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Descriptive Summary

Title

Dignity/USA Records

Creator

Dignity/USA

Extent

Number of containers: 94 archive boxes
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Date

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Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

Records of Dignity/USA, the oldest organization for Roman Catholic members of the GLBT community, from its founding in 1969 until the early 1990s. The materials include correspondence, minutes, motions, and work papers of the organization's Board of Directors and House of Delegates; records of Dignity's biennial National Conventions; correspondence files of Dignity officers, including Joseph Killian (Joe Gilgamesh), the first elected president of Dignity; and extensive subject files, containing correspondence, reports, press releases, notes, copies of magazine and newspaper articles, and other materials relating to Dignity's day-to-day operations, its efforts to obtain recognition from the Roman Catholic hierarchy, both within the United States and at the Vatican, of the spiritual needs of gays and lesbians, and its active participation in the secular movement for the recognition of GLBT civil rights. Additional materials include records of the regions and chapters into which Dignity is divided; the materials relating to the Los Angeles chapter, always the largest in the organization, are particularly extensive. The collection also includes a collection of photographs and slides documenting the history of Dignity, and extensive files of newsletters published by the national office and by each region and chapter.



Administrative Information

Access

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History

Early in 1969, Father Patrick X. Nidorf, an Augustinian priest and psychologist in San Diego, began a ministry for gay and lesbian Roman Catholics as an extension of his professional work. He chose the name “Dignity” to stress his basic goal: to bring dignity into the spiritual and social lives of gay and lesbian Catholics. Word of Nidorf’s ministry spread, first by word of mouth, then through advertisements Nidorf placed in the *Los Angeles Free Press* and (beginning in January 1970) the *Advocate*. To guard against the possibility of religious fanatics or homophobes disrupting or dominating meetings, Nidorf required the return of a completed application form, and, when in doubt, a personal interview. The monthly gatherings were open only to individuals over 21 years of age, with a membership card issued by Nidorf; annual dues were \$5. Nidorf also issued a simple monthly newsletter.

Although the early meetings alternated between San Diego and Los Angeles, Nidorf soon moved all meetings to Los Angeles, where the great majority of participants lived. In May 1970, Nidorf asked Bob Fournier to draw up a constitution—known as the Statement of Position and Purpose—for Dignity, and in June appointed him first General Chairman of the organization. In September, Dignity held its first meeting on church property, in the basement auditorium of St. Brendan’s parish in Los Angeles.

The membership became increasingly active and early in 1971, against Nidorf’s advice, sought recognition from the diocese of Los Angeles. However, coadjutor archbishop Timothy Manning found Dignity’s principles “untenable”, and ordered Nidorf to cease his activities with the group. Nidorf therefore resigned, and the leadership of Dignity passed permanently into lay hands. Despite Nidorf’s resignation, interest in Dignity continued to grow, and to spread across the country: in November 1971, Dignity/Louisville became the first chapter of Dignity outside Southern California. In February 1972, Dignity held its first annual meeting, electing Joe Killian (known in Dignity as Joe Gilgamesh) president. The organization at the time had 198 members, including 25 priests, four brothers, and two seminarians; 108 members lived in the Los Angeles area, the others in twenty states and the District of Columbia, as well as seven foreign countries. In March 1972, Dignity/Los Angeles (which separated from San Diego and became a separate chapter in the fall of that year) began meeting at the Los Angeles Community College Newman Center. Later in 1972, Gilgamesh formed the Administrative Services Group (ASG) to oversee all aspects of Dignity outside of Los Angeles. Pat Allen was made responsible for overseeing all chapters outside of the Los Angeles area. In September and October Gilgamesh and Allen toured the East Coast in support of Dignity, and by the end of the year the organization had ten chapters, in Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Louisville, Chicago, Washington, DC, New York, and Boston. In 1973, Dignity held its first Biennial Convention in Los Angeles.

