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State Deputy

Mississippi State Council

2022 Convention Minute Book



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Thursday, 21 April 2022

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. State Officers and Convention Committee Social – Sponsored by:

Friday, 22 April 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, Father Mike Austin, **Good Shepherd**
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Cypress Board Room**
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – **Convention Lobby**
- 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Live Oak A**
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **Dogwood**
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – **Magnolia (4th Degree Members ONLY)**
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Banner procession rehearsal

NOTE: *Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in the “Cypress Board Room”.*

- 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked – State Warden, **Charles Hahn and DD's**
 2. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates – State Warden, **Charles Hahn**
 3. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 4. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
 5. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 6. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2021 Convention Minutes
 7. Address to the Delegates –
Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Kopacz**
 8. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received - State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
(District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Program Directors)
 9. Distribution of Resolutions – State Advocate – **Kenny Gonzales**
 10. Committee Assignments – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 11. Closing Prayer – State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**



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FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL

- 6:15 p.m. Cash Bar Opens – **Pre-Function Area**
- 6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social-Honoring Clergy and Religious – **Live Oak B/C**
1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
 2. Procession of Council Banners
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 4. Welcome – **Allen Latimer, Mayor, Horn Lake**
 5. Response – State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
 6. Open Item: (can be used at the discretion of the State Deputy)
 7. Prayer – **Bishop Joseph Kopacz**
 8. Meal Served
 9. Introduction of Visiting Priests and Seminarians – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 10. Awards Presentation:
 - a. Membership Awards - State Membership Director, **Aaron Achord**
 - 1) Top Gun Awards
 - 2) Star Recruiter Award
 - 3) Top Recruiting Council Award
 - 4) Champion Recruiting Council Award
 - b. Council Program Awards – State Program Director, **Ted Lander**
 - 1) Honor Council Awards
 - 2) Superior Council
 - 3) Council of Excellence Awards
 - 4) Distinguished Council Awards
 - 5) Stellar Council Awards
 - c. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 11. Closing Remarks/Announcements
- 9:00 – p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open/After Banquet Entertainment

Saturday, 23 April 2022

- 8:00 – a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – **Good Shepherd**
- Concelebrated Mass with Bishop **Kopacz** as Principal Celebrant
 - Necrology by State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee – **After mass, at Good Shepard**
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Convention Registration – **Convention Lobby**
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Delegate Registration – **Live Oak B**

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10:00 – 11:45 a.m. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Convention Awards Voting (10:00 – 11:45) – State Program Director,
Ted Lander, Live Oak B

NOTE: The following committees will meet in the above room, at this time.

- a. Faith
 - b. Public Relations
 - c. Community
 - d. Life
 - e. Family Life
 - f. Vocations
 - g. Disaster Relief
2. Credentials Committee (10:00-10:30) – State Secretary, **Guy Heying, Live Oak B**
 3. Convention Committee (10:30-11:45) – Ted Lander/Richard Greenwold,
Live Oak B
 4. Mileage and Per Diem (10:00-10:30) – State Treasurer, **Brian Cassagne, Live Oak B**
 5. K of C Audit (10:30-11:45)– **Jerry Schmuck, PSD, Live Oak B,**
 6. Resolutions Committee – State Advocate – **Kenny Gonzales, Cypress Board Room**

10:00 – 12:00p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Live Oak A**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Tupelo**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Magnolia**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Dogwood**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. Lunch – **On your own**

1:00 – 4:00p.m. SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Charles Hahn and DDs**
2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
5. Address to the Delegates –
Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Kopacz N/A**
6. State Deputy's Report – **Raul Gamez**
7. State Secretary's Report – **Guy Heying**
8. State Treasurer's Report – **Brian Cassagne**
9. State Advocate's Report – **Kenny Gonzales**

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SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)

10. State Warden's Report – **Charles Hahn**
11. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Philip Jabour**
12. District Master's Report – **Craig Harrell**
13. General Agent's Report – **John Stice**
14. Supreme Representative's Report – **Jose' Jimenez, Vice-President of US Territorial Growth**
15. Announcements
16. State Chaplain's Report – **Father Mike Austin**
17. Address to the Delegates – **(2-4 PM)**
Bishop of Biloxi Diocese, **Most Reverend Louis Kihneman, III**

2:00 – 4:00p.m. **Bishop's Talk – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**

4:00 – 4:30p.m. **Programs and Membership – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

- 6:00 – p.m. Cash Bar Open - **Pre-Function Area**
- 6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Live Oak A**
- 6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **Magnolia & Dogwood**
- 6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Live Oak B/C**
1. Procession of the Dignitaries
 2. Procession of Council Banners
 3. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
 4. National Anthem –
 5. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 6. Prayer – **Bishop Louis Kihneman, III**
 7. Meal Served
 8. Keynote Address, Supreme Representative **Jose' Jimenez**
 9. Awards Presentation: (**Only 1st Place awards will be presented**)
 - a. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards –
Ladies Auxiliary President, **Genna Smith**
 - b. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 - c. Program Awards – State Program Director – **Ted Lander**
 - 1) Best Faith Activity Award
 - 2) Best Family Activity Award
 - 3) Best Community Activity Award
 - 4) Best Life Activity Award
 - 5) Best Vocations Project Award
 - d. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards – **Robert Parman**
 - e. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **Michael Robinson**
 - f. Bishop Houck Priest Retirement Fund – **Fred Ward, Jr.**

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SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

- g. Best Council Awards – State Program Director, **Ted Lander**
- h. Fourth Degree Awards – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
- i. MS State Council, Knight of the Year Award –
State Program Director, **Ted Lander**
- j. MS State Council, Family of the Year Award –
State Program Director, **Ted Lander**

Sunday, 24 April 2022

- 8:00 – a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop **Kihneman** as Principal Celebrant – **Good Shepherd**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Guy Heying**, Cypress Board Room
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OPEN AWARDS SESSION – Live Oak A**
- 1. Opening of the Awards Session – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance – State Master, **Craig Harrell**
 - 3. Awards
 - a. Family of the Month Awards – State Family Director – **Lonnie Treadway**
 - b. State Free Throw Champions – **Rusty Haydel**
 - c. Essay Contest – State Membership Director, **Aaron Achord**
 - d. Keep Christ in Christmas Awards – **Nat Zummo**
 - e. Substance Abuse Contest – **Ted Lander**
 - f. Best Newsletter Awards – Magnolia Knight, IPSD, **Daniel Goodwin, Jr.**
 - g. Best Scrapbook Awards – Magnolia Knight, IPSD, **Daniel Goodwin, Jr.**
 - h. State “Persons with Intellectual Disabilities” Program Awards – **Ted Lander**
- 11:00 – am. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
- 1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Charles Hahn and DDs**
 - 2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 - 3. Opening Prayer - State Auxiliary Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
 - 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 - 5. Closing Remarks
 - a. Bishop Louis Kihneman, III
 - b. Bishop Joseph Kopacz N/A

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- c. Supreme Representative **Jose' Jimenez**
6. Presentation of Resolutions – State Advocate, **Kenny Gonzales**
7. Credentials Report – State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
8. Position Election Tellers
9. Election of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - c. State Treasurer
 - d. State Advocate
 - e. State Warden
10. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Convention,
Nashville, Tennessee; 29 July - 4 August 2022
 - a. Insurance Delegate (1 Insurance Member)
 - b. Insurance Delegate Alternates (3 Insurance Members)
 - c. Associate Delegates (2 Members)
 - d. Associate Delegate Alternates (2 Members)
11. Sites for State Convention
 - a. 2023 – Meridian
 - b. 2024 – Biloxi
 - c. 2025 – ????????
12. Dismiss Election Tellers
13. Unfinished Business
14. New Business
15. Closing Remarks
16. Closing Prayer - State Auxiliary Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
17. Adjournment



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Convention Committees

The committees listed below are appointed to assist in the work of the convention. With the exceptions of the *Election Tellers*, all other committees will meet between 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., at the locations listed, on Saturday, 23 April 2022. The *Credentials* and *Convention* committees, and *Mileage & Per Diem* and *Audit* committees will split this time period. Meeting start times are listed below. Additionally, the *Credentials* will also meet on Sunday, 24 April 2022 at 10:00 to finalize and approve the Credentials report. Committee chairman (listed in **bold**), except the Election Tellers, will make a written and an oral report, if called upon, to the convention. The written report must include a listing of committee attendees present. If the chairman is not listed or not present the District Deputy assigned will run the meeting.

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. FAITH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Tunney Vandevender	DD # 6
Lee Davis	# 848
Steven Nielsen	# 1034
Cleveland	# 5556
Don Coker	# 7120
James Rigby	# 9409
Garland Moran	# 9958
Larry Ray	# 10901
Isaac Heim	# 11995
Philadelphia/Tucker	# 13471
George Lafontaine	# 15131
Crystal Springs	# 17364

2. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Thomas Moran, Faith Director

Derek Finley	DD #3
Steve Vedros	# 898
Robert Agostinelli	# 2969
Greg Federico	# 4472
Lumberton	# 7211
Leo Luke, Jr.	# 8285
Benny French	# 9124
Chris Bereron	# 10216
Dedaux	# 12331
Clinton Hegwood, Jr.	# 14051
Hattisburg	# 15382

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3. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Live Oak B**
Lonnie Treadaway, DD #2, Family Life Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Director

Christopher Halliwell	DD #5
Roy Jordon	# 1522
Leland	# 2945
Long Beach	# 4898
David Rodriguez	# 5654
Douglas Lemere	# 7910
Michael Kreuzer	# 7974
Dedeaux	# 12331
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
Leonard Temple	# 14051
Hattiesburg	# 15382

4. LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Live Oak B**
Dennis Riecke, Life Director Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

John Barnes	DD #15
Lawrence Hientz	# 1908
Keith Knight	# 2180
Richert Mahony	# 6872
Nicholas Liberto	# 10443
James Healy	# 11541
Pascagoula SH	# 12166
Philadelphia/Tucker	# 13471
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
Richard Manieri	# 16433

5. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Live Oak B**
Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Michael Kersanac	DD #9
Selby Smith	# 1522
Bari Matherne	# 7910
McComb	# 8054
Stephen Dunn	# 9094
Anthony Moran	# 9958
Harrison Darbonne	# 11934
Pascagoula SH	# 12166
Poplarville	# 15121
Crystal Springs	# 17364



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6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Thomas Maran	DD #13
Jeff Eckstein	# 898
Quincy St. Pierre	# 1908
Long Beach	# 4898
Richard Coughlin	# 6765
McComb	# 8054
Matt Zerangue	# 10901
David Madere	# 11934
Poplarville	# 15121
Dwayne Punch	# 16433
Hatiesburg	# 16763

7. DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Jose' Diaz del Valle	DD #10
Robert Flagg	# 1583
Charles Bishop	# 1605
Greg Noilet	# 4472
Greenwood	# 5267
Ted Applewhite	# 6592
Mathew Delahoussey	# 9094
Michael Liberto	# 10443
Damien Colbert	# 11541
Charles Heim	# 11995
Vancleave	# 15155

8. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Tom Cusker, Committee Chairman

**Richard Greenwold, State Convention
Coordinator**

Tomaz Haupt	DD #4
James Smith	DD #16
Willian Nix	# 802
Errol Rideau, Jr.	# 8285
Biloxi	# 16992
Louis Clifford	# 15131



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9. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Guy Heying, State Secretary

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m. and
Sunday, 24 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Richard Greenwold, Asst. to State Sec.

Frank Whitehead	DD #14
Robert Leo	# 802
John Shaefer	# 1244
William Clark	# 1605
Guy Manodlini	# 2134
Ralph Gatzman	# 2180
Leland	# 2945
Michael Smith	# 2969
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Brookhaven	# 7915
Corinth	# 8912
William McBride	# 10216
Hattiesburg	# 16763

**10. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
COMMITTEE**

Brian Cassagne, State Treasurer

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Mike Rosas	DD #12
James Maier	# 1034
Joseph Weis	# 1583
Greenwood	# 5267
Lumberton	# 7211
Eric Zmitrovich	# 7854
Michael Cancellare	# 7974
Calvin Dotson	# 8848
Corinth	# 8912
Indianola	# 9234
Edward Garnish, Jr.	# 9409
Vancleave	# 15155



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11. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jerry Schmuck, PSD

Live Oak B

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Brian Cassagne, State Treasurer

Jim McCraw	PSD
Louis Ybarra	DD #7
William Jarrett	DD #8
Randy Jansen	# 848
Jack McNiel	# 2134
Charlie Harington	# 6592
Richard Sowers	# 6765
Richert Mahony	# 6872
William O'Conner	# 7854
Brookhaven	# 7915
Robby Parman	# 8848
Indianola	# 9234
Joseph Goellner, Sr.	# 10499

12. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Kenny Gonzales, State Advocate

Cypress Board Room

Saturday, 23 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Philip Jabour	IPSD
Jacob Eftink	DD #1
Nicholas Martino	DD #11
Robert Barr	# 9124

13. ELECTION TELLERS

Live Oak A

Sunday, 24 April 2020

Jerry Schmuck
Jim McCraw
Philip Jabour

Mississippi State Council 118th Annual State Convention Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday April 23, 2022 by Guy Heying, State Secretary. The State Secretary was assisted by Richard Greenwold, Assistant to the State Secretary. The following Delegates were in attendance:

Delegate	Council
Frank Whitehead	DD #14
Robert Leo	802
John Shaefer	1244
William Clark	1605
Ralph Gatzman	2180
Michael Smith	2969
Richard Hoda	7087
Aaron Achord	7915
William McBride	16763

After a review of the registration records it was confirmed that a total of 75 certified delegates have been seated out of 132 possible delegates, The full slate of 7 State Offices will also be seated, totaling 82 certified voting members at the 118th Annual Mississippi State Convention.

