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Friday, 24 April 2009

- 7:20 - a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney – Father Jeffery Waldrep, Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle
- 8:30 - a.m. Golf Tournament – Bay Point Country Club
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – State Deputies Suite
- 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration – Mezzanine South
- 11:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – Mezzanine South
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – Board Room
- 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. 4th Degree Honor Guard Competition – Windsor IV & V
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting – Windsor IV & V
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked - State Warden, M. James McCraw and Assistants
 2. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, Daniel Lechner
 3. Opening Prayer - State Secretary, Peter Sukanek
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, Larry Tabor
 5. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2008 Convention Minutes
 6. Welcome from Supreme Knight
 7. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received - State Secretary, Dr. Peter Sukanek (District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Directors and Chairmen)
 8. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates - State Warden, M. James McCraw
 9. Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master's Report - Fourth Degree Master, Larry Tabor
 10. State Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report – James Farris
 11. Distribution of Resolutions - State Advocate, David Scott
 12. Committee Assignments - State Deputy, Daniel Lechner
 13. Announcements
 - a. Hospitality Rooms ***MUST BE CLOSED*** during Business Sessions
 - b. Ladies Activities
 - c. Youth Activities
 13. Credentials Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – Churchill I
 14. Resolution Committee Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – Windsor IV & V
 15. Mileage and Per Diem Meeting, 10:00 p.m. – Churchill II
- NOTE: These meetings will start as soon as possible after "Friday Night Dinner Social"***
- d. Other Announcements
 14. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, Father Charles Nutter
- 7:30 - p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social – Windsor Ballroom I/II/III
1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
 2. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, Larry Tabor
 4. Welcome – Mississippi Secretary of State, Honorable Delbert Hoseman
 5. Response – State Secretary, Dr. Peter Sukanek

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6. Introduction of the Supreme Representative – State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
7. Prayer – **Archbishop Thomas Rodi**
8. Meal
9. Introduction of Visiting Priest and Seminarians – **Daniel Lechner**
10. Awards Presentation: (Only 1st place awards will be presented.)
 - a. State Bowling Tournament Awards – Natchez, **Fred Voss**
 - b. Keep Christ in Christmas Awards – **Nat Zummo**
 - c. Family of the Month Awards – **Carl Brochard**
 - d. State “Persons with Intellectual Disabilities” Program Awards – **James Farris**.
 - e. Insurance Agency Awards – **Jerry Woods**
 - f. Top Proposer Awards – **William Waggoner**
 - g. Membership Awards – **William Waggoner**
 - h. Top Gun Council Awards – State Membership Director, **William Waggoner**
 - i. Honor Council Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - j. Council of Excellence Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - k. Distinguished Council Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - l. Stellar Council Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - m. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**

- 9:00 - p.m. Dance – **Hotel Pool Deck**
- 10:00 - p.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Dr. Peter Sukanek** – **Churchill I**
- 10:00 - p.m. Resolutions Committee – State Advocate, **David Scott** – **Windsor IV & V**
- 10:00 - p.m. Mileage and Per Diem Meeting – State Treasurer, **Gerald Schmuck** – **Churchill II**

Saturday, 25 April 2009

- 7:30 - a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives. Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Rodi as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State Warden, **M. James McCraw** – **Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle**
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration – **Mezzanine South**
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – **Churchill I**
- 9:30 - 12:00 a.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION** – **Churchill I/II (Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **M. James McCraw** and Assistants
 2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
 3. Opening Prayer - State Secretary, **Peter Sukanek**
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
 5. Report of Credentials Committee - State Secretary, **Dr. Peter Sukanek**
 6. Address to the Delegates – Apostolic Administrator, Biloxi Diocese, **Most Reverend Thomas Rodi**
 7. Address to the Delegates – Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Latino**
 8. Address to the Delegates – **Patrick Korten**, Vice-President Supreme Communications
 9. State Chaplain’s Report - **Father Charles Nutter**
 10. State Deputy’s Report – **Daniel Lechner**

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SECOND BUSINESS SESSION (continued)

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. James McCraw**
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 – **Elvis Gates/David Friloux**
19. Columbian Squires Report – **Thomas Chady, PSD**
20. Liability Insurance – **Philip Jabour**
21. State Directory – **Mike Kassouf**
22. Assignment of Meeting Rooms
23. Announcements
 - a. Tables and chairs that are re-arranged for committee meetings need to be moved back.
24. Closing Prayer - **Father Kevin Slattery**

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Surrey I/II**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **St. Peters, Rectory**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **St. Peters Parish Hall**

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

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Windsor III**

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

1. Audit – **Thomas Chady, PSD, Manchester I**
2. Good of the Order – **Dr. Paul Gospodarski, Windsor V**
3. Ceremonials – **Richard Lieding, PSD, Warwick**
4. Public Relations – **Fred Middleton, Manchester II**
5. State Convention – **Guy Heying, Winston I**
6. Financial Secretaries – **James Farris, Canterbury**
7. Membership – **William Waggoner, Winston II**
8. Council Activities – **Roger Fetters – Windsor IV**
9. Community Activities – **Richard Greenwold – Churchill I, North Side**
10. Church Activities – **Donald Cox – Churchill I, South Side**
11. Family Life Activities – **Carl Brochard – Churchill II, North Side**
12. Youth Activities – **Joseph Jones – Churchill II, South Side**
13. Pro-Life Activities – **Dennis Riecke – Surrey I**
14. Vocation Activities – **Elvis Gates/David Friloux – Surrey II**

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **M. James McCraw and Assistants**
2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**

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THIRD BUSINESS SESSION (continued)

3. Opening Prayer - State Warden, **Jim McCraw**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
5. Convention Committee Reports
 - a. Pro-Life – State Chairmen, **Dennis Riecke**
 - b. Public Relations – **Fred Middleton**
 - 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 – **James Farris**
 - h. State Convention – **Guy Heying**
 - 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 Master, **Larry Tabor**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

- Cash Bar Open - **Mezzanine**
- Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Canterbury**
- Color Guard Assembles – **Warwick Board Room**
- Doors to Banquet room opened – **Windsor Ballroom I/II/III**
1. Procession of the Dignitaries
 2. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
 4. Prayer – Bishop **Joseph Latino**
 5. Meal
 6. Keynote Address by **Patrick Korten**, Vice-President, Supreme Communications
 7. Awards Presentation: (Only 1st Place awards will be presented)
 - a. Special Presentations – State Deputy, **Daniel Lechner**
 - b. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - c. Squires Awards – Columbian Squires Chairman, **Thomas Chady, PSD**
 - d. Fourth Degree Awards – Fourth Degree Master, **Larry Tabor**
 - e. Poster Contest – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - f. Best Newsletter Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - g. Best Scrapbook Awards – State Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**
 - h. Best Pro-Life Project Award – **Noel Aucoin**
 - i. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards – **Noel Aucoin**
 - j. Best Vocations Project Awards – **Noel Aucoin**
 - k. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **Donald Cox**
 - l. Best Church Activity Award - Program Director, **Noel Aucoin**

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- m. Best Community Activity Award - Program Director, Noel Aucoin
- n. Best Council Activity Award - Program Director, Noel Aucoin
- o. Best Family Activity Award - Program Director, Noel Aucoin
- p. Best Youth Activity Award - Program Director, Noel Aucoin
- q. Best Council Awards - Program Director, Noel Aucoin
- r. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award – Robert Fratesi, PSD
- s. Mississippi State Council, Knight of the Year Award - Program Director, Noel Aucoin
- t. Mississippi State Council, Family of the Year Award - Program Director, Noel Aucoin

Sunday, 26 April 2009

8:00 - a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Latino as Principal Celebrant – Windsor Ballroom I/II/III

10:00 - 1:00 p.m. FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (**Members ONLY**)

- 1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, M. James McCraw and Assistants
- 2. Opening of Fourth Business Session - State Deputy, Daniel Lechner
- 3. Opening Prayer - State Warden, Jim McCraw
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, Larry Tabor
- 5. Remarks
 - a. Archbishop Thomas Rodi
 - b. Bishop Joseph Latino
 - c. Vice-President, Supreme Communications, Patrick Korten
 - d. Fourth Degree Master, Larry Tabor
- 9. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Fund Report – Don Cox
- 10. State Convention Report: 2008 – State Convention Chairman, Guy Heying
- 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 – Phoenix, Arizona, 4 – 6 August 2009
- 14. Selection of Site for 2012 State Convention
 - a. 2010 – Natchez
 - b. 2011 – Oxford
 - c. 2012 – Tupelo
 - d. 2013 – ?????
- 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, 25 April 2009. 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** **Churchill I**
Dr. Peter Sukanek, State Secretary Friday, 24 April 2009, 10:00 p.m.
Chairman
Richard Greenwold
William O'Conner DD #5
Robert Leo # 802
James Bradham # 5556
Louis O. Amedee # 8054
David Szymanski # 14051

2. **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** **Windsor IV/V**
David Scott, State Advocate Friday, 24 April 2009, 10:00 p.m.
Chairman
Larry Tabor IPSD
Robert Fratesi PSD
Thomas Chady PSD
Thomas Zettler PSD

3. **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE** **Churchill II**
Gerald Schmuck, State Treasurer Friday, 24 April 2009, 10:00 p.m.
Chairman
John Bernardi # 2134
Louis Ybara # 5556
Daniel Setaro # 6765
Owen S. Junkin # 7915
Daryl Ladner # 9124

4. ELECTION TELLERS
 Robert Fratesi, PSD
 Jesse Quinn, Jr., PSD
 Richard Leiding, PSD
- Churchill I/II
 Sunday, 26 April 2009
5. AUDIT COMMITTEE
 Thomas Chady, PSD
 Chairman
- Gerald Schmuck, State Treasurer
 Richard D. Benton # 1244
 B. J. Lewis # 11541
 Robert Theriot # 11654
 Joseph Best # 11934
- Manchester I
 Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.
6. CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE
 Richard Lieding, PSD
 Chairman
- Philip Jabour DD #6
 George Roberts DD #12
 Karl Koberger # 1583
 Daniel Bicknell # 7120
 Lonnie White # 9409
 A. P. Altenaler # 11956
 John Johnson, II # 12166
- Warwick
 Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.
7. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
 Fred Middleton
 Chairman
- William Sonnemann DD #2
 Benito Velasquez DD #8
 Michael Spencer DD #9
 Max Holland # 7854
 Mitch Sones, II # 10443
 Michael Butler # 10499
 Larry Necaise # 12331
- Manchester II
 Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.
8. GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE
 Dr. Paul Gospodaraki
 Chairman
- Mike P. Columbus # 2945
 Franklin Tinney # 8038
 Kenneth Rains # 8285
 Eddie Dixon # 8760
- Windsor V
 Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Kenneth Mayfield # 9958
George Holetz # 11995
Harvey Caldwell # 10443

9. FINANCIAL SECRETARIES
Jim Farris #7120
Chairman

Canterbury
Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Michael Kassouf DD # 4
Ralph W. Gatzman # 2180
J. Leonard Tarrant # 5654
Patrick Burns # 6592
Richard Hoda # 7087
Richard Zdziemborski # 7910
Michael Thomas # 7974
Thomas Moran # 9958
Edward Croal, Jr. # 11541
James Henderson # 11904
William Heath # 12331
J. Byron Tullos # 13471
David Szymanski # 14051

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

10. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
William Waggoner, Membership Director
Chairman

Winston II
Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Jerry Woods General Agent
Dr. M. Wayne Ebelher DD #3
James L. Everett DD #10
Daniel B. Nelson # 2180
Jimmie Hoda # 7087
David Seymour # 9094
Joseph Goellner # 10499
Paul Leidig # 9673

11. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Guy Heying
Chairman

Winston I
Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Peter Sukanek State Sec.
M. James McCraw State Warden
Raymond Ball DD #1
Dr. Wade Ditcharo DD #7
Fred Voss # 1034
Mark Dye # 8848
Jacob Eftink # 10901

12. CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Churchill I, South Side**
Donald Cox, Church Director Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Chairman

John Piazza # 898
Andrew Hurst # 1583
John Young # 5267
John Fiester # 7120
Gordon Cowie # 8038
Earl Westfall # 7915
John Cruso, Jr. # 9673
Rhett Maynard # 11995

13. COUNCIL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Windsor IV**
Roger Fettes, Council Director Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Chairman

Thomas Setser # 848
Lynn Landrum # 1908
James Holliday # 4898
Joseph McQueen # 7211
Richard Penick # 8054
Terry Crow # 9124
Kevin O'Donnell # 10216
Jimmy Griffin # 13502

14. YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Churchill II, South Side**
Joseph Jones, Youth Director Saturday, 25 April 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Chairman

Dr. William Jarrett # 1908
Robert Boney # 5654
Robert Sullivan # 7211
Felix Garth # 8285
Kenneth Valentine # 8760
Joseph Tannehill # 9234
Dan Hammond # 10216
Pascual Cruz # 13502

15. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Churchill II, North Side**
Carl Brochard, State Family Life Director Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm
Chairman

Manfred Carr # 1034
Bernard Brown # 2134
Heath Skinner # 6592
Lloyd Everhardt # 7854

Claude L Vinson, Sr. # 8760
Terry Lott # 9234
Ronald Rychlak # 10901
Joseph Tullos # 13471

16. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Churchill I, North Side**
Richard Greenwold, State Community/ Awards Director, Chairman Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm

Michael Arguelles # 1244
Francis Barrett # 4472
Richard Sowers # 6765
William Mann # 7910
Dennis Louis # 8912
Donald Ulrey # 9409
James Holland # 11904
Lynwood Ridge # 13936

17. PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Surrey I**
Dennis Riecke, State Pro-Life Chairman Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm

Michael Macke # 848
Gregory Niolet # 4472
Alfred Chrisman # 6872
Kenneth Simon # 7974
James Leatherwood # 8912
Charles Wilkerson # 9543
Charles Sims # 11934
Foote R. Singleton # 13936

18. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Surrey II**
Elvis Gates/David Friloux, Vocations Co-Chairmen Saturday, 26 April 2007, 1:00pm

Arthur Dunn DD #11
John Bennett # 802
Richard Acy # 5267
Earl Favre # 6872
Emmitt Landry # 9094
Greg Lovelady # 9534
Billy Johnson # 11956
Joseph Suhanin # 14051

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the 2009 Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee met on Friday, April 24, and again on Saturday, April 25 to review the delegates present. The delegates are as follows:

State Chaplain	Father Charles Nutter	Absent
State Deputy	Daniel Lechner	Present
State Secretary	Dr. 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 1	DELEGATE 2
2	802	Meridian	John L. Bennett	Robert J. Leo
2	848	Jackson	Guy Heying	Michael Macke
2	898	Vicksburg	John Piazza	Thomas Setser
2	1034	Natchez	Fred Voss	Darren Cowart
2	1244	Biloxi	Michael Arguelles	Frank Tarrant
0	1522	Bay St. Louis	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	1583	Gulfport	Andrew T Hurst	Karl E. Koberger
1	1605	Pascagoula	No Delegate	William C. Waggoner
2	1908	Hattiesburg	Lynn Landrum	Dr. William Jarrett
2	2134	Greenville	Bernard J Brown	John P. Bernardi
2	2180	Laurel	Daniel B. Nelson	Ralph W. Gatzman
1	2945	Leland	Mike Columbus	No Delegate
0	2969	Clarksdale	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	4472	Pass Christian	Francis X. Barrett	Gregory L. Niolet
2	4898	Long Beach	Elvis B. Gates, Jr.	Michael W. Morgan
2	5267	Greenwood	Richard B. Acy	John D. Young
2	5556	Cleveland	Louis Ybarra	James W. Bradham
2	5654	Ocean Springs	J. Leonard Tarrant	Robert Boney
0	6555	Shelby	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	6592	Bassfield	Patrick Burns	Heath Skinner
2	6765	Starkville	Daniel Setaro	Kurt Dobbie
2	6872	Picayune	Alfred B Chrisman	Theodore Barze', Jr.

2	7087	Kiln	Jimmie R. Hoda	Richard Hoda
2	7120	Southaven	Daniel Bicknell	Fred Middleton
2	7211	Lumberton	Joseph J. McQueen	Robert F. Sullivan
2	7854	Clinton	Max Holland	Lloyd Everhardt
2	7910	Orange Grove	William Mann	Richard P. Zdziemborski
2	7915	Brookhaven	Earl J. Westfall	Owen S. Junkin
2	7974	Columbus	Michael F. Thomas	Kenneth N. Simon
2	8038	Pearl	Franklin D. Tinney	Gordon Cowie
2	8054	McComb	Louis O. Amedee	Richard Penick
2	8285	Jackson, St. Therese	Felix Y. Garth, III	Kenneth Rains
2	8760	Holly Springs	Claude L. Vinson, Sr.	No Delegate
1	8848	Tupelo	Christopher M Dye	Kenneth H. Valentine
2	8912	Corinth	Dennis Louis	Tommy Thompson
2	9094	D'Iberville	David A. Seymour	Emmitt Landry
2	9124	Gautier	Daryl Ladner	Terry Crow
2	9234	Indianola	Joseph A. Tannehill	Terry Lott
2	9409	West Biloxi	Lonnie L. White	Donald L. Ulrey
2	9543	Madison	Charles Wilkerson	Greg Lovelady
2	9673	Woolmarket	John W. Cruso, Jr.	Paul F. Leidig
2	9958	Lizana	Kenneth Mayfield	Thomas Moran
2	10216	Brandon	Kevin M. O'Donnell	Dan Hammond
2	10443	Grenada	Michael Liberto	Nick Liberto
2	10499	Ocean Springs	Michael Butler	Joseph Goellner, Sr.
0	10901	Oxford	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	11541	St. James, Gulfport	Bobby J. Lewis	Edward Croal, Jr.
1	11654	Wiggins	Robert Theriot	No Delegate
2	11904	Lucedale	James Holland	Raymond Shields
2	11934	Gluckstadt	Charles Sims	Joseph Best
2	11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn	A. P. Altentaler	Billy Johnson
2	11995	West Harrison	George Holetz	Rhett Maynard
0	12166	Pascagoula-SH	No Delegate	No Delegate
0	12271	Gulfport-NCBC	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	12331	Dedeaux	Larry Necaise	William Heath
2	13471	Philadelphia/Tucker	Joseph B. Tullios	Ronald DiPalma
2	13502	Batesville/Sardis	Jimmy D. Griffin	Pascual Cruz
2	13936	Columbia	Lynwood Ridge	Foote R Singleton
2	14051	Olive Branch	Joseph J. Suhanin	David Szymanski

Total Delegates in the State: 118
Total Delegates Seated: 102

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District	1	Raymond Ball
District	2	William Sonnemann Dr. M. Wayne Ebelhar
District	3	Michael Kassouf
District	4	William O'Connor
District	5	Philip Jabour
District	6	Dr. Wade Ditcharo
District	7	Dr. Benito Velasquez
District	8	Michael Spencer
District	9	James Everett
District	10	Arthur Dunn
District	11	George Roberts
District	12	

DIRECTORS

Membership Director	William C. Waggoner
Program Director	Noel Aucoin
Church Director	Donald Cox
Community Director	Richard E. Greenwold
Council Director	Roger Fetters
Family Director	Carl Brochard
Youth Director	Joseph R. Jones

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee reviewed the statements, deposits and expense vouchers for the 2008-2009 State financial year. They all appeared to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting guidelines and within the confines of state council regulations.

We believe the statement previously distributed to the delegates clearly reflects the current financial position of the state council.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Chady

State Audit Committee
Thomas F. Chady, PSD, chair
Gerald Schmuck, State Treasurer
Richard D. Benton # 1244
B. J. Lewis # 11541
Robert Theriot # 11654
Joseph Best # 11934

Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee

The committee met on the evening of April 24, 2009 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 2008. Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.30 per mile one way plus two day's per diem for all State Officers, Delegates and Committee Chairmen. Past State Deputies and Honorary State Chaplains are reimbursed at the rate of \$75.00 per day per diem for two days.

Details of the payments follow:

State Officers

Name	Office	Miles to Jackson	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Danny Lechner	State Dep	170	\$51.00	\$150.00	\$201.00
Peter Sukanek	St Sec	173	\$51.90	\$150.00	\$201.90
Gerald Schmuck	St Treas	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$198.60
David Scott	St Advoc	15	\$4.50	\$150.00	\$154.50
Jim McCraw	St Ward	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Larry Tabor	IPSD	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$200.10
Total					\$1,106.10

Past State Deputies

Name	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Rev. Thomas Rodi Honorary State Chaplain	\$150.00	\$150.00
Rev. Joseph Latino Honorary State Chaplain	\$150.00	\$150.00
John Past Meyers	\$150.00	\$150.00
George Scheidermann	\$150.00	\$150.00
Jesse J. Quinn Jr.	\$150.00	\$150.00
G. David Atterberry	\$150.00	\$150.00
Rodney Sandoz	\$150.00	\$150.00
Robert Fratesi	\$150.00	\$150.00
Thomas Zettler	\$150.00	\$150.00
Thomas Chady	\$150.00	\$150.00
Richard Lieding	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total		\$1,650.00

District Deputies

Name	District	Miles to Jackson	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Ray Ball	DD 1	238	\$71.40	\$150.00	\$221.40
Bill Sonneman	DD 2	198	\$59.40	\$150.00	\$209.40
Wayne Ebelhar	DD 3	134	\$40.20	\$150.00	\$190.20
Michael Kassouf	DD 4	126	\$37.80	\$150.00	\$187.80
William O'Conner	DD 5	13	\$3.90	\$150.00	\$153.90
Philip Jabour	DD 6	16	\$4.80	\$150.00	\$154.80
Wade Ditcharo	DD 7	57	\$17.10	\$150.00	\$167.10
Ben Velasquez	DD 8	91	\$27.30	\$150.00	\$177.30
Michael Spencer	DD 9	152	\$45.60	\$150.00	\$195.60
James Everett	DD 10	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$198.60
Art Dunn	DD 11	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$200.10
George Roberts	DD 12	171	\$51.30	\$150.00	\$201.30
				Total	\$2,257.50

State Chairmen

Activity	Name	Miles to Jackson	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
Membership	Bill Waggoner (Delegate)				\$0.00
Program	Noel Aucoin	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$200.10
Council	Roger Fettes	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$200.10
Church	Don Cox	170	\$51.00	\$150.00	\$201.00
Community	Richard Greenwold	171	\$51.30	\$150.00	\$201.30
Family	Carl Brochard	171	\$51.30	\$150.00	\$201.30
Youth	Joe Jones	18	\$5.40	\$150.00	\$155.40
				Total	\$1,159.20

Delegates

Council	City	Delegates	Miles to Jackson	At \$0.30 per mile	Per Diem (2 days)	Total
802	Meridian	2	94	\$28.20	\$150.00	\$356.40
848	Jackson	2	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
898	Vicksburg	2	46	\$13.80	\$150.00	\$327.60

1034	Natchez	2	116	\$34.80	\$150.00	\$369.60
1244	Biloxi	2	170	\$51.00	\$150.00	\$402.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	0	178	\$53.40	\$150.00	\$0.00
1583	Gulfport	2	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$397.20
1605	Pascagoula	1	194	\$58.20	\$150.00	\$208.20
1908	Hattiesburg	2	91	\$27.30	\$150.00	\$354.60
2134	Greenville	2	134	\$40.20	\$150.00	\$380.40
2180	Laurel	2	91	\$27.30	\$150.00	\$354.60
2945	Leland	1	124	\$37.20	\$150.00	\$187.20
2969	Clarksdale	0	188	\$56.40	\$150.00	\$0.00
4472	Pass Christian	2	172	\$51.60	\$150.00	\$403.20
4898	Long Beach	2	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$400.20
5267	Greenwood	2	116	\$34.80	\$150.00	\$369.60
5556	Cleveland	2	151	\$45.30	\$150.00	\$390.60
5654	Ocean Springs	2	171	\$51.30	\$150.00	\$402.60
6555	Shelby	0	165	\$49.50	\$150.00	\$0.00
6592	Bassfield	2	75	\$22.50	\$150.00	\$345.00
6765	Starkville	2	126	\$37.80	\$150.00	\$375.60
6872	Picayune	2	152	\$45.60	\$150.00	\$391.20
7087	Kiln	2	170	\$51.00	\$150.00	\$402.00
7120	Southaven	2	198	\$59.40	\$150.00	\$418.80
7211	Lumberton	2	115	\$34.50	\$150.00	\$369.00
7854	Clinton	2	13	\$3.90	\$150.00	\$307.80
7910	Gulfport	2	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$397.20
7915	Brookhaven	2	57	\$17.10	\$150.00	\$334.20
7974	Columbus	2	174	\$52.20	\$150.00	\$404.40
8038	Pearl	2	9	\$2.70	\$150.00	\$305.40
8054	McComb	2	79	\$23.70	\$150.00	\$347.40
8285	Jackson	2	0	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
8760	Holly Springs	1	205	\$61.50	\$150.00	\$211.50
8848	Tupelo	2	190	\$57.00	\$150.00	\$414.00
8912	Corinth	2	238	\$71.40	\$150.00	\$442.80
9094	D'Iberville	2	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$400.20
9124	Gautier	2	190	\$57.00	\$150.00	\$414.00
9234	Indianola	2	98	\$29.40	\$150.00	\$358.80
9409	Biloxi	2	170	\$51.00	\$150.00	\$402.00
9543	Madison	2	15	\$4.50	\$150.00	\$309.00
9673	Woolmarket	2	167	\$50.10	\$150.00	\$400.20
9958	Lizana	2	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$397.20

10216	Brandon	2	16	\$4.80	\$150.00	\$309.60
10443	Grenada	2	115	\$34.50	\$150.00	\$369.00
10499	Ocean Springs	2	171	\$51.30	\$150.00	\$402.60
10901	Oxford	0	173	\$51.90	\$150.00	\$0.00
11541	Gulfport	2	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$397.20
11654	Wiggins	1	128	\$38.40	\$150.00	\$188.40
11904	Lucedale	2	149	\$44.70	\$150.00	\$389.40
11934	Gluckstadt	2	18	\$5.40	\$150.00	\$310.80
11956	Columbia	2	85	\$25.50	\$150.00	\$351.00
11995	Pass Christian	2	170	\$51.00	\$150.00	\$402.00
12166	Pascagoula	0	194	\$58.20	\$150.00	\$0.00
12271	Gulfport	0	162	\$48.60	\$150.00	\$0.00
12331	Pass Christian	2	155	\$46.50	\$150.00	\$393.00
13471	Philadelphia	2	98	\$29.40	\$150.00	\$358.80
13502	Batesville/Sardis	2	142	\$42.60	\$150.00	\$385.20
13936	Tylertown	2	103	\$30.90	\$150.00	\$361.80
14501	Olive Branch	2	206	\$61.80	\$150.00	\$423.60
Total						\$19,094.10
Grand Total						\$25,266.90

Respectfully submitted,
Mileage and Per Diem Committee:
 John Bernardi Council 2134
 Louis Ybara Council 5556
 Daniel Setaro Council 6765
 Owen S. Junkin Council 7915
 Daryl Ladner Council 9124
 Gerald Schmuck, State Treasurer, Chairman

Ceremonials Committee Report

In the past two fraternal years 2007-2009, the following has been accomplished in ceremonials:

- ❖ The state has been using the new 3rd degree "workshop" degree.
- ❖ There are currently 3 Conferring Officers capable of conducting the revised 3rd degree.
- ❖ The standard fee schedule has worked very well. However, this cannot be used when bringing in out of state teams.

