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Mississippi State Council

2024 Convention Minutes Book

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Thursday, 25 April 2024

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. State Officers and Convention Committee Social – Sponsored by and held at Council 1244's council home.

Friday, 26 April 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Votive Mass for Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, Father Mike Austin, **St. Michael's**
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Round Island A**
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – **Pre-Function Area**
- 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **Ship Island A**
- 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – **Ship Island B (4th Degree Members ONLY)**
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Banner procession rehearsal

NOTE: *Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in Grand Ballroom C.*

- 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Grand Ballroom Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked – State Warden, **Lonnie Treadaway** and DD's
 2. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates – State Warden, **Lonnie Treadaway**
 3. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
 4. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
 5. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 6. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2023 Convention Minutes
 7. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received - State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales** (District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Program Directors)
 8. Distribution of Resolutions – State Advocate – **Aaron Achord**
 9. Announcements
 10. Committee Assignments – State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
 11. Closing Prayer – State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL

- 6:15 p.m. Donation Bar Opens – **Waterfront Pavilion, Point Cadet**
- 6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social – **Waterfront Pavilion, Point Cadet**
1. Seating of Head Table
 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 3. Welcome – **Andrew Gilich, Mayor of Biloxi**

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FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL

4. Response – State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**
5. Open Item: (can be used at the discretion of the State Deputy)
6. Prayer – **Father Mike Austin**
7. Meal Served
8. Awards Presentation:
 - a. Membership Awards - State Membership Director, **Jacob Eftink**
 - 1) Top Gun Awards
 - 2) Star Recruiter Award
 - 3) Top Recruiting Council Award
 - 4) Champion Recruiting Council Award
 - b. Council Program Awards – State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**
 - 1) Honor Council Awards
 - 2) Superior Council
 - 3) Council of Excellence Awards
 - 4) Distinguished Council Awards
 - 5) Stellar Council Awards
 - c. 4th Degree Awards
 - d. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
9. Closing Remarks/Announcements

9:00 – p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open/After Banquet Entertainment

Saturday, 27 April 2024

- 8:00 – a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – **St. Michael's**
- Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Kihneman as Principal Celebrant
 - Necrology by State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**
- 9:00 – 9:30a.m. Eucharistic Procession – **St. Michael's**
- 9:30 – 4:00p.m. Adoration – **St. Michael's, Small Chapel**
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast – **St. Michael's Parish Hall**
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Convention Registration – **Pre-Function Area**
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Delegate Registration – **Round Island B**

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10:30 – 12:00

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Convention Awards Voting (10:30 – 12:00) – State Warden, **Lonnie Treadaway**

NOTE: The following committees will meet in the rooms indicated, at this time.

- a. Faith – **Grand Ballroom A-B-C, Left-Front**
 - b. Public Relations – **Grand Ballroom A-B-C, Left-Middle**
 - c. Community – **Grand Ballroom A-B-C, Left-Back**
 - d. Life – **Grand Ballroom A-B-C, Right-Middle**
 - e. Family Life – **Grand Ballroom A-B-C, Right-Back**
 - f. Vocations – **Grand Ballroom A-B-C, Right-Front**
2. The following committees meet at the times and in the rooms indicated:
 - a. Credentials Committee (10:30-11:00) – State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales/Richard Greenwold, Round Island B**
 - b. Convention Committee (11:00-12:00) – David Seymour/Richard Greenwold, **Round Island B**
 - c. K of C Audit (10:30-11:15)– **Jerry Schmuck, PSD, Ship Island B**
 - d. Mileage and Per Diem (11:15-12:00) – State Treasurer, **Charles Hahn, Ship Island B**
 - e. Resolutions Committee (10:30-12:00) – State Advocate – **Aaron Achord, Cat Island**

10:30 – 12:00p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Grand Ballroom D-E-F**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Round Island A**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Ship Island A**

12:00 – 1:00p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Deer Island**

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

12:30 – p.m. Delegate Registration – **Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G**

1:00 – 2:45p.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Lonnie Treadaway** and DDs
2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**

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SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Grand Ballroom Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G
(3rd Degree Members ONLY)

5. Address to the Delegates –
Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Kopacz**
6. Address to the Delegates –
Biloxi Diocese, **Most Reverend Louis Kihneman, III**
7. State Deputy's Report – **Guy Heying**
8. State Secretary's Report – **Kenny Gonzales**
9. State Treasurer's Report – **Charles Hahn**
10. State Advocate's Report – **Aaron Achord**
11. State Warden's Report – **Lonnie Treadaway**
12. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Raul Gamez**
13. District Master's Report – **Craig Harrell**
14. General Agent's Report – **John Stice**
15. Supreme Representative's Report – **Joseph McInerney, Vice-President of Leadership and Ethics Education**
16. Announcements
17. State Chaplain's Report – **Father Mike Austin**

3:00 – 4:30p.m. TRAINING SESSIONS

1. Introduction to the Rescue Project – **Fr. Mike Austin, State Chaplain, Ship Island C**
2. National Eucharistic Pilgrimage – **Andrew Koslosky, Ship Island B**
3. Men of the Word – COR Meeting – **Michael Kersanac, DD #9, Ship Island A**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

- 6:00 – p.m. Cash Bar Open - **Pre-Function Area**
- 6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Ship Island A**
- 6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **Ship Island C**
- 6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Grand Ballroom**
1. Procession of the Dignitaries
 2. Procession of Council Banners
 3. Presentation of Colors – **Fourth Degree Color Corp**
 4. National Anthem – **Not Applicable**
 5. Pledge of Allegiance - **Fourth Degree Master, Craig Harrell**
 6. Honoring Clergy and Religious – **State Deputy, Guy Heying**
 7. Supreme Knights Video
 8. Keynote Address, Supreme Representative **Joseph McInerney**
 9. Prayer – **Bishop Louis Kihneman, III**
 10. Meal Served

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SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

11. Awards Presentation: (**Only 1st Place** awards will be presented)
 - a. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards –
Ladies Auxiliary President, **Heather Harrell**
 - b. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
 - c. Program Awards – State Secretary – **Kenny Gonzales**
 - 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 – **Dennis Riecke**
 - e. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **Michael Robinson**
 - f. Bishop Houck Priest Retirement Fund – **Dan Bicknell**
 - g. Best Council Awards – State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**
 - h. Fourth Degree Awards – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 - i. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award –
Noel Aucoin, PSD
 - j. MS State Council, Knight of the Year Award –
State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**
 - k. MS State Council, Family of the Year Award –
State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**

Sunday, 28 April 2024

- 8:00 – a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Kopacz as Principal Celebrant – **St. Michael's**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**, Round Island B
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Open Awards Session – State Treasurer, **Charles Hahn**
- 10:30 – a.m. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Lonnie Treadaway** and DDs
 2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
 3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 5. Closing Remarks
 - a. Bishop Joseph Kopacz

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- b. Bishop Louis Kihneman, III
 - c. Supreme Representative **Joseph McInerney**
6. Presentation of Resolutions – State Advocate, **Aaron Achord**
7. Position Election Tellers
8. Election of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - c. State Treasurer
 - d. State Advocate
 - e. State Warden
9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Convention,
Quebec, Canada; 5-8 August 2024
 - a. Insurance Delegate (1 Insurance Member)
 - b. Associate Delegates (2 Members)
 - c. Insurance Delegate Alternates (3 Insurance Members)
 - d. Associate Delegate Alternates (2 Members)
10. Sites for State Convention
 - a. 2025 – Jackson
 - b. 2026 – ????????
 - c. 2027 – ????????
11. Dismiss Election Tellers
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
14. Closing Remarks
15. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
16. 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 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., at the locations listed, on Saturday, 27 April 2024. 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, 28 April 2024 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.

NOTE 1: In the event a listed delegate is not present at the convention, then his council's alternate will serve in his place.

NOTE 2: If the committee Chairman is not present the assigned District Deputy will run the meeting, except the Credentials and Convention meetings.

The committees are as follows:

1. **FAITH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**
John Barnes, DD#15, Faith Director

Grand Ballroom A, B, C, Left Front
Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

Tomaz Haupt	DD #4
Lee Davis	# 848
Cleveland	# 5556
Fred Ward	# 7120
Jose Areliano	# 8038
Indianola	# 9234
Michael Miller	# 9409
Joseph Liberto	# 10443
Larry Ray	# 10901
Louis Martel	# 11995
Ronald Dinalma	# 13471
James Smith	# 16992

2. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**
Thomas Moran, DD #13, Community Director

Grand Ballroom A, B, C, Left Back
Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

Conrad Rahalais	# 898
Roy Jordan	# 1522
John Putnam	# 4472
Lumberton	# 7211
St. Therese	# 8285
Holly Springs	# 8760
Greg Davis	# 9094
Steven Parnell	# 9124
Garland Moran	# 9958
Flawood	# 10216
Leonard Plitt	# 11541
Dedeaux	# 12331
Edward Lyons	# 14051
Leroy Rider	# 15382

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3. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Grand Ballroom A, B, C, Right Back
Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

Derek Finley	DD #3
John Mahoney	# 1522
Leland	# 2945
Tom Ponte	# 4898
Scott Weatherford	# 5654
Dennis Nowell	# 7910
Columbus	# 7974
Holly Springs	# 8760
Flowood	# 10216
Dedaux	# 12331
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
William Horne	# 14051
John Poelma	# 15155
Scott Walker	# 17364

4. LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Dennis Riecke, Memorial Pro-Life Fund / Ultrasound Fund Chairman**

Grand Ballroom A, B, C, Right Middle
Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

John Piazza	DD #5
Quincy St Pierre	# 1908
Ronnie Morales	# 2180
Steve Futch	# 5654
Daniel Godwin	# 7120
Anthony Moran	# 9958
Buddy Honeycutt	# 10443
Matt Zerangue	# 10901
James Healy	# 11541
Philadelphia/Tucker	# 13471
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
Richard Manieri, Sr.	# 16433
Collin Barnes	# 16763
James Cummings	# 16992

5. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Grand Ballroom A, B, C, Right Front
Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

Michael Kersanac	DD #9
John Harwell	# 802
Biloxi	# 1244
Raymond Cole	# 2969
Alex Elbert Cuevas	# 7087
Michael Murphy	# 7910
Fred Miller	# 8054
Sam Rust	# 11934
Charles Heim, Sr.	# 11995
Poplarville	# 15121
Hattiesburg	# 15382
William Whitewell	# 17364

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6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Leonard Temple, DD#2, Public
Relations Chairman**

Jacob Eftink	DD #1
Parker Jones	# 898
Roman Bermous	# 1908
David Brazier	# 4898
Greenwood	# 5267
Cleveland	# 5556
Richard Coughlin	# 6765
Raymond Rivero	# 6872
McComb	# 8054
David Madere	# 11934
Poplarville	# 15121
William Kane	# 16433
Frank Gates	# 16763

Grand Ballroom A, B, C, Left Middle

Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

7. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Kenny Gonzales, State Secretary

Richard Greenwold, Asst. to State Sec.

Robert Leo	# 802
Biloxi	# 1244
Andrew Hurst	# 1522
Stephen Fredrick	# 1605
Greenville	# 2134
Keith Knight	# 2180
Leland	# 2945
Christopher Smythe	# 4472
Ted Applewhite	# 6592
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Kenneth Goodrum	# 7915
Indianola	# 9234
Rickey Cupps	# 10499

Round Island B

Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m. and

Sunday, 30 April 2024, 10:00 a. m.

8. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

David Seymour, Committee Chairman

Richard Greenwold, State Convention
Coordinator

Bo Allen	DD #7
William Clark	DD #12
Cameron Huff	# 1034
Charles Bishop	# 1605
Leo Luke, Jr.	# 8285
George Lafontaine	# 15131
Louis Clifford, IV	# 15131

Round Island B

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9. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
COMMITTEE

Charles Hahn, State Treasurer

Nicholas Martino	DD #11
James Maier	# 1034
David Ames	# 1583
Greenwood	# 5267
Lumberton	# 7211
Richard Scott	# 7854
Columbus	# 7974
Calvin Dotson	# 8848
Corinth	# 8912
Jack Fields	# 9409
Michael Leo	# 9543
Thad Anderson	# 9673
Roger Feters	# 15155

Ship Island B

Saturday, 27 April 2024, 11:15 a. m.

10. AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jerry Schmuck, PSD

Charles Hahn, State Treasurer

Frank Whitehead	DD #14
Richard Martin	# 848
Greenville	# 2134
Patrick Burns	# 6592
Michael Taquino	# 6765
Richard Mahony	# 6872
Robert M Harkins	# 7854
Eddie Britt	# 7915
Thomas Whitenton	# 8848
Corinth	# 8912
Benny French	# 9124
Philip Worland	# 9673
Michael Catchot	# 10499

Ship Island B

Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a.m.

11. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Aaron Achord, State Advocate

Raul Gomez	IPSD
Larry Tabor	PSD
Peter Sukanek	PSD
Noel Aucoin	PSD
William Jarrett	DD #8

Cat Island

Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:30 a. m.

12. ELECTION TELLERS

~~Larry Tabor~~
~~Peter Sukanek~~
Jerry Schmuck
Noel Aucoin

Grand Ballroom D, E F, Left Front
Sunday, 28 April 2024

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Committee Reports

Mississippi State Council
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Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 27, 2024 by Kenny Gonzales, State Secretary. The State Secretary was assisted by Richard Greenwold, Assistant to the State Secretary. The committee consisted of the following delegates:

Robert Leo	Council # 802
Biloxi	Council # 1244
Andrew Hurst	Council # 1522
Stephen Fredrick	Council # 1605
Greenville	Council # 2134
Keith Knight	Council # 2180
Leland	Council # 2945
Christopher Smythe	Council # 4472
Ted Applewhite	Council # 6592
Richard Hota	Council # 7087
Kenneth Goodrum	Council # 7915
Indianola	Council # 9234
Rickey Cupps	Council # 10499

After a review of the registration records, it was confirmed that at a total of 84 certified delegates have been seated out of a possible 120 possible delegates. The Slate of State Officers seated totaled 7, bringing a total of 91 certified voting members at the 120th Annual Mississippi State Convention.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the credentials report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the Credential's Report is attached.

The Credentials Committee meeting was concluded with a prayer and closed.

Respectfully submitted.

Kenny Gonzales; State Secretary



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REPORT OF THE 2024 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

State Chaplain	Father Mike Austin
State Deputy	Guy Heying
State Secretary	Kenny Gonzales
State Treasurer	Charles Hahn
State Advocate	Aaron Achord
State Warden	Lonnie Treadway
Immediate Past State Deputy	Raul Gamez

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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL**

2018 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL L NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 1	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 2
				X			
2	802	4	Msgr. John J. Burns		1 John Harwell	1	Robert Leo
2	848	5	John T. Savage		1 Richard Martin	1	Lee Davis
2	898	5	Vicksburg		1 Conrad Rabalais	1	Paul Donovan
2	1034	7	Bishop R. O. Gerow		1 Cameron Huff	1	James Maier
2	1244	11	Biloxi		1 Tyler Williams	1	Cameron Wack
2	1522	10	Pere Le Duc		1 John Mahoney	1	Jordon Roy
2	1583	15	Bishop Gunn		1 David Ames	1	Don Schiffner
2	1605	12	Msgr. P. J. Carey		1 Charles Bishop	1	Stephen Frederic
0	1908	8	Bishop Fahey		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
0	2134	14	Greenville		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
2	2180	8	Laurel		1 Ronnie Morales	1	Keith Knight
0	2945	14	Leland		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
2	2969	14	Clarksdale		1 Frank Whitehead	1	Raymond Cole
1	4472	10	Pass Christian		<i>No Delegate</i>	1	Christopher Smythe
2	4898	10	Long Beach		1 David Brazier	1	Thomas Ponte
0	5267	3	Greenwood		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
0	5556	14	Cleveland		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
2	5654	16	Ocean Springs		1 Phillip Weatherford	1	Steve Futch
2	6592	8	Bassfield		1 Ted Applewhite	1	Patrick Burns
2	6765	4	Starkville		1 Richard Coughlin	1	Michael Taquino
2	6872	9	Picayune		1 Raymond Rivero	1	Richert Mahony, FS
2	7087	9	Kiln		1 Alex Elbert Cuevas	1	Richard Hoda, FS
33	SUB-TOTAL			0	16	0	17

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	7120	2	Southaven	1 Fred Ward	1 Daniel Godwin
0	7211	13	Lumberton	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	7854	5	Clinton	1 Richard Scott	1 Mike Harkins
2	7910	15	Orangetown	1 Dennis Nowell	1 Michael Murphy
2	7915	7	Brookhaven	1 Eddie Britt	1 Kenneth Goodrum
0	7974	4	Columbus	No Delegate	No Delegate
1	8038	6	Pearl	No Delegate	1 Jose Arellano
1	8054	7	McComb	1 Fred Miller Milage Only	No Delegate
1	8285	5	Jackson St. Theresa	1 Leo Luke, Jr.	No Delegate
0	8760	2	Holly Springs	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	8848	1	Tupelo	1 Thomas Whiteman	1 Calvin Dotson
0	8912	1	Corinth	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	9094	11	D'Iberville	1 David Seymour	1 Greg Davis
2	9124	12	Gautier	1 Steven Parnell	1 Benny French
0	9234	3	Indianola	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	9409	11	West Biloxi	1 Jack Fields	1 Michael Miller
2	9543	6	Madison	1 Michael Leo	1 Dennis Riecke
2	9673	11	Woolmarket	1 Philip Worland	1 Thad Anderson
2	9958	13	Lizana	1 Garland Moran	1 Anthony Moran
2	10216	6	Flowood	1 Jeff Johnson	1 Chris Bergeron
0	10443	3	Grenada	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	10499	16	Ocean Springs	1 Ricky Capps	1 Michael Catchot
2	10901	1	Oxford	1 Larry Ray	1 Mathew Zerangue
2	11541	15	St. James Gulfport	1 James Healy	1 Leonard Plitt
2	11934	6	Gluckstadt	1 David Madere	1 Sam Rust
2	11995	9	West Harrison	1 Charles Heim, Sr.	1 Louis Martel
0	12331	9	Dedaux	No Delegate	No Delegate
0	13471	4	Philadelphia/Tucker	No Delegate	No Delegate
0	13502	2	Batesville/Sardis	Raymond Cole	No Delegate
2	14051	2	Father Leo John Deho	1 William Horne	1 Edward Lyons
0	15121	13	St. Joseph	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	15131	5	St. Richard of Chichester	1 George Lafontaine	1 Louis Clifford, IV
2	15155	12	Fr. Denis J. Harlow	1 Roger Fettes	1 John Poelma
1	15382	8	St. Thomas Aquinas	1 Leroy Rider	No Delegate
2	16433	10	St. Clare	1 Richard Manieri, Sr.	1 William Kane
1	16763	8	Father Peter Quinn	1 Arthur Walker	No Delegate
2	16992	16	Father Robert Mullin	1 James Cummins	1 James Smith
2	17364	7	St. John Paul II	1 Scott Walker	1 William Whitwell
51	SUB-TOTAL			0 #	0 24
				36 - TOTAL MISSING DELEGATES	
0	Certified Delegates			35 - NO DELEGATE	
84	TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED			120 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE	
7	TOTAL STATE OFFICERS			7 - TOTAL STATE OFFICERS	
91	TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS			## - TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTING MEMBERS	

DISTRICT DEPUTIES			DIRECTORS / CHAIRMAN		
District	1	Jacob Eftink	Membership Director	DD	Jacob Eftink
District	2	Leonard Temple	Program Director		Not Assigned
District	3	Derek Finley	Faith Director	DD	John Barnes
District	4	Tomasz Haupt	Community Director	DD	Thomas Moran
District	5	John Piazza	Family Director		Not Assigned
District	6	Dave Fisher	Life Director		
District	7	Bo Allen	Asst to State Sec/State		Richard E. Greenwold
District	8	William Jarrett	Conv. Coord.		
District	9	Michael Kersanac	Bishop R. O. Gerow Chairman		
District	10		Vocations Chairman		
District	11	Nicholas Martino	Executive Asst. To St Deput		
District	12	William Clark			
District	13	Thomas Moran	Milage Only		
District	14	D Frank Whithead			
District	15	John Barnes			
				DD -- DISTRICT DEPUTY	
				D -- DELEGATE	
PAST STATE DEPUTIES					
		Larry Tabor		Jerry Schmuck	
		Peter Sukanek		Noel Aucoin	
HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS					
		Bishop Joseph Kopacz			
		Bishop Louis Kihneman, III			
Respectfully Submitted,					
Kenny Gonzolas					
State Secretary					
RG/reg					

Mississippi State Council
120th Annual State Convention
Resolutions Committee Report

The Resolutions Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 27, 2024 by Aaron Achord, State Advocate. An opening prayer was offered by the State Advocate. The committee consisted of the following delegates:

Raul Gamez	IPSD
Larry Tabor	PSD
Peter Sukanek	PSD
Noel Aucoin	PSD
William Jarrett	DD # 8

Copies of all Resolutions were handed out and each was read in its' entirety. There was some minor fine-tuning to some of the resolutions by the committee and corrections were noted by the State Advocate. After all were studied, a motion was made to accept all corrected resolutions and passed unanimously.

The Resolutions Committee meeting was concluded with a prayer and closed.

Respectfully submitted.

Aaron Achord; State Advocate

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
120th STATE CONVENTION
AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2024 audit committee met on Saturday April 27th at 10:30am at the Golden Nugget Casino in Ship Island room B.

The following Knights were present:

	Jerry Schmuck, PSD Chairman
	Charles Hahn, State Treasurer
Frank Whitehead, DD #14	Richard Martin, Council 848
Patrick Burns, Council 6592	Mark Taquino, Council 6765
Robert M. Harkins, Council 7854	Eddie Britt, Council 7915
Thomas Whitenton, Council 8848	Benny French, Council 9124
Maichael Catchot, Council 10499	

The committee was unable to review the 2023 certified audit as it was still in progress and not yet completed. The committee did, however, review all bank statements ensuring they were all reconciled correctly and spot checking to verify that no check was written unless approved by the State Deputy via approved voucher.

All statements, records and vouchers appeared to be up to date. No discrepancies were noted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald “Jerry” Schmuck, PSD, FDM

2024 Audit Committee Chairman

State Officer Reports

State Deputy's Report

2023-2024

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Rep, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Delegates and Brothers all, it has been my honor to serve you as State Deputy for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. As I look back over my first year as State Deputy, I have seen many accomplishments made by the councils here in Mississippi and yet I also see so much more that we still have left to achieve.

We kicked the year off with a very dynamic School of Columbianism with all our Grand Knights, which proved to be a day of learning and fellowship. This was followed by a Statewide Townhall meeting with our Regional Growth Director JC Reiher in November, concluding with a Fraternal Benefits Event. We then held our regional Mid-Winter meetings in January.

In this year of the National Eucharistic Revival, as we dedicate ourselves to the Eucharist, we held Eucharistic Adoration services at our June and November State Meetings and following this morning's Memorial Mass we all participated in Eucharistic Procession. As you will hear at one of our Breakout sessions this afternoon, in June we will have the opportunity to participate in the National Eucharistic Procession as the procession makes across Mississippi.

