



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Mississippi State Council

2023 Convention Minutes Book

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STATE DEPUTY

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119th Annual State Meeting
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Thursday, 27 April 2023

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. State Officers and Convention Committee Social, 14th Floor of Threefoot Hotel - Sponsored by: Council 802

Friday, 28 April 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Votive Mass for Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, Father Mike Austin, **St. Patrick's**
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Breakfast – Father Vally Room, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Board Room 4A, Fourth Floor**
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – **Grand Lobby**
- 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Right Booth, Rear of Theater**
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **Classroom 3C, Third Floor**
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – **Meeting Room 3B, Third Floor (4th Degree Members ONLY)**
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting – **Board Room 3A, Third Floor**
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Banner procession rehearsal

NOTE: *Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in the "Charles Young Exhibit Hall".*

- 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Theater, 2nd Floor (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
1. Travel Cards Checked – State Warden, **Charles Hahn** and DD's
 2. Assignment of Chairs to the Delegates – State Warden, **Charles Hahn**
 3. Opening of First Business Session - State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 4. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
 5. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 6. Entertain Motion to Waive Reading of 2022 Convention Minutes
 7. Submission of Reports Not Previously Received - State Secretary, **Guy Heving** (District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Program Directors)
 8. Distribution of Resolutions – State Advocate – **Kenny Gonzales**
 9. Committee Assignments – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 10. Stice Agency Comments – **Luke McClure**
 11. Closing Prayer – State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL

- 6:15 p.m. Cash Bar Opens – **Grand Lobby and Lobby**
- 6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social-Honoring Clergy and Religious – **Charles Young Exhibit Hall**

NOTE: *The Friday Night Dinner is **Business Casual** for all except the head tables. (All men seated at the head tables will be dark suits and appropriate lady's attire.)*

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FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL

1. Seating of Upper and Lower Head Table
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
3. Welcome – Mayor of Meridian, **Jimmie Smith**
4. Response – State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
5. Supreme Knights Welcome Message
6. Prayer – **Father Mike Austin**
7. Meal Served
8. Introduction of Visiting Priests and Seminarians – State Deputy, **Father Mike Austin**
9. Awards Presentation:
 - a. Membership Awards - State Membership Director, **Aaron Achord**
 - 1) Top Gun Awards
 - 2) Star Recruiter Award
 - 3) Top Recruiting Council Award
 - b. Council Program Awards – State Program Director, **Ted Lander**
 - 1) Honor Council Awards
 - 2) Superior Council
 - 3) Council of Excellence Awards
 - 4) Distinguished Council Awards
 - 5) Stellar Council Awards
 - c. 4th Degree Awards
 - d. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
10. Closing Remarks/Announcements

9:00 – p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

Saturday, 29 April 2023

- 8:00 – a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – **St Patrick's**
- Concelebrated Mass with Bishop **Kopacz** as Principal Celebrant
 - Necrology by State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
- 9:00 –10:00a.m. Donuts & Coffee – Father **Vally** Room, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- 9:30 –11:30a.m. Chaplain Meeting – St. Patrick's Family Life Center
- 9:00 –10:00a.m. Convention Registration – **Grand Lobby**
- 9:00 –10:00a.m. Delegate Registration – **Board Room 3A, Third Floor**
- 9:00 – Adoration – Classroom 4B

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

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

NOTE: The following committees will meet in the rooms indicated during the time period indicated above.

- a. Faith – **Meeting Room 2D, Second Floor**
- b. Community – **Meeting Room 2A, Second Floor**
- c. Family Life – **Meeting Room 2B, Second Floor**
- d. Life – **Meeting Room 2B, Second Floor**
- e. Vocations – **Meeting Room 2D, Second Floor**
- f. Public Relations – **Meeting Room 2A, Second Floor**
- g. Disaster Relief – **Meeting Room 2C, Second Floor**

2. The following committees meet at the times and in the rooms indicated:
 - a. Credentials Committee (10:00-10:30) – State Secretary, **Guy Heving, Board Room 3A, Third Floor**
 - b. Convention Committee (10:30-11:45) – William Nix/Richard **Greenwold, Board Room 3A, Third Floor**
 - c. Mileage and Per Diem (10:00-10:45) – State Secretary, **Guy Heving, Meeting Room 3B, Third Floor**
 - d. K of C Audit (10:45-11:45) – Jerry Schmuck, PSD, **Meeting Room 3D, Third Floor**
 - e. Resolutions Committee (10:00-11:45) – State Advocate – **Kenny Gonzales, Board Room 4A, Fourth Floor**

10:00 – 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX)**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Weidmann's Restaurant**

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

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX)**

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

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Right Booth, Rear of Theater**

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1:00 – 2:00p.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Theater, 2nd Floor (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Charles Hahn and DDs**
2. Opening of Second Business Session - State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
5. N/A, Address to the Delegates –
Bishop of Jackson Diocese, **Most Reverend Joseph Kopacz**
6. N/A, Address to the Delegates –
Diocese, **Most Reverend Louis Kihneman, III**
7. State Deputy's Report – **Raul Gamez**
8. State Secretary's Report – **Guy Heying**
9. Acting State Treasurer's Report – **Philip Jabour**
10. State Advocate's Report – **Kenny Gonzales**
11. State Warden's Report – **Charles Hahn**
12. Immediate Past State Deputy's Report – **Philip Jabour**
13. District Master's Report – **Craig Harrell**
14. General Agent's Report – **John Stice**
15. Supreme Representative's Report – **David Tebo, Territorial Growth Director for the Southeast Territory of the United States**
16. Announcements
17. State Chaplain's Report – **Father Mike Austin**

2:00 – 4:30p.m. **EVANGLEIZATION and FAITH FORMATION – Theater, 2nd Floor (Open to everyone)**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

NOTE: The Saturday Night Banquet is **Formal Dress**. (All participating in the procession, Sate Officers, District Deputies, Program Director, Membership Director, Past State Deputies, Ladies Auxiliary President, etc. [White Tux and Formal Wear {Long Dresses}])

- 6:00 – p.m. Cash Bar Open - **Grand Lobby and Lobby**
- 6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Studio Theater**
- 6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **Studio Theater**
- 6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Charles Young Exhibit Hall**
1. Procession of the Dignitaries
 2. Procession of Council Banners
 3. Presentation of Colors – Fourth Degree Color Corp
 4. National Anthem –

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SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

5. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
6. Keynote Address, Supreme Representative, **David Tebo**
7. Prayer – **Bishop Joseph Kopacz**
8. Meal Served
9. Awards Presentation: (**Only 1st Place awards will be presented**)
 - a. State Ladies Auxiliary Awards –
Ladies Auxiliary President, **Genna Smith**
 - b. Special Presentation – State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
 - c. Program Awards – State Program Director – **Ted Lander**
 - 1) Best Faith Activity Award
 - 2) Best Family Activity Award
 - 3) Best Community Activity Award
 - 4) Best Life Activity Award
 - 5) Best Vocations Project Award
 - d. Pro-Life Memorial Fund Awards – **Robert Parman**
 - e. Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Awards – **Michael Robinson**
 - f. Bishop Houck Priest Retirement Fund – **Fred Ward, Jr.**
 - g. Best Council Awards – State Program Director, **Ted Lander**
 - h. Fourth Degree Awards – Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
 - i. MS State Council, Knight of the Year Award –
State Program Director, **Ted Lander**
 - j. MS State Council, Family of the Year Award –
State Program Director, **Ted Lander**

9:00 – p.m. K of C Insurance Social, Meridian Museum of Art

Sunday, 30 April 2023

8:00 – a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Kopacz as Principal Celebrant
– **St Patrick's**

9:00 –10:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee – St. Patrick's Family Life Center

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Guy Heving**, **Board Room 3,
Third Floor**

10:30 – am. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION** – **Charles Young Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor (3rd
Degree Members ONLY)**

1. Travel Cards Checked by State Warden, **Charles Hahn and DDs**
2. Opening of Third Business Session - State Deputy, **Raul Gamez**
3. Opening Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**

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4. Pledge of Allegiance - Fourth Degree Master, **Craig Harrell**
5. Closing Remarks
 - a. N/A, Bishop Louis ~~Kihneman~~, III
 - b. N/A, Bishop Joseph Kopacz
 - c. Supreme Representative, **David Tebo**
6. Presentation of Resolutions – State Advocate, **Kenny Gonzales**
7. Credentials Report – State Secretary, **Guy Heying**
8. Position Election Tellers
9. Election of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - c. State Treasurer
 - d. State Advocate
 - e. State Warden
10. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Convention, **Orlando, Florida; 1 - 4 August 2023**
 - a. Insurance Delegate (1 Insurance Member)
 - b. Associate Delegates (2 Members)
 - c. Insurance Delegate Alternates (3 Insurance Members)
 - d. Associate Delegate Alternates (2 Members)
11. Sites for State Convention
 - a. 2024 – Biloxi
 - b. 2025 – Jackson
 - c. 2026 – **Location was not selected.**
12. Dismiss Election Tellers
13. Unfinished Business
14. New Business
15. Closing Remarks
16. Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, **Father Mike Austin**
17. Adjournment

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Convention Committees

The committees listed below are appointed to assist in the work of the convention. With the exceptions of the *Election Tellers*, all other committees will meet between 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., at the locations listed, on Saturday, 29 April 2023. 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, 30 April 2023 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:

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| <p>1. <u>FAITH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE</u>
Jimmie Smith, Faith Director</p> <p>Jacob Eftink DD #1
Richard Martin # 848
James Maier # 1034
Cleveland # 5556
Daniel Godwin # 7120
Edward Garnish, Jr. # 9409
Anthony Moran # 9958
Matt Zerangue # 10901
Charles Heim # 11995
Ronald Dipalma # 13471
Biloxi, St. Michaels # 16992
Scott Walker # 17364</p> | <p>Meeting Room 2D, Second Floor
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.</p> |
| <p>2. <u>COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE</u>
Thomas Moran, DD #13, Community Director</p> <p>Michael Kersanac DD #9
Paul Donovan # 898
William Hand # 1522
Pass Christian # 4472
Lumberton # 7211
St. Therese # 8285
Joe Furlan # 9124
Jeff Johnson # 10216
Dedeaux # 12331
Leonard Temple # 14051
George Lafontaine # 15131
Hattisburg # 15382</p> | <p>Meeting Room 2A, Second Floor
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.</p> |

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3. FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Meeting Room 2B, Second Floor**
Lonnie Treadaway, DD #2, Family Life Director Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Derek Finley	DD #3
Christopher Trapani	# 1522
Leland	# 2945
Benjamin Dilorenzo	# 4898
Joseph Sasser	# 5654
Charles Gurklis	# 7910
Kurt Bobbelr	# 7974
Chris Bergeron	# 10216
<i>Dedeaux</i>	# 12331
Raymond Cole	# 13502
Olive Branch	# 14051
Stephen Duncan	# 17364

4. LIFE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Meeting Room 2B, Second Floor**
Dennis Riecke, Life Director/ Basil Demarest, Pro-Life Activities Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Dave Fisher	DD # 6
Quincy St Pierre	# 1908
Tyler Miller	# 2180
Jonathan Priddy	# 7120
Bob Holland	# 10443
Andrew Reynolds	# 10901
Robert Morris	# 11541
<i>Pascagoula SH</i>	# 12166
<i>Philadelphia/Tucker</i>	# 13471
<i>Batesville/Sardis</i>	# 13502
Joseph Celino	# 16433
Arthur L. Walker	# 16763

5. VOCATIONS ACTIVITY COMMITTEE **Meeting Room 2D, Second Floor**
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

John Piazza	DD #5
Robert Leo	# 802
John Schaefer	# 1244
Clarksdale	# 2969
Dennis Nowell	# 7910
Andrew Spinnato	# 8054
Doug Leo	# 9543
Garland Moran	# 9958
David Madere	# 11934
<i>Pascagoula SH</i>	# 12166
Stephen Lipginski	# 15121

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Hattiesburg # 15382

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Leonard Temple, Public Relations
Chairman

Meeting Room 2A, Second Floor
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

John Barnes	DD #15
Steve Vedros	# 898
Lawrence Heintz	# 1908
Greenwood	# 5267
Cleveland	# 5556
Michael Taquino	# 6765
Richert Mahony	# 6872
McComb	# 8054
Eric Schirmer	# 11934
Kenneth Hessler	# 15121
Richard Manieri, Sr.	# 16433
Collins Barnes, Jr.	# 16763

7. DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE
Craig Harrell, Disaster Relief Director,
4th Degree Master

Meeting Room 2C, Second Floor
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Jose' Diaz del Valle	DD #10
David Ames	# 1583
John Putman	# 4472
Thomas Ponte	# 4898
Charlie Harington	# 6592
Richard Hoda	# 7087
Jose Arellano	# 8038
Louie Atchison	# 9094
Joseph Liberto	# 10443
James Healy	# 11541
Skip Marsh	# 11995
George Meek	# 15155

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8. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Guy Heying, State Secretary

Richard Greenwold, Asst. to State Sec.