- ❖ 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. Only 3 major degrees have been cancelled due to 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 before too long.
- ❖ The two existing 3rd degree teams, while doing an excellent job, need to recruit more back up team members, especially for the longer speaking parts.
- ❖ Out of state degree teams should only be used as a last resort. It has been our experience that Mississippi's degree teams conduct a more professional degree.
- ❖ Communication regarding up coming degrees, including the use of the state website and Good of the Order, 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

Council Activities Committee Report

This completes my first year as State Council Director. I attended the School of Columbianism in West Biloxi (Southern Region) on July 13, 2008, in Batesville (Northern Region) on July 19, 2008 and in Jackson (Central Region) on July 20, 2008. I introduced myself and offered my assistance and support to all of the councils in attendance. I also attended the Mid Winter meetings in Tupelo (Northern Region) on January 10, 2009, in Jackson (Central Region) on January 11, 2009 and in Ocean Springs (Southern Region) on January 18, 2009. Again I offered my assistance and support to all councils present. I received some emails from councils during the year for assistance on filling out reports due to Supreme and gave my assistance.

At the 2009 State Convention in Jackson, MS, I chaired the Council Activities Committee. The committee met at 1:00 pm on Saturday April 25, 2009 in Windsor IV. Committee members were:

Tom Setser	Council	848	Lynn Landrum	Council	1908
Mike Morgan	Council	4898	Joseph McQueen	Council	7211
Rick Penick	Council	8054	Terry Crow	Council	9124
Kevin O'Donnell	Council	10216	Jimmie Griffin	Council	13502

All members that were present voted to select the Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, Best Council Activity and Best Small Council.

It was a great honor to serve as State Council Director and I thank all the State officers for their assistance and support.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted By:

Roger D. Fetters
State Council Director

Church Activities Committee Report

1. All assigned knights were in attendance with exception of John Fiester. There was also one substitute, namely: Owen Junkin attended for Earl Westfall.

2. The best Church activity was selected and the report was given to the Program Director.

3. The Knight and Family of the year were selected for our group and these selection were given to the Program Director as well.

4. Various Church activities were identified from the meeting attendees including:
Cooking for various church activities was unanimous as the number 1 church Activity requested by their pastors.

Volunteering to assist church members by performing Katrina repairs was still ongoing.

A new idea was identified as a "Soup and Scripture" night with the knights "preparing the soup" and "selecting the scripture" for the weekly event.

Organizing "Stations of the Cross" was a common event during Lent.

Respectfully Submitted

Don Cox
Church Activity Director

Membership Committee Report

Committee Members

William Waggoner - Chairman- (State Membership Director)

Jerry Woods - General Agent

Dr. Wayne Ebelhar - DD# 3

James Everett - DD#10
Daniel Nelson - #2180
Jimmie Hoda - #7087
David Seymour - #9094
Paul Leiding - #9673
Joe Goellner - #10499

The first area of concern that was discussed by the committee was that of retention. This has been an area of concern for all councils over the years. While the Shining Armor program has been successful in several councils for getting new members active, there still remains the problem of getting long standing members involved in the council and therefore retaining them. The members agreed that all the councils need to do a better job of getting these older members active. Communication is the key to retention. If the members don't know what is going on in their respective councils, then they are less likely to be involved.

The need for more degree teams within the state was also brought up. This is particularly true for first degree teams. It does no good to recruit someone to join the knights if it takes several months and in some cases a year to get them to a first degree. The sooner we get them into the knights and active the greater the asset they will become for the council.

It was also brought up about the increasing number of strides that are being made in recruitment in the Hispanic and Vietnamese communities. There has been an increasing number of Hispanics being brought into the jurisdiction in the northern areas of the state. As of this date a major degree is being planned for Tupelo at the end of May with between 50 and 100 Hispanics taking their degrees. This will be a huge boost for the state in getting a foothold within this increasing population area. Also there has been increased recruitment along the Gulf Coast in bringing members of the Vietnamese population. The Vietnamese community has long been a closed area of recruitment. With these new members joining our ranks it should give us the ability to tap this underutilized segment of the community.

The largest amount of time was used in discussing a need to recognize transfers to councils from out of state or from in state councils where the member was not active. At the present time, the councils do not receive any recognition for bringing in brother knights who have not been active in their previous councils for whatever reason. It was determined through our discussion that there is a need to recognize these efforts, especially since the process takes extra effort on the part of the receiving council.

While we know that Supreme does not have any mechanism for such recognition, Jerry Woods advised that he would be happy to help the state track the number of transfers. A suggestion was made about earmarking the Form 100's somehow and then having the financial secretaries of the councils forward a copy to the General Agent. The main obstacle to implementing this is getting the FS's to follow an established guideline. While we know that the FS's have a lot of work that they have to do within the council, it was the consensus of the committee that it could be done with minimal disruption of duties of the financial secretaries. This recommendation will be passed on to the new state membership director to seek establishing

such a program in the next year. It was also recommended that if the program proves to successful, that possible an award or some type of recognition could be made at the annual state convention.

The committee meeting was very productive and spirited at times, which showed that there is still a great deal of enthusiasm for actively recruiting, retaining and recognizing the achievements of those brothers that work hard at bettering our jurisdiction thru membership.

Faithfully submitted,

William C. Waggoner
State Membership Director

Prolife Committee Report

The delegates comprising the 2009 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. Picayune Council 6872 erects 3,800 crosses each year on the church grounds prior to the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision on January 22.
2. Grillin' for Life sponsored by the councils in the Jackson area continues to grow and attract more teams to compete in the BBQ completion which last year became a Kansas City Bar-B-Que Society sanctioned event.
3. It was recommended that each council have a designated Prolife Chairman. It could be the Parish Prolife Chairman. This would integrate KC efforts with those of the parish so prolife programs will be more of a community effort.
4. Have a Prolife Rosary at the KC State Convention. A resolution was recommended to formalize this idea for future conventions.
5. The State Prolife Chairman should organize the Jackson area KC councils to pray the rosary at the abortion clinic in Jackson.
6. It was recommended that each council close or open their council meetings with a prolife prayer.
7. Get people to contact cemeteries and funeral homes to donate space in cemeteries to buy aborted fetuses.

8. The State Pro-life Chairman should contact all councils to compile a comprehensive listing of current and past pro-life programs and distribute this document statewide to all councils and post it on the State Council website.
9. It was recommended that all councils construct pro-life crosses out of schedule 40 PVC pipe with the arms and top portion being 6 inches and the bottom vertical portion being 18 inches all connected by a "cross" piece section of PVC. It was recommended that each council build and display 183 crosses which represents the number of abortions in the United States each hour to raise issue awareness.

Greg Niolet, Council 4472
Charles Wilkerson, Council 9543
Alfred Chrisman, Council 6872
Foote Singleton, Council 13936
Raymond Cole, Council 13502
Antoine Otto, Council 848

Public Relations Committee

Serving as the Public Relations Chairman for the Mississippi Jurisdiction this past fraternal year was a special experience for me. I appreciate the support of state leadership, and in particular that of State Deputy Daniel Lechner; State Secretary Peter Sukanek; and State Program Director Noel Aucoin.

Filling this role provided great insight into the operation of the Jurisdiction and offered a special opportunity to interact with leadership at the State and Council levels. The Jurisdiction has some great stories to share, and I am hopeful that we can expand on some of them through the newsletter and community media during the coming year.

The Public Relations Committee met Saturday, April 25, during the State Convention in Jackson to judge entries for the best newsletters and best scrapbooks produced during the past Fraternal Year as well as the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Members of the committee included William Sonnemann, District Deputy 2; Benito Velasquez, District Deputy 8; Michael Spencer, District Deputy 9, Max Holland, Council 7854; Mitch Sones II, Council 10443; Michael Butler, Council 10499; and Larry Necaize, Council 12331.

Judges reviewed six newsletters, seven scrapbooks, four Knight of the Year entries and four Family of the Year entries. The results are as follows:

Best Newsletters

Small Council - St. Jude Council 13936 Columbia
Medium Council - Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian
Large Council - Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven
Extra Large Council - Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

Best Scrapbook

Small Council - Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Tylertown
Medium Council - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211 Lumberton
Large Council - Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven
Extra Large Council - Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

Knight of the Year

Stephen Dunn – Council 9094 D'Iberville

Family of the Year

Alan Woolley Family – Council 802 Meridian

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Middleton, Chair
Hernando DeSoto Council 7120, Southaven

Financial Secretaries' Committee

Present at meeting:

Michael Kassouf DD #4	Ralph W Gatzman.#2180
J Leonard Tarrant.#5654	Richard Zdziemborski.#7910
Michael Thomas.#7974	Thomas Moran.#9958
Edward Croal, Jr.#11541	Bill Heath.#12331
David Szymanski.#14051	Joe Singletor.#13936
Kieth Applewhite.#6592	John McCollins.#9094
George Walston.#802	Ronald DiPalma.#13471
Hollis Felts.#848	Ron Brumfield.#1034
Larry Grant.#1908	Ray Shields.#11904
Harry Steinwindel.#1244	Oneil Amedee.#8054
Jim Farris.#7120	

There were 21 Financial Secretaries present at our committee meeting. We had , as usual, a very active meeting with everyone airing some of their problems. Newer Financial Secretaries ask questions which the “old hands” enlightened them from their vast experiences. We discussed the new site on the Supreme web site “Member Management” which will help us with billing and address updating and other tasks we undertake.

We discussed slow paying members dues and suspensions for non-payment. We discussed the “Supreme Virtual Council” for members lost addresses as a result of Katrina. We also discussed the council procedures for handling council funds and the checks and balances set in place.

I think it was a good meeting. I have an open forum type meeting with orderly discussions on the issues and I hope everyone learned something from it as I did.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Farris, FS #7120

Vocations Committee Report

The State Vocations Committee met at the 105th Annual State Convention for the purposes of judging the presented Vocations award entries for the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses. There were nine men in attendance. The entries were thoroughly reviewed and then each man made his selection. The projects were very impressive and we all took good ideas away from this event.

We briefly discussed other ways we can support vocations in our councils and also the method of "supporting 5 seminarians for the price of 4" that I mentioned in my report to the membership. Hopefully, several councils will take advantage of their ability to leverage Supreme's RSVP program money to benefit more of these men who have answered God's call.

It was my pleasure serving our state in this capacity this year and I look forward to my future assignment.

In Service,



Elvis B. Gates, Jr.
Grand Knight Council 4898
Vocations Co-Chair
Biloxi Diocese

Resolutions Committee Report

The Resolutions Committee met on Friday, April 24 at 10:00 pm. All members were present. The resolutions with the committee's recommendations follow, with the State Council action indicated.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas,

The 2009 Annual State Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 105th Convention, and

Whereas,

The 2009 Convention Committee is comprised of members from Council 848 - Jackson, Council 7854 - Clinton, Council 8038 - Pearl, Council 8285 - Jackson, Council 9543 - Madison, Council 10216 - Brandon and Council 11934 - Gluckstadt.

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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother Patrick S. Korten, Vice President of Communications and his lovely wife Anita have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Korten has served the Order of the Knights of Columbus with dedication and loyalty, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that Brother Korten'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 Korten and his wife Anita 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 105th 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 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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 4

Whereas,

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has appointed the Most Reverend Roger Paul Morin as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, and

Whereas,

The members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus are dedicated to supporting the Pope, the Bishops and the Priests in their ministries to the people of Mississippi.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus proclaims its loyalty and allegiance to the Most Reverend Roger Paul Morin upon his ordination as Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese, and fervently prays for his spiritual guidance to the priests and people of the Biloxi Diocese.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: *Accept Recommendation*

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 5

Whereas,

The Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus has been blessed with a multitude of strong and loyal leaders who have served as State Deputy, and

Whereas,

These men have served as State Deputy with loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the members of our Jurisdiction.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus proclaims its respect, admiration and appreciation to the Past State Deputies for their service to the Order during their time as State Deputy and for their continued service as Past State Deputies.

Be it Further Resolved,

That John Pat Myers (1950-1952); George "Chick" Scheiderman (1973-1975); Jesse Quinn, Jr. (1975-1977); Dave Atteberry (1977-1979); Rodney Sandoz (1979-1981); Robert Fratesi (1983-1985); Marvin Lott (1989-1991); Thomas Zettler (1993-1995); Guy Todaro (1997-1999); Bruce Pabon (1999-2001); Thomas Chady (2001-2003); Richard Lieding (2003-2005) and Larry Tabor (2005-2007) shall be held in high esteem and honored during this, the 105th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: *Accept Recommendation*

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 6

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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 7

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving 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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

Resolution No. 8

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 106th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Natchez, Mississippi.

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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 9

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 participate in the tournament, and

Whereas,

It is the express desire of the participants to hold this activity again during the 2009-2010 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 and their families, said tournament to carry the official sanction of the United States Bowling Congress. The tournament will be hosted by Monsignor John J. Burns Council 802 in Meridian on March 6th and 7th, 2010, 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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NO. 10

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 participate 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 and their families. 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 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 11

Whereas,

Many knights within the Mississippi Jurisdiction have communicated a desire to establish a Disaster Relief Fund, and

Whereas,

During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many knights within the Mississippi Jurisdiction saw firsthand the benefits of disaster relief assistance through the charitable generosity of many councils and jurisdictions throughout the Order, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus have been inspired to develop a means to provide charitable assistance to those who have suffered a loss as a result of a disastrous calamity.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus do hereby establish the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund, to be promoted, maintained and accounted for by the State Treasurer, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That any remaining funds that were donated to the Mississippi Jurisdiction for Katrina relief purposes be credited to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That all councils within the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to donate funds to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the State Officers shall develop guidelines for the disbursement of any funds from the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: *Accept Recommendation*

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 105th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 12

Whereas,

The Mississippi Legislature created a specialty car tag promoting the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds from the sales of such car tags going to the treasury of the State Council, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council pledged that such proceeds should be placed in the Christopher Fund for the purpose of benefiting seminarian education, and

Whereas,

The Christopher Fund has reached such a balance to capture the full matching benefit from the Supreme Council, and

Whereas,

A greater benefit may be obtained through the alternative use of the proceeds from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the proceeds received by the State Council from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags during the 2009/2010 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

- 50% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund
- 10% to the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund
- 10% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund (Biloxi Diocese)
- 10% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund (Jackson Diocese)
- 20% to the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi

Be It Further Resolved,

That each member of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction is encouraged to support the above listed causes and to promote the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a Knights of Columbus specialty car tag.

Recommendation: *Adopt*

Action: *Accept Recommendation*

Community Activities Committee Report

The community committee met on 25 April 2009 at 1300 in Churchill I, Marriott Hotel. The committee reviewed and voted on Best Community Activity project, Best Medium Council, Knight of the Year, and Family of the year.

Members present:

William Mann	Francis Barrett
Dennis Louis	James Holland
Michael Argualles	Donald Ulrey
Lynwood Ridge	Kurt Dobbel

The committee had no other concerns so we adjourned at 1345.

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD E. GREENWOLD
Community Director

Youth Committee Report

We would like to propose the state free throw be moved to the last Saturday in March. This is being done as the 2nd Saturday and the third Saturday seem to conflict with spring break. many parents have ask that this be done if possible. After discussion with the host councils in the state we have come up with this date and these times as follows.

Registration and warm-up 9:30 am — 10:00 am
 Shooting begins 10:00 am until complete
 Host Councils will report out come of contest to State Youth Director ASAP as Supreme has to be notified by April 1. All concerned are on board with this and would like to make every effort for participation to increase in this event

We would like to see an increase in the participation of councils[young people] in the poster contest. We had very few this year and this is a project that will cost very little if anything and could or should be conducted by all.

We [I] need to make a better effort on the Soccer Challenge and I think we are starting to make some headway into it, but we have a very long way to go, we need to work a little harder this year.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph R. Jones, Jr.
State Youth Committee Chair

Past State Deputies Report

On behalf of the Past State Deputies I would like to express our appreciation to the host councils of the 105th Annual State Convention held in Jackson, MS, 848 Jackson, 7854 Clinton, 8038 Pearl, 8285 St Therese, 9543 Madison, 10216 Brandon and 11943 Gluckstadt for honoring us at this State Convention. Words cannot describe our feelings for the respect and recognition that was given to us. It is obvious that a great deal of effort was put into this preparation.

When we were State Deputies we were given honor and more or less put on a pedestal by councils of the state as well as Supreme Council. Never did any of us imagine that after we became Past State Deputies that we would be placed at this height again. You made this possible.

Again we thank the brother knights of all the councils for giving us this enlightening and inspiring feeling and hope we can be of assistance to you and the state in the future. This is certainly an experience we will never forget.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Robert Fratesi, PSD
Secretary
Past State Deputies Association

Convention Committee Report

The Convention Committee met and found that the 105th Mississippi State Convention was well received and found to be very organized and well run. The Honoring of the Past State Deputies was really touching and well deserved. The committee found that the convention and hotel cost was a more affordable package than those of the past few years.

A couple of recommendations for the committee are:

Banquet seating is one of the toughest assignments but very important to those who have traveled to attend the State Convention. A firm deadline needs to be established in order to assure that table assignment can be set and reviewed. It is very important that top award councils have their own table for their council. For stability of the seating assignments late registrations may not be able to sit with council.

The Convention Registration Fees merely cover the banquet costs while there are a significant number of other expenses which are offset as a portion of hotel room nights booked by the attendees, including the costs of the banquet and meeting rooms. The committee recommends two actions to assure that these additional costs are covered:

1-All Delegates are required to register and stay at the Convention hotel to receive their Per-diem checks.

2- As not all attendees will elect to stay at the Convention Hotel but will share in the enjoyment of the convention facility and event. These individuals will receive the gifts, Convention Booklet, and all other amenities afforded those who have stayed at the hotel. A Convention Fee should be charged to all non- hotel attendees. This will allow these Knights to attend without burdening the convention committee with covering these costs.

The committee felt that the theme of Back to the Basics ran true particularly following Friday Night's evening social around the hotel pool. The friendliness of the hospitality rooms added to the enjoyment of the evening where Knights from around the state were able to relax and get to know their fellow Knights from the 50 plus councils in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Heying
2009 Convention Committee Chairman

GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS

Council 802 Meridian

It is with pleasure that I am able to report that Council 802, Meridian, Ms. is alive and well, and very productive. On all of our programs the use of willing manpower is at an all time high. This is due to the program directors doing an excellent job. I want to dedicate all that we have accomplished to them and the officers. They are as follows

Grand Knight	John L Bennett
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Romano III
Chancellor	Tom Zettler PSD
Warden	Dr. Richard Fleming
Advocate	P. J. Carter
Treasurer	Mouise Richards PSD
Recorder	John Harwell
Inside Guard	Ed Shamp
Outside Guard	John Maloney Jr.
Trustee	Robert Leo PGK
Trustee	Frank Polizzi PGK
Trustee	John Kasper PGK
Chaplain	Fr. Francis Cosgrove
Co-Chaplain	Fr. Lenin Vargas

The men who volunteered to serve as program directors are as follows:

Family	Robert Leo PGK
Council	P. J. Carter
Church	Larry Birzer
Youth	John Graupman
Community	Frank Polizzi PGK
Membership	John Maloney Jr.
Pro-Life	Tom Zettler PSD
Newsletter Editor	Mike Lundstrom

The following are men and women that whose help made the Grand Knight's job a lot easier.

Bingo Chairman	Bob Leo PGK
Financial Secretary	George Walston
Ladies Auxiliary	Rosalie Leo
Knight of the Year	Larry Birzer
Family of the Year	Alan and Joyce Woolley

Both of these entries have been submitted to the State Council.

The following are a general overview of the Council's Programs as submitted by the Directors.

Family Activities: Chairman-Bob Leo:

Our council believes that the family is the foundation of the Knights 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; some of which include the annual Children's Christmas party, a Valentine's day "Sweethearts Night", a deceased members Mass, a Columbus day celebration and Mass. We also conduct a Family Friday Night cook out on the grill in the picnic area, in the warmer months, in the cooler months we have a "Friday Night Family Theme Night Dinner" inside the hall.

We also hold "Family picnics for the various holidays throughout the year. We include the widows of our deceased members in all of our family activities. Although these are only a few of the activities that we do throughout the year, there are many more that come up on a daily basis that we attend to. So as you can see, the Family Activities Program plays a very important role in our overall council activities.

Community Activities: Frank Pollizzi

The Council Activities Program operates every month during our Council year. Beginning in July we continue with our monthly East Mississippi State Hospital Nursing Center Visitations. With a mere \$50.00 budgeted for this particular activity we gather at the Nursing Center with anywhere from six to twelve Knights to spend an hour, or so, with patients at this facility. During our December visit we provide gifts, entertainment and, who else but, good old Saint Nick himself. In September we started our support for the Kairos prison ministries program with a donation of \$200.00, to be followed by two other similar donation throughout the year for a total of \$600.00. A group of men who visit the local state prison, along with the leadership of a Brother Knight, bring the word of God through Christian outreach through this program. In November we supported Operation Reindeer with a gift of \$100.00, a local group in conjunction with the lauderdale County Mental Health Association, that prOvided gifts for needy children of prison inmates. In the spirit of Christmas we donated \$100.00 to the Wesley House and \$100.00 to the Salvation Army Angel Tree program to help with gifts for needy children and families. Our Knights manned two Salvation Army Kettles at a local Walmart for a total of 30 hours for this worth charity. Our Council donated \$400.00 in the month of March to sponsor a city softball team. Several Knights play and/or coach this league. In may our Knights once again answered the call for charity by collecting \$640.00 for the Knights of Columbus annual Mental Health fund raiser by conducting a Tootsie-Roll drive at the local Walmart. We ended our fiscal year by awarding our annual Msgr. John J. Burns Award to Dr. Richard Riley who formed the Riley Foundation. At the 2008 Mississippi Jurisdiction Convention our Council received the Best Community Activity Award for 2007. It should also be noted that numerous members of our Council are directly involved with, and provide leadership to, many community activities. Just to mention a few, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, Kairos Prison Ministries, letter Carrier Food Drive and lauderdale County Mental Health Association. We "walk the walk."

Pro-Life Activities: Tom Zettler

The Council purchased two tables for the annual fund raiser for the local Center for Pregnancy Choices. This allowed six couples from the Council to participate in this event. In addition several members of the Council make personal contributions to the CPC on their own. We again participated in the annual Pro-Life vigil in Jackson at the State Capitol. The Council funds this trip for Knights and parish members who desire to take part in this activity. We held our "Knight for a Day" auction and used the benefits from this activity to support the Mississippi Memorial Pro-Life Fund.

Council Activities: J. P. Carter

May - Memorial Day Picnic
Horseshoe Tournament
September- Labor Day Picnic
January - Super bowl Party
February- State Bowling Tournament
March- Member Social & Pool Tournament

Church Activities

Knights of Council 802 promote parish devotions through leadership roles such as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, Ushers, serving on parish councils, and as teachers. Every Sunday and during the week one can witness KC members participating in or leading various parish functions. However, one of their more uplifting and favorite events is the observation of first communicants. Just as our Lord ask little children be allowed to come unto Him, He further admonished that one must become as a little child to enter the Kingdom of heaven so do the Knights honor this part of a child's life.