We have done great works of charity across the state recording over 75,000 volunteer hours and contributing nearly \$500,000 to various charitable efforts. We have held numerous COR Meetings enriching the faith of our membership and other Catholic men in our parishes. To date we have welcomed 163 gentlemen into the Knights of Columbus, and we are gaining great momentum in this effort over the past 90 days. We have 8 councils that have achieved Star Council Membership numbers and 6 additional that are on track to do so also. Council 6872 for Picayune will soon be installing our next Ultrasound Machine at the SAV-A-LIFE Pregnancy Center in the Pearl River area.

All of these accomplishments came from the hard work and engagement of the councils across the great state of Mississippi. As I stated earlier, we still have much more to achieve. I would estimate that only 60-65% are really engaged and

active, with less than 60% having recruited a new member this year. How much more could we achieve if more councils reengaged in doing the good works of the Knights of Columbus? I encourage every council to be active and visible in your parish and community and offer every Catholic man the opportunity to grow their faith by becoming a Knight of Columbus.

Thank you for all you do as Brother Knights and for being leaders in your councils.

Fraternally Submitted,

Guy Heying

State Deputy

Vivat Jesus!

State Secretary's Report

2023-2024

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Delegates and Brothers all, it is my pleasure to be with you all today and a big "Thank You" for being a part of this 120th Mississippi State Convention here in Biloxi, MS.

The main job of the State Secretary is to prepare and send out your per capita statements twice a year, in July and January. I am proud to report that all January billings have been received and processed to the State Treasurer. I had to call a few of you to remind you, but together, we got it all taken care of. Thanks.

Another duty of the State Secretary is to receive, log and process to the State Treasurer all of the incoming funds. This includes per capita payments, and donations to all of our charitable funds that you support so well. This number is nearing 300 checks processed and still growing. You can see where it is very important to keep accurate records of all of these transactions.

The last major duty of the State Secretary is to put together the Convention Minutes Book from the previous year's convention. You should have received this book when you registered as a delegate for this year's convention. I must admit, this is a very challenging endeavor. This involves taking notes on all happenings at the convention, gathering all reports given by elected state officers and adding in all reports submitted by the councils. I must confess that I have somewhat failed in that endeavor. I was not able to acquire copies of last year's council and GK reports to include in the minutes book. I promise to do better next year. That being said, I hope you enjoy this year's minutes book as published.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for placing your confidence in me as your State Secretary this past year. It has been a very challenging, yet very fulfilling experience travelling the state and meeting all of you. Continued success in your endeavors and Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully submitted;

Kenny Gonzales

State Secretary

Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Treasurer's Report

2023-2024

My first year as state treasurer was a learning year. I spent a good deal of time learning the intricacies of the state council's finances. I learned how to classify various deposits so that contributions to the various funds maintained by the state are properly credited as well as the sources of those deposits. I learned the how to fill the state's tax returns. I dealt with the retirement of our previous CPA and was involved in the selection of a new CPA to make sure our state finances stay on track. As state treasurer, I was required to provide information on the balances of the various funds as required by the state deputy. It has been an honor to serve as state treasurer for the past fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CH Hahn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles Hahn

State Treasurer

State Advocate's Report

2023-2024

Reverend Father, Worthy Supreme Representatives, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, and my dear brother Knights

It is with great honor to submit this annual report as your State Advocate. I have learned much during my time serving as Advocate for the Mississippi Jurisdiction for the first time. It has been a rewarding and learning experience. I continued to keep the lines of communications open between the State and the Supreme Advocate's office, and hopefully was able to assist councils with their questions. Being new to a position was difficult but being able to tap previous state officers' experience and knowledge has been immeasurable. It has made my job much easier and more efficient.

I attended the state SOC's this year and tried to assist in any way that I could. I provided information on Supreme's SAFE program and how to track each council's compliance. This has been challenging as it changes daily with everyone.

I attended the kickoff at Supreme in New Haven as a Representative for the Mississippi Jurisdiction COR group. This is a great program for the future of the Knights of Columbus. We have a great national organization, and we also have a great State organization, and with your continued work it will only become greater.

It was a great honor to attend the Supreme Convention in Orlando last year. I thank my brother Knights for allowing me the opportunity to represent them as an Associate Member Delegate.

As your State Advocate, I have been asked to give my opinion on several different issues and have tried to represent the order's intent. I have always kept the Supreme, State and Council by-laws in the forefront of each decision.

I appreciate all the resolutions submitted this year and feel we have a very efficient package to present to the Resolutions Committee.

In closing, I wish to express thanks to all the State Officers for their support. There are many others—Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and council members who are an inspiration to me. It would be a dishonor if I failed to mention my wife Bridget and her undying support.

It has been a great honor to serve as your State Advocate.

Vivat Jesus;

Respectfully submitted.

Aaron Achord

State Advocate

State Warden's Report

2023-2024

Dear Brothers,

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the time we've shared working together this past year. The experiences I've gained through assisting with our councils and the Mississippi Knights of Columbus have been invaluable. I've learned so much about the inner workings of our organization, and I couldn't have asked for a better group of individuals to work alongside.

As Warden, my main responsibilities have been to secure and manage the assets of the state, ensuring that we have everything we need throughout the year. This includes organizing meeting locations for various state gatherings and ensuring all materials and setups are ready in time. Additionally, I've worked closely with District Deputies and Grand Knights across the State, which has been a rewarding experience.

This year has truly been a wonderful one, and I can't express how thankful I am for your unwavering support. You all helped me through some very difficult years, especially leading up to and after my kidney transplant. It was the prayers and kindness of my brother Knights that carried me through. I stand here today in a better place, not only physically but emotionally, and it is thanks to the compassion and support that you've shown me.

The kindness and selflessness of my brother Knights quite literally saved my life. There are no words that can adequately convey my gratitude, but I will simply say this: thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I love every one of you.

Respectfully submitted with sincere appreciation,

Lonie Treadaway

State Warden, Mississippi Knights of Columbus

Vivat Jesus

Worthy Supreme Representative's Report

2023-2024

- Your Excellency Bishop Kihneman
 - Your Excellency Bishop Kopacz and
 - Worthy State Deputy, Brother Guy
 - Worthy State Chaplain Father Mike
 - Worthy Insurance leaders
 - Worthy State, District and Council Leaders
 - Brothers All
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- Thank you for the opportunity to address the convention. My name is Joe McInerney and I am the VP for leadership and ethics education for the Knights. I am also the Financial Secretary of the Commodore John Barry Council #14534. It is an absolute honor and blessing to be here with you for your convention.

 - I became a Knight because of the JPIL institute. That institute, like so many good things in this world, would not exist without the Knights. It's a funny thing. The knights do so many things, do so much good. When you join it's not just your own work for the needy that you are doing. You are joining a band of brothers that does so much good for the world. I know you've heard all of our accolades but we should not take them for granted. Our work does so much good.

- But I want to focus on briefly on two things today. This afternoon I want to talk about leadership and tonight I will talk about the Holy Spirit. These are not unrelated topics and you have our worthy State Deputy brother Guy to thank for suggesting the leadership guy talk about leadership.

Leadership of Council 14534

So, I'd like to tell you briefly about my experiences with the Commodore John Barry Council, Council number 14534, at the United States Naval Academy. I am the financial secretary of that council, and it sounds like we have had similar struggles to some of the Councils in Mississippi. And I want to tell you how my amazing leadership has turned that council around. Well, that's not exactly what happened, but here's the story.

Prior to Covid the Council was losing energy and Covid killed it. We were still alive on paper, we had 420 people on our council roles, and literally no one in the council.

So, we began to rebuild the council in 21-22. I volunteered to be financial secretary and I found a student, actually he found me, that I thought was the perfect Grand Knight. He was a recent convert, really bright, articulate, and on fire for the faith. And he wanted to be Grand Knight. Perfect. I could not have asked for a better person to lead the charge to get the council moving again. So, I thought. There was one problem. He wasn't dependable. Sometimes he would show up and respond to emails and sometime he would not. He was not dependable and the council never got on his feet all throughout that year. We had a few meetings, we would get jazzed, and then crickets for a couple of months. We failed to have any meetings after Spring break of that year and

finished the year pretty much where we started. And I was pretty discouraged. In the fall of 22 we started again. This time we had a core of about six friends, one of whom was my son, that was willing to go to an initial meeting. We said we need a leader, and one of them (not my son) volunteered to be Grand Knight. I wouldn't have picked him. He's a good kid, a big kid, a varsity baseball player. Not articulate and his faith seemed sincere but quite immature. We went with him and his leadership made all the difference. He was dependable, he was laid back and had a good sense of humor. What stood about him was he listened to what his friends wanted. And what did they want? Two things—one I couldn't give them and one that I could. The first and most important thing they wanted was a space where they could talk so they could figure out—together—how to be a Catholic man in secular America in the 21st century. That was something I couldn't give. I wanted to tell them how to do that. I wanted to give them all my amazing insights and give articulate speeches to inspire them to be great Catholics and Knights. That wasn't their interest. The Grand Knight told me they wanted to talk. They wanted to raise issues, even give presentations, about interesting, challenging aspects of the faith and then talk about how to apply it to their lives. They got a list of presentations together and they started talking and they haven't stopped. What did I do? I bought them pizza and tried as hard as I could to keep my mouth shut.

It's been working. We've been growing. We have more work to do to be an excellent council, but we are on the right track.

So, what are the lessons I draw from that experience? One, give them food they like. Yes. That's important. Two, show up. One thing I knew I had to do was be there. If I weren't reliable showing up they wouldn't be either. Three, listen to what they want to do together. If you offer a forum for what your audience wants they will come back. Three, their questions were real and they were hard. They wanted compelling answers. And no one can answer the questions of the human heart the way Jesus Christ and his body the Church can. We have a three-thousand-year tradition of wisdom to offer young and old men alike. And at the

center of that tradition is God Himself, Jesus Christ. It's a formula that has attracted men and women for two thousand years. Yes, the Church has always struggled, and it is struggling today, but it has never ceased to grow and as our Lord tells us, the gates of hell will not prevail against it. If we offer Christ to the men of our communities and our parishes, they will join us.

So how do we offer Christ? The short answer is Christ must be at the center of hearts for us to be able to share him. You can't share what you don't have.

This is an idea worth spending more time on, but I'd like to save those thoughts for my comments tonight.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. And thank you for everything you do for the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus.



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District Master Craig Harrell
2020-2024





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

Patriotism, the fourth principle of our order, is the final journey our members take to become complete Knights and receive the distinct title of Worthy Sir Knight. I am happy to report that the Patriotic degree is solid in Mississippi. We continue to grow in membership, and our members are becoming part of the Color Corps with the purchase of the uniform. Our assemblies continue to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting a love of and loyalty to our country, community, and encouraging 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, and that is what our members do. 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 by 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, Sir Knights are volunteering in approximately 90 percent of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, and last year, Knights volunteered more than 100,000 hours at over 136 VA hospitals. The national leadership of the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service program has recognized the Knights for their commitment to serving those who served admirably and faithfully.



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Through their leadership, sacrifice, and dedication, Fourth Degree knights have earned their rightful place at the pinnacle of the Order. *Fourth Degree Knights are the highest degree of knighthood and are held in the highest regard, just as they carry themselves, their fellow brothers, and the Order.*

Our Color Corps members are widely recognized by their distinctive uniform, consisting of slacks, a blazer, and a beret, along with their ceremonial sword. This sword symbolizes Christian knighthood and is carried to signify reverence for the Church, the Eucharist, the country, and freedom. These members regularly participate in civic events and attend ecclesial functions at Catholic churches. Distinctive colored patches on the berets and the different colored service baldrics that sustain the Sword of Liberty denote various officer positions within the Fourth Degree.

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

However, the greatest Honor our Color Corps members participate in is by standing watch at a visitation and funeral mass of a fallen Brother Knight. It is an act of respect to him and his family, a final farewell to his vocation of dedicated service to the Church, Community, and Knights of Columbus.

