

Proceedings
OF THE
FORTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

June 1-5, 1950

REPORT
OF THE
FORTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
OF THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
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Matter of amount of activities attended by Financial Secretaries; and approval of payment of per diem, etc., was discussed. State Deputy stated that he could not in conscience pay them for two days when they attended only one day, unless given permission by the Convention to pay them, but he recommended that those who attended either day should be paid their full mileage and two days per diem.

It was moved and seconded that anyone who attended either day be given their full per diem and mileage.

Motion made and seconded and carried that the Convention adjourn; which was done with prayer by Worthy State Chaplain, at 5:30 P. M.

MINUTES OF THE SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

May 13th, 1951

The Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association in Convention assembled at Johnny Clark's Restaurant, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Chairman Leo P. Daspit presiding.

A dinner was served first to the Secretaries and their wives, which was enjoyed by all. At the conclusion of the meal the ladies were taken back to town in special busses and the meeting of the Association got underway.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call of officers was as follows:

- Chairman, Leo P. Daspit, No. 1207, Present
- Vice-Chairman, C. T. Bienvenu, No. 1276, Present
- Warden, J. Gegenheimer, No. 1905, Present
- Secretary, Eldred J. Naquin, No. 1373, Present

The Secretary called the roll of Members and 58 were present. Minutes of the 1950 meeting were read and on motion of Bro. Kinberger, Council No. 970 seconded by Bro. C. T. Bienvenu, Council No. 1276 same were accepted as read.

The Chairman then appointed the Resolution Committee composed of the following:

- J. W. Lavigne, Council No. 1108—Chairman

J. E. Young, Council No. 3200

J. Gegenheimer, Council No. 1905

Braquet, Council No. 2913

UN-FINISHED BUSINESS—Under this caption was a lengthy discussion on the subject of the Financial Secretaries being treated the same as Delegates, and receiving the same expense money as Delegates, however realizing that only Delegates were allowed the floor and the privilege to vote. The next item was the banquet tickets which the Financial Secretaries were charged for. It was decided that the Association refund each member who purchased a banquet ticket and attended the banquet, the \$3.50 he paid out. It was further decided that the Association would pay for the ladies dinner and the Convention City stand the expense of the Secretaries dinner.

NEW BUSINESS—The attention of the Association was called to the fact that a Resolution was in the making to separate the Financial Secretaries from the State Convention by having the Association meeting on a separate date and at a different time of the year. Bro. Coco, Council No. 3208 made a motion to have the meeting of the Association at a different time. There was no second to the motion. It was then moved by Bro. Conner, Council No. 3012 and second by Bro. H. J. Albert, Council No. 714 that the Resolution Committee take care of the situation. Bro. C. S. Coco, Council 3208 then recommended that each Secretary talk to his Delegate to have this Resolution killed on the floor of the State Meeting. A motion was made by Bro. Keller, Council No. 2409 and seconded by Bro. Arceneaux, Council No. 2012 to have the Association meeting simultaneously with the first business session of the State Convention, thereby allowing the members to enjoy their dinner with their wives without having the burden of the meeting after dinner hanging over their heads and leaving their wives to get back to the hotels without them. This motion brought to a vote, was defeated 26 to 20.

Bro. Jim Flemming who is an Honorary Member of the Association was called upon to say a few words and answer any questions that the Secretaries would ask. Bro. Flem-

ming then explained to the members that it had become necessary to divided the State in two and that his colleague, Bro. Jimmy LaFleur, would be giving up his Post as a Financial Secretary, and work as an Agent in the same capacity as himself. This method would give the Western part of the State better contact with an Agent. Bro. Flemming also told the members that the non-medical application was still in the making, and this type of Insurance would have to be handled by an authorized underwriter. The question was asked, how many members were collecting their 2½% Insurance Collection Commission, only a few raised their hands. They were told to collect it as it was theirs and due them. Bro. Flemming then thanked the Association for declaring him and Honary Member and expressed his regret to leave before the meeting was over, and asked Bro. LaFleur to take over for him. Bro. LaFleur then cautioned the members to keep on talking Insurance, only because a man is 26 or over is no reason to let up. Start the application off by getting the new man sold on Insurance. At the conclusion of his remarks it was moved by Bro. Ira Schwartzenburg, Council No. 1217 and seconded by Bro. Boudeaux, Council No. 2878, that Bro. J. C. LaFleur be made an Honorary Member of the Secretaries Association. Bro. LaFleur thanked the members for this honor.

The next order of business was reading of Secretaries Financial Report.