Strong spiritual and financial support is provided to seminarians within the Jackson Diocese. Two recent seminarians are now serving in the Jackson Diocese, one of which is currently serving as our Associate Pastor. An additional seminarian is being supported at this time. Council 802 members provided a minimum of \$3,600 in financial support this last year for seminarians. Dollar amounts don't measure the spiritual and emotional support provided seminarians. St. Patrick's pastor, Fr. Frank Cosgrove, serves as Council 802's Chaplain. He and other clergy and religious are included in council activities and events to make them feel a part of council activities.

Knights help organize many activities in support of the parish such as religious and spiritual life through programs like the rosary being offered before parish masses and following council meetings during the year. Knights organize and lead Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic adorations and assist in a wide variety of parish organizations providing financial and moral support.

Knights also support Catholic Missions such as the Saltillo Mission in Mexico and other youth

and adult programs like organizing and providing lunches for First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA candidates and purchasing educational materials.

Council 802 further provides financial and leadership support for parish Boy Scout activities. This year the Knights had a unique opportunity to support catholic scouting throughout.

Youth activities John Graupman

Building Leaders for the Future. As Knights of Columbus members, it is our responsibility to provide our youth with the means and the opportunities to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our times. As adult leaders we help mold the youth into influential citizens of tomorrow. We influence the youth of our community by becoming involved with them through supporting St. Patrick School, Catholic Youth Organizations, and Boy Scouts, and also by creating Knights of Columbus activities in which the youth of our community can participate.

The Youth Activities Program operates every month during our Council year. Our chief areas of youth activities begin with the newborn to the high scholar. We start with our Santa Visit to the three main hospitals. Santa brings toys and a Christmas card from the Knights of Columbus to those newly born and those little tots who are stuck in the hospital on Christmas Eve. For the slightly older tots we have our resident Easter Bunny hide hundreds of plastic eggs filled with goodies and prizes for an afternoon of fun and games searching for hidden eggs. The golden egg gets a grand prize. These tots are, also, involved with a Columbus Day Poster contest on Columbus Day. In fact we support our local Saint Patrick Catholic School with this and many other activities. We have a Creative Contraption Contest for the 3rd to 6th grade. Here each child is given a bag of gadgets, screws, sticks, string, clips, conon, etc. The students use their creativity to make a contraption using the gadgets supplied. The only items they can supply are a cardboard base, glue, or clear tape. A prize is awarded to the top three winners who show creativity without any obvious parental control. We support the school with a \$10,000 scholarship fund and other funds that may be needed throughout the year. As our youth become older they join the JrCYO and the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). We support them going to Search and the State CYO Conventions by donations and by placing ads in the Convention's Program Guide. We also match funds they may raise to fund their own budget. They recently renovated their youth room and we helped sponsor the renovation with a \$500 donation. This is by no means a one-way street. To foster their growth and leadership, we have our CYO youths participate with us. They help us with many functions such as Santa's Visit, the Easter Egg Hunt, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, etc.

We also support our local Scouts, sponsor a Free Throw Contest, promote World Youth Day, participate in Special Olympics, and sponsor Drug Awareness.

Council 848 Jackson

I have the pleasure to serve in the role of Grand Knight for one of the best Knights of Columbus councils in the State of Mississippi. The best statement a Catholic man can make is to be seen as

active and involved in his community and parish. Involvement in our parish and community projects has allowed this council to be visible throughout our city and promote the virtues of our Fraternal Order. This year, our council was visible and actively involved in working the parish Habitat for Humanity project, preparing breakfast for the Crossroads team, who walk throughout the states calling attention to a fetus's Right to Life, repairing and beautifying parish grounds, participation in the Tootsie Roll sale for our mentally challenged citizens, promoting the Keep Christ in Christmas message through the sale of car magnets, leading the Public Square Rosary Crusade for the America Needs Fatima Project, organizing and running the parish 4th of July Extravaganza, preparing the food of the Fall festival, coordinating of the annual Catholic Night with the Mississippi Braves game, Hosting our Lenten Friday Fish Fry's, raising funds for the Priest Education Fund, as well as other activities too numerous to list.

Our members are active in every part of our parish life including, serving as Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Choir Members, Youth Ministry, Retreat Coordinators, Parish Council Members, Boy Scout Leaders, and Board Members of our parish Catholic school. Our members are also active in various roles with in the community from political officers, doctors, lawyers, business owners, and hold roles as coaches, mentors, and community volunteers.

Through our Faith and Fraternity program we have hosted evening events such as an area Priest Appreciation Dinner, and evening with our Seminarians, a discussion on the Church's position on Stem Cell Research, and an evening with our local Catholic Political Officers. As these meetings are open to all Catholic men, we have the opportunity to share our Faith and our Fraternal Order with members of our parish as well as those from the other parishes in the area. These meetings have opened a whole new channel of membership growth for our council.

The council has rededicated itself to the Praying of the Rosary this year. We began every council business meeting with at least one decade and conclude each Faith and Fraternity program meeting with a full Rosary. We have gathered at the bedside of our ill members to pray, and have organized Rosary's for ill members of our parish. We have also served as the area captain for the America Needs Fatima Project

The council has supported the Right to Life, St Vincent DePaul Society, and the local Catholic Schools through both financial and volunteer assistance contributions. We have supported and encouraged our Catholic Boy Scouts in their attainment of their religious awards, and we are active participants in the RSVP program.

Our Council has hosted a Major Exemplification as well as 3 separate 1st degrees during the fraternal year. In addition, our council members are members of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree teams. The council also hosted this year's School of Columbianism as well as several State Officer team meetings during the course of the year. Furthermore, the council has the honor of being the lead council for the 2009 Mississippi State Convention.

Our achievement of "Stellar Council" this year extends the tradition of obtaining this level of involvement in the disciplines of Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth. This year we have had a fruitful year of recruiting new members, doubling our state goal with 12 new

members, and qualifying as a Top Gun Council after having attained the honor as a Double Star Council by the Supreme Councils standards.

With all of the achievements that this council has attained over the course of the past fraternal year, it is with great pride that I recognize the efforts of each and every member of this council. It is through great membership that a council succeeds. It is a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight for "The Great 848"

Sincerely in Christ
Guy Heying
Grand Knight
Council 848

Council 898 Vicksburg: No Report

Council 1034 Natchez: No Report

Council 1244 Biloxi

Council Officers

Rev. Tony Arguelles	Chaplain
Michael Arguelles	Grand Knight
Randy Trahan	Deputy Grand Knight
Harry Steinwinder	Financial Secretary
Paul Arguelles	Chancellor
Charles Harrison	Treasurer
Jerry Rose (PGK)	Advocate
Jerry Gollott (PGK)	Recorder
Gerald Lamey (PGK)	Lecturer
Brian Lloyd	Warden
Eves Vincent	Guard
Sean Blevens	Guard
Pete Hebert	Trustee
Dick Benton (PGK)	Trustee
Thomas P. Easter (PGK)	Trustee

One of the charms of the Biloxi Council is its age. The council is over 100 years old, has over 300 members and 11 Past Grand Knights that are still very active. The treasurer and financial Secretary have been in place for over 35 years. Our council home is now fully restored and serves us well. We meet weekly and have an average of 30 members present at each meeting. We host quarterly awards banquets.

Frank Tarrant (PGK) is the degree team captain of our certified 1st and 2nd degree team. We schedule our own 1st degree initiations at the hall. State officers call on us to put on 2nd degree exemplifications as needed in the coastal area.

Church Activities - Our council draws its members from several parishes. We are closest geographically to Nativity BVM, the Cathedral of the Biloxi Diocese. Our church activities director Joe Ravita keeps members informed of all parishes' activities. He also organizes Corporate Communion to each parish.

Council Activities - Our council sponsored the state bowling tournament at Keesler AFB. We also had an in-house pool tournament and opened the hall for Superbowl Sunday. We participated in the National Tootsie Roll drive by collecting donations at our churches and at 3 stores on the weekend. We had key members attend the regional Mid Winter meeting and the School of Columbianism. Our ladies auxiliary have participated in the St Joseph's Altar at the Nativity School.

Community Activities - Our council hosted a blood drive for the Red Cross on a Saturday. We also had a fishing tournament. We manned a food booth at Nativity School Carnival in October and a drink booth at the 2nd annual Festival of Faith held around the cathedral grounds. The Hall was the collection point for the Asgards toy run. The motorcycle club sponsors the drive and drew some 500 participants in the event, which benefit under privileged children at Christmas time. The Biloxi Diocese handled the distribution.

Youth Activities - Our council sponsors a Boy Scout Troop 213. The members also volunteer at a week long summer camp at Camp Wilkes in June. We have also hosted a Halloween party at the hall for member's children and guest and a Christmas party.

Family Activities - Our Family Director, Pete Hebert, with input from our parish pastors, selects Family of the month recipients for each month. The individual and their families are invited to the awards banquet for the official presentation.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of the Biloxi Council this year. With all the experienced and active members taking bits of responsibility, it has truly been a pleasure to serve. I look forward to continuing my term however long it may be and then joining the long list of active Past Grand Knights.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael "Mike" Arguelles, Grand Knight

Council 1522 Bay St. Louis: No Report

Council 1583 Gulfport: No Report

Council 1605 Pascagoula: No Report

Council 1908 Hattiesburg

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Lynn Landrum	Financial Secretary	Larry Grant
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Jarrett	Treasurer	Paul Sanchez
Chancellor	Brian McCrory	Warden	Hank Johnsey
Recorder	Rob Eddy	Trustee	Ben Velasquez
Advocate	Joe Niezgoda	Trustee	O. D. Landrum
Guard	Ted Heintz	Trustee	Robert Lawson
Guard	Leroy Rider		

This is our 91st year as a Council. As of March 31, 2009 our Council consisted of a total of 156 members composed of 117 associate members, 33 insurance members, 1 Honorary member and included 13 Honorary Life members. Notable 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).

2008-2009 Activities included:

Church Activities:

Members serve on Hospital Communion Ministry
Members Serve on Parish Council and Parish Committees
Members Serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ministers of Hospitality
Support to Hispanic community

Vocations Activities:

Lenten Fish Fries to Support Seminarian Education
Prayer for Vocations at each Council meeting

Pro-Life Activities:

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 at St. Thomas
Supported ecumenical Children's Sabbath
Supported continuing development of Birthright of Hattiesburg

Community Activities:

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
Members participated in civic organizations (VFW, American Legion)
Donated time and materials to assist in scouting project at local high school

Council Activities:

Family of the Month
Participate in Parish Ministry Fairs
Donation to Catholic School for Capital Campaign
Cooked for Parish Teachers/Prior to 1st day of classes
Superbowl Social

Youth Activities:

Sponsored Sacred Heart Scout Troop
Donations to Sacred Heart School and School Endowment Funds
Free Throw Contest at Sacred Heart School
Recognized Altar Servers from two Parishes

Family Activities:

Monthly parish pancake breakfast at Sacred Heart

Lynn Landrum
Grand Knight Council 1908

Council 2134 Fr. Korstenbroeck Council Greenville

On August 19, 2008, 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 Ladies Auxiliary Officers were also installed in separate ceremony by Past State President Anna Fratesi.

The following third degree officers were installed:

Chaplain	Fr. Richard Somers
Grand Knight	Bernard Brown Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Dr. Michael Mael
Financial Secretary	Robert Fratesi, PSD, PGK
Chancellor	Parker Lipscomb
Recorder	Mark Briscoe
Treasurer	Richard T Clark
Advocate	Patrick Smith
Warden	Dan Robertshaw
Inside Guard	Willie Tubertini Jr.
Outside Guard	John Welch

1 Yr. Trustee	Dr. Wayne Ebelhar, PGK
2 Yr. Trustee	John Bernardi, PGK
3 Yr. Trustee	Hugh Rester, PGK

The following Ladies Auxiliary were installed:

President	Joanne Brown
Vice President	Anna Fratesi
Chaplain	Sandra Clark
Treasurer	Mary Ann Cintgran
Parliamentarian	Janette Garner

On August 30, 2008, duly elected and appointed sir knights of the Fourth Degree Assembly Msgr. J. J. Igoe were installed by Sir Knight District Marshal Wayne Ebelhar at a social for Brother Knights and their wives/guests at the parish Hall. The following fourth degree officers were installed:

Faithful Friar	Fr. Richard Somers
Faithful Navigator	Sir Richard Clark
Faithful Comptroller	Sir William Koeppe
Faithful Captain	Sir Robert Fratesi
Faithful Admiral	Sir James Hill
Faithful Pilot	Sir Bernard Brown Jr.
Faithful Purser	Sir Wayne Ebelhar
Faithful Scribe	Sir Mike Columbus Sr.
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Sir John Welch
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Sir Hugh Rester
Faithful Trustee 1Yr.	Sir James Lenoir
Faithful Trustee 2Yr.	Sir Maynard Chandler
Faithful Trustee 3Yr.	Sir John Bernardi

During the calendar year our council and auxiliary were involved in the following activities.

Monthly Sunday Parish Breakfasts
 Monthly First Monday Men's Breakfast
 Raised money for People with Intellectual Disabilities Program
 Hosted two Horseshoe Tournaments
 Cooked for Parish Pentecost Sunday Lunch for parishioners
 Cooked for Parish School Fundraising Catfish Dinner
 Cooked for St. Rosa of Lima School Reunion Dinner
 Cooked spaghetti for Parish Fair School Fundraiser
 Presented Flag at Saint Joseph's Homecoming Game
 Hosted two blood drives for Mississippi Blood Services
 Held two Rosaries for Life at the KC Hall
 Hosted Halloween Party for Parish children
 Held Thanksgiving Social for Brothers and their wives/guests

Provided a Fourth Degree Honor Guard for 100th Anniversary of Church
Held Christmas Social for Brothers and their wives/guests
Visited and presented gift baskets to infirmed members of the parish in nursing homes
Held a Spaghetti Dinner for benefit of Priest Education Fund
Cooked Pancakes for parish at fat Tuesday celebration
Held Lenten Dinners every Friday for parishioners.

Through these and other activities that our council was involved in we built a stronger bond between the members of our parish community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Brown

Council 2180 Laurel

On July 19 2008, the duly elected and appointed officers for the 2008-2009 Fraternal year were installed by our District Deputy (#8) Benito Velasquez(Council Officers) and our Past State Deputy John (Pat) Myers(Assembly) 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	Don Schwartz
Recorder	David Hughes
Treasurer	Robert D. Webb
Financial Secretary	Bill Gatzman
Advocate	Frank Dechert
Warden	Bob Bergin
Inside Guard	Michael Maily
Outside Guard	Bud Herring
3 rd Year Trustee	Charlie Rawls
2 nd Year Trustee	Tommy Williams
1 st Year Trustee	Michael Styles
Program Director	Joe Harvey
Membership Director	Robert D. Webb
Pro-Life Chairpersons	Larry & Linda Pressly

Knight of the Year 2006	Louis (Don) Schwartz
Family of the Year 2006	Charles (Bud) and Nita Herring
Knight of the Year 2007	Robert (Bob) D. Webb
Family of the Year 2007	Clifford (Cliff) and Sue Hess

ARTHUR F. AXTON ASSEMBLY 563

Faithful Friar	Vacant
Faithful Navigator	Don Schwartz
Faithful Admiral	Bud Herring
Faithful Captain	Daniel B. Nelson
Faithful Pilot	William (Bill) Gully Jr.
Faithful Comptroller	Ralph (Bill) Gatzman
Faithful Purser	Bob W ebb
Faithful Inner Sentinel	MikeMaily
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Curtis Allen
Faithful Trustee 3 rd Year	Joe Flick
Faithful Trustee 2 nd Year	Tommy Williams
Faithful Trustee 1 st Year	Rich Hollingsworth

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOSEPH HARVEY

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. Continuously throughout the year
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. assisted the people of a Catholic mission, i.e., Saltillo, hispanic ministries, etc. As requested
6. Sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas program Dec
7. Sponsored a parish prayer service (i.e., stations of the cross, reconciliation service, Eucharistic adoration) day of adoration Every Monday
8. Rosary devotion, i.e., parish rosary service, council saying the rosary at meetings
9. Collect for Christmas basket Dec
10. Gumbo sale for priest education fund Jan
11. Lead rosary before mass- months of October 2008 & January 2009
12. Repaired & improve parish facilities as needed
13. Quarterly family communion masses
14. Monthly family communion masses 1st Wednesday of each month

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: DON SCHWARTZ CHAIRMAN

1. Sponsored and promoted a pro-life project (life-chain) 1st Sunday in Oct
2. Participated in supreme's day of the unborn child March 25 2009
3. Participated in the drive for mentally challenged (tootsie roll drive). May

4. Participate as a council in visiting the sick or elderly shut-ins or hospital visits weekly
5. Participated in a food or clothing drive to assist the needy and volunteered (4 members) as a council to assist at a soup kitchen weekly
6. Participated in community leadership roles, i.e., civic, historic societies, etc.
7. Participated in some form of prison ministry
8. Keep up parish memorial garden
9. Monthly pancake breakfast proceeds to assist one seminarians 1st Sunday of each month
10. Participate in semi-annual blood drives (2) July and Dec
11. Pot luck supper/ collect supplies for domestic abuse shelter Feb
12. Pro life rosary & mass, participate in pro life chain 1st Sunday in Oct
13. Purchase ticket to support ICS drawn down fund raiser
14. School Oktoberfest – set up & take down
15. Sponsor Lenten soup supper
16. Volunteer in St. Vincent's de Paul's store

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: CHARLIE RAWLS, CHAIRMAN

1. Conducted 32 membership blitzes (May and October 08 and January 09)
2. Published monthly council newsletter
3. Maintains an e-mail member list (furnishes good of the order, fyi, etc)
4. Council has 4 members on a certified degree team (certified team)
5. Conduct a memorial service for deceased brother knights Nov
6. Recognize Knight and Family of the Month
7. Submitted Knight and Family of the Year entries to State Convention March
8. Appointed an electronic forms submissions coordinator and/or internet contact.
Submitted name to state program director
9. 1st degree team
10. Conducted a 1st degree exemplification as needed
11. Installation of officers July
12. Bi-monthly executive committee meetings
13. Monthly pancake breakfast
14. Pig roast & awards dinner March

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: TODD COFFIN CHAIRMAN

1. K of c family communion mass monthly
2. Participated in the supreme family of the month program (submitted 12 entries to the supreme during the fraternal year)
3. Submit family of the year entry at state convention March
4. Hold a memorial mass participated in the mass for deceased members November
5. Participate in national family week
6. Participated in school Oktoberfest (school fund raising event) tbd
7. Easter egg hunt March 23, 2008
8. Parish Christmas party for parish member and the mentally challenge tbd
9. Annual family of the year award banquet March
10. Parish/CYO Mardi Gras party. Invited Ellisville State School clients February
11. Quarterly family communion mass

12. Participate in national family week August
13. Coordinated family activities

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: WAYNE HOLLOMON CHAIRMAN

1. Supported the parish cyo or other catholic youth group
2. Supported scouting (boys, cub scouts, brownies, etc.) Counselor
3. Conduct a program to recognize and/or encourage youth liturgical participation (altar servers, youth choir, youth commentators or lectors)
4. Actively participate in community youth programs (coaching youth athletics, cub scouts, donated toys (or other items) to needy children (Christmas baskets)
5. Participated in the state CYO convention (provided security)
6. Provides support to a catholic school
7. Annual Easter egg hunt
8. Pancake breakfast CYO senior retreat
9. Support parish youth activities
10. Participated in annual ski trip
11. Purchase ticket to support ICS-school drawn down fund raiser
12. Set and take down for ICS-school fair
13. Support CCD program (members taught classes)

PROLIFE ACTIVITIES: LARRY AND LINDA PRESSLY, PRO-LIFE COUPLE

1. Pro-life rosary masses May and Oct
2. Life chain 1st Sunday in Oct
3. Pro-life display
4. Articles for newsletter monthly

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 along 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 and Financial Secretary, Bill Gatzman for their leadership and guidance. Without them, we would not have achieved our many goals. With God as our inspiration, may the coming year bring even greater achievements for our council and Brother Knights everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel B. Nelson
Grand Knight

Council 2945, C. G. Shapley Council, Leland

As of April 2009, we have a total of 44 members in our council, 38 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.

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.

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 4472, Msgr. Leech Council, Pass Christian

It is an honor and privilege to furnish this report from Council #4472. Our Council had a successful year in achieving our membership goals and our fundraising goals. Our successful membership recruitment brought Double Star Award status to Msgr. Leech Council #4472.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Father Dennis Carver	Advocate	James P. Wilkinson
Deputy Grand Knight	Exavier C. Niolel, III	Chancellor	Richard Allard
Financial Secretary	Charles H. Erickson	Recorder	Rodney P. Keel
Treasurer	Michael B. Burch	Warden	Lee A. Ayuso
Inside Guard	Raul Gamez	Outside Guard	Warren Doussan, Sr
Trustee	Joseph H. Spence	Trustee	Gene Rogers
Trustee	Exavier C. Niolel, Jr	Lecturer	Warren Reso

New K of C first degree members 6

New K of C insurance members 5

The following are the activities of Council members during the period of June 2008 thru February 2009:

CHURCH

1. Council members served as choir members, lecturers, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Council members served on church committees in varied capacities.
3. Donated funds for the benefit of OUT Seminarians
4. Donated funds to the Sisters of Mercy.
5. Assist with the Hispanic Community Mass
6. Participated in Supreme's Marian Hour of Prayer
7. Council members say the Rosary prior to each Business Meeting.
8. Sponsor and support the All Souls Day Cemetery Service.
9. Participate in Parish Clean up Day
10. Support Seminarian Thanksgiving Day Dinner

COMMUNITY

1. Donated funds for the Benefit of PerSOIIS with Intelliential Disabilities
2. Sponsored a local blood drive.
3. Sponsored a Pro-Life Project
4. Visited the sick in hospitals
5. Participate in distributing food to the needy
6. Participate in the rebuilding effort in the Pass Christian area.
7. Provide Volunteer Assistance to a Pro-Life Organization

8. Visit the sick and elderly or hospital
 9. Participate in Habitat for Humanity
 10. Participate in Community leadership roles as Mayor and attend city council meetings
- II. Donate food to Fire and Law Enforcement officers
12. Refurbish children's playground in Pass Christian

FAMILY

1. Sponsor KC Family Corporate Communion every month.
2. Held Family Barbecue Picnic during the year
3. Held several Family Pot Luck Socials.
4. Held a Memorial Mass for deceased members.
5. Submitted Family of the Year to State Convention.
6. Sponsored Corporate Communion and Coffee and Donuts after Mass each month.
7. Help the widows of our deceased members
8. Held memorial mass for past members
9. Support Vietnamese Community with all Souls Day Service
10. Coordinate Lenten Fish Fries for Parish
11. Provide assistance with Parish Picnic

YOUTH

- I. Support Parish Youth Center.
2. Support Boy Scouting
3. Sponsor Easter Egg Hunt.
4. Supported World Youth Day
5. Continue to maintain Youth Scholarship Program
6. Support the opening of New St. Vincent DePaul Elementary with opening day BBQ
7. Recognize liturgical youth as altar servers, choir and lectors
8. Sponsor a Toys for Tots day
9. Donate to local Catholic School Building. Fund

COUNCIL

- I. Conducted successful membership drive.
2. Maintaining Council Website
3. Held meeting socials every month
4. Presented Knight of the Month and Family of the Quarter Awards
5. Submitted Scrapbook to State Convention
6. Supported reactivation of Ladies Auxiliary
7. Publish a Council Newsletter
8. Hold a Fraternal Benefit Information program
9. Conduct a memorial mass for deceased Brother Knights
10. Hold a Founder's Day Crawfish Boil

Council 4898, St. Vincent de Paul Council, Long Beach

It is my honor to again report on the activities of the St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898 of Long Beach, Mississippi for fraternal year 2008-2009. As this now draws to a close my fifth year as Grand Knight of this council and I have elected to step out of the way for some younger leadership, I wish to use this report as a forum to also recognize some of the great men I have had the honor of leading these last years.

Elected this past term with me were: Darren Mayer – Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Morgan – Chancellor, Norman McDonald Jr. PSM, – Treasurer, Michael Daley – Recorder, Ennis Johnson – Warden, Andy Kovacs – Inside Guard, Jim Delinski – Outside Guard, 3 Year Trustee – Chuck Mink, 2 Year Trustee – Doc Holiday, 1 Year Trustee – Bill Seal, Financial Secretary – Rodney Sandoz, PSD.

All of these men have been of immeasurable assistance to me these years and any of them are more than ready to assume the leadership of this council. Mike Morgan and Darren Mayer have worked closely with me for the very purpose of making this a smooth transition to the next Grand Knight. Norman, Rodney and Bill, as the “senior leadership” of the council have been quite helpful and given much needed guidance to me as I have matured in this position.

I cannot imagine what these years after Katrina would have been like without their counsel. We have come to believe that Katrina, with all of her devastation and injury to our coast and to our parish, should have part of her legacy be viewed as a blessing as well. That storm and what it did to our parish gave our council and its Knights the ability to show what it means to be the strong right arm of the church! We went from being “the bingo group” to being THE service and sacrifice organization of our parish. Our time and talents will hopefully remain noticed in years to come.