Dignity allied itself with clergy and working with the gay and lesbian community, including Sister Jeannine Gramick, and Fathers John McNeill, SJ, Eugene Boyle, and Charles Curran, and with the Salvatorian Order’s Gay Ministry Task Force. It also received support from the National Federation of Priests Councils and the National Assembly of Religious Brothers. In 1975, Dignity published Father Robert Nugent’s *Homosexuality: A Worksheet for Catholics*, and

Homosexual Catholics: A Primer for Discussion, by Sister Jeannine Gramick and Fathers Robert Nugent and Tom Oddo. In October 1976, Dignity was an official participant in the “Call to Action” U.S. Bishops’ Conference, intended to formulate a five-year plan of social action for the nation’s bishops. The conference’s resolutions that the church actively seek to serve the pastoral needs of homosexuals and that it fight, in society and within its own structures, discrimination based on sexual orientation, were presented to the National Conference of Bishops the following year. In July 1977, in response to the defeat of a gay rights ordinance in Dade County, Florida, Dignity joined with the Metropolitan Community Church, the National Gay Task Force, and the Gay Rights National Lobby, in sponsoring a National Gay leadership Conference in Denver. At the third Biennial Convention held in Chicago in September 1977, Dignity adopted the structure it retains today: a Board of Directors and House of Delegates, with chapters grouped into regions. As the House of Delegates intended that Dignity eventually be a national organization comprised solely of chapters within the United States, the Canadian chapters that constituted Region XI later formed Dignity/Canada/Dignité as a separate organization. Also in 1977, Sister Jeannine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent founded new Ways Ministry, a ministry of Reconciliation and Social Justice for Catholic gays and lesbians.

In 1978, in response to Proposition 6, a proposal spearheaded by California State Senator John Briggs to bar homosexuals from teaching in California public schools, Jim Highland, Sister Eileen DeLong and Father Jim Fleck formed Catholics for Human Dignity, the first state-registered political lobby of Catholics advocating human rights for gay people. This group was decisive in helping defeat Proposition 6. Dignity continued to be involved in human right campaigns to benefit the gay community. In 1979, over 350 members of Dignity from 27 chapters participated in the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. That same year Dignity president Frank Scheuren, along with the Rev. Troy Perry and representatives of the National Gay Task Force and Gay Rights National Lobby presented nationwide petitions for Gay Rights legislation to President Jimmy Carter’s representatives at the White House. In 1980, in tacit recognition of the importance of its work in the political sphere, Dignity opened a permanent national office in Washington, DC.

Although conservative members of the church hierarchy in the United States had always opposed Dignity and its work, a few prominent bishops, including Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle, were supportive, and since its foundation Dignity had been able to engage the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in an ongoing dialog concerning gays and lesbians and the church. The Vatican, however, was opposed to any ministry to the gay and lesbian community, and as early as 1976 withdrew the *imprimi potest* for Father John McNeill’s *The Church and the Homosexual*, and later forbade him to write or speak on the issue of homosexuality “in any of its aspects”. In October 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released a *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, defining homosexuality as “an objective disorder” and banning groups that do not agree with church teachings from using church facilities. As a consequence, Dignity chapters were not permitted to hold meetings or celebrate mass on church property; the first eviction of a chapter took place in December. At the same time, the Jesuit Order instructed Father John McNeill to give up all public ministry to gays and lesbians or be expelled from the Order; McNeill refused to comply. In response, Dignity/USA placed a full-page advertisement in the April 27, 1987, issue of *Newsweek* magazine, the first full-page, full-circulation advertisement purchased by a national



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gay/lesbian organization. Dignity issued its own *Letter on Pastoral Care of Gay and Lesbian Persons*, outlining a positive approach to a variety of justice, sexual, and ministry issues affecting gays and lesbians and their families, at the organization's eighth Biennial Convention in Miami in July of that year. Dignity's Task Force on Sexual Ethics, instituted in 1984, issued its report, *Sexual Ethics: Experience, Growth, Challenge*, in 1989.

