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Mississippi State Council

2025 Convention Minutes Book

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mississippi State Council
121th Annual State Meeting
24, 25, 26 & 27 April 2025
Jackson, Mississippi

Thursday, 24 April 2025

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. State Officers and Convention Committee Social – Sponsored by and held at Gluckstadt Council 11934's council home.

Friday, 25 April 2025

8:00 a.m. Mass for Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, Father Mike Austin, **St. Francis of Assisi**
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Jacksonian Boardroom**
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – **Lobby**
1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Salon A**
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **Natchez Boardroom**
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – **Diplomat I & II** **(*4th Degree Members ONLY***

NOTE: *Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in **The Cabana**.*

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Salon A (*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, **William Clark**
6. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2024 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. Cash Bar Opens – **Imperial Hallway,** Hilton Hotel
6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social – **Salon A/B,** Hilton Hotel

1. Seating of Head Table
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **William Clark**
3. Welcome – **Robert Graham; President, Hinds County Board of Supervisors**

Friday, 25 April 2025 (Continued)

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 – **Bishop Louis Kihneman, III**
7. Meal Served
8. Awards Presentation:
   a. Open Awards Session - State Program Director, **Jacob Eftink**
   b. Membership Awards - State Membership Director, **Gary Owchar**
      1) Top Gun Awards
      2) Star Recruiter Award
      3) Top Recruiting Council Award
      4) Champion Recruiting Council Award
   c. Council Program Awards – State Program Director, **Jacob Eftink**
      1) Honor Council Awards
      2) Superior Council
      3) Council of Excellence Awards
      4) Distinguished Council Awards
      5) Stellar Council Awards
   d. 4th Degree Awards
   e. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
9. Closing Remarks/Announcements

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

Saturday, 26 April 2025

8:00 – a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – **St. Francis of Assisi**
- Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Kihneman as Principal Celebrant
- Necrology by State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**

9:00 – 9:30a.m. Eucharistic Procession – **St. Francis of Assisi**
10:00 – 4:00p.m. Adoration – **Closing Room**
9:30 –10:30a.m. Continental Breakfast – Sponsored by Council 9543 at **St. Francis of Assisi**
9:30 –10:00a.m. Convention Registration – **Lobby**
10:00 –10:30a.m. Delegate Registration – **Jacksonian Boardroom**
10:00 –11:30a.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Salon A**

Saturday, 26 April 2025 (continued)

10:30 – 12:00 **CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. Convention Awards Voting (10:30 – 12:00) – State Program Director, **Jacob Eftink.**

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

a. Faith – **Crown**
b. Public Relations – **The Cabana**
c. Community – **The Cabana**
d. Life – **Amphitheater I**
e. Family Life – **Amphitheater II**
f. Vocations – **Natchez Boardroom**

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, **Jacksonian Boardroom**
   b. Convention Committee (**11:00-12:00**) – **Louis Clifford**/Richard Greenwold, **Jacksonian Boardroom**
   c. K of C Audit (**10:30-11:15**)– **Jerry Schmuck**, PSD, **Port Gibson Boardroom**
   d. Mileage and Per Diem (**11:15-12:00**) – State Treasurer, **Charles Hahn**, **Port Gibson Boardroom**
   e. Resolutions Committee (**10:30-12:00**) – State Advocate – **Aaron Achord**, **Vicksburg Boardroom**

11:30 – 2:00p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Penthouse**
12:00 – 1:00p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Diplomat I**
12:00 – 1:00p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Diplomat II**
12:00 – 1:00p.m. Lunch – **On your own**
12:30 – p.m. Delegate Registration – **Salon A**

1:00 – 3:00p.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Salon A (*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, **William Clark**

Saturday, 26 April 2025, (Continued)

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Salon A (*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 Chaplain's Report – **Father Mike Austin**
8. Supreme Videos – **Guy Heying**
9. State Deputy's Report – **Guy Heying**
10. State Secretary's Report – **Kenny Gonzales**
11. State Treasurer's Report – **Charles Hahn**
12. State Advocate's Report – **Aaron Achord**
13. State Warden's Report – **Lonnie Treadaway**
14. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Raul Gamez**
15. District Master's Report – **William Clark**
16. General Agent's Report – **John Stice**
17. Supreme Representative's Report – **JC Reiher, Regional Growth Director**
18. Announcements

3:00 – 4:30p.m. Banner Procession Practice **– The Cabana**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

5:30 – p.m. Cash Bar Open – **Imperial Hallway**
6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession **– Diplomat I & II**
6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **The Cabana**
6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Salon A/B**

1. Procession of the Dignitaries
2. Procession of Council Banners
3. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
4. National Anthem – **David Canizaro**
5. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **William Clark**
6. Honoring Clergy and Religious – State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
7. Supreme Knights Video
8. Keynote Address, Supreme Representative **JC Reiher**
9. Prayer –**Bishop Joseph Kopacz**
10. Meal Served

Saturday, 26 April 2025, (continued)

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

11. Awards Presentation: (**Only** 1st Place awards will be presented)
    a. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards –
       Ladies Auxiliary Vice President, **Beverly Piazza**
    b. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Guy Heying**
    c. Program Awards – State Program Director – **Jacob Eftink**
       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 – **Fred Ward**
    f. Bishop Houck Priest Retirement Fund – **Dan Bicknell**
    g. Best Council Awards – State Program Director – **Jacob Eftink**
    h. Fourth Degree Awards – Fourth Degree Master, **William Clark**
    i. Past State Deputies, Best District Deputy Award –
       Jim McCraw, PSD
    j. MS State Council, Knight of the Year Award –
       State Program Director – **Jacob Eftink**
    k. MS State Council, Family of the Year Award –
       State Program Director – **Jacob Eftink**

Sunday, 27 April 2025

8:00 – a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Kopacz as Principal Celebrant **– St. Francis of Assisi**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Kenny Gonzales**, **Jacksonian Boardroom**

10:30 – am. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Salon A (*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, **William Clark**

Sunday, 27 April 2025 (continued)

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Salon A (*3rd Degree Members ONLY*)

5. Closing Remarks
   a. Bishop Joseph Kopacz
   b. Bishop Louis Kihneman, III
   c. Supreme Representative **JC Reiher**
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, **Washington DC, United States, 4-7 August 2025**
   a. Insurance Delegate (1 Insurance Member)
   b. Associate Delegates (3 Members)
   c. Insurance Delegate Alternates (3 Insurance Members)
   d. Associate Delegate Alternates (3 Members)
10. Sites for State Convention
    a. 2026 – Natchez
    b. 2027– Biloxi
    c. 2028 – **?????**
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, 26 April 2025. 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, 27 April 2025 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 — **Crown**
   Michael Kersanac, Faith Director — Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

Derek Finley	DD #3
Richard Martin	# 848
Cleveland	# 5556
Matthew Hatch	# 7120
Joel Dillard	# 8038
Jackson, St. Therese	# 8285
Indianola	# 9234
Patrick Pelland	# 9409
Garland Moran	# 9958
Grenada	# 10443
Charles Heim, Sr.	# 11995
Ronald Dipalma	# 13471
St. Michaels, Biloxi	# 16992

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2. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **The Cabana**
John Barnes, DD#15, Community Director Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

Conrad Rabalais	# 898
Roy Jordan	# 1522
Christopher Smythe	# 4472
Lumberton	# 7211
St. Therese	# 8285
Holly Springs	# 8760
Gary Walker	# 9124
Jeff Johnson	# 10216
James Healy	# 11541
Dedeaux	# 12331
Michael Dudas	# 14051
Robert Lawson	# 15382

3. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Amphitheater II**
William Clark, DD #12 Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

Tomaz Haupt	DD #4
Leland	# 2945
David Brazier	# 4898
Ocean Springs	# 5654
John Schuerman	# 7910
Columbus	# 7974
Holly Springs	# 8760
Greg Davis	# 9094
Doug Falcon	# 10216
Dedeaux	# 12331
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
Douglas McNamara	# 14051
Dylan Sawyer	# 15155
Dan Duncan	# 17364

Convention Committees

4. LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE
Basil Demarest, Life Director

Amphitheater I
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

Natale Zummo	DD #6
J. Michael Bucciantini	# 1908
Audie Roberts	# 2180
Ocean Springs	# 5654
Hunter Estes	# 7120
Jeffery Erickson	# 8038
Grenada	# 10443
Matt Zerangue	# 10901
Rob ViVian	# 11541
Philadelphia/Tucker	# 13471
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
Dwayne Punch, Sr., FS	# 16433
Thomas Ellias	# 16763
St. Michaels, Biloxi	# 16992

5. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE
José (Tony) Diaz del Valle, DD #10

Natchez Boardroom
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

Calvin Dotson	DD #1
Gregory Stevens	# 802
Biloxi	# 1244
David Ames	# 1583
Raymound Cole	# 2969
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Dennis Nowell	# 7910
Andrew Spinnato	# 8054
Anthony Moran	# 9958
William Green	# 11934
Reid Parker	# 11995
Poplarvile	# 15121
Chris Brown	# 15382
Scott Walker	# 17364

Convention Committees

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Gary Owchar, State Membership Director

The Cabana
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

John Piazza	DD #5
Paul Donovan	# 898
Quincy St Pierre	# 1908
Ben Dilorenzo	# 4898
Greenwood	# 5267
Cleveland	# 5556
Michael Taquino	# 6765
Richert Mahony	# 6872
McComb	# 8054
William Singeltary	# 8285
Samuel Rust	# 11934
Poplarville	# 15121
Richard Manieri, Sr.	# 16433
David Berens, FS	# 16763

7. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Kenny Gonzales, State Secretary

Richard Greenwold, Asst. to State Sec.

Jacksonian Boardroom
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m. and
Sunday, 27 April 2025, 10:00 a. m.

Larry Smith	DD #9
Robert Leo	# 802
Biloxi	# 1244
John Mahoney	# 1522
Pascagoula	# 1605
Greenville	# 2134
Ronnie Morales	# 2180
Leland	# 2945
Teddy Fields	# 4472
Patrick Burns	# 6592
Alex Elbert Cuevas	# 7087
Brookhaven	# 7915
Indianola	# 9234
Michael Catchot	# 10499

Convention Committees

8. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Louis Clifford, Committee Chairman

Jacksonian Boardroom
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Richard Greenwold, State Convention Coordinator

Bo Allen	DD #7
Cameron Huff	# 1034
Charles Bishop	# 1605
Thomas Whitenton	# 8848
David Seymour	# 9094
Robert Barr	# 9124
Dennis Riecke	# 9543
George Lafontaine	# 15131
Larry Ray	# 10901

9. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE
Charles Hahn, State Treasurer

Port Gibson Boardroom
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 11:15 a. m.

James Maier	# 1034
Robert Flagg	# 1583
Greenwood	# 5267
Lumberton	# 7211
Robert M Harkins	# 7854
Kurt Dobbel	# 7974
Pearl	# 8030
Corinth	# 8912
Ronald Pelland	# 9409
Blaine Dugas	# 9543
Bill Whitmire	# 9673
Nathan Smith	# 15155

Convention Committees

10. AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jerry Schmuck, PSD

Port Gibson Boardroom
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Charles Hahn, State Treasurer

Thomas Moran	DD #13
Lee Davis	# 848
Greenville	# 2134
Frank Whitehead	# 2969
Ted Applewhite	# 6592
Richard Coughlin	# 6765
Raymond Rivero	# 6872
Franz Barnes	# 7854
Kenneth Goodrum	# 7915
Robert Moore	# 8848
Corinth	# 8912
Joe Symmes	# 9673
Charles A. Fike	# 10499

11. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Aaron Achord, State Advocate

Vicksburg Boardroom
Saturday, 26 April 2025, 10:30 a. m.

Raul Gamez	IPSD
Peter Sukanek	*PSD*
Jim McCraw	PSD
Philip Jabour	PSD
William Jarrett	DD #8

12. ELECTION TELLERS

Salon A
Sunday, 27 April 2025

Peter Sukanek	PSD
Jerry Schmuck	PSD
Jim McCraw	PSD
Philip Jabour	PSD

Committee Reports

I am pleased to have Chaired the Community Awards Committee for the 2024 State Convention held April 26, 2025 in Jackson, at 10:30am.

Award Categories for Community, Best Large Council, Best Ex-Large Council, Knight of the Year, Family of the Year were read and judged by the award committee.

The Award Committee was represented by the following;

Conrad Rabalais	#898
Roy Jordan	#1522
Christopher Smythe	#4472
Gary Walker	#9124
Jeff Johnson	#10216
James Healy	#11541
Micheal Dudas	#14051
Robert Lawson	#15382

Councils Absent were #7211, #8285, #8760, #12331

I explained the purpose of the committee, the different categories, how to record their picks on the ballot and how important it is to turn in award nominations. The committee gained a better understanding on how the award process works. There was a discussion on why an awards nomination was not included, without knowing the full details I give some examples to why they could have been left out.
Meeting ended 11:42am

Respectfully submitted May 1, 2025

Vivat Jesus,
John M. Barnes
State Community Director
DD15

Mississippi State Council

121st Annual State Convention

Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 26, 2025 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:

Larry Smith	DD #9
Robert Leo	Council # 802
Biloxi	Council # 1244
John Mahoney	Council # 1522
Pascagoula	Council # 1605
Greenville	Council # 2134
Ronnie Morales	Council # 2180
Leland	Council # 2945
Teddy Fields	Council # 4472
Patrick Burns	Council # 6592
Elbert Cuevas	Council # 7087
Brookhaven	Council # 7915
Indianola	Council # 9314
Michael Catchot	Council # 10499

After a review of the registration records, it was confirmed that at a total of 66 certified delegates have been seated out of a possible 120 possible delegates. The Slate of State Officers seated totaled 7, bringing a total of 73 certified voting members at the 121st 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

TOPIC: Council Award Submission Judging

ATTENDEES:

Derek Finley	DD #3
Richard Martin	# 848
Matthew Hatch	# 7120
Patrick Pelland	# 9409
Garland Moran	# 9958
Charles Heim, Sr.	# 11995
Ronald Dipalma	# 13471

AWARD SUBMISSION CATEGORIES: Faith\Best LG Council\ Best XLG Council\Knight of the Year\Family of the Year

MEETING STARTED: 10:30

JUDGING & GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A. Due to the excellent organization of State Council Director, Jacob Eftink, the judging of Council award submissions went extremely well. After a brief discussion of the use of the scoring sheet, all committee members were able to rapidly progress through all award submissions. This organized approach allowed all awards to be judged, and time remained for general discussion.
B. General Discussion
    a. Through the review of the multiple awards, all members gained a better understanding of the elements of an average\good\excellent award submission. We discussed the value of this insight when taken back to their council and shared with council members for their future award submissions.
    b. To help future committee award submission judging, we felt there would be a benefit if the submission instructions required the writer to use bulleted list and limit the length of the submission. Using the submission form as a template with bullets would also help the writer provide a more concise, structured submission.
    c. We discussed the potential value of providing some training for writing good award submissions at future School of Columbianism events. More awards may be submitted if more Brother's felt comfortable writing an award submission.
    d. I polled the committee members to see how many of them had smart phones. The purpose of this poll was to gain insight into the availability of using technology to help streamline award submission judging at future Conventions. All members had smart phones.
    e. We discussed the value of councils' holding Cor gatherings. In addition to appealing to council members that do not attend regular business meetings, council's that host Cor gatherings often report membership growth through the Cor activities.

f. The need for council members with computer\data base\spreadsheet skills to engage in council management\volunteerism was discussed. These valuable skills are needed to help manage all of the data that council's need to process. As an example, if we had an easy way to search for specific skills within our council membership, we may be more successful in engaging members to help with the various needs within the council.

MEETING FINISHED: 12:00

REPORT COMPLETE

Thanks,

Vivat Jesus,

Mak Kersanac
State E&FF Director\State Faith Programs Chair
Knights of Columbus
Mississippi Jurisdiction
228-216-2442

TOPIC: Family Life Activity Judging

Attendees

Tomaz Haupt	DD#4
David Brazier	#4898
John Schuerman	#7910
Greg Davis	#9094
Doug Falcon	#10216
Holly Springs	#8760 ? name

AWARD SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:
Family Life\Best LG Council\BestXLG Council\Knight of the year\Family of the Year

Meeting Started: 10:30

Judging & General Discussion

Most of the personnel that attended didn't know how to use the Scorecard, after explaining it to them they were ready to go. The Scorecards were handed out and a discussion was brought on to why only 6 attendees with 14 listed. I advised them I can't answer for the one not attending.
There also was a discussion about why there was a separate vote for a XL Best Council and Large Best Council. I suggested that it was separated by up to 100 for Large Council and over 100 for XL Best Council.