For this fraternal year we were able to pursue projects in all phases of our duties as Knights. In detail:

Church Activities

- Many of our Knights are Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, School Advisory Board Members, Choir, CCD Instructors, Parish and Pastoral Council Members, and lay leadership in general
- We supported 5 seminarians in the RSVP program thus getting reimbursed \$500 so we got 5 for the price of 4!
- We continue to donate to the Christopher Fund
- We again sponsored the “Keep Christ in Christmas” card program in our parish
- We performed the stations of the cross this Lenten season
- We pray the Rosary before each meeting
- We fry fish each Friday during Lent to raise our vocations donation moneys
- We continue to support Father Louis Lohan in the rebuilding of our parish campus
- We continue to host St. Thomas The Apostle Parish on our property
- Hosted a dinner for 7 Polish Seminarians Thanksgiving week

Community Activities

- We again erected many small wooden crosses and a billboard for our pro-life statement the week anniversary of Roe V Wade
- Provided donations of money and talent to the Morningstar Crisis Pregnancy Center in Gulfport
- Held prayer vigil for Supreme's Day of the Unborn Child
- We sponsored a blood drive through the American Red Cross
- We held a food drive for the local food pantry
- We grant the food pantry use of our property for a building and their works free of rent or charge
- Many of us serve as leaders of several civic boards in our town
- We held another blue mass for our first responders and military
- Donated a very valuable food warmer to the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi

Council Activities

- We held a membership drive netting us several new members
- We have a very active and well practiced 1st degree team
- We still have a council website: www.longbeachkofc.org
- We have held many socials and awarded our Knights of the Quarter
- He had a Founder's Day party for the founding of our order after mass
- We celebrated our council's 49th anniversary this year on January 18th
- Converted a class room in our parish facility into a council meeting room

Family Activities

- We supported our Life Teen with purchasing food for some of their meetings
- We submitted Family of the Month entries each month
- We had several family outings
- We held a memorial mass for our fallen brothers
- We sponsored a marriage vow renewal mass on Valentine's Day
- We submitted a very worthy family for Family of the Year at the State Convention
- We cooked our world famous jambalaya for a Carnival Association Event
- We again cooked our even more world famous Funnel Cakes at our Parish Fall Festival

Youth Activities

- We supported a local Boy Scout troop with money and materials (tents)
- We have several of our KC men as coaches of several youth league teams
- We sponsored a substance abuse poster contest and awarded 2 \$100 savings bonds to the winners
- We sponsored our annual parish Easter Egg Hunt
- We again paid 2 \$500 scholarships to 6th graders graduating and going on to a Catholic High School
- We also cooked again for our Catholic Elementary School opening day and picnic

Worthy Sirs, it has been my pleasure to be associated with the men in this council and I look forward to working with them more in the future in whatever capacity that may be.

Sincerely,

Elvis B. Gates, Jr.
Grand Knight

Council 5267, Greenwood

The following officers were elected and appointed for council 5267 for the 2008-2009 fraternal year and were installed during a formal ceremony by District 3 Deputy Wayne Ebelhar:

Chaplain- Fr. Thomas Delaney
Grand Knight- Richard Acy
Deputy Grand Knight- Ben Harper
Financial Secretary- Howard Hill
Treasurer- Paul Correro
Chancellor- Nick Joseph
Recorder- Britton Thomas
Advocate- Erwin Henson
Warden- Ronald Ota
Inside Guard- Jesse J. Quinn Jr.
Outside Guard- Lee Hamrick IV
Trustee- Johnny Young
Trustee- Raymond Acy
Trustee- Robert Ritchy

Church Activities:

Held Mass for deceased brother Knights.
Sponsored and cooked BBQ for Parish.
Members participate as Lecter, Gift Bearers, Commentators, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Parish Council.
Cooked spaghetti supper for parish.

Council Activities:

Sponsored Delegates and Alternates to state convention.
Sponsored and cooked Lenten fish fry for Priest Education Fund every Friday during Lent.
One of two 2nd and 3rd degree teams in state, with the best DM (Jesse Quinn, Jr.) in nation.
Worked Tootsie Roll drive every year from its start.
Sponsored six shoe boxes for seminarians.

Youth Activities:

Cook breakfast for Sunday school every 4th Sunday.
Support the Parish CYO.
Cooked spaghetti supper and built Haunted House for Halloween carnival.
Sponsored youth baseball and softball.
Funded Annual Scholarship for graduating Senior of Council's children.

Family Life:

Held Christmas party for members and wives.
Held Steak supper for Life and Honorary Knights, their wives and widows.
Held Memorial Service for Deceased members.

Community Activities:

Sponsored Pro Life Project
Participated in visiting the sick and elderly.

Council 5556, Cleveland

On July 23 2008, 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. Sean Atkinson
Grand Knight	Luis Ybarra
Deputy Grand Knight	James W. Bradham
Financial Secretary	Ben Bailey
Chancellor	Doug Cocilova
Recorder	Wayne Evrard
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 F. Boswell III

The following members serve as committee chairmen:

Program Director	Luis Ybarra
Church Director	David Doran
Community Director	Michael Aguzzi
Membership Director	Johnny Capocaccia
Youth Director	Michael Rocconi
Family Director	Dustin Pambianchi
Retention Chairman	Ben Bailey

Council 5654, Ocean Springs

Grand Knight -----Carl Brochard
Deputy Grand Knight-----Robert Boney
Chancellor ----- Tommy Brochard
Warden -----Bernie McGinley
Treasurer-----James Starnes
Financial Secretary--- Leonard Tarrant
Recorder----- Dennis Van Acker
Inside Guard----- Joe Langlinais
Out Side Guard-----L.J. Danise

Advocate -----Nicholas Plante
Lecturer ----- Carney "Skip" Murphy

We had a very good year doing what the Knights are suppose to do. We built 2 handicap ramps for our deceased member wives. Held a fund raiser for one of our parishioner to help pay some of her insurances and bills, because her husband had cancer, donated \$2000, towards this project.

We held another fund raiser to buy a machine for another parishioner so his daughter could walk again. She was in an accident and has not been able to walk in a few years. We gave them \$2500. We also held a raffle to raise money to support the Seminarians and we raised \$4000. Beside this we had many more projects such as Painting the School Cafeteria, recovered all of the church pews, and kneelers. We cleaned the church and school yard. Finally we help out with many projects that Fr. Henry asked us.

Respectfully,

Carl Brochard

Council 6555, Shelby: No Report

Council 6592, Bassfield

Bassfield Council has had a very exciting year in membership, being inactive for many years; we have brought in out state quota.

Our council continually stresses to serve not only our church but our community. We believe the Knights of Columbus are well known and respected in the Bassfield community.

During the past fraternal year we have been involved in numerous activities. Community wide we helped rebuild the high school goal posts and co-sponsored the football score board. Our council spear headed a community wide fund raiser for a disabled family. Church wide we sponsored a parish Christmas party and Easter egg hunt and cooked for the parish Oktoberfest. We held our annual draw down fund raiser in November, which was a great success.

I have greatly enjoyed being Grand Knight of the Bassfield Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Applewhite

Council 6765, Fr. John P. Egan Council, Starkville

This year our council surpassed its membership and insurance goals with appreciable *Roundtable* growth at Corpus Christi in Macon. Church activities continue to be numerous as reported in past years. Council continued support of as many as 4 seminarians through the RSVP program

and provided parish support during Vocations Awareness Week. There was strong participation in Advent Prayer Breakfast series, Lenten Luncheon Series, monthly Pancake Breakfasts for vocations, KCIC card and magnet sales, Our Lady of Charity ICON Prayer Service, support of Dwelling Place retreat facility, and Lenten Fish Fries.

In the area of community activities, there was continued participation in pro-life activities and made monetary donation to the state pro-life fund. Again this year, three blood drives were successfully completed. Council members were active in the *Sweep Starkville Clean* project, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and Advisory Board of the Boys and Girls Club.

Council and family activities continued at high levels. We continued with our degree work by hosting two First Degree Exemplifications and hosting our annual Major Degree in February. We participated in the KOM and FOM programs. Council Directory project was completed and distributed during the year. Council members participated in KC BBQ competition in Madison for the first time. Memorable socials are the Council Christmas Party, Super Bowl Party and BBQ dinner to name a few.

The council continued with strong support of the youth of our parish. Council members are very active as leaders in the Cub and Boy Scout programs. We continued with our monthly cooking for the College Student Association. Monetary contribution was made for a CYO State Convention Ad and toward a Youth Scholarship. A St. Patrick's Day dinner was provided for out-of-state and local college students working on Habitat for Humanity houses during their spring break.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Setaro
Grand Knight

Council 6872, Oscar J. Gelpi Council, Picayune

The fraternal year started out with a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive, even though the first day was rained out. Our sales team collected \$5,100 for the mentally handicapped. We gave out over 600 carnations to the ladies of our parish for Mother's Day.

Our Monday night Bingo, held in our Hall, continues to be a successful fund raiser for our Council. Profits from our Bingo games enabled us to donate \$43,380.00 to the following charities: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, the Boy scouts, Save-A-Life, Priest Education Fund, our Seminarians, Christopher Fund, Scholarships, Habitat for Humanity, The Special Olympics, and numerous other organizations in the Picayune and Pearl River County area. We continue our monthly socials sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary at which a Family of the Month is honored. Our Corporate Communion precedes our Social Saturday Nights and includes the Ladies Auxiliary, the Knights wives, family and guests.

We gave away over 100 food baskets at our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket charity in November and December.

In January 2009, the Council erected nearly 4,000 white crosses in the field adjacent to the St. Charles Borromeo Church. The annual event represents the number of abortions committed in the country each day. This dramatic reminder is spreading through the community and a number of protestant churches have adopted our program. This is an annual program event each January in protest to Roe vs Wade.

Each February, our Council hosts a Blue Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church to honor the Local "First Responders"; police, fire fighters and EMT's . The community has enthusiastically responded to this annual event, donating various "gift certificates" to be awarded to each of the honored guests. The various first responder organizations thank us each year for remembering them.

In Summary, even in these economically challenging times, this has been a very good year for our Council.

Fraternally,

Alfred B. Chrisman
Grand Knight

The duly elected Officers for the Fraternal Year 2008-2009:

Chaplain	Father Michael Synder
Grand Knight	Alfred Chrisman
Deputy Grand Knight	Richert Mahony Sr.
Chancellor	Jules Defoumeaux
Treasurer	Jerry Cortez
Financial Secretary	Charles Cavalier
Recorder	Dave Schouest
Warden	Joe Wilder
Advocate	Alvin Lunn
Lecturer	Ted Barze'
Inside Guard	Norman Cochran
Outside Guard	Bryan Bordelon
3rd Year Trustee	Reece Gay
2nd Year Trustee	Mike Spencer
3rd Year Trustee	E.J. Favre

Council 7087, Kiln: No Report

Council 7120, Hernando Desoto Council, 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. Seminarians Duy Nguyen SCJ and Juan Chavajay Diocese of Jackson both receive monthly monetary support until they are ordained. We participated in the Marion Hour of Prayer at Christ the King Church. 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. Currently we're selling pro life car magnets with the proceeds benefiting a local women's center. 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 three new members to our council since June of 2008 and hopes to add two more at our April 2009 meeting. New Brother Knights: Anthony Curtis, Ryan McEndree and Fr. Tim Gray SCJ. We've gotten two transfers, Rob Satori from New Mexico and Tim Davis from South Carolina.

Knight of the Year:

Our Knight of the Year is Brother Mike Kuehnell. Mike only joined the Knights last year but he's already fully involved in our council activities. He seems to be at all our functions

helping set up, cook or clean up. He received his second and third degrees on Sept. 21, 2008 in Grenada. If more Knights were as enthusiastic as Mike, there's no telling how much we could accomplish.

Family of the Year:

Our Family of the year is Robert and Connie Purifoy. Together they make sure our events run smoothly. Robert is usually the first to arrive when there's work to be done, and sometimes last to leave, and Connie's right there with him. They are involved with church activities including the choir and our ladies group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Bicknell
Grand Knight

Council 7211, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council, Lumberton/Poplarville

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

Chaplin	Deacon Alex J. Sereuntine
Grand Knight	Alberto Esquivel
Deputy Grand Knight	William A. Knue
Chancellor	Franklin Delaney
Recorder	Ben Powell
Treasure	Joseph J. McQueen
Advocate	Preston R. Stuit
Warden	Louis C. Munsch
Inside Guard	Sidney Arceneaux
Outside Guard	Joey M. Esquivel
Trustee for one year	Bert St. Pelcovich
Trustee for two years	Salvador P. Boscarenno
Trustee for Three years	James L. Bryant

All of our activities are divided between two Parishes, which give 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.

Served as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, ministers of hospitality and Altar Servers.
Lenten Soup Supper at both churches/ led Stations of the Cross
Helped with the St. Joseph Alter
Held a Memorial Mass for deceased brothers and wives of brother KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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 the RSVP Program
Assisted in the Saltillo Mission
Parish Rosary Service
Parish Council

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Visit and entertain mentally challenged quarterly
Quarterly Blood Drive
Placed flags by graves for veterans on Veteran's Day
Contributed to the Saltillo Mission
Sponsored Christmas Party for the mentally challenged
Support food for needy
Support Pro-Life Causes
Help with St. Vincent DePaul
Participate with help for the Mentally Challenged
Participate in Adopt a Highway Program
Hospital visits and Shut-ins

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

Attend 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
Help 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,

Alberto Esquivel,
Grand Knight

Council 7854, Holy Savior Council, Clinton

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	William Hetrick, PGK
Second Year Trustee	Anthony Weisenberger
Third Year Trustee	Duane Andrews

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. One of our members facilitated the course on "Why Catholic." Our council also aided in the cooking at the parish's annual Bar-B-Que. Our council also prayed the Rosary before several masses this year.

COMMUNITY: Our council had a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive, with proceeds going to aid the Clinton Jr. High Life Skills program and the "Buddy Walk" for the Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society. We also continued the collection of bicycles and clothing and delivered them to needy in at St. Michael's in Forest, Mississippi, where the proceeds were directed to paying the expenses for the Sisters from Mexico. 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. 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 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 assistance. We also had a family outing around St. Valentine's Day at a local restaurant. These were some of our council's activities during our very active past year. Hopefully, we will add more activities in this following year.

I would like to personally thank our members, especially Tony Weisenberger for collecting, repairing and delivering bicycles to St. Michael's in Forest, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Holland
Grand Knight

Council 7910, Orange Grove: No Report

Council 7915, Joseph Bonfiglio Council, Brookhaven

The following is a list of highlights throughout the year.

- > Church
 - ✓ Brothers participated in parish activities as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, members of the Parish Council, parish Finance Committee, and lead the rosary before each 9:30 Mass on Sunday morning.
 - ✓ The council led the parish in a Marian Hour of Prayer and displayed the icon in the church for a week.
 - ✓ Sponsored the church float for the Brookhaven Christmas Parade
 - ✓ Built and displayed a lit "Keep Christ in Christmas display
 - ✓ Held a fishing and picnic to show appreciation to altar servers
 - ✓ Conducted 2 major fundraisers for the Seminarian Fund; a spaghetti lunch in November and a white elephant/chicken lunch sale in March. Contributed \$2200 to the Seminarian Fund, an increase of \$700 since last year.
- > Council
 - ✓ Conducted a membership drive. The council gained 3 new members.
 - ✓ Conducted a Memorial Mass for deceased council members.

- ✓ Held an annual installation dinner for officers. Recognized several 25 year members and 4 new honorary life members.
- ✓ Held a Christmas social, invited all KC widows in the parish.
- Youth
 - ✓ Supported the CYO in fundraising for the CYO Convention
 - ✓ Held training for new altar servers
 - ✓ Sponsored a free throw contest
 - ✓ Held a cookout for the Faith Formation at the conclusion of the opening day mass and the closing day mass.
- Family
 - ✓ Held a corporate communion quarterly, 4th degree members served as honor guard for the assembly corporate communions.
 - ✓ Provided assistance to widows and homebound members. Sat with a bedridden brother on Saturday nights so his wife could attend mass.
 - ✓ Cooked and provided other labor for the parish picnic.
 - ✓ Held 2 family social events
 - ✓ Acted as pallbearers for a deceased widow.
- Community
 - ✓ Contributed \$2400 to local schools for special education program as part of the Mentally Challenged Program (tootsie roll drive).
 - ✓ Sponsored two blood drives throughout the year. Were successful in providing coverage from the blood bank to all members of the parish.
 - ✓ Cleaned the Catholic part of the city cemetery before the All Souls Day blessing.
 - ✓ Participated in community leadership roles. One of our brothers, David Phillips was elected to the Brookhaven City Council

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Westfall
Grand Knight

Council 7974, Columbus: No Report

Council 8038, St. Jude Centennial Council, Pearl

It is with great honor that I have this opportunity to report on the activities of the St. Jude Centennial Council 8038. As you may know, I have directed the Council for two years and as is the case of my predecessors, this council continues to experience the effects of an aging Council.

Although we have made honorable gains in new membership from Catholics arriving by way of the RCIA program and members of St. Jude Catholic Community, commitment for programs available with the Knights of Columbus has been tirelessly approached with limited results. Members are active supporting Church, Community, Family and Youth activities with Knights participating however, growth in developing Council Programs has been limited, in part, with the

continued demands placed on families balancing household and faith based activities supporting Father Gerald Hurley and the St Jude Community first.

Council 8038 is experiencing limited support to implement fully the available Council programs. It is perceived that the precious time of our members, supporting core family functions and the Church, is challenging individuals for additional commitment for Knight Activity and membership support. Within St. Jude's Church, as well as this Council, we have continued to explore alternatives to communicate with our community and 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 displayed keeping the spirit of Father McGivney flourishing.

This fraternal year unfortunately closes with the 1 Year Anniversary of the devastating fire and loss of the Council's history and meeting location. The struggle to reestablish a permanent meeting location is coming closer to realization, with the shared plans of the Parish Council and Father Hurley, planning for shared space for the Knights of Columbus, with the addition to the Parish Hall. At this time, while the plans are not fully disclosed, the Council's future is most encouraging; the spirit of this proud Council has become more resolute to find the means to grow. This year we were humbled by the Jackson Area Councils donation of a set of flags (American and The Knights of Columbus flag) along with conducting a fund raiser to benefit the Council. Our State Leadership assisted in the reissuance of our Charter, again with modest acceptance.

While keeping this in perspective, we reflect positively on our accomplishments this year, and look forward to the coming years with a renewed dedication for maintaining the Church support 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 facilitate RCIA classes;
3. Keeping Christ in Christmas awareness with Christmas card Sales;
4. KC's visit sick and elderly shut-ins to deliver the Eucharist and morale visits;
5. KC's Mentally Impaired Drive for Persons with Disabilities;
6. Sponsor a KC Corporate Mass and Blue Mass in honor of Law Enforcement, and Military personnel;
7. Assist in the expansion and growth of the St. Stephens, Magee, MS Roundtable;
8. Leadership and support for CYO during fund-raising events and Religious Education Programs and special adorations;
9. Support the Church by staffing cooks and servers at fried catfish dinners each week during the Lenten season and:

10. Conduct the Annual Crawfish Boil.

During this time as we end one liturgical season, and fraternal year, I would be remiss not to recognize our extraordinary District Deputy Philip Jabour, and the rest of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Council for their guidance and motivation. I truly appreciate the opportunity to lead this Council during the previous two years, and look forward to the support to the challenges ahead for this Council.

For the Good of the Order: Celebrate contributions of members who have died this fraternal year to join our Father, Son our Savior and the Holy Spirit - Raymond Bianca 3rd Degree – August 3, 2008, Wayne Mc Carty 3rd Degree – January 24, 2009 and James Harris Dunn 3rd Degree – March 26, 2009.

Vivat Jesus,

Franklin D. Tinney
Grand Knight

Council 8054 McComb: No Report

Council 8285 Jackson St. Therese: No Report

Council 8760 Holly Springs

Starting a new fraternal year, the personnel listed below were duly installed in an official ceremony by District Deputy #1, Raymond Ball at St Joseph's Parish Hall:

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

Members of #8760 were active in the following areas:

CHURCH;

1. Members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, choir and mentor for Parish youth group.
2. Members are regular ushers at Sunday services.
3. Provided refreshments for Parish movie day (The Passion of the Christ).
4. Stage a "Light up for Christ".
5. Participate in the Marian Hour of Prayer.
6. Assist in planning games for Parish Picnic.

COUNCIL;

1. Participated in State Sponsored Bar-B-Que Contest.
2. Recognize Knight of The Year.
3. Held an Insurance benefits information program.
4. Hosted District One meeting and provided luncheon.

5. Held annual Red and White Banquet (19th consecutive).
6. Held two car washes to raise funds.

COMMUNITY;

1. Selected and recognized a "Citizen of the Year".
2. Participate in recycling cans for charity.
3. Adopted a needy family.
4. Participated in the "Angel Tree Project" at Christmas.
5. One member hosted a fish fry/Bar-B-Que for political candidates.

FAMILY;

1. Honored the parents of star athletes at annual banquet.
2. Selected a "Family of the Year".
3. Donated a complete computer to a needy family.
4. Two members assisted family members in locating relatives on "Traveling Vietnam Wall".
5. Include family of deceased members in Council activities.
6. Send "Get Well" cards to members who are ill.

YOUTH;

1. Support local Boy Scout troop.
2. Support Brownies by purchasing cookies.
3. Sponsor the KC Annual Free Throw Championship.
4. One member organized the Easter Egg hunt.
5. Help provide toys for needy children at Christmas.

Council members would be the first to admit that we have not been as successful as we would desire in the area of recruitment but we plan to increase the effort.

Finally, I would like to say that I have appreciated the support of my worthy brothers in #8760 and also from our new District Deputy, Raymond Ball.

Respectfully submitted by:


Claude L. Vinson, Sr.
Grand Knight, #8760

Council 8848 Tupelo: No Report

Council 8912 Corinth: No Report

Council 9094, Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council, D'Iberville

The following officers were elected or appointed to lead Council 9094 for the 2008-2009 fraternal year and were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District Deputy # 11, Art Dunn:

Chaplain	Fr Robert Higginbotham
Grand Knight	David Seymour
Deputy Grand Knight	Emmett Landry
Chancellor	Joey Paffe
Financial Secretary	John McCollins
Advocate	Julius Chastant
Treasurer	Mark Creech
Recorder	Ed Guardanapo
Warden	John Quave
Inside Guard	Stephen Dunn
Outside Guard	Justin Ross
Trustee (2006-2008)	Roger Fetters
Trustee (2004-2006)	Sonny Fountain
Trustee (2002-2004)	Noel Aucoin

The proud and energetic members of Council 9094 continued with its successful programs as evidenced by the number of award and accolades it received during this fraternal year. I was honored to have been re-elected and installed as the Grand Knight of our Council and promised my support to uphold the high ideals and goals our council strives to achieve each year. Through the tireless recruitment efforts of our members, Council 9094 was awarded the Double Star Award for doubling its Supreme membership quota. Our target goal this fraternal year is to once again win the coveted Double Star Award which will be for the third consecutive year. I have many individuals to thank for our success; it is definitely a team effort. If it were not for the tremendous support and spiritual guidance provided by our Worth Council Chaplain, Fr. Bob Higginbotham, we would not have had the successes we enjoy.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES : Nick Martino – Chair

- We have many brother knights in several capacities in the Church Activities arena. Our church parish council consists of 12 members; 6 of our members on are the council, one of which is the parish council president. At least 12 are Eucharistic Ministers and more than 10 are lectors. Several council members volunteer their time to count the parish collections. Each month our council hosts coffee and donuts after the 8 and 11 AM Masses. Other Church Activities include, but not limited to:

- Provides financial support to one seminarian under the RSVP program
- Sponsored a Blue Mass to honor Public Service personnel
- Made a large donation to the Priest Education Fund
- Participated in Christmas Card Sales Program

- Sponsored a parish prayer program
- Held Respect Life Mass programs
- Led efforts to set up the Church for Christmas and Easter Services
- Held Lenten Fish Fry Dinners to raise money for the Priest Education Fund
- Assisted and supported our Parish's St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Led efforts to rehabilitate Parish Facilities
- Provided donation to the Christopher Fund

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Larry Tabor, PSD, Chair

- Our Community Activities had far reaching successes this year. We had several knights in community leadership roles—one is a city councilman, another is president of the local chamber, and several members are board members or committee chairmen of local organizations. The council sponsored a food booth at the chamber's Old Time Trade Days event and participates in City's the Adopt-a-Highway program. One program with significant impact was our annual Program to Support the Intellectually Disabled which raised over \$5K and donated to special education classes to 2 public and our Parish's elementary schools. Other Community activities include, but not limited to:

- Donated \$500 to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund
- Sponsored 2 very successful blood drives
- Conducts regular visits to those sick and in distress, including our parishioners
- Donated funds and supplies to the Morning Start Pregnancy Care Center

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Ed Cuardanapo - Chair

- Our member's are very proud of their Council Activities. Average attendance to our monthly council meeting is 30 or more members—and that's without a meal! The crowds really swell at our monthly socials where sometimes 50 or more members and their families attend. We recognize our Family and Knight of the Month at each social. Our council has a monthly newsletter and maintains an active web page. Our new member recruitment drives have been very successful (a total of 16 new members) which means we have doubled Supreme's membership quota. Other Council Activities include, but not limited to:

- Held a Fraternal Benefits Information night (46 in attendance)
- Council as 4 members on a Certified Degree Team
- Has appointed a council Awards Submission Chairmen (all requirements met)
- Sponsors local little league baseball team
- All required officers attended the State's Organizational and Schools of Columbianism in July
- Our Council's nominee won the Knight of the Year Award in 2008
- Our Council was honored with the Best Large Council Award in 2008

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Noel Aucoin - Chair

- Our Family Activities program is the backbone of our council's strength. The success of our council can be directly attributed to programs we conduct that involve our families. Our council sponsors frequent family pot luck dinners and spear-head the annual Supper and Substance for our parish families. We are strong believers in honoring our Family of the Month (submitted nomination forms to Supreme every month) and have submitted our best to the State for Family of the Year consideration. Our council also hosted activities during Supreme's National Family Week and council proudly sponsors a bi-monthly Family Corporate Communion Mass. Other Council Activities include, but not limited to:

- Families participated in the parish's annual Fall Festival as a group
- Held a Third Degree Exemplification in honor of a deceased council member
- Coordinated with our Ladies Auxiliary to have our meetings and theirs on the same night to increase attendance in both organizations.
- Sponsored both a Fathers and Mothers Day program

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Stephen Dunn – Chair

- We have a very robust Youth Activity program within our council. We have had at least one of our young contestants place in the State's Drug Awareness Poster Contest for the past several years. This and the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest are very popular programs for our council. Our council not only held a local Free Throw Contest, but also hosted the District Contest as well. One member and his wife served as the adult leaders for our parish CYO. Others have served as chaperons during the CYO State Convention. Another KC couple provides training to our parish's altar servers. Other Youth Activities include, but not limited to:

- Adopted our parish elementary school to provide manpower, supplies, coaching, and mentoring. Includes cleaning school grounds and painting.
- Assisted in the school's Thanksgiving Lunch Program
- Provides manpower each year to the Special Olympics State Summer games
- Funded sponsorship to one individual to travel aboard in an exchange program

Even though our council has grown by leaps and bounds the past few years, we have not lost focus on our purpose or our commitment to our Order's core values. We believe in Father McGivney's dream and try to cultivate his vision with those around us. I am surrounded by supportive Knights of Columbus; there not much we cannot do when asked or an idea is suggested. We are currently re-modeling the old parish rectory building into a Parish Life Center that when finished will be dedicated to our Associate Pastor, Fr. Dennis Harlow.