Dignity has continued to play an active role in the movement for gay and lesbian civil rights, sending one of the largest organizational contingents to the 1993 March on Washington, and participating in the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's National Policy Round Table in 1998. It vigorously opposed the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's *Some Considerations Concerning the Catholic Response to Legislative Proposals on the Non-Discrimination of Homosexual Persons* (1992), which urged bishops to oppose gay and lesbian civil rights laws in such instances as child adoptions, employment of teachers, and military recruitment, as well as the Vatican's *Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons* (2003), instructing Catholic politicians and the public to oppose legal protections for same-sex couples. On the other hand, despite its frequent disagreements with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Dignity supported the Conference's *Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to the Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers* (1997).

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<http://www.dignityusa.org/archives.history.html> (last accessed June 20, 2007)

Scope and Content

This collection comprises records of Dignity/USA and its predecessors, regions, and chapters, from the organization's founding in 1969 until the early 1990s. The materials relating to the organization's national office include correspondence, minutes, motions, and work papers of the organization's Board of Directors and Board of Consultants (later renamed House of Delegates). The records also contain extensive correspondence files of Dignity officers, including James Bussen, Paul Diederich, Robert Fournier, Tom Sena, Frank Scheuren, and Paul Weidig; the files for Joseph Killian (also known as Joe Gilgamesh), the first elected president of Dignity, are particularly extensive. The national office subject files contain correspondence, reports, press releases, notes, copies of magazine and newspaper articles, and other materials relating to Dignity's day-to-day operations, its efforts to obtain validation for gays and lesbians from the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and its relations with similar groups from other religious denominations and with secular groups in search of civil rights for gays and lesbians. Many of the letters in both the correspondence and subject files vividly illustrate the internal conflict many gay and lesbian Roman Catholics suffered, as they searched for a support system to help them to integrate their sexual orientation with being Catholic. The collection contains extensive records, including minutes, motions, information packets, work papers, programs, and publicity, relating to Dignity's biennial National Conventions. Records for the regions and chapters into which Dignity was divided mirror in format, content, and arrangement those of the national office. The materials relating to the Los Angeles chapter, always the largest in the organization, which acted as a de facto headquarters until the creation of the national office, are particularly extensive. The collection also preserves extensive records relating to Dignity's full-page advertisement in *Newsweek* magazine for April 27, 1987, in response to the Vatican's October 1986 *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, including correspondence with both *Newsweek* and *Time* (which refused to publish the advertisement), and favorable and unfavorable replies. The newspaper clippings include articles from the mainstream religious and secular press, as well as from the gay media. The materials also include a collection of photographs and slides documenting meetings and conferences of Dignity, as well as officers and other Dignity activists during the period 1970-1985 in particular. The newsletter files include copies of most of the newsletters published by the national office, as well as near-complete runs of many regional and chapter newsletters, and issues of the quarterly *Insight*, published by Dignity's New York chapter.



Series Descriptions

Series 1: National Office Files

Dates: 1956-2002 (bulk 1970-1985)

Extent: 12.6 linear feet

This series consists of records of the National Office of Dignity, represented by the Board of Directors, which performed executive functions, and the House of Delegates (originally Board of Consultants), which performed legislative functions. The series is divided into two subseries: (1) Board of Directors/House of Delegates, and (2) Correspondence.

Subseries 1.1: Board of Directors/House of Delegates

Dates: 1972-1993

Extent: 4.6 linear feet

This subseries contains the records of the periodic meetings of the Board of Directors and Board of Consultants/House of Delegates. The materials include meeting minutes, motions, work papers, and election ballots and results. The records are arranged chronologically.

Subseries 1.2: Correspondence

Dates: 1971-2002 (bulk 1971-1985)

Extent: 3.4 linear feet

This subseries consists of the correspondence sent and received by the Dignity leadership. It is divided into two subsubseries: (1) General Correspondence, and (2) Joseph Killian.