Tomaz Haupt	DD #4
Robert Conner	# 802
Chad Williams	# 1244
Charles Bishop	# 1605
Greenville	# 2134
Ronnie Morales	# 2180
Leland	# 2945
Clarksdale	# 2969
Elbert Cuevas	# 7087
Eddie Britt	# 7915
Joseph Goellner, Sr.	# 10499

Board Room 3A, Third Floor

Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m. and
Sunday, 30 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

9. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

William Nix, Committee Chairman

Richard Greenwold, State Convention
Coordinator

William Clark	DD #12
Nicholas Martino	DD #11
St. Alphonsus	# 5654
Leo Luke, Jr.	# 8285
David Seymour	# 9094
Steven Parnell	# 9124
Harold Harkin	# 15131
Biloxi, St Michaels	# 16992

Board Room 3A, Third Floor

Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:30 a.m.

10. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
COMMITTEE

Guy Heying, State Secretary

Charles Hahn, State Warden

Bo Allen	DD #7
Darren Cowart	# 1034
Robert Flagg	# 1583
Greenwood	# 5267
Lumberton	# 7211
William O'Conner	# 7854
Robin Picrav	# 7974
Johnathon Smith	# 8848
Larry Gann	# 8912
Woolmarket	# 9673

Meeting Room 3B, Third Floor

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Michael Miller	# 9409
Madison	# 9543
John Polema	# 15155

11. AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jerry Schmuck, PSD

Meeting Room 3B, Third Floor
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:45 a.m.

Guy Heying, State Secretary
Charles Hahn, State Warden

Frank Whitehead	DD #14
Lee Davis	# 848
Greenville	# 2134
Ted Applewhite	# 6592
Karl Henderson	# 6765
Raymond Rivero	# 6872
Richard Scott	# 7854
Kenneth Goodrum	# 7915
Calvin Dotson	# 8848
Corinth	# 8912
William Fessler	# 9673
Ricky Cupps	# 10499

12. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Kenny Gonzales, State Advocate

Board Room 4A, Fourth Floor
Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Philip Jabour	IPSD
Thomas Zettler	PSD
Peter Sukanek	PSD
William Jarrett	DD #8
Robert Barr	Exec Sec.

13. ELECTION TELLERS

Charles Young Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor
Sunday, 30 April 2023

Thomas Zettler
Peter Sukanek
Craig Harrell

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Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 29, 2023 by Guy Heying, State Secretary. The State Secretary was assisted by Richard Greenwold, Assistant to the State Secretary. The committee consisted of the following delegates:

Tomaz Haupt	DD #4
Robert Conner	Council # 802
Chad Williams	Council # 1244
Charles Bishop	Council # 1605
Greenville	Council # 2134
Ronnie Morales	Council # 2180
Leland	Council # 2945
Clarksdale	Council # 2969
Elbert Cuevas	Council # 7087
Eddie Britt	Council # 7915
Joseph Goellner, Sr.	Council # 10499

After a review of the registration records, it was confirmed that at a total of 81 certified delegates have been seated out of a possible 132 possible delegates. The Slate of State Officers seated totaled 6, bringing a total of 87 certified voting members at the 119th 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.

Guy Heying State Secretary



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REPORT OF THE 2023 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

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MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL**

2023 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 1	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 2
				X			
2	*	802	3 Msgr. John J. Burns	▶	1 Robert Conner		1 Robert Leo
2	*	848	5 John T. Savage	▶	1 Richard Martin		1 Lee Davis
2	*	898	5 Vicksburg	▶	1 Steve Vedros		1 Paul Donovan
2	*	1034	7 Bishop R. O. Gerow	▶	1 James Maier		1 Darren Cowart
1		1244	11 Biloxi	▶	1 John Schaefer		0 No Delegate
2	*	1522	9 Pere Le Duc	▶	1 Christopher Trapani		1 William Hand
2	*	1583	15 Bishop Gunn	▶	1 David Ames		1 Robert Flagg
2	*	1605	12 Msgr. P. J. Carey	▶	1 William Clark		1 Charles Bishop
2	*	1908	8 Bishop Fahey	▶	1 Quincy St Pierre		1 Ted Heintz
0		2134	14 Greenville	▶	0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
2	*	2180	8 Laurel	▶	1 Ronnie Morales		1 Tyler Miller
0		2945	14 Leland	▶	0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
2	*	2969	14 Clarksdale	▶	1 Frank Whitehead		1 Raymond Cole
2	*	4472	10 Pass Christian	▶	1 John Putman		1 Jose Diaz del valle
2		4898	10 Long Beach	▶	1 Thomas Ponte		1 Benjamin Dilorenzo
0		5267	14 Greenwood	▶	0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
0		5556	14 Cleveland	▶	0 No Delegate		0 No Delegate
1		5654	12 Ocean Springs	▶	1 Joseph Sasser		0 No Delegate
2	*	6592	8 Bassfield	▶	1 Charlie Harrington		1 Ted Applewhite
2	*	6765	4 Starkville	▶	1 Karl Henderson		1 Michael Taquino
2	*	6872	9 Picayune	▶	1 Raymond Rivero		1 Richert Mahony, FS
2		7087	9 Kiln	▶	1 Elbert Cuevas		1 Richard Hoda, FS
34		SUB-TOTAL			0 18		0 16

NO.		COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	7120	2	Southaven	1 Daniel Godwin	1 Jonathan Priddy
0		7211	13	Lumberton	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		7854	5	Clinton	1 Richard Scott	1 William O'Conner
2	*	7910	15	Orange Grove	1 Charles Gurklis	1 Dennis Nowell
2		7915	7	Brookhaven	1 Eddie Britt	1 Kenneth Goodrum
1	*	7974	4	Columbus	1 Kurt Dobbel	0 No Delegate
1		8038	6	Pearl	1 Basil Demarest	0 No Delegate
1		8054	7	McComb	1 Andrew Spinnato	0 No Delegate
1	*	8285	5	Jackson. St. Therese	1 Leo Luke	0 No Delegate
0	P	8760	2	Holly Springs	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	8848	1	Tunelo	1 Calvin Dotson	1 David Friloux
0		8912	1	Corinth	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9094	11	D'Iberville	1 David Sevmour	1 Louie Atchison
2	*	9124	12	Gautier	1 Steven Parnell	1 Joe Furlan
0	P	9234	14	Indianola	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9409	11	West Biloxi	1 Michael Miller	1 Edward Ring
1		9543	6	Madison	1 Doug Leo	0 No Delegate
1	*	9673	11	Woolmarket	1 William Fessler	0 No Delegate
2	*	9958	13	Lizana	1 Garland Moran	1 Anthony Moran
2		10216	3	Flowood	1 Chris Bergeron	1 Jeff Johnson
0	*	10443	4	Grenada	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	10499	12	Ocean Springs	1 Rickv Cupps	1 Joseph Goellner. Sr.
2		10901	1	Oxford	1 Matt Zerangue	1 Andrew Reynolds
1	*	11541	15	St. James. Gulfport	1 James Healy	0 Robert Morris
0	P	11904		Lucedale	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	11934	6	Gluckstadt	1 Eric Schirmer	1 David Madere
2	*	11995	10	West Harrison	1 Louis Meyer	1 Charles Heim
0	P	12166	12	Pascagoula-SH	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	P	12271	15	Gulfport-NCBC	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		12331	10	Dedeaux	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
1		13471	3	Philadelphia/Tucker	1 Ronald Divalma	0 No Delegate
0		13502	1	Batesville/Sardis	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	S	13936		St. Jude	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
1	*	14051	2	Father Leo John Dehon	1 Leonard Temple	0 No Delegate
1		15121	13	St. Joseph	1 Stephen Lipsinski	0 No Delegate
2		15131	6	St. Richard of Chichester	1 Harold Hardin	1 George LaFontaine
1		15155	12	Fr. Denis J. Harlow	0 No Delegate	1 John Polema
1		15382	8	St. Thomas Aquinas	1 Lerov Rider	0 No Delegate
2		16433	9	St Clare	1 Richard Manieri, Sr.	1 Dwayne Punch. Sr.
1		16763	8	Father Peter Quinn	1 Collins Barnes. Jr.	0 No Delegate
0	*	16992	11	Father Robert Mullin	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		17364	7	St. John Paul II	1 Scott Waller	1 Stephen Duncan
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81		TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED			128 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE	
6		TOTAL STATE OFFICERS			7 - TOTAL STATE OFFICERS	
87		TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS			135 - TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTING MEMBERS	