Balance on hand June 22nd, 1950	\$ 13.75	
Receipts: Check from Bro Flemming	275.00	
Dues collected to date	265.00	\$553.57
Expenses getting out letter and cards		5.68
Balance May 13th, 1951		<u>\$547.89</u>

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, C. T. Bienvenu	Elected by acclamation
ViceChairman, Van J. Landry	Elected by acclamation
Warden, J. Gegenheimer	Elected by acclamation
Secretary, B. J. Dicharry	Elected by majority vote

Bro. Daspit told the members how happy he was to have served as Chairman for two year and thanked them for their cooperation and assured them that his term of office was something he would never forget.

Bro. C. T. Bienvenu then rose and thanked the members for electing him to be their next Chairman and said he would go into this work, whole heart and soul in order to prosper and expand the activities of the Association. He also stated that each Council will be billed very early next year and follow ups would be made in order to get in all the dues.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was entertained to adjourn. Closing prayer was led by Chairman-elect, C. T. Bienvenu.

LEO P. DASPIT, Chairman

ELDRED J. NAQUIN, Secretary

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES PRESENT AT MEETING

Sunday, May 13th, 1951

Name of Secty	Council No.	Location
H. J. Albers	714	New Orleans
L. M. Fryou	969	Baton Rouge
R. E. Kinberger	970	Plaquemine
C. J. Frey	1087	Donaldsonville
G. J. Marquette	1099	Napoleonville
J. W. Lavigne	1108	Shreveport
R. J. Bouterie	1114	Thibodaux
F. F. Hollier	1173	Opelousas
J. D. Chatelain	1199	Cottonport
L. P. Daspit	1207	Lake Charles
I. E. Schwartzenburg	1217	Marksville
C. T. Bienvenu	1276	St. Martinville
S. L. Comeaux	1286	Lafayette
M. E. Devereux	1337	Monroe
E. J. Naquin	1373	Morgan City
T. G. Oncale	1420	Franklin
T. J. Robichaux	1425	Jeanerette
J. C. LaFleur	1745	Eunice
B. J. Dicharry	1817	Gramercy

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Annual State Convention
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LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
MAY 24th, 25th, 26th, 1952

Motion made and seconded that Convention adjourn; which was done with prayer by Rev. Daniel de la Penta, O. P. at 6:15 P. M.

MINUTES OF THE
STATE FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

May 24th, 25th, 1952

The State of Louisiana Financial Secretary Association held its Annual Meeting at Poor Boy's Restaurant, Lafayette, on Sunday, May 25th, 1952 with Chairman C. T. Bienvenu, of St. Martinville, presiding and 70 members answering roll call.

The Chair opened the meeting with prayer. The roll call of officers was as follows:

Chairman C. T. Bienvenu, Council No. 1276—Present
Vice-Chairman Van J. Landry, Council No. 2395—Present
Warden J. Gegenheimer, Council 1905—Present
Secretary, B. J. Dicharry, Council No. 1817—Present

The Minutes of the 1951 meeting were read and on motion of Brother Henry Hingle, of Istrouma Council No. 2807 seconded by Brother A. J. Bracquet of Kaplan Council No. 2913 and carried, they were approved as read.

Chairman C. T. Bienvenu introduced Brother James E. Fleming, Insurance Agent of the Knights of Columbus and the latter, in a few well chosen words introduced Judge John E. Swift, Supreme Knight, of New Haven, Conn.

Judge Swift, who could not remain for the rest of the business session spoke on the importance of the Financial Secretary—"than whom no more important an officer exists in the Knights of Columbus." He dwelt a while on the splendid financial condition of the Knights of Columbus worth now \$84 million dollars of which \$15,000,000 have been spent for Beneficiaries of deceased Knights since its inception 70 years ago. He said that compensation of Secretaries depended on their activities, the size and condition of their Council. He knows of one Financial Secretary who has to look after the business of a Council with 3700 mem-

bers. He urged Financial Secretaries to talk about the soundness of Insurance to all applicants and convince them they are able to pay this Insurance. "The trouble is applicants are entirely too modest about their ability to pay the installments in Insurance." The money derived from Benefit Reserve and Insurance Premiums is used as loans to Catholic Institutions, only. Even though an applicant is over 26 years and doesn't have to carry Insurance, members in general and Financial Secretaries in particular should prevail upon all applicants to take Insurance as protection for themselves and family.

His remarks were enjoyed by the Financial Secretaries and their wives who partook of the delicious barbecue dinner along with our distinguished guest, Judge Swift, Brothers Fleming and LaFleur, Insurance Agents.

Under old business, it developed that all Resolutions taken up last year were either killed or withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Bienvenu said that he believed a Resolution should be offered to the Delegates at the Convention petitioning them to permit an Alternate to attend the Financial Secretaries meeting when the Financial Secretary could not attend. It was then moved by Brother Norris, No. 3208 of Lake Charles, seconded by Brother James P. Balser, Council No. 3411, of New Orleans, that in the event the Financial Secretary cannot attend, the Treasurer be the Alternate. After some discussion the motion was carried.