In closing, it has been my honor to represent you and serve alongside you as the District Master of Mississippi for the past four years. In that time, I have witnessed our order grow and participated in several Color Corps activities throughout the State, especially in honor of our fallen Brother Knights and family members, which is the greatest honor we bestow. In a few months, the Vice Supreme Master will select the next District Master for the Mississippi Province. Please support him and respect him in his new position and continue to share the God-given talents you have been blessed with to help others.

Fraternally,

Craig S. Harrell

Craig S. Harrell
Mississippi District Master
Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

'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



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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 want 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.



Fr. Mike Austin



Fr. Jason Johnston





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Marshals

As with any leadership position, there are supporting roles that contribute to an organization's success. For the District Master, those positions belong to the District Marshal's. A requirement to serve as a District Marshal is that you must have the uniform. The District Marshal has a vital 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 the District Master with their assigned assemblies to keep them informed on deadlines, upcoming events, and activities throughout the State. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Currently, there are 9 District Marshals in the State:

District 4: Bill Clark (557, 561)
District 5: Chuck Nannery (556, 2059, 2347, 3007)
District 6: Bill Jarrett (562, 563, 1251)
District 7: Bill Kane (560, 2227, 3837)
District 8: Chuck Heim (1719, 2284, 3281, 3464, 3625)
District 9: Steve Miller (554, 558, 2269, 3826, 3863)
District 10: District Master (1503)
District 11: Eddie Stutzman (559, 2969)
District 12: Leonard Temple (2195, 2495, 3081)
District 13: Ted Williams (2131, 2734, 2916)

New Assembly

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





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Exemplifications

During the 2023-2024 Fraternal year, the Mississippi District held three Patriotic Degree exemplifications. A total of 65 new members completed their journey into full Knighthood from the three exemplifications, including two clergy.

Pass Christian, MS January 20, 2024 – 24 lay, 2 clergy.

Meridian, MS April 6, 2024 – 30 lay.

Clinton, MS June 8, 2024 – 9 lay.

Assemblies

There are thirty-one active Assemblies in the State. Below is the total number of reports submitted.

186 Report of Officers – 31

1315 Audit – 26

1728 Fraternal Survey – 22

TBAP - 8

2321 Civic Award – 8

14 Assemblies submitted 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 members informed of upcoming activities and programs, as well as the status and well-being of their Assembly.





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4th Degree State Convention Award Winners 2023-2024

Patriotic Degree Award Winners 2023-24

Assembly of the Year

Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS
Bill O'Connor, FN

Clergy of the Year

Fr. Lincoln Dell
Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

Family of the Year

Richard and Aileen Semmes
Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly 1251
Meridian, MS

Sir Knight of the Year

Michael Saway
Jackson Diocese
Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

Louis J. Martel, Jr.
Biloxi Diocese
Most Holy Trinity Assembly 3625
Pass Christian, MS

District Marshals of the Year

Stephen M. Miller
Jackson Diocese
Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

William Clark
Biloxi Diocese
Msgr P.J. Carey Assembly 561
Pascagoula, MS



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Assemblies with 100% in Membership This Year

554 Jackson – 116.67%
560 Bay St. Louis – 150%
561 Pascagoula – 100%
563 Laurel – 100%
1251 Meridian – 460%
2227 Picayune – 166.67%
2347 Gulfport – 250%
3281 Pass Christian – 200%
3625 Pass Christian – 100%
3863 Jackson – 100%

9 Civic Award Recipients

554 Jackson
560 Bay St. Louis
561 Pascagoula
1251 Meridian
2347 Gulfport
3625 Pass Christian
3826 Pearl,
3837 Waveland
3863 Jackson





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7 Star Assemblies

Bishop R.O. Gerow
Assembly 554 – Jackson, MS
Bill O'Connor
Faithful Navigator

Fr. William Kelley, SVD
Assembly 560 – Bay St. Louis, MS
Jordan Roy
Faithful Navigator

Msgr P.J. Carey
Assembly 561 – Pascagoula, MS
Bill Clark
Faithful Navigator

Msgr John J. Burns
Assembly 1251 – Meridian, MS
David Stephens
Faithful Navigator

Paul R. Depew
Assembly 2347 – Gulfport, MS
Gerald Schmuck
Faithful Navigator

Most Holy Trinity
Assembly 3625 – Pass Christian, MS
Louis J. Martel, Jr.
Faithful Navigator

John Edward Tracy
Assembly 3863 – Jackson, MS
George La Fontaine
Faithful Navigator





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Provincial Meeting

The Provincial Meeting was held in Jackson, MS, on September 21, 2024, to conclude the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. The Mississippi District was well represented with several members and visitors in attendance.

Five new District Masters were appointed to serve their respective States.

During the awards ceremony, the Clergy of the Year was awarded to Fr. Lincoln Dall from Holy Savior Catholic Church and a member of Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 in Jackson, MS.

The selection for the best To Be A Patriot Award entry from the Province was awarded to Fr. William Kelley, SVD, Assembly 560 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Provincial Award Winners 2023-2024

Clergy Of the Year

Fr. Lincoln Dall
Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

To Be A Patriot Award

Assembly 560
Bay St. Louis, MS,



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General Agent's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I am pleased to be here with you today as we carry out the great Mission of the Knights of Columbus started by Blessed Father Michael J McGivney.

Any body here ever wonder how Father McGivney was called to start the Knights of Columbus?

Well as he was a great man of God and scholar of scripture one can come to the conclusion that he would have come across the book of James ch 1 V27

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by sin."

This is behind the call that Father McGivney received through faith to start the knights of Columbus.

He wanted to lessen the affliction on the widows and their children he saw going on in their lives when ~~there~~ husband and father passed away.

1. From the Charter of the Knights of Columbus: A member of the Order has no more binding, no more compelling duty than to that of a departed Brother's widow and orphans.
2. The Knights of Columbus was Chartered to provide financial aid to members and beneficiaries of members.

Brothers we have all been called to part of this great organization and we must remember that Charity starts with our own family and vocation at home then we are free to serve in charity those around us.

I was called in 2005 by Patrick Chubb to join the knights and again in 2017 to join the field force and to:

lessen the affliction on the widows, widowers and their children.

I am blessed to be of service to you and your family and look forward to talking with you in the future.

Luke McClure

Knights of Columbus | Assistant General Agent

State Reports Chairman

2023-2024

During the 2023-24 fraternal year, the state councils submitted 257 standard reports to Supreme. Of these the state received copies of 92 of those reports. All but one of the active councils submitted the Form 185 – Report of Officers to Supreme, but only 9 sent copies to the state. Fifty-one councils submitted to the Form 365 – Service Personnel to Supreme again with only nine copying the state. Fifty-five councils submitted the Form 1728 – Fraternal Survey with thirteen copying the state. Five councils participated in the Family of the Month program, sending at least one submission to the state. Four councils submitted copies of the Faith in Action reports (form 10784) to the state. One district deputy submitted copies of his Council Health Assessments to the state.

Respectfully submitted

/S/

Charles Hahn

State Reports Chairman

District Deputy Reports

District Deputy # 2 Report

2023-2024



Mississippi Jurisdiction

Leonard L. Temple

District Deputy District #2

March 1, 2024

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, My Brother Knights,

I am very grateful and honored to have been given the privilege of serving as A 'first time' District Deputy for District 2 this past year.

Coming out of the Covid Pandemic we were all challenged with revitalizing our Councils to help them bring back members into the fold of 'the largest fraternity of Catholic men in the world' - The Knights of Columbus.

As for my councils Olive Branch Council 14051 and Southaven Council 7120 have slowly returned to their pre-covid status through service projects and fundraisers. My dormant council, Council 8760 in Holly Springs started on a path of reconstruction only to have a slight hiccup as newly installed Grand Knight stepped down. We are currently rebuilding Holly Springs as a Hispanic council with a new Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and a Financial Secretary.

With all the challenges of this past year, we faced this year's challenges and through the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism we've succeeded in having a pretty good year. Although our district's overall membership growth was low this past year, we did conduct four "Welcoming Services" (Combined Exemplifications) this past fraternal year, which were open to the parishioners and families of Queen of Peace in Olive Branch, Christ the King in Southaven and St. Joseph in Holly Springs. As a result of these exemplifications six new members have joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus.

Finally, I want to thank our State Deputy Guy Heying for trusting me with the job of District Deputy for District #2 and my profound gratitude to my Grand Knights, Officers and members of District 2 whose combined efforts have made us so successful.

VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard

Leonard L. Temple PGK,PFN

District Deputy, District #2

District Deputy # 4 Report

2023-2024

District Deputy Report

Date: April 1, 2024

As District Deputy for District 4, encompassing councils 6765, 7974, and 10443, I present this yearly report highlighting the collective endeavors, challenges, and achievements of our councils.

The past year posed significant challenges for our councils, primarily revolving around the perennial issue of officer shortages. All three councils struggled to find dedicated individuals willing to assume leadership roles, thereby impacting the execution of council activities and initiatives.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining operational continuity, I actively engaged (face-to-face meetings and following email exchange) with the acting officers of each council, providing guidance, support, and resources to assist them in fulfilling their obligations.

Despite the aforementioned challenges, I am pleased to report that all three councils exhibited commendable dedication and resilience in executing their activities throughout the year. From charitable endeavors to community outreach programs, the councils remained steadfast in their commitment to serving their respective communities. Notably, each council demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt and innovate, finding creative solutions to circumvent obstacles and achieve their objectives including significant strides in recruiting new members.

Fraternally,
Tomasz Haupt

District Deputy #4

District Deputy # 6 Report

2023-2024

District 6 (4 Councils)

3/16/2024

District 6 entered the new Fraternal year with high expectations. One of the goals was to increase the number of Councils recording their programs and reports on the State Website. This goal was achieved at 100%.

Last year District 6 had one Council (11934 Gluckstadt) achieve the Star Award, This year, there are two Councils positioned for the Star, #s 9543, Madison and 11934 Gluckstadt. I expect Councils 15131, St Richard and 8038 St Jude to be contenders next year.

Membership was a major driver this year. District 6 achieved 80%, ytd, of their goal. I anticipate we will be at 100% by year end. The main contributor was Council #9543, Madison, they achieved their membership goal in November. They have already implemented strategies for next year. One of the initiatives from Supreme is increasing the amount of Hispanic inclusion into the Order, either through existing Councils, or, creating Hispanic Councils. St Jude, Pearl Parish has a high concentration of Hispanics, but, a minimal representation in the Council. This DD is working with, GK Basil Demarest, PSD Roy Gamez and Pastor Fr Cezar Sanchez on a plan to recruit this active community into the Order.

As I pass the baton, I want express my deepest thanks to the GKs who worked so hard at satisfying the various requests I put before them. I also want to thank the Council membership for accepting me into their family. It was the best part of the job. I'm sure I missed identifying some activities and if so it was not intentional. I also want to thank the State Officers for their understanding, support and patience as I waded through the weeds.

In Fraternity,

SK David Fisher, DD6, PGK, PFN

District Deputy # 7 Report

2023-2024

Worthies State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights,

It has been a pleasure and honor to have been given the opportunity to Serve as District Deputy for District 7 for this past year.

Together with Councils 7915, 8504, 17364 and 1034 we were able to achieve a lot of goals. I am extremely proud of these councils and the hard work that they put into their council to achieve the goals that were set. We held several exemplifications this past year. Proud to say that District 7 was able to get in 18 new members. We as District 7 faced a few challenges but were able to move forward with Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Each council strived to be Star Council and gave it a great run.

District 7 was able to host a Core Retreat at Council 7915 in Brookhaven with Father Mike Austin attending. Council 7915 in Brookhaven also hosted a Central Organizational Meeting with State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights in July.