DISTRICT DEPUTIES				DIRECTORS / CHAIRMAN			
District	1	X	Jacob Eftink	Membership Director	X	Aaron Achord	
District	2	X	Lonnie Treadaway	Program Director			
District	3	X	Derek Finley	Faith Director			
District	4	X	Tomasz Haupt	Community Director	X	DD Thomas Moran	
District	5	X	John Piazza	Family Director	X	DD Lonnie Treadaway	
District	6	X	Dave Fisher	Life Director			
District	7	X	Bo Allen	Asst to State Sec/State Conv Coord	X	Richard E. Greenwold	
District	8	X	William Jarrett	Bishop R. O. Gerow Chairman			
District	9	X	Michael Kersanac	Vocations Chairman			
District	10	X	Jose' Diaz del Valle	Executive Secretary	X	Robert Barr	D
District	11	X	Nicholas Martino				
District	12	X	William Clark				D
District	13	X	Thomas Moran				
District	14	X	Frank Whitehead				D
District	15	X	John Barnes				DD -- DISTRICT DEPUTY

D -- DELEGATE

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

X	Thomas Zettler	X	Jerry Schmuck
X	Peter Sukanek	X	Philip Jabour

HONORARY STATE CHAPLAINS

~~X~~ Bishop Joseph Kopacz
Bishop Loius Kihneman, III

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Heying
State Secretary

Mississippi State Council
119th Annual State Convention
Resolutions Committee Report

The Resolutions Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 29, 2023 by Kenny Gonzales, State Advocate. An opening prayer was offered by the State Advocate. The committee consisted of the following delegates:

Philip Jabour	IPSD
Thomas Zettler	PSD
Peter Sukanek	PSD
William Jarrett	DD # 8
Robert Barr	Exec. Sec.

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

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

Respectfully submitted.

Kenny Gonzales State Advocate

State Deputy's Report

Report unavailable.

State Secretary Report

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Rep, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Delegates and Brothers all, it is great to be with you again here at our 119th State Convention in Meridian.

First, I want to thank all the councils present today for processing your per capita payments in a timely manner. I am happy to report that all July billings have been paid and we have received all but one payment for the December billing period. I can also report that there has been no negative feedback on the increased per capita rates as approved by the delegates at last year's 118th State Convention.

Besides handling the per capita efforts, another duty of the State Secretary is to receive and log all incoming funds. I want to thank all councils for assuring that all checks written to the State Council were mailed to the State Secretary, with the proper forms for processing. With over 225 checks recorded over the course of the fraternal year, the proper processing makes the record keeping much more efficient.

As State Secretary, I have the honor of putting together the Convention Minute Book. I am pleased to report that this year's reports submitted increased significantly over the prior years submittals, resulting in a doubling in size of this year's Convention Minute Book, which you each have received a copy of. We still have room for improvement as we received less than 50% of the reports expected. As a reminder to all, a report from each State Officer, DD, State Director, Convention Committee Chairmen, and Grand Knight needs to be submitted to the State Secretary. I want to encourage the timely submittal of these reports for this year, assuring that the 2023 State Convention Minute Book is more robust than the prior two versions.

To close, I thank you for placing your confidence in me to serve as your State Secretary this past two years. I have enjoyed working with the other State Officers and working with the councils across the State of Mississippi. I look forward to great things happening in the Mississippi Jurisdiction in the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Heying

State Secretary Mississippi Jurisdiction

State Treasurer's Report

No Report, office is vacant.

State Advocate Report

2022-2023

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 first year as State Advocate taught me to be prepared for anything and everything. My second year has taken that to a new level. Along with the constant learning of new things within the State Family, we are still dealing with the aftermath of the Covid 19 Virus. Many of our meetings have been sparsely attended and I regret not getting to meet all of you in person. Hopefully things will return to normal soon and we can go about our business of supporting the Church and our priests.

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

To our District Deputies, thanks for all of your help. You are truly the backbone of our order. Without your work and leadership, we would never get anything accomplished. Keep up the great work.

To my Brother Knights, thanks for all of your continued hard work in these trying times. I know things have been very difficult with all of the Covid related setbacks, but you have continued to 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.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenny J. Gonzales

State Advocate

Mississippi Jurisdiction

Worthy Supreme Rep

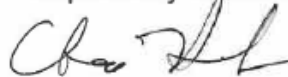
State Warden's Report

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers all.

The 2022-2023 Fraternal year began with the first in-person convention since COVID hit. The councils in the Southaven area hosted a very successful convention in Tunica, Mississippi. The State Organization meeting was held in Pass Christian at Holy Family Catholic Church on June 24, 2022. The meeting was Friday followed by a faith building retreat on Saturday. State Chaplain Mike Austin brought the group from Casting Nets Ministries to hold the retreat. The retreat was attended by all state officers, most directors, and most of the district deputies. The wives were also invited to attend. The Schools of Columbianism were held in July with the Southern SOC first at Our Lady of Fatima in Biloxi, on July 9th. 55 Knights attended the meeting representing 16 councils. Seven district deputies attended the meeting. The Northern SOC was held July 23rd at St John Catholic Church in Oxford with 24 knights in attendance, representing 8 councils. Four district deputies attended this meeting. The Central SOC was held July 24th at Holy Savior Catholic Church in Clinton. Forty knights attended this meeting representing 12 councils with four district deputies in attendance.