Judging went well with some taking a while to read and understand what was being said in some of the applications.

Meeting Complete; 11:50

Report Complete
Paperwork turned over to Jacob Eftink
Bill Clark
DD #12

RE: Committee Reports - Family Life Activity Committee

From: William Clark (kocbclark@gmail.com)

To: guyjheying@eaton.com; john@barnesair.com; basil.demarest@att.net; tonyddv@gmail.com; g.owch51rn@gmail.com; louis@clifford-law.com; jschmuck875@gmail.com

Cc: kennygonzales0105@gmail.com; cdhpc2@yahoo.com; jeftink@olemiss.edu; dfinley2021@yahoo.com; cjheim@hotmail.com

Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 at 09:56 PM CDT

Worthy State Deputy
Please see the following Committee Report

TOPIC: Family Life Activity Judging

Attendees

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David Brazier	#4898
John Schuerman	#7910
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Meeting Complete; 11:50

Report Complete
Paperwork turned over to Jacob Eftink
Bill Clark
DD #12

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William "Bill" Clark
District Master - MS

District Deputy - District 12
Faithful Navigator - Assembly 561
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TOPIC: Council Award Submission Judging

LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE
Amphitheater I
Saturday 26 April 2024, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Basil Demarest, Life Director

SCHEDULED ATTENDEES:

Natale Zummo	DD # 6
J. Michael Bucciantini	# 1908
Audie Roberts	# 2180
Ocean Springs	# 5654
Hunter Estes	# 7120
Grenada	# 10443
Matt Zerangue	# 10901
Rob ViVian	# 11541
Philadelphia/Tucker	# 13471
Batesville/Sardis	# 13502
Dwayne Punch, Sr., FS	# 16433
Thomas Ellias	# 16763
St. Michaels, Biloxi	# 16992

AWARD CATEGORIES:
Faith\Best LG Council\ Best XLG Council\Knight of the Year\Family of the Year

JUDGING PROCESS:

- Committee members arrived on time at 10:30
- Committee Chairman began meeting by explaining the 5 categories which members would be evaluating
- Handed out the score sheets and the first set of programs to be rated
- Explained the scoring process and how to complete the scoresheets
- As committee members finished scoring a particular category, I collected the program write-ups and handed out the next set to be scored
- After committee members had completed scoring all 5 categories, I collected the scoresheets and assigned each a unique identifier (i.e., 1 of 9, 2 of 9, etc.)
- Dismissed committee members to lunch at approximately 11:45 AM and returned to Jacob Etfink's table to total the scores of each category
    - 1st place – 3 points
    - 2nd place – 2 points
    - 3rd place – 1 point
- Provided results to State Program Director Jacob Etfink

Submitted by:
Basil Demarest
State Director, Pro-Life Activities

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State Convention Committee Report

The State Convention Committee was called to order at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 26, 2025 by Chairman Louis Clifford of Council #15131. The Chairman was assisted by Richard Greenwold, State Convention Coordinator. The Committee consisted of the following delegates:

Bo Allen	District Deputy #7
Cameron Huff	Council #1034
Charles Bishop	Council #1605
Thomas Whitenton	Council # 8848
David Seymour	Council # 9094
Robert Barr	Council # 9124
Dennis Riecke	Council # 9543
George LaFontaine	Council #15131
Larry Ray	Council #10901

Also present:

Kenny Gonzales	State Secretary
Lawrence Smith	Council #1034
Joseph Goellner	Council #10499
Robert Munroe	Council #15131

The Committee was informed of the actions taken by the 2025 Host Committee in the planning of the 2025 State Convention. The Committee discussions included host committee make-up and division of duties, planning, timelines, ad sales and ad book, convention meals and luncheons, convention registration, convention events, available resources, and the convention format and schedule. The 2025 Host Committee will share all of its forms, spreadsheet and other planning information with the 2026 Host Committee.

The State Convention Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Clifford, PGK, PFN
Council #15131 & Assembly 3863
2025 State Convention Committee Chairman

State Officer Reports

State Deputy Report

April 26, 2025

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 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. At the onset of this Fraternal year, we set our sights on continued membership engagement through five key areas of focus that would lead us to a successful year: Energized Programs, Council Growth, Increased Participation in COR meetings, Safe Environment Compliance, and Fraternal Benefit participation.

I am please to report that we have made improvements in every one of these key areas. We have seen a 21% increase in programs being reported and grew the number of councils reporting, we have grown State Membership by 32% over last year, increased council membership by 39%, and recruited 46% more online members. COR participation has increased by .. and the number of Safe Environment Compliant councils has grown by 30%. We have doubled the number of councils hosting Fraternal Benefit Events with the total attendance increasing by nearly 40%.

The fruits of our efforts can be seen in the engagement of our membership and in their works of charity across the state recording over 138,000 volunteer hours, nearly doubling last year's hours, and contributing over $580,000 to various charitable efforts. Included in that number is over $23,000 in RSVP support for our seminarians and $47,500 in support of our pregnancy centers. Following the devastation of Hurricane Helene, due to the generosity of our councils and membership, we donated $16,000 in disaster relief to our brothers across the six Southeastern states impacted. For the second year in a row thanks to the efforts of Council 10901 in Oxford, our next Ultrasound Machine will be installed at the Pregnancy Center of Oxford.

We should all be proud of and celebrate these accomplishments that resulted from the hard work and engagement of the councils across the great State of Mississippi!

Today is not the end of our 2024-2025 journey. We still have much more to achieve this fraternal year.

We have a total of 22 councils that have a great opportunity to achieve STAR Council this fraternal year. They have put themselves in reach of this prestigious award, but still have work to accomplish to finish off their year.

Although we have had good success improving our membership numbers over last year, we still have more work to do. It will take the support of every council represented here to achieve our 2024-2025 target before June 30th. If every delegate in this room today brings in 1 new member before that date, we will meet the target for the year. It will take this team to make it happen. Don't look to the guy sitting next to you, we need you to go find that Catholic man that needs to be a member of Knights of Columbus.

Before I conclude, I want to thank each and every one present for your trust and support over these past two Fraternal years. I want to thank each of you for accepting the challenges I placed before you, as your State Deputy. and for your engagement in moving the Mississippi Jurisdiction forward. I am proud of the work we have done together and the achievements we have made!

I thank my fellow State Officers for their teamwork and encouragement as we navigated through the past two years. Your friendships will always be treasured. I thank the 15 District Deputies for all their hard work and for carrying out the challenging, and often new and different assignments and concepts I laid out for them. I thank the State Directors and Chairmen for all you have done and for having the courage to step up and help lead this State in your respective areas. I thank the PSD's for their guidance and encouragement, you were always there when I need help and or correction.

To the delegates here today, please remember that you are the future leaders of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. I ask that you embrace that leadership to lead your councils to the next level. Find ways to make the Mississippi Jurisdiction better and stronger in the years to come.

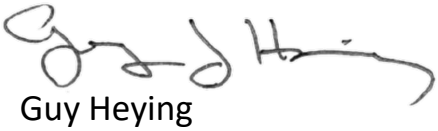
For those soon to be Past Grand Knights and for those that have already wear the PGK metal, I encourage you to prayerfully consider engaging at the next level of Our Order. The State Council can certainty utilize your talents and leadership in

the various chairman and directorship roles we need to fil each year. We are a stronger Jurisdiction having you as a part of the team. Just let one of the State Officers know if you are interested.

Before I close, I want you to know that I am honored and humbled that you have allowed me to serve as your State Deputy for the past 2 years. It is my hope that I have served you well in carrying out the duties of this very special role for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. I will forever fondly look back on my time as your State Deputy.

Fraternally Submitted,

Your Brother Knight,



Guy Heying

State Deputy

Vivat Jesus!