A motion was made by Delegate Aaron Achord of Council 7915 to accept the credentials report as submitted and seconded by Delegate William Clark of Council 1605. The motion was put to the committee for vote, and the vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

A copy of the Credentials report is attached.

The Credentials Committee meeting was concluded with a Hail Mary at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Heying
State Secretary



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REPORT OF THE 2022 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

State Chaplain	Father Mike Austin
State Deputy	Raul Gamez
State Secretary	Guy Heying
State Treasurer	Bryan Cassagne
State Advocate	Kenny Gonzales
State Warden	Charles Hahn
Immediate Past State Deputy	Philip Jabour

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2022 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 1	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	802	4 Msgr. John J. Burns	X	1 William Nix	X	1 Robert Leo
2	*	848	5 John T. Savage	X	1 Randy Jansen	X	1 Lee Davis
2	*	898	5 Vicksburg	X	1 Steve Vedros	X	1 Jeff Eckstein
2	*	1034	7 Bishop R. O. Gerow	X	1 James Maier	X	1 Stephen Nielsen
1		1244	11 Biloxi	X	1 John Schaefer		0 No Delegate
2	*	1522	10 Pere Le Duc	X	1 Roy Jordon	X	1 Shelby Smith
2	*	1583	15 Bishop Gunn	X	1 Joseph Weis	X	1 Robert Flagg
2	*	1605	12 Msgr. P. J. Carey	X	1 William Clark	X	1 Charles Bishop
1	*	1908	8 Bishop Fahey		0 No Delegate	X	1 Lawrence Hientz, III
0		2134	14 Greenville		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
2	*	2180	8 Laurel	X	1 Ralph Gatzman	X	1 Keith Knight
0		2945	14 Leland		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
2	*	2969	14 Clarksdale	X	1 Robert Agostinelli	X	1 Michael Smith
2	*	4472	10 Pass Christian	X	1 Tony Diaz del valle	X	1 Greg Niolet
1		4898	10 Long Beach		0 No Delegate	X	1 Benjamin Dilorenzo
0		5267	3 Greenwood		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
0		5556	14 Cleveland		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
1		5654	16 Ocean Springs	X	1 David Rodriguez		0 No Delegate
2	*	6592	8 Bassfield	X	1 Charlie Harrington	X	1 Ted Applewhite
2	*	6765	4 Starkville	X	1 Richard Coughlin	X	1 Richard Sowers
2	*	6872	9 Picayune	X	1 Raymond Rivero	X	1 Richert Mahony, FS
1		7087	9 Kiln		0 No Delegate	X	1 Richard Hoda, FS
31	SUB-TOTAL			15	15	16	16

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	7120	2 Southaven	X 1 Don Coker (Milage Only)	X 1 Tom Cusker
0		7211	13 Lumberton	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		7854	5 Clinton	X 1 Eric Zmtrovich	X 1 William O'Conner
2	*	7910	15 Orange Grove	X 1 Douglas Lemere	X 1 Bari Matherne
2		7915	7 Brookhaven	X 1 Bo Allen	X 1 Aaron Achord
1	*	7974	4 Columbus	X 1 Kurt Dobbelt	0 No Delegate
0		8038	6 Pearl	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		8054	7 McComb	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	8285	5 Jackson, St. Therese	X 1 Leo Luke, Jr.	X 1 Errol Rideau, Jr.
0	P	8760	2 Holly Springs	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	8848	1 Tupelo	X 1 Calvin Dotson	X 1 Robby Parman
0		8912	1 Corinth	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9094	11 D'Iberville	X 1 Mathew Delahoussey	X 1 Stephen Dunn
2	*	9124	12 Gautier	X 1 Benny French	X 1 Robert Barr
0		9234	3 Indianola	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9409	11 West Biloxi	X 1 Edward Garnish, Jr.	X 1 James Rigby
0		9543	6 Madison	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	*	9673	11 Woolmarket	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9958	13 Lizana	X 1 Garland Moran	X 1 Anthony Moran
2		10216	6 Flowood	X 1 William McBride	X 1 Chris Bergeron
2	*	10443	3 Grenada	X 1 Nicholas Liberto	X 1 Michael Liberto
2	*	10499	16 Ocean Springs	X 1 Joseph Goellner, Sr.	X 1 Richard Greenwold
2		10901	1 Oxford	X 1 Matt Zerangue	X 1 Larry Ray
2	*	11541	15 St. James, Gulfport	X 1 James Healy	X 1 Damien Colbert
0	P	11654	13 Wiggins	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	P	11904	13 Lucedale	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	11934	6 Gluckstadt	X 1 Harrison Darbonne	X 1 David Madere
0	S	11956	7 Tylertown	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	11995	9 West Harrison	X 1 Charles Heim	X 1 Isaac Heim
0		12166	12 Pascagoula-SH	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		12271	15 Gulfport-NCBC	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		12331	9 Dedeaux	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		13471	4 Philadelphia/Tucker	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
1		13502	2 Batesville/Sardis	X 1 Raymond Cole	0 No Delegate
0	S	13936	St. Jude	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	14051	2 Father Leo John Dehon	X 1 Clinton Hegwood, Jr.	X 1 Leonard Temple
0		15121	13 St. Joseph	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		15131	5 St. Richard of Chichester	X 1 Louis Clifford, IV	X 1 George Lafontaine
0		15155	12 Fr. Denis J. Harlow	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		15382	8 St. Thomas Aquinas	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		16433	10 St Clare	X 1 Dwayne Punch	X 1 Richard Manieri, Sr,
0		16763	8 Father Peter Quinn	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	*	16992	16 Father Robert Mullin	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		17364	7 St. John Paul II	X 1 William Addie	X 1 Stephen Duncan
44	SUB-TOTAL			23 23	21 21

75	Certified Delegates	57 - TOTAL MISSING DELEGATES
75	TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED	57 - NO DELEGATE
7	TOTAL STATE OFFICERS	132 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE
82	TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS	7 - TOTAL STATE OFFICERS
		139 - TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTING MEMBERS

DISTRICT DEPUTIES**DIRECTORS / CHAIRMAN**

District	1	Jacob Eftink	Membership Director	D Aaron Achord
District	2	Lonnie Treadaway	Program Director	
District	3	Derek Finley	Faith Director	
District	4		Community Director	DD Thomas Moran
District	5	Christopher Halliwell	Family Director	DD Lonnie Treadaway
District	6		Life Director	
			Asst to State Sec/State Conv	
District	7		Coord	D Richard E. Greenwold
District	8	William Jarrett	Bishop R. O. Gerow Chairman	Michael Robinson
District	9	Michael Kersanac	Vocations Chairman	
District	10	Jose' Diaz del Valle	Executive Secretary	D Robert Barr
District	11	Nicholas Martino		
District	12			
District	13	Thomas Moran		
District	14	Frank Whithead		
District	15	John Barnes		DD -- DISTRICT DEPUTY
District	16			D -- DELEGATE

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

1	Jerry Schmuck	1	Philip Jabour
1	Jim McCraw		

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph Kopacz
Bishop Loius Kihneman, III

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Heying
State Secretary

RG/reg

Worthy Sirs:

The Community Activity Committee meet Saturday, April 23rd to vote on submissions for the Best Community Project, Family of the Year, and Knight of the Year. The following delegates were present:

Steve Vedros	Council 898
Robert Agostinelli	Council 2969
Leo Luke, Jr.	Council 8285
Benny French	Council 9124
Chris Bereon	Council 10216

There were 4 submissions for Best Community Project, 5 nominations for Family of the Year, and 6 nominations for Knight of the Year, which were assigned anonymous designations such as COM-1, FOY -1, KOY-1, etc. The delegates' votes were tallied by the acting committee chairman and the results given to the State Secretary. As an aside, while the votes were being counted the delegates discussed their experiences with Cursillo and how getting members to attend may aid in pursuing the new direction expressed by the State Deputy.

Faithfully Submitted,
William L. Jarrett Jr.
District Deputy 8
Acting Community Activity Committee Director.

MS State 118th Convention Life Activity Committee Report

On Saturday April 23, 2022, I John Barnes DD15 lead the Life Activities Committee. I explained the propose of the committee, what we were voting on and how to vote.

Brothers present for voting are as follows:

John Barnes	#7910
Lawrence Hientz	#1908
Keith Knight	#2180
Nicholas Liberto	#10443
James Healy	#11541
Raymond Cole	#13502
Richard Manieri	#16433

Subjects voted on as follows:

Family of the Year

Knight of the Year

Life Activity of the Year

After the voting the committee discussed how important it is to turn in programs and to nominate Brothers for their hard work. We also talked about how we need to go back to our councils to share the experience we gain from convention and try to bring more Brothers to convention who have never been to witness the event.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Barnes
MS DD15

State Deputy's Report

2021-2022 Fraternal Year

Brothers,

We have gone through a rough period during the past Fraternal year not only because of the virus but also for medical situations involving myself and our Past State Deputy. I was not prepared to take over so soon, especially before officially being installed as your State Deputy. With the help of our Lord, we managed to work through it.

This is my first letter as the State Deputy, so bear with me. First, I want to thank all current and past State Officers for their support. I also want to thank all the Service Directors, District Deputies and all my fellow Knights for putting your faith in me as your Mississippi State Deputy. While we had our hardships (COVID), I was extremely proud of our success, which was the result of the hard work of **ALL** the Councils and State Officers. This only proved that we are “**ONE in Blood and Body**”, **We are BROTHERS**. No matter what was asked of us as Knights, we responded beyond expectations and set an example for future Knights.

I thank you for your efforts and humbly ask that you continue to give me the benefit of your support and trust as we move forward into this coming Fraternal year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

LTC (Ret) Raul (Roy) Gamez
State Deputy
Mississippi

State Secretary Report

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Rep, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Delegates and Brothers all, it is my pleasure to be able to address you face to face today at our 118th State Convention here in Tunica.

After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are fortunate to once again gather together to celebrate the achievements of this past year and look forward to continuing to reenergize our councils and our Order across the state, as we continue to emerge from the challenges the past two years have presented.

As we moved back to normal business, we reinstated the Per Capita billings to the councils across the state. I want to thank all the councils present today for processing your payments in a timely manner. I am happy to report that all June billings have been paid and as well as all but two councils have paid their December billing.

With regards to Per Capita, if you have read through the resolutions you have found a resolution to increase the Per Capita rates. I want to take this opportunity to make a few points on this matter. The current Per Capita rates have not seen an increase in over 12 years. So what does that mean? The 2010-dollar purchase power bought \$0.75 in 2021 and we all know what has happened in 2022. I hope you also saw a resolution to increase the Convention Per Diem beginning next year. These coupled with the loss of Per Capita from those members moved to the Affiliate council, results in a shortfall in the annual budget, therefore requiring the rate increase in Per Capita.

Nobody like a rate increase, but we have done our best to minimize this increase. In fact, the 20% increase in Associate / Insurance member Per Capita is less than the rate of inflation.

Another duty of the State Secretary is to receive and log all incoming funds. I want to thank all councils for assuring all checks written to the State Council were mailed to the State Secretary, with the proper forms for processing. With over 300 checks recorded over the course of the fraternal year, the proper processing makes the record keeping much more efficient.

As State Secretary, I have the honor of putting together the Convention Minute Book. A significant portion of this minute book are the reports submitted by the State Officers, DD's, Convention Committee's, and Grand Knights. The 2021 State Convention books are available for your review. I want to encourage the timely submittal of these reports for this year so that the 2022 State Convention Minute Book is more robust than the 2021 version.

