Email List
- Held on-going Socials.

Family Activities

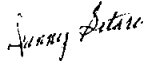
- Participated in Parish Picnic, including setup, cooking and cleanup
- Participated in Dwelling Place Labor Day Festival.
- Fish Dinner after the Stations of the Cross each week during Lent
- Participated in the Family of the Month program

Youth Activities

- Supported Junior CYO, including a sponsoring and helping to conduct a one-day retreat
- Council members serve as CCD instructors
- Cooked monthly meals for the Catholic Student Association
- Cooked dinner for the high school youth HOMEWORK program.

- Cooked breakfast for the high school CYO after their lockdown night
- Cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for the senior CYO
- Council members serve as local leaders in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
- Established a Youth Scholarship
- Sponsored a KC Free throw Contest.
- Sponsored a KC Soccer Competition.

Respectfully Submitted,



Danny Setaro
Grand Knight

Council 6872 Picayune: No Report

Council 7087 Kiln: No Report

Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven

Church Activities:

Our council is very active in the church as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Knights fill positions on the Parish Council and the Finance Council. We participate in the R.S.V.P. Program. The seminarian we had been supporting the last couple of years was recently ordained Father Mark Mastin SCJ. Our new seminarian is Duy Nguyen. We will provide monthly support until he is ordained. We participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer at Christ the King Church. Our service with Our Lady of Charity Icon was Oct. 24th 2007. We have a yearly Keep Christ in Christmas Program with a Crèche lighting and prayer service followed by hot chocolate and cookies while the children sing Christmas Carols. We pray the Rosary regularly, before business meetings, the monthly Right to Life Rosary, memorial rosaries and other occasions.

Council Activities:

We have a very good monthly newsletter. Council 7120 have a certified First Degree Team. We hold a memorial service for deceased Brother Knights at least once a year. Our scrapbook has won many awards at past State Conventions. We have ongoing socials for Knights and their wives who help make us stronger as a council.

Family Activities:

We strive to assist widows and families of deceased members. We hold a Memorial Mass at least once a year. Our church has a Fall Festival every year to raise money for debt reduction. The festival committee won't even consider scheduling it until we know when the Ole Miss home games are because we work a concession stand there as our major fundraiser. I think that says a lot for our council that they don't think they could be as successful without us Knights.

Community Activities:

Council 7120 promote Pro-Life Projects at Christ the King. A project we're quite proud of this year was a cooperative effort with the Father Gregory Bezy Assembly 2195. We purchased a monument to the children killed by abortion and placed it in a prominent position on the Christ the King Church grounds. We participate in the People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive yearly. We visit the sick. We participate in a food drives for local organizations. We also honor local Fire and Law Enforcement Officers.

Youth Activities:

We recognize youth liturgical participation. We provide rosaries to First Communicants. We provide breakfast to families at First Reconciliation. We also sponsor a Drug Awareness Poster Contest, a KC Free Throw Contest, a KC Soccer Challenge and a KC Essay Contest.

Growth:

Hernando Desoto Council 7120 added five new members to our council since June of 2007 and hopes to add three more at our April 2008 meeting. New Brother Knights: Lucas Dobson, Nathan Schexnayder, James Wiseman, Jesse Morris Sr. and Michael Kuehnlel.

Knight of the Year:

Our Knight of the Year is Brother Robert Purifoy. As Maintenance Supervisor at Christ the King we sometimes take for granted that he's always at the church. Robert often puts in twelve hour days not only doing his regular work but going the extra mile to make our fish fry's, Tootsie Roll Drive, concession stand service at University of Mississippi home games, Fall Fest, Dinner Theater, etc., etc. a success. While several other Knights have helped get us in our own Hall on the church property (our first meeting in the hall was March 2008) Robert by far has devoted more personal time than any other. Our thanks go out to him.

Family of the Year:

Our Family of the year is Bill and Melissa Sonnemann. Bill is Past Grand Knight of Council 7120 and our current District Deputy. While Bill works out of town a lot he still manages to make the majority of our meetings and events. Not only is Melissa very supportive of Bill's involvement, but she also joins him when needed in organizing and participating in Council events. They are both Eucharistic Ministers, Bill is an Usher and Melissa shares the responsibility of scheduling Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Lectors at Christ the King.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Bicknell
Grand Knight
Hernando Desoto Council 7120

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211 Lumberton/Poplarville

During our 30th. 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
Grand Knight

Fr. Ken Ramon/Landry
Bob Jackson

Deputy Grand Knight	Alberto Esquivel
Chancellor	Franklin Delaney
Recorder	Preston Stuit
Treasure	Anthony Knue
Advocate	Joe Didier
Warden	Louis Munsch
Inside Guard	Sidney Arceneaux
Outside Guard	Joey Esquivel
Trustee for one year	Lawrence Schlautman
Trustee for two years	Bert St. Pelcovich
Trustee for 3 years	Salvadore Boscareno

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:

Served as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality and Altar Servers
 Lenten Soup Supper at both churches/Led stations of Cross
 Helped with the Saint Joseph Alter
 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 and Cemetery
 Assist both Altar Societies
 Assist in St. Vincent dePaul Store
 Conducted a vocations program
 Participated in RSVP OProgram
 Assisted in Saltillo Mission
 Parish Rosary Service
 Parish Council

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Visit and entertain mentally challenged quarterly
 Quarterly Blood Driver
 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 dePaul
 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
Prayer Books to children making their First Communion
Prayer Books to those being Confirmed
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 numerous Fund Raisers

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Jackson
Grand Knight -Council 7211.

Holy Savior Council #7854 Clinton

This past year has been a learning experience in my first year as Grand Knight. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our officers, without whose help this year would not have been such a success. The officers are as follows:

Chaplain	Reverend Thomas McGing
Grand Knight	Max Holland
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill O'Connor, PGK
Financial Secretary	Charlie Collins, PGK
Chancellor	Kelly Cummins
Recorder	Mike Weisenberger
Treasurer	Chuck Weiss
Advocate	Buck Butkowski
Warden	Mike Harkins
Inside Guard	Joe Mraz
Outside Guard	Chris Halliwell
First Year Trustee	Stephen Martinolich, PGK
Second Year Trustee	Fred Roquemore, PGK
Third Year Trustee	Bill Hetrick, PGK

We had a busy year in our council in each category and some of the activities are listed, as follows:

CHURCH: We participated in the Church Council, lay ministries and ushers. We also were instrumental in the Council to welcome new parishioners into our Church. Our Knights were also present at all times for Holy Thursday Adoration, with four of our 4th degree members dressing in regalia and leading the procession around the church. One of our members taught bible study to adults each Sunday morning. Our council aided in the cooking at the parish's annual Bar-B-Que.

COMMUNITY: Our council had a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive, with proceeds going to aid the Clinton Jr. High Life Skills program. We also collected clothing and delivered them to needy in Forest, Mississippi. We were also represented in the St. Patrick's Day by several of our 4th degree knights bearing flags and presenting prayer cards along the route.

COUNCIL: Our council sponsored a softball team, with players being comprised of knights as well as church members. We conducted a blood drive. In fact, that drive was so successful that the entire church membership was covered for the entire year. Our council also conducted a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree exemplification in February that was a great success. On the first Sunday of each month, our council provided sausage and biscuits to raise money for priest education and other charities. This was a great way to meet parishioners new and old in our parish.

YOUTH: We supported our CYO and the boy scouts financially. We also provided funds for our altar servers to participate in the Knights of Columbus Day at the Park at the Mississippi Braves game. We also sponsored the annual Bowling Day during Halloween weekend for the children of the parish.

FAMILY: We contributed to a needy Knights family who required medical equipment. We also had a family outing at a local restaurant. We also hosted a family social after "Way of the Cross" on Friday evenings during Lent.

These were some of our council's activities during our very active past year. Hopefully, we will add more activities in this following year.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Holland
Grand Knight
Council #7854

Council 7910 Orange Grove

The following men served as council officers for Council 7910 in 2007-08:

Chaplain Fr. George Murphy
Grand Knight Michael Murphy

DG Knight	Stephen D'Angelo
Fin Secretary	Richard Zdziemborski
Treasurer	Dwayne Rooney
Warden	Sam Williams
Recorder	Craig Henderson
Chancellor	Nick Kingston
Advocate	Robert Delahunt
Inside Guard	Jim Craig
Outside Guard	Michael Bounds
Trustees	Michael Stoner
	Norbert Kane
	Bill Mann

Following the unexpected death of Nick Kingston, the Council elected Leroy Holmes to the office of Chancellor.

Council 7910 mourn the deaths of the following brothers: David Souser, Raymond Moran, Raymond Prosser, and Nick Kingston. Our prayers and thoughts are with their families and friends.

The Council worked with other campus ministries on several special projects this year. Some of the most important include the National Beach Cleanup with the parish CYO, and assisting the Pastor in formulating a Parish disaster plan.

Council 7910, along with all other Coast councils, express our continuing gratitude for the assistance provided to the rebuilding and rebounding Mississippi Gulf Coast. We look forward to seeing everyone and the 2008 Convention

Michael Murphy, GK

Council 7915 Brookhaven: No Report

Council 7974 Columbus: No Report

St Jude Centennial Council 8038 Pearl

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 continues to experience the effects of an aging Council, although we have made significant gains in new membership from the ranks of our Magee Roundtable, as well as new Catholics arriving by way of the RCIA program. With the increased demands placed on two-working parent households, the precious time spent available to maintain core family functions seems to diminish the once available time for many Council functions. At St. Jude's parish, as well as this Council, we have continued to explore alternatives to communicate with our members by electronic mail, the Parish website, traditional newsletters, and small group meetings to rapidly pass information without greater time-demands on our Knights. This strategy seems to work well in the parish, along with having a very receptive and diverse group of individuals in the Council. The core of dedicated members continues to meet the demands of Columbian activity with pride and professionalism, and I acknowledge all of their efforts to interchangeably perform 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.

This fraternal year unfortunately closes on a discouraging note as the Council Hall recently was involved in a devastating fire, and most of our treasured possessions were lost, and the trailer was destroyed. At this time, while the news is not the most encouraging, the spirit of this proud council has become more resolute to find the means to maintain the Council while more permanent solutions become available. With the help of our State Council Leadership, and the determination of our brother Knights, the Council will continue to perform its mission.

While keeping this in perspective, we reflect positively on our accomplishments this year, and look toward the coming years with a renewed dedication for performing the tasks we have accomplished, such as:

1. KC's assisting with the St. Jude Parish, and it's International Food Fair, Church and Rectory renovations;
2. Participating as Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir, and teach CCD classes;
3. keeping 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 Corporate Mass and Blue Mass in honor of Law Enforcement, and Military personnel;
7. The expansion and growth of the St. Stephens Magee Roundtable;
8. Leadership and support for CYO during fund-raising events and Religious Education

Programs;

9. Cooked fried catfish each week during the Lenten season and
10. Conduct the Annual Crawfish Boil.

During this time as we end one liturgical season, and start a new year, I would also be remiss not to recognize our extraordinary District Deputy Brother Philip Jabour, and the rest of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Council. I appreciate the opportunity to lead this Council during the previous year, and look forward to the challenges ahead for this Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Franklin Tinney
Grand Knight, 8038

Council 8054 McComb: No Report

Council 8285 Jackson St Therese: No Report

Council 8760 Holly Springs

The officers indicated below were duly elected and installed in ceremony by
Worthy District One Deputy, Pick Noble:

Grand Knight	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Walter F. Walls
Financial Secretary	Claude L. Vinson, Jr.
Chancellor	James Rayford, Sr.
Recorder	Albert Jones
Treasurer	Victor Beard
Advocate	David Stratmon, Sr.
Warden	Leon Moore
Inside Guard	James Rayford, Jr.
Outside Guard	Charlie Farris
Trustee (1)	Jabbari Oliver
Trustee (2)	Eddie Dixon
Trustee (3)	Ralph Howard

The following Service Program Personnel appointments were made:

Chaplin	Fr Leonard Elder
Program Director	Walter Walls
Church Director	Larry Scott
Vocations Chairman	James Rayford, Sr.
Community Director	Charles Farris
Pro-Life Couple	Frank and Doris Houck
Health Services	Leon Moore
Council Director	Albert Jones
Public Relations	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Family Director	Eddie Dixon
Youth Director	Ralph Howard
Public Relations	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Membership Director	Claude L. Vinson, Jr.

Membership Activities:

Council 8760 continues to address the chore of expanding its membership. We were fortunate enough to meet our quota last fraternal year, we are hopeful that we can duplicate the feat this year.

Church Activities:

1. Members assist at Mass as ushers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers.
2. They are also members of the choir and help with Liturgy planning.
3. Planned and led games for the annual Parish picnic.
4. Members are involved with the pastoral council.
5. Members participate in the annual Easter Rice Bowl.
6. Members provide rides for parishioners for Mass.

Community Activities:

1. One member cooked food (hamburgers, hot dogs, Bar-B-Q, smoked sausages,) All night for the Cancer Relay For Life Event.
2. One Member serves on the County Board of Supervisors.
3. One member prepared picnic for parents and students in Workforce Investment Act Program.
4. One member devised Disaster Preparedness Plan for his neighborhood.
5. One member donated wheelchair for needy patient.
6. Members serve in various civic organizations in county.

Council Activities:

1. Held installation brunch for newly elected officers and guests.
2. Held annual raffle to help defray costs of council programs.
3. Hosted 18th annual Red and White Honors Banquet. Two State Officers and District Deputy in attendance.
4. Held Pancake Breakfast for Mother's Day.
5. Selected Citizen of Year.
6. Selected Family of Year.
7. Selected Knight of Year.
8. Participated in Marian Hour of Prayer.

Family Activities:

1. Selected Family of the Year.
2. Adopted needy family in community.
3. Participated in "Angel Tree" program for area families.
4. One member serves on the Homeless Shelter Board.

Youth Activities:


1. One member assist the Life Teen formation of the parish.
2. Held annual Freethrow Championship.
3. One member played Santa Claus for area school.
4. One member assisted in coaching high school sports (volitional).
5. One member assists the Director of the Workforce Investment Act in finding students for the program.
6. One member aided area school in feting championship team.

Summary:

The council will continue to address membership. We feel that the Spirit of Columbianism is strong and lively.

We are also blessed to have such a capable and cooperative District Deputy in Pick Noble.

Respectfully submitted,


Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Grand Knight

Council 8848 Tupelo: No Report
Council 8912 Corinth: No Report

Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9094 for the 2007-2008 fraternal year and were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District 11 Deputy, Art Dunn:

Chaplain	Fr. Robert Higginbotham
Grand Knight	David Seymour
Deputy Grand Knight	Lee Landry
Chancellor	Joey Paffe
Financial Secretary	John McCollins
Advocate	Julius Chastant
Treasurer	Mark Creech
Recorder	Ed Guardanapo
Warden	Thomas Ross
Inside Guard	Terry Owens
Outside Guard	Stephen Dunn
Trustee (2007-2010)	Roger Feters
Trustee (2007-2009)	Sonny Fountain
Trustee (2007-2008)	Noel Aucoin Jr.