Subsubseries 1.2.1: General Correspondence

Dates: 1971-2002 (bulk 1971-1985)

Extent: 2.1 linear feet

This subsubseries comprises the correspondence sent and received by Dignity officers, in particular the president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, and various executive aides. The topics of correspondence include internal administrative matters, the formation of new chapters, emotional and moral support for individuals, and general information about the organization. Correspondence with the Roman Catholic hierarchy can be found in the Bishops Correspondence files; letters attacking the organization, for homophobic or other reasons, can be found in the Derogatory files. The materials include foreign correspondence. The records retain their original alphabetical arrangement.

Subsubseries 1.2.2: Joseph Killian (Gilgamesh)

Dates: 1970-1990 (bulk 1970-1974)

Extent: 1.3 linear feet

This subsubseries comprises the correspondence of Joseph Killian, the first acting chairman and president of Dignity. As a principal founder of Dignity, Killian maintained an extensive



international correspondence. Topics include administrative matters, new chapter formation, and information requests from the general public and from scholars and students researching homosexuality and the Roman Catholic Church. A significant portion of the correspondence with private individuals is of a personal nature, offering support, advice, and personal stories of the dynamics and complexities of being gay and Roman Catholic. The Correspondence with Clergy files contain Killian's correspondence with gay and gay-supportive priests and clergymen of other denominations. The Personal files contain personal materials relating to Killian, including his diary, speeches on the history of Dignity, and the order of service for his funeral mass. The documents are arranged alphabetically by last name, when known; correspondence with individuals whose last name is not known is interfiled using the first name. Killian's correspondence relating to prison reform can be found in Subseries 4.4.4: Subject files, "Prison".

Subseries 1.3: Subject Files

Dates: 1956-2001 (bulk 1972-1985)

Extent: 4.6 linear feet

This subseries consists of subject files created by the Dignity National Office. A substantial portion of the materials concerns administrative matters, such as membership; chapter formation; boards, committees, and task forces; press releases; Statements of Position and Purpose; and manuals for the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates. Other materials relate to Dignity's activities, such as the March on Washington and lobbying the Vatican on issues relating to homosexuality, as well as scholarly papers on Dignity and its mission, and on homosexuality and the Church. The documents are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Series 2: National Convention Files

Dates: 1973-1991

Extent: 4.2 linear feet

This series contains records of Dignity's national and international conventions, generally held biannually. Documents include agendas, attendee information packets, ballots, flyers, hotel, travel, and speaker information, and workshop materials. The materials also include meeting minutes and work papers generated by pre-convention meetings of the Executive Board and the House of Delegates. The series is arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Region Files

Dates: 1973-2000 (bulk 1977-1988)

Extent: 2.7 linear feet

According to the state in which they were located, Dignity chapters were assigned to one of eleven regions, each of which had its own administrative organization, including a regional House of Delegates. This series contains the records of each region. The materials for each region vary in scope and content, but include correspondence, meeting minutes, and conference records. Region newsletters, originally filed here, were removed and now form Subseries 8.2:



Regional Newsletters. This series is arranged numerically by region; within each region the materials are arranged chronologically. The regions, and the states that belong to them, are as follows:

- Region I** Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
- Region II** New Jersey, New York
- Region III** Delaware, Maryland, Northern Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, West Virginia
- Region IV** Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southern Virginia, Tennessee
- Region V** Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio
- Region VI** Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
- Region VII** Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
- Region VIII** Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
- Region IX** California, Nevada
- Region X** Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington
- Region XI** Canada

Series 4: Chapter Files

Dates: 1971-1998 (bulk 1973-1987)

Extent: 6.5 linear feet

This series contains the records of the local Dignity chapters, including chapters in formation. The bulk of the materials relate to the Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, chapters. The Series is divided into two subseries: (1) Chapters (the records of all chapters with the exception of Los Angeles), and (2) Los Angeles.