To close, I thank you for placing your confidence in me to serve as your State Secretary this past year. I have enjoyed working with the other State Officers and working with the councils across the State of Mississippi. I look forward to great things happening in the Mississippi Jurisdiction in the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Heying

State Secretary Mississippi Jurisdiction

Report of the State Treasurer

Worthy Brothers All,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our State Jurisdiction! It has been an honor to serve as your treasurer this past year.

Part of my responsibilities are depositing your checks, keeping track of our ear-marked funds and paying all bills. In September we were audited by our Certified Public Accountant. No problems or issues were discovered. I also filed a 990-EZ with the IRS and a Certificate of Registration with the Secretary of State's Office in November.

We use Quickbooks as our accounting and records system. I generate a P & L and a Reconciliation Report each month to send to state officers and state fund chairs. I also keep track of your council audits and help with your per capita and insurance payments.

We received much generosity from numerous State Councils in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida in August. We also extended our help in the way of donations to Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky to help with recovery in their state. We have also lost a number of members to Covid-19! Pray for our Order and Bl. McGivney's Canonization brothers. May God Bless you, your families and keep you safe and well!

Fraternally Yours,

Bryan V. Cassagne
State Treasurer

State Advocate Report

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy and State Officers, and Brother Knights all, it is my esteem pleasure and honor to submit this annual report as your State Advocate. I will keep this report brief. I think the main thing I can say about my first year as a State Officer is be prepared for anything and everything. Besides the constant learning of how the State Council actually runs, we have had to traverse the rigors of the Covid 19 Virus. Many of our meetings have been virtual and I regret not getting to meet all of you in person. Hopefully things will return to normal soon and we can go about our business of supporting the Church and our priests.

To my fellow State Officers, I thank you for helping the new guy learn on the fly. We have had many telephone calls, e-mails, zoom meetings and virtual conferences to replace the face-to-face meetings that we would normally have had. This has been a challenge, but as true Knights, we continued to work through them to accomplish our ultimate goals. Thanks for showing me the ropes and always being there to answer my questions and guide me along the way.

To our District Deputies, thanks for all of your help. You are truly the backbone of our order. Without your work and leadership, we would be in serious trouble. Keep up the great work.

To my Brother Knights, thanks for all of your continued hard work in these trying times. I know things have been very difficult with all of the Covid related setbacks, but you have continued to plow through to keep our councils alive and in the forefront of our church parishes.

It has been a great honor to serve as your State Advocate. Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenny J. Gonzales

State Advocate

Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Warden's Report

Your Excellency Bishop Kihneman, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy PSD's Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Delegates, and Brothers All.

The 2021-2022 Fraternal year as seen as a return to normal. The School of Colubianism was held at St. Richard's Church in Jackson on September 18th with mostly grand knights in attendance. The decision to hold only one SOC was made in part to reduce the contact opportunities with respect to COVID. Representatives from 35 councils attended the day long meeting. Each attended three individual sessions repeat throughout the day. The Grand Knight session was led by State Secretary Guy Heying with input from State Deputy Roy Gamez. The Membership session was led Membership Chairmen Aaron Achord and Chuck Heim, and Retention Chairman Dennis Fink. The Program session was led by Program Director Ted Landers with a short presentation on Safe Environment Compliance by State Advocate Kenny Gonzales. One session of each presentation was recorded by State Warden Charles Hahn, and placed on the state google drive. There it was shared to all grand knights, district deputies and state officers.

Mid-winter meetings returned to the usual format of separate regional meetings. The northern region meeting was held in Batesville on January 8th and was attended by representatives from 8 councils. The central region meeting was held on January 9th in Meridian and was attended by representatives from 12 councils. The southern meeting was held in Biloxi on January 22 and attended by 22 councils.

The summer state organization meeting was held at Holy Family Church in Pass Christian on July 17th. State officers were installed after the vigil mass at Holy Family that Saturday. The winter state organization meeting on December 4th at St. Thomas Church in Long Beach. Bishop Kihneman of the Biloxi Diocese gave a presentation on his exhortation Missio Nostra ("Our Mission") prior to the meeting, after the Saturday morning Mass.

Currently efforts are underway to hold the 118th Annual State Meeting at Tunica, on April 22nd – 24th.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Hahn

State Warden

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY REPORT

Brother Knights;

After two years as State Deputy, I have served two years as IPSD. This is not an elected position. Every past State Deputy is asked to serve as IPSD until his successor as SD, finishes his term in office.

The thought is, that it is good to have a PSD as an advisor to the State Officers. Having served in the position, the IPSD should have knowledge and experience to share with a new SD and the other State Officers. That is what I have done for the past two years. SD Mike Kassouff and Raul "Roy" Gamez and I have worked together for several years as we have come up the offices together. I have been there for Mike and Roy to bounce ideas off of and to answer any questions they might have about how something is done. I could also tell them who to contact with Supreme to get a question answered.

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I have enjoyed working with all our Mississippi brother Knights and my fellow State Officers. One of the advantages of working your way up from Warden to State Deputy, is you know what is involved in each office. You also build relationships with the other State Officers as you work together for the Good of the Order.

I appreciate your letting me serve the Mississippi Knights Jurisdiction. It has been a pleasure to work with the over 7,000 Brother Knights in Mississippi.

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Immediate Past State Deputy

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District Master Craig Harrell





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Your Excellencies Bishop Kopacz and Bishop Kihneman,
State Chaplain Fr. Mike Austin,
District Friar Fr. Jason Johnston,
Reverend Fathers,
Worthy Supreme Representative,
Worthy State Deputy,
Worthy State Officers,
Worthy Delegates,
Brother Knights all,

The 4th Degree in Mississippi is solid. Work still needs to be done on submitting reports to Supreme on time and in recruiting 3rd Degree members into the 4th Degree. It's important to understand that if we become complacent in our responsibilities, the 4th Degree in Mississippi will cease to exist. We are only as strong as those councils that belong to and support our assemblies. Participation is and always has been on a volunteer basis. Get involved as your time allows. Visit the Patriotic Degree on the State web page (www.kofc-ms.org) on a regular basis. You will find important information to help in the success of your assemblies. Also, keep the State Directory updated when there are new officers elected or a change occurs in the leadership positions. Even if the officers are the same as the previous year, you still need to edit the date in the directory, so your Marshal's and I know it is current. Communication is so important for us to be able to share all that goes on or is happening in the 4th degree.

For those assemblies who have a social media page or a newsletter, thank you. For those that don't, start one up. I'm certain your members will appreciate learning about the work your assembly does. It may encourage them to become a more active member.

The number of members who have purchased the uniform is growing. There's no greater honor than for us to stand watch at a brother Knights visitation and/or funeral mass and to give our final salute to him in honor of his service to the Knights of Columbus. It also our way to show respect to the family and thanking them for allowing us to honor him. Work with your council's and assemblies in beginning a program of some kind to help off-set the cost of the uniform for those who want to purchase it.

I want to thank all of you who have stepped up and purchased the uniform. In doing so, you will ensure the continued success and viability of the Visible Arm of the Knights of Columbus, and the Patriotic Degree.

Thank you all for your dedication and support to the Patriotic Degree in Mississippi. I pray that God will continue to bestow his blessings and prosperity upon you to carry on the legacy that Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney began in 1882.

Fraternally,

Craig S. Harrell

Craig Harrell
District Master
Mississippi



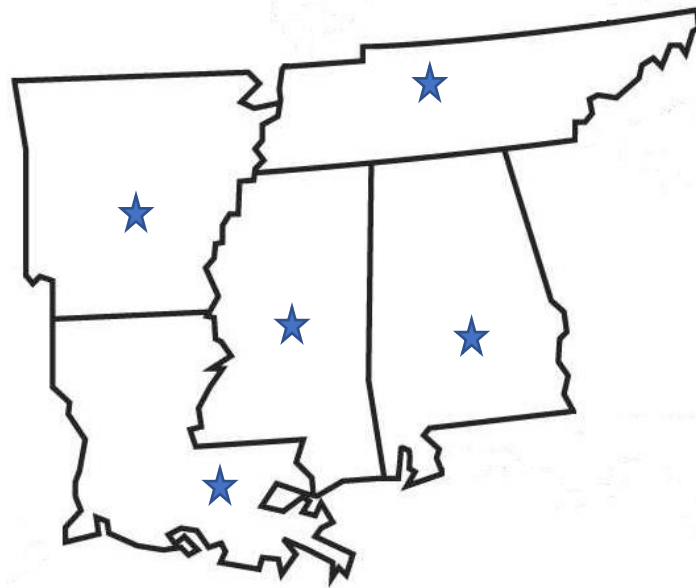


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Bienville Province

The Mississippi District is one of five States belonging to the Bienville Province.
Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee are the other States in the Bienville Province.





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State Chaplain and District Friar

I'd like to extend my gratitude to State Chaplain Fr. Mike Austin and District Friar Fr. Jason Johnston for agreeing to serve as the State spiritual leaders for the Knights of Columbus and the Patriotic Degree.

District Marshals

As with any leadership position, there are supporting positions that help in the success of an organization. For the District Master, those positions belong to the District Marshal's. A requirement to serve as a District Marshal is to have the uniform. The District Marshal has an important role in coordinating proper drill procedures of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Color Corps members at specific ceremonies held throughout the State. They also share information they receive from me with their assigned assemblies to keep them updated on deadlines, informed, and reminded of upcoming events and activities occurring in the State. I want to thank them for their work and dedication. There are 10 District Marshal's in the State:

District 2: Bryan Cassagne (1719, 2227, 3281)
District 4: Bill Clark (557, 561)
District 5: Chuck Nannery (556, 2059, 2347, 3007)
District 6: Bill Jarrett (562, 563)
District 7: Sal Moreno (1251)
District 8: Chuck Heim (560, 2284, 3464, 3625, 3837)
District 9: Steve Miller (554, 558, 2269, 3826, 3863)
District 11: Eddie Stutzman (559, 2969)
District 12: Leonard Temple (2195, 2495, 3081)
District 13: Ted Williams (2131, 2734, 2916)





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New Assembly

Both the Supreme Master and the Vice Supreme Master encourage the establishment each fraternal year of at least 1 new Assembly in each State belonging to the Bienville Province. In Mississippi, unfortunately, we were unable to meet that request. It takes at least 20 new members to form a new assembly and it requires leadership for that new assembly to prosper.

Exemplifications

During the 2021-2022 Fraternal year, the Mississippi District hosted 2 online and 3 in-person Patriotic Degree exemplifications. A total of 51 new 4th Degree members including 3 clergy completed their journey into full Knighthood. Additionally, 6 members either re-instated or transferred into an assembly bringing the grand total to 57 new 4th degree members.

Date, Location, Candidates

November 14, 2021 - Olive Branch, MS – 11 lay.
January 15, 2022 – Online MS District - 7 lay.
April 2, 2022 – Long Beach, MS – 19 lay, 1 clergy.
June 11, 2022 – Jackson, MS – 7 lay, 1 clergy.
June 22, 2022 – Online MS District – 4 lay, 1 clergy.

Assemblies

Currently, we have 39 Assemblies with 6 being inactive. Below are the number of active Assemblies who submitted their reports.

1315 Audit – 27 of 33
1728 Fraternal Survey – 29 of 33
2321 Civic Award – 7 of 33
186 Report of Officers – 15 of 33

Every assembly should submit a newsletter or have a social media platform with which to share important Assembly news with their membership. This is one of the most important aspects of having a successful Assembly. Sharing information is vital in keeping membership informed of upcoming activities and programs, and the status and well-being of their Assembly.





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Congratulations to the Patriotic Degree Award winners for 2021-2022.

Patriotic Degree Award Winners 2021-22

Assembly of the Year
Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS
Steve Miller, FN

Clergy of the Year
Fr. Nicholas W. Adam
John Edward Tracy Assembly 3863
Jackson, MS

Family of the Year
Allen and Maureen Scott
Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

Sir Knight of the Year
Chris Halliwell
Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

District Marshal of the Year
Leonard Temple, District 12 Marshal
Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly 3081
Olive Branch, MS

Award of Appreciation
William (Bill) Clark, District 4 Marshal
Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly 561
Gautier, MS

Charles Nannery, District 5 Marshal
Fr. Francis Deignan Assembly 2059
Ocean Springs, MS

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State Convention





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Provincial Meeting

The Provincial Meeting was held on September 24, 2022 in Slidell, LA to conclude the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. The Mississippi District was well represented by several members who attended. At the banquet, the Mississippi District was awarded the Clergy of the Year.