The 2007-2008 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 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, Terri, and the Ladies Auxillary for all their help and patience in our successful projects this year. Also a special thanks to Past State Deputy Larry Tabor for his guidance, wisdom and friendship through this past year, it sure made everything we did easier. With God as our inspiration, we undertook the following activities:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES (Nick Martino- Chairman)

- Participated in the liturgical roles of the parish as Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- Sponsored annual Bazaar
- Held Right to Life Masses
- Served as Sponsors for RCIA
- Donated funds for RCIA Crucifix gifts for home
- Donated to the Priest Education Fund
- Providing monthly financial support to a Seminarian
- Clean-up around Church Rectory, School and Gym

- Assisted in Church Set-up for Christmas and Easter Masses
- Participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer
- Donated numerous hours to the Parish Administrative Duties
- Involved in CCD Educational Roles
- Held Lenten Fish Dinners to raise funds for the Priest Education Fund
- Helped maintain Parish Facilities
- Assisted and supported St. Vincent De Paul

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Larry Tabor – Chairman)

- Council held a Drive to support People with Intellectual Disabilities
- Participated in Keep D'Iberville Beautiful by cleaning up LeMoyne Boulevard
- Members visited the sick and elderly
- Members serving as Leaders in the Community:
 - Teddy Harder - City Councilman
 - Teddy Harder - County School Board
 - Steve Moore - Chamber of Commerce Member
 - Larry Tabor - Chamber of Commerce Member
 - Larry Tabor - Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
 - Ed Creech – Parish Council Member
 - Lee Landry – Parish Council Member
 - Roger Fetters – Parish School Board
 - David Seymour – Parish Council Member
- Donated to the Morning Star Pregnancy Care Center
- Purchased ticket to support Sacred Heart School Draw Down
- Purchased ticket to support St. Patrick High School Draw Down

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES (Ed Guardanapo -- Chairman)

- Published Newsletter
- Hosted Membership Drive
- Honored Knight of the Month
- Held Council Awards Dinner
- Held Council Socials
- Provided speakers for Socials
- Conducted an Installation of Officers and Dinner
- Donated food and money to St. Vincent De Paul
- Brother Knights made numerous trips with supplies to Saltillo, Mexico
- Sponsored Teams in the local baseball and basketball leagues
- Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter/ Summer Meetings
- Held Council Fish Fry
- New members recognized by Grand Knight at monthly meetings

YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Stephen Dunn – Chairman)

- Several members coach various youth league teams
- Youth Program Leadership (CCD,CYO,Altar Servers)
- Recognize Altar Servers
- Hosted Altar Servers Dinner
- Provide support as needed to CYO
- Provide financial support to 1 CYO member to attend Convention
- Provide financial support to CYO to attend State Convention
- Hosted Confirmation Dinner
- Purchased Keep Christ in Christmas Cards
- Purchased CYO Convention Ad
- Conducted Council and District Free Throw Contests
- Hosted District Free Throw Contest
- Conducted Essay Contest
- Cooked lunches for Sacred Heart Elementary School once a month
- Conducted an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (Noel Aucoin Jr. – Chairman)

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Seymour
Grand Knight

St May Council 9124 Gautier

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2007-2008 State Fraternal Year, Council 9124 has continued to be 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. Sponsor 55 – Alive Driver Training Course for Seniors
2. Church Ground and Facilities Cleanup and Repairs
3. Visit to Sick Member of our Church and Community
4. Food Donations to Local Food Banks and Shelter Facilities
5. Participation in Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Challenged
6. Participation in Local Civic and Church Groups
7. Participated in the Pro-Life Chain

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
7. Participated in State Free Throw Tournament for the Southern Region

Family Activities:

1. Quarterly Corporate Communion
2. Conducted a Local Family of the Month Program
3. Participation in Diocesan Rosary Rally
4. Mass for Deceased Council Member
5. Respect for Life Rosary
6. Submission of Council Family of the Year
7. Flowers for Mothers on Mother's Day
8. Prayer Cards for Fathers on Father's Day
9. Assisted with the Parish Picnic
10. Submitted a Family of the Year Nomination
11. Assisted Widows of Former Members

Youth Activities:

1. Financial Support to Local CYO Groups

2. Conducted Altar Server Training
3. Participation in various Community Youth Programs
4. Council Free Throw Tournament
5. Sponsor District Twelve Free Throw Tournament
6. Easter Egg Hunt
7. Graduating Senior Luncheon
8. Youth Scholarship Program

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Ladner, Grand Knight
Council 9124

Council 9234 Indianola: No Report

Council 9409 West Biloxi: No Report

St. Francis Of Assisi Council 9543 Madison

Serving as Grand Knight of Council 9543 in Madison has been the most rewarding experience in my twenty six years as a Knight of Columbus. It is a very active and energetic council and I wish every knight in the Mississippi jurisdiction could experience the pride and joy of leading one of the most recognized and esteemed councils in the state. It's an opportunity I will always cherish and remember.

It is a tremendous asset to the Grand Knight to have the strong support of the officers and council in each and every activity on our calendar. In addition, we enjoy the full support of our pastor and associate pastor.

Our members do not neglect any area of Columbianism. We promote charity, unity and fraternity equally in our membership, youth, council, community, church and family activities and projects.

All eight of the Mandatory Reporting Requirements were met by the council this year and at least one member attended the school of Columbianism and Mid-Winter meeting.

Council Activities

Communication is the life blood of an organization and to keep our members informed the Grand Knight sends out emails, we publish a monthly council newsletter, maintain a council website and compile a scrapbook.

We have a complete First Degree Exemplification Team within our council and do a first degree initiation the third Thursday of every month within for the two districts in our immediate area. We also have a complete Third Degree Team of Exemplars within our council. We are probably the only council in the state with both a full First Degree and Third Degree Exemplification Team. In addition, our Grand Knight is on the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team.

Our Knight in Shining Armor Competition this year produced the largest increase in membership we have experienced in one fraternal year in the proud 21 history of our council. We exemplified 34 new knights, with 24 of them becoming third degree members and 16 receiving the prestigious Knight in Shining Armor Award.

Our PR Chairman has been putting together a professional looking recruiting video of our council's activities for the current fraternal year. The video is targeted to be ready in time for Father's Day.

We recognize a knight of the month, a knight of the year and submit a knight of the year at the convention. We conducted a memorial service for deceased knights. We also catered the 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for one of our members.

Church Activities

Many knights take an active role in the spiritual life of the parish. Thirty-five knights and/or their wives serve as Eucharistic Ministers, fourteen knights serve as lectors, eleven knights serve as Ministers of Hospitality, four knights serve as Cantors, and eight knights serve as sound board operators. A knight serves as the coordinator of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, a knight serves as the coordinator of the lectors, the coordinator of Ministers of Hospitality, and the coordinator of the sound board. A knight serves as the coordinator of the Altar servers. In addition, Knights serve as Sunday school teachers and are active in the Small Church Community Scripture study program. A knight serves as coordinator of the Small Church Community Program and knights serve on the Finance Committee. A knight is the President of the Pastoral Council.

On Fridays during Lent, the council sponsors Eucharistic Adoration, leads the rosary, coordinates the Stations of the Cross and prepares and serves a meatless meal. All funds raised from the Lenten Meals are dedicated to Priest Education. Other church activities include sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas Program, a cash gift of \$250.00 to adopt a family for Christmas and helping deliver the gifts to the more than 80 families adopted by the church. The council supports the activities of the missionary work by our youth in Saltillo, donates to the Christopher Fund and recognizes the local clergy with an appreciation dinner.

We sponsor an annual Golf Tournament with all the proceeds going to priest's education. We proudly donated over \$10,000.00 to the Seminarian Fund.

Our council strives to truly live up to the motto "In Solidarity with our Priests."

Family Activities

We sponsor a quarterly family communion followed by a pot luck dinner and social. We recognize a family of the month and family of the year and submit a family of the year at the convention.

Many knights and their families attended a Mississippi Braves professional baseball game at Trustmark Park.

We held an annual Council Family Campout in November and it was extremely well attended. The widows of our deceased brother knights were invited and seven widows accepted our invitation. At the campout, the council family director, his wife, and a past grand knight lead the memorial rosary. Our associate pastor celebrated a memorial mass in honor of our deceased members and each widow was presented a candle in honor of her husband, a red rose and a Knights of Columbus Memorial Plaque. There were activities for the kids and a television set up outside by the grill so the knights could watch the football game. Some families brought tents to spend the night while others went home to spend the night in their own warm beds. The council served a delicious meal Saturday night and followed that with a gourmet breakfast Sunday morning.

Youth Activities

We sponsored a drug awareness poster contest and participated in the knights of Columbus free throw competition. We sponsored an Essay contest and awarded two \$50.00 gift certificates to the winners. We have several knights that serve as scout leaders and we have several knights that serve as soccer coaches and referees. One knight coaches, referees and also serves as the commissioner of a soccer league.

For the past 16 years, the council has been cooking barbeque chickens on Super Bowl Sunday for the annual fundraiser for the boy scouts. This year eighteen knights cooked over 1,000 chicken halves. The knights lit the charcoal and fired up the eight large grills at 1:00 am Sunday morning February 2 and the last chicken half was taken off the grill at 9:00 am.

We actively support local schools. Our council cooked all the food for the concession stand for the five high school home football games. We cooked a breakfast for the cheerleaders and the football team, catered the athletic banquet serving about 275 people and catered a senior parent/student banquet serving about 250 people. The council catered the high school Draw Down, the school's largest fundraiser, and served over 1,000 people. We donated and cooked hamburgers for the health fair at a local elementary school in the area. We cooked for the youth Advent Fair, the Amazing Race and helped raise funds for the youth mission trip to Saltillo. We also donated \$250.00 each to three of the youths to sponsor them on their Saltillo missionary trip.

Community Activities

The council participated in the Tootsie Roll drive for the Mentally Challenged, sponsored two Blood Drives, and visited the sick and the elderly. Knights pray the rosary on Saturday at the abortion clinic to promote the right to life and the council donates to the Pro-Life Memorial Fund. We donated \$1,000.00 to Pro Life and \$100.00 to the Christopher Fund. Knights are also

volunteer servers at the Stewpot soup kitchen. The council donated \$250.00 in cash and also provided labor for the Habitat for Humanity project.

The council cooking team catered the Outdoorama for the Mississippi Wildlife and Fisheries Agencies, the Drawdown fundraiser for the Mississippi Girls Choir and the fundraiser for the Sacred Heart School.

Conclusion

This has been a tremendous year for our council. Fortunately, our membership includes a large number of great chefs. As a result, one of our greatest assets is our cooking team and our council has earned a tremendous reputation for our culinary talents. Cooking requests come from parishioners within our church and also from many organizations and residents within our community. As our reputation spreads, the requests keep increasing. Catering gigs provide the largest portion of our revenue while allowing the council the opportunity to promote Columbianism and evangelize while cooking. And cooking is something we totally enjoy.

A few of our cooking gigs at church this year included, the Advent Fair, the six Lenten meals, a couple of the Wednesday parish dinners, four priest's appreciation dinnera, and preparation of all the food at Cajun Fest, which is the church's largest fundraiser.

Some of our community cooking gigs this year were the Outdoorama for the Mississippi Wildlife and Fisheries Agency, the Drawdown for the Mississippi Girls Choir, the five high school home football games, breakfast for the high school cheerleaders and football team, the high school parent/student dinner, the Founder's Day banquet for another knights of Columbus council, the Bar-B-Que chicken cooking for the boy scouts, hamburgers for a School Health Fair, the high school athletic banquet and the high school Drawdown. There were quite a few other cooking gigs that are to numerous to mention.

The diversity of the menu and the more than 1,200 people served make the School Drawdown our largest cooking gig both in size and financial benefit to the council. The menu includes seafood gumbo, crab and corn bisque, crawfish etouffee, seafood pasta, boiled shrimp, baked catfish, beef shish-kabob, vegetable shish-kabob, pork tenderloin, beef tenderloin, smoked turkey, smoked chicken legs, sautéed sausage with onions and bell peppers, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and corn macque choux. There were 43 knights who cooked, served or did some of both at the drawdown.

This has been another tremendously exciting and successful fraternal year for council 9543. We are successful because we take advantage of our talent. We accomplished a lot and it has been a privilege and honor to serve as Grand Knight.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Roberts
Grand Knight

Council 9673 Woolmarket: No Report

Council 9958 Lizana: No Report

St. Paul Council 10216 Brandon

Worthy State Deputy,

The strength of a Council is taking on new challenges and programs while keeping the integrity of the core programs intact. The Brothers of 10216 have accomplished this by adding several new programs to address needs in Pro-Life, Brotherhood Assistance, and our parish Youth. Below you will find highlights of our year.

MEMBERSHIP

Started a recruitment dinner before meetings in which potential members broke bread with the Council beforehand. When members adjourned for meeting, potential members sat and talked to our past Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Pastor and membership Chairman, about the Knights and were on hand to answer any and all questions. Our members require Pastor Approval and this helps in the process.

Met Top Gun requirements
67% of new members made 2nd and 3rd degree within 1st year
Three Knight and Shining Armor Awards.
Host recruitment Cruise for potential member and guests

KNIGHTS ACTIVITY

Avg. meeting Attendance 35- 40 Brothers increase 40 %
Sponsored and worked over 120 events this past year
Disbursed over \$ 26,000 and worked over 12,000 man hours
Had record donor amount in Blood Drive
Hosted two Mid Year meetings, Two Degree, and two Insurance meetings
Hosted Christmas Pot Luck and Toy drive addressing Needs of Catholic Charities Shelters
Hosted Lenten Fish Fry's
Created BBQ for Brothers to set up fund for unemployed or medical needs and other assistance.
Organized Cooking and babysitting for Wife of Brother Knight with 6th Child
Held Cleanup day at Church
Have over 25 Knights who are Lectors, Ushers, Commentators, Bible Study Moderators, Youth teachers
Have Monthly Breakfast capped off with Mothers day Champagne Brunch
Send Monthly Dinners and groceries to Matt's House
Hosted priest Appreciation Dinner – Two Bishops and Numerous priests in attendance
Have Knights Choir during mass in summer months

YOUTH

Sponsored a Confirmation retreat moderated by Brother Knights and provided food, speakers and travel.

Cook Monthly for High School Dinners

Have EIGHT brother Knights teaching out of 12 education Classes

Have three brother Knights leaders in Scout troops

Created High School free throw Competition

Held KC free throw Competition – two North State Champs

PRO-LIFE

Hosted initial Birthright Baby Shower raising \$ 675 in cash and estimated \$ 2700 in product donations of clothing and diapers for winter months.

Sponsor and participate in Grillin for Life

The versatility of this Council goes far beyond this report. The many hours in which they give of themselves for each other are the key element to the success. The BROTHER in BROTHERHOOD is not merely a word thrown around lightly, they support and care for each other and the families. When factoring in travel schedules of our leadership and the median age of our Council, the members have established in taking many projects with great success.

In closing, our Council has met the demands laid out by Supreme and in many cases exceeded the goals set to recruit, address the needs of our youth and implemented a program in Pro-Life which other Councils should follow. Most important, is to address the specific needs of our church, family and community.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Brechtel

Grand Knight

Council 10443 Grenada: No Report

Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council # 10499 Ocean Springs

As we complete our Seventeenth Year as a Council, it is my pleasure to acknowledge those who served as officers and chairmen and summarize the activities for the Fraternal Year. This report includes the Council Achievements and Activities from April 01, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

After concluding a very active Program Year in 2006 - 07, the Council received the Stellar Council Award and several other awards for Membership and Program Activities at the State Convention. This set a high benchmark and a real challenge for the new State Fraternal Year.

After the State Convention, the Council completed the last quarter of the 2006-07 Supreme Fraternal Year. The Star Council Award was not received because the Insurance Quota was not met. The Insurance Policy that was sold to the member in March 2008 was not processed by the Supreme Council and the member was not designated an Insurance Member until July 03, 2008. Three days after the end of the Fraternal Year and therefore, we did not qualify for the Double Star Council Award.

This inspired the Council Officers began to plan the new Fraternal Year with increased dedication. The concluding year's Membership and Program Activities were evaluated and updated on the schedule for the new year. At the June 05, 2007 Council Meeting, Officers were elected and the process of appointing the various Committee Chairmen began. The Membership and Program Directors began to meet with their committees to plan activities.

On July 21, 2007, the officers were duly installed by District Deputy, George "Flitter" Roberts :

Chaplain -----	Deacon Martin Finnegin
Grand Knight -----	Joseph B. Goellner, Sr
Deputy Grand Knight -----	Neil Andrew
Chancellor -----	Jerry Holtz
Financial Secretary -----	Morris Sonnier
Warden -----	Michael Butler
Recorder -----	Martin Mardaris
Treasurer -----	Peter Pinto
Advocate -----	Joe Telarico
Inside Guard -----	Andrew Ribar
Outside Guard -----	Shawn McPartland
Trustee 1yr-----	Stephen Bordelon
Trustee 2yr -----	Joe McCormick
Trustee 3yr -----	Robert Frey

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

Membership Director -----	Joe Goellner
Program Director -----	Neil Andrew
Church Activities -----	Jerry Holtz
Community Activities -----	Joe McCormick
Council Activities -----	Martin Mardaris
Family Activities -----	Michael Butler
Youth Activities -----	Robert Frey
Electronic Forms Coordinator -----	Morris Sonnier

A Summary of the Program Activities is as follows:

Church Activities:

1. Members participated in the life serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, CCD Teachers and School Board.
2. Conduct a meaningful Vocations Program
3. Participate in Supreme's Marian Hour of Prayer

4. Purchase Albs for new Deacon Candidates
5. Promoted Family Rosary/Prayer Time at home
6. Sponsored Keep Christ in Christmas Program
7. Sponsored Rosary Service for Adults during May and October.
8. Coordinated Project to Fund, Purchase, and Install new Stations of the Cross in Church
9. Conduct a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and donated net funds to the Parish
10. Promoted and Conducted Fish Fries on the Fridays of Lent for Seminarian Education Fund

Community Activities:

1. Sponsored a Re-Dedication of the Monument to the Unborn
2. Donated \$ 150.00 to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund
3. Participated in Supremes A Day of the Unborn
4. Conducted drive for Mentally Challenged (Tootsie Roll)
5. Sponsored Blood Drive in Parish
6. Encouraged members to visit the sick and elderly at home and the hospital
7. Participated in a food and clothing drive to assist the needy
8. Participated in food and clothing drive for the needy
9. Several members serve in leadership roles as officers of local Civic Organizations
10. Sponsored Monthly fish fries on First Fridays to promote social interaction of the Parish

Council Activities:

1. Conducted two Membership Drives and continued Membership Recruitment
2. Publish Monthly Council Newsletter
3. Established and Maintained Council Website
4. Held a Fraternal Benefits Information Program
5. Three Council Members participated on a Certified Degree Team
6. Held three Social events for the membership and families
7. Conducted Memorial Service for Deceased Members
8. Recognized Knight of the Quarter and Knight of the Year
9. Financial Secretary serves as Electronic Forms Coordinator

Family Activities:

1. Sponsored Quarterly KC Family Corporate Communion
2. Participate in Supreme Family of the Month Program
3. Submitted Family of Year entry at State Convention
4. Assisted widows and families of deceased members
5. Sponsored a Family Crawfish Boil and Christmas Family Social.
6. Held a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members Families
7. Assisted several needy Families
8. Participated in National Family Week

Youth Activities:

1. Provide Age Appropriate Mass Missals for younger children to use at Mass
2. Cooked and served a Breakfast for Graduating Seniors and their Families
3. Conducted Program to recognize Alter Servers
4. Encouraged members to serve on Community Youth Program Committees

5. Sponsored local KC Freethrow Contest
6. Donated toys for needy children
7. Sponsored Youth Christmas Party
8. Football Tailgate Party for Families and Youth to attend High school Game
9. Provided support for local Catholic School
10. Sponsored Youth to Boys State and Girls State

A Summary of Membership Activities is as follows:

The Council conducted two Membership Blitz Drives in the Parish and encouraged Council Members to individually recruit Family Members and friends. The result of our recruiting yielded Fourteen (14) New Members, four (4) Transfers, three (3) Re-applications and three (3) Prospect Applications. We currently have four applications on file, who should receive their degrees during the next quarter. The Council had a net increase of twenty one members and three insurance members during the State Program Year to achieve Top Gun Status.