2025 State Secretary Report

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. Thank you for being a part of this 121st Mississippi State Convention here in Jackson, 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 but three 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 will get 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 for this year is about 275 checks processed and still growing. The total of the checks processed for this past year is over $170,000. 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 and District Deputies. 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

Kenny Gonzales

State Secretary

Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Treasurer's Report

For

Fraternal Year 2024-2025

The fraternal year 2024-2025 was a challenging year for the state treasurer. Due to issues with the initial CPA in the previous year, the state was later filing tax returns that year and faced a significant fine. However, we were able to gain forgiveness after explaining the issues with the CPA. The federal tax forms for 2023-2024 were filed on time as well as those needed for the state. At the end of September, the bank made an error on a deposit, which was discovered and corrected quickly; however, since the error occurred at the end of the statement period, and the correction occurred in the following statement, careful documentation was required to preserve the event and explain what happened. In February, it was necessary to reconcile all the state funds over the last 10 years. This was done to examine the possibility of increasing per diem payments to the delegates, an issue that the state officers determined needed further examination and discussion. In addition to this, checks were written and deposits made to keep the state operating.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Hahn

State Treasurer

State Advocate Report 2024-2025

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights all, it is my pleasure and honor to submit this annual report as your State Advocate. I will keep this report brief. My second year as State Advocate has brought numerous challenges, as I have learned a lot. There have been questions from fellow Knights and Councils that have stretched my understanding of fraternalism and unity.

I have had to explain why Knights can only be Knights, why fraternalism matters, and how we must always respect our Brother Knights. I have learned that through unity we can accomplish our goals, and separately we all lose.

To my fellow State Officers, I thank you for all your support and help along the way. Thanks for showing me the ropes and always being there to answer my questions and guide me along the way. To our District Deputies, thanks for all of your help. You are truly the backbone of our order. Without your work and leadership, we would never get anything accomplished. Keep up the great work.

To my Brother Knights, thanks for all your continued hard work in these trying times, you have continued to move forward to keep our councils alive and in the forefront of our church parishes. It has been a great honor to serve as your State Advocate. Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

Finally, I wish to thank my wife, Bridget, who without her none of this would be possible.

Vivat Jesus,

Aaron Achord

State Advocate Mississippi Jurisdiction 2024-2025

State Warden's Report

2024-2025

Your Excellencies, Revered Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Delegates, and Brothers all,

It is with great pleasure that I stand before you today, having had the honor of serving as your State Warden. How fortunate I am to have worked alongside my brothers across the great State of Mississippi. This experience has truly allowed me to witness and embrace the full meaning of fellowship.

As I look around this room, I am reminded of the many individuals who have encouraged and supported me throughout my journey with the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the councils across the state to organize our various state and regional meetings. The role of State Warden, as you all know, is so much more than just setting up meetings and keeping track of assets. It is about doing whatever I can to support and assist my brother knights in achieving success.

Although we still have a couple of months left, let us finish this year strong. Brothers, if there is anything I can do to assist in any way, please know that I am here for you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lonnie Treadaway

State Warden

Vivat Jesus

Supreme Representative Report

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellencies, Reverand Father, Worthy State Officers, Past State Deputies, General Agent, Delegates, my brother knights all. Good afternoon,

Always a pleasure for me to be in Mississippi, first and foremost. I pray that all of you had a most Blessed Easter. The death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday is certainly a sad occasion. I cannot match the eloquence of the Bishops or the Supreme Knight on Pope Francis's accomplishments or pontificate. I would just ask that all of us pray for the repose of his soul and that the Holy Spirit guide the College of Cardinals with Wisdom as they select his successor.

Congratulations to all Award recipients last night. Hard work pays off, and you demonstrated exactly that.

As an Order we are again doing great this year, and I think it is shaping up to be an even better year than last year, which was our best intake year since World War II. As of March 31, we had brought in 36,826 men into the Knights of Columbus in the United States, but we lost 17,591 members due to death. Mississippi for it’s part as of today, has brought in over 200 new members, into the Order.

My additional message to you today is simple, the time for action in NOW!

As you know, the expectation is for each District Deputy to put the time and effort into making your Councils

successful, and the measure of success is meeting the goals set out by Supreme for Star Council.

The State Deputy likely has shared with you in some way, the status of each of your Councils, likely via the STAR Tracker. Membership recruitment, Fraternal Benefits Events, Programs, Safe Environment Compliance, and required forms.

In my mind, and probably State Deputy Guy's mind, every Council that has met at least 50% of its membership goal as of today, has a fighting chance to achieve Star Council, and quite frankly, many of those under 50% still have a shot.

A word of caution, many councils that have already achieved their membership goals are falling short on the other requirements.

Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, now is the time to be very proactive with your Councils to aid and push them to meet the goals for STAR Council. We literally have two (2) months left.

Worthy District Deputies, make sure you understand their membership recruitment plan over the next two months and strongly encourage those that have already met their goal to go for Double-Star, Triple-Star, and beyond.

Make sure they have reached out to their field agents for FBE scheduling and aggressively promote the virtual FBE opportunities.

Over the next few weeks, councils should get to their SP7s for their programs. Although they are not due until June 30, it would be very wise to get these in as early as possible, so that the Councils have time to resubmit if their forms are rejected. I would make sure that councils send you copies so that you can catch any errors or incompletions--which means you, as a District Deputy, must personally understand the rules on the do's and don'ts of Form SP7.

Help them fix shortfalls in Safe Environment Compliance, and for those that are compliant, check the Safe Environment Membership Status report to be sure there will be no surprise expirations in the next two months.

Make sure your Councils are not showing deficiency in other completed forms required for Star Council--specifically Form 365 (Service Program Personnel, which was due last August). Supreme is still accepting ALL forms, including the Form 1728 (Annual Fraternal Survey, which was due in January). Brothers, let's get this done!

Finally, I am asking a favor of you. Let’s send SD Guy out on a high note. Let’s get Mississippi back on board and push for excellence, for the most STAR Councils ever in Mississippi.

Brothers, as the great motivational speaker Zig Zigler said, “It’s not where you start – it’s where you finish that counts”.

I pray that during the next 2 months, you do everything in your power, to finish the year out strong, thus creating serious momentum for next fraternal year and beyond.

Vivat Jesus.

District Deputy Reports

District Deputy Report

Date: April 3, 2025

As District Deputy for District 4, encompassing Councils 6765, 7974, and 10443, I am pleased to present this annual report, highlighting the collective endeavors, challenges, and achievements of our councils over the past year.

Leadership Transitions & Challenges

This year brought significant challenges as all three councils faced the difficult task of recruiting dedicated individuals to assume leadership roles, replacing long-serving members. Despite initial struggles in adapting to new responsibilities and learning the necessary procedures and reporting requirements, the newly appointed leaders stepped up to ensure the continued success of their councils.

Recognizing the importance of operational continuity, I actively engaged with the acting officers of each council through in-person meetings and email correspondence. I provided guidance, support, and resources to assist them in fulfilling their obligations effectively.

Council Achievements & Resilience

Despite these challenges, I am proud to report that all three councils demonstrated **remarkable dedication and resilience** in carrying out their activities throughout the year:

- **Council 6765** successfully met its membership quota by the end of 2024 and is on track to achieve **Star Council** status.
- **Council 7974**, under new leadership, made significant strides in **charitable initiatives**, particularly in supporting the local pregnancy center. Additionally, they recently organized a **highly successful church drive**, which is expected to help them meet this year's membership quota.
- **Council 10443**, despite being part of a **small parish**, remained steadfast in its mission. With a **new financial secretary stepping in for a highly experienced predecessor**, the council has continued to serve its community with dedication and perseverance.

Conclusion

The past year has been a testament to the strength and commitment of our councils. Through transitions and obstacles, they have upheld their values and continued their mission of service. Moving forward, I am confident that their dedication will lead to even greater accomplishments in the coming year.

Grand Knight Reports

Knights of Columbus

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

March 9, 2025

Grand Knight's Report
(2024-2025)

Worthy State Deputy,
During the 2024-2025 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 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

Steven G. Parnell
Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus, James D. Hart Council (9673)

Grand Knight's Report

15 March 2025

Bill Whitmire, a retired military officer called to a new set of orders by the Holy Spirit, given purpose, grace and countless blessings under the Father's admonishment to use those blessings for His glory, to the brothers of the councils in the State of Mississippi, grace, peace and joy to you through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the eternal King whom we all serve through Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

KC 9673's Fraternal Year 2024/2025 was marked by change, growth, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in bringing us together as true brothers in Christ and employing us as his soldiers for making a positive difference throughout our community. As our pastor Fr. Martin Gillespie, a long-standing Knight and avid supporter of our council says, Knights are the "strong right arm" of the parish, engaged across all ministries while being the "hands and feet" for everything from leading liturgical ministry teams and faith programs, to cooking for parish gatherings, to care and maintenance of the church facilities and grounds. KC 9673 is a council of golden-souled men who express their deep faith and love for our Lord through their infectiously positive presence and the simple sweat of their brow.