In closing, it is indeed an honor to serve as Grand Knight of Council 9094. I sincerely enjoy working towards a common goal serving our Church, Community, our families and youth.

VIVAT JESUS

David Seymour
Grand Knight

Council 9124, Gautier

During the 2008-2009 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. Sponsored two local blood drives
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
9. Sponsored a local KC Soccer Competition

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Ladner

Daryl Ladner
Grand Knight

Council 9234, Indianola: No Report

Council 9409 West Biloxi: No Report

Council 9543 St. Francis of Assisi Council Madison

Serving as Grand Knight of St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543 in Madison has been the most rewarding experience in my ten years as a member of the Knight of Columbus. Our council is very active and energetic 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.

We began our fraternal year with 152 people attending our Mass, Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet. As usual our council cooking team prepared a delicious meal.

Communication is extremely important in the overall success of a council and our members are continually informed via daily emails from our Grand Knight and Program Director, a monthly newsletter and maintaining a council website. In addition to communication, the support of the pastor is also vital to the success of a council. Fortunately, our pastor, who is our chaplain, attends all of our monthly meetings to give us a spiritual message and he repeatedly praises the council from the pulpit for the many things we do for the church and community.

As crucial as communication and the support of the pastor are to a council's success, we believe that the life blood of a council is membership and recruiting. This is number one on our list of priorities. While we have reached Top Gun status in our recruiting efforts this year, our prime concern is about the quality of the members we recruit instead of the quantity. And quality has definitely been our forte, because with fourteen new members achieving the status of Knight in Shining Armor this fraternal year, we now enjoy the unique distinction of having thirty-four Knights in Shining Armor. We are very proud of this accomplishment and believe it to be unmatched by any other council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Membership recruitment being so important, our council takes a very active role in the exemplification process. We have a complete First Degree Team of Exemplars within our council and do First Degree initiations every month within our district. We also have a full Third Degree Team of Exemplars within our council. In addition, a Past Grand Knight and our current Program Director both serve as Fourth Degree Exemplars. We feel sure that our council is more involved in the initiation of new knights and their advancement to full knighthood than any other council in the state of Mississippi.

An eye catching council brochure and a professionally produced DVD that provide information about our council and its activities are two things we make available to prospects during our recruiting efforts. These are invaluable recruiting tools that help us answer the two questions we hear most from prospective members: "Who *are* the Knights of Columbus?" and "Why should I join *your* council?"

We hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification and eighteen of the thirty-three candidates who became new Sir Knights were members of our council. The candidates from our council alone exceeded the minimum fifteen needed to hold a Fourth Degree Exemplification.

Council Activities

We conducted activities and projects in eleven different areas on the mandatory church activities list this past fraternal year.

The council is especially proud that on one occasion we stepped up to the plate and kept one of the church's major annual fundraisers from being cancelled. At the end of all the weekend Masses in mid March of 2008, our pastor announced that the church's annual May fundraiser, "Cajun Fest", was being cancelled because of the inability to find a couple to serve as chairpersons. Immediately after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, our Grand Knight went directly to our pastor and committed the Knights of Columbus to accepting the chairmanship. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director served as co-chairmen. In addition to the 62 knights that devoted over 300 hours to Cajun Fest, many of their wives, children and other family members were also involved and we were able to get a large number of parishioners and many of our youth to participate. Despite the declining economy, the parishioners and youth followed the lead of the knights and "Cajun Fest 2008", turned out to be one of the best in many years. The other major annual church fundraiser, "The Gala Drawdown", had always been held in mid December at a local Country Club. The Country Club provided the facilities, the food and the adult beverages. The cost of the Gala kept rising and finally forced the planning committee to

consider an alternative that could reduce expenses and increase net profit without negatively impacting the ambiance. The committee decided the church's Family Life Center was large enough to comfortably accommodate the crowd if well decorated and arranged properly. The committee also knew from previous experience that the Knights of Columbus had the manpower, the equipment and the culinary talent to prepare and serve a variety and quality of food that would definitely equal and probably surpass that of the food served by the country club. The committee asked the council for our help and we accepted. The end result was that the Gala was a huge success. The council received tremendous acclamation for the food and the ultimate goal of more net profit to the church was realized.

We conducted a very successful membership drive this year. We recognized a Knight of the month, a Knight of the year and submitted a Knight of the Year nomination at the convention. We conducted a memorial service for deceased Knights. We held quarterly corporate communions and socials.

Proudly, we purchased an American flag and also conducted a special fundraiser to provide financial help to another council in our district after they lost their council home and the contents in a tragic fire.

Church Activities

We conducted twelve activities from the list of church program areas and in some areas we did more than one activity.

Many Knights take an active role in the spiritual life of the parish. Thirty-four Knights and/or their wives serve as Eucharistic Ministers, twelve 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 lectors, the coordinator of the Eucharistic Ministers, the coordinator of Ministers of Hospitality, and the coordinator of the sound board operators. In addition, Knights serve as Sunday school teachers and are active in the Small Church Community Scripture study program. A Knight serves as the coordinator of the Small Church Community Program and Knights also serve on the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council.

On Fridays during Lent, a Knight leads the rosary, coordinates the Stations of the Cross and the council prepares and serves a meatless meal. All net proceeds are dedicated to the Education of Future Priests. Other church activities include sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas card sale program, adopting a family for Christmas and helping deliver the gifts to the families adopted by the church. The council supports the activities of the missionary work by our youth in Saltillo. We donated to the Christopher Fund. The local clergy and the diocesan clergy were recognized this fraternal year with appreciation dinners on four separate occasions.

In February, we held our first annual council retreat. Two local priests, who are pastors at other churches in our area, served as our retreat directors. This spiritual experience proved to be an excellent opportunity for the members of our council to grow spiritually by discussing and sharing their faith with their brother knights.

We sponsor an annual Golf Tournament with all the proceeds going to priest's education. During this fraternal year, we proudly donated over \$10,000.00 to the Seminarian Fund. Our council strives to live up to the motto "In Solidarity with our Priests."

We provided maintenance and upkeep at the church by trimming 179 trees and hauling off 20 trailer loads of limbs, installed concrete car stoppers in the parking lots, repainted, repaired and refurbished a fountain in the courtyard, restored the wooden and iron benches in the church courtyard and built an office for our associate pastor.

Family Activities

We conducted an activity from eight of the family activities listed and in some categories we did more than one activity.

We sponsored a quarterly family communion followed by a pot luck dinner and social. We recognized a family of the month and family of the year and submitted a family of the year at the convention.

Many Knights and their families attended the Family Night at a Mississippi Braves professional baseball game at Trustmark Park.

We provided a young family in our community with financial assistance. We helped one brother Knight with the packing and loading of furniture and personal belongings to a new home in our area and we helped with the packing and loading of the large moving trucks for two of our brother knights and their families who moved to other states. We sent Christmas cards and care packages to our brave soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan reminding them they were in our prayers and hopefully they would soon return home safe and sound to their families.

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 attended the campout. The council prayed the rosary, and at the beginning of each decade, one or more of the widows lit a candle in memory of her deceased spouse. Our pastor celebrated a memorial mass in their honor and at the end of Mass each widow was presented a beautiful red rose and the candle they had previously lit. There were activities for the kids, the ladies gathered and chatted around the campfire, while the Knights watched a football game. The council provided all the meat and each family attending brought a vegetable or dessert. The delicious meal Saturday night was followed with a yummy breakfast Sunday morning. We took advantage of the beautiful weather in the afternoon by having a closest to the pin golf competition. This special fundraiser generated over \$200 and all the proceeds were donated to the local council in our district who lost their council home in a tragic fire.

Youth Activities

We conducted an activity or project in eight of the listed youth activities and more than one in some areas.

We participated in the Knights of Columbus free throw competition. We have several Knights that serve as scout leaders and several Knights that serve as soccer coaches and referees. One Knight coaches, referees and also serves as the commissioner of a soccer league.

We held a Pumpkin Carving contest for at Halloween and we held a Kite Flying contest and Frisbee Golf contest for the youth of the parish.

For the past 15 years, the council has been barbequing chickens on Super Bowl Sunday for the annual fundraiser for the boy scouts. This year, eleven Knights spent 77 man hours cooking over 800 chicken halves. The Knights lit the charcoal and fired up the eight large grills at 1:00 am Sunday morning and the last chicken half was taken off the grill at 9:00 am.

We actively support the local Catholic High School with an annual \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving student selected by the school. Knights cooked all the food for the concession stand for the five home football games. We cooked a breakfast for the cheerleaders and the football team, catered four athletic banquets and catered a senior parent and student banquet serving about 250 people. The council catered the school's annual fundraiser, "The Drawdown", and served over 1,000 people.

We cooked for the youth Advent Fair and helped raise funds for the youth mission trip to Saltillo. We also donated funds for the Saltillo missionary trip by sponsoring one of the youths.

Community Activities

We conducted an activity or project in eight categories on the list of Community activities.

The council participated in the Tootsie Roll drive for Mentally Challenged, sponsored a Blood Drive, and visited the sick and the elderly. Knights pray the rosary to promote the right to life and the council donated to the Pro-Life Memorial Fund. Knights are also volunteer servers at the Stewpot soup kitchen. The council donated funds and provided labor for the Habitat for Humanity project. We installed a new floor in the Mustard Seed facility. We helped feed the Gustav victims.

Our council cooking team catered the Outdoorama for the Mississippi Fisheries and Wildlife Agencies and also the fundraiser for the Sacred Heart School. The council sponsored the annual "Grillin for Life" barbeque competition and this year we proudly generated and donated over \$7,000 to "Right to Life".

Conclusion

One of our greatest assets is our council cooking team and we have earned a tremendous reputation for our culinary talents. Cooking requests come from parishioners within our church and also organizations and residents within our community. Catering gigs provide the largest portion of our revenue while allowing the council the opportunity to promote Columbianism and Evangelize.

A few of our cooking gigs at church this year included, the Advent Fair, the six Lenten meals, the monthly parish dinners, four priest's appreciation dinners, and preparation of all the food at Cajun Fest and the Gala Drawdown, which are our church's two largest fundraisers.

Some of our community cooking gigs this year were the Outdoorama for the Mississippi Fisheries and Wildlife Agencies, the five local Catholic high school home football games, breakfast for the cheerleaders and football team, the high school parent student dinner, a Founder's Day banquet for another council in our district, the barbeque chicken cooking for the boy scouts, the drawdown for the Sacred Heart School, feeding the police and firemen in our community, four high school athletic banquets and the St. Joseph Catholic High School Drawdown.

The diversity of the menus and the large number of people served make the St. Joseph Catholic High School Drawdown, the Cajun Fest, and the Gala Drawdown are our largest cooking gigs; both in size and financial benefit to the council. The menus include oysters on the half shell, oysters Rockefeller, crab and corn bisque, crawfish etouffée, seafood pasta, boiled shrimp, crawfish and crab pies, 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, corn macque choux and various fresh fruits, salads and desserts

This has been a tremendously exciting and successful fraternal year and it has been a privilege and honor to serve as Grand Knight of Council 9543. The bottom line is that just one small three letter word succinctly describes our fraternal year **WOW!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles W. Wilkerson
Grand Knight

Council 9673 Woolmarket

The following officers were elected or appointed for Council 9673 for the 2008-2009 fraternal year and were properly installed during a formal ceremony by District 11 Deputy, Art Dunn:

Chaplain	Rev. Dominick Fullam
Grand Knight	John Cruso
Deputy Grand Knight	Patrick Chubb
Chancellor	Jack Harrison
Financial Secretary	Bill Fessler
Advocate	Paul Mitchell
Treasurer	Cory Peterson
Recorder	Anthony Damiano
Warden	Jeremy Denoux
Inside Guard	Earl Delaune
Outside Guard	Terry Cannette
Trustee One Year	Daniel Brown
Trustee Two Year	Paul Leidig
Trustee Three Year	Darrell Diaz
Lecturer	Gerald Pickich

The following members served as director or chairman of the various committees:

Membership Director	Paul Mitchell
Program Director	Patrick Chubb
Church Activities	Sam Orr, Gerald Pickich
Community Activities	Tony Damiano
Council Activities	Jack Harrison
Family Activities	Paul Leidig
Youth Activities	Darrell Diaz

A summary of the Program Activities are as follows:

Church Activities: Sam Orr, Gerald Pickich

1. Members participated in the life serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, Decon.
2. Sponsored Keep Christ in Christmas Program.
3. Held Stations of the Cross on our Prayer Walk.
4. Held monthly breakfast in Parish Hall to benefit Priest Education Fund
5. Blood drive - manned blood drive for Parish Event
6. Served as sponsors for RJCA.
7. Participated in Marian Hour of Prayer.
8. Repaired and Improved Parish facilities and grounds.
9. Donated to Christopher Fund.
10. Helped with Saint Joseph Day Altar.
11. Held a dinner for Deacon Candidates.
12. Training of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors.
13. Carried Communion to the elderly.

Community Activities: Tony Damiano

1. Collected 386 pairs of glasses for Lions Club.
2. Participated in Pro-Life Activities
3. Participated in Parish Blood Drive
4. Participated in the Drive for Mentally Challenged (Tootsie Roll Drive)
5. Collected cloths and toys for battered women's shelter
6. Canned food drive for St Vencient De Paul
7. Held Blue Mass for our police, fire personnel
8. Hosted food booth at Steel Guitar Concert.

Council Activities: Jack Harrison

1. Held monthly meetings
2. Held council socials
3. Our council has a certified 1st Degree Team
4. Held membership drives
5. Attended School of Columbianism and Mid-Winter Meeting
6. Conducted an installation of KC Officers and dinner for the event
7. New Members recognized at monthly meetings
8. Recognized Knight of the Year
9. Participated in Parish Ministry Fair
10. Held a Fraternal Benefits Night

Family Activities: Paul Leidig

1. Family of Month submitted monthly
2. Quarterly Corporate Communions
3. End of CCD Classes Family Fun Day
4. Submitted Family of the Year at State Convention
5. Flower for Mothers on Mothers Day.

Youth Activities: Darrell Diaz

1. Provided food after Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2. Helped with annual Easter Egg Hunt
3. Assisted as Core and Setup Members of our Life Team
4. Conducted a Free Throw Comperition
5. Brother Knights coach youth sporting activities
6. Conducted Altar Server Training

As Grand Knight, I would like to take this time to thank all my Brother Knights and the Ladies Aux. for all there hard work in making our council what it is today. Although this is my last year as Grand Knight, I am proud of all our accomplishments and pledge my support to our incoming Grand Knight and fellow Officers for out future at this council.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Cruso Jr.
Grand Knight Council 9673

Council 9958 Lizana

Council officers for this fraternal year are: Grand Knight – Ken Mayfield, Deputy Grand Knight – Floyd Bobbins, Jr., Chancellor – Garland Moran, Recorder – Hollis Moran, Treasurer – Gerald Barrilleaux, Advocate – Anthony Moran, Warden – Thomas Dale Johnson, Inside Guard –

Johnny Moran, Outside Guard – Ira McKay, Trustees – Mitch Holland (1st year), White Moran (2nd year), Jim Ladner (3rd year).

Have had meeting the 2nd Sunday of each month. We have had several Board meetings throughout. we have participated in the State Raffle in support of Priest Education Fund.

Working with donations for the handicapped, wheel chairs, walker, bath chairs, etc.

Attended School of Columbianism, attended annual state convention, also mid-winter meeting.

Helped church in annual bazaar at St. Ann’s Hwy 53. Have held fish fry on Friday nights during Lent. Trying to have a softball tournament to raise money for KC hall.

Donated use of our land to the church cor parking lot in order to help with their annual bazaar.

Fraternally,

Ken Mayfield
Grand Knight

Council 10216 Brandon

Officers

Chaplin,	Rev. Brian Carroll	Grand Knight	Kevin O’Donnell
Deputy GK	Dennis Antici	Financial Sec	Sam Lemonis
Treasurer	David Cannon	Advocate	John Bonelli
Chancellor	Michael Kimbrell	Warden	Chad StPe
Recorder	Chad LaFontaine	Inside Guard	Dale Harris
Outside Guard	Rusty Harris	1 st Yr Trustee	Mike Brechtel
2 nd Yr Trustee	Ted Gray	3 rd Yr Trustee	Philip Jabour DD.

As a first year Grand Knight, it has been my honor and pleasure to be representing these 184 Brother Knights that make up our council, 10216, Brandon MS. We are members of St. Paul Catholic Church and are extremely fortunate to have our true leader, Father Brian Carroll as our Chaplin. As a group, we have shown that we can do God’s work at the same time building a bond amongst ourselves and our families that will never be untied. At our founder’s day, our Bishops and pastor spoke of how pleased they were with us but the ultimate compliment came from our guest of a State Representative. He said that the love that exists between our council as brothers is so very evident to him in everything we do.

Through the grace of God and the dedication of so many brother knights, we accomplished quite a bit this year. I will try to put some of the highlights in bullet form, in no particular order.

- All meetings start with a Rosary, dedicated to a need in our parish, our families or community.
- We come together to share a meal before each monthly meeting.

- Pro Life Baby Item drive 2 to 3 times yearly.
- Blood Drive or two yearly. Over 190 units for the 2008 calendar year.
- Fish Fries every lent.
- Family Fun night.
- Grillin For life participant and served breakfast to all teams present.
- Seven Brother knights teach religious education to our youth.
- Four Brother knights teach and more sponsor in RCIA
- Cook for PRE events.
- Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Lectors Parish Council members, Building Committee members etc.
- Priest appreciation dinner with all priest and bishops invited yearly.
- Confirmation celebration dinner for Confirmation class and sponsors.
- PRE teachers appreciation dinner.
- Keep Christ in Christmas yearly.
- KOC Choir fills in when regular choir can't meet.
- Parish Breakfast monthly after Sunday Masses.
- Sponsored and attended a mission to Saltillo Mexico for our youth.
- Sponsor a village in Honduras with monthly donations.
- Sponsor our Brother Knight in the seminary with monthly donations (RSVP)
- Sponsor of Squat and Gobble, domestic violence fund raiser.
- Sponsor Matt's house, domestic violence shelter.
- Habitat for Humanity participant.
- Parish Draw Down raising over 22k.

This is a sampling of what we do for our Church, our community and to God's children in need. I hope that we can continue and expand on these programs for the good of all.

KOD

Council 10443 Grenada: No Report

Council 10499, Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Council, Ocean Springs

As we complete our Eighteenth 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, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

After concluding a very active Program Year in 2007 - 08, 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.

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. In June, 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.

In July, 2008, the officers were duly installed by District Deputy, George“ Flitter “ Roberts :

Chaplain -----	Deacon Martin Finnegin
Grand Knight -----	Michael A. Butler
Deputy Grand Knight -----	Martin Mardaris
Chancellor -----	John Meadows
Financial Secretary -----	Morris Sonnier
Warden -----	Frank Hilt
Recorder -----	Adam Meadows
Treasurer -----	Joe McCormick
Advocate -----	Joe Telarico
Inside Guard -----	Andrew Ribar
Outside Guard -----	Donald Catchot
Trustee 1yr -----	Joe Goellner
Trustee 2yr -----	Stephen Bordelon
Trustee 3yr -----	Robert Frey

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

Membership Director -----	Joe Goellner
Program Director -----	Martin Mardaris
Church Activities -----	Jerry Holtz
Community Activities -----	Joe McCormick
Council Activities -----	Martin Mardaris
Family Activities -----	Frank Hilt
Youth Activities -----	Kristopher Butler
Electronic Forms Coordinator -----	Morris Sonnier

A Summary of the Program Activities are 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. Promoted Family Rosary/Prayer Time at home
5. Sponsored Night In Bethlehem Christmas Program
6. Sponsored Rosary Service for Adults during May and October.
7. Coordinated Project to Fund, Purchase, and Install new Stations of the Cross in Church
8. Conduct a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and donated net funds to the Parish
9. 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. Sponsored Blood Drive in Parish
5. Encouraged members to visit the sick and elderly at home and the hospital
6. Participated in a food and clothing drive to assist the needy
7. Participated in food and clothing drive for the needy
8. Several members serve in leadership roles as officers of local Civic Organizations
9. 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 Communions
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. 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. Conducted Program to recognize Alter Servers
3. Encouraged members to serve on Community Youth Program Committees
4. Co-sponsored KC Free Throw Contest with council 5654
5. Sponsored Night At Bethlehem Parish Christmas Event
6. Sponsored Youth Activity Night
7. Provided support for local Catholic School
8. Sponsored Youth to Boys State and Girls State

A Summary of Membership Activities are 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 seven (7) New Members, ten (10) Transfers, five (5) Re-applications and three (3) Prospect Applications. We currently have four applications on file, who should receive their degrees during the next quarter.

Conclusion:

The success of the Council, during the 2008-09 State Program Year, has been very rewarding. 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.

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

Michael A. Butler
Grand Knight

Council 10901 Oxford

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. Theodore Klingen
Grand Knight	George Read
Deputy Grand Knight	Jacob Eftink, PGK
Financial Secretary	Bill Panlener
Chancellor	James Reid, PGK
Recorder	James Reid, PGK
Treasurer	Dennis Ott
Advocate	Ron Rychlak
Warden	Tom Stottman
Inside Guard	Brian Posey
Outside Guard	Ryan Kuklinski
Trustees	Jacob Eftink, PGK
	Rev. Theodore Klingen
	Larry Agostinelli

Program Activities

Church Activities: Brian Posey Chairman

- Held Lenten fish fries every Friday during Lent
- Organized, setup booths and worked the St. John's Parish fair
- Gave money and support to a seminarian
- Donated \$100 towards the purchase of a computer for a Seminarian
- Members of our council serve on Parish's finance council and liturgy committee
- Members of our council serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers during the Mass
- Organized and 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 and early Sunday morning Masses
- Served as team leaders and purchased promotional posters for Parish's *Why Catholic?* program
- Purchased first aid kits for Parish
- Participated in Parish's raffle

Community Activities: Ryan Kuklinski Chairman

- Participated in Scott Center (Tootsie Roll) drive
- Members of our council serve as leaders at the University of Mississippi
- Donated diners to participants in Parish's blood drive
- Spoke at local university's Catholic Student Association
- Members distributed the Eucharist to sick, shut-ins and elderly in the community
- Served Thanksgiving dinner for local college students
- Purchased tickets for pro-life dinner
- Participated in events during the week of one of the 2008 Presidential Debates
- Donated money to the Knights of Columbus "Culture of Life" program
- Cooked spaghetti for local college students
- Sponsored Marti Gras fundraiser for a local SaveALife organization
- Members served as liaisons for the Vatican in the United Nations

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 party
- Gave \$200 Wal Mart gift cards to needy families during Advent
- Sponsored Corporate Communion quarterly

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 monthly newsletter
- Held quarterly socials, including Christmas potluck and Awards Banquet
- Sponsored Masses for deceased Knights
- Held a Founder's Day lunch with another local council

Youth Activities: Basil Richmond Chairman

- Knights coached youth soccer, softball and basketball teams
- Member served as a leader in our Parish's Cub Scout troop
- Constructed new playground equipment for Parish
- Constructed new nursery equipment for Parish
- Council served funnel cakes at a local soccer tournament

Respectfully Submitted,
George Read, Grand Knight

St. James Council 11541, Gulfport

Following are some of the things we have done during the past year:

1. Provided coffee, milk, orange juice and donuts (10 dozen) every Sunday after 9:00 Mass. We set up tables and chairs in one end of the gym for adults and the children play basketball, etc., at the other end. Any leftover donuts (usually about 2 dozen) were donated to the Gulf Coast Rescue Mission.
2. Conducted a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser for The de Lepee Deaf Center. They were short of funds for a planned pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 10 of their members. It was successful and enough money was raised to meet their needs.
3. KC work parties repaired several broken, cracked, and split pews and kneelers in our Church.
4. Weeded, trimmed, pruned, etc., church flower beds and planted Mums during lent, about two weeks before Easter Sunday.
5. Assisted the Ladies Altar Society in decorating the Church for Christmas, and in taking it all down and storing it until next year
6. Participating in the Seminarian Care Package Program. As well as checks, gift cards, toiletries, etc., we sent several hand-made cards from students at St. James Elementary School. The cards contained messages of encouragement, thanks, etc., in the students own words that were very touching.
7. Held a fundraiser through Lookout 49 and Salute (restaurants) to raise money for the Bishop Gerow Fund.