Subseries 4.1: Chapters

Dates: 1971-1998 (bulk 1973-1987)

Extent: 3.4 linear feet

This subseries contains the records of the local Dignity chapters and chapters in formation, with the exception of Los Angeles. The records consist of brochures, correspondence, educational materials, fact sheets, flyers, membership materials, minutes, orders of service for masses held



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for gay and lesbians, political position statements, press releases, and statements of purpose and bylaws. The materials are arranged alphabetically by chapter name, and thereunder chronologically.

Subseries 4.2: Los Angeles, CA

Dates: 1970-1997 (bulk 1971-1985)

Extent: 3.1 linear feet

This subseries contains the records of the Los Angeles chapter of Dignity, which were separated from those of the other chapters because of their bulk. Although Dignity was founded in San Diego, the Los Angeles chapter, founded later the same year (1969), soon became larger—indeed, from shortly after its inception it has always been the largest chapter in the organization—and functioned as a de facto central administration before the National Office was created. The subseries therefore contains some materials that can be considered appropriate to the National Office. The subseries is divided into two subsubseries: (1) General Correspondence, and (2) Subject Files.

Subsubseries 4.2.1: General Correspondence

Dates: 1970-1997 (bulk 1971-1985)

Extent: 1.8 linear feet

This subsubseries comprises correspondence sent and received by the national and local officers and members of the Los Angeles chapter. Topics include chapter administrative matters, national issues, and counseling and support of members. The materials are arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with general information requests filed at the end.

Subsubseries 4.2.2: Subject Files

Dates: 1970-1997 (bulk 1973-1988)

Extent: 1.3 linear feet

This subsubseries comprises original subject files created by the Los Angeles chapter. Subjects include anniversaries/awards, brochures, calendar announcements, committees and groups, educational papers, elections, finances and fundraisings, flyers, meetings, membership, minutes, press releases, reports, and reprints. The materials are arranged alphabetically.

Series 5: *Newsweek* Advertisement

Dates: 1987-1988

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

This series documents the circumstances surrounding a full-page advertisement placed by Dignity in the April 27, 1987, issue of *Newsweek* magazine at a cost of \$25,289.41, in response to the Vatican's October 30, 1986, letter on homosexuality that prohibited Dignity chapters from meeting or celebrating mass on any church property. The materials include correspondence with *Newsweek*, and with *Time* magazine, which refused to publish the advertisement. The advertisement elicited considerable response. Many of the supportive replies were accompanied

by donations; many of the unfavorable replies, written on clippings of the advertisement itself, are homophobic and full of profanity and sexual epithets.

Series 6: Newspaper Clippings

Dates: 1970-1999 (bulk 1970-1985)

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

This series contains clippings of newspaper and popular magazine articles relating to Dignity and the Roman Catholic Church's attitude towards, and relations with, homosexuals. Topics include sex; homosexuality in general; the Roman Catholic Church's attitudes towards homosexuality; homosexual priests; abortion and the church; cross burning by the Ku Klux Klan; news about Dignity itself, including conferences, the election of officers, events, the formation of chapters, the celebration of mass, and relations with the local Roman Catholic hierarchy; the attitudes of other individuals and denominations towards homosexuals; and civil rights for homosexuals. The materials are arranged chronologically.

Series 7: Photographic Materials

Dates: 1969-1994

Extent: 0.3 linear feet

This series consists of photographs of Dignity conferences, conventions, events, meetings, religious services, the Christopher Street West Gay & Lesbian Pride Festival (1972), the musical *Dante*, street scenes, and Dignity officers and members. The series also includes slides depicting the 1979 San Diego Convention, *Dante* (musical), and religious blessings. The series is arranged chronologically.

Series 8: Publications/Newsletters

Dates: 1970-2000

Extent: 19.6 linear feet

This series comprises the newsletters published by the Dignity National Office, and by the organization's individual regions and chapters. It is divided into three subseries: (1) National/International, (2) Regional Newsletters, and (3) Chapter Newsletters.