Proud of the Grand Knights in District 7 for helping each other and working together to build a stronger council and making District 7 a great District to work in. I would like to thank PDD and State Advocate Aaron Achord for also helping with questions and assisting me and the Grand Knights in District 7. We are looking forward to this coming year to making each council better and making a good run for star council.

Respectfully submitted,

Bo Allen

District Deputy #7

District Deputy # 12 Report

2023-2024

March 16, 2024

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, My Brother Knights

I am grateful and honored to have been given the privilege of serving as District Deputy for District 12 this past year.

It has been challenging with a couple of councils not pulling their weight with programs or attending meeting i.e. State and District wide. Together with my councils 1605, 5654, 9124, 10499 and 15155 we have faced a few challenges throughout the year and we are trying to get better. Through Charity, Unity and Fraternity we have succeeded in having a good year. All 5 of the councils are active in their parishes but councils 10499 and 15155 are having problems documenting these activities. Both Grand Knights are aware of the importance of completing the reports with Supreme and the State Council but can't seem to get the reports done.

Assistance has been offered by Robert Barr and myself on multiple occasions. The councils as a whole had minor problems as we all do, but it takes active management to get the work done.

We are, as well as many other Districts/Council getting members to participate, manage and participation take dedicated personnel. The older Knights of doing the same thing over and over and the younger Knight see this and are scared to step up and help get things done. We need younger Knights but they are getting harder to find as many of the Parishes are an older people, but we have to keep trying.

The other problem that seems to be causing some problems is the Safe Environment where councils 5654 (1 non-compliant) and 15155 (all 4 positions required are non-compliant). I have contacted both Grand Knights and they advised they are working on the problem.

Activities of our District:

1. Assisted in conducting the Marion Hour of Prayer (St. Joseph ICON) and making sure the councils had time needed to do so.
2. Assisted in the planning and movement of the Silver Rose, as it moved through our district. We only had 3 days to get it to 10 Parishes, which didn't happen. Also helped plan and carry the Silver Rose to Picayune so that it could be turned over to the Louisiana Knights of Columbus after the services there.
3. Assisted in the planning the Special Olympic assistance from Councils helping the participants.
4. Assisted the State and Councils Grand Knights to complete training to help better help the Grand Knights on how to report activities and ways to better complete their plans for the year.

5. Councils attending the "Rescue me" programs along with parishioners to better their religious understanding.
6. Did Tootsie Rolls fundraiser to help provide funds for the Mentally and physically challenged.
7. Assisted Council 1605 with the Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy programs by providing funds, toys clothes, religious items and hygiene products. The shoe box size boxes were filled with items for a boy or girl by the parishioners, with a \$9.00 check to cover shipment to a distant country so the children could have their first Christmas. This is the second year this was done. Rosaries that were handmade by a parishioner were included in the boxes; 276 boxes were shipped.
8. Attempting to get all my councils to have a presence at the 2024 State Convention being held at the Golden Nugget Casino in Biloxi MS April 26 – 28, 2024
9. I am presently on the 2024 State Convention Planning Committee getting ready for the State Convention.

I want to thank State Deputy Guy Heying for trusting me with the position of District Deputy #12 and my profound gratitude to the Grand Knights, Officers and members of District # 12 whose combined efforts have made us successful.

Respectfully submitted

William Clark
District # 12

VIVAT JESUS

Grand Knight's Reports

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 848

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

St. Peter's Cathedral Council, No. 848

March 11, 2024

Grand Knight's Report
(2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 848 has continued to be a very active council. 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. Supported Stations of Cross during Lent with meal afterwards
2. Letter Writing program to our Jackson diocesan seminarians
3. Conducted Monthly Rosary Services on 3rd Saturday
4. Supported two of the Diocesan Seminarians under the RSVP Program

Family Programs:

1. Submitted twelve Families of the Month candidates to Supreme
2. Sponsored two local Outreach event feeding at the Morton Excel center
3. Gave financial support to KC member's widows

Community Programs:

1. Provided a meal to volunteers for Habitat for Humanity
2. Support various ministries in parish with meals and service
3. Provide a monthly breakfast in parish on 3rd Sunday of each month

Life Programs:

1. Conducted a Canned food drive for hungry in community
2. Conducted a Coat Drive for homeless

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Martin

Grand Knight, Council 848

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 898

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

Vicksburg COUNCIL, No. 898
P.O. Box 1003, Vicksburg MS 39181

March 31, 2024

Grand Knight's Report
(2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy|

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 898 has continued to be an extremely active council. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. We have continued to be visible in parish life through Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs. A synopsis of our programs for this past year is listed below.

Faith Programs:

1. Conducted Rosary service each Tuesday evening at the Council Home.
2. Conduct and fund the Rosary Program at the St. Paul, St. Micheal and St. Mary
3. Distribute Advent books each Sunday during Advent at the 3 churches.
4. Distribute Lenten books each Sunday during Advent at the 3 churches.
5. Supported one of the Diocesan Seminarians under the RSVP Program
6. Have annual Priest Education Spaghetti Dinner.

Family Programs:

1. Submitted twelve Families of the Month candidates to Supreme
2. Submitted a Family of the Year Candidate for Consideration
3. Host quarterly steak dinners, St. Patrick's, Columbus Day and 5th Tuesday events for members and family,
4. Conducted a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at Vicksburg Catholic School

Community Programs:

1. Collected money and goods for Rolling Fork tornado relief efforts.
2. Hosted a Council Level Free Throw Competition at Vicksburg Catholic Schools
3. Hosted a Council Level Soccer Challenge at Sports Force Park
4. Fund and prepare an average of 75 meals monthly for Meals on Wheels.
5. Donation of 4 packs of Coats for Kids to local Children's shelter.

Life Programs:

1. Hosted a Silver Rose at Vicksburg Catholic School
2. Conducted a local March for Life walk from VCS to City Cemetery
3. Support and fund Right to Life Billboard located on Fisher Ferry Road.
4. Support Center for Pregnancy Choices

Respectfully Submitted,
Conrad Rabalais, Grand Knight
Council 898

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 1034

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council, No. 1034

P. O. BOX 1563
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI 39121

March 1, 2024

Grand Knight's Report 2023-2024

Worthy State Deputy,

During the past 7 months that I have been the Grand Knight for Council 1034 Natchez, MS., we have accomplished a lot of work in our Parish and Community. We are visible within the Parish by participating in various Liturgical roles, Fourth Degree processions in the Church. Many of our Knights serve on Parish Councils. Two Knights are current sponsors of RCIA program for participants joining the Church. We are visible in the Community by participating in Community events and leading a procession down Main St in Natchez during Christ the King Day with a prayer service on the bluff. Our council strives to participate in all programs of Faith, Family, Community and Life. We pride ourselves to assist in away way that the Church or Community needs our assistance.

Faith:

1. Lenten Fish Fry Dinners
2. Spaghetti Benefit Dinner
3. Annual Support to our Seminarian
4. Monthly Rosary Service Participation

Family Programs:

1. Started Family of the Year Award
2. Monthly Social Dinner KC Hall for Knights and families
3. Adopt a Christmas Family

Community Programs:

1. Supported Wreaths for Veterans
2. Supported Crosses on the Bluff
3. Supported Blood Drives
4. Supported Natchez Annual Chili Cook Off

Life Programs:

1. Donated to Coats for Kids
2. Donated to March for Life
3. Annual Supporter of the Pregnancy Center
4. Hosted Silver Rose

Respectfully,

Cam Huff
Grand Knight
Council 1034

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 1522

2023-2024

John Mahoney, GK
209 Ramoneda Street
Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi
39520



Knights of Columbus
Council #1522
Pere Le Duc
Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

March 12, 2024

Grand Knight's Report (2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy:

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 1522 has continued to be a vibrant and active council. 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. Rosary Program - Lead First Friday Rosary on the First Friday's of each month
2. Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, and Benediction – each month
3. Cor Connect - Weekly Cor meeting following Saturday morning mass – 1st meeting 26 August
4. Supper & Substance for Teachers - Evening of reflection for teachers and their spouses of parish schools – 31 July 2023
5. Men's prayer breakfast and spiritual reflection – 19 August 2023
6. Supported two of the Diocesan Seminarians under the RSVP Program – Monthly stipend
7. Public Square Rosary; Rosary for America Crusade – 14 October 2023
8. Veteran's Day - Special mass to honor veterans – 11 November 2023
9. Supper & Substance - Parish meal and reflection - 18 November 2023
10. Life of the Parish - St. Mary's Cemetery Cleanup prior to All Souls Day – 21 October
11. Support Women's Prayer Breakfast – Prepare meal for women of the parish – 26 August 2023

Family Programs:

1. Conducted Fraternal Benefits Meeting – 22 October
2. Prepared, delivered, and served seasonal recognition dinner for seminarians – 31 August 202
3. Family Fully Alive – Prepared Youth Group Fall Kick-off Dinner for parish youth – 22 September 2023
4. Food for Families - King's Kitchen KofC donation to purchase meat for hot meals for needy.
5. Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - 16 December 2023
6. Council Christmas Social to celebrate the season - Helping hands and community giving projects – 15 December 2023

Community Programs:

1. Develop and implement a Disaster Preparedness Program for Our Lady of the Gulf – 22 July 2023
2. Annual Parish Crab Festival - Event promoting Catholic life and evangelization 1 July 2023
3. Habitat for Humanity - new construction home at 675 Seal Street in Bay Saint Louis 15 July 2023
4. KofC Blood Drive supporting associated Catholic Schools – 28 July 2023
5. KofC Firearms Training supporting Mississippi Church Protection Act - 29 July 2023

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Knights of Columbus
Council #1522
Pere Le Duc
Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

Community Programs (Continued):

6. Cruisin the Coast Car Rally Parking – fundraiser for Faith-in-action programs – 4 October 2023
7. KofC Blood Drive supporting associated Catholic Schools – 29 September 2023
8. Performed Tribute to the Military - USO Show- 11 November 2023
9. Provide manpower for Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale Fundraiser – 29 September 2023
10. Develop Church Protection Team and policy to comply with Church Protection Act – 29 Nov. 2023
11. Implement Coats for Kids as part of our Helping Hands Community Support Initiative 13 Dec. 2023
12. Leave No Neighbor Behind – Fund Freedom Lighthouse addition Center – 18 December 2023
13. Helping Hands funding for Magdalene House - Women's training and development – 18 Dec 2023
14. Helping Hands funding for St. Vincent De Paul - Utility assistance and food pantry – 18 Dec. 2023
15. Community Christmas - Adopts and fund two or more families for Christmas – 19 December 2023

Life Programs:

1. Participated in planning and support of a Silver Rose Mass and Holy Rosary – 28 October 2023
2. Planning and participation in 100th Anniversary of St. Augustine Seminary – 4 Oct. 2023
3. Special Olympics - Fall Games participation – 3 November 2023
4. Visited sick suffering from cancer at his home in Waveland 4 October 2023
5. Provided furniture to chronically ill – 4 October 2023
6. Rebuild bathroom for wheelchair-bound elderly widow living alone – 7 December 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Mahoney, SK

Grand Knight

Vivat Jesu!

GK

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 1583

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL, No. 1583
733, 34 Street. Gulfport, MS 39501

March 15, 2024

Grand Knight's Report
(2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 1583 has continued to be an extremely active council. 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. We provided Sacramental Gifts to ST. John the Evangelist Parish
2. Conducted the Rosary prior to the Daily Mass and 0800 on Sunday at ST. John the Evangelist.
3. Supported the Rescue Project
4. Supported the Holy Hours at ST. John the Evangelist.

Family Programs:

1. Submitted twelve Families of the Month candidates to Supreme
2. Conducted a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at St. Johns
3. Held a Family Social
4. Visited the Homebound and provided them with the Communion.