Faith Formation. Throughout 2024 and even more in 2025, KC 9673 has focused to increasing degrees on activities dedicated to sharing and buttressing our faith. We lead Divine Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, Pro-Life Rosary and Eucharistic processions. We are hard-wired into the Religious Education Program, providing dedicated support to and presence in CCD activities and events. Our Knights make up a significant portion of the entire parish liturgical ministry team, regularly conduct corporate communions, and are leading partnerships with the Catholic Daughters and Alhambra to host faith formation events including a Lenten Retreat and prayer/study groups. Within, we have re-structured our council meetings to include more time for fraternal prayer and focus on the Holy Spirit's voice in guiding our fraternal activities. Of all our activities and goals this fraternal year, our paramount focus is bringing Christ's "lost sheep" back to the fold, one soul at a time. Everything else we do pales in significance.

Change and Growth. Since last spring our council has been steadily growing, with the addition of nine new Knights and new prospects popping up regularly. We passed quota easily and are getting new signups in nearly every event we host. Our new Brothers are warmly welcomed and quickly assimilated into the council with new Knights taking leadership positions including GK, DGK, Recorder and Assistant Community Program Director among others, with active mentorship and support from the seasoned Knights. This has infused new energy, ideas and skills into our council which is growing participation while boosting recruiting.

Hands and Feet. KC 9673's pace of engagement in 2024/2025 has been frenetic and accelerating. As of the date of this letter, we've posted 36 Council Activity Reports totaling 1,931 hours of service, not including nearly 250 hours of grounds maintenance which is entirely performed by our council. Activities range from those listed above to support for local charities, seminarian support, public safety education, blood drives, pro-life events and numerous church socials to name a few.

Blessed be the Lord our God, who has made these men perfect according to His design. Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ, who saved us through his unfathomable love and sacrifice, and blessed be our Lord the Holy Spirit, who reaches into our hearts, inspiring us to walk straight paths into the arms of the Father while bringing others with us. May we continue to be faithful instruments of His will in all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Whitmire, Grand Knight

Saint James Knights of Columbus Council 11541 **8/29/2025**

FY2024-2025 Grand Knight's Report

I am pleased to present the following information re the Subject, in no particular order:

- Council participated in Coats for Kids program BOGO by donating $300 for 24 coats
- Lenten Fish Fry Season: Approx 22 Brothers worked Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for 5 weeks to prep, serve and cleanup. Served approx. 850 plates, gross intake approx. $5,500
- Hosted American Red Cross Blood Drive, 22 pints donated
- RSVP: Contributed $3,000 in support of parish Seminarian
- Holy Hour: Four Brothers rotate a weekly 4am Holy Hour
- March For Life: Council Brothers participated in Diocesan annual MFL
- Walk For Life: Council Brothers participated in Pro-Life Mississippi ecumenical event
- Several Brothers assisted with Sanctuary move-in after remodeling project completion
- 5th Sunday Rosary/Corporate Communion: Council led several throughout the year
- "Fall Festival": Council Brothers assisted all day at this annual fund-raising event for School
- Council Christmas Party: Annual event, well-attended
- "Keep Christ In Christmas" program – sold 6" vehicle magnets, raised $100
- Council Brother assists priest and deacon in bi-weekly prison ministry/Mass celebration
- Burger Burn – Annual STJ Youth Program Kick-Off – bought/cooked 130 burgers, 75 hot dogs
- Donation – Alhambra Oran Caravan local chapter. Gave $200 towards their Christmas Party
- Diocesan Priest Ordination Reception – Donated $100 towards Father Adam Frey's reception
- Community - 161 various Charitable Service Hours worked by Council Brothers individually
- Faith - 548 various Charitable Service Hours worked by Council Brothers individually
- Family - 68 various Charitable Service Hours worked by Council Brothers individually
- Life – 19 various Charitable Service Hours worked by Council Brothers individually
- Held approx. 20 General and Officer meetings through the FY
- Created a Council web page on parish's website
    - With pwd-protected electronic posting/viewing of Meeting Minutes on webpage
- Created Council Facebook page
- All required training, background checks, reports, etc. completed & submitted timely
- Achieved 200% of Council/New Member growth quota
    - Received a "bye" from State Council on January's Per Capita bill for surpassing quota

GLEN R. VIVIAN, FY 2024-25 Grand Knight
Saint James Knights of Columbus Council 11541, Gulfport MS

121st Convention Minutes

Minutes from First Business Session

April 25, 2025

State Deputy opened the session by first welcoming all the delegates, then announcing the procession for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon into the room. Once the icon was in place, he opened the session with a prayer to the Sacred Heart on the prayer cards distributed to the participants. He then directed the State Master of the Fourth Degree to lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then invited a motion to read the minutes of the 2024 State Convention. Robert Barr of Council 9124 offered the motion. David Seymour, Council 9094 seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Motion carried. The state secretary then took the podium. He first reminded all delegates to get copies of the Minutes of the 2024 convention. He remind the delegates that all Grand Knights, District Deputies, Program Directors and Program Chairman are requested to submit reports on their activities of the previous (2024-2025) fraternal year to be included in the current years minute book. The state deputy reminded the delegates of the purpose of the minute book. The state advocate then took the podium to delegates to read the provided list of the proposed resolutions. He stated that Resolutions 12 – 19 concerned the nominations to state office. The state deputy then instructed the delegates that the resolutions would be referred to the resolution committee which would make recommendations on the appropriate action for each resolution. He then reminded the delegates that they needed to make sure they were properly registered for the convention. He then instructed the delegates as to committee assignments. He then announced the upcoming events prior to the next business session. Once the announcements were completed, the state deputy led the delegates in the closing prayer (Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be) and then closed the session.

Minutes From Session II

Mississippi Knights of Columbus

State Convention

April 26, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. Sacred Heart Icon was processed in to the meeting. Opening pray lead by Father Mike Austin, state chaplain. Fourth Degree Master Bill Clark lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The State Deputy then lead the Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Bishop Kopacz presented his address to the delegates. He spoke of the KC meeting of Bishops in November in Baltimore and how Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly emphasized the importance of the COR initiative. He spoke of the influence of the Sacred Heart on the Church.

Bishop Kihneman the addressed the delegates more on the strength and focus of the COR initiative. He spoke of the need Church for Knights to evangelize. He said they should share the good news of Jesus. He mentioned the COR was meant to strengthen the faith of the Knights and its ability to build brotherhood through their faith journey. He stated that participation in COR meetings would enable Knights to evangelize more effectively. The elements of COR – Prayer, Faith Formation, and Fraternity – help make Knights more effective disciples. He stated that Knights need to be men of faith and follow a path to discipleship.

State Chaplain Father Mike Austin then addressed the delegates. He focused on evangelization and how evangelization is talking to others about a very personal God. He asked Mak Kersanec to speak briefly as the state faith formation director about his councils COR meeting. Brother Kersanec described their COR meeting, then asked State Treasurer Charles Hahn to speak briefly on the Men of the Word bible study.

Minutes from Session III

Mississippi Knights of Columbus

State Convention

April 27, 2025

Meeting was called to order by the state deputy at 10:41 AM. The Sacred Heart Icon was processed into the room and placed at the front of the room. Prayer to the Sacred Heart was offered as the opening prayer. The state master led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The state deputy then gave voting guidance, and then announced the winner of the travel mugs. Mugs were awarded to Council 8848, Tupelo, Council 4472, Pass Christian, Council 802, Meridian, Council 15382 Hattiesburg, Council 1244 Biloxi, Council 10216 Flowood, Council 15131,Jackson, Council 5654, Ocean Springs, and Council 6765, Starkville.

Supreme Representative, J.C. Reyner offered his closing remarks. He encouraged the delegates to continue to build of the foundation of grown. He encouraged the councils to achieve Star Council and the state to achieve Cirle of Honor.