Conclusion:

The success of the Council, during the 2007-08 State Program Year, has been very rewarding and qualifies the council for the Stellar Council Award. In addition to the above activities, several other achievements should be noted. Communication with the membership was improved by a Monthly Newsletter inserted in the Parish Bulletin and the development of a Council Web Site. An E-Mail Address List was developed to transmit the Newsletter and other messages to reduce the distribution cost.

As I write this report, Membership and Program Plans have been scheduled for the last three months of the Fraternal Year and the results will be part of the report for the next State Year. Two of the major Project Activities are the implementation of a Parish Vocations Committee to Promote Vocation Awareness and a Columbian Squires Circle. The council should qualify for the Star Council Award at the end of the 2007 – 08 Supreme Fraternal Year.

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight of Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council # 10499 this year.

A special thanks to the dedicated leadership of the Council Officers, Directors and Chairmen, who were assisted by an inspired membership, who provided the support to make it a successful year.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph B. Goellner, Sr.
Grand Knight, Council # 10499

Council 10901 Oxford

Chaplin

Council Officers

Rev. Theodore Klinglen

Grand Knight	Jacob Eftink
Deputy Grand Knight	George Read
Financial Secretary	Bill Panlener
Chancellor	James Reid
Recorder	James Reid
Treasurer	Dennis Ott
Advocate	Ron Rychlak
Warden	Tom Stottman
Inside Guard	Larry Agostinelli
Outside Guard	Shannon Pittman
Trustees	Rev. Theodore Klingens
	Larry Agostinelli
	Peter Sukanek

Program Activities

Church Activities: Bob Hudson Chairman

- Held Lenten fish fries every Friday during Lent
- Organized, setup booths and worked the St. John's Parish fair
- Gave money to a seminarian studying in New Orleans
- Members of our council serve as president and recorder on our Parish's Pastoral council
- Members of our council serve on Parish's finance council and liturgy committee
- Held a Marion Hour of Prayer service
- Participated in Parish's Adoration service after Holy Thursday Mass
- Members were active in Parish's RCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs
- Prayed Rosary before every business meeting

Community Activities: Mike Mitchell Chairman

- Participated in Scott Center (Tootsie Roll) drive
- Fed hot dogs and hamburgers to the people attending the Oxford 4th of July festivities
- Members of our council serve as leaders at the University of Mississippi
- Donated dinners to a local school basketball team before one of their games
- Spoke at local university's Catholic Student Association

Family Activities: Ron Rychlak Chairman

- Recognized the mothers of our Parish with roses on Mother's Day
- Recognized one family as the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year
- Provided food and drinks for the Parish swim part
- Gave \$200 Wal Mart gift cards to needy families during Advent

Council Activities: James Reid Chairman

- State Secretary is a member of our council
- Our Council has a certified 1st Degree team
- Recognize a Knight for Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year
- Parked cars at Ole Miss football games to raise funds for the council
- Published a quarterly newsletter

- Held quarterly socials, including Christmas potluck and Awards Banquet

Youth Activities: Basil Richmond Chairman

- Knights coach youth soccer, softball and basketball teams
- Provided hot dogs and hamburgers for the Parish's Total Youth Ministry
- Member served as Confirmation sponsor
- Member served as a leader in our Parish's Boy Scout troop

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacob "Jake the Fake" Eftink, Grand Knight

St. James Council 11541, Gulfport

Serve Mothers' Day breakfast to ladies of St. James parish.
Serve soup and sandwiches on Fridays during lent.
Repaired pews and kneelers in St. James Church.
Painted the adoration chapel.
Purchased and installed new steel door on the adoration chapel.
Retiled the restroom in the adoration chapel.
Built new chair storage racks for the parish center.
Installed new church sign in front of church.
Operated the hamburger booth for the fall festival, raised \$1200.00 for the school.
Participated in Knights of Columbus state golf tournament.
Support the state wide raffle for seminarian education.
Serve coffee and doughnuts after 0900 mass every Sunday.
Provide ushers for every mass.
Performed repairs on sisters of mercy residents.
Perform cemetery cleanup days throughout the year at St. James cemetery.
Re-bulbed the meeting rooms in the parish center.
Setup and cleanup and serve food during Dr. Scott Hahn's presentation.

Robert Pyle
Grand Knight 11541

Council 11654 Wiggins: No Report

Council 11904 Gluckstadt

Council Officers

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recorder

Joe Best
David Cobb
Jason Crocker
Craig West

Financial Secretary	John C. Minninger
Treasurer	Charles Strong
Advocate	Dennis Strong
Warden	Harrison "Ned" Darbonne
Inside Guard	Billy Endris
Outside Guard	A. H. "Doc" Toups
1 st Year Trustee	Stephen Jones
2 nd Year Trustee	Dalton Crotwell
3 rd Year Trustee	Joe Jones

We began the year with installation of officers by our Worthy District Deputy Philip Jabour. We have also enjoyed a nice increase in membership. First time programs included: Grillin for Life, RSVP program, Pro-Life Fundraiser (Baby Bottle Campaign), and a very successful Scholarship Fundraiser for Holy Child School in Canton, MS. All council members have been diligent in recruiting new members. As a result, we have accepted 15 new members and 2 transfers.

A summary of our programs follows:

Church Activities

Serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, and Servers
 Quarterly Corporate Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration 1st Friday
 Led Rosary before Mass in October
 Hosted Silver Rose Memorial Mass
 Led Stations of Cross during Lent
 Five members are in the choir
 Participated in RSVP program
 Participated in Keep Christ in Christmas Program
 Contributed to Christopher Fund

Community Activities

Participated in Annual Tootsie Roll Drive
 Promoted a Pro-Life Project
 Sponsored a Blood Drive
 Provided volunteers for local soup kitchen
 Held a fish fry for nursing home residents
 Distribute flags on graves Memorial Day
 Fish Fry for Priest Education Fund
 Promote a Pro-Life Memorial Service twice a year

Council Activities

Hosted two 1st Degree Exemplifications
 Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting
 Council members participate on Degree Teams

Recognize Family of Month
Conducted Fall Membership Drive
Provided home repair to a Brother
Utilized Lecturer on cultural and religious subjects
Led Stations of Cross at Sacred Heart Church, Canton

Family Activities

Hosted Mothers Day Breakfast
Church Family Picnic
Council Christmas party
Pancake Breakfast Monthly
Held a fish fry at Holy Child Church, Canton
Assisted needy family
Participated in Family of the Month
One member conducts Religious Education for Senior Youth

Youth Activities

Financial Support Parish Youth (Confirmation Class)
Council Free Throw Contest
School Scholarship Fundraiser
Participate in Community Youth Programs
Provide meals for Vacation Bible School and Youth Retreat
Train Altar Servers
Financial Support CYO
Drug Awareness Poster Contest

I want to express my appreciation to all members. Because of their hard work we have had a successful year. A special thanks to Fr. Kevin Slattery for his support of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Best
Grand Knight

Council 11956 Tylertown

Council Officers are:	Chaplin	Fr. Martin Gillespie
	Grand Knight	A. P. (Pat) Altentaler
	Deputy Grand Knight	William (Billy) Johnson
	Recorder	Albert Rogers
	Treasurer	Charles Laughlin
	Financial Secretary	William (Billy) Laughlin

Chancellor	Francis Pratinni
Advocate	David Roger
Warden	Harry Smith, Jr.
Inside Guard	Ronald Forestier
Outside Guard	Errol Pierron
3 rd Year Trustee	Aswald Ledet
2 nd Year Trustee	Terry Chopin
1 st Year Trustee	Elroy Badon

Fraternal Year 2007/ 2008 has been a good year for our Council. We picked up a few new members and we didn't lose any members. As a small Council, we have limited resources and limited manpower, but the manpower we have are extremely hard working.

We started the year off with a super Officer Installation/ Banquet attended by a majority of the State Officers and their wives, along with our Dist. Deputy and his wife. We seem to have a lot of cooks, as most of the things we did involved cooking. We sold jambalaya at the county Dairy Fest, cooked fish every Friday night during Lent in conjunction with Stations of the Cross. We cook fresh Beignets on the 2nd Sunday of every month after 8:30 Mass as an ongoing fundraiser for the Priests Ed. Fund. Knights cooked two of the 12 meals for the Tylertown Post 56 of the American Legion, as well as over 200# of pulled pork for the Legion's yearly fundraiser. We organized, cooked and delivered over 500 hamburger dinners as a fundraiser to assist a Brother Knight who was down on his luck. We cooked over 400 half chickens for St. Paul's semi-annual chicken dinner. To keep in practice, we have a full meal before every evening monthly meeting.

Our meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday with the Rosary at 6:00pm, supper at 6:30 and the business meeting at 7:00. Our 2nd monthly meeting is after Beignets on the 2nd Sunday after Mass. Almost all of our Knights, and the members of our indispensable Ladies Auxiliary are Eucharistic Ministers. We initiated and say a Rosary before every Sunday Mass, beginning at 8:10am. The Parish grass has been cut every week, as an assist to the Parish Council. This year, our gift to St. Paul's, was a statue of St. Joseph, something our church has been lacking since its inception! In 2007, we worked to get a proper St. Joseph's Altar for St. Paul's, where every member of the Parish Family could participate. It was deemed a success and we did it again this year, although we tried to let the parishioners get more involved as we moved to the background. We were able to give 'Camp Sunshine', an organization for handicapped children, over \$1700 this year as a result of two long hot days in the sun for our 'tootsie' roll drive.

None of this would have been possible without the help of our Ladies Auxiliary, they are more than our right arms, they're more like part of our hearts and souls.

We look forward to a banner year this coming Fraternal year, as our officers get accustomed to their jobs.

Vivat Jesus

Pat Altentaler- Grand Knight
#11956- Tylertown, MS

Father R.J. Sorin Council 11995 West Harrison

In July, 2007 the officers of our council were properly installed at St. Stephens Church by worthy District Deputy Michael Spencer. The following officers were installed:

Chaplain- Father David Hamm
Grand Knight- John Leonhard
Deputy Grand Knight- George Holetz
Chancellor- Cecil Lizana
Financial Secretary- Clark Lizana
Recorder- Tim Anderson II
Warden- Brock Brown
Treasurer- Luke Dubuisson
Lecture- Jimmy Allen
Trustee (3)- Mark Dubuisson
Trustee (2)- Rhett Maynard
Trustee (1)- Charles Curry
Advocate- Tim Anderson
Inside Guard- Ronnie Ladner
Outside Guard- Steven Dubuisson

Program Director- George Holetz

1. Assisted in all reports
2. Followed through on all reports
3. Directed all council programs

Church Activities- Jimmy Allen

1. Held Annual Hour of Prayer
2. Assisted and supported St. Vincent DePaul
3. Provided support for RCIA
4. Sponsored a quarterly Communion Mass

Community Activities- Charles Curry

1. Supported Morning Star
2. Held Blood Drive
3. Visited sick and elderly
4. Supported South Mississippi Regional Center

Council Activities- Timmy Anderson

1. Membership Drives
2. Monetary support to our Priest

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3. Monetary support to our church
 4. Repaired Headstone on Fr. Sorin's grave site

Family Activities- Robert Sanders

1. Assisted needy Brothers
2. Cooked and served Mothers' Day Breakfast
3. Assisted parish families

Youth Activities- Mark Dubuisson

1. Assisted CYO in Christmas parade
2. Teach CCD classes
3. Altar servers training
4. Gave toys to the needy for Christmas

While this list of activities is not complete, it does show how active this council has been the last year. We would not have accomplished our goals without the help of every knight in our council.

Yours in Christ,
Vivat Jesus

John Leonhard
Grand Knight

Council 12166 Pascagoula: No Report

St. Joseph The Worker Council 12271 U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport

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

In July 2007, our Worth District Deputy, Larry Everett, properly installed the officers of our council at St. Joseph the Worker parish on board the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center. The following officers were installed:

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor

Rev. John Lyle
Roger L. Hudson Jr.
Pete Guidry
Roger L. Hudson Sr.

Financial Secretary	Roy Nadeau
Treasurer	Gerald "Jerry" Schmuck
Advocate	Manual "Johnny" Mabanta
Warden	Robert Zeller
Recorder	Julio Galang
Inside Guard	Thomas Curran
Outside Guard	Geff Stumpf
Trustee (Third Year)	John Maynard
Trustee (Second Year)	William McClellan
Trustee (First Year)	Leonard Nahlen

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

Program Director	Roger Hudson
Church Committee Chairman	Thomas Curran
Community Committee Chairman	Robert Zeller
Council Committee Chairman	Pete Guidry
Family Committee Chairman	Leonard Nahlen
Youth Committee Chairman	Roy Nadeau

Program Director: Roger Hudson Jr.

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

Church Activities: Thomas Curran

1. RCIA program
2. CCD teachers
3. Eucharistic Ministers
4. Lectors
5. Ushers
6. Choir
7. Sponsoring a young man in the Philippines' who is studying to be a Priest

Community Activities: Robert Zeller

1. Assist Families of deployed service members
2. Rosary rally
3. Visit the sick
4. Participate in Supreme's Day of the Unborn Child
5. Sponsor a food collection bank for St. Theresa Church
6. Community Project: Participate in Teacher Appreciation Day at Pass Christian

Council Activities: Pete Guidry / Roger Hudson Sr.

1. Membership Drives
2. District Meetings
3. Social Events (4)
4. Fraternal Benefits Information Knight
5. Participated in State Bowling Tournament
6. Conducted a memorial service for one of our deceased members (Pete Guidry)
7. Sponsored the State Convention Bowling Tournament

Family Activities: Leonard Nahlen

1. Family Pancake Breakfast
2. Family Fall Festival
3. Family Christmas Party
4. Celebrated Mother's Day with flowers for all the Mother's in the Parish
5. Annual Fish Fry with family participation
6. Family of the Month and Year
7. Adopted a need family during the Holiday Season

Youth Activities: Roy Nadeau

1. Pool Party
2. Alter Server Training
3. Youth Field Trip
4. Summer Bible School
5. CYO Breakfast
6. Easter Egg Hunt
7. Keep Christ in Christmas Program (Play)

While this list of activities is definitely not complete, it does show how active the Knights of our Council have been over the last year.

In closing, I would like to thank our priest, Father John Lyle for his support, and all of my brother Knights, and our Worthy District Deputy, Larry Everett, for their guidance and direction for the past three years. Most importantly, I'd like to thank my Deputy Grand Knight Pete Guidry (God Rest His Soul) for he was truly a blessed man who cared more for others than himself. It was his will that the food bank at St. Theresa. He took it upon his self to support St. Theresa's Food Bank. In his honor the council has set up a fund in his name in support of St. Theresa's food bank. Pete Guidry will be sadly missed by everyone in our council but mostly by me as he was an outstanding Deputy Grand Knight. I'm just saddened that he never got the opportunity to be the Grand Knight.

It has been a rewarding experience each year to serve as the Grand Knight for Council 12271. Although a small council, we are large at heart. The drive and enthusiasm displayed by my brother Knights is remarkable and has been a source of great inspiration for me. I look forward to the upcoming year and the challenges that lay ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger L. Hudson Jr.
Roger L. Hudson Jr.
Vivat Jesus
Roger Hudson
Grand Knight

Council 12331 Dedeaux: No Report
Fr. Toner Council 13471 Philadelphia

Membership

New Member	Deaths
Transferred in	Suspensions
Transferred out	Added Insurance
Reapplication	Minus Insurance
Honor Life	
Added	2

The following appointments have been made and Supreme and State Per Capita have been bought up to date.

Joe Tullos has been appointed as Grand Knight
Douglas Daly as Financial Secretary
Byron Tullos as Treasurer
Ronald Di Palmer as Recorder

We have a new TEAM in place and they are very exciting about their positions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Kassouf
District Deputy #4

Father Thomas Boyce Council 13502 Batesville

Council Officers

Chaplain	Father Sam Messina
Grand Knight	Jimmy Griffin
Deputy Grand Knight	Mills Haire
Chancellor	Raymond Cole
Recorder	Fred Carter
Treasurer	Dr. Tom Hodge

Advocate	Dr. Billy Haire
Warden	John Stonecipher
Inside Guard	David Stengel
Outside Guard	Joseph Canaan
Trustee for one year	Walter Bray
Trustee for two years	Normand Cote
Trustee for three years	Jerry Hannum
Financial Secretary	Patrick Harkin

In March, we sponsored a benefit Spaghetti dinner for Lisa Park and her family. In December Lisa had an aneurism leaking in her head. She had to have surgery and her mother stayed with her continuously, missing work. She is a single parent. We were able to raise \$2000.00 for the Park family.