The Mid-Winter Organizational meeting was held December 9th at St Paul Catholic Church in Flowood. The Midwinter meeting followed the next day also at St. Paul. Fifty knights attended representing twenty councils. Eleven district deputies were in attendance. A single Mid-winter meeting was held instead of regional meetings.

Respectfully Submitted



Charles Hahn

State Warden



District Master's Report - Fourth Degree

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District Master Craig Harrell





District Master's Report - Fourth Degree



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

Patriotism, the fourth principle of our order, is the final journey our members take to become complete Knights and receive the distinct title of Worthy Sir Knight. I am happy to report that the Patriotic degree is solid in Mississippi. We continue to grow in membership and our members are becoming part of the Color Corps with the purchase of the uniform. Our assemblies continue to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting a love of and loyalty to country, community at large and to encourage active Catholic citizenship.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

It is an honor for me to witness the success of our 4th Degree in Mississippi.

Fraternally,

Craig S. Harrell

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





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Bienville Province

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





District Master's Report - Fourth Degree



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State Chaplain and District Friar

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



Fr. Mike Austin



Fr. Jason Johnston





District Master's Report - Fourth Degree



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Marshals

As with any leadership position, there are supporting positions that help in the success of an organization. For the District Master, those positions belong to the District Marshal's. A requirement to serve as a District Marshal is to you must have the uniform. The District Marshal has a vital role in coordinating proper drill procedures of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Color Corps members at specific ceremonies held throughout the State. They also share information they receive from me with their assigned assemblies to keep them updated on deadlines, informed, and reminded of upcoming events and activities occurring in the State. I want to thank them for their work and dedication. Currently, there are 9 District Marshal's in the State:

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

New Assembly

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





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Exemplifications

During the 2022-2023 Fraternal year, the Mississippi District held five Patriotic Degree exemplifications. The total new members completing their journey into full Knighthood from the five exemplifications was forty lay and one clergy. In addition, seven re-instated or transferred, bringing the total to forty-eight.

Brookhaven, MS September 17, 2020 – 10 lay, one clergy.
Olive Branch, MS October 22, 2022 – 5 lay.
Biloxi, MS December 3, 2022 – 6 lay.
Clinton, MS January 28, 2023 – 9 lay.
Vicksburg, MS June 3, 2023 – 10 lay.

Assemblies

There are thirty-three active Assemblies in the State. Below is the number of those Assemblies who submitted reports.

186 Report of Officers – 23
1315 Audit – 24
1728 Fraternal Survey – 24
TBAP - 6
2321 Civic Award – 7

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





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Provincial Meeting

The Provincial Meeting was held in Hoover, AL to conclude the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year. The Mississippi District was well represented with several members and visitors in attendance. During the awards ceremony, the Sir Knight of the Year was awarded to Stephen Miller from Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 in Jackson, MS.

Provincial Award Winners 2022-2023

Assembly of the Year

Bay of the Holy Spirit Assembly 2573
Daphne, Alabama

Clergy Of the Year

Deacon Antolin F. Padron
Assembly 2420
Madison, Alabama

Family Of the Year

Michael J. Schultz Family
Assembly 4
Huntsville, Alabama

Sir Knight of The Year

Stephen M. Miller
Assembly 554
Jackson, Mississippi

District Master of The Year

Kell Luke
Louisiana District



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4th Degree State Convention Award Winners 2022-2023

Patriotic Degree Award Winners 2022-23

Assembly of the Year
Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly 3081
Olive Branchy, MS
John Fair, FN

Clergy of the Year
Fr. Aaron Williams
August J. Stone Assembly 559
Natchez, MS
Fr. Hendrick Ardinodo
Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly 3081
Olive Branch, MS

Family of the Year
Alan and Gina Wler
Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly 3081
Olive Branch, MS

Sir Knight of the Year
Stephen M. Miller
Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS

District Marshal of the Year
Stephen M. Miller
District 9 Marshal
Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly 554
Jackson, MS



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Assemblies with 100% in Membership This Year

#554 Jackson – 100% #2969 McComb – 333%
#3081 Olive Branch – 100% #3837 Waveland – 150%
#3863 Jackson – 100%

Civic Award Recipients

#554 Jackson
#569 Bay St. Louis
#561 Pascagoula
#3081 Olive Branch
#3625 Pass Christian
#3826 Jackson
#3863 Jackson

Star Assemblies

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

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

John Edward Tracy 3863 – Jackson, MS
Louis Clifford – Faithful Navigator





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General Agent Report

Worthy Brothers,

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

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

Well as he was a great man of God and scholar of scripture one can come to the conclusion that he would have come across the book of James ch 1 v27

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Luke McClure

Knights of Columbus | Assistant General Agent

State Membership Report 2022-2023

Brothers,

It has been a trying year in the growth of our order. The lagging effect from the shutdowns for Covid are still being felt here in Mississippi. We have tried several incentives to increase membership growth during this year. Our COH goal was 280 for the year, we came up short as we had a growth of 211 members.

Councils 1605, 9094, 16433 all reached 100% of their membership goal by December 31 and had their State per capita waived for the January Billing.

Top Proposers for 2022-2023 year were

David Seymour from Council 9094
James Huff from Council 1034

Top Recruiting Councils were:

14051 Olive Branch
9094 ~~D'iberville~~

Councils who achieved 100% of their membership goals were:

1034	1605
9094	11934
14051	16433

The affiliate program continued to take a toll on membership as we moved over 752 members from active rolls to Affiliate Status.

It has been an honor to serve under our State Deputy Roy Gomez.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Achord
State Membership Chairman
2022-2023

**E-Membership Report
Charles (Chuck) Heim
2022 – 2023 Year End Report**

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

The E-membership is a relatively new initiative for the Knights of Columbus. Interest has been limited in previous years. However, this fraternal year there was seen a continued interest in the e-membership initiative. The number of e-members processed from 1 April 2020 through 31 March 2021 was approximately 50 new members. During the same period from 1 April 2021 through 31 March 2022 there were 123 new members who expressed an interest in joining the order through the E-membership initiative. During the same period 31 March 2022 through 1 April 2023 there was only 91 new members interested in joining the order through E-Membership initiative. A push was made to increase the membership in an attempt to reach the state goals for the outgoing State Deputy. From April – July 2023 an additional 45 new members joined through the e-membership initiative. Supreme continued to extend the incentive, to join the order for free through 31 December 2022 which was another favorable incentive that help increase the interest for new members to join the order through on-line e-membership program. This incentive was helpful but there was actually a decrease in e-membership during the period from 31 March 2022 through 1 April 2023. This incentive was initially advertised as being available only through the end of Calendar year 2022. As the year progressed the incentive was extended through the end of the Fraternal Year 2023 which may account for the increase in membership during April – July 2023.