The state advocate then presented the resolutions for consideration. The resolutions are attached. Resolutions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were amended by the resolution committee and adopted as amended. Resolutions 2, 7, and 8 were adopted as presented. No action was recommended Resolution 9 as it was already in the by-laws. Resolution 10 dealt with members riding motorcycles as a organized group of The Knights of Columbus. Action on this resolution was to refer to executive committee. Resolutions 11 thru 19 nominated members for state officers and not action was taken.

A motion was made to donate $141.20 to supplement the pass-the-hat collection for the ASAP program make an even $2000 donation. Motion was made by DeWayne Punch of Council 6433 and seconded by Robert Barr, Council 9124. The motion was passed by acclimation. According to State Life Director Basil Demarest informed the assembly that the donation would be made to the Jackson Diocese Worry Free New Beginnings Maternity Home.

Peter Sukanek, Jerry Schmuck, Jim McCraw, and Philip Jabour were seated as election tellers. A roll call of delegates was done to confirm the number of voting members. A total of 82 voting members were present. Voting for state officers followed.

Kenny Gonzales was nominated for State Deputy by resolution. David Seymour, Council 9094 seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Chair cast one for Kenny Gonzales for State Deputy.

Charles Hahn was nominated for State Secretary by resolution. David Ames, Council 1583 seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Chair cast one vote for Charles Hahn for State Secretary.

Aaron Achord was nominated for State Treasurer by resolution. David Seymour, Council 9094 seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Chair cast one vote for Aaron Achord for State Treasurer.

Lonnie Treadaway was nominated for State Advocate by resolution. David Ames, Council 1583 seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Chair cast one vote for Lonnie Treadaway for State Advocate.

Jacob Eftink was nominated for State Warden by resolution. Matthew Raines Council 10901 seconded the nomination. Tomas Moran was nominated by resolution. Garland Moran Council 9958 seconded the nomination. Derek Finley was nominated by resolution. Jeff Johnson, Council 10216 seconded the nomination. Mak Kersanec was nominated by resolution. John Mahoney Council 1522 seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The results of the first ballot were: Eftink 16 votes, Moran 9 votes, Finley 25 votes, and Kersanec 32 votes. A second was taken with Thomas Moran's name being withdrawn from the balloting. Results of that ballot were: Eftink 9, Finley 26, and Kersanec 47. Kersanec was declared the winner.

At this point, delegates to the Supreme Convention were selected. The Immediate Past State Deputy and the State Deputy are automatically delegates. One addition insurance delegate was needed. Nominations from the floor were open. Charles Hahn was nominated by Conrad Rabalais, Council 898 and David Ames, Council 1583 seconded. Jacob Eftink was nominated by David Ray, Council 10901 and seconded by Rob Lawson, Council 15382. Nominations were closed after a brief discussion concerning alternate insurance delegates. The State Deputy explained the alternate insurance delegates would be selected separately. A vote was taken with Hahn receiving 68 votes and Eftink receiving 14 votes. Then three associate delegates were to be elected. John Barnes was nominated by Dennis Nowell, Council 7910 and seconded by David Ames, Council 1583. Derrick Finley was nominated by Louis Clifford, Council 15131 and seconded by Robert Barr, Council 9124. Aaron Achord was nominated by Chuck ??? and seconded by Ray Rivero, Council 6872. Ray Desloover was nominated by Dennis Nowell, Council 7810. Jacob Eftink was nominated by Robert Barr, Council 9124 and seconded by Basil Demarest, Council 8038. Lonnie Treadaway was nominated by Council 7120 and seconded by Council 6872. Bill Jarrett was nominated by Council 9543, but Jarrett respectfully declined the nomination. Mak Kersanec was nominated by Basil Demarest, Council 8038 and seconded by ????. Nominations were closed at this point. Delegates were instructed to vote for only three candidates. Results are Barnes : 41, Finley 54, Achord 36, Desloover 13, Eftink 28, Treadway 38, and Kersanec : 33. Barnes, Finley,

and Treadway were selected as delegates with Achord, Kersanec, and Eftink as alternates. Nominations were then taken for three alternate insurance delegates. Dewayne Punch was nominated by Richard Manieri, Council 16433 and seconded by Louis Clifford, Council 15131. Thomas Moran was nominated by Robert Barr, Council 9124 and seconded by Council 1034. Bill Clark was nominated and seconded by Council 15131. Nominations were closed at this point and these three were selected as alternate insurance delegates.

The floor was then opened to select the location for the 2028 convention. The 2026 convention will be held in Natchez and the 2027 convention will be held in Biloxi. No councils stepped forward to host the 2028 convention. Election tellers were then dismissed.

There was no unfinished business. There was no new business. State officers then gave closing remarks. Closing prayer was then said and the meeting closed.

Delegates

2004 CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATE DELEGATES

STATE CHAPLIAN	REVEREND 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 R. GAMEZ

COUNCIL	DELEGATE #1	DELEGATE #2	ALTERNATE #1	ALTERNATE 2
802	GREGORY STEPHENS	ROBERT J. LEO	DAVID STEPHENS	ROLAND STEWART
848	RICHARD MARTIN	LEE DAVIS	NOEL MACHOST	NOEL MACHOST
898	CONRAD RABALAIS	PAUL DONOVAN	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
1034	JAMES MAIER	CAMERON HUFF	LARRY SMITH	**NO ALTERNATE**
1244	NO ALTERNATE	NO ALTERNATE	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
1522	JOHN MAHONEY	JORDON ROY	MICHAEL PARERNOSTRO	DARREN MAYER
1583	DAVID AMES	ROBERT FLAGG	JAMES EVERETT	JOSEPH WIES
1605	CHARLES BISHOP	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
1908	QUINCY ST. PIERRE	MICHAEL BUCCIANTINI	WILLIAM JARRETT	**NO ALTERNATE**
2134	**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**			
2180	RONNIE MORALES	AUDIE ROBERTS	ROY LEONARD	NICK FIELD
2945	**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**			
2969	FRANK WHITEHEAD	RAYMOND COLE	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
4472	CHRISTOPHER SMYTHE	TEDDY FIELDS	JOSE' DIAZ DEL VALLE	ANDREW KOSLOSKY
4898	DAVID BRAZIER	BEN DiLORENZO	THOMAS POINTE	NORMAN McDONALD

2004 CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATE DELEGATES

COUNCIL	DELEGATE #1	DELEGATE #2	ALTERNATE #1	ALTERNATE 2
5267	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
5556	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
5654	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
6592	PATRICK BURNS	TED APPLEWHITE	PAUL HARRINGTON	CHARLES HARRINGTON
6765	MICHAEL TAQUINO	RICHARD COUGHLIN	NO ALTERNATE	NO ALTERNATE
6872	RAYMOND RIVERO	RICHERT MAHONY	KERRY CALKINS	FRANK WEST
7087	ELBERT CUEVAS	RICHARD HODA	MARSHALL REEDER	JOHN NECAISE
7120	MATTHEW HATCH	HUNTER ESTES	NO ALTERNATE	NO ALTERNATE
7211	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
7854	ROBERT HARKINS	FRANZ BARNES	ROBERT HARKINS	WILLIAM O'CONNER
7910	DENNIS NOWELL	RAY DE SLOOVER	RAYMOND De SLOOVER	CHARLES GURKLIS
7915	KENNETH GOODRUM	KURT DOBBEL	NO ALTERNATE	NO ALTERNATE
7974	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
8038	JOEL DILLARD	JEFFERY ERICKSON	BASIL DEMAREST	NATALE ZUMMO
8054	ANDREW SPINNATO	NO DELEGATE	NO ALTERNATE	NO ALTERNATE
8285	WILLIAM SINGLETARY	NO DELEGATE	LUKE LEO, Jr.	WILLIAM CANNON
8760	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
8848	THOMAS WITENTON	ROBERT MOORE	JOHN GRIFFIN	JEFFERY HOUIN
8912	NO REPORT SUBMITTED			
9094	GREG DAVIS	DAVID SEYMOUR	NO ALTERNATE	NO ALTERNATE
9124	ROBERT BARR	GARY WALKER	BENNY FRENCH	RUSTY ANDERSON
9234	*NO FORM SUBMITTED*			
9409	PATRICK PELLAND	RONALD PELLAND	MICHAE MILLER	KELLY BRODY