Program Activities:

Church:

- Corporate Mass and Communion on the fifth Sunday of any month
- Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
- Ushers
- Participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas by selling Christmas cards
- Donated \$500 to the Priest Education Fund.
- Members of our council serve as RCIA team members and sponsors
- Sponsor 12 hour Adoration for Vocations on the first Friday of each month

Community:

- Participated in the Tootsie Roll drive and was able to donate \$2474 to Quail Run, home for Intellectually challenged people.
- Members visited the sick and elderly shut ins.
- Pickup elderly at nursing home and take to Mass each Sunday
- Collect donations of baby items from several churches in the community for Save a Life Pregnancy Center.

Council:

- Held Christmas Party for members and their families, complete with Santa Claus.
- Held Valentine Party for wives, served steak and all the fixing's.
- Four members attended the School of Columbianism and Mid-winter meeting.
- Held a fish fry for all parishioners the third Friday of Lent.
- Celebrated a Memorial Mass for our deceased Brother Knights.
- Participated in Grillin' for Life Cook off, won Grand Champion.
- Our annual Rummage sale is scheduled for June 28th, proceeds will go toward furnishing our new Sunday school rooms.

Family:

- Provide a Parish Family Brunch the first Sunday of each month.

- Sponsor parish blood drives every two months to provide free blood for all parishioners.
- Honored Family of the Month.
- We are ending our year with a Parish Picnic, the Knights are furnishing the BBQ Boston Butts and drinks, the ladies are furnishing the side dishes on June 1st.

Youth:

- Sponsor Parish Easter Egg Hunt.
- Provide food for the youth monthly dinner party twice.
- Provided food for youth at Vacation Bible School.
- Held Soccer Challenge for youth and had hot dogs and refreshments after the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Griffin
Grand Knight

St Jude Council 13936 Columbia

St Jude Council 13936
Columbia, Mississippi

The following officers were elected for Council 13936 for the 2007 – 2008 Fraternal Year.

Chaplain:	Father Martin Gillispie
Grand Knight:	Footie Singleton
Deputy Grand Knight:	Lynwood Ridge
Chancellor:	Robert Nelson
Financial Secretary:	Joe Singleton
Advocate:	Mike Wenzler
Treasurer:	Paul Mackin
Recorder:	David Flynt
Warden:	Jim Hughes
Inside Guard:	Morris Mabile
Outside Guard:	Leroy Bell
Trustee 3 rd year:	Henry Snell
Trustee 2 nd year:	Leary Schmill
Trustee 1 st year:	Steve Broom

The fraternal year 2007-2008 was a good year for Council 13936. With our council being only 3 years old, we have a lot of new programs in place for the coming year and with the addition of 3 new young members who are very energetic and hard workers.

During the year we had 3 of our members who passed away Bob Frey, Past Grand Knight, Pete Verot and Leroy Bell (Outside Guard). They will be missed as they were great Knights and very hard workers.

It was a great honor being named the best small council in the state (2006-2007). I would like to thank all of my Brother Knights for their hard work and dedication. Also, I would like to say a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their hard work and help during the year.

Church Activities – Paul Mackin

1. Sponsored St Joseph Altar
2. Sponsored lunch for church
3. Rosary before meeting
4. Members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lecturers and Ushers
5. Had a Fish Fry every Friday during lent for Priest Education
6. Clean up days at church
7. Donated Engraved Crosses to deceased members' wives

Community Activities

1. Concession stand at Franklinton Fair
2. Worked and sold food at Heritage Fest
3. Tootsie Roll Drive
4. Rely for Life
5. Members served on Honor Guard
6. Distributed food baskets to needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas
7. Built Wheelchair Ramps
8. Visit the Sick

Council Activities – Jim Hughes

1. Monthly Socials
2. Participated in Knight of the Month
3. Monthly Newsletter
4. Membership Drive
5. Installation Supper for all the church
6. Scrapbook
7. Services for Deceased members
8. Council Awards Banquet

Family Activities

1. Family of the month
2. Family Awards Banquet
3. Christmas party
4. Super Bowl party
5. Sponsored Thanksgiving and Christmas meals
6. Picnic for Church
7. Brother Knights and Family attend new officers' installation
8. Quarterly Corporate Communion

Youth Activities

1. Knights coach baseball team
2. Sponsor Easter egg hunt
3. Knights cooked meal for First Communion Class
4. Breakfast with Santa
5. Sponsored Vocations Day and picnic
6. Sponsored CYO on Saltillo Trip
7. Sponsored Altar Servers
8. Worked as CCD teacher

Respectfully submitted

Foote Singleton
Grand Knight

Council 14051 Olive Branch

This is our second year for us here at Queen of Peace, Olive Branch #14051. We meet every third Monday at 7:00 with Rosary at 6:30 at the church. This year has been a very successful one in that we won the coveted Star Council award. I can not begin to tell how proud we are to receive such an award. Our council member numbers are about the same with 43, with only one suspension. Father Terry is still our biggest supporter and for this we are most appreciative.

Our Keep Christ in Christmas program was a big success this year again. Our Knights put up a Nativity scene by the church and after the ceremony the children placed straw in the manger. We provided hot chocolate and cookies afterwards.

We organized and participated in a Rosary and with KC placards and singing in front of our church for the ProLife Chain in October. We had many cars go by and honk and wave in support,

this makes it worthwhile to see the community react in this positive way, hopefully we are making a difference.

Knights came to aid of the widow of a Brother Knight caring for her grandchildren to do some much needed home repair and yard work, she was very happy and grateful and she thanked us many times. We will be keeping a watchful eye on her in the future to make sure she gets any additional help.

We also held our annual fish fry in early "spring", it snowed about three inches but the parish still came out to get their fish plates. There was a great turnout of Knights to cook and clean despite the inclement weather.

We raised about five hundred dollars on our Tootsie Roll drive. We hope to raise more money each year as Olive Branch still seems to be growing every day.

We also cooked hamburgers and hotdogs at the Parish picnic. Many of our Knights are very active in our church as Eucharistic ministers, readers, ushers, and greeters. We are currently working on establishing a first degree team and hopefully by fall we will hold our first one.

We have asked and received permission to put up all our awards and charter in our parish hall, this may not seemed very significant, but with Queen of Peace not having a KC Council for so long, it seems to us quite an achievement.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Brother Knights in our local Council, the Brother Knights from the Southaven Council, D.D. Bill Sonneman and also from the State level for all the valuable help given to us in these first two years.

Feel free to come by and visit us anytime here in Olive Branch, if there is anything we can do to help any other Council or Brother Knight, let us know.

Faithfully submitted,

GK Greg Glover Vivat Jesus +

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

District Deputy #1: No Report

District Deputy #2

It has truly been an honor to serve as District Deputy #2 for this past year. As a first year District Deputy I am fortunate to serve 6 councils who have done more for me than I have for them. I would like to thank the Grand Knights, officers, and brother knights from 2969 Clarksdale, 6555 Shelby, 7120 Southaven, 10443 Grenada, 13502 Batesville, and 14051 Olive Branch for all their support, dedication and hard work this past year. These brother knights have been an inspiration as a shining example of what a Catholic gentleman should be by applying the first principle of our order, charity, to their everyday lives and to their council's activities.

The year began with the Installation of Officers of many of these councils and grew with the witnessing of many first degrees in the district. Each Installation ceremony, each new degree, and each council activity was a testimony to the dedication and hard work of the leaders of District #2, the Grand Knights, officers, and members of these 6 councils.

I am looking forward to the inspiring accomplishments of these brother knights in the upcoming year.

VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sonnemann
District Deputy #2

District Deputy #3

As I complete a third year of service as District Deputy #3 for the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, I can reflect back on the rewards and challenges of the Knights of Columbus in a region that has only 1 to 25 Catholics I continue to work with Councils within my district and look forward to serving the state another year. I have continued to learn about the Knights and the workings of the other councils within the district and across the state. I also continue to find out more about the duties and responsibilities of District Deputy. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as District Deputy for the five councils in my district. I have had the opportunity to serve the following councils:

Fr. Korstenbroek	Council 2134	Greenville	Hugh Hester, GK
C. G. Shapley	Council 2945	Leland	Jimmy Sherman, GK
Msgr. John F. Cleric	Council 5267	Greenwood	John Young, GK
Fr. Rotondo	Council 5556	Cleveland	Luis Ybarra, GK
Indianola	Council 9234	Indianola	Joe Tannehill, GK

I had the opportunity to install officers in Greenville, Leland, Greenwood , and Cleveland and look forward to that same opportunity in the upcoming months and hope to have installations at all councils within the district.

Serving as District Deputy has afforded me the opportunity to see how different council operate and to experience first hand the fraternal nature of the Knights of Columbus throughout the state. I am better able to glean ideas from other councils to share with all our councils. I look forward to visiting the different councils within my district, and with there help, hope to develop a district calendar and newsletter so that the councils within the district can be apprised of activities within the district.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks State Deputy Danny Lechner and the other members of the State Family for their support and confidence and for their leadership throughout the two diocese. The past year has been good for Mississippi as we continue to make a come back from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Mississippi is on the map!

Remember the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, while also remembering at very simple motto that consist of ten 2-letter words: ***IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!***

VIVAT JESUS

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Wayne Ebelhar
District Deputy #3

District Deputy #4

Membership

The District did make its membership goal but failed to retain and to increase our insurance base resulting in a lost.

Grand Knights for this year for
0802 - John Kasper, 6765 – Daniel Setaro, 7974 – Dennis Hilbert, 13471 – Doug Daly

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Kassouf
District Deputy

District Deputy #5

Serving as District Deputy this year has been both an honor and a learning experience. I have learned much about the responsibilities of the position and am sure I will be able to serve better during my second year.

I do want to thank the State Deputy Daniel Lechner for the opportunity and all the State Officers for their support. I believe Mississippi is well served by our panel of Officers. I also want to thank the four Councils in District #5 for all their hard work. The Councils I served are:

Council 848 of Jackson – John T. Savage
Council 898 of Vicksburg
Council 7854 of Clinton
Council 8285 of Jackson

These are four good and active Councils with great leadership. Two of the Grand Knights served their first term in the position last year and all did a good job and I want to thank them and their team for their leadership for their Councils and support for me.

All of these Councils were very active with many great programs far to numerous to mention. However, I do want to mention the efforts of 848 for their achieving Stellar Council status, outstanding work. I also want to recognize Council 8285 and Felix Garth in particular for starting a Squires Circle at St. Therese. This took a great amount of work and dedication. Felix was encouraged and counseled by Tom Chady and I feel both men feel much satisfaction with this success.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of these Council for a successful year and look forward to next year as just as good or maybe better. It has been an honor for me to have been associated with them. Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill O'Connor
District Deputy #5

District Deputy #6

My District consists of:

8038 Pearl/ 9543 Madison/ 10216 Brandon/ 11934 Gluckstadt

Worthy State Deputy Danny Lechner asked me to serve a second year as DD #6 and I accepted. I enjoyed working with the Councils in District 6 both years. It was easier the second year as I knew what was expected of a DD and I learned a lot about each Council my first year.

The District had an exceptional year for membership growth. We are showing over 250% growth on the Supreme report and all four councils should achieve Top Gun. This is the tenth year in a row that Brandon has earned Top Gun. Having Field Agent Paul Byrne move into the area has been a big help with insurance numbers. All four Councils have a realistic chance to make Star Council and at least two should make Double Star. We should have two Councils earn Distinguished. My brother Knights in District 6 have worked hard and done an outstanding job this year.

All four Councils participated in the Tootsie Roll drive last year and are scheduled to again this year. All four also sold Christmas Cards for the Keep Christ in Christmas project. Both of these projects go to the heart of what Knights of Columbus are about. We help the kids in need with one project and help our fellow Catholics remember the real reason for Christmas with the other. What is important is the birth of Christ, not what gifts we give or receive.

Pearl had a new GK this year Frank Tinney. Frank was DGK last year and was instrumental both years in Pearl's bringing in new members. They still have a round table in Magee and are working on getting them to the Council level. They cooked catfish every Friday night during lent. Unfortunately they had a fire in their Council meeting building the Friday before Good Friday and it was a total loss. Father Hurley is working with them to get a new meeting place and SD Danny Lechner got supreme to replace the Charter that burned. They will survive and move forward.

Madison GK Larry Roberts served for his second year. Larry was a past GK in Louisiana, so he was well prepared to serve. DGK Charles Wilkerson has spearheaded the recruitment and they have had a banner year. They also worked with the Parish to serve meals on Fridays during Lent. They did their golf tournament for Priest Education again this year and it was the last Council event that Tom Sullivan attended before passing away the next day. Tom had joined the Knights in 1946 and will be missed by the Council. Madison continued to be very supportive of St. Joseph Catholic school in Madison. They cook for all their home football games, their annual Draw Down and their athletic banquets. The Council has gained a reputation for being good cooks and cook for many events in the area.

Brandon was lead by GK Mike Brechtel again this year. They are also very active in membership as well as programs. They serve breakfast for the Parish one Sunday a month, ending on Mothers Day with a Champagne Brunch. They tied in a baby shower for Pro Life with a breakfast this year and collected donations and supplies for the cause. It is important to support the mothers who choose to have their babies as well as to work against abortion. The Council also had their annual Priest Appreciation dinner for St. Paddy's day. The Priests in the area seemed to enjoy it. The Knights are also very supportive of the youth and the church. They cooked monthly for the youth and serve as leaders for Confirmation and work with the RCIA class in the Parish.

Gluckstadt had a new GK this year, as Joe Best succeeded Joe Jones. GK Best worked hard and they will triple their Supreme membership quota. They started a new program where they passed out baby bottles at Mass that were used to donate for Pro Life. The Council cooked catfish on Fridays during Lent and led a special Stations of the Cross. They did a dinner to raise money for

the youth and are very active in the annual German Fest that the Parish has every year. The church has grown a great deal since becoming a Parish and the Knights have grown as well. Father Kevin is very supportive and attends meetings when he does not have a conflict.

The District worked very hard this year and accomplished many worthy projects. I enjoy going to the meetings and working with my brother Knights and the four Grand Knights in District 6. I wish to thank WSD Danny Lechner for giving me the opportunity to work with District 6 for a second year.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Jabour, DD #6

District Deputy #7

District #7 consists of Council 1034 Natchez, Grand Knight Manfred Carr, Council 6592 Bassfield Grand Knight Keith Applewhite, Council 7915 Brookhaven Grand Knight Earl Westfall, and Council 8054 McComb Grand Knight O'Neal Amedee.

During the past year I have had the opportunity to visit all the councils of District #7 on numerous occasions. All council officers were installed with the emphasis on the responsibility of each office.

Each council Grand Knight assured that all reports were submitted to supreme and State. All councils were very active in the life of their respective parishes and communities. All councils financially supported the Priest/Seminarian Fund and the drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

The district currently has one certified First Degree Team with there being interest in the McComb council to certify a team in the near future. Membership continues to be the thorn for this district. Emphasis is continually placed on reinstatements, recent RCIA catholic men, and young men turning eighteen years of age.

The Squires of the Natchez Council are active and are still the only Squires Circle in our district. All council in this district has roundtable representation in other parishes.

Although membership is still the big issue for district #7, the Knights serve their Parishes and communities faithfully and unselfishly promoting solid Catholic Christian values. These Knights emulate the ideals of our founder.

It has been an honor to serve as Deputy for District #7.
Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Wade Ditcharo

District Deputy # 8: No Report

District Deputy #9

My district consists of six Councils:

Council	Location	Name	Grand Knight
6872	Picayune, MS	Oscar J. Gelphi	Earl (E.J.) Favre
7087	Kiln, MS	Fr. A.C. Dennis	Jimmie Hoda
7910	Gulfport, MS	Fr. Harry Wade	Michael Murphy
9958	Lizana, MS	St. Ann	Kenneth Mayfield
11995	Pass Christian, MS	Fr. R.J. Sorin	John Leonhard
12331	Pass Christian, MS	Sacred Heart Dedeaux	Larry Neicase

The year got off to a good start with membership being a top priority, and to date we have achieved 77% of our goal with 2 months to go.

My councils are moving toward the right direction, but need to work a little harder. I am losing three of the grand Knights this coming fraternal year, but look forward to working close with their replacements to continue growth within the district.

A first degree team still continues to be lacking in my district. We have had interest from two different councils to try to get one up and running, but it is still work in progress. Hope to have one on line prior to the end of the coming summer. We have taken advantage of the first degree team in Ocean Springs this year and it has helped with recruitment.

After elections I plan on holding a training session for the new officers and anticipate it being an all day affair. Hopefully by conducting this training all meetings will be run alike and by the book.

In summary, we will continue to increase our membership and see all obstacles as an opportunity to excel with God's help.

Fraternally,
Michael G. Spencer
District Deputy #9

District Deputy #10

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District #10 for the past year. My district consists of six councils.

1522	Pere Le duc	Bay St. Louis
1583	Bishop Gunn	Gulfport
4472	Msgr. Leech	Pass Christian
4898	St Vincent De Paul	Long Beach
11541	St. James	Gulfport
12271	St Joseph the Worker	Seabee Base Gulfport

During the past year I was able to visit each council and get to know the officers. Several of the councils are still in a rebuilding mode. The most severe would be council #1522, followed by my own council #1583.

A lot of progress has been made but there's still a lot to be done. During the year we unexpectedly lost some valueable officers due to illness and accidents. A sad time but the councils remained strong and resilient.