Community Programs:

1. Provided a funds for the Seminarians of the Diocese
2. Supported the Hispanic Community during Our Lady of Guadalupe
3. Supported the Hispanic Community during the Celebration of Los Posadas

Life Programs:

1. Hosted the Silver Rose
2. Held a public square Rosary for the right of Life.
3. Held a Sippy Cup drive to support the single mothers in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Ames

Grand Knight
Council 1583

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 1605

2023-2024

Knights of Columbus
Msgr. P. J. Carey Council 1605
P.O. Box 689 Pascagoula, MS 39567
Grand Knight – Charles (Jerry) Bishop-jerrybishop0927@gmail.com



March 14, 2024

Grand Knight's Report (2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 1605 has been an extremely active Council. We have continued to be visible in parish life through Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs.

Faith:

1. Conducted the Marion Hour of Prayer Program (St. Joseph Icon) at St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Ann, RCHS masses.
2. Knights lead The Rosary all Masses at St. Joseph The Worker Church the Month of September.
3. St. Joseph held Council 1605 Memorial Mass with Necrology, Knights performing all of Church Duties.
4. Supported Entire Biloxi Diocese Diaconate Class of 2025 with Food, Cooking, Serving Meals & cleaning during a 3-day week end of classes.
5. Christmas Gifts to Parish Clergy (\$300 ea. To 4 Priest) (\$100 ea. To 4 Deacons) (\$50.00 ea. To 3 Diaconate Students) (Total \$1750.00)
6. Conducted "Box of Joy" Program for Cross Catholic Ministry. Box of Joy (size of a Shoe box) were handed out to parishioners to fill with toys, clothing, hygiene products, candy, Etc. The boxes also contained Hand Made (by a Knight) Rosaries with Notes from the donators Wishing the child a Merry Christmas. The Boxes were then returned to us with a \$9.00 Shipping fee for each box. We then packed the boxes in shipping crates for Cross Catholic To ship over seas to children for there First Christmas. Note! Each box was Marked boy/girl and Age.

Family:

1. Submitted 12 Family of the Month Candidates to Supreme.
2. Supported Widows and their Families of our 5 parishes with a very nice Dinner cooked And served by Knights.
3. Supported Food for Families with Donations to 3 parishes (\$300.00 ea.) for Christmas Food Baskets.
4. Provide Family Movie Night once a Month for Families of the parish. We show Family Friendly Movies with Refreshments in a Safe Environment.
5. We Provide Mother's Day Roses for all the Mothers at St. Joseph and St. Ann with left over Roses going to local nursing homes of the County.

Community:

1. Disaster Preparedness-Prepared our 5 Parishes with information and giving each Parish Mississippi Disaster Preparedness Booklets (IN 3 languages) that have Evacuation Routes And Safety Information.
2. Prepared and sold Lenten Fish Meals as a Fund raiser for community and church activities.
3. Tootsie Roll Event-Raised Donations for Jackson County Exceptional School.
4. Food for First responders-prepare Plates of food, distribute to Police, Fireman, Ambulance Drivers after every food event.

Life:

1. The Silver Rose was taken to St. Joseph The Worker for Morning mass and to Resurrection Catholic Elementary School for Show and Tell to the whole school.
2. Provide Invited Knight Support & Participation with Special Olympics at Keesler AFB Ms. State Event.
3. Culture of Life Crosses were put at St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church and St. Ann Mission as a fund raiser for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Program.
4. Knights Lined Hwy. 90 in Pascagoula with Pro-Life Signage for a Stand for Life Event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles (Jerry) Bishop,
Grand Knight Council 1605

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 6765

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus
Father John P. Egan Council 6765, Starkville, MS
State Convention Report 2023 – 2024
Richard Coughlin GK



Worthy State Deputy,
Council 6765 continues to support our parish and community through Faith, Family,
Community, and Life programs.

Community

Food for families
Food pantry financial support
Food pantry help
MSU football pool fundraiser
Habitat for Humanity golf support
Helping hands
KC blood drive (3)
Kiwanis Club golf support
Support for Starkville HS soccer

Faith

KC Advent prayer luncheons (All men of the parish invited)
Bishop Houck Fund
Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
Seminar support (RSVP)
Support for parish CYO
Holy Thursday procession
Lead the Stations of the Cross
Lenten prayer luncheons for all men of the parish
Marian Icon Prayer Program
Support for RCIA candidates (donated Bibles, Catechisms, and Rosaries)
Sunday night dinner (Campus Ministry)
Vocations Breakfast (Seminar support)
Saint Joseph Icon program

Family

Trivia Night in support of Annunciation Catholic School
Food for families
Host three families from Saint Joseph's Giving Tree at Christmas
KC family picnic

Life

Pregnancy center support - baby bottles campaign (over \$1200.00 raised)

Rosary for Life

Silver rose program

\$100 to Pro-Life Memorial Fund

Council Activities

Friday Lenten Fish Fry

KC First Sunday pancake breakfast for Vocations

Priest support

Super Bowl football pool fundraiser

KCs serve as ushers at the Sunday Masses

Attend school of Columbia

Attend State Convention

Richard Coughlin GK, Council 6765

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 6872

2023-2024

OSCAR J. GELPI COUNCIL 6872
PICAYUNE
GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report the activities of our Council for the past fraternal year.

The following officers were installed at our July social which was catered by a local restaurant:

Raymond Rivero	Grand Knight
Kerry Calkins	D G Knight
Harrison Duet	Chancellor
William Burns	Recorder
Richert Mahony, Sr.	Financial Secretary
Edward Rohde	Treasurer
Pablo Gomez	Advocate
Frank West	Warden
Robert Condoure	Lecturer
Joseph Battaglia	Guard
Curtis McElroy	Guard
Richard Hayley	Trustee
Michael Spencer	Trustee
Theodore Barze	Trustee

Monday night Bingo is our main source of income, which is greatly supported by our local residents. We give reports throughout the year as to how our profits are helping the community.

Bingo makes it possible for us to support our church, a seminarian, ARC of Pearl River County, Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center, P.R. County SPCA, City and County Police Departments, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, State Council Bishops Gerow and Houch Funds, plus individuals in need. This past Thanksgiving and Christmas we distributed over 200 food baskets to families in need.

Our newsletter is published the first of the month informing our members and widows of our deceased brothers of coming meetings and events.

We honor our Knight and Family of the month at our monthly social.

With all we do our brothers still find time to serve our church as ushers, lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, leaders of the rosary before mass, and members of the church finance and parish council.

Our year ended on a very high note. We raised the money needed to purchase a new advanced ultrasound for our local pregnancy center.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond P. Rivero, Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 7915

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

Brookhaven Council, Number 7915
PO Box 373, Brookhaven, MS 39601

March 15, 2024

Grand Knight's Report (2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 7915 had great activities and events. We have operated with efficiency and determination. We are visible during every mass. We have continued to be involved in Faith, Family, Community and Life Programs. A synopsis of our programs for this past year is listed below.

Faith Programs:

1. Conducted a Friday Night Lenten Fish Dinner
2. Conducted Stations of the Cross
3. Held a Rosary Program
4. Supported one Seminarian by giving Quarterly Donations
5. Held a Holy Hour every Monday
6. Held a Parish Retreat

Family Programs:

1. Continued the Family of the Month program
2. Cooked at least once a month for Faith Formation
3. Participated in Food for Families
4. Supported Parish CYO
5. Held a Fraternal Benefits Meeting

Community Programs:

1. Participated in both the Free Throw and Soccer Challenges
2. Sponsored local blood drives
3. Sponsored four Lunch and Bingo meals
4. Conducted a membership drive

Life Programs:

1. Hosted a Silver Rose Mass in conjunction with ~~McComb~~
2. Planned with a local Pregnancy Support Center
3. Held a Rosary Devotion for Pro-Life
4. Volunteered at our local Pregnancy Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Eddie L. Britt, Grand Knight
Council 7519

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 8054

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

CHARLES R. BRILL COUNCIL, No. 8054
Post Office Box 1048
McComb, Mississippi 39649-1048

March 1, 2024

Grand Knight's Report 2023—2024

Worthy State Deputy:

Being a vital part of the community and St. Alphonsus parish has been a focus of the activities of the Charles Brill Council 8054 during 2023-2024. We are involved in programs of Faith, Family, Community and Life to better serve our Lord and the Knights of Columbus. Knights participate in every Mass and are examples of Christian service in the community. Here is a list of our officers and a summary of our programs for this past year.

Officers:

Grand Knight: Andy Spinnato
Financial Secretary: Fred Miller
Recorder: David Callen
Advocate: John McNeil
Chaplain: William Henry

Deputy Grand Knight: Ray Pettigrew
Treasurer: Bradley Gunnell
Chancellor: Jesuraj Charley
Warden: Steven Hebert

Faith Programs:

1. Conducted Stations of the Cross during Lent
2. Supported two Seminarians by giving quarterly donations
3. Conducted BINGO and raffles as fundraisers for charity/faith projects
4. Cooked at Our Lady of Hope for Priests' Retreat after Easter

Family Programs:

1. Recognized a Family of the Month throughout the year
2. Usher teams were often family members
3. Served as adult chaperones at youth retreats

Community Programs:

1. Organized and sponsored the monthly Saturday Men's Breakfast
2. Provided entertainment at several "Meet, Munch & Mingle" luncheons
3. Assisted widows of the Parish with transportation, household repairs, etc.
4. Served as pall bearers at funerals of School Sisters of Notre Dame and others

Life Programs:

1. Hosted a Silver Rose Mass
2. Participated in a March for Life event
3. Conducted Rosary services in support of ProLife

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Spinnato".

Andy Spinnato
Grand Knight Council 8054

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 9124

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

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

March 10, 2024

Grand Knight's Report
(2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,

During the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year, Council 9124 has continued to be an extremely active council. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. We have continued to be visible in parish life through 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. Sponsored several Religious Holy Day events at St. Mary
4. Participated in the life of the parish.

Family Programs:

1. Consecrated the entire Council to the Holy Family at the beginning of the Fraternal Year
2. Provided support to a local Seniors Group Home on numerous occasions.
3. Provided flowers and prayer cards on Mother's and Father's Days at St. Mary
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 Pro-Life Chain
4. Provided financial support to one of the local Pregnancy Support Centers

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven G. Parnell

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Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 14051

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

Council 14051, Olive Branch, MS

March 11, 2023

Grand Knight's Report
(2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,
Council 14051 in Olive Branch, MS has had an active fiscal year in 2023-2024 and have contributed in all areas involving Columbianism: Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs. It continues to be a pleasure to serve the Parishes associated with our Council including Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch, MS, where our programs create positive visibility for our organization. A synopsis of our programs for this past fiscal year is provided below.

Faith Programs:

RSVP

Lighting of the creche

Mass for deceased members

Council corporate communion

Leading stations of the cross during Lent

Leading Devine Mercy Sunday service

Family Programs:

Food for families

Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest

Breakfast with Santa

Consecration to the Holy Family

Christmas dinner and party

Community Programs:

Wreaths across America

Delivery of holiday care packages

Coats for kids

Life Programs:

ASAP

Silver Rose

Rosary dedicated to life of the unborn children

MS Special Olympics

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan T. Wier

Alan T. Wier, Ph.D., Grand Knight
Council 14051

Grand Knight's Report – Council # 15131

2023-2024



Knights of Columbus

ST. RICHARD COUNCIL, No. 15131
PO Box 16547 Jackson, MS 39236

March 15, 2024

Grand Knight's Report
(2023-2024)

Worthy State Deputy,
St Richard Council 15131 has had a productive and active year during the 2023-2024 State Fraternal Year. We have held a minimum of four programs in all areas. We continue to be an important part of the parish life through Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs. A summary of our programs for this past year is listed below.