Provincial Award Winners 2021-2022

Assembly of the Year

Assembly 2420
Alabama District

Clergy Of the Year

Father Nicholas Adam
Assembly 554
Jackson, Mississippi

Family Of the Year

George Lannen Family
Louisiana District

Sir Knight of The Year

Dr. Andrew Jansen
Arkansas District

District Master of The Year

Jeff Priore
Arkansas District





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Bienville Province Membership Final Numbers 2021-22

Here are the final membership numbers from Supreme ending June 30, 2022.

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FOURTH DEGREE
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023
DISTRICT - 7.0% INTAKE GOALS

07/01/2022

PROVINCE: 9 BIENVILLE

DISTRICT NUMBER	LOCATION	07-01-2022 MEMBERSHIP	QUOTA	MTD GAIN	YTD GAIN	PERCENT
10	LOUISIANA	5,172	362	27	145	40
30	MISSISSIPPI	1,896	133	13	57	42
40	TENNESSEE	3,347	234	2	102	43
50	ARKANSAS	1,995	140	33	95	67
60	ALABAMA	2,507	175	32	95	54
TOTALS :		14,917	1,044	107	494	

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: 47%





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Assemblies That Met or Exceeded Their Membership Goals 21-22

#554 Jackson – 100%
#560 Bay St. Louis – 250%
#561 Gautier – 125%
#1719 Long Beach – 167%
#2131 Tupelo – 133%
#3081 Olive Branch – 150%
#3863 Jackson – 100%

Civic Award Recipients

Bishop R. O. Gerow 554 – Jackson, MS
August J. Stone 559 – Natchez, MS
Msgr. P. J. Carey 561 – Pascagoula, MS
Fr. Clarence J. Meyer 2131 – Tupelo, MS
Our Lady Queen of Peace 3081 – Olive Branch, MS
Most Holy Trinity 3625 – Pass Christian, MS
John Edward Tracy 3863 – Jackson, MS

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Star Assemblies

Bishop R. O. Gerow 554
Jackson, MS
Stephen Miller – Faithful Navigator

Our Lady Queen of Peace 3081
Olive Branch, MS
John Fair – Faithful Navigator

John Edward Tracy 3863
Jackson, MS
David Fisher – Faithful Navigator





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Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree
Mississippi District

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Dear Brother Knight,

You are invited to complete your journey into full Knighthood by joining the 4th degree of our order, Patriotism.

Local assemblies draw their members from Knights of Columbus councils. The qualification for membership in the Fourth Degree is simply membership in the Knights of Columbus as a Third Degree Knight in good standing.

The first Fourth Degree exemplification ceremony was held in New York City on February 22, 1900. The Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism and its primary purpose is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting a love of and loyalty to country, community at large and to encourage active Catholic citizenship.

Every citizen of every nation must engage himself daily in efforts to create a better understanding and appreciation of his country's history and ideals. That is the meaning of citizenship; the living out of the virtue of patriotism.

Fourth Degree Knights are members of a group of men dedicated to promoting patriotism, illuminated by their Catholic faith who commit themselves to this every day. They are in the vanguard of our Order in their dedication to preserving and perpetuating the freedoms we all cherish.

One way we will achieve those goals is putting greater emphasis on the patriotic service programs that are unique to the Fourth Degree.

Fourth Degree Knights have made a tremendous commitment to Veterans Affairs hospitals in recent years. Currently, there are Sir Knights volunteering in approximately 90 percent of U.S. Veterans Affairs hospitals, and last year Knights volunteered more than 104,000 hours at those hospitals. The national leadership of the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service program has recognized the Knights for our commitment by "serving those who served" so admirably and faithfully.

Through their leadership, sacrifice and dedication, Fourth Degree knights have earned their place atop the Order. *Fourth Degree Knights are Knights of the highest degree and are held in the highest regard, in the same way they hold themselves, their fellow brothers, and the Order.*





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The Color Corps is an elective division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, Confirmations and other Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Fourth Degree Knights may become part of the assembly's color corps. These members are recognized widely by their distinctive uniform (slacks, blazer, beret), along with their ceremonial sword which symbolizes Christian Knighthood, and is carried to signify reverence to Church, Eucharist, country and freedom. These members regularly take part in civic events and at ecclesial functions at Catholic churches. The various colored patches on the berets denote different officer positions within the Fourth Degree.

It is an honor to wear the regalia and participate in color corps and honor guards. It is a position of prestige and something for which all Knights should strive as we continue to sharpen the public image of Sir Knights by participating in the color corps and honor guards at various functions and events.

Again, I urge you to prayerfully consider completing your journey into full Knighthood. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree
Mississippi District

Craig S. Harrell

Craig S. Harrell
District Master

'The mission of the knight still remains: there must always be men who serve that which is holy in this world without reservation and without salary, caring for the weak, the persecuted and the insulted, renewing the authority of law and fighting against injustice. The knight exists for the sake of everyone: that is his proper position in the world.'

- German poet Reinhold Schneider



General Agent Report

My name is Luke McClure, and I am the Assistant General Agent of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi. I would like to share with you a story about a young priest, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, who at the age of 29 had the courage to begin what is now the world's largest Catholic Fraternal organization.

In the 1880's Connecticut was marked by growing fraternal benefit societies, anti-Catholic prejudice, dangerous working conditions and a tuberculosis pandemic that left many families fatherless. Recognizing a need in his community, Father McGivney, associate pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. gathered a group of men to meet in the basement of the church where they founded the Knights of Columbus. The primary goal was to serve as a mutual aid fraternal insurance organization for Catholic immigrants and their families. In addition to the Order's benefits, Catholic men were drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's Church, community, and family. The Knights of Columbus has since grown over the last 140 years to become the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization - devoted to providing Catholic families with financial strength and stability in the face of death and disability. We have surpassed over 2 million members and donate over 180 million dollars to charities annually worldwide.

One of the charitable missions we are working on is the support of the people of Ukraine. Mercy Huts have been established along the Polish Ukrainian border to support those in need of food and shelter. Much like the refugee relief offered during WWII, we have maintained our motto "everyone welcome, everything free". In addition to the support on the ground, our membership has donated over Thirteen million dollars for those in Ukraine refugees. Much of

the support offered not only to the Ukrainian families, but to our many charities we support is made possible by members like yourself embracing the financial mission started by Father McGivney.

To that end, I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to meet and discuss your financial needs and goals with myself or another Brother Agent. Protecting family from financial hardships through the Knights of Columbus is what allows us to carry out our Fraternal Mission both domestically and internationally.

To continue to offer the highest level of service, I'm extremely excited to announce that the Stice Agency of the Knights of Columbus is going to offer a free Estate Protection Webinar April 26th at 7PM! This will be a great opportunity to learn strategies from John Stice, General Agent of the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact your Grand Knight or check your email for a link to the registration.

Our desire to help Catholic families is founded in carrying forward the mission of Blessed Father McGivney. Caring for our membership as if they were our own family, this is what allows us to focus on protecting the member and his family above all else.

Lastly, I will leave you with a quote from our new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly "It's not just about the sale it's about the soul"

Thank you and God Bless The Knights of Columbus

Membership Report

Aaron J. Achord

2021-2022 Year End Report

Brothers, I was honored to serve as the State Membership Chairman for 2020-2021 Fraternal year. We implemented a new membership committee, where Chuck Heim was South Mississippi, Denny Fink was North Membership, and I worked the middle of the state. My appreciation goes out to Chuck and Denny, as all that we did accomplish was in great part due to them.

Membership for the State Council of was set at a quota of 292. This was a lofty goal as we were still reeling from the impacts of Covid-19 restrictions across the state. We set several incentives into place to try to reach this goal.

Our major incentive was if a Council reached 100% of its quota by December 31st for the year, it's January State per capita would be waived. We had 3 Councils to reach this incentive:

Council 2969 Msgr. James T. McKenna - Clarksdale
Council 4472 Msgr. Leech – Pass Christian
Council 9409 Reinhart Schroeder - West Biloxi.

Even with all the incentives from Supreme and State, we still fell short of our goals by a good margin. At the end of April, we still had a net gain of 121 Members. My biggest regret is we also stood to lose 5 councils this year. I tried to make a push to retain more members, but was too little too late in this regard. Supreme also implemented the Affiliate Member Program where approximately 700 members were moved to this new State Council. The e-membership was a success as reported by Chuck Heim.

Awards given at Convention were as follows:

Top Gun

Council 2969- Clarksdale also was the only council to reach top gun for the year

Top Recruiting Councils

North - Council 2969 Msgr. James T. McKenna – Clarksdale
South - Council 4472 Msgr. Leech – Pass Christian

Mississippi Champion Recruiting Councils

Council 9409 Reinhart Schroeder - West Biloxi
Council 1605 Msgr. P.J. Carey Pascagoula
Council 11541 St. James Gulfport
Council 14051 Father Leo John Dehon Olive Branch
Council 15121 St Joseph Poplarville

Top Star Recruiter

North – Robert Agostinelli

South - Jim Rigby

Respectfully submitted

Aaron J. Achord

State Membership Director

**E-Membership Report
Charles (Chuck) Heim
2021 – 2022 Year End Report**

As the States Membership South and E-Membership Director I respectfully submit the following Report.

The E-membership is a relatively new initiative for the Knights of Columbus. Interest has been limited in previous years. However, this fraternal year there was an increased interest in the e-membership initiative this year. The number of e-members processed from 1 April 2020 through 31 March 2021 was approximately 50 new members. During the same period from 1 April 2021 through 31 March 2022 there were 123 new members who expressed an interest in joining the order through the E-membership initiative. It was believed that the incentive, offered by Supreme, to join the order for free through 31 December 2021 increased the interest for new members to join the order through on-line e-membership program. This incentive resulted in 146% than increased interest in e-membership. This incentive was initially advertised as being available only through the end of Calendar year 2021. As the year progressed the incentive was extended through the end of the Fraternal Year.

The e-membership program started the year with approximately 50 carry-over members. At the end of March 2022, the number of e-members waiting to be transferred into their assigned council remained at approximately 50 members, with 10 of the remaining from the previous year's carry over. Two of the main issues identified by the councils include being unable to contact the e-members or not being able to schedule an agreeable time to conduct the ceremony necessary to complete the transfers into the council. There were also several e-members who indicated they joined with no intention to transfer into a local council and only wanted to see what the organization was all about. It was discovered mid-year that supreme has no requirement for a member to complete their degree and transfer into a local council. The number of members who did not want to transfer into a local council was less than 10%, and these e-members were rejected back to supreme where they can remain an affiliate member.

This year's e-membership results indicate the top three councils for the State of Mississippi were Council 7910 from St Joseph Catholic Church in Gulfport MS increased 12 new e-members. Council 2969 from St Elizabeth at Clarksdale MS had 14 new e-members. Council 2180 Immaculate Conception at Laurel had 20 new e-members. The increase at Council 2180 in Laurel came from an interest within the Hispanic community. All twenty (20) new members joined within two days. I believe that participation in the e-membership is increasing based on the 146% increase in participation from the previous year.

**Respectfully submitted
Charles J. Heim
State E-membership Director**

Reports for 2021-2022

During the 2021-22 fraternal year, the state received 273 standard reports from the councils in the state as of April 19, 2022. This is up from 217 last year. 65 councils submitted Report of Council Officers (Form 185). 56 submitted Report of Service Personnel (Form 365). 62 councils have submitted the Audit due August 15th (Form 1295-1) either to the state or Supreme with 35 councils sending copies to the state. 54 councils have submitted the audit due February 15th with 35 sending copies to the state. Four councils submitted the Special Olympics report. 66 council submitted the Annual Fraternal Survey (Form 1728) to Supreme with 52 councils sending copies to the State. Four councils submitted Family of the Month entries for one or more months. Two councils submitted a report for the Soccer Challenge with two submitting reports on the Free Throw Competition. Two councils submitted reports on Round Tables. Two councils also submitted reports on the Silver Rose program. The new Form 10784 was submitted by two councils for a total of 15 other programs. District deputies submitted seven form 450s for exemplifications held in their districts. Two district deputies submitted the council assessments due at the end of June, and five submitted assessments due in December.

Submitted Respectfully

Charles Hahn

State Reports Chairman

District Deputy #15

May 5, 2022

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,

It has been an honor to serve as the District Deputy for area 15 in the Mississippi Jurisdiction this year. This is my 4th year as a D.D. and I have found the position both challenging and rewarding. My area is comprised of St. John Council 1583, St. Joseph Council 7910, St. James Council 11541, St. Joseph the Worker Council 12271 all of which are in Gulfport. Each of these councils has had ups and downs this year and I was happy to have been of service to them in my capacity as their District Deputy.