I'm very grateful for the help and support from the Grand Knights and Officers of each council. Their hospitality toward me when I visited made me, a New District Deputy, very comfortable in going about my tasks.

I look forward to working toward meeting council goals. We have a very good opportunity to have three Star Councils out of six. With God's help and a little effort it can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

James Everett
District Deputy #10

District Deputy # 11

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy # 11 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. The councils in District# 11 include Council 1244, Biloxi, GK Richard Benton. Council 9094, D'Iberville, GK David Seymour, Council 9409, West Biloxi, GK Lonnie White, and Council 9673, Woolmarket, GK John Caruso.

During the past year, I have had the opportunity to visit all councils in my district as well as numerous phone conversations with each offering my services and the services of the state officers in any way to aid their council in achieving there goals. Under the guidance of each councils Grand Knight, all councils submitted all required reports, they continue to support and are very active in their parish and community activities. All councils participated in the annual drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities and the Priest/Seminarian Fund.

District # 11 consist of councils 9094 in D'Iberville, my home council, council 1244 in Biloxi, council 9409 in West Biloxi, and 9673 in Woolmarket. For the fraternal year 2007-2008, I have had the pleasure of installing officers in these four councils in my district. All four council Grand Knights and membership directors have worked very hard to attain their individual membership goals. Councils 9673 and 1244 have increased their membership and are on target for Star Council. Council 9094 has achieved the distinction of being a Top Gun and Double Star council. All councils continue to work very closely with their parish priests, community, and church.

Currently in District # 11 we have 2 certified First Degree teams, 1244 Biloxi and 9673 Woolmarket. Hopefully we will be able to certify a Second Degree team this fraternal year.

May God continue to bless us all with His love and mercy. As members of the Knights of Columbus we need to reach out to all Catholic gentlemen and invite them to join our Order and experience the joy of being a Knight of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur A. Dunn
District Deputy # 11

District Deputy #12

Worthy State Deputy/State Officers/Bro. Knights

Once again it has been an honor and privilege for me to serve you as District Deputy #12. This year has brought a few up's&down's in the health department but all in all District 12 has faired pretty well with and without me,thanks in part to the aid of Bro. Carl Brochard.

We had one Council that suffered greatly from "Katrina" to the point of nearly being dissolved; but through the grace of God and some inspiration from our Worthy State Deputy, and determination of the new Grand Knight and his staff, they are now coming back slowly and steadily and solidly.

Generally speaking, District #12 is in better condition than it was before the "storm" and my expectation is that 2008-2009 will be even better. My sincere thanks to all my Grand Knights and their hard-working staffs for keeping things up and going, and congratulations on all your accomplishments

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't recognize and congratulate and thank Captain Frank Catchot and the members of his " District 12, 1st Degree Team",probably the best in the State, for making it possible to hold a great 1st Degree Exemplification every month for the last almost 3 years. Well done guys!

Again thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Danny for placing his trust in me, I hope I've earned it.

Respectfully submitted:

George "Flitter" Roberts/District Deputy#12

VIVAT JESUS!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Flitter", with a small circled "12" to its left and a flourish below it.

STAE OFFICER REPORTS

State Deputy Report

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Insurance General Agent, Worthy Past State Deputies, worthy delegates, and my brother Knights.

It has been an honor to have served as your State Deputy for the Mississippi Jurisdiction for the past 10 months. My duties as State Deputy began in early June, as I was accompanied by my wife, Roberta, to the State Deputy training at Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut. It was quite an experience to meet and socialize with the Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, and my fellow State Deputies. It was a time for learning, making lasting friendships, and discovering more about our beloved order.

While in New Haven, we had the privilege of visiting Supreme Headquarters and the Knights of Columbus museum. But, my fondest memory was attending Mass at St. Mary's Church, which is the birth place of the Knights of Columbus. Each pew in the church is dedicated to a State. Ours is the very back pew in the center.

On July 7th, the State organizational meeting was held at Our Lady of Fatima church in Biloxi. Following the meeting, the State officers and District Deputies were installed at 5:00 pm Mass by Bishop Thomas Rodi.

The Southern Regional meeting was held on July 8, the Northern Regional, July 14, and the Central Regional, July 15.

In November, I attended the Supreme Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting was dedicated to helping State Deputies attain their goals. The highlight of the trip was attending Mass at the Basilica of the Nation Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the dedication of the Incarnation Dome, donated by the Knights of Columbus.

In December we held our State Mid-Winter meeting, followed by the Southern, Northern and Central Regional meetings in January.

Last week, Roberta and I were privileged to attend the Papal Mass in Washington, DC as guest of the Knights of Columbus. What a thrill it was when Pope Benedict XVI passed 20 yards in front of us in the "Pope mobile". As he passed, the air was filled with electricity. We are blessed that God sent us a great leader to follow Pope John Paul II.

This year, our councils have carried on the fight for the Sanctity of life, supported our Bishops priest, and Seminarians and consoled bereaved relatives. Also, members donated many volunteer hours and monetary contributions to those in need.

We have experienced many great things during the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. During the past few weeks alone, we have seen our beloved Bishop Thomas Rodi elevated to Arch Bishop, Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States, and this week we met our Supreme goal in membership.

We have traveled a long way, but the journey has just started.

There are two areas that we have the opportunity to improve on. One area is our submittal of reports in a timely manner. We can and will do this through training and communication. The other is membership retention. Remember, I told you earlier that we achieved our Supreme goal for membership. Will this be taken away with an influx of suspensions after the convention? I sincerely hope not. Sadly, we have lost enough brother Knights this year through death. We can retain most of our members by establishing good programs and keeping our members active.

Brothers remember the reason why we do what we do. It's what Jesus wants us to do.

Vivat Jesus,

Danny Lechner
State Deputy
Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Secretary's Report

Worthy Bishops, Worthy Supreme Representative Nolan, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

First, and most important, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving this past year as State Secretary. I must also thank my fellow state officers, and especially our State Deputy, Danny Lechner, for an outstanding job and a good year.

At Mass yesterday, our Worthy State Chaplain reminded us of a saying of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel always, and when necessary, use words." A special thanks goes to all of the Councils of the Mississippi jurisdiction for their effective preaching of the Gospel through their programs, especially those in support of the Church and their Communities.

Finally, I would be remiss in my duties as State Secretary if I did not remind everyone that all State Officers, Grand Knights, District Deputies, State Deputies, Program, Membership and Committee chairs, as well as all Convention Committee chairs owe me a short report for publication in the Convention Minute Book.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Sukanek
State Secretary

State Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

Beginning Balance (April 1, 2007) \$89,652.22

Income

Per Capita	\$42,452.56
Car Tag Receipts	\$5,112.00
Christopher Fund	\$4,597.75 ¹
Disaster Relief	\$2,100.00
Exemplification Fees	\$2,378.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,921.00
2007 Priest Education Fund Raffle	\$36,042.05
2008 Priest Education Fund Raffle	<u>\$13,341.00</u>

Total Income \$107,944.36

Expenses

2006 State Convention	\$1,351.60
2007 State Convention	\$28,569.68
Ads	\$100.00
Bank Charge	\$166.01
Christopher Fund	\$5,467.50
Degree Expense	\$5,472.31
Disaster Relief Payments	\$1,000.00
Licenses and Permits	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Business Expense	\$2,523.79
Postage & Shipping	\$97.26
2007 Priest Education Fund Raffle	\$71,477.49
2008 Priest Education Fund Raffle	\$723.32
Printing & Publications	\$274.17
State Officer/Committee Expense	\$9,687.18
Subscriptions	\$109.50
Supplies	\$412.48
Supreme Convention	<u>\$1,942.60</u>

Total Expenses \$129,963.28

Gain (Loss) (\$22,018.92)

Ending Balance (March 31, 2008) \$67,633.30

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald E. Schmuck
State Treasurer

¹ Includes \$675.50 from Christmas Card proceeds.

STATE ADVOCATE'S REPORT

My worthy brother knights;

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the State Advocate this past year. From time to time I have been called on by my brother knights to interpret or opine on the Order's Constitution, Laws or Rules or on the State Bylaws. Upon such a request, I generally research the matter prior to responding to question. The ultimate byproduct of my research adventures is that I learned many things about the operation of our Order that I had previously not known. I encourage each knight to take advantage of the resources provided to us by Supreme. We should all continue to learn about the workings of the Order and to form ourselves in our faith. The Columbia Magazine is an excellent source for such knowledge as are the many publications provided by the Knights of Columbus. Take full advantage of your membership in the Knights of Columbus by reading information about the Order and our faith.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

David Scott
State Advocate

State Warden's Report

Brothers, last year you elected me as your State Warden. There was no secret I was honored and grateful. My goal was to do a good job and not disappoint those of you who worked so hard on my behalf. I hope that I have accomplished that.

For those who have taken the time to give me good counsel, I thank you. I appreciate your taking the time to call or email me when you felt there's something I should be doing, wondered why I was doing something or just to keep me informed. This is the unity and fraternity we practice.

When I was Grand Knight, I had the best job in the Knights of Columbus. When I became District Deputy I knew I had the best job in the Knights of Columbus. But now, I know I have the best job in the Knights of Columbus. I am proud to be able to serve over 6,500 Catholic men and their families in Mississippi.

These five men sitting beside me have embraced me as an equal. They are committed to helping me be the best that that I can be. In return, I am teaching them patience, tolerance and charity.

Whenever you change positions things change. As a Grand Knight, people listen to what we say. As a District Deputy, you represent the State Deputy as well as the Supreme Knight. This is different.

We are held to a high standard and rightfully so. What we say and what we do reflects on you. That's a little daunting at first, but it forces you to be confident and honest in your actions. It's a growth experience that will prepare me for what could lay ahead.

We're elected statewide with the emphasis on that word "elected". When Danny says, "we work for you", he's reminding us and you, how we got these jobs.

My goal was to get to know you better, to meet your families and other council members... especially the new members.

I knew I'd travel a lot. To even consider serving as a state officer or state chairman, you need the three Ts. Time, Talent and Tires. To be successful, you also need the fourth T.... a tolerant wife. Fortunately, Barbara appreciates what we do and loves to meet new friends.

I figured up my miles the other night. Since July 1, I've traveled 10,326 miles and visited 34 Councils. That's a lot. Then I took a look at the miles if I was coming from Biloxi, Gulfport or Oxford.

This very impressive statistic includes: state meetings, ceremonials, installations, council meetings, funerals and social events.

Let me thank those of you who invited Barbara and I to your council events. Your hospitality was gracious and we always left feeling like family.

Part of this brotherhood is saying farewell when a brother makes his final "degree".

I am grateful to attend a funeral wake or mass as a State Officer. It is a privilege to convey the sympathies of the State Family and tell the family that 6,500 brother knights are praying for them.

It is rare that I don't see Sir Knights in regalia standing vigil over the body of their fallen brother. The image is powerful. One the families will treasure long after we're gone. If you have stood vigil, you understand and you have felt those young eyes on you. The tribute you pay that good brother is inspiring.

So I close now, remembering the words of that great Lebanese orator Uncle Leon Thomas. "Be Sincere. Be Brief. And Be seated".

Thank You.

Vivat Jesus

Jim McCraw
State Warden
Mississippi Jurisdiction

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report

Your Excellencies, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, delegates to this 104th Annual State Meetings, my brothers all:

As we conclude another successful State fraternal year, I congratulate all of you for your outstanding contributions in 2007-2008. It is indeed an honor to serve as the Immediate Past State Deputy and hope that I have contributed in some small way to our Order's success.

Before the end of my term as State Deputy, I began in earnest to provide Danny with much information and guidance as possible to prepare him for the responsibilities of assuming the office of the State Deputy of Mississippi. During our many years of traveling together, I have learned that Danny Lechner is a great tactician—he knows a lot about the inner workings of the Knights of Columbus and best of all, he knows people. Under Danny's leadership, our State has achieved its Supreme membership goal by 1 April. Congratulations to him and to all who had a part in attaining this goal.

I must admit that it was a difficult transition for me to step down as the State Deputy. Besides my phone calls dropping off and my incoming mail reduced to a trickle, I found myself with a lot of free time. Of course, the last few months were very busy planning for this convention which really gave me something good to do with my spare time!

The Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus should be proud of its contributions to our Order, its members, their families, and our church and local communities. I am thankful to be a part of this organization; I love the Knights and everything we stand for. We can do more and we should. I would like to see every council active in membership recruitment and would like to see more diversity in our membership. Every eligible Catholic man should be given the opportunity to join our Order.

In closing, I would like to thank State Deputy Danny Lechner, my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction for their support and friendship. You have made Denise and I welcomed at your council activities. I wish everyone continued success and goodwill in the years to come. May each of you find rewards in doing God's will.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Larry J. Tabor
Immediate Past State Deputy

**Address at the Saturday Evening Banquet
Supreme Director of Ceremonials Gary Nolan**

Your Excellencies, Rev Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Former Masters, Worthy District Deputies, Former District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and Delegates and lovely ladies of the jurisdiction of Mississippi.

The Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus gathers to transact business, recognize accomplishments and chart a course for the future. You, as all jurisdictions, have been guided first, by your fidelity to the Catholic Church and secondly, the vision of Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney.

I bring you the greetings of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors and your 1.75 million brother knights throughout the world. The inspiration and perspiration of determined and valiant men have built this Order and the Mississippi State Council. The foundation upon which we are built is made up of "four" of the 32 virtues which people can possess. These virtues "Charity" - "Unity" - "Fraternity" and "Patriotism" were selected to be the foundations of our Order. Some of the other virtues, "Love" - "Hope" - "Faith" - "Perseverance" - "Gratitude" - "Truth" - "Forgiveness" - "Fortitude" - "Benevolence" - "Justice" - and "Piety," are equally important and interweave through our lives and those of our fellow brother knights. We are the largest, most effective and unique fraternal insurance society in the world. You notice that I said unique. Yes! We are unique! We are unique in our Catholicity; we are unique in our charitable endeavors; we are unique in how we conduct business by Catholic principals; we are unique in that we were founded by a young heroic and virtuous Catholic priest. "Parish Priest," the biography of Father Michael McGivney, tells both his story and that of the founding of our Order. In this book you see the heroic virtue for which he has been declared a "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy Father. While in New York Pope Benedict XVI even referred to Father McGivney's zeal as an example for all Catholic priests, and connected the Catholic Church's success in America to the dynamic moral leadership of parish priests. Our founder Father Michael J. McGivney is on his way to becoming the most well-known American Catholic parish priest of all time. Soon you will be able to see a 1-hour television special on Fr. McGivney on the History Channel and Biography. If it is God's Will that he achieves the honors of the altar he will then be the first American born Catholic priest to be named a saint. Those that have read his story learned of the precarious role that Catholics, widows and orphans, and Catholic priests played in the demonizing anti-Catholic rhetoric of the 1800's. In the book you see that his pastoral wisdom was far beyond his years. He was fully prepared to be a priest and was not afraid to envision how much better things **could** be. Then he steadfastly and prayerfully set out to make a difference, first at St. Mary's Church in New Haven and then parish by parish, council by council. We do need your help. If you are not a member of the Fr. McGivney Guild, you can go on-line to www.kofc.org or get any copy of the "Columbia" magazine, to join. No cost. No obligation. We simply ask for your helpful prayers. If you have not yet read the book, make certain that you do, it should be required reading for every member and his family.

So, again, what is so unique about us? Members have often recanted that by joining the Knights of Columbus, through participation in activities with their brother knights, and conducting

themselves as Catholic gentlemen, this Order becomes a family - faith - safety net. In simple terms the Knights of Columbus is a "family saver" and a "faith preserver." Fr. McGivney wanted council officers who were loyal, virtuous and of high moral character to set the example so that weaker and religiously timid council members would be emboldened when they rubbed elbows. As a result, then, both would be uplifted in spirit. This type of evangelization is the same as Pope Benedict spoke of in his recent trip. He reminded us all to not hide behind our faith, we must live it, express it and evangelize it.

This is exactly the aim and focus of the Supreme Knights book "*A Civilization of Love*". "*What every Catholic can do to Transform the World.*" Catholic duties and a moral course of action is challenging these days in the "me" society. The architects of a secular - "Godless" - society attempt to steer everyone away from personal responsibility and morality. Their goal is to replace dependence on God with a dependence on man's civil government. The Supreme Knights' book is courageous and right on target and he explains why and how freedom and truth are so important. The theory he builds is masterful, but begins simply, with each and every one of us. As we work, or play or pray, we must exemplify our Catholic values. This is where our unity of purpose and unity of action will show our Order's true strength. In our individual lives we are often made to feel small by the daunting challenges in the world, but by unity of action Knights banded together can accomplish any goal set before them.

When Catholic families meet at events, they find within the "camaraderie of the council" there is an invigorating stimulus that pours forth from our many programs and events. These activities broaden our horizons. Father McGivney somehow expected that a cohesive fraternal bond would be made and then built upon generation after generation, eventually taking all Catholic people in a decisive new direction of positive Catholic action.

Every time we knights give of our time to aid others in need, we find that we ourselves have personally benefitted more. Each individual effort put forth on behalf of your council, no matter how insignificant it may seem at the time, uplifts the entire Order. The Special Olympics partnership program continues to grow and the benefits are great. With Knights of Columbus support from every jurisdiction and the Supreme support, people with intellectual disabilities are given the opportunity to be all that they can be. When you see the smile and love of a Special Olympic athlete, you see the gratitude of a true champion. When you see that brave athlete holding that medal high in the air you know in your heart, you are in the right place, at the right time, with the right organization, the Knights of Columbus.