Subseries 8.1: National/International Newsletters

Dates: 1970-2000

Extent: 0.9 linear feet

This subseries contains the newsletters published by the Dignity National Office, beginning in 1970 as a mimeographed two- to three-page letter, moving to a typeset newsletter format in 1971, to a newspaper format in 1988, and eventually to a journal format in 1990. The newsletters focus on news of national interest, and Dignity activities at the national level. The subseries is organized chronologically.

Subseries 8.2: Regional Newsletters

Dates: 1980-1993

Extent: 0.3 linear feet

This subseries contains the newsletters published by the Dignity regions. These newsletters facilitated communication between the director of the region and the chapters regarding discussions and decisions made at national and regional meetings and conferences. The holdings are fragmentary. The subseries is arranged by order of regions.

Subseries 8.3: Chapter Newsletters

Dates: 1971-2000 (bulk 1975-1993)

Extent: 18.4 linear feet

This subseries contains the newsletters published by each Dignity chapter. These newsletters give an insight into the various chapter activities such as schedules for mass, rap sessions, socials, as well as financial reports, messages from the chapter president, prayers, poetry, and editorials by various organization officers on the hot topics of the time or on some dispute within Dignity. Issues of chapter newsletters found elsewhere in the collection have been removed and consolidated in this subseries. The names, logos, and mastheads of chapter newsletters often changed over time, and the materials are therefore arranged alphabetically by the name of the chapter, then chronologically. Issues of the periodical *Insight: A Quarterly of Gay Catholic Opinion*, are included in the file for the New York chapter, which published it.

Series 9: Ephemera

Date: January 16, 1982

1 item

This series contains a single item: a light blue button commemorating the thirteenth birthday celebration for the organization held at the Frog Pond restaurant in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles in January 1982 (See: Subsubseries 4.4.2, file “Banquets, Birthdays”).



Container List

Series 1: National Office

Subseries 1.1: Board of Directors/House of Delegates

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- 1 2 Board of Directors/Board of Consultants (House of Delegates), Motions, 1979-1980
- 1 3 Executive Board/House of Delegates, Motions, October 1980-September 1981, 1983-1985

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- 1 4 Administrative Service Group Meeting Notes, 1972-1973
- 1 5-6 Board of Directors Meeting Notes, 1972
- 1 7 Board of Consultants (House of Delegates) Work Papers, Boston, MA, 1975
- 1 8 Board of Consultants (House of Delegates) Work Papers, Boston, MA, 1976
- 1 9 Board of Consultants (House of Delegates) Work Papers, Boston, MA, 1977-1978
- 1 10 Board of Consultants (House of Delegates) Minutes, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 1977 and Executive Committee Minutes, Chicago, IL, October 7-8, 1978
- 1 11 Executive Board Minutes and Motions, Houston, TX, February 17-18, 1979
- 1 12 Board of Directors Minutes, San Diego, CA, March 11-12, 1978
- 1 12 Executive Board Minutes, San Diego, CA, August 29-31, 1979
- 1 12 Executive House of Delegates Minutes, San Diego, CA, August 30-31, 1979

1980-1981

- 2 1 Executive Board Minutes, Vancouver, BC, October 10-13, 1980
- 2 2 Board of Directors Work Papers, Vancouver, BC, 1980
- 2 3 Notebook of Elinor Crocker, Secretary, Vancouver, BC, 1980
- 2 4 Board of Directors Minutes / Executive Board Minutes, Washington, DC, 1980-1981
- 2 5-9 Board of Directors Work Papers, Washington, DC, 1980-1981
- 2 10 Executive Minutes, Lubbock, TX, March 20-23, 1981
- 2 11 Board of Directors Work Papers, Lubbock, TX, March 20-23, 1981
- 3 1 Board of Directors Minutes, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-7, 1981
- 3 2 Executive House of Delegates Convention Minutes and Motions, Philadelphia, PA, September 3-4, 1981
- 3 3 Board of Directors Correspondence (Fifth Biennial International Convention), Philadelphia, PA, 1981
- 3 4 Board of Directors Work Papers, Philadelphia, PA, 1981