Here is a brief recap of each council for the year:

Council 1583: With a total membership 107, This council is the oldest in my area and the only one with a Home Council Building. This is a council with seasoned Knight veterans in the ranks and they have a fairly younger GK who is trying to keep everything running. They are struggling worse than any other council with recruitment; in the past couple years they have lost more Brothers to Eternal Rest than they have brought into the council. For the Affiliate Membership Program this council had 3 transfers to the new program. I can always depend on 1583 for anything asked of them, most that come to the meeting are past leaders and are true Catholic Gentlemen. This is the Old Guard, the Best of K of C from long ago, like Our Beloved Order has witness across the country grow or die, sadly without change death will be knocking.

Council 7910: With a total membership of 105, this is a great council; my home council, there is a strong group who will show up for meetings and actives. Membership growth is up and down depending on how busy the core Brothers are, because most don't recruit. For the Affiliate Membership program this council had 21. 21 is also the average number at most meetings and actives even if some of the names are different. This council struggles at times with support from the Parish parishioners in most actives, with good recruitment this could be a Star council.

Council 11541: With a total membership of 90, This council is the Holiest council in the district, they enthroned their council to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary with a prayerful ceremony and are working on a plaque for the members present to sign along with Father Ryan. They made their membership goal and received a plaque from Supreme. For the Affiliate Membership program this council had 22. This is the only council to perform the new Induction ceremony after Mass in the Sanctuary. This council lost their institutional knowledge with the departure of 2 key Brothers who did all the reports and never shared the knowledge with the next group of leaders, this group of leaders are struggling with the concept of all the paperwork needed to run a successful council according to Supreme guidelines, correct this we would have a role model council.

Council 12271: With 15 members, this is the only Military Council in the state. This council has not met in a couple years, have had no elections, and is working on disbanding to become a Round Table. They have had several members transfer to other councils. For the Affiliate Membership program this council had 8. They do have a very supportive Priest in Father Patty. Hopefully with the revamping of a Round Table this council can have new Life in the future.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Barnes
District Deputy #15

Grand Knight Report Council 848, Jackson, MS

Fraternal Year 2021-2022

As we begin to grow out of COVID 19, like many Council we struggled to do many of our usual activities as a Council. Pre-COVID our Council performed more than 80 parish and community activities each year. The Officers agreed that due to the many Parish and Community restrictions due to COVID 19 we would concentrate on the following events each month.

1. Continue with our Pro Life Rosary every third Saturday of the Month outside when weather permitted in the Marian Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle.
2. Continue with our Deacon/Seminarian breakfast on the third Sunday of the Month to support two of our Brother Council Members who were in training to become Deacons and to support our Seminarian Carlyle Beggerly with a monthly encouragement letter and \$50 gift.
3. Continue to support the Carmelite Sisters in Jackson by building a new garage and "Lean To" on their campus and provide a Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner that we have traditionally done for the last 3 years.
4. Continue to support the Franciscan Sisters at Excel Learning Center in Morton, MS with food and clothing donations to the Hispanic Community and cook for their fundraisers during the year.
5. Continue to support the Waterford Living Center for the elderly with bingo prices and a new popcorn machine to help them with their activities.
6. Continue our Thanksgiving and Christmas Spiral Ham Sales to help fund many of our activities.
7. Continue to support our Parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers when called on by our Pastor Matthew Simmons.
8. Continue our "40 Cans for Lent" Program to collect can goods for our community.
9. Continue to recognize our Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, and Altar Server of the Month Awards to the Parish.
10. Continue to try and grow our Council with new membership.

Charlie Sims: Grand Knight

Grand Knight Report
Council 898
2021-22

Worthy State Deputy,

Being one of the oldest councils in the state of Mississippi, Vicksburg Council 898, founded in 1903, continues to strive to meet the needs of our local parishes-St. Paul's, St. Mary's, and St. Michaels. We also support two round tables-Sacred Heart in Port Gibson Ms. and St. Edwards in Tallulah La. We presently have 320 members on the roster with more than 70 honorary life, and that number is growing exponentially. We have struggled to grow our membership throughout the covid. We are always trying new activities to promote youth and young adult interaction at our council. We continue to maintain and support many programs in our council with a minimum of four in each category:

Community

- 1) Citizen Essay Contest-promote Faith and Citizenship
- 2) Free Throw Contest-engage the youth in our community
- 3) Soccer Challenge-community youth engagement
- 4) Substance Abuse Poster-promote substance abuse awareness among children
- 5) Scouting-support Boy Scout Troop 7 and Cub Scout Pack 7
- 6) Council Facebook Page-Council maintains fb page that community stays informed of our continued activities.
- 7) Council Website-for anyone interested in our Mission
- 8) Leave No Neighbor Behind-Meals On Wheels, a great ministry! We provide 70 plus meals monthly for shut-ins in our community Faith

- 1) Rosary Program-weekly rosary with Pro Life and other intentions
- 2) Bishop Gerow Fund-3000. dollar donation from spaghetti dinner sales
- 3) Support Parish Life-members serving in all positions at the churches
- 4) Sponsor Round Tables-we support two round tables
- 5) Memorial Mass-we celebrate mass annually at the council hall with families of recently deceased Knights Family

- 1) Food Drive-collect food and cash donations for local food pantry
- 2) Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest-offered to local youth
- 3) Knight of The Month-monthly program
- 4) Quarterly Socials-monthly recruitment socials and St. Patty's Day social
- 5) Submitted 12 Family of The Month to Supreme-monthly family submissions
- 6) Parish CYO support

Life

- 1) March For Life-march three miles with Honor Guard to KC memorial monument in Vicksburg city cemetery and pray the rosary. Bishop Kopacz honored us with his presence.
- 2) Novena For Life-participated in USCCB novena for life
- 3) Silver Rose
- 4) Rosary Devotion for Pro Life at council meetings-weekly rosary with pro life intentions
- 5) Defend Life Billboard-council maintains double sided billboard on council grounds
- 6) Haven House fish fries-two fish fries per year to support women and children's shelter

Kind Regards,
Stephen M. Vedros
Grand Knight 898



Knights of Columbus

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034

Natchez, MS



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

2021-2022

FAITH

- Held monthly Council business meetings
- Participate in weekly Mass as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, and Gift Bearers
- Conduct monthly Rosary service (provided online for housebound)
- Assisted with training for Altar servers
- Provided assistance to Diocesan Seminarian
- Donated a Vatican Flag to Cathedral School

FAMILY

- Provided for two families food and shopping trips during the Parish Christmas Adopt-A-Family program
- Hosted monthly Potluck Suppers at the Council Hall
- Hosted Biking for Babies before the start of the annual ride

COMMUNITY

- Published a monthly newsletter/media site
- Prepared and served fish and shrimp dinners during Lent
- Prepared and served annual Spaghetti Dinner
- Prepared and served two dinners for RCIA participants
- Sponsored a Blue Mass at Cathedral School
- Assist with Cathedral Football games
- Conducted weekly QiGong/Tai Chi classes at Fr. David O'Connor Family Life Center
- Provided transportation for the elderly
- Assisted with Parish blood drives
- Assisted with monthly Parish dinner at Fr. David O'Connor Family Life Center
- Volunteered at Natchez Stewpot
- Mentored CYO youth
- Supported local Boy Scout Troops

- Promote and support Veteran activities/programs
- Sponsor Christmas wreaths at local National Cemetery
- Support Natchez Children Services

LIFE

- Hosted a Silver Rose Mass
- Placed Crosses and placards for Pro-Life prayer service
- Support Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center
- Sponsoring Ultrasound Initiative for new regional Miss-Lou Pregnancy Center
- Visited the sick and elderly unable to leave their homes

Submitted by

James Maier

Grand Knight

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034

Natchez



Knights of Columbus
Council 1244
Biloxi, MS

Grand Knight Report
2021-2022

Council 1244 has remained active in their parish and community during this time of Covid and post Covid.

Our membership consists of 330 members, with 8 of those being newly added members this year.

The duly elected Officers of Council 1244 are:

Chaplain	Fr. Dennis Carver
Grand Knight	Chad Williams
Deputy Grand Knight	Tyler Williams
Chancellor	Joseph Cook
Recorder	Clarence Guillory Jr
Financial Secretary	Paul Arguelles
Treasurer	Fred Schwan
Warden	Daniel Reeder
Advocate	William Davis
Inside Guard	Cody Hill
Outside Guard	Peter Broussard
3 Yr. Trustee	Thomas Quinn
2 Yr. Trustee	Richard Benton
1 Yr. Trustee	David Hill

Service Program Personnel appointments of Council 1244:

Robert Fell Jr	Membership
Tyler Williams	Program
Cody Hill	Vocations
Gerard Darnell	Faith
George Lawrence	Community
Joseph Cook	Family
John Higginbotham	Health
David Hill	Public
	Relations
Robert Fell Jr	Lecturer

Below are activities our council sponsored and/or participated in:

Faith

- Continual financial support of seminarians
- Contributed to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund
- Held a memorial mass for deceased brothers
- Held a corporate communion mass
- Hosted a clergy appreciation dinner
- Attended mass/Holy Hour at St. Thomas with Bishop

Community

- Donated money to Nativity BVM Elementary for new door locks
- Participated in working the drinks booth for Nativity BVM Elementary fall carnival
- Contributed hurricane relief donations to councils in need
- Donations provided to St. Patrick School for their buses
- Donations provided to Alhambra for the Special Needs Christmas party
- Hosted a Breakfast with Santa for the children
- Hosted a Christmas potluck dinner for members and family
- Hosted the southern Mid Winters Meeting
- Held a lent fish fry in conjunction with a city block party. All proceeds were donated to a local charity.
- Participated in 1st annual Lent fish fry cook off to benefit local charity

Family

- Hosted dinners for families of the month and Knights of the quarter
- Sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest with Nativity BVM Elementary

Fraternally,
Chad Williams
Grand Knight
Biloxi Knights of Columbus Council 1244



Pere Le Duc Council # 1522
Bay Saint Louis, MS 39521

May 1, 2022

Guy J. Heying

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mississippi Jurisdiction

2021-2022 State Secretary

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Worthy State Secretary,

I would like to submit the council program report for Pere Le Duc Council #1522 in Bay Saint Louis, MS for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. The council had a very good year of service and fraternal work within our parish, our families, and our community. We also were able to respond in a very significant way to assist a hurricane-stricken parish in Loranger, LA. I will summarize our activity by category.

Faith

1. Refurbished the Building of the Domestic Church Kiosk with materials posted in the vestibules of the church.
2. Hosted each month an Hour of Adoration and Benediction for our members and the parish community.
3. Contributed to the RSVP program for the sponsorship of two seminarians.
4. Participated in the parish Rabboni Mass for the deceased members of our Council.
5. Provide weekly ushering services for all Masses and holiday services.
6. Hosted a Day of Prayer Retreat for our Ladies Auxiliary.
7. Hosted a Day of Prayer Retreat for our members and the men of our parish.

Family

1. Conducted the Consecration of the Family service including several hundred of our parishioners and half of the membership of our council.
2. Sponsored the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest and reviewed over 200 entries.
3. Hosted a Pancake breakfast for our Parish to reestablish parish activity once Covid restrictions were ended.
4. Provide funding assistance to the parish CYO to attend the Steubenville Conference.
5. Provide hundreds of hours of service in the set-up, operation, and tear-down of the parish festival during the July 4th weekend.
6. Provide donations to the County Food Pantry to assist with feeding the indigent population of the area.
7. Provide donation and service hours to the local Catholic school for its fundraising efforts.

Community

1. Provide maintenance work for the regular upkeep of the church grounds and the cemetery.
2. Participated in the refurbishing of a Habitat for Humanity house that was damaged by fire.
3. Hosted a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for the local Catholic elementary school faculty and staff.

4. Provided service hours and a large sum of money to respond to Hurricane Ida relief for Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Loranger, LA

Life

1. Conducted a Novena for the Unborn that concluded with a March for Life parade through the business district of Bay Saint Louis that included students from the Catholic schools, parishioners, and brother Knights from area councils.
2. Provided a donation to the St. Gerard Outreach Program for Pregnant Women and Mothers to support their mission of giving needed supplies for these women and their newborn children.
3. Conducted a First Friday Rosary for our members and the parish community prior to Mass to pray for the unborn.
4. Provide a donation to the state Pro-Life fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Roy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jordan" and last name "Roy" clearly distinguishable.

Jordan Roy, GK
Pere Le Duc Council #1522
Bay Saint Louis, MS

Grand Knight Report

2021-2022

Council 2969

Celebrated 50 year Clarksdale Knight's of Columbus anniversary at Stone Pony Restaurant.

Repaired the kneelers in Saint Elizabeth Church.

Organized and prepared annual James Agostinelli Memorial Easter Egg Hunt for Saint Elizabeth Parish. Eggs and prizes were paid for from the Knight's of Columbus general fund.

Organized blood drive for our parish and community.