The Fr. McGivney and Bishop Daily Vocation Scholarship Programs, the Refund Support Vocation Programs (R.S.V.P.) and all of our local initiatives make us an organization like no other. Last year we contributed \$2.5 million in support of vocations. In the last 25 years we have given well over \$40 million to over 5,000 seminarians. No organization directly does more to support a candidate for the priesthood in spiritual and intellectual formation than the Knights of Columbus. However, we can and need to do much more.

At our College Council Conference held each fall, some of the young men attending are candidates for the priesthood. All are smart and sharp, and those that are called, will be great priests in our future. Those that aren't called will be great Catholic laymen.

Our service as an Order continues to grow with 38 million man hours of service and over \$166 million in charitable contributions. These numbers come from our form #1728 which less than 50% of councils submit. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work done by Mississippi for your generosity. In 2006 your donations of nearly \$100 per member is laudable. Making donations of \$633,179 in face of personal devastation shows a true holy Catholic moral compass. Visits to sick and bereaved were counted as 21,125, and we all know that this numbers are significantly higher, just difficult to report.

Our partnership initiative with the Wheelchair Foundation is truly exciting. The Supreme Council has sponsored thousands of wheelchairs that have been given to needy persons around the world and state councils and local councils are following suit.

Our benevolent charity is only eclipsed by our fraternal insurance benefits. I want to pay special tribute to all of our 1,300 field agents and 130 general agents, including General Agent Jerry Woods and his Field Agents. Our professional fraternal counselors are the men that every day gives life and vitality to Fr. McGivney's vision. No Knight of Columbus member's widow should ever have to suffer the indignity of needing, or wanting, or doing without or splitting up the family. We have been protecting Catholic families for generations and our safety net nears the \$70 billion dollar mark. We again are unique among fraternal insurance organizations, in that taking advantage of our outstanding fraternal insurance benefits is optional; every other fraternal in the Fraternal Congress requires purchase of insurance first and that is how one becomes a member. Taking advantage of our fraternal benefits though optional is an extremely wise decision. If you haven't talked with your agent lately about planning for your family's future, please give it very careful consideration. If anyone ever asks you about the Knights of Columbus Insurance all you need to say that it is one of the very best in the industry. Only four insurance providers in North America received the highest ratings from both Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association for ethical business practices. I remember that when I was state deputy in 1993-95 the supreme knight reported how proud we could be because out of some 1500 insurance companies only 17 received all of the industry's highest ratings. In the face of problems with some insurance companies financial reporting the rating agencies made more stringent criteria for their ratings, many fell off of that elite list, but not the Knights of Columbus. Today, being one of four tells you that the Order lives its Catholic principles and moral values. Our insurance programs are successful because they express our love for our families. You may ask the question, how strong and safe are the Knights of Columbus \$14 billion in investments in the wake of the sub-prime mortgage debacle? Your order analyzed the underwriting of these issues some years ago and saw the great downside potential. Being the prudent moral Catholic stewards of our funds, no money was invested and thus none has been at risk, and no portfolio moves had to be made.

Councils have been instituted in Poland, the first expansion outside of North America since 1905. Our entrance into Poland comes because of our and their steadfast loyalty to the Holy Catholic Church. As Poland has shed the evils of communism they could have invited in any Catholic organization or simply formed their own using many different models. The cardinals and bishops of Poland have long observed the Knights of Columbus and see it that the strong right arm of the church begins with a strong right arm in the parish community is a parish necessity. As self reliance becomes the norm in Poland the parishes hidden for so long now need programs that reach into the heart and soul of the Catholic. One of my enjoyable jobs is to take

care of the cardinals, archbishops and bishops at the Supreme Convention. Cardinal Marcharski told me as I was getting him situated into his room that Columbus is not an important figure in Poland, like here in the United States, but what was intriguing was the positive Catholic fraternity of action.

In his first encyclical "Deus Caritas Est" (God Loves All) Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed that, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." And in his second, "Spe Salvi" he stresses that "hope is faith."

"An encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction." I ask you, does that not describe every Knights of Columbus meeting or function ever conducted? "Deus Caritas Est" is important as we focus our lives today. The vision of young Catholic priest Father Michael J. McGivney proclaimed "God's Love for all." Father McGivney took a decisive action to instill "hope" in his flock, and that hope would build a deep and abiding "faith." We Knights of Columbus are truly determined to be that catalyst that brings the spark of hope to all in our communities.

Let us look some Catholic events important to Mississippi Catholics and Knights of Columbus. After the voyage of Columbus in 1492 came the Catholic explorers and missionaries. They documented what they found while staying fairly close to the coast. In 1540 Hernando De Soto began a decade of exploration in this southern region, on what became the dividing line between Spanish and French Territory. Several forts were built. In 1699 Father Antone Davion established a mission in this territory, though it was not long lived. In 1798 the Territory of Mississippi was established by act of Congress, and its boundaries were set in 1817. In this territory Catholic missionary work began with the expeditions of Marquette, La Salle and Iberville. In 1837 the Diocese of Natchez was formed. The first Bishop John Mary Joseph Chanche began to organize the diocese from nothingness with only one priest in his diocese, and was a simple missionary, Father Brogard. In 1842 a cornerstone was laid for the Cathedral and a girl's school was opened. From 1865 to 1868 a young man named Michael McGivney worked in a spoon factory with his father. After his father died he entered the seminary and was ordained in 1877. In 1882 Father Michael McGivney brought men together in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven to form an organization that would become the Knights of Columbus. In 1884 Father McGivney was named pastor of his first parish. In 1890 Father McGivney was laid to rest and the Order had not yet grown past New England. The Order took a decisive step in 1900 in New York City and added the Fourth Degree. The tone of the Knights of Columbus was solidified with this new degree. In 1905 councils started in Jackson, Vicksburg and Natchez. In 1906 the Mississippi State Council was formed. After becoming the first Supreme Master in 1910, John Reddin would call his knights, "Religiously Devoted" and "Patriotically Proud." Some Catholics wanted to hide from the mean spirited and determined "Know-Nothing" crowd, and decided to keep a low profile, so that they could avoid evangelization encounters, preferring to keep their faith to themselves. Some Catholics wanted to just hide and just be left alone. Where is the charity and love for our neighbor, in that?

A true Knight is not timid about his faith. Courageous Fourth Degree knights are not afraid to parade down the street corner and say, "I am Catholic, and I support the Holy Father, our bishops and priests. It is hard to hide, and say no I am not Catholic, I do not know the Savior," while

dressed in color corps regalia. This thought popped into my head on Palm Sunday, while the Passion was being read. If St. Peter had been wearing feathers on a chapeau, a baldric of national colors sustaining the sword of liberty, a flashy satin cape with tuxedo, bow tie and jewel of office, he could have never denied Jesus. Knights are not afraid and never shrink from the battle for truth and right, and to spread the light of the Gospel.

During World War I decisive knights went to battle as soldiers, sailors and marines and those at home supported the K of C Huts where a message could be sent home, with the motto, "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free." During the depression year's people needed a helping hand. Again, it was the Knights of Columbus that sprang into action because of their community of caring and opened soup kitchens and provided places to sleep. Into World War II Knights were supporters of the brave young men and women fighting for freedom and were ardent sponsors of victory gardens and recycling. The Knights huts in World War I after a lot of political wrangling turned into today's U.S.O.

In 1952 the Knights of Columbus sent to the President Dwight Eisenhower and to each member of the U.S. Congress a resolution, proposing that the words "Under God" be added to the pledge of allegiance to our flag. There was great support from veterans organizations and other fraternal groups. From this decisive and bold action seventeen resolutions sprang forward and President Dwight Eisenhower said as he signed the bill into law on "Flag Day" -- June 14, 1954, "these words "under God" will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded." It is imperative to our way of life that they always remain in the pledge.

During these years another Knights of Columbus member was a regular evangelist promoting Catholic truth and light on the radio airwaves and the new medium of television. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said: "What the world needs today is a voice that is right. Not when the world is right, but a voice, that is right, when the world is wrong." When you read the Supreme Knights book a "Civilization of Love" you will understand the real need for such a course of action. We Knights of Columbus are that visible event, that stalwart support of the Church, that support the sanctity of life in all of its stages, that support values oriented education and that protect the natural family unit.

Our strength is our unity, unity in purpose and unity in action. What if our forefathers were weak and timid and did nothing and did not participate? Then, they would have allowed the dark and evil triangle forces of the anti-family movement, the anti-life movement, anti-religion forces to strip all dignity from the family, strip life from the innocent and extinguish the flame of faith. This would have allowed the evil of communism to prevail. The Order would have ceased long ago, without a whimper, as have so many others.

The Catholic Church for over two thousand years has been sharing throughout the World, the truth about - - - and proclaiming the Gospel of, - - - our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The people of these anti-movements oppose any message of "hope" or "faith", or any message of "salvation" and "love" which encourages the natural order of people and of life. These dark forces work tirelessly to persuade the weak of mind and hard of heart that the Catholic Church is opposed to personal freedoms. Knights! Examine - - the - - truth. In the entire history of the Church, she has had only one goal, and that is to build a world of justice, and mercy, freedom and peace. Always remember - - that there are those that wish not only to eliminate the Church

from political influence, but also to eliminate Her, Her bishops and priests, and Her followers - - us - - from being effective in our roles. The Supreme Knight points out in his book, that these so-called rational secular thinkers deem "religion" - - especially Catholicism - - as being socially dangerous. The first evangelizers and seekers of religious freedom that came to the American shores first gave thanks to God, and acknowledged - - His Divine Law - - A HIGHER authority than that of Man. These anti-movements that seek to eliminate hope. Without light and guidance people, especially the weakest, the most vulnerable, become completely - - - completely at the mercy of the government, deprived of any protection, any buffer, any mediating agency between himself and the pen of man. Moreover, it is then the whim of man that determines what is right or wrong, good or bad, what is legal and illegal. "If our rights come only from laws written by the pen of man and no absolutes exist. How will people ever understand that Sin is sin? Wrong is wrong. Evil is evil, no matter how socially fashionable or scientifically popular that evil position may be."

Yes, it is absolutely true, "what the world needs today is a voice that is right, not when the world is right, but a voice that is right when the world is wrong." If ever we need a loud statement that says, marriage is between a man and a woman, and no other combination exists, it is today. If ever we need a loud statement that life is sacred in all of its stages from conception to natural death, it is today. If ever a loud statement needs to be made that morality, decency and virtue are an important and necessary family value, it is today. If ever a loud statement needs to be made that all people have a right to a values oriented education, it is today.

Men and their families, want, need, and deserve a culture of hope, a family friendly place to communicate with others who are like-minded, and a Knights of Columbus parish council is such a place. Have you asked an eligible Catholic man and his family to join your council? Once you recruit him, and he joins your council, he will truly have the "Experience of a Lifetime."

Keep up your great works for the Order here in Mississippi; for this is that event, and you, present here today, are the people, which give life a new horizon of hope and decisive direction, to our lay apostolate. It is an "Experience of a Lifetime" for me to represent our great Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson at this 102nd Annual convention of the Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus. God Bless you all and VIVAT JESUS!

STATE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

SQUIRE'S REPORT

The outlook for squires in Mississippi has improved slightly. We welcomed our newest Squire Circle #5181 last fall. They are affiliated with Council #8285 at St. Therese in Jackson. They had a total of 19 boys invested as charter members.

We also re-activated squire circles in Vicksburg, Greenville, and Ocean Springs. We had two circles able to attend the state convention held in Vicksburg in February. This enabled us to re-establish the state squire circle.

Felix Garth was selected Counselor of the Year and Patrick Avalon was selected as state Squire of the Year.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Chady
State Squire Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas


Worthy State Deputy and State Officers:

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was another success. Eleven councils took part in selling over 720 boxes of cards. Several councils put up billboards and signs promoting the true meaning of Christmas. Since 1995 Mississippi Knights have distributed over 146,000 spiritual messages and raised over \$27,000 for charity. In 2007 Mississippi Knights distributed over 12,000 spiritual messages and raised more than \$1,500 for charity. The Mississippi State Council took in \$415.50 for 2007. I would like to thank all the participating councils and their dedicated chairmen for a job well done.

The following councils took part in the keep Christ in Christmas program:

Meridian	802
Starkville	6765
Pearl	8038
D'Iberville	9094
Madison	9543
Brandon	10216
W Biloxi	9409
Lucedale	11904
Gluckstadt	11934
Clinton	7854
Batesville	13502

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. In addition \$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

Family Director Report

As Family Director I sent out monthly messages congratulating each Family and council that was picked by Supreme as the Family of the month. I also sent a message asking all of the councils to try and turn in a family.

I had several conversations and correspondence with various councils during the year on not getting credit from Supreme, for turning in a Family, which I had them correct the problem. We did have more councils this year then the previous year that turned in a Family.

Respectfully,

Carl Brochard
 State Family Director

State Community /Awards Director's Report

The 2007-2008 fraternal year, During the year the Community Director attended the state council Mid-Winter meeting on the coast and the 104th Annual State Convention.

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation and support during the 2007-2008 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD E. GREENWOLD
State Community Director

Report of the Chair for the Cause of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Worthy Bishops, Worthy Supreme Representative Nolan, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

In March of this year, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder. This is all well and good, but what does it mean?

Simply put, it means that after the Congregation for the Cause of Saints authenticates a miracle through Fr. McGivney's intercession, our founder will be beatified. This is the immediate step before canonization, which will require a second authenticated miracle.

Can you imagine Saint Michael J. McGivney? Can you imagine your Order's founder (and mine) being raised to the honors of the altar? What a gift! What a blessing!

The Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild plays an important role in making Fr. McGivney better known, and spreading the word about his powerful intercession. Of the 6500 or so Knights in our Jurisdiction, 825 are members of the Guild. It is free! No cost to you at all. Such a deal!

At the three organizational meetings, I implored all of you to join the Guild. I ask the same again today. Please join the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild.

Finally, pray for the canonization of Father McGivney. Pray that when we meet next in Convention we may have as a founder Saint Michael J. McGivney.

Thank you all.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas Zettler, PSD
Chairman

People with Intellectual Disabilities

Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi

Reverend Clergy, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights of the 2008 Knights of Columbus State Convention

While not increasing the amount collected and given to the various facilities in the State of Mississippi, the 2007-08 fiscal year for the Knights of Columbus Foundation, did manage to hold our own. The 38 Councils who participated collected \$97,884.99, which at this time is just \$715.01 less than last year. Some Councils in locations that it is not practical to have a fund drive sent in donations. There were 21 Councils who did not participate, I hope that you may reconsider and join in this worthwhile project that helps our fellow citizens, both children and adults, with disabilities.

The money received, which is distributed on a 75%- 25% basis, is distributed to organizations that are Statewide by the Board of Directors at the Mid-Winter meeting. This year the State sent checks totaling \$16,000.00. I realize this amount is somewhat less than 25%, however this is in January and some Council funds have not been received. This amount also enabled the Fund to maintain a balance cushion in case of unexpected expenses.

The total expenses, such as office supplies, fees and insurance amounted to \$768.75. these are the very minimum as we try to be very conservative along these lines.

This past year the "Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi" was officially incorporated in the State of Mississippi. This was accomplished by the work of our State Advocate, David Scott. To Brother David, we say "thanks for making the 'Foundation' legal.

These figures may change by the April 30 end of our fiscal year. Some Councils may turn in funds this weekend at the State Convention. I will be glad to accept any and with the State Officers present we can handle all the paperwork and issue your check.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. (Jim) Farris, Executive Director

Prolife Couple -Jackson Diocese

Let us express our thanks to State Deputy, Danny Lechner for asking us to serve our brother Knights and their families for this fraternal year as your Prolife Couple for the Mississippi State Council as we endeavor to develop and foster a greater appreciation for the Culture of Life and all the issues that it entails.

Through the fraternal year have tried to alert our councils to various Prolife activities via E-mail to encourage their active participation. It is my firm belief that faithful Catholic families desire to and will get involve in prolife causes but they stumble on how to do so. With that thought in mind, our focus has been to provide the council leaders with concrete ideas at the three times of the year when all councils are represented - the Schools of Columbianism, the Mid-Year Meetings and at the State Convention.

We encouraged all Councils to use the Respect Life 2007 packets printed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops which are distributed by the Supreme Council to all Financial Secretaries each September for use in October - Respect Life Month. These packets are also sent to each parish. This effort is funded by the Knights of Columbus.