2004 CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATE DELEGATES

COUNCIL	DELEGATE #1	DELEGATE #2	ALTERNATE #1	ALTERNATE 2
9543	DENNIS RIECKE	BLAINE DUGAS	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
9673	BILL WHITMIRE	JOE SYMMES	WILLIAM FESSLER	**NO ALTERNATE**
9958	GARLAND MORAN	ANTHONY MORAN	THOMAS MORAN	**NO ALTERNATE**
10216	JEFF JONSON	DOUG FALCON	JAKE CRANSTON	JEFFERY McINTYRE
10443	***NO FORM SUBMITTED***			
10499	CHARLES FIKE	MICHAEL CATCHOT	RICKY CUPPS	JOSEPH GOELLNER, Sr.
10901	LARRY RAY	MATTHEW ZERANGUE	PETER SUKANEK	JAMES HERZOG
11541	ROB VIVIAN	JAMES HEALY	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
11934	SAMUEL RUST	WILLIAM GREEN	KENNETH LERCHIE	**NO ALTERNATE**
11995	REID PARKER	CHUCK HEIM, Sr.	SKIP MARSH	CLARK MARSH
12331	***NO FORM SUBMITTED***			
13471	***NO FORM SUBMITTED***			
13502	***NO FORM SUBMITTED***			
14051	MICHAEL DUDAS	DOUGLAS McNAMARA	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
15121	***NO FORM SUBMITTED***			
15131	GEORGE LAFONTAINE	LOUIS CLIFFORD	ROBERT MONROE	**NO ALTERNATE**
15155	NATHAN SMITH	DYLAN SAWYER	**NO ALTERNATE**	**NO ALTERNATE**
15382	ROBERT LAWSON	CHRIS BROWN	LEROY RICER	MIKE VILLAREAL
16433	RICHARD MANIERI, Sr.	DWAYNE PUNCH, Sr.	WILLIAM KANE	TERRY RUTLEDEGE
16763	THOMAS ELIAS	DAVID BERENS	ARTHUR WALKER	FRANK GATES
16992	***NO FORM SUBMITTED***			
17364	SCOTT WALLER	DAN DUNCAN	WILLIAM WHITEWELL	**NO ALTERNATE**

Resolutions

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st 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 has served as Supreme Knight since 2021, and

Whereas,
Brother Kelly is a third-generation Knight whose family has served 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 prays for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater success.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 2

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,
Pope Francis passed from this life to the next on April 21, 2025, after fifty-six years in the Priesthood,

Now Therefore Be it Resolved,
That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus passionately prays for eternal rest and perpetual light shining upon his soul.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

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RESOLUTION Number 3

Whereas,
His Holiness Pope Francis passed from this life to the next on April 21, 2025, after fifty-six years in the Priesthood, and

Whereas,
Cardinals will soon convene in Rome in a conclave to elect our future Pope,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,
That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus prays that the conclave of Cardinals is guided by the Holy Spirit throughout the process of selecting the next head of the Roman Catholic Church, and

Be It Further Resolved,
That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus prays that the future Pope will lead with courage, clarity, and a deep respect for the traditions of our Catholic faith.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION No. 4

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 Kihneman 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 Kihneman, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted

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RESOLUTION Number 5

Whereas,
The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the men and women in the Armed Forces of the United States, and

Whereas,
Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been members of these Armed Forces, and

Whereas,
Members of the Armed Forces place their lives at risk to ensure the safety and freedom of the residents of the United States,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,
That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving and those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and

Be it Further Resolved,
That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving and have served in said Armed Forces.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

Whereas,
Supreme Representative Regional Growth Director JC Reiher has honored this State Convention with his presence, and

Whereas,
Brother JC Reiher is the Southeast Regional Growth Director for the Knights of Columbus, and

Whereas,
Brother JC Reiher provides great guidance to our Order and will be extremely informative in addressing our convention,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,
That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Supreme Representative JC Reiher 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: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 7

Whereas,
The 2025 State Convention Meeting is being held in Jackson, and Councils 848 Jackson- St. Peter, 7854 Clinton, 8038 Pearl, 828 Jackson- St. Therese, 9543 Madison, 10216 Flowood, 11934 Gluckstadt, and 15131 Jackson- St. Richard 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 way they discharged their responsibilities.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 8

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 2025-2026 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 2026 Convention,
>
> Half to the Bishop William R. Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund to be distributed at the 2026 Convention.

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

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

Action: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 9

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: No Action As Listed in State By Laws

Action: No Action

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RESOLUTION Number 10

Whereas, Knights of Columbus members who ride motorcycles have, throughout North America and increasingly abroad, gathered to organize motorcycle-based activities in the charitable and fraternal spirit of the Knights of Columbus and in support of Knights of Columbus programs; and

Whereas, motorcycle-riding members use motorcycle-based activities to further membership growth, retention, and development in the Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas, the activities undertaken by motorcycle-riding Knights of Columbus members include support of the Silver Rose program as well as other programs under the direction of the participating State Councils; and

Whereas, the purpose of these activities is to enjoy camaraderie among other Knights of Columbus who are motorcycle riders; to assist the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, the Bishops of each Diocese, charitable organizations, individuals in need, and the community; to promote the principles of the Knights of Columbus; and to encourage faith, fellowship, and service,

Now therefore, be it resolved: that the Mississippi State Council identify opportunities for members who ride motorcycles to participate formally in certain state council activities, with details to be worked out by the State Deputy in accord with the guidelines provided by the Supreme Council.

Be It Further Resolved, that the motorcycle-riding Knights of Columbus members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction shall operate under the name of Knight Riders – Mississippi

Be It Further Resolved, that Knight Riders – Mississippi shall operate as a state program of the Mississippi State Council with oversite by the State Officers. A State Advisor shall be appointed by the State Deputy to coordinate the activities across the state.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: this matter shall be taken under consideration after further consultation with the office of the Supreme Advocate

Action: Referred to Executive Committee

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 11

Whereas,
Delegates from each Jurisdiction are expected to attend the Supreme Convention and per diem reimbursements for the Delegates to the Supreme Convention are hereby set and established to be paid by Supreme, and

Whereas,
Delegates to the Supreme Convention, consisting of the Past State Deputy, State Deputy, and 1 (one) Insurance and 3 (three) Associate members are selected at each State Convention, and

Whereas,
Each delegate is expected to fund his own travel to and from the Supreme Convention to be reimbursed by Supreme based on one-way mileage to the convention and overnight stay for the days of the convention,and

Per Diem amounts do not fully cover costs for Hotel, Air Travel, and Meals necessary to attend the Convention

Therefore Be It Resolved,
That Supreme Delegates in attendance are to be reimbursed for all documented receipts for hotel expenses, Air Travel, meals, no acholic beverages, less amount reimbursed from Supreme, and

Be It Further Resolved,
That the total Mississippi State Council reimbursement shall not exceed $400.00 per delegate.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

Action: Adopted

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 12

WHEREAS: Brother Gonzales has been an active member of the Knights of Coulmbus for more than 40 years, and serving on numerous committees, serving as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and most other elected positions, and

WHEREAS: Brother Gonzales has also been an active member of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus for over 25 years, serving various offices, including Faithful Navigator, and

WHEREAS: Brother Gonzales has also served as District Deputy for four years, leading multiple Councils to earn Star Council, and also served as Area Coordinator for four years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Gonzales has been an active part of Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council # 5654 since transferring to Mississippi in in 2014, holding elected office each year, and

WHEREAS: Brother Gonzales has served the Mississippi Jurisdiction as Bishop Houck chairman for the 2016/2017 Columbian Year, State Program Director for the 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 Columbian Years, and was elected State Warden for the 2020/2021 Columbian Year, State Advocate for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Columbian Years and State Secretary for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Columbian Years, and

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: That the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council # 5654 of Ocean Springs, Mississippi proudly endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Kenny Gonzales for the office of State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025/2026 Columbian Year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council # 5654 of Ocean Springs, Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Kenny Gonzales for State Deputy of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus for the 2025/2026 Columbian Year.