The e-membership program continued to struggle with converting members from the e-membership into local councils. At the end of March 2022, the number of e-members waiting to be transferred into their assigned council remained at approximately 50 members, with 10 of the remaining from the previous year's carry over. At the end of July 2023 there were 80 members that had not been converted of which 37 were carried over from previous years. Two of the main issues identified by the councils include being unable to contact the e-members or not being able to schedule an agreeable time to conduct the ceremony necessary to complete the transfers into the council. There were also several e-members who indicated they joined with no intention to transfer into a local council and only wanted to see what the organization was all about. It has been noted previously that Supreme has no requirement for a member to complete their degree and transfer into a local council.

E-membership continues to be a recruiting tool available to help councils increase their membership.

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

119th CONVENTION MINUTES

Mississippi State Council
119th Annual State Meeting; 27, 28, 29 & 30 April 2023
Meridian, Mississippi
Meeting Minutes

- Thursday, 27 April 2023
 - 6:00 – 9:00 PM - Reception held for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen and Supreme Representative and their wives on the 14th Floor of the Threefoot hotel. Event sponsored by the Host Council, Council 802, Meridian.

- Friday, 28 April 2023
 - 8:00 AM - Votive Mass for Blessed Michael J. McGivney offered by State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin. Mass held in St. Patrick's Church. Breakfast followed in the Fr. Mally Rm. Of St. Patrick's Church sponsored by the Host Council 802, Meridian.

 - 10:30 AM – State Officer's Meeting was held in Board Room 4, 4th floor of the Convention Hall.
 - State Deputy Roy Gamez opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Master Craig Harrell.
 - Talked about Insurance. Ladies Auxiliaries would not be covered by the councils anymore. They would be required to cover themselves.
 - Baby Box Initiative was discussed. This is a new program for the coast. We will be getting more information soon and will be seeking donations to fund these.
 - June 2024 will be the dates for the National Eucharistic March to pass through the MS Gulf coast on its way to Indianapolis. Much more information to come.
 - We need help finding members to fill Program Director positions and DD's. Seeking input from all.

- 2:30 PM – A District Deputy Meeting was held in Classroom 3C, 3rd floor of the Convention Hall.
- 4:30 PM – A 4th Degree Meeting was held in Meeting Rm. 3B, 3rd floor of the Convention Hall.
- 4:30 PM – A MS Foundation Meeting was held. PSD Jerry Schmuck talked about both sides of the foundation, PID and Disaster Relief. Jerry currently has 6 laptops and 2 printers. Mark Dye has 3 laptops and 1 printer. Equipment is very old and getting outdated fast. The foundation funds the supplies only to the Disaster Relief Program. The total money in the account is about \$16,000.
- 5:30 PM – The Opening Business Session held was held in the theater, 2nd floor of the Convention Hall.
 - State Chaplain, Fr. Mike Austin opened the meeting with a prayer and Worthy Master Craig Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - State Deputy welcomed all in attendance to the 119th Annual State Convention and thanked them for coming.
 - A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Ben D. of Council 4898 and seconded by Tony D. of Council 4472. Motion passed.
 - State Secretary Guy Heying called for submission of any late reports.
 - State Advocate Kenny Gonzales assured that all were in possession of all resolutions.
 - State Deputy made sure all delegates were aware of their committee assignments.
 - Insurance Agent Luke McClure presented a speech on Fr. McGivney.
 - State Deputy asked the floor for any announcements.
 - A closing prayer was offered by Fr. Mike Austin.
 - State Deputy closed the meeting at 6:15 PM.
- 6:45 PM – Friday Night Dinner Social
 - The Friday Night Social was held in honor of all Clergy and Religious in the Charles Young Exhibition Hall.
- Saturday, 29 April 2023
 - 8:00 AM – Memorial Mass w/Necrology offered by Bishop Kopacz at St. Patrick’s Church. Necrology by State Secretary Guy Heying. See Necrology Section at the end of this book for listing of deceased brothers.
 - 9:00 AM – Donuts and coffee provided in the Fr. Vally Rm of St. Patrick’s Church.
 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Adoration in Classroom 4B of the Convention Hall.
 - 10:00 AM – Convention Committees were held in various rooms of the Convention Hall.
 - 1:00 PM – 2nd Business Session held in the theater, 2nd floor of the Convention Hall.
 - Basil Demarest gave a presentation on ASAP, Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program.

- Chaplain Fr. Mike Austin reported that he had a good meeting with the priests this morning.
 - He got to meet with Deacon Michael Butler.
 - He noted that he would be getting an assistant. This would free up some of his time to hit the road and continue to promote the .COR Program.
 - He talked more about the July 2024 Eucharistic Revival Procession. It will be passing through South Mississippi on June 10-14, 2024. Big plans are in the works and much help will be needed.
 - The State Deputy, Roy Gamez presented his report. He talked about the overall standings of the State and it's programs.
 - The State Secretary, Heying presented his report. He talked about per Capita payments and receiving all funds form councils. 225 checks were received and processed to the State Treasurer. He has made great progress with the Minutes Book, but still has a way to go. He also mentioned the perils of dealing with the recent pandemic.
 - The "Acting" State Treasurer, Philip Jabour thanked all for their help and support. He gave a quick overview of the State's finances.
 - The State Advocate, Kenny Gonzales gave his report. He talked about the Safe Environment Program and its status in the state.
 - The State Warden, Charles Hahn gave his report. He talked about how great it is to be meeting in person for the convention.
 - The Immediate Past State Deputy IPSD Phillip Jabbour gave his report. He talked about the insurance coverage for councils, assemblies and auxiliaries.
 - The District Master Craig Harrell thanked all and gave a review of the 4th Degree. He talked about the upcoming degree schedule.
 - The General Agent was absent. He presented his report in the 1st Session.
 - The Supreme Representative, Dave Tebo gave his report. He talked about the many titles and acronyms in the K of C. He also stressed membership and its importance.
- 6:00 PM – Saturday Night Banquet
 - The banquet was held in the Charles Young Exhibit Hall.
 - Guest Speaker was our Supreme Rep, Dave Tebo.
 - Many awards and recognitions were given out to Councils and individuals in 3rd and 4th Degrees, as well as Auxiliaries.
 - Checks were provided to both diocese for the Bishop Gerow and Bishop Huck Funds.
 - Great time had by all.
- Sunday, 30 April 2023
 - 8:00 AM – Convention Mass offered by Bishop Kopacz at St. Patrick's Church.
 - 9:00 AM – Donuts and coffee provided in the St. Patrick's Family Life Center.
 - 10:00 AM – Credentials Committee met in Board Rm. 3, 3rd floor of the Convention Hall.
 - 10:30 AM – 3rd Business Session held in the theater, 1st floor of the Convention Hall.
 - The meeting was called to order by State Deputy, Roy Gamez.
 - An opening prayer was offered.
 - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Worthy Master Craig Harrell.