At the 2008 Mid-Year Meeting we provided each Grand Knight, District Deputy and State Officer with prolife brochures and literature and provided the following ideas:

1. Pray for a growing Respect For Life. Pray to end Abortion and the Death Penalty. Start every Rosary you and your council says with those intentions.
2. Educate your council, assembly and ladies auxiliary members on the Catholic teachings and beliefs on these subjects by asking your pastor to talk at one of your meetings or in your adult education program.
3. Express to other that you are prolife by wearing a precious feet lapel pin, or by putting a Prolife Bumper Sticker on your vehicles.
4. Hold a fundraiser and donate the money to a local prolife group or the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund. Since 2001 only 32 councils (58%), 3 assemblies (12%) and 1 ladies auxiliary (5%) have donated to this statewide Knights of Columbus fund. Our goal should be 100% participation. Try to donate at least \$25.00 to this fund annually.
5. Use prolife checks. Copy the order sheet from Promise Checks and provide it to your members at your meetings. You can order prolife checks from Promise Checks. Call 1-800-977-6647 (8:00-8:00 ET, Mon-Fri) to request a free brochure. Customer Service Fax: 678-518-7676.
Order online at <http://www.promisechecks.com/>
6. Switch to a phone company that donates a portion of your bill to Prolife organizations. Attached are sheets from Sienna Communications, Pro Life Communications and Vitae. Make your church office aware that Verizon, Bell South, SBC, AT& T and Sprint match

employee contributions to Planned Parenthood - the largest abortion provider in the US. These companies also sponsor gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employee groups. In 2003 AT & T and MCI reported over 1 billion dollars in dial-a-porn revenue. Did you know that by doing business with these companies you are helping them support these causes? Viable, alternative phone service providers do exist.

Sienna Communications - 1-877-474-3662

www.sienna-group.com or <http://www.charity-mobile.com/index.html>

ProLife Communications 1-877- 878-5433; www.prolifecomm.com

7. Sponsor a child in a developing nation for \$30.00/month or make a donation. See the sheet from the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging whose program is grounded in Catholic Social Teaching. Christian Foundation for Children & Aging, 1-800-875-6564; www.cfcausa.org
8. Consider applying for a prolife credit card that donates a portion of it's profits to Prolife organizations. The World Missions Visa Card donates 1% of your purchase to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.
Details are at https://www.providiancard.com/bap/wfvwa/jumpApp.jsp?offer_id=wf01
9. Invest your money in mutual funds that only buy stock in companies that support Catholic values and teachings. See the sheets on Ave Maria Mutual Funds and The Aquinas Funds.

Ave Maria Funds	The Aquinas Funds
1-866-AVE-MARIA	1-972-233-6655
www.avemariafund.com	www.aquinasfunds.com
Email: info@avemariafund.com	
10. Become a blood or platelet donor or organ donor. Hold a blood drive at your church.
11. Do volunteer work at a hospital or nursing home. Visit nursing home patients. Ask your local nursing home how you can hold an activity at their location.
12. Vote for Prolife candidates. Support Prolife and Profamily legislation.
13. Order and sell or have your youth group sell "Life is Precious" rubber bracelets to show others that you are Prolife. Donate the money to a Prolife organization.

Heritage House '76 1-800-858-3040

www.hh76.com

Email: hertiage@hh76.com

14. Go to the Supreme website and learn about the KC prolife activities and check out the links provided there.

www.kofc.org/un/about/activities/culture/programs.cfm

15. Learn about the Church's position on Capital Punishment.
Catholic United Against Capital Punishment
www.cacp.org

At the 2008 we had prolife materials available for all in attendance. Let us all remember that we all should pray for an increased respect for all the human life issues from the cradle to natural death among Catholics and all the people in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis & Muna Riecke,
Statewide Pro-Life Couple

2007 Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund Report

Fund Establishment and Function

Delegates assembled at the 96th Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council in Robinsonville, MS in April 2000 voted to establish a Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund. This fund will not require any funds from the Mississippi State Council. This fund will function the same way the Bishop R. 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 prolife organizations selected by their respective Diocesan offices.

How to Donate

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

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.

2008 Statistics

15 Councils, 5 Assemblies, 2 Ladies Auxiliaries and 2 individuals donated to the fund in 2008. Total Donations increased to \$5,226.43 from \$4,761.00 in 2007. Total donation to the Diocese of Biloxi = \$1,075.00. Total donation to the Diocese of Jackson = \$4,151.43.

Fund Goals

1. For each council, assembly and ladies auxiliary in the state to make an annual donation to

- the fund.
2. Fund donations will increase each year.

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

Miss. Memorial Prolife Fund
 Dennis Riecke, Chairman
 605 Acorn Lane
 Brandon, MS 39047
 h. 601-992-5803
 w.601-432-2207
 c. 601-405-2234
dennisir@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund Donations
 Diocese of Jackson**

Council	2008	2007	2000-2006	Total
802 Meridian	100.00	0	400.00	500.00
848 Jackson	0	0	0	0
898 Vicksburg	0	150.00	250.00	400.00
1034 Natchez	0	0	100.00	100.00
2969 Clarksdale	0	0	0	0
2134 Greenville	100.00	100.00	0	200.00
2945 Leland	0	0	0	0
5267 Greenwood	0	0	0	0
5556 Cleveland	0	0	0	0
6555 Shelby	0	0	0	0
6765 Starkville	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
7120 Southaven	100.00	0	0	100.00
7854 Clinton	0	0	100.00	100.00
7915 Brookhaven	0	0	400.00	400.00
7974 Columbus	100.00	100.00	0	200.00
8038 Pearl	0	0	100.00	100.00
8054 McComb	0	0	100.00	100.00
8285 Jackson, St. Therese	0	0	100.00	100.00
8760 Holly Springs	0	0	0	0
8848 Tupelo	0	0	600.00	600.00
8912 Corinth	0	0	25.00	25.00
9234 Indianola	0	0	150.00	150.00
9543 Madison	1,340.43	1,000.00	5,357.70	7,698.13
10216 Brandon	1,216.00	1,001.00	3,500.00	5,717.00
10443 Grenada	50.00	0	0	50.00
10901 Oxford	0	100.00	0	100.00
11934 Gluckstadt	100.00	120.00	760.00	980.00

Assembly				
0555 Msgr. J. I. Igoe	100.00	0	0	100.00
1564 Msgr. John F. Clerico	0	0	25.00	25.00
2269 Bishop Joseph B. Brunini	300.00	300.00	2,100.94	2,700.94
2734 Starkville/Columbus	300.00	550.00	200.00	1,050.00
2913 Pope John Paul II	50.00	100.00	0	150.00

Ladies Auxiliary				
848 Jackson	25.00	25.00	0	50.00
Individuals				
Charles Wilkerson	0	20.00	20.00	40.00
Nat Zummo	0	0	50.00	50.00
Brian Engelland	0	0	50.00	50.00
Wade & Cathy Ditcharo	100.00	150.00	300.00	550.00
Greg & Suzanne Rottman	20.00	0	0	20.00

Total Jackson Diocese Donations				
	2008	2007	2000-2006	Total
	\$4,151.43	\$3,816.00	\$14,788.64	\$22,756.07

**Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund Donations
Diocese of Biloxi**

Council	2008	2007	2000-2006	Total
1244 Biloxi	0	0	0	0
1522 Bay St. Louis	0	0	200.00	200.00
1583 Gulfport	0	0	0	0
1605 Pascagoula	0	0	0	0
1908 Hattiesburg	200.00	200.00	400.00	800.00
2180 Laurel	0	0	300.00	300.00
4472 Pass Christian	0	0	0	0
4898 Long Beach	100.00	0	0	100.00
5654 Ocean Springs	0	0	0	0
6592 Bassfield	0	0	100.00	100.00
6872 Picayune	0	0	100.00	100.00
7087 Kiln	0	0	0	0
7211 Poplarville/Lumberton	0	0	0	0
7910 Orange Grove	0	0	0	0
9094 North Biloxi	500.00	500.00	950.00	1,950.00
9124 Gautier	0	0	0	0
9409 West Biloxi	0	0	550.00	550.00
9543 Madison	0	0	100.00	100.00
9673 Woolmarket	0	0	0	0
9958 Lizana	0	0	0	0

10499 East Ocean Springs	0	100.00	350.00	450.00
11541 St. James - Gulfport	0	0	0	0
11654 Wiggins	100.00	100.00	300.00	400.00
11904 Lucedale	0	0	0	0
11956 Columbia/Tylertown	50.00	0	0	50.00
11995 West Harrison	0	0	0	0
12166 Sacred Heart - Pascagoula	0	0	2,275.00	2,275.00
12231 Dedeaux	0	0	100.00	100.00
12271 Seabee Base	0	0	150.00	150.00

Ladies Auxiliary

1522 Bay St. Louis	0	0	200.00	200.00
11995 West Harrison	25.00	25.00	0	50.00

Individuals

Larry Tabor	0	0	100.00	100.00
Bill Kane	0	20.00	0	20.00

Total Biloxi Diocese Donations

2008	2007	2000-2006	Total
\$1075.00	945.00	\$6175.00	\$8195.00

Total Statewide Donations

\$5,226.43	\$4761.00	\$20,963.64	\$30,951.07
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Vocations Report- Catholic Diocese of Jackson

Worthy Bishops, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights

We currently have 11 men in seminary – at Notre Dame, New Orleans, and St. Joseph in Covington, Louisiana and at Sacred Heart in Wisconsin. This includes our newest seminarian as of January 2008 – Rafael Anguiano from Leon, Mexico.

As this spring semester comes to a close, we will have one man being ordained – Lincoln Dall. All are invited to attend his ordination on Saturday, May 31, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. With at least 4 priests retiring this year in the Jackson Diocese, Lincoln will be greatly needed.

Of the remaining seminarians, two have decided to leave seminary formation in order to further discern God's call. They both are leaving with good evaluations from their seminaries, so the door is open for God to lead them back to the seminary in the future.

We are currently considering an application for a new seminarian, a high school senior from one of the parishes in our Diocese, and hope to have another seminarian arriving this summer from Guatemala.

God-willing, this would give us a total of 9 or 10 seminarians for the fall of 2008.

Fr. Lenin Vargas, Associate Pastor of St. Francis Madison, is Assistant Vocations Director. His main role is to communicate with Bishops and seminarians from other countries (Spanish-speaking) in order to bring more foreign seminarians to our Diocese.

Through the generosity of various Knights of Columbus Councils, all of our current seminarians are being sponsored through the RSVP program. The Diocese pays all of the cost for the seminarians' formation (with the exception of the college-level undergraduate seminarians, who pay some of their tuition themselves) and the Diocese also gives each man a monthly stipend. But the RSVP support is greatly appreciated. It is useful for extra expenses incurred by the seminarians, and it shows the prayerful support of the Knights and helps the seminarians keep in mind the people for whom they are being formed as future shepherds.

Our next Diocesan-wide Vocations project will be a version of "*Called by Name*" (which we have done in the past) through which parishes are asked to identify those who possibly have a religious vocation so that those individuals can be invited to some sort of regional meetings which will include a mini-retreat, presentations, and a dinner & meeting with the Bishop. In addition to their parish-level participation and prayerful support, the Knights could be called upon to help facilitate the logistics of the regional gatherings.

The Jackson Diocese benefits greatly from the Knights' annual raffle for the benefit of Vocations, which usually brings in approximately \$30,000. This amount is about 1/10 of the total Vocations budget, which includes the salary, travel, and other expenses of the Vocation Director. For the seminarians the budget provides tuition, books, room, board, health insurance, and other assistance. The average annual cost for each seminarian's tuition, books, room, and board is well over \$20,000.

The current financial challenge is to bring long-term stability to the Vocations budget, such as through interest-bearing Foundation Funding. Currently there are a number of Vocations accounts, which are pooled together in the Diocesan Catholic Foundation, but they are not at a sufficient level to provide significant funding. Our next step could be the establishment of a financial development program, hiring professionals if necessary. The goal would be to identify major donors throughout the Jackson Diocese, approach them about making significant contributions, and challenge others to match the contributions, using the program to help all parishioners better understand the costs of seminary education. The very minimum goal of such a Foundation development program would be 1 million dollars; hopefully even more could be realized.

Thanks for your prayers and very generous support. Keep it up. And please continue to pray and look for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from the men and women of our own families and parishes, as Bishop Latino encourages us to do. Though we are still an "American

mission" Diocese, it is time that we take an even greater responsibility for providing ourselves with the clergy and religious we need to understand our faith and celebrate the sacraments, and to provide the same for our children and grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kent Bowlds
Vocations Director
Catholic Diocese of Jackson

Vocations Report- Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

Worthy Bishops, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights

At the beginning of the 2007/2008 academic year, the Diocese of Biloxi began with seven seminarians. During the year three men withdrew from formation. The Diocese of Biloxi is left with four active seminarians. During the course of the year, two additional men applied to the diocese as a seminarian. We accepted one of the applicants. Currently, there are four men who are in the interview and application process. We are currently investigating the possibility of recruiting three seminarians from the continent of Nigeria.

God-willing, this would give us a total of 5 to 8 seminarians for the fall of 2008.

At this time, the following men are in formation: Deacon Jose Vazquez, priestly ordination 2008; Ignacio Jimenez, priestly ordination 2011; Ryan McCoy, priestly ordination 2012; Michael Marascalso, priestly ordination 2013; and Esteban Garcia, priestly ordination 2015.

Through the generosity of various Knights of Columbus Councils, all of our current seminarians are being sponsored through the RSVP program; and the RSVP program support is greatly appreciated. It is useful for extra expenses incurred by the seminarians, and it shows the prayerful support of the Knights and helps the seminarians keep in mind the people for whom they are being formed as future shepherds.

The Biloxi Diocese benefits greatly from the Knights' annual raffle for the benefit of Vocations, which usually brings in approximately \$20,000. The average annual cost for each seminarian's tuition, books, room, and board is well over \$20,000.

Thanks for your prayers and very generous support. Keep it up. And please continue to pray and look for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from the men and women of our own families and parishes, as Bishop Rodi encourages us to do.

It is time that we take a greater responsibility for providing ourselves with the clergy and religious we need to understand our faith and celebrate the sacraments, and to provide the same for our children and grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dennis Carver
Vocations Director
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

**Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund
Mississippi Jurisdiction
For The Years Ended 2007 and 2008**

Diocese of Biloxi

Councils	Number	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
Biloxi	1244	42,837	1,000	1,000	44,837
Pere LeDuc-Bay St. Louis	1522	33,802	0	0	33,802
Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	1583	88,064	0	0	88,064
Msgr. P. J. Carey-Pascagoula	1605	140,077	0	0	140,077
Bishop Fahey-Hattiesburg	1908	26,687	1,300	2,756	30,743
Laurel	2180	43,930	3,600	5,000	52,530
Msgr. Leech-Pass Christian	4472	11,304	0	0	11,304
St. Vincent DePaul-Long Beach	4898	83,190	5,200	4,000	92,390
Fred L. Westbrook Sr.-Ocean Springs	5654	30,989	250	300	31,539
Fr. Malachy Burns-Bassfield	6592	2,460	0	0	2,460
Oscar J. Gelpi-Picayune	6872	59,734	5,629	6,034	71,397
Fr. A. C. Denis-Kiln	7087	10,612	500	1,000	12,112
Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Lumberton	7211	47,910	2,207	500	50,617
Fr. Harry Wade-Orange Grove	7910	2,681	0	0	2,681
Fr. Patrick McAlpine-D'Iberville	9094	13,645	3,000	500	17,145
St. Mary-Gautier	9124	9,347	500	1,000	10,847
Reinhart Schroeder-West Biloxi	9409	20,014	2,000	500	22,514
James D. Hart-Woolmarket	9673	7,382	1,268	0	8,650
St. Ann-Lizana	9958	5,070	0	200	5,270
Msgr. Gregory Kennedy-Ocean Springs	10499	6,376	1,000	0	7,376
St. James-Gulfport	11541	4,529	925	500	5,954
Fr. Paul Gillis-Wiggins	11654	3,229	1,442	1,120	5,791
St. Lucy-Lucedale	11904	899	0	0	899
Fr. Patrick Quinn-Tylertown	11956	8,135	485	610	9,230
Fr. R. J. Sorin-West Harrison	11995	3,673	100	100	3,873
Sacred Heart-Pascagoula	12166	3,607	0	0	3,607
St. Joseph the Worker-SeaBee Base	12271	30,745	626	0	31,371
Sacred Heart-Dedaux	12331	871	0	0	871
St. Jude-Columbia	13936	1,238	1,000	1,100	3,338
Council Totals		743,037	32,032	26,220	801,289

Assemblies	Number	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	556	3,509	0	0	3,509
Msgr. P. J. Carey-Gautier	561	400	0	0	400
Bishop Fahey-Hattiesburg	562	100	0	0	100
Arthur F. Axton-Laurel	563	2,000	100	100	2,200
Msgr. John P. O'Connor-Long Beach	1719	3,700	0	0	3,700
Fr. Francis Deignan-Ocean Springs	2059	3,006	150	150	3,306
Fr. Michael Leane-Picayune	2227	10,600	3,072	3,370	17,042
St. Ann-Lizana/Gulfport	2284	610	0	0	610
Paul R. Depew-Orange Grove	2347	250	0	0	250
St. James-Gulfport	2558	0	500	0	500
Assembly Totals		24,175	3,822	3,620	31,617

Auxilliaris	Number	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
Biloxi	1244	900	0	0	900
Pere LeDuc-Bay St. Louis	1522	335	0	0	335
Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	1583	2,925	0	0	2,925
Msgr. P. J. Carey-Pascagoula	1605	2,050	0	0	2,050
Msgr. Leech-Pass Christian	4472	775	0	0	775
St. Vincent DePaul-Long Beach	4898	1,400	0	0	1,400
Fred L. Westbrook Sr.-Ocean Springs	5654	225	0	0	225
Fr. Harry Wade-Orange Grove	7910	200	0	0	200
Fr. Patrick McAlpine-D'Iberville	9094	1,592	421	500	2,513
Reinhart Schroeder-West Biloxi	9409	0	0	500	500
St. Ann-Lizana	9958	900	0	0	900
Fr. Patrick Quinn-Tylertown	11956	300	400	0	700
Fr. R. J. Sorin-West Harrison	11995	100	0	0	100
St. Jude-Columbia	13936	400	0	200	600
State Ladies Auxilliary		3,050	0	0	3,050
Auxilliary Totals		15,152	821	1200	17,173