ADOPTED: 1/15/2025 Scott Weatherford

Worthy Grand Knight

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 13

WHEREAS: Brother Charles Hahn has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since his First-Degree exemplification in 2005, and

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn has served four years as District Deputy, earning the Star District Award one year, and,

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn has served two (non-consecutive) years as State Youth Director, and

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn has served as State Membership Director for two years, and

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn has served as Reports Chairman, Training Director and Aide to the State Deputy, and

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn served two years as State Warden, and,

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn is currently serving as State Treasurer, and,

WHEREAS: Charles Hahn has served as Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and most recently Trustee of council 898, Vicksburg, and has served as Faithful Navigator, Trustee, and most recently Faithful Purser of Assembly 558, Vicksburg, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council 898 of Vicksburg, Mississippi endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Hahn for State Secretary of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Council 898 of Vicksburg Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Charles Hahn for State Secretary of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

ADOPTED: February 4, 2025

Conrad Rabalais
Grand Knight

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 14

WHEREAS: Brother Aaron Achord has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus for 34 years since his First-Degree exemplification in 1989, and

WHEREAS: Brother Aaron Achord has been a 4th degree member for 25 years since 1998, and

WHEREAS: Brother Aaron Achord has served honorably as Grand Knight of council 7915 in 1994-1996 and 2000-2002, and as Financial Secretary for Council 7915 in 2006-2010 and has served as Financial Secretary since 2013, and

***WHEREAS*:** Brother Aaron Achord has served as District Deputy for District 7 for 4 years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Aaron Achord has been awarded District Deputy of the Year for 2019-2020, and

***WHEREAS*:** Brother Aaron Achord has served honorably as State Advocate for the past two years, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915 of Brookhaven, Mississippi, endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Aaron Achord for State Treasury of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915 of Brookhaven, Mississippi, asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Aaron Achord for State Treasury of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

ADOPTED: February 12, 2025

Kenneth Goodrum,
Grand Knight
Council 7915
Joseph Bonfiglio Council

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 15

WHEREAS: Brother Lonnie Treadaway has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since his First-Degree exemplification in 2002, and

WHEREAS: Lonnie has continually held leadership positions in his Council, including but not limited to Grand Knight of 7120, Leadership in Assembly 2195 with various offices including Faithful Navigator and

WHEREAS: Lonnie has accepted State Officer positions including District Marshal for the Bienville Province, District Deputy for the Mississippi State Council and most recently elected to the office of State Warden and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of Fr. Leo John Dehon Council14051 in Olive Branch Mississippi wholeheartedly endorses and supports the candidacy of our Brother Knight Lonnie Treadaway for State Advocate of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the members of Fr. Leo John Dehon Council 14051 in Olive Branch Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Lonnie Treadaway for State Advocate of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

ADOPTED: February 3rd, 2025

William J. Horne

Grand Knight

Fr. Leo John Dehon

Council 14051

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 16

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink has been a third-generation member of the Knights of Columbus since 1996

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink served as Grand Knight of Council 10901 from 2004 through 2008

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink served as Chancellor of Council 10901 since 2010

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink served as Faithful Navigator of Council Assembly 2495 from 2009 through 2017

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink served as District Deputy of District # 1 since 2017

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink earned Star District Deputy during the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year

WHEREAS: Brother Jacob Eftink served as State Program and Membership Director

WHERAS: Brother Jacob Eftink served as State Marion Hour of Prayer chairman since 2021

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council 10901 of Oxford, Mississippi, endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Jacob Eftink for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council 10901 of Oxford, Mississippi, asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Jacob Eftink for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

ADOPTED: January 9, 2025

GK's Dave Ray Council 10901

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 17

WHEREAS: Brother Michael Kersanac has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since his First-Degree exemplification in 2013, and serving on numerous committees, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael Kersanac has also served as Grand Knight (Double Star both terms), Deputy Grand Knight, other elected Council positions and committees, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael Kersanac is a member of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael Kersanac has also served as District Deputy for four years, earning Star
District his final year, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael Kersanac is currently in his third year as State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director, and

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: That the Pere Le Due. Council# 1522 of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi proudly endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Michael Kersanac for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025/2026 Columbian Vear, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Pere Le Due. Council# 1522 of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Michael Kersanac for State Warden for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus for the 2025/2026 Columbian Year.

ADOPTED: 2/3/2025

John Mahoney

Worthy Grand Knight

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 18

***WHEREAS*:** Brother Thomas Moran has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since his First-Degree exemplification in 1989, and

***WHEREAS*:** Brother Thomas Moran has provided significant leadership qualities serving as Grand Knight six years, Financial Secretary ten years, District Deputy nine years and State Community Director two years, and

***WHEREAS*:** Brother Thomas Moran has demonstrated commitment to the principles of the order and leadership qualities valuable to the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, and

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*:** That the St. Anns Council 9958 of Gulfport, Mississippi, endorses and supports the candidacy of Brother Thomas Moran for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025 – 2026 fraternal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the St. Anns Council 9958 of Gulfport, Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Thomas Moran for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

ADOPTED: February 12, 2025

Garland Moran
Grand Knight
St. Anns Council 9958

NO ACTION

Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION Number 19

WHEREAS: Brother Derek Finley has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since his First-Degree exemplification in 2014 and his Fourth Degree exemplification in 2021, and

WHEREAS: Brother Derek has continually supported our St. Paul's Parrish, Council 10216 and Fr. Emil Joseph Kapaun, Assembly 3826, and

WHEREAS: Brother Derek has accepted State Officer positions including District Marshall for the Bienville Province and District Deputy for the Mississippi State Council representing District 3 for the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Jurisdiction, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of St. Paul Council 10216 in Brandon/Flowood, Mississippi wholeheartedly endorses and supports the candidacy of our Brother Knight Derek Finley for State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the members of St. Paul Council 10216 in Brandon/Flowood, Mississippi asks for and encourages the support of all councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the candidacy of Brother Derek Finley for the office of State Warden of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

ADOPTED: February 17th, 2025

Jeffrey Johnson

Jeffrey Johnson

Grand Knight
St. Paul Parrish
Council 10216

NO ACTION

2025 Necrology

2024-2025 Necrology Report

Council	Name	Title
802	David Sloan	
	Fr. Joseph Sestito	
	Marc Hampson	
848	Macke Michael	Grand Knight
	Kenn Rains	
	Celia Blake	
1034	Mark LaFrancis	
	George Murrary	
	Richard Butler	
	Donnie Holloway	
	Buckley Lawrence	
1522	Herbert Young	Grand Knight
1583	Joseph Werner	
	William Wittmann	
1605	Eugene St. Amant, Jr.	
	James McCarty	Recorder
1908	Harlie "Lynn" Landrum	Past Grand Knight
	Joseph Gauck	Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator
	Randy Moyer	
	George David Atteberry	Past State Deputy
	Christopher Oleson	
	Ralph Brou	
2134	Jimmy Word	
2180	Leroy Hamilton	

4472	Robert Bishop	
	Joseph Spence	Grand Knight
	Morton Davis	
4898	Josie Sandoz	
	Henry Odenwald, Jr	
	Frank Schnebelen	
	Joyce Delinski	
5654	Carney "Skip" Murphy	Past Faithful Navigator, Past Marshall
	Robert Boney	
6765	Albert Baca	
6872	Curtis McElory	
7087	Tilson Ainsworth	
	Joseph Hoda	
7120	Wanda Lubberss	Ladies Auxiliary
	Connie Purifoy	Ladies Auxiliary
	Robert Purifoy	Warden
	Francis Miller	Past Grand Knight
7854	Fr. Noel A. Prendergast	Chaplain 4th Degree
	Anthony (Tony) M. Courtney	
	Charles LeBlanc	Sir Knight
	Betty Cox	Ladies Auxiliary
	Bass Luther	Sir Knight
7910	Donald Hirth	
	Quirino Molina	
	Rev. John Kelly	Chaplain

7915	James Howard	
	Robert Wusterbarth	
8054	Bill Garner	
	William Medor	
	Aubrey Mitchell	
9124	Rev. George Kitchin	
9409	Fr. Thomas White	Chaplain
	Robert Mount Jr.	
9543	Michael Luckett	
9673	Kendall Cuevas	
	Francis Lee Keegan	
	William Shaw	
	Michael Skrnich	
9958	Russell Moran	
10443	James Cook	
	Dan Buzzard	Past Grand Knight
	Louis Marascalco	
10499	Cecil Creel	
	David Cole	
10901	Joseph Rychlak	
	Byron Knapp	
	Charles Monoit	
11541	Msgr. James McGough	

	Jackson Smith, Jr.
	Paul Bullard
11934	Robert Schmidt
11995	Willie B. Jones
	Charles R. Currie