Another suggestion by the Chair that our Organization have a Representative meet with the Officers of the State Council at all their meetings, brought some discussion, and a motion made by Brother Hymel of Council No. 3246, of New Orleans, seconded by Brother Balser, of Council No. 3411 and carried, demanded this action.

A third Resolution was suggested by Brother S. H. Gravel, Council No. 1134, of Alexandria that the State Council make adjustment on the Per Capita tax like the Supreme Council or that the State Council bill us on June 30th and December 31st, Trustee Reports. This suggestion brought

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many heated arguments pro and con, whereupon Brother L. J. Bourque, Sulphur Council No. 3015 moved and it was seconded by Brother A. J. Braquet, Council No. 2913 that the State be asked to bill us accordingly. This motion carried.

A motion by Brother McCarthy of Council No. 1337, Monroe, that a Committee be appointed to study and modernize the bookkeeping, was withdrawn after Brother James Fleming announced that work on this has been going on for two years and a new system of bookkeeping is ready.

Chairman C. T. Bienvenu then appointed the following Committee to draught Resolutions on the above motion and present same to the State Council: Brothers S. H. Gravel, Chairman; Ira Schartzenburg, Sanford Comeaux and Benjamin J. Dicharry.

It was moved by Brother V. J. Boudreaux, Council No. 2878, Metairie, seconded by Brother Chris. Hingle of Istrouma Council No. 2807, Baton Rouge, and carried that we purchase gavel for our Chairman for the next meeting and that we invite Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb to be present and address us.

The next order of business was the reading of the Financial Report by the Secretary:

Taken From Predecessors Report

	Dr.	Cr.	Balance
Balance on hand May 13th, 1951			\$547.89
Dues 5/16/51	\$ 35.00		582.89
Check 5/13/51—Johnny Clark		\$ 103.98	478.91
28 checks @ \$3.50. refunds to members		98.00	380.91
Bank charges		1.07	379.84
Due 7/13/51	5.00		384.84
Debit to cover exchange drawn to transfer account		384.84	
New Secretarys Report			
Check from Citizens Bank, E. J. Naquin			384.84
Bank exchange on same		.40	384.44

Deposit April 1, 1952, 14 Councils			
@ \$5.00	\$ 70.00	.10	454.34
Deposit April 7, 1952, 10 Councils			
@ \$5.00	50.00	.10	504.24
Deposit April 17, 1952, 11 Councils			
@ \$5.00	55.00		
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@ \$5.00	50.00	.10	609.14
Deposit May 14, 1952, 13 Councils			
@ \$5.00	65.00	.10	674.04
Dues collected 5/25/52 10 Councils	50.00	.10	723.94
Check—B. J. Dicharry, stamps, envelopes		6.72	717.22
Check—Poor Boy Restaurant for Barbecue	269.28		447.94
Check—C. T. Bienvenu, telegrams	5.45		442.49
BALANCE ON HAND MAY 25th, 1952			\$ 442.49

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the Report was accepted.

Brother McCarthy asked to have Brother Fleming talk more on Insurance. Brother Fleming said that with the exacting of a quarters assessment and dues collected before initiation there were fewer suspensions than when we collected only one month's dues and assessments. He said the new non-medical was a headache and that he had 119 cases of non-medical not approved.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary pay the barbecue dinner to the Poor Boy Restaurant.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Bienvenu said it was now time to elect new officers.

Brother Ira Schartsenburg moved that the present set of officers remain for another year. His motion was seconded by Brother Sanford Comeaux, of Council No. 1286, and carried unanimously.

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Brother Fleming was asked to install the officers which he did in a simple and short ceremony.

There being no further business to transact, upon motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

B. J. DICHARRY, Secretary

A True Copy: C. T. Bienvenu, Chairman

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Resolution Committee appointed by the Chairman, met in Room 237 of the Evangeline Hotel at Lafayette on May 25th, with Chairman S. H. Gravel presiding. Brothers Schartzenburg, Comeaux and Dicharry attending.

After some discussion it was decided by the Resolution Committee that whereas Resolution No. 1 does not pertain to the State Council and is within the jurisdiction and authority of each Subordinate Council to make such a substitution when the Secretary cannot attend, we recommend that it would be untimely and unnecessary to send such a Resolution to the House of Delegates or the State Council.

In a re-resolution to have a Representative meet at all meetings of State Officers:

The Committee feels that this is within the authority of the State Deputy and it is suggested, instead, that the Chairman contact the State Deputy and suggest to the State Deputy that he invite the Chairman or a substitute to the State Officers meeting.

In re-Resolution on method of Collecting State Per-Capita tax:

After some deliberation your Committee felt it was unnecessary to make such a Resolution as the present set-up from the State Secretary's office is satisfactory and adjustments can be made whenever needed and justiable.

S. H. Gravel, Chairman
SANFORD COMEAUX
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