Monitoring the needs of a victim of priest sexual abuse that happened in our parish years ago. This sexual abuse led him to drug abuse and affected his job performance over the years, affecting his ability to adequately take care of his family. Through our calls to the Vicar General, \$27000 in rehab was secured for him last year. Other monies our council raised for him last year have been depleted. A better paying job for him is desperately needed and we will continue to monitor his needs going forward, as we care much for him.

Prepared Thanksgiving meal for the parish in November.

Raised money from 2 football pools to help cover our charitable gifts.

Donated \$500 to the priest education fund.

Raised money from donations to buy hams given to all teachers/employees of Saint Elizabeth Catholic School. Balance was paid for from our general fund.

Prepared and delivered 30 food baskets to needy families during Christmas holidays. Recipients of the baskets were provided by the Department of Human Services. Baskets were paid for by church contributions and from the Knight's of Columbus general fund.

Took in 10 new members. 4 passed away.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Agostinelli
Grand Knight

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL NO. 7915
BROOKHAVEN MS, 39601

Grand Knight Report 2021- 2022

Council 7915 has had a busy year and is living the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Our Council has been busy with Numerous activities with the Church and Community. It was difficult starting back up after Covid lock down but with the guys in our Council made it easy for everyone to get activities going in the right direction and follow Covid protocols. For as membership it has been difficult to gather new guys but looking ahead, we slowly making progress in getting younger Generation in the Knights of Columbus.

Community Activities:

We assisted with the Habitat Home with electrical Wiring, Install outlets, Light Switches and all Light Fixtures

We held Numerous Blood Drives for the Parish and Community

Food Drives (Gathered 1300 cans of veg, fruit etc.) for the Food Pantry.

Assist with Food Pantry handing out can food and items to support the Community on each Friday

Church Activities:

Assist with repairs around the church and Parish Center

Cook for Wednesday Night Faith Formation (Last Wednesday of Every Month)

Assist with Ushering and Security Detail

Started in January of 2022 Knights Cooked Sunday Meal. First Sunday of every month at the Church

Donated Gift Cards for Father to give out to Parish Member in Need for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Made Several Donation to Prolife, Ultra Sound, Bishop Houck Fund and Bishop RO Gerow Fund.

Took the Youth to Knights of Columbus Night at Trustmark Park

Participate in Prolife Rally held in October 2021.

Assist with Station of the Cross and Meals afterwards.

Council 7915 has had a great year and a very busy year. We assist our Priest, Parish and Community in any way possible. It has been a pleasure and honor to be able to work with the group of guys in Council 7915 this following year.

Bo Allen

Grand Knight Council 7915



Knights of Columbus
ST. MARY GAUTIER COUNCIL, No. 9124
PO Box 246 Gautier, MS 39553

March 18, 2022

Grand Knight's Report
(2021-2022)

Worthy State Deputy,
With the end of COVID-19 restrictions, Council-9124 has been able to get back to normal operations and has been extremely active during the 2021-2022 State Fraternal Year. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. We have continued to be visible in parish life through Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs. A synopsis of our programs for this past year is listed below.

Faith Programs:

1. Conducted a Holy Hour Programs at St. Mary
2. Conducted a Marion Hour of Prayer Program at St. Mary
3. Conducted 5th Sunday Rosary Services at St. Mary
4. Supported one of the Diocesan Seminarians under the RSVP Program

Family Programs:

1. Consecrated the entire Council to the Holy Family at the beginning of the Fraternal Year
2. Submitted twelve Families of the Month candidates to Supreme
3. Submitted a Family of the Year Candidate for Consideration
4. Provided food for families through our community outreach program at the local Our daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Community Programs:

1. Sponsored a Toys for Tots toys drive for local needy children
2. Provided a Hurricane Prepared Program for St. Mary's Congregation
3. Hosted a Council Level Free Throw Competition at St. Mary
4. Sponsored a Blue Mass for local 1st Responders and their families

Life Programs:

1. Conducted a Novena for Life
2. Hosted a Silver Rose Mass and discussion
3. Participated in the Hwy-90 2022 Pro-Life Chain
4. Provided financial support to one of the local Pregnancy Support Centers

Respectfully Submitted,

Benny R. French

Benny R. French, Grand Knight
Council 9124

Council 11541
Saint James
Gulfport MS
Grand Knights Report 2021-22

Worthy State Deputy,

Saint James council is continued to be an active, and positive right arm of the Church! We are blessed to have Father Ryan McCoy's total support, and prayers to continue our success. Father Ryan attends all meetings, and brings a level of reverence, and cohesiveness to the team. We continue to support a bright new seminarian Chris Collins with a generous monthly stipend. The Knights have had to be flexible in the current growth of the church, in that we do not have a permanent meeting place. Father Ryan has generously offered the parish home on property until a future site can come our way.

Church activities:

Participated in a three day "Enthronement of The Sacred Heart of Jesus" for our church, This three day event was supported by numerous Knights, and was a real special event for Father Ryan and the parishioners', Numerous Knights perform weekly support for the church in, Usher duty's, collection, and readings of the Mass. Members attend weekly meetings with the church council on plans for the growth, and future of the church, The Knights are a vital support to the church on decision making for the parish future. Several members worked tirelessly on a beautification project to remove, and plant new landscaping for the church.

Community activities:

Bring food and well fare checks to Knights that cannot attend the meetings, Support The youth council with burger burns, donuts, and breakfast for special events, The youth council has a great program that supports two parishes, Annual blood drive was a success headed up by Worthy Brother Ed Farrell, collecting needed blood for the community. Monthly donuts and coffee in the parish are a staple for parishioner's fellowship after mass. Continually support the fall festival and "mass on the grass" by serving cold beverages, and cooking burgers for up to 600 parishioners. The Lenten fish fry was the largest in years, serving over 800 parishioners

with great fried fish and fellowship. This year's proceeds helped the youth group, school, Saint Vincent d' Paul, Alter society, and bereavement committee.

Council activities:

Council newsletter, "Knight of the year" Christmas dinner, participated in a State training seminar in Jackson, participate in sending two delegates to the State Supreme meeting in Tunica. Conduct meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month. Always available for extra support of Father Ryan, church, and school needs. Our proudest accomplishment is a group of Knights perform weekly adoration from 0400 to 0600 , to support the perpetual adoration chapel. Our Council was blessed with an "Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" during a special meeting conducted by Father Ryan. This special ceremony has already proven to bear spiritual fruit, with new memberships, and unexpected donations by parishioners to support Knight Activities.

In closing, our council looks forward to this year's theme of "discipleship ", and less maintenance and more Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Healy, Grand Knight

Council #11541

Knights of Columbus

St. Richard Council 15131

Grand Knight Report for 2021-2022

Date of Institution 8/9/10

Council Officers

Chaplain: Father John Bohn	Warden: Greg Hampton
Grand Knight: Chris Lombard	Inside Guard: Dave Fisher
Deputy Grand Knight: Chris Champagne	Outside Guard: Vacant
Financial Secretary: Harold Hardin	Trustee: John Wren
Treasurer: Robert Munroe	Trustee: Dr. Charles Caskey
Recorder: John Gomez	Trustee: Mike Hart
Chancellor: John Malanchak	Lecturer: Chigozie Udemgba
Advocate: Louis Clifford	

Service Program Personnel

Program Director: Louis Clifford
Vocations Chairman: John Malanchak
Life Director: Mike Hart

Faith Director: Dave Fisher
Community Director: Rusty Haydel
Family Director: Robert Munroe

As of February 6, 2022, our membership summary is as follows: 99 Total Members, 70 Associate, 29 Insurance, 1 Honorary, 7 Life. The council was awarded Star Council for the previous Fraternal Year. The following is a list of some of the activities that the council has sponsored or participated in-order to be visible in the missions and life of the parish.

Community Activities: St. Richard Council 15131 helped and/or sponsored in the following Community Activities. In the Springtime we held a successful blood drive, we had participation from the council and the parish. Our council assisted this year with providing food and drink for the Habitat for Humanity Recycle Project that was held in Jackson, we provided them with breakfast and lunch. We helped St. Richard Catholic School with their annual Cardinal Fest Fall Festival by putting together and handing out to go plates of food. The Council hosted the School of Columbianism in September of 2021.

Faith Activities: St. Richard Council 15131 helped and/or sponsored various activities in the Faith area of the Knights of Columbus. We sponsored through the RSVP Program Grayson Foley by sending him monthly stipends to help him during his Seminarian Formation. We assisted Nathan Lancaster with his FOCUS Mission at the University of Kentucky. We held the 5th Sunday Rosary. We have members that are apart of the Parish Choir and assist with Ushering. We have donated time and supplies to assist the Carmelite Nuns with the various projects that they have doing. We assisted the Diocese Vocations Director Father Nick Adam with a monetary donation to assist with his vocations retreat he hosted.

Family Activities: St. Richard Council 15131 was instrumental in several activities in the Family Sector of the Knights of Columbus. We sponsored a canned food drive during the holidays that was donated to the Salvation Army and to Gleaners. We had quarterly council socials with our biggest one being our Columbus Day celebration, as well as hosting our Christmas party with all our brother Knights and their families. We also participated virtually in a Knight of Columbus Benefit Webinar. A new program this year for our families was Breakfast with St. Nick, we had a pancake breakfast with coloring sheets, cookie decorating and goody bags for the kids, even had an appearance from St. Nick himself. We also have our Fish Friday's during Lent after Stations of the Cross.

Life Activities: Our Council at St. Richard was involved in many different Life Activities with our Council, Parish and School. We sponsored and helped work the annual Special Kids Golf tournament that is a fundraiser for the St. Richard Parish Special Kids Program and the St. Richard Catholic School Special Kids Program. This year we had the dedication of the permanent Pro-Life Memorial, Rachel Weeping Statue, at St. Richard. Father John blessed the statue, had the sculptor present to answer questions and to present her masterpiece to the Parish. This statue is a permanent memorial for the unborn and sits outside the Special Kids building to a reminder that all is precious and valued. Our council participated in the parish and school baby bottle collection drive and provided monetary donation to the Ultrasound Fund. Our council sponsored a table at the annual Squat and Gobble event in downtown Jackson.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Lombard
Grand Knight St. Richard Council 15131

118th Convention Minutes

Mississippi State Council
118th Annual State Meeting 21, 22, 23 & 24 April 2022
Tunica, Mississippi
Meeting Minutes

- Thursday 21 April
 - 6:30 pm – Reception held for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen and Supreme Representative
- Friday 22 April
 - 8:00 am- Mass for the Cause of Blessed Michael J. McGivney was held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
 - 9:30 am – State Officer Meeting
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez opened the meeting at 10:30.
 - State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin said the opening prayer and District Master, Craig Harrell followed with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez welcomed everyone to Tunica and introduced Jose’ Jimenez, Vice President of US Territorial Growth as our Supreme Representative.
 - Supreme Representative, Jose’ Jimenez expressed his gratitude for being able to attend our 118th State Convention and that he looked forward to sharing the next few days with his brother Knights from Mississippi
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez reviewed the convention agenda assuring all officers understood their roles and to confirm that no last-minute changes were required.
 - Meeting was closed with a prayer by State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin
 - 5:30 pm Opening Business Session
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez opened the meeting at 5:30.
 - State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin opened with a Prayer
 - State Master, Craig Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez greeted the assembly and promised an efficient convention
 - A motion to suspend the reading of the previous convention minutes was made and the Motion Carried.
 - Most Reverend Joseph Kopacz, Bishop of the Jackson Diocese, addressed the Delegates
 - Welcomed the delegates to the Jackson Diocese and in particular to the Mississippi Delta community of Tunica
 - He looked forward to gathering during Easter Week
 - Thanked the Knights of Columbus across the State of Mississippi for the good works we do saying the Knights are Good men working in Godly ways.
 - He also advised that Fr. Nick Adams would be representing him at Saturday’s banquet
 - State Secretary, Guy Heying called for the submission of reports not previously received
 - State Advocate, Kenny Gonzales passed out the resolutions
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez, distributed committee assignments
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez went to floor for any announcements