Christopher Fund Totals	3,098	0	0	3,098
Automobile Raffle Totals	0	20,366	18,320	38,686
Other Contribution Totals	13,298	200	120	13,618
Diocese of Biloxi Totals	798,760	57,241	49,480	905,481

Diocese of Jackson

Councils	Number	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
Msgr. John J. Burns- Meridian	802	40,023	900	2,000	42,923
John T. Savage-Jackson	848	37,005	1,000	1,000	39,005
Vicksburg	898	95,500	4,050	3,004	102,554
Bishop R. O. Gerow-Natchez	1034	55,147	3,000	1,500	59,647
Fr. Korstenbrook-Greenville	2134	78,294	1,000	1,200	80,494
C. G. Shapley-Leland	2945	25,012	500	500	26,012
Msgr. James T. McKenna-Clarksdale	2969	37,070	0	0	37,070
Msgr. John F. Clerico-Greenwood	5267	31,667	1,550	1,005	34,222
Fr. Rotondo-Cleveland	5556	21,450	1,000	1,000	23,450
Shelby	6555	10,160	0	0	10,160
Fr. John P. Egan-Starkville	6765	4,775	500	500	5,775
Hernando DeSoto-Southaven	7120	11,238	1,000	1,000	13,238
Holy Savior-Clinton	7854	7,411	500	500	8,411
Joseph Bonfiglio-Brookhaven	7915	25,450	1,800	1,500	28,750
W. H. Jolly-Columbus	7974	4,525	300	100	4,925
St. Jude Centennial-Pearl	8038	3,104	200	100	3,404
Charles R. Brill-McComb	8054	8,820	0	1,600	10,420
St. Therese-Jackson	8285	3,770	0	0	3,770
St. Joseph-Holly Springs	8760	2,750	0	0	2,750
Fr. Robert Reitmeier-Tupelo	8848	12,900	800	1,000	14,700
St. James the Less-Corinth	8912	3,289	250	250	3,789
Indianola	9234	4,340	150	0	4,490
St. Francis of Assisi-Madison	9543	38,245	400	5,000	43,645
St. Paul-Brandon	10216	14,000	2,100	0	16,100
Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	10443	9,464	1,200	1,550	12,214
St. John-Oxford	10901	2,000	150	0	2,150
St. Joseph-Gluckstadt	11934	3,642	1,645	1,637	6,924
Fr. Thomas Boyce-Batesville	13502	474	500	0	974
Fr. Leo John Dehon-Olive Branch	14051	0	50	100	150
Council Totals		591,525	24,545	26,046	642,116

Assemblies	Number	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
Bishop R. O. Gerow-Jackson	554	2,740	500	0	3,240
Msgr. J. Igoe-Greenville/Leland	555	62,909	1,100	1,000	65,009
Vicksburg	558	8,700	750	1,300	10,750
August J. Stone-Natchez	559	775	0	0	775
Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	1251	4,050	500	500	5,050
Dr. William F. LaForge-Cleveland	1503	2,350	200	200	2,750
Greenwood	1869	1,265	0	0	1,265
Fr. Clarence J. Meyer-Tupelo	2131	2,200	0	0	2,200
Fr. Gregory Bezy-Southaven	2195	2,870	200	200	3,270
Bishop Brunini-Brandon/Madison	2269	5,566	400	400	6,366

Sir Knight Eugene T. Hicks-Starkville	2734	440	100	600	1,140
Pope John Paul II-Corinth	2913	100	250	250	600
Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	2916	100	100	100	300
Our Lady Queen of Peace-Olive Branch	3001	0	0	100	100
Assembly Totals		94,065	4,100	4,650	102,815

Auxillaries	Number	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	802	4,100	0	0	4,100
John T. Savage-Jackson	848	25	0	0	25
Vicksburg	898	60	0	0	60
Bishop R. O. Gerow-Natchez	1034	200	0	0	200
Fr. Korstenbroek-Greenville	2134	5,700	500	400	6,600
Fr. John P. Egan-Starkville	6765	40	50	0	90
Hernando DeSoto-Southaven	7120	825	0	0	825
Holy Savior-Clinton	7854	1,210	300	500	2,010
St. Paul-Brandon	10216	50	0	0	50
Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	10443	225	0	0	225
State Ladies Auxilliary		3,025	250	0	3,275
Auxilliary Totals		15,460	1,100	900	17,460

Christopher Fund Totals	6,006	948	1,338	8,292
Automobile Raffle Totals	0	30,851	23,826	54,677
Other Contribution Totals	9,966	942	165	11,073
Diocese of Jackson Totals	717,022	62,486	56,925	836,433
Mississippi Jurisdiction Totals	1,515,782	119,727	106,405	1,741,914

State Program Director's Report

The program guidelines for this year were distributed and explained at the Schools of Columbianism as well as the Mid-winter meetings for the Northern , Central and Southern Regions of the State. Forty-two of Fifty-nine councils submitted a council program report.

The following awards were presented at convention:

HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS

FRED L. WESTBROOK	COUNCIL 898	VICKSBURG
	COUNCIL 5654	OCEAN SPRINGS

JOSEPH BONFIGLIO	COUNCIL 7915	BROOKHAVEN
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COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

C. G. SHAPLEY	COUNCIL 2945	LELAND
FR. A.C. DENIS	COUNCIL 7087	KILN
CHARLES R. BRILL	COUNCIL 8054	McCOMB
ST. JOSEPH'S	COUNCIL 8760	HOLLY SPRINGS

DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARDS

MSGR JOHN J. BURNS	COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN
	COUNCIL 1244	BILOXI
MSGR P.J. CAREY	COUNCIL 1605	MOSS POINT
BISHOP FAHEY	COUNCIL 1908	HATTIESBURG
FR. KORSTENBOEK	COUNCIL 2134	GREENVILLE
	COUNCIL 2180	LAUREL
MSGR JAMES T. McKENNA	COUNCIL 2969	CLARKSDALE
FR. ROTONDO	COUNCIL 5556	CLEVELAND
OSCAR J. GELPHI	COUNCIL 6872	PICAYUNE
HERNANDO DESOTO	COUNCIL 7120	SOUTHAVEN
HOLY SAVIOR	COUNCIL 7854	CLINTON
FR. HENRY WADE	COUNCIL 7910	GULFPORT
REINHART SCHROEDER	COUNCIL 9409	WEST BILOXI
JAMES D. HART	COUNCIL 9673	WOOLMARKET
ST. LUCY	COUNCIL 11904	LUCEDALE
FR. PATRICK QUINN	COUNCIL 11956	TYLERTOWN
FR. R. J. SORIN	COUNCIL 11995	PASS CHRISTIAN
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER	COUNCIL 12271	GULFPORT
FR. THOMAS M. BOYCE	COUNCIL 13502	BATESVILLE
ST. JUDE	COUNCIL 13936	COLUMBIA
FR. LEO JOHN DEHO	COUNCIL 14051	OLIVE BRANCH

STELLAR COUNCIL AWARDS

JOHN T. SAVAGE	COUNCIL 848	JACKSON
ST. VINCENT DePAUL	COUNCIL 4898	LONG BEACH
FR. PATRICK McALPINE	COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON
ST. PAUL	COUNCIL 10216	BRANDON
MSGR GREGORY KENNEDY	COUNCIL 10499	OCEAN SPRINGS

A Pre-convention meeting was held with the State Officers, District Deputies, State Activity Directors and State Committee Chairs being invited. The Committee served the purpose of reviewing all submissions for best activities, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Projects from each activity were paired down to the top three to be presented to the delegates at the State convention.

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

BEST CHUCH ACTIVITY

1 st MSGR GREGORY KENNEDY	COUNCIL 10499	OCEAN SPRINGS
2 nd MSGR JOHN J. BURNS	COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN

BEST COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1 st MSGR JOHN J. BURNS	COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN
2 nd ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON

BEST COUNCIL ACTIVITY

1 st FR. PATRICK McALPINE	COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE
2 nd ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON

BEST FAMILY ACTIVITY

1 st ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON
2 nd ST. PAUL	COUNCIL 10216	BRANDON

BEST YOUTH ACTIVITY

1 st ST. PAUL	COUNCIL 10216	BRANDON
2 nd FR. PATRICK McALPINE	COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE

BEST VOCATIONS ACTIVITY (BILOXI)

1 st MSGR GREGORY KENNEDY	COUNCIL 10499	OCEAN SPRINGS
2 nd FR. PATRICK McALPINE	COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE

BEST VOCATIONS ACTIVITY (JACKSON)

1 st ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON
2 nd ST JOHN	COUNCIL 10901	OXFORD

BEST PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY (BILOXI)

1 st BISHOP FAHEY HATTIESBURG	COUNCIL 1908	
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BEST PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY (JACKSON)

1 st ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON
2 nd HERNANDO DESOTO	COUNCIL 7120	SOUTHHAVEN

BEST NEWSLETTER (LG/XLG COUNCIL)

HERNANDO DESOTO	COUNCIL 7120	SOUTHHAVEN
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BEST NEWSLETTER (LG/XLG COUNCIL)

FR. PATRICK QUINN	COUNCIL 11956	TYLERTOWN
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BEST SMALL COUNCIL

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER	COUNCIL 12271	GULFPORT
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BEST MEDIUM COUNCIL

ST JOHN	COUNCIL 10901	OXFORD
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BEST LARGE COUNCIL

FR. PATRICK McALPINE

COUNCIL 9094

D'IBERVILLE

BEST LARGE COUNCIL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI

COUNCIL 9543

MADISON

MISSISSIPPI STATE KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

DAVID SEYMOUR

COUNCIL 9094

D'IBERVILLE

MISSISSIPPI STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR

MR & MRS HUGH A. RESTER

COUNCIL 2134

GREENVILLE

I thank Brother Danny Lechner (State Deputy), the State Officers (especially Br. David Scott), the Program Activities Directors and District Deputies for their help and guidance throughout this year. I would like to personally thank my friend and mentor IPSD Larry Tabor for his advice and leadership. I congratulate the winning councils and encourage participation from those not submitting write-ups. It has been a rewarding experience to be able guide and recognize the accomplishments of the councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. I am honored and humbled by the works submitted in the 2007-2008 fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Aucoin

State Program Director

State Membership Chairman's Report

This year I had the honor as serving the Mississippi Jurisdiction as the State Membership Chairman. The most gratifying aspect of my job this past year has been seeing so many new knights start on their path to what I hope is a long career of service to our Church, Priests, Parishes and our communities.

MEMBERSHIP

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 new members with Top Gun requirement of twenty. The top proposer program was continued once again this year.

We once again had hoped to achieve our goal of 400 new Knights this year, but we were only able to achieve a 3.4% percent growth which equated to a gross gain of 220 new Knights. We had 336 men exemplified or reactivated, but lost 116 to suspensions and withdrawals. This loss equated to a 31% percent loss of Brother Knights from the order. 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 59 Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, 13 councils did not add a single new member during the year. On the other hand, 27 councils reached or exceeded their goal. Of that number, 14 councils reached their goals and 13 councils achieved Top Gun status.

Insurance growth this past year was extremely disappointing. For every 3 new insurance members that were brought in, we lost 2 to suspensions, withdrawals or the dropping of their policies. The state only achieved a 0.05% growth rate in insurance members. We must work harder to reverse this trend. Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, started the Knights of Columbus to take care of the widows and orphans, but we can do that if we don't get our members to think more about their future and that of their families if they should be called to see our Heavenly Father.

COUNCILS REACHING STATE GOAL

Small Council Category (55 members or less)

District #	Council #	Council Name
12	11904	LUCEDALE
8	11956	TYLERTOWN
9	11995	PASS CHRISTIAN

2	13502	BATESVILLE
8	13936	COLUMBIA
2	14051	OLIVE BRANCH

Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
7	6592	BASSFIELD
5	7854	CLINTON
9	7910	GULFPORT
5	8285	JACKSON

Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
3	2134	GREENVILLE
9	6872	PICAYUNE
2	7120	SOUTHAVEN

Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
10	1583	GULFPORT

TOP GUN COUNCILS

Small Council Category (55 members or less)

District #	Council #	Council Name
6	11934	GLUCKSTADT
9	12331	DEDEAUX

Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
10	4472	PASS CHRISTIAN
6	8038	PEARL
1	10901	OXFORD

Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
5	848	JACKSON
4	6765	STARKVILLE
1	8848	TUPELO
11	9094	D'IBERVILLE
12	10499	OCEAN SPRINGS

Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
10	4898	LONG BEACH
6	9543	MADISON
6	10216	BRANDON

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	NET
SMALL	6	11934 - GLUCKSTADT	15
MEDIUM	10	4472 - PASS CHRISTIAN	10
LARGE	12	10499 - OCEAN SPRINGS	17
X-LARGE	6	9543 - MADISON	33

COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN

SIZE	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	NET %
SMALL	6	11934 - GLUCKSTADT	28.8 %
MEDIUM	10	4472 - PASS CHRISTIAN	13.33 %
LARGE	4	6765 - STARKVILLE	15.15 %
X-LARGE	6	9543 MADISON	13.04 %

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 2007-2008 are listed below:

REGIONAL TOP PROPOSERS OF THE YEAR

NORTH	DIST.# 4	MIKE KASSOUF	6765 - STARKVILLE
CENTRAL	DIST.# 6	CHARLES WILKERSON	9543 - MADISON
SOUTH	DIST.# 12	JOE GOELLNER	10499 - OCEAN SPRINGS

STATE TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR

**CHARLES WILKERSON
COUNCIL #9543 - MADISON**

Retention

The Retention of our brother Knights continues to be a problem within the Mississippi Jurisdiction. During the 2007-2008 state fraternal year, for every 3 new members that were brought in to the order within the state, we lost 1 brother. The ratio for insurance members was even worse. For every 3 new insurance members that was recruited, we lost 2 insurance members. While we end up with a net gain in both areas, the loss ratio is still too high. We are losing far too many brother knights.

I encourage all councils and members to work harder to keep these brother knights in the order and get them more active in their councils, parishes and communities. We do not need to be the

stumbling block that causes our brothers to fall. We owe it to them to keep them in the knights and the strong arm of the Church.

New Council Development

During the 2007-2008 there were no new councils started in the state. There are a couple of prospective sites, but at this time no action has been taken.

Round Table Development

While round tables have been a great tool to give the Knights of Columbus a presence in every parish, they are being greatly underutilized in the state. During the past year there were only 16 round tables established and maintained within the state. More attention needs to be placed on starting and maintaining the round tables in all the parishes in both Dioceses.

In closing I would like to say that we had a successful year in recruiting, but we can do better. We all must be more diligent in our recruiting and retention efforts for the Mississippi jurisdiction. We have been given a task by our Lord to bring all of his children closer to him and to help protect them from all the trials and tribulations that we all face. That is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Let us take this task seriously and work even harder in the upcoming year.

Vivat Jesus

William C. Waggoner
State Membership Director
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**State Secretary Report on
Election of State Officers**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Second</u>
State Deputy	Danny Lechner	Don Cox	John Casper
State Secretary	Peter Sukanek	Pascual Cruz	Harvey Caldwell
State Treasurer	Gerald Schmuck	Roger Hudson, Jr	Elvis Gates
State Advocate	David Scott	Tom Zettler	Charles Wilkerson
State Warden	Jim McCraw	Guy Heying	E. J. Favre

All State Officers were nominated by acclamation.

**State Secretary Report on
Election of Delegates to the Supreme Convention**

Insurance Delegate (1)

<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Joe Goellner	Carl Brochard	Ben Velazquez	17
Francis Barrett	Joe Spence	Elvis Gates	27
Peter Sukanek	David Seymour	Tom Zettler	66* ²

Associate Delegates (2)

Joe Goellner	Carl Brochard	Harvey Caldwell	40 (4)
Francis Barrett	Joe Spence	Elvis Gates	44 (3)
Gerald Schmuck	Roger Hudson, Jr	Richard Zdziemborski	73*
Bill Sonneman	Larry Campbell	Dan Bicknell	8
Bill Waggonner	David Seymour	Steven Overman	60*

Alternate to Insurance Delegate (3)

Elvis Gates	Carl Brochard	Gary Meyer	50*
Jim McCraw	David Seymour	Guy Heying	32 (2)
David Scott	Paul Leiding	Felix Garth	28 (3)

² * represents elected delegate; (number) indicates alternate ranking

New Business

Convention Registration Cost

David Seymour (Council 9094) moved that the maximum registration cost for conventions, exclusive of the cost of ladies' or District Deputies' luncheon, be increased to \$70. The motion was seconded by George Holetz (11995). The motion was passed by acclamation.

Convention Location in 2012

Elvis Gates (4898) moved that the 2012 convention be held in the Biloxi-Gulfport area. The motion was seconded by Carl Brochard (5654). Mark Dye (8848) moved the convention be held in Tupelo. The motion was seconded by James Leatherwood (8912). The result of the voting was:

Biloxi/Gulfport	54
Tupelo	59*