Faith Programs:

1. Conducted 5th Sunday Rosary Services at St. Richard
2. Supported mission trip to South America for St. Richard parishioner
3. Supported the Diocesan Seminarians under the RSVP Program
4. Provided financial support to FOCUS Catholic Collegiate Outreach program

Family Programs:

1. Supported food drives for families through local organizations
2. Held a Breakfast with St. Nicholas for kids and their families in December
3. Sponsored and prepared monthly pancake breakfasts for the parish during the fraternal year
4. Provided financial support to the St Richards Special Kids Golf Tournament

Community Programs:

1. Hosted a Council Level Basketball Free Throw Competition at St. Richard
2. Provided financial support to Squat & Gobble benefitting victims of human trafficking
3. Financially supported and participated with St Richards School Flight to the Finish 5K Race
4. Provided bottled water to the Carmelite Monastery in Jackson

Life Programs:

1. Hosted a Silver Rose Mass event at St Richard Church with the school
2. Donated to the Mississippi Memorial [Pro Life](#) Fund & Pro Life Mississippi
3. Provided financial support to the Center for Pregnancy Choices
4. Supported the Ultrasound Fund with financial support

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Champagne

Chris Champagne, Grand Knight
Council 15131

120th CONVENTION MINUTES

Mississippi State Council

120th Annual State Meeting; 25, 26, 27 & 28 April 2024

Biloxi, Mississippi

Meeting Minutes

- Thursday, 25 April 2024
 - 6:00 – 9:00 PM - Reception held for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen and Supreme Representative and their wives at Council 1224 in Biloxi. Event sponsored by Council 1244.
- Friday, 26 April 2024
 - 8:00 AM - Votive Mass for Blessed Michael J. McGivney offered by State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin. Mass held in St. Michael's Church.
 - 10:30 AM – State Officer's Meeting was held in Round Island A of the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino.
 - State Deputy Guy Heying opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Master Craig Harrell.
 - State Deputy went over the agenda for the convention and a few requests for the weekend.
 - We need help finding members to fill Program Director positions and DD's. Seeking input from all.
 - 1:00 PM – A District Deputy Meeting was held in Ship Island A of the Convention Hall.
 - 2:30 PM – A 4th Degree Meeting was held in Ship island B of the Convention Hall.
 - 4:30 PM – A Banner Procession rehearsal was held.
 - 5:30 PM – The Opening Business Session held was held in the Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G of the Convention Hall.
 - Travel Cards were checked and assignment of chairs were made to the delegates.
 - State Deputy Guy Heying opened the meeting and a prayer was led by State Treasurer Charles Hahn and Worthy Master Craig Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- State Deputy welcomed all in attendance to the 120th Annual State Convention and thanked them for coming.
 - State Deputy introduced our Worthy Supreme Representative Joe McInerney.
 - A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Steve F. from Council 1605 and seconded by Clifford of Council 15131. Motion passed.
 - State Secretary Kenny Gonzales called for submission of any late reports.
 - State Advocate Aaron Achord assured that all were in possession of all resolutions. They were posted on the State Website and included in their packets.
 - State Deputy made sure all delegates were aware of their committee assignments. He reminded all that dinner was to be held on the waterfront at 6:45. Saturday's mass was at 8:00 with a Eucharistic Procession to follow. There would also be a breakfast at St. Michael's to follow.
 - State Deputy asked the floor for any announcements.
 - A closing prayer was offered by State Treasurer Charles Hahn.
 - State Deputy closed the meeting at 6:15 PM.
- 6:45 PM – Friday Night Dinner Social
 - The Friday Night Social began with an opening prayer led by State Treasurer Charles Hahn. And Pledge of Allegiance by District Master Craig Harrell.
 - A welcome to all was given by Convention Chairman David Seymour.
 - A delicious meal of fried catfish and fixings was had by all.
 - Mayor Andrew Gilich gave his welcome speech to the crowd.
 - State Secretary thanked the Mayor for his time and efforts to make this convention a huge success.
 - Various Council Program Awards were handed out by State Secretary.
 - Various Membership Awards were handed out by State Membership Director Jacob Eftink.
 - State Deputy made some closing remarks and announcements.
- Saturday, 27 April 2024
 - 8:00 AM – Memorial Mass w/Necrology offered by Bishop Kihneman at St. Michael's Church. Necrology by State Secretary Kenny Gonzales. See Necrology Section at the end of this book for listing of deceased brothers.
 - 9:30 AM – A beignet breakfast was served by Council 16992 at St. Michael's Parish Hall.
 - 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Adoration in the small chapel at St. Michael's.
 - 10:30 AM – Convention Committees were held in various rooms of the Convention Hall.
 - 12:00 - Ladies Luncheon, Past State Deputies Luncheon and Former District Deputies Luncheon were held.
 - 1:00 PM – 2nd Business Session held in the Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G.
 - State Deputy Guy Heying opened the 2nd Session and Bishop Kihneman provided the opening prayer.
 - The pledge was led by District master Craig Harrell.
 - Bishop Kihneman gave his report to the delegates. His theme was "We are an apostolic church". We are struggling to get members to the church. Jesus walks with us. We need to talk about your faith. We need to speak as disciples. Over

1 million members need to make an impact. Need to be a people of prayer. We need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That's how we are empowered. Share God's word. Practice the sacraments. Need our councils to become eucharistic councils. The COR meetings were started by the Supreme Knight to bring people to Christ. Bishop Kihneman assured us that he has been praying for us. We will share Holy Water. We have the full support of both bishops. He thanked us for all of our works. One ministry we need to focus on is being disciples. We are on a mission. He gave us a final blessing. And he finished his talk with "Go get 'em."

- The State Deputy, Guy Heying presented his report. See the Reports section for his report.
 - The State Secretary, Kenny Gonzales presented his report. See the Reports section for his report.
 - The State Treasurer, Charles Hahn presented his report. See the Reports section for his report.
 - The State Advocate, Aaron Achord gave his report. See the Reports section for his report.
 - The State Warden, Lonnie Treadaway gave his report. See the Reports section for his report.
 - The Immediate Past State Deputy IPSD Roy Gamez gave his report. He talked about his time as State Deputy. His first challenge was getting a call from Supreme asking if he could start his time as SD early due to health reason of the previous SD. He also faced challenges with Covid. We need to embrace new members as disciples of Christ. He thanked his wife for recruiting him to the Knights of Columbus. We need to keep in touch with our missing brothers. Keep care of your family. God looked over him as he was wounded in battle. Thanks to all.
 - The District Master Craig Harrell thanked all and gave a review of the 4th Degree. See the Reports section for his report.
 - The General Agent, John Stice gave his report. We need to relate to people. He talked about becoming a Field Agent in Abilene, TX in 1991. He told a story of his early dealings with members. He compared this to Fr. Mc Givney starting the KCs in 1882. We now have over 2 million members worldwide. Our new mission is Financial Planning and Long-Term Care. We live too long now. We are spending all of our savings. Let new members know about insurance available with the Knights. He is pushing his agents to get more involved with the councils. He thanked us for inviting him.
 - The Supreme Representative, Joseph McInerney gave his report. See the Reports section for his report.
 - State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin thanked Bishop Kihneman for all his leadership and hard work. As State Chaplain, he will try to organize Days of Reflection throughout the state. He will need the help of the DDs. An afternoon session on "pathway to Discipleship" will be held in the afternoon. He urged us to lead by example. Christ's spirit will drive us. Men of the Word Program is a scripture study program. He also talked about the Rescue Project.
 - A closing prayer was offered by Bishop Kihneman.
- 3:00 PM – Various Training Sessions were held.

- 6:00 PM – Saturday Night Banquet
 - The banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom.
 - All dignitaries and their wives were recognized.
 - State Deputy recognized all Clergy and Religious in attendance.
 - We presented the Supreme Knights Video for all to view.
 - Guest Speaker was our Supreme Rep, Joseph McNerney.
 - Many awards and recognitions were given out to Councils and individuals in 3rd and 4th Degrees, as well as Auxiliaries.
 - Checks were provided to both diocese for the Bishop Gerow and Bishop Houck Funds.
 - Great time had by all.

- Sunday, 28 April 2024
 - 8:00 AM – Convention Mass offered by Bishop Kopacz at St. Michael's Church.
 - 10:00 AM – Credentials Committee met in Round Island B of the Convention Hall.
 - 10:00 AM – An Open Awards Session was conducted by State Treasurer, Charles Hahn.
 - 10:30 AM – 3rd Business Session held in the Grand Ballroom D-E-F-G of the Convention Hall.
 - The meeting was called to order by State Deputy, Guy Heying.
 - An opening prayer was offered Fr. Bob.
 - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Worthy Master Craig Harrell.
 - Our Supreme Rep, Joseph McNerney gave his closing remarks. He talked about Leadership. Being a Christian is being a leader. God is calling us to be great leaders. It is intimidating. God does the hard work. He referenced two books, Pride and Prejudice, and The Caine Mutiny. Told of their story of divine love. You can't force love. Be receptive to God. Confession is humiliating. But you get God's grace in return. Continue our humble works. Become a human monstrosity. Accept God's praise. Do humble work. God will allow it to grow. He thanked us for all of our kindness. Keep doing the great work that you do.
 - State Advocate, Aaron Achord read aloud all Resolutions. A couple of minor changes in wording were noted from the Resolutions Committee.
 - All amended resolutions passed.
 - State Deputy Guy Heying installed election tellers, consisting of
 - PSD Jerry Schmuck
 - PSD Peter Sukanic
 - PSD Larry Tabor
 - Election of State Officers
 - There will be no vote as there is no opposition.
 - Final voting roll. 79 delegates and 6 officers, for a total of 85 voters.
 - State Deputy
 - Nomination for Guy Heying.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Guy Heying for State Deputy.

- State Secretary
 - Nomination for Kenny Gonzales.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Kenny Gonzales for State Secretary.
 - State Treasurer
 - Nomination for Charles Hahn.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Charles Hahn for State Treasurer.
 - State Advocate
 - Nomination for Aaron Achord from Council 7915.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Aaron Achord for State Advocate.
 - State Warden
 - Nomination for Lonnie Treadaway.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Lonnie Treadaway for State Warden.
- Election of Supreme Convention Insurance Delegates (3)
 - Immediate Past State Deputy, Roy Gamez and current State Deputy Guy Heying are automatic selections.
 - One more Insurance Delegate is to be selected.
 - Nominations were received for State Secretary Kenny Gonzales.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for State Secretary Kenny Gonzales.
 - Bob Leo, Ben DeLorenzo and Richard Hota were selected as Alternate Insurance Delegates.
 - Election of Associate Delegates (2)
 - Nominations were received for Charles Hahn, Lonnie Treadaway, Craig Harrell and John Barnes.
 - Two candidates were to be selected.
 - Results of the voting was as follows:
 - Charles Hahn 53 votes
 - Lonnie Treadaway 69 votes
 - Craig Harrell 26 votes
 - John Barnes 18 votes
 - Charles Hahn and Lonnie Treadaway were selected as Associate Delegates.
 - Craig Harrell and John Barnes were selected as Alternate Associate Delegates.
 - Site of future State Conventions:
 - 2025 Jackson
 - 2026 Natchez (Headed by District 7)
 - 2027 Biloxi
 - The State Deputy thanked the convention tellers for their service and they were dismissed.
 - State Deputy, Guy Heying opened the floor for any New Business. None was offered up.

- Closing comments were provided by all State Officers. All thanked everyone for their support and for their attendance at the convention. Guy announced that \$1,273.00 was collected for “Pregnancy Support” at the “pass the hat” at the banquet last night. This will be presented to a Biloxi Diocese support center at a later date.
- A special thanks goes out to Richard Greenwold for all of his hard work in making the conventions run smoothly. We could not do it without him.
- State Deputy reminded everyone that we heard a lot of information over the weekend. Take it home and use it. We have two months left in the Columbian Year. We will start fresh on May 1 for the State. Supreme runs through June 30. We have to inspire our parishes. You are leaders in the state. We, the State Officers, are here to support you. Call if you need anything. Spread your faith.
- A closing prayer was offered.
- Convention closed at 12:04 PM.