1982

- 3 5 Board of Directors Minutes, Denver, CO, April 11-13, 1982
- 3 5 Board of Directors Motions, Denver, CO, April 10-12, 1982
- 3 6 Board of Directors Minutes, Los Angeles, CA, October 8-11, 1982
- 3 7 Executive Board Motions, Los Angeles, CA, October 8-11, 1982
- 3 8 Board of Directors Work Papers, Los Angeles, CA, September-October, 1982

1983

- 3 9 Executive Board Minutes and Motions, Atlanta, GA, April 30-May 2, 1983
- 3 10 Board of Directors Work Papers, Atlanta, GA, 1983
- 4 1 Executive Board Minutes and Motions, Seattle, WA, August 30-September 5, 1983
- 4 2 Board of Directors Work Papers, Seattle, WA, July-August, 1983
- 4 3 Board of Directors Work Papers, Seattle, WA, August, 1983
- 4 4 Board of Directors Work Papers, Seattle, WA, 1983

1984

- 4 5 Executive Board Work Papers, Los Angeles, CA, January 20-22, 1984
- 4 6 Executive Ballots and Motions, Cleveland, OH, January-April, 1984
- 4 7 Executive Board Notebook, Cleveland, OH, January-April, 1984
- 4 8 Executive Board Minutes, Cleveland, OH, April 28, 1984
- 4 9-10 Executive Board Work Papers, Cleveland, OH, 1984
- 5 1 Executive House of Delegates Referendum Ballots, July, 1984
- 5 2 Executive House of Delegates Bylaw Amendment Ballots, July, 1984
- 5 3 Executive House of Delegates Bylaw Amendment Ballots, August, 1984
- 5 4 Executive House of Delegates Referendum Ballots, August, 1984
- 5 5 Executive House of Delegates Referendum Ballots, August, 1984
- 5 6 Executive House of Delegates Correspondence, September, 1984
- 5 7-8 Executive Board Work Papers, Chicago, IL, September-October, 1984
- 5 9 Executive Board Minutes, Chicago, IL, October 4-5, 1984
- 5 10 Executive House of Delegates Work Papers, Washington, DC, 1984
- 5 7 Special Election Ballot for Secretary, December, 1984

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- 6 1-4 House of Delegates Motions and Ballots, January 15, 1985
- 6 5 Board of Directors Minutes, Richmond, VA, April 27-28, 1985
- 6 6 Board of Directors Motions, Richmond, VA, April 27-28, 1985
- 6 7 Board of Directors Work Papers, Richmond, VA, April 27-28, 1985
- 6 8 Board of Directors Minutes, New York City, NY, August 18-25, 1985
- 6 9 Executive House of Delegates Delegate/Alternative/Proxy Signed Forms New York City, NY, August 20-25, 1985
- 6 10 Executive House of Delegates Delegate Credentials, New York City, NY, August 20-25, 1985
- 6 11-12 House of Delegates Work Papers, New York City, NY, August 20-25, 1985

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- 7 1 Board of Directors Minutes, Houston, TX, November 16-17, 1985
 - 7 2 Board of Directors Work Papers, Houston, TX, November 16-17, 1985

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 - 7 3 Board of Directors Minutes and Motions, Tucson, AZ, April 12-13, 1986
 - 7 4 Board of Director Work Papers, Tucson, AZ, April 12-13, 1986
 - 7 5 Board of Directors Minutes, Portland, OR, October 11-12, 1986
 - 7 6 Board of Directors Motions, Portland, OR, October 11-12, 1986
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 92 2 1978-1979
 92 3 1980
 92 4 1981
 92 5 1982
 92 6 1983



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65 17 Button issued by Dignity/Los Angeles celebrating the 13th anniversary of Dignity,
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