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LOCATION: Flowood MS
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

Project Title: Transporting VIP to Bishop Kopacz's Ordinations

Date Project Conducted: 02/06/2014

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

Our council was asked by a director from the Diocese to help with the transportation of VIP guests for Bishop Kopacz's ordination. We were asked to pick them up at the airport and deliver them to their hotel and also to deliver them back to the airport for departure. We nicknamed this little project "The Bishop Shuttle Service".

Number of council members participating in project: 15

Percentage of council members participating in project: 8 %

Number of man hours expended in project: 150

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Fifteen Knights volunteered for duty. We were honored to be able to help the Bishop with this task. Through close coordination with the Diocese a list of 33 passengers was obtained. This master list contained names, flight numbers, arrival/departure times, hotel, and contact phone numbers. Driver contact phone numbers were provided to the passengers as well. Armed with schedules, name placards, and hospitality, our Knights started picking up passengers on a Tuesday evening. All was going well until a winter storm blasted the northeast. The ordination was scheduled for Thursday and no one wanted to get snowed in. Passengers started to change schedules at the last minute on Wednesday. The master schedule was almost useless at that point. Arrival times were changing by the minute. All flights coming out of Charlotte and Atlanta were backed up due to weather. The drivers rallied. They started tracking flights online in order to be at the airport when their passengers arrived. Text messages were flying between drivers and passengers. In some instances flights were arriving 6 or 7 hours later than originally scheduled, but we had a Knight or two waiting on everyone when they got off of the plane. The last passenger was picked up around 11 pm Wednesday night. That was round one. We still had to get them back home. We did get them back home. We delivered passengers back to the airport Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, and Monday. We even had one lost wallet that was retrieved and delivered 30 minutes prior to a flight. Our Knights had the privilege of making the first "Mississippi" impression on 33 passengers that included 1 Arch Bishop, 5 Bishops, numerous Priests, a sister, an aunt, 2 uncles, and close friends of the new Bishop. We had the honor of taking on this role to help with his transition to our Diocese. We made lot of new friends just by being ourselves, by being Knights and showing a little southern hospitality. Hopefully we were good ambassadors for the Knights of Columbus.

ATTEST: _____
(State Deputy)

Signed:  _____
(Grand Knight)

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