**Mississippi State Council
120th Annual State Convention**



REPORT OF THE 2024 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

State Chaplain	Father Mike Austin
State Deputy	Guy Heying
State Secretary	Kenny Gonzales
State Treasurer	Charles Hahn
State Advocate	Aaron Achord
State Warden	Lonnie Treadway
Immediate Past State Deputy	Raul Gamez

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL**

2018 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL L NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 1	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 2
				X			
2	802	4	Msgr. John J. Burns		1 John Harwell	1	Robert Leo
2	848	5	John T. Savage		1 Richard Martin	1	Lee Davis
2	898	5	Vicksburg		1 Conrad Rabalais	1	Paul Donovan
2	1034	7	Bishop R. O. Gerow		1 Cameron Huff	1	James Maier
2	1244	11	Biloxi		1 Tyler Williams	1	Cameron Wack
2	1522	10	Pere Le Duc		1 John Mahoney	1	Jordon Roy
2	1583	15	Bishop Gunn		1 David Ames	1	Don Schiffner
2	1605	12	Msgr. P. J. Carey		1 Charles Bishop	1	Stephen Frederic
0	1908	8	Bishop Fahey		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
0	2134	14	Greenville		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
2	2180	8	Laurel		1 Ronnie Morales	1	Keith Knight
0	2945	14	Leland		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
2	2969	14	Clarksdale		1 Frank Whitehead	1	Raymond Cole
1	4472	10	Pass Christian		<i>No Delegate</i>	1	Christopher Smythe
2	4898	10	Long Beach		1 David Brazier	1	Thomas Ponte
0	5267	3	Greenwood		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
0	5556	14	Cleveland		<i>No Delegate</i>		<i>No Delegate</i>
2	5654	16	Ocean Springs		1 Phillip Weatherford	1	Steve Futch
2	6592	8	Bassfield		1 Ted Applewhite	1	Patrick Burns
2	6765	4	Starkville		1 Richard Coughlin	1	Michael Taquino
2	6872	9	Picayune		1 Raymond Rivero	1	Richert Mahony, FS
2	7087	9	Kiln		1 Alex Elbert Cuevas	1	Richard Hoda, FS
33	SUB-TOTAL			0	16	0	17

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	7120	2	Southaven	1 Fred Ward	1 Daniel Godwin
0	7211	13	Lumberton	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	7854	5	Clinton	1 Richard Scott	1 Mike Harkins
2	7910	15	Oranget Grove	1 Dennis Nowell	1 Michael Murphy
2	7915	7	Brookhaven	1 Eddie Britt	1 Kenneth Goodrum
0	7974	4	Columbus	No Delegate	No Delegate
1	8038	6	Pearl	No Delegate	1 Jose Arelano
1	8054	7	McComb	1 Fred Miller Milage Only	No Delegate
1	8285	5	Jackson. St. Therese	1 Leo Luke, Jr.	No Delegate
0	8760	2	Holly Springs	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	8848	1	Tupelo	1 Thomas Whitenton	1 Calvin Dotson
0	8912	1	Corinth	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	9094	11	D'Iberville	1 David Sevmour	1 Greg Davis
2	9124	12	Gautier	1 Steven Parnell	1 Benny French
0	9234	3	Indianola	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	9409	11	West Biloxi	1 Jack Fields	1 Michael Miller
2	9543	6	Madison	1 Michael Leo	1 Dennis Riecke
2	9673	11	Woolmarket	1 Philip Worland	1 Thad Anderson
2	9958	13	Lizana	1 Garland Moran	1 Anthony Moran
2	10216	6	Flowood	1 Jeff Johnson	1 Chris Bergeron
0	10443	3	Grenada	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	10499	16	Ocean Springs	1 Ricky Cuops	1 Michael Catchot
2	10901	1	Oxford	1 Larry Rav	1 Mathew Zerangue
2	11541	15	St. James. Gulfport	1 James Healy	1 Leonard Plitt
2	11934	6	Gluckstadt	1 David Madere	1 Sam Rust
2	11995	9	West Harrison	1 Charles Heim. Sr.	1 Louis Martel
0	12331	9	Dedaux	No Delegate	No Delegate
0	13471	4	Philadelphia/Tucker	No Delegate	No Delegate
0	13502	2	Batesville/Sardis	Raymond Cole	No Delegate
2	14051	2	Father Leo John Deho	1 William Horne	1 Edward Lvons
0	15121	13	St. Joseph	No Delegate	No Delegate
2	15131	5	St. Richard of Chichester	1 George Lafontaine	1 Louis Clifford, IV
2	15155	12	Fr. Denis J. Harlow	1 Roger Fettes	1 John Poelma
1	15382	8	St. Thomas Aquinas	1 Leroy Rider	No Delegate
2	16433	10	St. Clare	1 Richard Manieri, Sr.	1 William Kane
1	16763	8	Father Peter Quinn	1 Arthur Walker	No Delegate
2	16992	16	Father Robert Mullin	1 James Cummins	1 James Smith
2	17364	7	St. John Paul II	1 Scott Walker	1 William Whitwell
51	SUB-TOTAL			0 #	0 24
				36 - TOTAL MISSING DELEGATES	
0	Certified Delegates			35 - NO DELEGATE	
84	TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED			120 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE	
7	TOTAL STATE OFFICERS			7 - TOTAL STATE OFFICERS	
91	TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS			## - TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTING MEMBERS	

DISTRICT DEPUTIES			DIRECTORS / CHAIRMAN			
District	1	Jacob Eftink	Membership Director	DD	Jacob Eftink	
District	2	Leonard Temple	Program Director		Not Assigned	
District	3	Derek Finley	Faith Director	DD	John Barnes	
District	4	Tomasz Haupt	Community Director	DD	Thomas Moran	
District	5	John Piazza	Family Director		Not Assigned	
District	6	Dave Fisher	Life Director			
District	7	Bo Allen	Asst to State Sec/State Conv. Coord		Richard E. Greenwold	
District	8	William Jarrett	Bishop R. O. Gerow Chairman			
District	9	Michael Kersanac	Vocations Chairman			
District	10		Executive Asst. To St Deputy			
District	11	Nicholas Martino				
District	12	William Clark				
District	13	Thomas Moran	Milage Only			
District	14	D Frank Whithead				
District	15	John Barnes		DD --	DISTRICT DEPUTY	
				D --	DELEGATE	
PAST STATE DEPUTIES						
		Larry Tabor	Jerry Schmuck			
		Peter Sukanek	Noel Aucoin			

2024 Resolutions (Amended)

**120th Annual State Convention
Mississippi Jurisdiction**



Knights of Columbus

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th 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 142 years ago by our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has dedicated his life in service to our Church and 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, as Deputy Supreme Knight from 2017, and is serving as Supreme Knight since 2021, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly is a third-generation Knight with family service to our Order since 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,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction pledges its loyalty and appreciation to our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for all he has done in the name of our Order, and pray for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater success.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as amended.

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 2

Whereas,

His Excellency Bishop Joseph Kopacz was installed as the eleventh Bishop of the Jackson Diocese on February 6, 2014, and faithfully serves the Diocese following the motto "Let there be Light", and

Whereas,

His Excellency Bishop Louis Kineman III was installed as the fourth Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese on 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 Kopacz and Kineman, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 3

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 as amended

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 4

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 on March 13, 2013, as Pope Francis, and

Whereas,

On December 13, 2023, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-five 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 as amended.

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 5

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 2023-2024 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

Half to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2024 Convention;

Half to the Bishop William R. Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund to be distributed at the 2024 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 as amended.

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

Whereas,

St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the most revered theologians in Christian Faith, in his “Summa Theologica” quite clearly identifies Matrimony as being between one man and one woman, beneficial for the begetting of children and necessary for the perfection of the community and for the worship of God, and

Whereas,

St. Paul describes marriage as “Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and they become one flesh”, which is mirroring the language of Genesis, where God tells the man and the woman to be “Fruitful and Multiply”, and

Whereas,

Both St. Aquinas and St. Paul refer to Matrimony as a Sacrament, a holy mystery in which one man and one woman are joined together in a conjugal union to be blessed by the grace of God, and

Whereas,

The Catholic Church, based on scripture and Christian tradition, teaches that marriage is a faithful, exclusive, and lifelong union between one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus Council 1034 does hereby strongly support the Church’s teachings that Holy Matrimony is between a man and woman, and

Be it further Resolved,

That Council 1034 does encourage the Councils of the State of Mississippi and others to adopt similar resolutions.

Submitted By: Council 1034, Natchez MS

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as amended

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7

Whereas,

Supreme Representative Joseph McInerney has honored this State Convention with his presence,
and

Whereas,

Brother McInerney is the Vice President of Leadership and Ethics Education for the Knights of
Columbus, and

Whereas,

Brother McInerney provides great guidance to our Order and was extremely informative in
addressing our convention,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Supreme Representative
Joseph McInerney and extends a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever he finds
it possible to do so.

Submitted By: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopt

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 120th Annual State
Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of
Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 8

Whereas,

The 2024 State Convention Meeting is being held in Biloxi, and the members of several Coast Councils have spent the past few years planning to host this convention, and

Whereas,

The State Officers and membership across the Mississippi Jurisdiction truly appreciate all the time, effort, and energy expended by these Councils,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to the host councils for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibilities.

Submitted By: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopt

2024 Necrology

2023/2024 Necrology

Council	Name	Title
Council 802	Donna White	Ladies Auxiliary
	Patrick J. Carter	
	Liberty Moreno	Ladies Auxiliary
	Richard Gough	
	Howard Turberville	
	Anthony George	
Council 848	James King	Treasurer
	Joseph P. Blake	
Council 898	Jerry Roberts	Grand Knight, Trustee
Council 1034	Steve Nielsen	Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator
	Benjamin Kidder	
Council 1244	Morris Arguelles	
	Robert Fell	Grand Knight
Council 1522	Harry Roy Jr.	
Council 1583	George Schloegel	
	Albert Necaie	
	Ed Martin	
Council 1908	Robert Eddy	
Council 2180	Mike Thornton	Chaplain
Council 2969	Tom Agostinelli	
Council 4472	James Riordan	
	Warren Doussan Jr.	
	Andrew Barrett Burton	
	Warren Reso	
Council 5654	Dennis Van Acker	Treasurer, Past Faithful Navigator

Council 6765	William Moore	
Council 6872	William L. Warren	
	Richard Planchard	
	Alvin F. Buras	
	Tim J. Gonzales	
	Claiborne McDonald	
	Lloyd Appel	
Council 7120	John Fiester	Past Grand Knight
Council 7854	George Hoff	
Council 8054	Wayne Johnson	
	Ardean Shaw	
Council 8848	Charles Montgomery	
Council 9124	Carmen Pelusi	
Council 9409	Raymond Gouin	
	Richard Belvel	Grand Knight
	Kenneth Girten	
	John Snook	
	Timothy Stafford	
Council 9543	Miles Mckee	
	Jason Walenta	
	Walter Cook	
	Bill Dixon	
		Past Grand Knight , Past Faithful Navigator, Former District Deputy, Past Vice Supreme Master
	Larry Roberts	
	Dr. John Tice IV	
	Charles Snapka	
	Tom Sagar	
Council 10443	Frank Marascalco	
Council 10499	Deacon Martin Finnegan	Grand Knight, Chaplain
	Russell Mohr	
	Charles Taylor	
	Ricky Dobrowski	
Council 15121	Adolph Laiche	