- State Advocate read aloud all Resolutions. A couple of minor changes in wording were noted from the Resolutions Committee.
 - All resolutions passed.
 - State Secretary Guy Heying passed out a few last awards.
 - State Deputy Roy Gamez installed election tellers, consisting of
 - PSD Jerry Schmuck
 - PSD Peter Sukanic
 - PSD Tom Zettler
- Election of State Officers
- State Deputy
 - Nomination for Guy Heying from Council 4898.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Guy Heying for State Deputy.
 - State Secretary
 - Nomination for Kenny Gonzales from Council 5654.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Kenny Gonzales for State Secretary.
 - State Treasurer
 - Nomination for Charles Hahn from Council 898.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Charles Hahn for State Treasurer.
 - State Advocate
 - Nomination for Aaron Achord from Council 7915.
 - No other nominations.
 - The Chair cast one vote for Aaron Achord for State Advocate.
 - State Warden
 - Nominations were received for Lonnie Treadaway, Jacob Etfink and Thomas Moran were received.
 - Results of the voting was as follows:
 - Lonnie Treadaway 48 votes
 - Jacob Etfink 21 votes
 - Thomas Moran 13 votes
 - One spoiled vote was received.
 - Lonnie Treadaway was declared the new State Warden.
- Election of Supreme Convention Insurance Delegates (3)
- Outgoing Past State Deputy, Roy Gamez and incoming State Deputy Guy Heying are automatic selections.
 - One more Insurance Delegate is to be selected.
 - Nominations were received for incoming State Secretary Kenny Gonzales and DD Bill Clark.
 - Results of the voting was as follows:

- Kenny Gonzales 56 votes
- Bill Clark 26 votes
- Kenny Gonzales was selected as the 3rd Insurance Delegate.
- Lonnie Treadaway, Craig Harrell, and John Schaefer were selected as Alternate Insurance Delegates.

- Election of Associate Delegates (2)
 - Nominations were received for Charles Hahn, Bill Clark, Aaron Achord and Ben Deloranzo.
 - Two candidates were to be selected.
 - Results of the voting was as follows:
 - Charles Hahn 72 votes
 - Bill Clark 39 votes
 - Aaron Achord 45 votes
 - Ben Deloranzo 9 votes
 - Charles Hahn and Aaron Achord were selected as Associate Delegates.
 - Bill Clark and Ben Deloranzo were selected as Alternate Associate Delegates.

- Site of future State Conventions:
 - 2024 Biloxi
 - 2025 Jackson
 - 2026 No nominees

- The State Deputy thanked the convention tellers for their service and they were dismissed.
- Closing comments were provided by all State Officers. All thanked everyone for their support and for their attendance at the convention.
- A closing prayer was offered by Richard Greenwold.
- Convention closed at 1:05 PM.



**Mississippi State Council
119th Annual State Convention**



REPORT OF THE 2023 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL**

2023 STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL DELEGATES

NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 1	CERT.	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	802	3 Msgr. John J. Burns	X	1 Robert Conner	1	Robert Leo
2	*	848	5 John T. Savage	X	1 Richard Martin	1	Lee Davis
2	*	898	5 Vicksburg	X	1 Steve Vedros	1	Paul Donovan
2	*	1034	7 Bishop R. O. Gerow	X	1 James Maier	1	Darren Cowart
1		1244	11 Biloxi	X	1 John Schaefer	0	No Delegate
2	*	1522	9 Pere Le Duc	X	1 Christopher Trapani	1	William Hand
2	*	1583	15 Bishop Gunn	X	1 David Ames	1	Robert Flagg
2	*	1605	12 Msgr. P. J. Carey	X	1 William Clark	1	Charles Bishop
2	*	1908	8 Bishop Fahey	X	1 Quincy St Pierre	1	Ted Heintz
0		2134	14 Greenville	X	0 No Delegate	0	No Delegate
2	*	2180	8 Laurel	X	1 Ronnie Morales	1	Tyler Miller
0		2945	14 Leland	X	0 No Delegate	0	No Delegate
2	*	2969	14 Clarksdale	X	1 Frank Whitehead	1	Raymond Cole
2	*	4472	10 Pass Christian	X	1 John Putman	1	Jose Diaz del valle
2		4898	10 Long Beach	X	1 Thomas Ponte	1	Benjamin Dilorenzo
0		5267	14 Greenwood	X	0 No Delegate	0	No Delegate
0		5556	14 Cleveland	X	0 No Delegate	0	No Delegate
1		5654	12 Ocean Springs	X	1 Joseph Sasser	0	No Delegate
2	*	6592	8 Bassfield	X	1 Charlie Harrington	1	Ted Applewhite
2	*	6765	4 Starkville	X	1 Karl Henderson	1	Michael Taquino
2	*	6872	9 Picayune	X	1 Raymond Rivero	1	Richert Mahony, FS
2		7087	9 Kilm	X	1 Elbert Cuevas	1	Richard Hoda, FS
34		SUB-TOTAL		0	18	0	16