B J Lewis
Grand Knight

Council 11654 Wiggins: No Report

Council 11904 Gluckstadt

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Kevin Slattery
Grand Knight	Joe Best
Deputy Grand Knight	Pete Weisenberger
Chancellor	Duane Stevens
Recorder	Craig West
Financial Secretary	John C. Minninger
Treasurer	Charles Strong
Advocate	Dennis Strong
Warden	Eddie Adkins
Inside Guard	Billy Endris
Outside Guard	Jason Crocker
1 st Year Trustee	Dalton Crotwell
2 nd Year Trustee	Joe Jones
3 rd Year Trustee	James Buzz Howard

The council enjoyed another outstanding year. We are maintaining all of our activities and serve projects, including four new projects that were added last year. We began this spring sponsoring a youth softball team in the local church leagues and also extended our outreach into the Hispanic community thru food and clothing drive. While we have not accepted as many new members as last year, the Council is still growing and we have a nice increase in membership through new members and transfers.

A summary of our programs follows:

Church Activities - David Flood, Director

Members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Greeters and Ushers
Participate in Supremes' RSVP Program
Contributed to Christopher Fund
Hosted Supremes' Marion Hour of Prayer
Assisted in outreach to Hispanic Community
Sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas program
Sponsored Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration
Led Rosary before Mass in October and during Lent
Quarterly Corporate Masses

Community Activities - Anthony Fertitta, Director

Sponsored a Pro-Life Project (Birthright of Jackson)
Donated \$100 to the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund
Participated in Annual Tootsie Roll Drive
Sponsored a Blood Drive
Provided volunteers for local soup kitchen
Participated in community leadership rolls
Honored and recognized Fire and Law Enforcement Personnel

Fish Fry for Priest Education Fund
Promote a Pro-Life Memorial Service twice a year (Cemetery)

Council Activities - Lee Malkowski, Director

Conducted Membership Drive (October and March)
Council has at least one member on Degree Team
Sponsored a team in local church league (softball)
Held ongoing socials
Sponsored a Founders Day Celebration
Hosted a 1st Degree Exemplification
Attended Mid-Winter Meeting
Attended School of Columbianism

Family Activities - Charles Campbell, Director

Participated in Supreme Family of the Month program
Sponsored a Family Social
Held a Memorial Mass for deceased members
Hosted Mothers Day Breakfast
Hold Pancake Breakfast (suspend in Summer)
Spaghetti Dinner - Holy Child School
Sponsored a family Rosary for the unborn (KC-led)
Family Night out at the Ballpark
One member conducts Religious Education for Senior Youth
Knights and families participate in Parish German Fest

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

It was a busy year for our small Council. We added 4 new members and had two Knights transfer into the Council. We are presently at 40 members. Unfortunately, we lost two Knights, but we know they are enjoying eternal happiness with the Lord.

We spent time with our favorite charity, 'Camp Sunshine' in McComb, MS. This is a camp put on by the Junior League of McComb and takes place the 1st week after the 4th of July. It is a one week event that serves handicapped children and adults, with no funding other than donations. We have a fundraiser planned, and will cook chicken dinners to help defray some of the camp's expenses. Our Knights helped with their special Olympics and with their fishing rodeo. We had such a good time, that we actually gained two new Knights from the volunteers from our Parish.

We continue to cook and serve fresh beignets every second Sunday, for the Priests Education Fund. We also try to serve a breakfast for the Parish family quarterly. We do fish fry's for Ash Wednesday and the first five Fridays during Lent, in conjunction with Stations of the Cross. Every December, we host a county wide 'Beignets with Santa.'

For the 4th year, eight Knights and one town supervisor/ electrician install a one mile, drive through Christmas display with, I would estimate, at least a half million lights or more. 'Christmas in the Park' in Tylertown is not as large as the New Orleans 'Celebration in the Oaks', but upwards of 800 cars have been known to drive through in a single night. We also participate in the town's annual Christmas parade and 4th of July parade. One member of our Council serves as Santa for the town's Christmas Parade and we do traffic control for both parades. Four members of our Council are members of the local American Legion Post, and our Grand Knight is currently serving as 2nd Vice Commander. Because of this involvement, for the third year, we are cooking for the Post's only fundraiser. We also maintain a food booth at the towns annual 'Dairy Festival.'

Besides working around the Church, installing lights and doing electrical and carpentry work, we also purchased a statue of St. Joseph for our Church. We have our core group of 12 to 15 Knights that show up for almost all of the work details and functions. Since most of us enjoy cooking, we always have plenty of help for our cooking projects. We have a Knight in charge of 'work days', both for the Council and for the Parish. We also have a group of Knights dedicated to assisting our widows. We hope to continue in the coming year, with our new Grand Knight and Financial Secretary in place.

A. P. 'Pat' Altentaler
Grand Knight - Council #11956
St. Paul's Parish - Tylertown, MS

Council 11995 Father R.J. Sorin Council, West Harrison

In July, 2008 the officers of our council were installed at St. Stephen's church, by our worthy

District Deputy Michael Spencer. These officer were:

Chaplain	Fr. David hamm
Grand Knight	George Holetz
Financial Secretary	Clark Lizana
Deputy Grand Knight	Rhett Maynard
Chancelor	Cecil Lizana
Recorder	James Dubuisson
Treasurer	Luke Dubuisson
Advocate	Charles Currie
Warden	Brock Brown
Inside guard	Timothy Anderson
Outside Guard	Robert Sanders
One Year Trustee	Mark Dubuisson
Two Year Trustee	Timothy Anderson II
Three Year Trustee	John Leonhard

Some of our accomplishments are as follows:

- blood drive 45 pints
- maintaining the grounds of three churches
- supplying some Eucharistic ministers and ushers for three churches
- purchased and distributed Christmas presents to needy family
- visited the sick
- cleared land for new church
- conducted three membership drives and netted seven members
- members teaching RCIA and CCD classes
- members involved in choir work and helping with socials after mass

I thank all our members who helped in our accomplishments, and a special thanks to the ladies auxiliary. With God's help we will continue to help our parish and community.

The ladies auxiliary:

President	Elaine Leonhard
Vice President	Sherri Dubuisson
Secretary	Judy Dubuisson
Treasurer	Karen Dubuisson
Parliamentarian	Laura Anderson

George Holetz , G.K..

Council 12166 Pascagoula: No Report

Council 12271, St. Joseph The Worker Council, 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 August 2008, 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	N/A
Grand Knight	Roger L. Hudson Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Roger L. Hudson Sr.
Chancellor	Jamie Rodgers
Financial Secretary	Roy Nadeau
Treasurer	Gerald "Jerry" Schmuck
Advocate	Manual "Johnny" Mabanta
Warden	Robert Zeller
Recorder	Julio Galang
Inside Guard	Alvin Cancino
Outside Guard	Sherrill Smith
Trustee (Third Year)	William McClellan
Trustee (Second Year)	John Maynard
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	William McClellan
Community Committee Chairman	Robert Zeller
Council Committee Chairman	Leonard Nahlen
Family Committee Chairman	Roger L. Hudson Sr.
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: William McClellan

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 KABOOM Project at Pass Christian

Council Activities: Leonard Nahlen

1. Membership Drives
2. District Meetings
3. Social Events (4)
4. Fraternal Benefits Information Knight
5. Conducted a memorial service for one of our deceased members (Pete Guidry)

Family Activities: Roger L. Hudson Sr.

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
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.

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Council 12331 Dedeaux

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Elected for this year's term were:

Grand Knight: Larry Necaise
Deputy Grand Knight: Charlie Faye
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Recorder: Jerry Leake
Advocate: C.J. Malley
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Chaplain: Deacon Roberto Jimenez

Projects Performed:

Church Activities

Members participated in the life of the Parish by serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Council, and CCD teachers.

Sponsored "Christmas in the Oaks" program for the youth and the church as a whole.

Sponsored a parish prayer service.

Organized and prepared food on Fridays "Lenten Fish Fry"

Organized and prepared special "fundraising dinners" to benefit the Priest Education Fund

Members provided workforce in repairs to Biloxi Retreat Center (Dedeaux Hilton)

Members build handicap accessible ramp and hand railing at church office

Community Activities

Sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive for a Brother Knight

Gave out Christmas food baskets for members of our parish as well as those in need in surrounding communities.

Conducted membership drive that netted five new members.

Held pot luck socials at least twice yearly.

Family Activities

Sponsored a family fun event like the Fall Festival

Sponsored Priest's slide show presentation of trip to the "Holy Land" for parishioners.

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Support the parish CYO

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Council

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Larry Necaise

Grand Knight

Council 13471 Philadelphia

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Treasurer, Ron Dipalma ~ Recorder, Billy Hallford ~ Warden, Co-Chaplin's are

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and Pro-Life magnets, with some of the proceeds going to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Philadelphia and to the Church building fund. We also donated \$100.00 for Priest Education to help purchase a computer. The Council sponsored a Marian Hour of Prayer Program at Holy Rosary Indian Mission. Six Knights were present, and a total of 36 participated in the service. We have had one deceased Brother, Ardell Farmer. We have added two new Brother Knights to our Council, Brock Phillips and John Holland. The Council is currently holding quarterly socials. I and Recorder Ron DiPalma attended the 2009 Convention and received many ideas of how we may strengthen our Council. We have had great support from Knights of Columbu8 at the state level with personal visits from State Deputy Danny Lechner, Past State Deputy Larry Tabor, Former District Deputy Bob Leo, State Membership Bill Waggoner, and State Warden Jim McCraw who has also attended several of our meetings. Our very existence would not be possible if not for District Deputy 4, Michael Kassouf, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. I am Optimistic that Council 13471 will continue to grow in strength, Spirit and numbers.

Grand Knight 13471
Joseph Tullos

Council 13502 Father Thomas Boyce Council, 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	Jerry Troxler
Trustee for one year	Walter Bray
Trustee for two years	Pascual Cruz
Trustee for three years	Darrell Cook
Financial Secretary	Patrick Harkin

This year we have adopted a single Mother in our parish who has cancer and is undergoing treatment. We have repaired her roof that was leaking and have schedule a cleanup day for the outside of the house. There is extensive repair needed on the interior and exterior of the house. We were able to get a local lumber company to donate about \$1500.00 in materials for us to be able to complete all the repairs needed.

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
- 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 \$480 to Quail Run, home for Intellectually challenged people.
- Members visited the sick and elderly shut ins.
- 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.
- Celebrated a Memorial Mass for our deceased Brother Knights.
- Participated in Grillin' for Life Cook off, won Second Place.
- Our annual Rummage sale is scheduled for June 6th, 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 28th

Youth:

- Sponsor Parish Easter Egg Hunt.
- Provided food for youth at Vacation Bible School.

Jimmy Griffin
Grand Knight

Council 13936 St. Jude Council, Columbia

This year has been a very trying year for the council, through much adversity the council has regrouped and still came up with some wonderful projects.

The council decided to move the Lenten fish fry to Walmart which turned out to be a wonderful decision, the people at Walmart was very helpful and the council had a great time selling plates lunches. With out the ladies Auxiliary it would have been almost impossible. For such a small council we have accomplished a lot. The Brothers and the ladies auxiliary are a special group of individuals that despite of many problems they perform gratefully. It has been a great privilege to be the grand knight with such hard workers. This year the council has lost two of our Brother Knights Ed Kilian and Stanley S. McCarty these two brothers will be missed.

Lynwood Ridge
Grand Knight

Council 14051 Olive Branch

This is our third year as a council. We have made great progress over the past year. Our officers were installed on July 20, 2008 after our quarterly Corp. Communion service. My goal as G.K. is to make our council just a little bit better, and I believe we are on our way. All program chairmen positions have been filled. Our Chaplin is Fr. Terry Langley S.C.J. Assembly 3081 provides an Honor Guard on a quarterly basis at Mass

We have members who are Deacons, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Choir members. We have sponsored Lenten fish-frys, soup suppers and cooked for the Parish pic-nic.

We went to Grillin for Life and brought home three medals. Our members participated in a pro life program called Life Chain in Oct. We sponsored a Soccer Challenge at the Parish Fun Fest. A memorial Mass was said for our fallen Knights and we treated the widows to lunch, they were as all lady Knights presented with flowers.

We have made all regional and state meetings. Our council has held several recruitments and are in the process of our BLITZ. Our Light up for Christ program is very popular and is well attended. Members helped with the Christmas tree lot and sold Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets as a fundraiser. Our men have provided an honor guard for the May Crowning and sponsor the Marian Hour of Prayer. We also process at our Corpus Christi service

Our youth chaimen accompanies the youth group on thier annual canoe trip, we support them with a cash donation.

.Members have also performed repair/clean-up of one member widows home. We have in place a First Degree Team and held our first Exemplification On March 23rd. A big thank-you to Bro. Ron Kopacz, team leader, and to our Worthy D.D. Bill Sonnemann. We as a council now have a great tool for recruitment.

The Council participates in Knight of the Month. We sold Tootsie Rolls in support of the P.I.D. program. We donate to the Priest education fund and supplied gift cards to the needy at Christmas time

I am thankful for all the hard work our members, officers, and program leaders put into this council, it is they who truly make council #14051 just a little bit better.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joseph J. Suhanin
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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

District Deputy #1, Ray Ball:

My first year as District Deputy has been an exciting and rewarding year for me. District #1 has four Councils: 8760 Holly Springs with Claude Vinson G.K., Council 8848 Tupelo with Mark Dye G.K., 8912 Corinth with Steve Clapp G.K. And 10901 Oxford with George Read G.K. I have visited all of my Councils at least twice this year, Presenting two awards to Oxford, The Civic Award and The Vocation Award. Keep up the good work Oxford.

My District held Three 1st Degree Exemplifications this year. Two in Oxford and One in Tupelo with Tupelo and Corinth combining their First Degree Teams. They inducted Fourteen new Knights at this Exemplification.

My District held the Knights of Columbus District and Regional Free Through Championship in March. I presented Trophies and Medallions to the winners.

I attended the School of Columbianism and the State Meeting for the northern district which was hosted by Council 8848 in Tupelo.

Yes it has truly been an exciting and rewarding year for me. I am looking forward to serving the Knights of Columbus and the first District next year.

Respectfully Submitted


Raymond G. Ball
District Deputy #1

District Deputy #2, Bill Sonneman: No Report

District Deputy #3, Dr. M. Wayne Ebelhar

As I complete a fourth and final 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 2% Catholics. I have work with Councils within my district over the year and hope I have made some progress. I have continued to learn about the Knights and the workings of other councils within the district and across the state. I have learned more each year with respect to the duties of the 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	Bernie Brown, GK
C. G. Shapley	Council 2945	Leland	Jimmy Sherman, GK
Msgr. John F. Cleric	Council 5267	Greenwood	Barry Acy, 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 continuing the relationships that I have developed during the last four years. It has been worth while visiting councils and seeing them prosper. All councils face similar problems whether they are large or small. Membership gains continue to be a problem in the

Delta for many councils and that message is difficult to get across to those from more prosperous areas. Retention is the key to success and often the means for progress.

Serving as District Deputy has afforded me the opportunity to see how different councils 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 commend the leadership of the Knights of Columbus for their efforts in the state of Mississippi. It takes a special individual to dedicate the time necessary for success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank State Deputy Danny Lechner and the other members of the State Family for their support and confidence and for their leadership throughout the two dioceses. The past year has been good for Mississippi as we continue to make a comeback 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 #4, Mike Kassouf

District 4 consists of four Councils, 802-Meridian, 6765-Starkville, 7974-Columbus, and 13471-Philadelphia

- District 4 was able to exceed its membership goal as well as its insurance goal in this Fraternal Year of 2008-2009.
- Each Council was visited at least twice.
- There were 8 First Degrees in the District.
- Major Degree was held in Starkville on February 28th 2009 with 29 advancing to the 3rd Degree.
- The District has two Degree Teams – Meridian and Starkville
- Council Officers were installed in Columbus, Meridian and Starkville.
- There are two Round tables in District – 802 at St Josephs and 6765 at Corpus Christi Mission.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kassouf
District Deputy 4

District Deputy #5, Bill O'Connor

I wish to express my appreciation for being allowed to serve as DD in district 5 for the past year.

The Councils are: 848 Jackson
898 Vicksburg
8285 Jackson
7854 Clinton

All of the Councils in this district are great and very active. Three of the four increased the size of the Council and worked very hard all many and very good projects that advanced to cause of Knighthood in all of the five areas of activity. Two of the four were Gun and gained Star Council status.

I wish to thank the Grand Knights and their officers for a job well done and Danny Lechner, State Deputy for the opportunity to serve. It is an important and challenging job. I will always remember the experience with gratitude and humility.

Bill O'Connor

District Deputy #6, Philip Jabour

My District consists of:

8038 Pearl/ 9543 Madison/ 10216 Brandon/ 11934 Gluckstadt

Worthy State Deputy Danny Lechner asked me to serve a third year as DD #6 and I accepted. I enjoy working with the Councils in District 6.

The District had an exceptional year for membership growth. We are showing over 200% growth on the Supreme report and three councils should achieve Top Gun. This is the eleventh 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 two could make Double Star. We should have three Councils earn Stellar and one Council of Excellence. My brother Knights in District 6 have worked hard and have done an outstanding job this year. We were honored to be named an "All Star District" in 2008 by Supreme. I believe only 8 Districts order wide earned that honor. The award is given to a District where all Councils earn Star or Double Star Council.

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 GK Frank Tinney serve a second year. Frank helped them earn Star Council last year and was instrumental 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

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night during lent. They lost their Council trailer to a fire in 2008, but Father Hurley is working with them to get a permanent meeting place.

Madison GK Charles Wilkerson served for his first year. As DGK Charles had spearheaded the recruitment and they had another banner year under his leadership as GK. They worked with the Parish to serve meals on Fridays during Lent. They did their golf tournament for Priest Education again this year. 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 they cook for many events in the area. They did an appreciation dinner for the Priests this year. Charles plans for them to earn Double Star again this year.

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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 again this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Jabour
District Deputy #6

District Deputy #7, Dr. Wade Ditcharo

District #7 consists of four councils; Bassfield Council 6592, Grand Knight Keith Applewhite; Brookhaven Council 7915, Grand Knight Earl Westfall; McComb Council 8054, Grand Knight O'Neal Amedee and Natchez Council 1034, Grand Knight Fred Voss.

During the past year, I have had the pleasure to visit each council on numerous occasions. The fraternal spirit was always there and visits were constructive and enjoyable.

Each Grand Knight has his council welfare a priority. Working with the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knights assure that their councils promote the ideals and values very dear to our heritage. All councils work closely with their parishes and all engage in community activities.

The district still has only one certified first degree team, located at the Brookhaven Council. Membership was active in District #7, however, suspensions always negate the hard work of recruitment.

The pride of District #7 was the enthusiasm and momentum of the Bassfield Council which for many years has been membership inactive. With their new leadership they have experienced membership growth and are definitely on the correct track.

I wish to thank all councils for working together with me during my term as their District Deputy. I thank the past State Deputy, Larry Tubor for asking me to serve as one of his District Deputies and current State Deputy, Danny Lechner for continuing me in this position.

Vivat Jesus,



Wade Ditcharo
District Deputy #7

District Deputy #8, Dr. Benito Velasquez

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy of District #8 for the past year. My district consists of:

Council	Parish	City	Grand Knight
1908	Sacred Heart	Hattiesburg	GK, Lynn Landrum
2180	Immaculate Conception	Laurel	GK, Dan Nelson
7211	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Lumberton	GK, Alberto Esquivel

11654	St. Francis	Perkinston/Wiggins	GK, Donald Booth
11956	St. Paul	Tylertown	GK, Pat Altentaler
13936	Holy Trinity	Columbia	GK, Lynwood Ridge

After my installation in June, I conducted three Council officers' installations. During the past year, I have had the opportunity to visit all councils in my district as well as had several phone conversations with the Grand Knights. I want to thank the Grand Knights, officers and members for welcoming me to their meetings, functions and events.

This past year we had four new Grand Knights in our District. All Councils in my District are in good standing with Supreme. From the reports I've received and visits, our District has been very active in Church, Community, Youth, Council and Family service activities. Each Council in my District continues to demonstrate the principals of the Third Degree (Charity, Unity and Fraternity).

Although I am convinced every Council did a good job this last year, I feel every Council can strive for improvement in the upcoming fraternal year. I look forward to working with the Grand Knights and Councils this next year.

Thank you to our Grand Knights and the members of their Councils for their continuing work for the good of the order.

Faithfully submitted,

Benito (Ben) Velasquez
District Deputy #8

District Deputy #9, Michael G. Spencer

My district consists of six Councils:

Council	Location	Name	Grand Knight
1522	Bay St Louis, MS	Pere Le Duc	Tony Dixon
6872	Picayune, MS	Oscar J. Gelpi	Al Chrisman
7087	Kiln, MS	Fr. A.C. Dennis	Jimmie Hoda
9958	Lizana, MS	St. Ann	Kenneth Mayfield
11995	Pass Christian, MS	Fr. R.J. Sorin	George Holtz
12331	Pass Christian, MS	Sacred Heart Dedeaux	Larry Neicase

The year has been a very trying one. I had traded out one council and took on new one. I have one council whom has failed to file any paperwork as of this writing and has been in jeopardy of being suspended by Supreme for failure to pay per capita dues. Paperwork seems to be the ongoing problem within this district.

I made membership recruitment and the insurance program a top priority within my district this year, and getting insurance members has not been a big problem. Each council except one has

brought in at least one new member. Membership is still a big priority, which I think is linked to paperwork. Some council's still have not received credit for new members.

Two council's within my District I believe are headed down the road to having their charters pulled. This is a drastic measure but I think it is the only way to get the problems resolved.

In summary, this has been a very difficult year but we will grow as a district. What doesn't kill us will only make us stronger.

Fraternally,
Michael G. Spencer
District Deputy #9

District Deputy #10, James Everett

The 2008-2009 fraternal year has been bittersweet. We brought in a lot of new members this year but disappointingly, we allowed too many Brother Knights drop out of our brotherhood. We must ask ourselves, did we do enough to encourage them to stay.

Our councils #4898 and #4472 experienced good success in recruiting new members. Council #7910 had growth but was hurt with a large number of suspensions. Council #112271 remains strong but small. Councils #11541 and #1583 are functioning. An infusion of young new members would do wonders for both councils. Council #1583 is in their building but does not have it totally operational. They hope to have things completed in the next several months.

As we approach the new fraternal year, my emphasis will be directed toward retention and doing a better job of working with our filed agents. We were extremely weak in signing new members with our insurance offerings.

I enjoyed working with all the Grand Knights and their officers and look forward to working with them again.

I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Brother Elvis Gates. He will be taking the position of State Program Director. He has been an outstanding Grand Knight for Council 4898 and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity.

Fraternally
James Everett
District Deputy #10

District Deputy #11, Arthur Dunn

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the last four years as District Deputy # 11 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. The councils in District# 11 include Council 1244, Biloxi, GK Michael Arguelles. 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 their goals. Under the guidance of each council's 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 consists 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 2008-2009, 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, George Roberts

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, My Brother Knights:

I am very grateful and honored to have been given the privilege of serving as District Deputy under two outstanding State Deputies, Larry Tabor and Danny Lechner.

These past four years have been very challenging, inspirational, and gratifying all at the same time. At times a bit controversial, at times laced with sadness at the loss of a brother or his wife, an occasional disappointment, but always, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity "won the day." In all I could not have asked for a more gratifying four years experience!

My Councils: 1605, 5654, 9124, 10499, 11904, 12166, and St. Ann's Roundtable/Hurley, have shown that they have what it takes to overcome disastrous circumstances and to re-build not only their own lives, but their Councils and Parishes as well.

Our Grand Knights and their staffs with the help and co-operation of their Ladies' auxiliaries and Pastors have done wonders. This is reflected not only in "membership-growth", but also in the success of the many programs and projects that they have been involved in. HATS OFF TO ALL!!

I pray my successor will receive the respect and co-operation and support that I've enjoyed during my four terms, and I stand ready to help him in any way I can if he needs it.

Again my thanks to P.S.D. Tabor and State Deputy Lechner for trusting me with the job and my profound gratitude to the Grand Knights, Officers and members of District #12 whose combined efforts made us so successful. VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully submitted
George "Flitter" Roberts
District Deputy #12



STATE OFFICER REPORTS

State Deputy Report

Your Excellencies, 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 2 years. My duties as State Deputy, this year, 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 once again 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 learning more about our beloved order.