- State Secretary, Guy Heying, asked for a quick meeting with the Committee Chairmen following the conclusion of this session.
 - Closing prayer was offered by Most Reverend Joseph Kopacz, Bishop of the Jackson Diocese
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez Closed the meeting at 6:15
- O 6:45 pm- Friday Night Dinner Social – Honoring Clergy and the Religious
 - Allen Latimer, Mayor of Horn Lake provided the welcome to the delegates and guests.
 - Expressed his gratitude that the Knight's are holding this State Convention in the northwestern corner of Mississippi and welcomed all
 - Called on the Knights to continue defend our Faith as our beliefs are continually under attack in society.
 - State Secretary, Guy Heying, thanked Mayor Latimer for his warm welcome and expressed that on behalf of the delegates we are thankful for hospitality shown to the Knights. Additionally, State Secretary Heying reassured Mayor Latimer that the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi remain committed to defending our Faith.
- Saturday 23 April
 - 8:00 am- Memorial Mass with Necrology of Deceased Members and Wife's at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
 - 10:00 am- Convention Committee Meetings were held
 - 1:00 pm – Second Business Session
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
 - State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin opened with a Prayer
 - State Master, Craig Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - State Deputy Report, Roy Gamez
 - Recovering for a rough year due to Covid-19, and health issues of both PSD Mike Kassouf, as well as his own medical challenges
 - Thanked all current and past State Officers, Service Directors, and District Deputies, as well as the membership.
 - Through the hardships, expressed pride in the success we have had across the state due to the hard work of the councils and officers.
 - We are “one in the Blood and Body of Christ, We are Brothers, and we respond beyond Expectations”
 - State Secretary Report, Guy Heying:
 - Good to meet again, face-to-Face
 - Following two years of the Covid-19 pandemic we are transitioning back to Normal Business
 - Advised the Delegates that State Per Capita billings will resume with the August 2022 billing period

- Called the delegates attention to the resolution increasing the state Per Capita Rate and explained the reasons why a increase is needed.
- Encouraged the State Officers, DD's, Convention Committee Leaders, and Grand Knights to submit their reports for the 2022 Convention Meeting Book in a timely manner.
- State Treasurer Report, Bryan Cassagne:
 - Successful audit by our CPA was conducted in September 2021
 - IRS Form 990-EZ and the Mississippi Certificate of Registration were submitted and accepted
 - Thanked the councils for their generous donations toward Priest Education and Retirement, Prolife, and the Military Chaplin's funds.
 - Encouraged the councils to consider reengaging in raising funds for the People with Intellectual Difficulties program
- State Advocate Report, Kenny Gonzales:
 - Thanked the State Officers for their support
 - Thanked the District Deputies for all their help throughout the year
 - Thanked the knights across the state for their continued hard work
 - Encouraged the delegates to continue to plow through the Covid-19 challenges, to keep our councils alive and in the forefront of our church parishes
- State Warden Report, Charles Hahn:
 - Welcomes all those that attended this year's State Convention
 - Thanked the councils around the state for helping to coordinate the various meetings held around the state
- Immediate Past State Deputies Report, Philip Jabour:
 - Pleased to be able to serve as the Immediate Past State Deputy and provide support and guidance to State Deputy Roy and the other State Officers
 - We have survived the days of online virtual meetings, but it is good to be back to in person meetings
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- District Masters Report, Craig Harrell:
 - The number of members who have purchased the new uniforms is growing. There is still a need for more 4th Degree members to obtain their uniforms so that we can continue to stand in honor of our deceased Bother Knight.
 - We are only as strong as those councils that support our assemblies, please encourage your 3rd Degree members to consider joining the 4th Degree
 - 51 Sir Knights joined the 4th Degree this fraternal year.
 - 2 Online and 3 in-person exemplifications were held.
 - Three Assemblies achieved Star Assembly Awards
 - Bishop R. O. Gerow 554- Jackson, MS
 - Our Lady Queen of Peace 3081- Olive Branch, MS
 - John Edward Tracy 3863 – Jackson, MS - St Richard
- General Agent's Report, Luke McClure:

- Spoke about the mission of Blessed Michael J. McGivney to provide aid to the Catholic immigrants and their families.
- The Knights of Columbus has since grown over the last 140 years to become the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization
- Our support of the people of Ukraine has donated over Thirteen million dollars for those in Ukraine refugees.
- A large portion of these donations were made possible through the participation of your brother Knights in the policies and services offered by the Knights of Columbus Insurance program.
- To that end, I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to meet and discuss your financial needs and goals with myself or another Brother Agent.
- Supreme Representative's Report, Jose' Jimenez, Vice President of US Territorial Growth :
 - Thanked the Delegates for the opportunity to speak to them
 - Let everyone know that the supreme office has returned to the office 2-3 days a week as the organization works to return from the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Discussed some of the changes at the Supreme level and the new structure at the Supreme Office
 - Encouraged the councils to review the demographics of their parish(s) and that of their council. If the demographics are not aligned, challenged the councils to work to close the gaps and to go out of their way to include those who are not represented in the council membership.
 - Challenged all present to recruit at least 1 new member to join the Knights of Columbus, so that we as an order can continue to grow.
 - As we grow to a stronger fraternal organization it allows us to continue the evangelization efforts and continue to do the good works of the Knights of Columbus.
- State Chaplain Report, Fr. Mike Austin:
 - Shared that his home Council sponsored him throughout his time in the seminary and he appreciates everything the Knights do to support those who are studying for the priesthood.
 - His mission is to make intentional disciples of the leadership of the Knights of Columbus across the State of Mississippi
 - Announced that he has set up a retreat for all leaders of the Knights of Columbus the weekend of June 24-25, 2022, and he is strongly encouraging all present to attend along with the other officers of each council.
- Bishop's Address to the Delegates, Most Reverend Louis Kihneman, III, Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese
 - Presented the Lectio Divina program and took those in attendance through the first session of the program
 - Indicated that the Knights of Columbus, although doing great work is currently in the maintenance mode
 - Challenged the Knights to shift into the Mission Mode and that the leaders of the Knights of Columbus are being called to Go Make Disciples

- The closing prayer was said by Most Reverend Louis Kihneman, III, Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese
- Sunday 24 April
 - 8:00 am- Convention Mass was held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
 - 9:30 am Third Business Session
 - Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by State Deputy Roy Gamez
 - Open Prayer was led by State Treasurer Bryan Cassagne
 - District Master, Craig Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Supreme Representative, Jose' Jimenez, Vice President of US Territorial Growth was introduced for his comments which consisted of:
 - He enjoyed sharing in the convention
 - Need to continue to grow the Order through new members and diversity
 - As leaders in the Order, we need to leave a legacy, what will yours be?
 - The Mississippi Knights of Columbus represented the Order well
 - Thanked everyone for the hospitality
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez thanked Supreme Representative Jose' Jimenez for his remarks and invited him back to Mississippi in the future.
 - State Advocate, Kenny Gonzales read the 2021-2022 State Resolutions, the committee recommendations and invited any comments from the floor.
 - Resolution Number 8 received a motion from the floor by Chuck Heim Council 11995, that the Per Capita rates are increased from the proposed \$5.00 per one-half year for Regular Members to \$6.00 and that the Honorary Members rates are increased to \$2.50 per one-half year. The motion was seconded by Richard Manieri, Sr. Council 16433.
 - Following discussions, a voice vote by showing of hands was conducted
 - The amendment to Resolution Number 8 passed by a 47-24 margin
 - Resolution Number 9 received a motion from the floor by Chuck Heim Council 11995, that the millage rates are increased from the proposed \$0.30 per mile to \$0.50 per Mile. The motion was seconded by Shelby Smith of Council 1522.
 - Following discussions, a voice vote by showing of hands was conducted
 - The amendment to Resolution Number 9 passed by a 43-31 margin
 - All other resolutions were accepted as read.
 - State Deputy, Roy Gamez installed election tellers consisting of:
 - PSD Jerry Schmuck
 - PSD Jin McCraw
 - DD Lonnie Treadaway*
 - *No other past State Deputies were available to serve as teller

Election of Officers

- State Deputy

Roy Gamez was nominated for State Deputy by Resolution submitted by Council 4472. Seconded by Leonard Temple Council 14051.

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Roy Gamez for State Deputy

- State Secretary

Guy Heying was nominated for State Secretary by Resolution submitted by Council 15131. Seconded by Robert Barr Council 9124.

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Guy Heying for State Secretary

- State Treasurer

Bryan Cassagne was nominated for State Treasurer by Resolution submitted by Council 4472. Seconded by Stephen Dunn Council 9094

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Bryan Cassagne for State Treasurer

- Advocate

Kenny Gonzales was nominated for State Advocate by Resolution submitted by Council 5654. Seconded by David Rodriguez Council 5654.

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Kenny Gonzales for State Advocate

- State Warden

Kenny Gonzales was nominated for State Warden by Resolution submitted by Council 898. Seconded by Jeff Eckstein Council 5654.

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Kenny Gonzales for State Advocate

Election of Supreme Delegates

- Insurance Delegate (1)

- Nominations

Guy Heying

Aaron Achord- Aaron declined the nomination

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Guy Heying as the Insurance Delegate.

- Associate Delegates (2)

- Nominations

Charles Hahn

John Barnes

Bryan Cassagne

Aaron Achord

Lonnie Treadaway

No other Nominations

77 voting members were present for the balloting

Election results

Charles Hahn-	56 votes
John Barnes-	16 votes
Bryan Cassagne-	35 votes
Aaron Achord-	28 votes
Lonnie Treadaway-	19 votes

By vote cast for Charles Hahn and Bryan Cassagne will be the Associate Delegates

- Alternate Insurance Delegates (3)

- Nominations

Craig Harrel

Denny Fink

Kenny Gonzales

No other Nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Craig Harrel, Denny Fink, and Kenny Gonzales as Alternate Insurance Delegates

- Alternate Associate Delegates (2)

- Nominations

Aaron Achord

Lonnie Treadaway

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Aaron Achord and Lonnie Treadaway as Alternate Associate Delegates

- Site of 2025 State Convention

Jackson/Flowood – Nominated by Louis Clifford Council 15131, seconded by Bill Addie Council 17364

No other nominations

The Chair cast one vote for Jackson/Flowood

- Closing comments by the State Officers

- Thanks to the Delegates for their Attendance
 - Special thanks to the Southaven Council and Assembly for hosting this year's convention, and to all the supporting councils from the area.
 - Week wishes for a safe drive home

- Closing Prayer was said by State Treasurer, Bryan Cassagne

- Convention closed at 12:35 pm by State Deputy Roy Gamez.



**Mississippi State Council
118th Annual State Convention**



REPORT OF THE 2022 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

State Chaplain	Father Mike Austin
State Deputy	Raul Gamez
State Secretary	Guy Heying
State Treasurer	Bryan Cassagne
State Advocate	Kenny Gonzales
State Warden	Charles Hahn
Immediate Past State Deputy	Philip Jabour

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL**

2018 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 1	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	802	4 Msgr. John J. Burns	X	1 William Nix	X	1 Robert Leo
2	*	848	5 John T. Savage	X	1 Randy Jansen	X	1 Lee Davis
2	*	898	5 Vicksburg	X	1 Steve Vedros	X	1 Jeff Eckstein
2	*	1034	7 Bishop R. O. Gerow	X	1 James Maier	X	1 Stephen Nielsen
1		1244	11 Biloxi	X	1 John Schaefer		0 No Delegate
2	*	1522	10 Pere Le Duc	X	1 Roy Jordon	X	1 Shelby Smith
2	*	1583	15 Bishop Gunn	X	1 Joseph Weis	X	1 Robert Flagg
2	*	1605	12 Msgr. P. J. Carey	X	1 William Clark	X	1 Charles Bishop
1	*	1908	8 Bishop Fahey		0 No Delegate	X	1 Lawrence Hientz, III
0		2134	14 Greenville		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
2	*	2180	8 Laurel	X	1 Ralph Gatzman	X	1 Keith Knight
0		2945	14 Leland		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
2	*	2969	14 Clarksdale	X	1 Robert Agostinelli	X	1 Michael Smith
2	*	4472	10 Pass Christian	X	1 Tony Diaz del valle	X	1 Greg Niolet
1		4898	10 Long Beach		0 No Delegate	X	1 Benjamin Dilorenzo
0		5267	3 Greenwood		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
0		5556	14 Cleveland		0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
1		5654	16 Ocean Springs	X	1 David Rodriguez		0 No Delegate
2	*	6592	8 Bassfield	X	1 Charlie Harrington	X	1 Ted Applewhite
2	*	6765	4 Starkville	X	1 Richard Coughlin	X	1 Richard Sowers
2	*	6872	9 Picayune	X	1 Raymond Rivero	X	1 Richert Mahony, FS
1		7087	9 Kiln		0 No Delegate	X	1 Richard Hoda, FS
31	SUB-TOTAL			15	15	16	16