NO.		COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT	COUNCIL NAME	DELEGATE NO. 1	DELEGATE NO. 2
2	*	7120	2	Southaven	1 Daniel Godwin	1 Jonathan Priddy
0		7211	13	Lumberton	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		7854	5	Clinton	1 Richard Scott	1 William O'Conner
2	*	7910	15	Orange Grove	1 Charles Gurkdis	1 Dennis Nowell
2		7915	7	Brookhaven	1 Eddie Britt	1 Kenneth Goodrum
1	*	7974	4	Columbus	1 Kurt Dobbel	0 No Delegate
1		8038	6	Pearl	1 Basil Demarest	0 No Delegate
1		8054	7	McComb	1 Andrew Spinnato	0 No Delegate
1	*	8285	5	Jackson. St. Therese	1 Leo Luke	0 No Delegate
0	P	8760	2	Holly Springs	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	8848	1	Tupelo	1 Calvin Dotson	1 David Friloux
0		8912	1	Corinth	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9094	11	D'Iberville	1 David Seymour	1 Louie Atchison
2	*	9124	12	Gautier	1 Steven Pamell	1 Joe Furlan
0	P	9234	14	Indianola	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	9409	11	West Biloxi	1 Michael Miller	1 Edward Ring
1		9543	6	Madison	1 Doug Leo	0 No Delegate
1	*	9673	11	Woolmarket	1 William Fessler	0 No Delegate
2	*	9958	13	Lizana	1 Garland Moran	1 Anthony Moran
2		10216	3	Flowood	1 Chris Bergeron	1 Jeff Johnson
0	*	10443	4	Grenada	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	10499	12	Ocean Springs	1 Rickv Cuvps	1 Joseph Goellner. Sr.
2		10901	1	Oxford	1 Matt Zerangue	1 Andrew Reynolds
1	*	11541	15	St. James. Gulfboort	1 James Healy	0 Robert Morris
0	P	11904		Lucedale	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2	*	11934	6	Gluckstadt	1 Eric Schirmer	1 David Madere
2	*	11995	10	West Harrison	1 Louis Meyer	1 Charles Heim
0	P	12166	12	Pascagoula-SH	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	P	12271	15	Gulfboort-NCBC	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0		12331	10	Dedeaux	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
1		13471	3	Philadelphia/Tucker	1 Ronald Divalma	0 No Delegate
0		13502	1	Batesville/Sardis	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
0	S	13936		St. Jude	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
1	*	14051	2	Father Leo John Dehon	1 Leonard Temole	0 No Delegate
1		15121	13	St. Joseph	1 Stephen Liozinski	0 No Delegate
2		15131	6	St. Richard of Chicheste	1 Harold Hardin	1 George LaFontaine
1		15155	12	Fr. Denis J. Harlow	0 No Delegate	1 John Polema
1		15382	8	St. Thomas Aquinas	1 Lerov Rider	0 No Delegate
2		16433	9	St Clare	1 Richard Manieri, Sr.	1 Dwayne Punch. Sr.
1		16763	8	Father Peter Quinn	1 Collins Barnes. Jr.	0 No Delegate
0	*	16992	11	Father Robert Mullin	0 No Delegate	0 No Delegate
2		17364	7	St. John Paul II	1 Scott Waller	1 Stephen Duncan
47		SUB-TOTAL			0 #	0 18

				47 - TOTAL MISSING DELEGATES
0	Certified Delegates			46 - NO DELEGATE
81	TOTAL DELEGATES SEATED			128 - TOTAL DELEGATES IN STATE
6	TOTAL STATE OFFICERS			7 - TOTAL STATE OFFICERS
87	TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS			135 - TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTING MEMBERS

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

DIRECTORS / CHAIRMAN

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

D -- DELEGATE

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

		X	Thomas Zettler		X	Jerry Schmuck	
		X	Peter Sukanek		X	Philip Jabour	

2023 Resolutions

(Amended)

119th Annual State Convention
Mississippi Jurisdiction



Knights of Columbus

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th 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 140 years ago by our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

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

Recommendation: Approve as Amended

Action: Amend

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 2

Whereas,

Supreme Representative David Tebo has honored this State Convention with his presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Tebo is a former State Deputy of Florida and now serves as the Territorial Director for the Southeastern United States, and

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that brother Tebo has provided assistance before and during the 2023 State Convention that was extremely valuable and well received by all.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Supreme Representative David Tebo and his wife Tina Marie and extends a cordial invitation to come back to our Jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Approve as Amended

Action: Amend

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 3

Whereas,

The 2023 State Convention Meeting is being held in Meridian and the delegates are gathered at a single location, and

Whereas,

The members of Council 802 in Meridian, led by Chairman William Nix, 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, efforts, and energy expensed by Council 802.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

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

Recommendation: Approve as Amended

Action: Amend

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 4

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

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

Recommendation: Approve as Amended

Action: Amend

Submitted: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 5

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving and those who served in the armed forces of the United States, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving in said armed forces.

Recommendation: Approve

Action: Approve

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 6

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

On December 13, 2022, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-four years in the Priesthood.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

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

Recommendation: Approve

Action: Approve

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

Resolution Number 7

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the proceeds received by the State Council from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags during the 2023-2024 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

50% to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2023 Convention.

50% to the Bishop William R Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2023 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.

Recommendation: Approve as Amended

Action: Amend

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention of the Mississippi
Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 8

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

First Responders and Health Care Workers place their lives at risk to ensure the safety and care of the residents of the United States.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving and those who served as First Responders and Health Care Workers of the United States, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving as First Responders and Health Care Workers.

Recommendation: Approve as Amended

Action: Amend

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th 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 state that the expenses of the State Officers, Delegates, District Deputies, and Past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

Whereas,

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

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

Be It Further Resolved,

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

Be It Further Resolved,

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

Be It Further Resolved,

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

Recommendation: Approve

Action: Approve

Submitted by: State Officers

2022-2023 NECROLOGY

- 802 Gerald (Gary) Koca
Jo Bullock
Joseph Semmes PGK
Ramon Luina
- 848 Kenneth Brooks
Richard Lieding PSD, PGK
- 898 Alex Shiers
Bobby Folsom Faithful Comptroller
James Westbrook
Fr. Malcolm O'Leary Chaplain
William Corpus
William Kittrell
- 1034 Daniel O'Beirne
John Saleeby
Samuel Blanchard
Thomas O'Beirne
William Hall
- 1244 Edward Covacevich
Elbert "Boy" Meaut
Louis Endris
Michael Kessler
Robert Simmons
Victor Mavar
- 1583 Antonio Villarreal
Charlie Underwood P PGK
Edward Croal
John Pacher

2022-2023 NECROLOGY

- 1605 Donald Olsen
Henry Lawrence, Sr.
John Johnson PGK
Lyle Van Veghel
Lyman "Jack" Cumbest
Mathias Zelenka, Jr.
Roger Parker
Stephen Martinez
- 2180 Louis D Schwartz District Deputy, PGK
- 4472 Albro Michelle
Harold DeMetz
- 5654 Frank Szczepanski
Harold Allen
- 6765 Ralph Word
- 6872 Alan Calamira Purser
Alvin Lemmler
Donald Schneider
James Crowe
Lynn Cucullu
Terrell Arrington
William Montgomery
- 7087 John L. Cuevas
Rev. Richard Lacorte FAITHFUL FRIAR
Woodrow E. Mauffray

7854	Art Richardson Bill Hetrick Gaspard Medrick Jim Safigan Ray Rabert	PGK
7910	Richard Diehl	Faithful Admiral
7974	George Swales	
8054	Dennis Muscier Francis Prattini Kenneth Moore Mitch Bellipanne Salvadore Guttuso	Finance Secretary Treasurer
9094	Clayton Livingstone Ralph Anglin Teddy Harder	PGK
9124	Robert Myers	
9409	Daniel Verzwylvelt Norman Nyary	
9673	Darnell Lepre Sammie Orr	Charter Member
9958	ELDRIDGE LADNER	
10443	Harvey Caldwell, III Lane Bennett Leroy Munstenteiger	FDD,PGK,PFN FN,PGK

10499 Harold Spiess

11934 Ronald Hutchinson

11995 John Maynard GK, DGK, DD
 Leo Coakley
 Ronald Ladner

15155 Jack Blalock

16992 Noel Aucoin Sr Trustee