On July 12th, 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 Archbishop Thomas Rodi. The Southern Regional meeting was held on July 13, the Northern Regional, July 19, and the Central Regional, July 20.

In November, I attended the Supreme Mid-Winter meeting in Dallas-Fort worth, Texas. The meeting was dedicated to helping State Deputies attain their goals. In December we held our State Mid-Winter meeting, followed by the Southern, Northern and Central Regional meetings in January.

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. Sadly, we have lost many dedicated brother Knights this year through death. It is our responsibility to recruit new members to carry on the great works that they started.

We have traveled a long way together, but the journey has just started. There are two areas that we have the opportunity to improve on. One area is submittal of reports in a timely manner. We can and will do this through training and communication. The other is membership retention. We can retain most of our members by establishing good programs and keeping our members active. Brothers, this being my last year as your State Deputy, I would like to thank the following:

Archbishop Rodi and Bishop Latino for their support, guidance, and friendship.

The best State officers, District Deputies, and Committee chairmen, a State Deputy could ask for.

The wives and loved ones who support us.

And most of all, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for giving his life for all of us.

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

Vivat Jesus,
Danny Lechner

State Secretary's Report

Worthy Bishops, Worthy Supreme Representative Patrick S. Korten, 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.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "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.

One of my additional duties is to organize each year the Order of the Engineer ceremony preceding Commencement. It is a short ceremony reminding engineering graduates of their ethical duties, and to act with integrity, tolerance and respect. Part of the obligation they take states "Were it not for this heritage of accumulated experience, my efforts would be feeble." Such is true not just for the profession of engineering, but for any successful organization. It is certainly true for the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. We acknowledge the accomplishments of our present State Deputy, Grand Knights and their predecessors. Were it not for them, our efforts would indeed be feeble.

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. You did it last year; I am confident you can do it again.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Sukanek
State Secretary

State Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

Beginning Balance (April 1, 2008) \$67,633.30

Income

Per Capita	\$43,504.60
Car Tag Receipts	\$5,424.00
Christopher Fund	\$1,573.50 ¹
Bishop R.O. Gerow Fund	\$23,622.36
Pro-Life Fund	\$1,020.00
Exemplification Fees	\$3,192.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$714.50
2008 Priest Education Fund Raffle	<u>\$45,927.30</u>

Total Income \$124,978.26

Expenses

2008 State Convention	\$28,623.05
Ads	\$100.00
Bank Charge	\$94.01
Christopher Fund	\$1,765.50
Degree Expense	\$4,341.26
Disaster Relief Payments	\$1,100.00
Licenses and Permits	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Business Expense	\$596.61
Postage & Shipping	\$39.67
2008 Priest Education Fund Raffle	\$58,247.78
Printing & Publications	\$2,280.73
State Officer/Committee Expense	\$8,639.50
Subscriptions	\$110.00
Supplies	\$1,528.25
Supreme Convention	<u>\$1,502.28</u>

Total Expenses \$109,018.64

Gain (Loss) \$15,959.62

Ending Balance (March 31, 2009) \$83,592.92

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald E. Schmuck
State Treasurer

¹ Includes \$415.50 from Christmas Card proceeds.

State Advocate's Report

My worthy brother knights;

My duties and responsibilities as your State Advocate for past year have consisted of interpreting the laws and rules of our Order and applying them to certain situations, mainly consisting of whether certain individuals are eligible to join the order or if certain actions taken by members merit disciplinary action from a council, or whether a grand knight has the authority to spend council funds in certain situations. I have been happy to apply my skills and render my opinion or obtain an explanation from Supreme for certain inquiries.

On a personal note, I want to encourage each delegate to reflect upon the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism and to see how they can further these principles in their lives. Look for ways to adopt these principles in your everyday life. Promote your council and the Order through prayer and action. May Jesus Christ continue to bless you, your families, your parishes and your councils. Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

David Scott
State Advocate

State Warden's Report

In 2008, you hired me for a second year as your State Warden. I hope my work is still to your satisfaction.

As State Warden, I've maintained a current record of all state assets, conducted regular physical audits, insured the State Council Chamber was set up properly for State and regional meetings, and insured none but qualified members were present. Just as a Council Warden should do.

I've traveled a little over 9,400 miles this year.

It's been my pleasure to have spent time with many of you, met your families, attended your council events, visited Council widows with Al Chrisman in Picayune, and attended the funerals of Ely Shapley in Greenville and George Fero in Ocean Springs. Each was an honor for me.

I want to thank my brother District Deputies for their support and assistance at state meetings and within their districts. The goals you have reached helped your Councils, the goals you didn't will also challenge your successor.

Some of you will become senior DDs in July. Guiding the new men falls on your shoulders. You have an obligation to carry on the tradition of being their mentors and conscience, just as the outgoing DDs did for you. For some of you, this will be your last convention as a District Deputy. You will miss the

job. You will miss the people. But you are part of a brotherhood, an elite group that understands what it means to make a difference. Don't stop.

I want to thank my fellows state officers for their support and confidence; and my boss, Danny Lechner for his personal attention to help me be a better officer and a better listener.

Finally, I thank each of you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. It is a duty I find agreeable.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCraw
State Warden

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, honorable delegates to the 105th Annual Mississippi Knights of Columbus, my brothers all:

It is indeed an honor to join you in this weekend's activities; a time in which we come together as a State organization to acknowledge our accomplishments of the past year and to chart out an effective plan for the upcoming fraternal year.

I would like to sincerely thank the convention host councils for their extraordinary efforts in planning for and carrying out this year's convention. I am particularly thankful for them recognizing the Past State Deputies of the Mississippi Jurisdiction as the honorees of this convention.

After a long weekend road trip attending the Northern and Central Region mid-year meeting held in January, I had an epiphany that evening while trying to get to sleep. Still feeling the effects of the day's activities and the long drive back home, I may have been too tired to sleep. Then the thought struck me—this convention would honor the Past State Deputies of the Mississippi Jurisdiction – how appropriate; not because I am now part of that honored group, but for what unselfish contributions those who have served before me have made to promote Columbianism in our State.

My mind was racing as I tried to get to sleep, but the visions were as bright as though they happened yesterday. I could see back to my days as a member and then as Grand Knight of Council 9094 as I received my first introduction to our state-level organization. PSD Guy Todaro was our District Deputy and the State Deputy at the time was Robert Fratesi. In a flash, I remembered my first convention in Tupelo, April 1989. At that time I was still a little reserved and skeptical of goings-on of the state, add that to the fact I was still on active duty with the Air Force and knew better than to volunteer for anything that I was not absolutely sure would involve manual labor, I arrived at then State Secretary Marvin Lott's registration table to present my credentials as I was duly instructed. Surrounded by many boxes and yellow manila envelopes, it appeared to my untrained eye that this man was somewhat disorganized and was undoubtedly in

need of help. As the State Secretary read my name from the delegate slip, he said "Brother Larry, I need your help at this year's convention". Whoa, I thought; I haven't been here 15 minutes and they are already trying to suck me in to work and I haven't even had time to visit a hospitality room yet! However, later I discovered that Marvin was up for election as our State Deputy—the light came on and I began to understand our organization a bit better.

In what looked like a news reel running in my head, I could see myself in the time I served as District Deputy. It was an amazing Technicolor visualization. I could see snap shots of Past State Deputies at various state-level meetings. Sometimes their interjections were humorous while others were more formal in order to keep us on track. In my mind's eye I could clearly see how each the Past State Deputies made an impression upon me. I then thought of the State Deputies I had known who are no longer with us—such as Wiley Price, Fred Westbrook, and Norman Kichm. These men were from the old school in my book, they formulated the cornerstones and building blocks of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus which have made this great organization what it is today.

As the picture in my head was fading, I understood what this all this stuff spinning in my head meant and concluded: In their own special and unique way, each and every State Deputy contributed some significant part that which ensured the success of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus that we share today. This is our Order's culture. We are a brotherhood, a Catholic men's fraternal benefit organization.

My two years as State Deputy is just a small snap shot in time as compared to the number of years the Knights have been establish in this State. I can only predict my tenure will be remembered by the catastrophic event that affected the entire State in August 2005, just 2 short months into my term. Although that was a very stressful time for us all, you had to experience from my perspective. I can honestly say Katrina made this organization stronger than ever. Everyone pulled together—knights and their families from within and outside of this Jurisdiction—the entire Order came to our aid.

In a very short time, our current State Deputy will take on a new role and once again oust me from a rewarding position. I wish Danny the best of luck and the other State Officers as well as they continue in their journey leading the Mississippi Knights of Columbus.

Words alone cannot adequately convey my sincerest appreciation for your friendship, your guidance and wisdom, your support and concern, and most of all, your love through the years. I pledge my continued support as best I can and in any capacity that I can. May God Bless and Keep you all!

Say, you Worthy Past State Deputies sitting back there in the cheap seats—save me a chair for next year!
VIVAT JESUS!

LARRY J. TABOR
Immediate Past State Deputy

Forth Degree Master's Report

Your Excellencies, Reverend Father, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worth Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Honorable Delegates to the 105th Annual meeting of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, my brothers all:

It is indeed an honor to serve as the District Master of the Mississippi Fourth Degree.

The purpose of this report is to provide you with current information on the condition and progress of the Assemblies of this Jurisdiction. As of 1 April 2009, the Mississippi District has 32 Assemblies and 1583 Sir Knights. The District has gained 124 new members thus far this fraternal year beginning 1 July 2008. Ten (10) Assemblies have met or exceeded their membership quota. Congratulations to Assembly 3007 of D'Iberville and Assembly 2269 of Madison for surpassing their membership quota above 300 per cent.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, we have at least 5 Assemblies that have shown little or no activity. It has been difficult to even identify a responsible Assembly officer to obtain Assembly information.

As part of the Bienville Province, which is comprised of Districts in Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi, our District leads in the highest percent gained this fraternal year. Since 1 July 2008, the Mississippi District has held 4 Exemplifications thanks to the host Assemblies from Madison, D'Iberville, Starkville, and Biloxi. As of today I have no other Fourth Degree Exemplifications scheduled. However, the Corinth Assembly has expressed an interest in hosting a degree.

As with the Third Degree, membership growth in the Fourth Degree is paramount to our Order's continuance and success. Membership recruitment for the Fourth Degree begins with each Assembly. However, it is equally important that each Third Degree council, especially the Grand Knight, to actively promote interest in their members to become members of the Fourth Degree.

In the last six months I have noticed a great deal of publicity for the Mississippi Fourth Degree Assemblies within the State. Congratulations to those Assemblies for their public relations efforts.

Next month, May 15-16, at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, the Mississippi Special Olympics will hold their summer games. As in years past, I invite members of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard to dress out and be a part of the opening ceremonies to welcome over 1000 athletes accompanied by two Airmen each. It is a spectacular sight and what better way to showcase our patriotism than a honor guard performing on a military installation.

Earlier this afternoon we held our annual Fourth Degree meeting. There were 17 Assemblies represented and 43 Sir Knights in attendance.

In closing, I want to thank State Deputy Danny Lechner for affording me the opportunity to serve as District Master. Thanks also to the State Officers for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Tabor, IPSD
District Master

NECROLOGY

Following are the names of deceased remembered at the Convention's Memorial Mass on Saturday, April 25, 2009:

Council 802

Richard Berryhill, Sr.
Frankie Busby
James B. Holland
Rámon L. Jones

Council 898

Robert J. Alvarado
John E. Horton
Paul F. Franco
John A. Derivaux

Council 1034

Jean Bourdin
John C. Maier
Patrick P. Maier

Council 1244

Lloyd M. Landry
Guy B. Roberts, Sr.
Lawrence Semski

Council 2134

David Cobianchi
Jerry A. Inmon
Elias P. Shapley, Past State Deputy
Joe P. Sherman

Council 5267

John A. Lusco
Sister Christiana Hofmann

Council 5654

George Fero, Former State Master
Lawrence Hawkins
James Q. Morris
Geraldine Allen
Marie Obernuefemann

Council 848

Nell Rose Lambert, Ladies Auxiliary, Past
State President
Claire Raphael, Ladies Auxiliary
Claire Raphael, Ladies Auxiliary
Mary Harkins, Ladies Auxiliary
James McDonald
Joseph A. Miller
Michael Mattiace

Council 1605

Frederick T. Clark, Past Grand Knight
Alvin T. Huyett
Benton Trehern
Arsene Westphal

Council 1908

Fred Lamprecht, Jr

Council 2945

Samuel J. Domino
Larry L. Fratesi
Michael A. Koury
Paxton B. Johnson

Council 5556

Jimmie P. Rocconi

Council 6765

Sir Knight Allen Shipley

Council 6872
William A. Gasper
Glenn A. Roland

Council 7211
Sherry L. McQueen

Council 7910
Ralph Moseley

Council 8038
Raymond Bianca
Wayne Mc Carty
James Harris Dunn, Sr.

Council 8760
Felix Osuji

Council 9124
Foster D. Houston
Charles B. Martin, Jr.
Diana Gollott
Margherita Patrick

Council 9543
Tom Sullivan
Ernie Specks
George Harmon
Louis Ball
Robert Clemons

Council 10499
David Hood

Council 11541
Pierre Dugas

Council 11956
Thomas Carfagna
Sir Knight Robert Gonsoulin
J. C. Joubert

Council 7120
Ann Couch

Council 7854
William C. Averitt

Council 7915
James L. Quinn

Council 8285
James Woods

Council 8912
Leonard Sabkowski

Council 9409
Jean P. Belisle
David W. Chinn
Pat J. Fallo
John C. Geissinger

Council 10443
Henry J. Theis

Council 10901
Robert L. Hudson, Former District Deputy
Joseph L. Supple, Jr

Council #11904
Charles J. Nagy
Ennis A. Grady

Council 11995
Harry Geautraux

Council 12166
Findley Meier

Council 13471
Ardell Farmer

Council 12331
Angela Lafferty, Ladies Auxiliary

Council 13936
Leroy H. Bell
Bob Frey, Past Grand Knight
Stanley S. McCarty
Pete Verot

STATE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

State Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report

In the last 12 months the economy of the United States and indeed the world has seen a decline that most of us have not seen in our lifetime. The People with Intellectual Disabilities Foundation is no exception. The amount received from the 29 Councils who sent in funds was \$72,803.91. This amount is about \$25,000.00 less than last year. This means we are down about 25%. I just wish my IRA was only down 25%.

I want to thank all of you who did send in moneys in these troubling times, because the facilities we help support were in the same situation as we all are. It was also a year that on of our best sources for funds changed the way they distribute funds. Walmart started a "Grant" type program instead of the "Matching Funds" type program. This new "Grant" program seemed to depend a lot on the store manager, if he or she wanted to help you and turn in your form. I don't intend to discredit anyone that is just the type of response we got in my area.

This past January the Foundation Board of Directors distributed \$11,000.00 to statewide type facilities. This was down also from previous years. Just to give you some numbers, in 2006 we distributed #34,500.00, in 2007 we distributed \$22,000.00 and in 2008 we distributed \$16,000.00. By these figures you can judge for yourselves where we are headed.

Again, thanks to the Councils who contributed and to the few who sent in donations, I, we appreciate your help.

This year for the 2009-10 State Council year I have purchased insurance for the week of May 17 through 23, for those Councils who take advantage of this time to have your fundraising activities. GOOD LUCK and may we have a better year in 2009-10.

Vivat Jesus

James (Jim) Farris, Executive Director

Knights of Columbus Foundation Audit Report

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance, (5/1/2008).....	\$2506.70
Council Contributions.....	\$72,803.91
Council Distributions.....	(\$54,601.46)
Council Distributions Pending.....	\$1070.17
Annual State Distributions.....	(\$11,000.00)
Fees and Miscellaneous Expense.....	(\$448.66)
Transfer to Saving.....	(\$9000.00)
Transfer from Savings.....	\$3000.00
Checking Account Balance... (4/30/2009)...	\$3839.46
Checks Outstanding (Not Reconciled).....	\$16,577.49

Saving Account	
Beginning Balance... (4/1/2008).....	\$11,942.53
Interest Earned.....	\$22.24
Bank Charges.....	(\$0.07)
Deposits.....	\$9000.00
Withdrawal.....	(\$3000.00)
Balance... (4/1/2009).....	\$17,964.70

James Farris
Executive Director

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Chairman's Report

The purpose of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild is simply to spread the news about our Founder and to promote his cause for beatification and ultimately canonization. To have our founder raised to the honors of the altar would, indeed, be a blessing to each and every member of the Order. What I simply do not understand is why each and every Knight in our jurisdiction is not a member of the Guild. It costs you absolutely nothing to join or to maintain your membership in the Guild. You will receive the Guild Newsletter which has all of the latest news on the progress of the cause for canonization. Presently there are more than 130,000 members of the Guild but this is but a fraction of the total Order membership. Closer to home, in our own jurisdiction we have but 862 members of the Guild. As chairman, I can only request that you give every consideration to becoming a member of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. Who knows what favor you may receive from your membership. You can join by way of the K of C website (www.kofc.org) or by sending an application to Supreme via snail mail. But whatever way you join, I simply ask you to join those who are already members of the Guild and thus promote the day when we will list our Founder as Saint Father Michael J. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus
Thomas R. Zettler, PSD

State Family Director's Report

This year we had an increase in councils turning in a Family of the Month. This is the first time since I have been the State Family Director, that we had 4 Councils receive Family of the Month from Supreme in one month. I have notified the councils, which councils turned in a Family each month, and what Families received the Family of the Month from Supreme. I would like to have in line for the next Family Director the E-Mail address for all Grand Knights and Council Family director so we can increase the amount of councils that turn in a Family. I think this will help the State Family Director to stay a one on one with each Council. This need to happen at the School of Columbiun.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as State Family Director.

Carl Brochard

State Community Director Report

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation and support during the 2008-2009 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard E. Greenwold

Keep Christ in Christmas Report

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas was another success. Thirteen councils took part in selling over 790 boxes of cards. Several councils also sold car magnets promoting the true meaning of Christmas. Since 1995 Mississippi Knights have distributed over 155,500 spiritual messages and raised over \$29,000 for charity. In 2008 Mississippi Knights distributed over 12,000 spiritual messages and raised more than \$1,950 for charity. The Mississippi State Council took in \$455.50 for 2008. 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
- Long Beach	4898
Starkville	6765
Southaven	7120
Clinton	7854
Pearl	8038
D'Iberville	9094
W Biloxi	9409
- Madison	9543
• Brandon	10216
Lucedale	11904
Gluckstadt	11934
Batesville	13502

The three top sellers were councils 4898, 9543 and 10216. I would like to thank the Christmas Card Chairman of each council for their time and dedication to this program. 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. Please help promote the true meaning of Christmas - The Birth of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Zummo
State KCIC Chairman

Bishop R. O. Gerow Fund Report

The Bishop R.O. Gerow (priest education) program was an outstanding success this year. A total of \$90,465 was raised and donated to our bishops. My thanks and gratitude go out to all of you who made this year so special. As always, we should now step up to a new challenge to surpass this amount and have 100% participation by our councils, assemblies and ladies auxiliaries.

Vivat Jesus

Don Cox
 Chairman
 Bishop R.O. Gerow Fund

Bishop Gerow Fund Summary

DIOCESE OF BILOXI
COUNCILS

District Number	Council	2008 Totals	Totals thru 2008	2009	Totals
11 1244	Biloxi	1,000	44,837	1,000.00	45,837.00
9 1522	Pere LeDue-Bay St. Louis	-	33,802	0.00	33,802.00
10 1583	Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	-	88,064	0.00	88,064.00
12 1605	Msgr. P. J. Carey-Pascagoula	-	140,077	450.00	140,527.00
8 1908	Bishop Fahey-Hattiesburg	2,756	30,743	4,000.00	34,743.00
8 2180	Laurel	5,000	52,530	5,000.00	57,530.00
10 4472	Msgr. Leech-Pass Christian	-	11,304	0.00	11,304.00
10 4898	St. Vincent DePaul-Long Beach	4,000	92,390	3,000.00	95,390.00
12 5654	Fred L. Westbrook Sr.-Ocean Springs	300	31,539	4,100.00	35,639.00
7 6592	Fr. Malachy Burns-Bassfield	-	2,460	0.00	2,460.00
9 6872	Oscar J. Gelphi-Picayune	6,034	71,397	6,960.49	78,357.49
9 7087	Fr. A. C. Denis-Kith	1,000	12,112	1,500.00	13,612.00
8 7211	Our Lady Of Perpetual Help-Lumberton	500	50,617	500.00	51,117.00
10 7910	Fr. Harry Wade-Orange Grove	-	2,681	300.00	2,981.00
11 9094	Fr. Patrick McAlpine-D'Iberville	500	17,145	3,000.00	20,145.00
12 9124	St. Mary-Gautier	1,000	10,847	500.00	11,347.00
11 9409	Reinhart Schroeder-West Biloxi	500	22,514	2,000.00	24,514.00
11 9673	James D. Hart-Woolmarket	-	8,650	1,274.24	9,924.24
9 9958	St. Ann-Lizana	200	5,270	200.00	5,470.00
12 10499	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy-Ocean Springs	-	7,376	1,000.00	8,376.00
10 11541	St. James-Gulfport	500	5,954	1,000.00	6,954.00
8 11654	Fr. Paul Gillis-Wiggins	1,120	5,791	700.00	6,491.00
12 11904	St. Lucy-Lucedale	-	899	500.00	1,399.00
8 11956	Fr. Patrick Quinn-Tyertown	610	9,230	419.00	9,649.00
9 11995	Fr. R.J. Sorin-West Harrison	100	3,873	1,475.00	5,348.00
12 12166	Sacred Heart-Pascagoula	-	3,607	50.00	3,657.00
10 12271	St. Joseph the Worker-See Bee Base	-	31,371	575.00	31,946.00
9 12331	Sacred Heart-Dedeaux	-	871	1,224.00	2,095.00

8 13936 St. Jude-Columbia	1,100	3,338	1,300.00	4,638.00
Council Totals	26,220	801,289	42,027.73	843,316.73

ASSEMBLIES

District Number	Assemblies	2008	Totals thru		Totals
		Totals	2008	2009	
	556 Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	-	3,509	0.00	3,509.00
	557 Biloxi	-	-	0.00	0.00
	561 Msgr. P. J. Carey-Gautier	-	400	0.00	400.00
	562 Bishop Fahen-Hattiesburg	-	100	0.00	100.00
	563 Arthur F. Axton-Laurel	100	2,200	100.00	2,300.00
	1719 Msgr. John P. O'Connor-Long Beach	-	3,700	0.00	3,700.00
	2059 Fr. Francis Deignan-Ocean Springs	150	3,306	250.00	3,556.00
	2227 Fr. Michael Leane-Picayune	3,370	17,042	4,180.37	21,222.37
	2284 St. Ann-Lizana/Gulfport	-	610	0.00	610.00
	2347 Paul R. Depew-Orange Grove	-	250	0.00	250.00
	2558 St. James-Gulfport	-	500	0.00	500.00
	2759 Gulfport	-	-	500.00	500.00
	2971 Paul Bacon - Wiggins	-	-	0.00	0.00
	3007 Mark Landry - D'Iberville	-	-	0.00	0.00
	Assemblies Totals	3,620	31,617	5,030.37	36,647.37

DIOCESE OF BILOXI

AUXILIARIES

District Number	Auxiliaries	2008	Totals thru		Totals
		Totals	2008	2009	
	1244 Biloxi	-	900	0.00	900.00
	1522 Pere LeDue-Bay St. Louis	-	335	0.00	335.00
	1583 Bishop Gunn-Gulfport	-	2,925	0.00	2,925.00
	1605 Msgr. P. J. Carey-Pascagoula	-	2,050	0.00	2,050.00
	4472 Msgr. Leech-Pass Christian	-	775	0.00	775.00
	4898 St. Vincent DePaul-Long Beach	-	1,400	0.00	1,400.00
	5654 Fred L. Westbrook Sr.-Ocean Springs	-	225	0.00	225.00
	7910 Fr. Harry Wade-Orange Grove	-	200	0.00	200.00
	9094 Fr. Patrick McAlpine-D'Iberville	500	2,513	500.00	3,013.00
	9409 Reinhart Schroeder-West Biloxi	500	500	150.00	650.00
	9958 St. Ann-Lizana	-	900	100.00	1,000.00
	11956 Fr. Patrick Quinn-Tyertown	-	700	0.00	700.00
	11995 Fr. R. J. Sorin-West Harrison	-	100	25.00	125.00
	13936 St. Jude-Columbia	200	600	200.00	800.00
	State Ladies Auxiliary	-	3,050	0.00	3,050.00
	Auxiliary Totals	1,200	17,173	975.00	18,148.00

DIOCESE OF BILOXI TOTALS

48,033.10

Christopher Fund Totals	3,098	1,184.23	4,282.23
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Automobile Raffle Totals	38,686	0.00	38,686.00
Other Contribution Totals	13,618	0.00	13,618.00

DIOCESE OF BILOXI TOTALS **905,481 49,217.33 954,698.33**
 (INCLUDES CHRISTOPER FUND)