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	7120	2 Southaven	X 1 Don Coker (Milage Only)	X 1 Tom Cusker
0		7211	13 Lumberton	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		7854	5 Clinton	X 1 Eric Zmtrovich	X 1 William O'Conner
2	*	7910	15 Orange Grove	X 1 Douglas Lemere	X 1 Bari Matherne
2		7915	7 Brookhaven	X 1 Bo Allen	X 1 Aaron Achord
1	*	7974	4 Columbus	X 1 Kurt Dobbel	0 No Delegate
0		8038	6 Pearl	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		8054	7 McComb	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	8285	5 Jackson, St. Therese	X 1 Leo Luke, Jr.	X 1 Errol Rideau, Jr.
0	P	8760	2 Holly Springs	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	8848	1 Tupelo	X 1 Calvin Dotson	X 1 Robby Parman
0		8912	1 Corinth	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9094	11 D'Iberville	X 1 Mathew Delahoussey	X 1 Stephen Dunn
2	*	9124	12 Gautier	X 1 Benny French	X 1 Robert Barr
0		9234	3 Indianola	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9409	11 West Biloxi	X 1 Edward Garnish, Jr.	X 1 James Rigby
0		9543	6 Madison	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	*	9673	11 Woolmarket	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9958	13 Lizana	X 1 Garland Moran	X 1 Anthony Moran
2		10216	6 Flowood	X 1 William McBride	X 1 Chris Bergeron
2	*	10443	3 Grenada	X 1 Nicholas Liberto	X 1 Michael Liberto
2	*	10499	16 Ocean Springs	X 1 Joseph Goellner, Sr.	X 1 Richard Greenwold
2		10901	1 Oxford	X 1 Matt Zerangue	X 1 Larry Ray
2	*	11541	15 St. James, Gulfport	X 1 James Healy	X 1 Damien Colbert
0	P	11654	13 Wiggins	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	P	11904	13 Lucedale	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	11934	6 Gluckstadt	X 1 Harrison Darbonne	X 1 David Madere
0	S	11956	7 Tylertown	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	11995	9 West Harrison	X 1 Charles Heim	X 1 Isaac Heim
0		12166	12 Pascagoula-SH	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		12271	15 Gulfport-NCBC	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		12331	9 Dedeaux	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		13471	4 Philadelphia/Tucker	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
1		13502	2 Batesville/Sardis	X 1 Raymond Cole	0 No Delegate
0	S	13936	St. Jude	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	14051	2 Father Leo John Dehon	X 1 Clinton Hegwood, Jr.	X 1 Leonard Temple
0		15121	13 St. Joseph	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		15131	5 St. Richard of Chichester	X 1 Louis Clifford, IV	X 1 George Lafontaine
0		15155	12 Fr. Denis J. Harlow	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		15382	8 St. Thomas Aquinas	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		16433	10 St Clare	X 1 Dwayne Punch	X 1 Richard Manieri, Sr,
0		16763	8 Father Peter Quinn	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	*	16992	16 Father Robert Mullin	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		17364	7 St. John Paul II	X 1 William Addie	X 1 Stephen Duncan
44	SUB-TOTAL			23 23	21 21

75	Certified Delegates	57 - TOTAL MISSING DELEGATES
75	TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED	57 - NO DELEGATE
7	TOTAL STATE OFFICERS	132 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE
82	TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS	7 - TOTAL STATE OFFICERS
		139 - TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTING MEMBERS

DISTRICT DEPUTIES**DIRECTORS / CHAIRMAN**

District	1	Jacob Eftink	Membership Director	D Aaron Achord
District	2	Lonnie Treadaway	Program Director	
District	3	Derek Finley	Faith Director	
District	4		Community Director	DD Thomas Moran
District	5	Christopher Halliwell	Family Director	DD Lonnie Treadaway
District	6		Life Director	
			Asst to State Sec/State Conv	
District	7		Coord	D Richard E. Greenwold
District	8	William Jarrett	Bishop R. O. Gerow Chairman	Michael Robinson
District	9	Michael Kersanac	Vocations Chairman	
District	10	Jose' Diaz del Valle	Executive Secretary	D Robert Barr
District	11	Nicholas Martino		
District	12			
District	13	Thomas Moran		
District	14	Frank Whithead		
District	15	John Barnes		DD -- DISTRICT DEPUTY
District	16			D -- DELEGATE

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

1	Jerry Schmuck	1	Philip Jabour
1	Jim McCraw		

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

Bishop Joseph Kopacz
Bishop Loius Kihneman, III

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Heying
State Secretary

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2022 Resolutions (Amended)

**118th Annual State Convention
Mississippi Jurisdiction**



Knights of Columbus

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 1

Whereas,

On March 1, 2021 Patrick Kelly began his work as the Orders Fourteenth Supreme Knight to continue the mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity established 139 years ago by our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has dedicated his life in service to our Church, our Country and has served our Order since joining in 1983 at Marquette University, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has served as a U.S. Navy Captain, a Diplomat, State Deputy of the District of Columbia 2012-2013 and as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly is a third generation Knight with family service to our Order dating to 1915, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has a degree in Economics and Law from Marquette University and a Masters in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America and is more than qualified to take the Helm of the Knights of Columbus.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction congratulates Patrick Kelly on his election as Supreme Knight and pledges its support, its loyalty and its prayers.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 2 (Amended)

Whereas,

Supreme Representative Jose Jimenez has honored this State Convention with his presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Jimenez serves as the Vice President of Hispanic and Ethnic Growth and also as Territorial Growth Director for the Southeast, and

Whereas,

Brother Jimenez provides great guidance to our Order, and was extremely informative in addressing us at our convention banquet, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that brother Jimenez' assistance before and during the State Convention Call was extremely valuable and well received by all.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Supreme Representative Jose Jimenez and his lovely wife Lisa and extends a cordial invitation to come back to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted as Amended

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 3

Whereas,

The 2022 State Convention Meeting, due to the continuation of the COVID-19 Virus, is being held in-person and the delegates are gathered at a single location, and

Whereas,

The members of Council 7120 Southaven and Assembly 2195 Southaven, led by Chairman Ted Lander, have spent the past few years planning to host the delegates of the 2020 and 2021 State Conventions in Tunica, MS, and were not able to, due to the virus, and

Whereas,

The State Officers, and membership across the Mississippi Jurisdiction truly appreciate all the time, efforts, and energy expensed by Council 7120 and Assembly 2195.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to the host council and host assembly for the superior manner in which it discharged their responsibility.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 4 (Amended)

Whereas,

Bishop Joseph Kopacz was installed as the 11th Bishop of the Jackson Diocese February 6, 2014 and faithfully serves the Diocese, following the motto “**Let there be Light**”, and

Whereas,

Bishop Louis Kihneman III was installed as the 4th Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese April 28, 2017 and faithfully serves the Biloxi Diocese, following the motto “**The Lord is My Shepherd**”.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction inspired by the service of Bishops His Excellencies Kopacz and Kihneman, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted as Amended

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 5

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

Members of the armed forces place their lives at risk to ensure 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 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.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted as Amended

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 6

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 115th State Convention held in Jackson, and

Whereas,

Although authorized by resolution, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Bowling Tournament has not been well attended in recent years, and

Whereas,

It is the recommendation of the State Officers of the Mississippi Jurisdiction that a resolution to hold the Bowling Tournament is no longer needed, in that a State Tournament has not been supported, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council has not provided any expense or support the said tournament.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved

That any council of the MS Jurisdiction that would like to host a Bowling Tournament is encouraged to do so at their own expense.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 7

Whereas,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was elected by the conclave of Cardinals as Supreme Pontiff, the first Pope ever selected from the Americas and

Whereas,

Cardinal Bergoglio assumed leadership of the Holy Catholic Church, March 13, 2013 as Pope Francis, and

Whereas,

On December 13, 2021, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-three years in the Priesthood.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

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

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

Resolution Number 8 (Amended)

Whereas,

Article VI, Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that the Per Capita Tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

Whereas,

These per Capita Taxes are payable one-half on August 1 each year based upon the membership figures of July 1 and the other one-half payable on February 1 each year based upon the membership figures of January 1 in accord with Section 118 (c) and (d) of the Supreme Council by-laws.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, Per Capita Taxes shall be set at \$6.00 per one-half year for Regular Members and \$2.50 per one-half year for Honorary Members, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the State council will reserve the right to review the financial status of the State Council each and every year to determine if any changes are necessary for the financial stability of the State Council for the upcoming year.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted as Amended

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus
Resolution Number 9 (Amended)**

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that the expenses of the State Officers, Delegates, District Deputies, and Past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

Whereas,

Expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director and the four State Program Chairmen and those members deemed appropriate by the State Officers are determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, and District Deputies to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$90.00 per day for two days for those individuals staying in the designated hotel or attending both convention banquets, and they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.50 per mile one way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$90.00 per day for two days and they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.50 per mile one way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That, per diem expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director, the four (4) Service Program Directors and those members deemed appropriate by the State Officers to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$90.00 per day for two days for those individuals staying in the designated hotel or attending both convention banquets, and they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.50 per mile one-way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That should the hotel cost for the State Council Meeting exceed \$140.00 per night before taxes and fees, the State Council Officers, may approve an additional \$25.00 per diem for two days for all attendees who are entitled to a per diem and who stayed in the approved hotel.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt if Resolution 8 Passes

Action: Adopted as Amended

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 10 (Amended)

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 use of the proceeds from the sales of such car tags is decided by resolution at the State Convention.

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 2021-2022 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

50% to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2022 Convention.

50% to the Bishop William R Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund to be distributed at the 2022 Convention.

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.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted as Amended

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 11

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus have a long history of supporting those who serve others in need and the men and women who serve as First Responders and Health Care Workers in this time of the COVID-19 Virus are going beyond the call of duty, and

Whereas,

Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been First Responders and Health Care Workers, and

Whereas,

First Responders and Health Care Workers place their lives at risk to ensure the safety and care 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 served as First Responders and Health Care Workers 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 as First Responders and Health Care Workers.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

Resolution Number 12 (Amended)

Whereas,

Article X, Section 1 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that notice of a proposed amendment to the State By-Laws shall be given at least 60 days prior to the convention opening, and

Whereas,

This notice shall be by mail to the Grand Knights of each Council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That pursuant to Article X, Section 1, of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, notification shall be made by mail and/or e-mail to the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries of each Council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the State council will update the By-Laws, Article X, Section 1 to state the notification will be by mail and/or e-mail and also updated on the State Website.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted as Amended

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| 802 | Danilo Santiago
Jack Huntley
James Baughman
James Vaughn
Jerry Miller
John Ivey
Joseph P. Caskey
Robert Hammond, Jr
Robert Shields
William Michael Thomas | 1522 | Brett Barrett
John Auderer, III
John Ladner
Walter Gex, III |
| 848 | Ivan Lambert -PGK
His Emirates Bishop Joseph Latino
Virgil Melohn | 1583 | Charles Moore
Daniel Goad
Gary Seymour
John Windham
Nicholas Gangemi
Terry Raley Sr |
| 898 | Charles Katzenmeyer
Charles Trahan
George Brown
Harry Childs
Homer Greer
Joseph Zelasko
Nicholas Lavecchia
Robert Antwine -FN
Robert Head
Timothy Welp
Van Stewart -PGK, FN | 1605 | Deacon Emery Elder -Chancellor/OG
Joseph Farr -Treasure, Faithful Pilot
William Millette |
| 1034 | David Partridge
John Curran -GK, DD
Paul Melancon
Robert McWilliams
Thomas O | 1908 | Melvin Critchlow |
| 1244 | Broderick Bilancich
Curtis Harrison, Jr. -Treasurer
David Rogers
Kenneth Lamey- PGK
Leroy Helton, Jr
Lionel Sentell
Mark Blackmon -PGK
Neil Broussard
Richard Lasher
Robert Lawson
Thomas Esposito, Sr.
Truett Roberts Deacon | 2134 | Frank Terracina
Joseph Cirilli |
| | | 2180 | Alphonse Thompson
Bernie Maslanka
Jerome Axton
Joseph Vaughn
William Gully Jr -PGK
William Winter |
| | | 2969 | Angelo Balducci
Billy Joe Sabbatini
Frederick Nosef
Leonard Vincent |
| | | 4472 | Bud Boudreaux
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7211	Bernard Harrington James Simon Joesph J McQueen -PGK Oscar Lord	9409	Materno Yapit -PGK Michael Janus
7910	Henry Clarite Robert Peaks, Jr. -Faith Director	9673	John DiNardo Joseph Shimp
7915	Ben Williams	10216	Benjamin Ticknor Chad LaFontaine Gary Harkins Hipp Darrell Raymond Butz Sidney Easley
8038	Franklin Tinney -PGK	10443	Jerome Boudreaux
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11995 Frank Schiro

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12331 Roy Savoie. Jr

13471 Frank Rossomanno -Inside Guard

14051 Pete Reyes

Ronald Stark

15121 Ronald Noggerath

15131 David McNamara

John Barranco

16992 Walter Russell -Trustee

17364 Richard Zenzel -Trustee