DIOCESE OF JACKSON

COUNCILS

District Number	Council	2008 Totals	Totals thru		Totals
			2008	2009	
4	802 Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	2,000	42,923	3,010.00	45,933.00
5	848 John T. Savage-Jackson	1,000	39,005	2,000.00	41,005.00
5	898 Vicksburg	3,004	102,554	3,000.00	105,554.00
7	1034 Bishop R.O. Gerow-Natchez	1,500	59,647	3,500.00	63,147.00
3	2134 Fr. Korstenbrock-Greenville	1,200	80,494	2,400.00	82,894.00
3	2945 C. G. Shapley-Leland	500	26,012	500.00	26,512.00
2	2969 Msgr. James T. McKenna-Clarksdale	-	37,070	0.00	37,070.00
3	5267 Msgr. John F. Clerico-Greewood	1,005	34,222	3,000.00	37,222.00
3	5556 Fr. Rotondo-Cleveland	1,000	23,450	1,000.00	24,450.00
2	6555 Shelby	-	10,160	0.00	10,160.00
4	6765 Fr. John P. Egan-Starkville	500	5,775	1,000.00	6,775.00
2	7120 Hernando DeSoto-Southaven	1,000	13,238	1,150.00	14,388.00
5	7854 Holy Savior-Clinton	500	8,411	500.00	8,911.00
7	7915 Joseph Bonfiglio-Brookhaven	1,500	28,750	2,200.00	30,950.00
4	7974 W. H. Jolly-Columbus	100	4,925	0.00	4,925.00
6	8038 St. Jude Centennial-Pearl	100	3,404	100.00	3,504.00
7	8054 Charles R. Brill-McComb	1,600	10,420	400.00	10,820.00
5	8285 St. Therese-Jackson	-	3,770	0.00	3,770.00
1	8760 St. Joseph-Holly Springs	-	2,750	0.00	2,750.00
1	8848 Fr. Robert Reitmeyer-Tupleo	1,000	14,700	1,500.00	16,200.00
1	8912 St. James the Less-Corinth	250	3,789	250.00	4,039.00
3	9234 Indianola	-	4,490	150.00	4,640.00
6	9543 St. Francis of Assisi-Madison	5,000	43,645	7,000.00	50,645.00
6	10216 St. Paul-Brandon	-	16,100	1,000.00	17,100.00
2	10443 Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	1,550	12,214	1,500.00	13,714.00
1	10901 St. John-Oxford	-	2,150	250.00	2,400.00
6	11934 St. Joseph-Gluckstadt	1,637	6,924	1,792.00	8,716.00
4	13471 Fr. Raphael Toner-Philadelphia	-	-	0.00 Not Available	
2	13502 Fr. Thomas Boyce-Batesville	-	974	0.00	974.00
2	14051 Fr. Leo John Dehon-Olive Branch	100	150	0.00	150.00
Council Totals		26,046	642,116	37,202.00	679,318.00

ASSEMBLIES

District Number	Assemblies	2008 Totals	Totals thru		Totals
			2008	2009	
554	Bishop R.O. Gerow-Jackson	-	3,240	0.00	3,240.00
555	Msgr. J. Igoe-Greenville/Leland	1,000	65,009	1,200.00	66,209.00

558 Vicksburg	1,300	10,750	900.00	11,650.00
559 August J. Stone-Natchez	-	775	0.00	775.00
1251 Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	500	5,050	500.00	5,550.00
1503 Dr. William F. LaForge-Cleveland	200	2,750	200.00	2,950.00
1569 Greenwood	-	1,265	0.00	1,265.00
2131 Fr. Clarence J. Meyer-Tupelo	-	2,200	50.00	2,250.00
2195 Fr. Gregory Bezy-Southaven	200	3,270	200.00	3,470.00
2269 Bishop Brunini-Brandon/Madison	400	6,366	400.00	6,766.00
2495 Oxford	-	-	0.00	0.00
2734 Sir Knight Eugene T. Hicks-Starkville	600	1,140	200.00	1,340.00
2913 Pope John Paul II-Corinth	250	600	250.00	850.00
2916 Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	100	300	100.00	400.00
2969 Tyertown	-	-	0.00	0.00
3081 Our Lady Queen of Peace-Olive Branch	100	100	150.00	250.00
Assemblies Totals	4,650	102,815	4,150.00	106,965.00

DIOCESE OF JACKSON

AUXILIARIES

District Number	Auxiliaries	2008	Totals thru		
		Totals	2008	2009	Totals
802 Msgr. John J. Burns-Meridian	-	-	4,100	0.00	4,100.00
848 John T. Savage-Jackson	-	-	25	0.00	25.00
898 Vicksburg	-	-	60	0.00	60.00
1034 Bishop R. O. Gerow-Natchez	-	-	200	0.00	200.00
2134 Fr. Korstenbroek-Greenville	400	400	6,600	500.00	7,100.00
6765 Fr. John P. Egan-Starkville	-	-	90	0.00	90.00
7120 Hemando DeSoto-Southaven	-	-	825	0.00	825.00
7854 Holy Savior-Clinton	500	500	2,010	600.00	2,610.00
10216 St. Paul-Brandon	-	-	50	0.00	50.00
10443 Fr. Clifford Meador-Grenada	-	-	225	0.00	225.00
State Ladies Auxiliary	-	-	3,275	0.00	3,275.00
Auxiliaries Totals	900	900	17,460	1,100.00	18,560.00

DIOCESE OF JACKSON TOTALS

42,452.00

Christopher Fund Totals	8,292	1,184.22	9,476.22
Automobile Raffle Totals	54,677	0.00	54,677.00
Other Contribution Totals	11,073	0.00	11,073.00

DIOCESE OF JACKSON TOTALS

836,433 43,636.22 880,069.22

(INCLUDES CHRISTOPHER FUND)

MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION TOTALS 1,741,914 92,853.55 1,834,767.55

State Pro-Life Couple Report

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 2008 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.

The following is a list of our activities for the July 2008 – June 2009 Fraternal Year

- Participated as a member of the planning team for 2008 Grillin' for Life fundraiser.
- Sent 64 Emails for statewide distribution through our Good of the Order distribution list
- Offered advice to the Hattiesburg area Knights as they helped form and fund a new Birthright office in Hattiesburg.
- Spoke on stem cell research at Council 848 in Jackson in October 2008.
- Urged Knights to schedule a time to pray at the abortion clinic in Jackson as part of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign.
- Met with the Sanctity of Life Foundation President, Joe Brinck in Nov. 2008 to discuss a concerted effort to pray at the abortion clinic.
- Member of the new Prolife Committee of Catholic Charities in Jackson. Helped develop a Catholic Charities prolife brochure.
- Vice President of Birthright of Jackson. Quarterly Board of Director's meetings.
- Responded to prolife information request by Roy Guy from Olive Branch Council 14051
- Shipped "Defend Life" KC signs to coastal councils for use in annual Prayer Chain.
- Distributed prolife information and materials at the April 2009 state convention in Jackson.

At the 2008 School of Columbianism we provided each Grand Knight, District Deputy and State Officer with prolife brochures and literature and provided the following ideas. I suggest you do a couple of simple things before our April 2009 State Convention:

1. **Encourage your members to pray for an increased Respect for Life among people. There are prayer cards and a prolife prayer booklet enclosed.**
2. **Contact the nearest Crisis Pregnancy Counseling Center on the enclosed sheet and ask them what you can do for their organization. Involve your youth minister**

in any project done to benefit this center. There is a list of these centers in Mississippi enclosed.

3. **Make a small donation to the Mississippi Memorial ProLife Statewide Fund.** Surely every council, assembly and ladies auxiliary can afford an annual \$25.00 donation. Since 2001 only 32 councils (58%), 3 assemblies (12%) and 1 ladies auxiliary (5%) have ever donated to this statewide Knights of Columbus fund!
4. **Use the prolife search engine powered by Google** - go to <http://www.prolifeinternet.com/>
100% of profits donated to prolife organizations.
5. **Use the Annual Respect Life information mailed to each Financial Secretary in September of each year** from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our Supreme Council funded this effort.
6. **Involve the youth of your parish.** Contact your parish youth director about involving the youth of your parish in a prolife activity. It could be prayer or talks by teachers or your pastor. A great idea is to sponsor a baby shower to collect donations of money, clothes and baby supplies for your local pregnancy counseling center.

Here are some simple things we all can do to support a Culture of Life:

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 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. (see attached report for a listing of donations).
5. **Use prolife checks.** Copy the order sheet from Promise Checks and provide to your members at your meetings. Prolife checks are at:
<http://www.promisechecks.com/detail.asp?item=W-101&design=4&sub=Value%20Checks&software>
Promise Checks
P.O. Box 361058
Decatur, GA 30036-1058
Call 1-800-977-6647, Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern Time
DO NOT ORDER FROM LIFE CHECKS IN JOPPA, MISSOURI - THEY ALSO PRINT FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD

6. **Switch to a phone company that donates a portion of your bill to ProLife organizations.** Attached is a sheet from Pro Life Communications. 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.**

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. **Invest your money in mutual funds that only buy stock in companies that support Catholic values and teachings.** Contact the following companies.

Ave Maria Funds

1-866-AVE-MARIA

www.avemariafund.comhttp://www.aquinasfunds.com/catholic_value_investing.php

Email: info@avemariafund.com

The Aquinas Funds

1-800-423-6369

Epiphany Funds

1-800-320-2185

<http://www.epiphanyfund.com/Philosophy.htm>

The Catholic Investor Newsletter

Trinity Fiduciary Partners

1-866-716-0077

\$39.99/yr by E-mail

\$49.00/yr by regular mail

Financial Advisors using Catholic Investment Guidelines

http://www.veritasfinancialministries.com/about_veritas.asp

<http://www.provitaadvisors.com/>

<http://www.investcatholic.com/>

Investment Guidelines from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

<http://www.usccb.org/finance/srig.shtml>

9. **Become a blood or platelet donor or organ donor. Hold a blood drive at your church.**

10. **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.

11. **Vote for Pro-life candidates. Support Pro-life and Pro-family legislation.**

12. **Order and sell or have your youth group sell "Life is Precious" and "Pro-life" rubber bracelets to show others that you are Pro-life. Donate the money to a Pro-life organization. Heritage House is probably your best source of pro-life items. Request a free catalog or visit their extensive website.**

Heritage House '76 1-800-858-3040

www.hh76.com

Email: heritiage@hh76.com

13. **Go to the Supreme website and learn about the KC pro-life activities and check out the links provided there.**

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/activities/culture/programs.html#education>

14. **Learn about the Church's position on Capital Punishment.**

Catholic United Against Capital Punishment

www.cacp.org

15. **Boycott companies that either engage in activities that are contrary to Catholic Church teachings or provide donations to organizations that violate the teachings of the Catholic Church.** Life Decisions International has a list of these companies. Go to the following link to learn about economic boycotts:

<http://www.fightpp.org/show.cfm?page=economic>

To order the Boycott List (\$21.95 for first copy and \$3.95 for additional copies) go to:

<http://www.fightpp.org/show.cfm?page=credit>

And follow the ordering instructions

Life Decisions International

P.O. Box 439

Front Royal, VA 22630-0009

Tel: 540-631-0380

ldi@fightpp.org

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

State Program Director's Report

Introduction

It has my pleasure to serve the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, in this capacity, for the past two years. I have seen marketable improvement in participation in Program reporting and Council involvement in award submittals in these two years. I have truly enjoyed traveling the State during the 2008-2009 Schools of Columbianism and Mid-winter meetings. I cherish the time spent with old friends and have been privilege to have met many new ones this Fraternal year.

2008-2009 Reporting Status (major reports)

The following numbers represent the State's report status as of the end of the State Fraternal Year:

Form 185 – list of council officers – All councils reporting with the exception of 3 councils

Form 365 – list of service program chairs – All councils reporting with the exception of 12 councils

Form 1295 – semi-annual audit – All councils reporting with the exception of 6 councils

Form 1728 – survey of fraternal activities – All councils reporting with the exception of 2 councils

State Programs Activity Report (check the box report) – 50 of 59 councils submitted reports.

Although not 100% these results are much improved from 2007-2008

2008-2009 Activity Award Submittals

This year the number of Program write-ups doubled and in many cases tripled and judging these activities was a daunting task. I would like to thank the State Officers, Program Chairs and Convention Delegates for their help in determining this year's winners. CONGRATULATIONS to all this year's winners.

Church – 13 submittals

Finalist – Council 848 Jackson, Council 4898 Long Beach, Council 9094 D'Iberville

2nd Place – Council 4898 Long Beach

1st Place – Council 9094 Diberville

Community – 15 submittals

Finalist – Council 802 Meridian, Council 9094 Diberville, Council 11956 Tylertown

2nd Place – Council 11956 Tylertown

1st Place – Council 802 Meridian

Council – 15 submittals

Finalist – Council 4898 Long Beach, Council 9094 Diberville, Council 9543 Madison

2nd Place – Council 9543 Madison

1st Place – Council 9094 Diberville

Family – 12 submittals

Finalist – Council 9543 Madison, Council 10216 Brandon, Council 10499 Ocean Springs

2nd Place – Council 10216 Brandon

1st Place – Council 10499 Ocean Springs

Youth – 12 submittals

Finalist – Council 898 Vicksburg, Council 9094 Diberville, Council 10216 Brandon

2nd Place – Council 9094 Diberville

1st Place – Council 10216 Brandon

Pro-Life – 10 submittals

Finalist – Biloxi: Council 1908 Hattiesburg, Council 9094 Diberville

- Jackson: Council 9543 Madison, Council 10216 Brandon

1st Place Biloxi: Council 9094 Diberville

1st Place Jackson: Council 9543 Madison

Vocations – 9 submittals

Finalist – Biloxi: Council 9094 Diberville, Council 10499 Ocean Springs

- Jackson: Council 848 Jackson, Council 9543 Madison

1st Place Biloxi – Council 9094 Diberville

1st Place Jackson – Council 9543 Madison

Best Newsletters

Small Council - St. Jude Council 13936 Columbia

Medium Council - Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian

Large Council - Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven

Extra Large Council - Msgr John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

Best Scrapbook

Small Council - Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Tylertown

Medium Council - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 7211 Lumberton

Large Council - Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven

Extra Large Council - Msgr John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian

100% Supreme Family of the Month Submitters

Msgr John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian
Vicksburg Council 898 Vicksburg
Bishop Fahey Council 1908 Hattiesburg
Laurel Council 2180 Laurel
St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898 Long Beach
Father Rotondo Council 5556 Cleveland
Fred L. Westbrook Sr Council 5654 Ocean Springs
Oscar J. Gelphi Council 6872 Picayune
Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville
St Mary's Council 9124 Gautier
St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543 Madison
Rev. Clifford Meador Council 10443 Grenada
St John Council 10901 Oxford
Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Tyertown
St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 Gulfport
St. Jude Council 13936 Columbia

Top Gun Councils

Msgr John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian
John T. Savage Council 848 Jackson
Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian
Msgr. John F. Clerico Council 5267 Greenwood
Fr John P Egan Council 6765 Starkville
Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven
St. James the Less Council 8912 Corinth
Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville
St Mary's Council 9124 Gautier
St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543 Madison
James D. Hart Council 9673 Woolmarket
St. Paul Council 10216 Brandon
Msgr Gregory Kennedy Council 10499 Ocean Springs
Fr Paul Gillis Council 11654 Wiggins
St. Joseph Council 11934 Gluckstadt
Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Tyertown
Scared Heart Council 12331 Dedeaux
Father Leo John Dehon Council 14051 Olive Branch

Stellar Councils

Msgr John J. Burns Council 802 Meridian
John T. Savage Council 848 Jackson
Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Pass Christian
Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville
St Mary's Council 9124 Gautier
St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543 Madison
St. Paul Council 10216 Brandon
Msgr Gregory Kennedy Council 10499 Ocean Springs
St. Joseph Council 11934 Gluckstadt

Distinguished Councils

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034 Natchez
Bishop Fahey Council 1908 Hattiesburg
Fr. Korstenbroek Council 2134 Greenville
Laurel Council 2180 Laurel
St. Vincent de Paul Council 4898 Long Beach
Fred L. Westbrook Sr Council 5654 Ocean Springs
Fr Malachy Burns Council 6592 Bassfield
Fr John P Egan Council 6765 Starkville
Oscar J. Gelphi Council 6872 Picayune
Fr A. C. Denis Council 7087 Kiln
Hernando Desoto Council 7120 Southaven
Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915 Brookhaven
Fr Robert Reitmeier Council 8848 Tupelo
James D. Hart Council 9673 Woolmarket
Fr Paul Gillis Council 11654 Wiggins
Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Tylertown
St. Jude Council 13936 Columbia
Father Leo John Dehon Council 14051 Olive Branch

Councils of Excellence

C. G. Shapley Council 2945 Leland
Msgr. James T. McKenna Council 2969 Clarksdale
Father Rotondo Council 5556 Cleveland
W. H. Jolly Council 7974 Columbus
St. Jude Centennial Council 8038 Pearl
St Joseph's Council 8760 Holly Springs
Reinhart Schroeder Council 9409 West Biloxi
St Lucy Council 11904 Lucedale
Fr. R. J. Sorin Council Council 11995 Pass Christian
St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 Gulfport
Sacred Heart Council 12331 Dedeaux
Father Thomas M. Boyce Council 13502 Batesville

Honor Councils

Vicksburg Council 898 Vicksburg
Holy Savior Council 7854 Clinton
Father Harry Wade Council 7910 Gulfport
Charles R Brill Council 8054 Mc Comb
St John Council 10901 Oxford
Sacred Heart Council 12166 Pascagoula
Fr Raphael Toner Council 13471 Philadelphia

Councils of the Year

Small Council – Fr. Patrick Quinn Council 11956 Tylertown
Medium Council – St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 Gulfport
Large Council – Msgr Gregory Kennedy Council 10499 Ocean Springs
Extra Large Council - Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 D'Iberville

District Deputy of the Year

Philip Jabour – District 6: Council 8038 Pearl, Council 9543 Madison, Council 10216 Brandon,
Council 11934 Gluckstadt

Knight of the Year

Stephen Dunn – Council 9094 Diberville

Family of the Year

Alan Woolley Family – Council 802 Meridian

Conclusion

I would like to thank the following people for their support, confidence, cooperation and assistance:

My lovely wife Patty for her support and love
Danny Lechner for giving me the opportunity to serve you
Peter Sukanek for not taking the “napkin joke” seriously and allowing me two more years of service as your new Membership Director
Larry Tabor, David Scott and Bill Waggoner for their experience and advice
Gerry Schmuck and Jim McCraw for words of encouragement
The District Deputies for carrying my message to their councils (special thanks to Uncle Flitter)
The Program Chairs without their help much of this year’s activities would not have happen (a special thanks to Council Chairman Roger Fetters “my co-pilot”)
Richard Greenwold “Mr. Organization”
BJ Greenwold for her wonderful work on the awards
My home council, Council 9094 D’iberville for your inspiration and support
And last and certainly not least my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivat Jesus

Noel Aucoin

2008-2009 State Program Director

Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Membership Director's Report

It has been my honor to serve the Mississippi Jurisdiction as the State Membership Chairman for the last two years. The many brother knights that have met during that time has given me a greater appreciation for the hard work and dedication that they have for improving their councils, communities and their parishes. I am very proud to have had a small part in their progress over the years.

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. While we did not achieve our goal, we did have another good year for recruitment. Our gross increase was approximately 301 with a net increase of 215 new knights. It appears that our efforts at retention are beginning to pay dividends in that our losses were only around 20% after deaths and withdrawals. This is a considerable improvement over last year when our losses were around 31%. Of the 59 Councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, 11 councils did not add a single new member during the year, which was a small improvement over last year when we had 13 councils not recruit a new member. On the other hand, 28 councils reached or exceeded their goal. Of that number, 10 councils reached their goals and 18 councils achieved Top Gun status. On the flip side, the jurisdiction had 9 councils that had a net loss of members due to suspensions, transfers, withdrawals and deaths.

Insurance growth this past year was still disappointing, but was a huge improvement over last year. We still experienced around a 25% lose in insurance members due to suspensions, withdrawals or the dropping of their policies. The state achieved a 1.15% growth rate in insurance members. We have succeeded in lowering the losses of insurance members, we a greater emphasis needs to be placed in how important the insurance program is to our members and their families financial security. 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)

Distric t #	Council #	Council Name
2	10443	GRENADA
8	13936	COLUMBIA

Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
7	6592	BASSFIELD
5	8285	JACKSON
10	11541	GULFPORT
9	11995	WEST HARRISON
10	12271	SEA BEE BASE

Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)

t #	District	Council #	Council Name
	8	1908	HATTIESBURG
	6	8038	GRENADA
	1	8848	TUPELO

Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)

t #	District	Council #	Council Name
			NONE

TOP GUN COUNCILS

Small Council Category (55 members or less)

District #	Council #	Council Name
8	11956	TYLERTOWN
9	12331	DEDEAUX
2	14501	OLIVE BRANCH

Medium Council Category (56 to 89 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
10	4472	PASS CHRISTIAN
3	5267	GREENWOOD
1	8912	CORINTH
11	9673	WOOLMARKET
8	11654	WIGGINS
6	11934	GLUCKSTADT

Large Council Category (90 to 150 members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
5	848	JACKSON
4	6765	STARKVILLE
2	7120	SOUTHAVEN
12	9124	GAUTIER
12	10499	OCEAN SPRINGS

Extra Large Council Category (151 or more members)

District #	Council #	Council Name
4	802	MERIDIAN
11	9094	D'IBERVILLE
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	9	12331 - DEDEAUX	5
MEDIUM	1	8912 - CORINTH	9

LARGE	4	6765 - STARKVILLE	16
X-LARGE	6	9543 - MADISON	26

COUNCILS WITH HIGHEST NET PERCENT GAIN

SIZE	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	NET %
SMALL	8	11956 - TYLERTOWN	11.11 %
MEDIUM	1	8912 - CORINTH	13.24 %
LARGE	4	6765 - STARKVILLE	14.04 %
X-LARGE	11	9094 - D'IBERVILLE	11.45 %

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 2008-2009 are listed below:

REGIONAL TOP PROPOSERS OF THE YEAR

NORTH	DIST.# 4	MIKE KASSOUF	6765 - STARKVILLE
CENTRAL	DIST.# 5	FELIX GARTH	8285 - JACKSON
	DIST.# 6	TONY KUMOR	8038 - PEARL
SOUTH	DIST.# 12	JOE GOELLNER	10499 - OCEAN SPRINGS
	DIST.# 11	DAVID SEYMOUR	9094 - D'IBERVILLE

STATE TOP PROPOSER OF THE YEAR

**MIKE KASSOUF
COUNCIL #6765 - STARKVILLE**

RETENTION

The Retention of our brother Knights continues to be a problem within the Mississippi Jurisdiction. During the 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 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 12 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
Mississippi Jurisdiction

CONVENTION BUSINESS

State Secretary's Report on Election of State Officers

Office	Person Nominated	Nominated by (Council)	Second (Council)	Votes Received
State Deputy	Peter Sukanek*	Tom Zettler, PSD (802)	G. Cowie (8038) J. Bennett (802)	1
State Secretary	Gerald Schmuck*	John Cruso (9673)	E. Gates (4898)	1
State Treasurer	David Scott *	Richard Leiding, PSD (848)	G. Cowie (8038)	1
State Advocate	M. James McCraw*	Guy Heying (848)	W. Waggoner (1605)	1
State Warden	William Waggoner*	D. Seymour (9094)	E. Gates (4898)	64
State Warden	Robert Leo	Tom Zettler, PSD (802)	G. Cowie (8038)	43

*Indicates winner of the election

State Secretary's Report on Election of delegates to the Supreme Cnvention

Insurance Delegate (1 elected)

<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Joseph Goellner	Gordon Cowie	D. Seymour	30
Pascual Cruz	Jimmy Griffin	R. Leiding	33
M. James McCraw	Guy Heying	M. Arguelles	38*
Skip Barrett	Greg Niolet	C. Underwood	6

Associate Delegates (2 elected + 2 alternates)

<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Noel Aucoin	David Seymour	E. Landry	52*
Elvis Gates	Michael Morgan	J. Hoda	35 (Alt 2)
Pascual Cruz	Jimmy Griffin	D. Louis	58*
Joseph Goellner	Michael Butler	G. Cowie	32
Gerald Schmuck	John Cruso	W. Waggoner	37 (Alt 1)

Alternates to Insurance Delegates (3 elected)

<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Joseph Goellner	Michael Butler	G. Cowie	45 (Alt 1)
Michael Spenser	Ted Barzé, Jr.	G. Holetz	30 (Alt 2)
Skip Barrett	Elvis Gates	W. Mann	27 (Alt 3)

Unfinished Business

Elvis Gates (4898) moved the State adopt the liability insurance policy recently made available through Supreme. John Cruso (9673) seconded the motion. After some discussion, the question was called by John Bennett (802).

The motion was carried by acclamation.

New Business

State Deputy Danny Lechner announced that Tupelo had withdrawn its bid to host the convention in 2012. The convention to be hosted by Oxford will be held in Tupelo in 2011.

Elvis Gates (4898) moved the 2012 convention be sponsored by Long Beach. The motion was seconded by Carl Brochard (5556). No other venues were nominated, so the motion was carried by 1 vote.

John Piazza (898) moved the 2013 convention be hosted by Vicksburg. the motion was seconded by F. Voss (1034). No other venues were nominated, so the motion was carried by 1 vote.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by State Deputy Lechner at 1:25 pm.

Prayer for Our Priests



We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will. O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones so dear to the heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

St. John Vianney, universal patron priests, pray for us and our priests.



Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we

may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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