

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- April 10 GOOD FRIDAY
April 12 EASTER
April 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
April 25 Virtual Convention Committee Meetings
Go-To-Meeting On-Line
- May 1 Fourth Degree State Assembly
Go-To-Meeting On-Line
May 2 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION
Go-To-Meeting On-Line
May 10 MOTHERS DAY
May 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
May 25 Memorial Day
May 30 Feast of the Ascension
- June 1 Submit Articles - Louisiana Knight
June 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
June 21 FATHERS DAY
June 26-28 STATE FAMILY MEETING, Lafayette
June 30 Deadline-Report of Officers, Form 185
June 30 Deadline-Annual Report of KC Round Table, 2630
June 30 Deadline-RSVP Refund Application, Form 2863
June 30 Deadline-Columbian Award Application, SP7

A background image of several blue, glowing coronavirus particles. The particles are rendered in a wireframe style, showing their characteristic spherical shape with protruding spikes. They are set against a dark blue background with a subtle grid pattern.

Covid-19

Practice Social Distancing

CORONAVIRUS

Virtual State Convention May 2, 2020

**State Free Throw Cancelled
State Texas Hold 'Em Cancelled
State CYLA Judging Cancelled
State Disc Golf Cancelled**



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Brother KnightsAs we enter the 2020 Easter Season, we are faced with challenges we have never faced before. As Catholic Knights of Columbus, we are required to worship and practice our Faith in different ways and means than we have experienced before. In our Hearts we are devoted to our Faith, our Families and our Order. Let this Coronavirus Pandemic be an inspiration to renew ourselves in our Faith and Family to become better Catholics and Family Leaders. As Knights, our Church and our Families are looking to us to solve many of the challenges and problems created by the Coronavirus Pandemic. As Knights, we will find ways to overcome the restrictions, limitations and inconveniences imposed by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Louisiana State Council's priority is for the Safety and Health of our Members and their Families. We must practice Social Distancing. We must look for Virtual solutions to practicing our Faith and conduction our Knights of Columbus operations and activities. By working together, we can overcome any challenges presented to us and become stronger in addressing the challenge. For us as Knights in Louisiana,

Charity is our Belief
Unity is our Strength
Fraternity is our Bond
Patriotism is our Commitment!

Together we achieve this be being United in Spirit!

We are all in this together and need to rely on each other

At this time, with the Focus of our efforts on the Safety and Health of our Members and their Families as our Priority, we must not forget our Council's health and long term survivability as well. There are many who depend on the Charitable works, donations and contributions from our Councils. These good works and support from our Councils must continue in one form or another. We must find creative solutions to continue the support our Councils provide to the Church, our Families and the Community. We must communicate with our Council Membership. Now is a great time to practice our Fraternalism in contacting our Members, check on them and reassure them that they are not alone and have the Knights to support them in the time of need. We are all in this together as Brothers in the Knights of Columbus. We need to follow-up on prospects that expressed interest, but have not yet become Knights to let them know we are concerned about their well-being and renew the invitation to join the Knights of Columbus. Outreaching to the Catholic Community via phone calls to Parishioners in your Parish, with the Pastor's approval, is an opportunity to demonstrate to them that the Knights are concerned with their well-being and are interested in

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My staff and I have embarked, for the past few weeks, to call all our families to simply see how folks are doing in quarantine. Before I made one call, I remember seeing on that parishioner's Facebook page a picture of a heaping plate of homemade cookies with the caption "Who's coming over?" that was recently posted. When I called, being the good pastor that I am, I told her she probably shouldn't be inviting people to come to her house since it was quite contrary to the principles of social distancing. But I was curious, and I wanted to know exactly who came over to eat those 36 divine cookies. Her answer? **No one**. She said, "Father, I did that screencap with the picture of the cookies I made it sort of like a joke. I never bake, but I was so depressed that day, I made cookies. And I didn't have a soul to share them with. Extending that invitation that no one could possibly accept was just part of me dealing with my loneliness. It was my way of expressing my feelings with the hope someone would hear me!"

The more phone calls I make, the more I am convinced that we are fighting an epidemic, but not the one of which you're thinking! The epidemic of loneliness is real and is out there. I don't know about you, but this Coronavirus has surely revealed something to me. Folks are fighting loneliness right now partially because Catholicism is not meant to be done alone; these tough

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It is of great delight that I am able to thank Worthy State Deputy Rennan J. Duffour, State and Supreme Officers, Friends, and Brother Knights, for choosing me as the Chairman of the Youth Expansion Program (YEP) Fundraiser drive. I would also like to express sincere gratitude to each and every Knight of Columbus their Council and KC supporters for their generous donation, enthusiasm and support to the 2019-2020 YEP Fundraising Program.

Your donations have been a tremendous help in sustaining the YEP programs. For example your donations will help to improve and enrich the lives of children with profound developmental disabilities at the St. Mary's Training Facility. The St. Mary's Training Facility provides a safe and loving environment for the children to grow and develop mentally so that they can reach their full potential. Your willingness to help children at the St. Mary's Training Facility and throughout our State is very commendable.

Here are some of the other great programs that your donations help make available: Seminary Donations; Columbian Squires; Catholic Student Centers in each Archdiocese; Pro-Life Camp; Soccer Challenge; Free Throw; Youth Retreats; Catholic Youth Leadership Awards;

As of this print date, the councils have given unselfishly a grand total of \$83,929.00 to YEP. Some of the KC Councils donated at the end of last fraternal year and their donations are recorded on last year's transmittal and this year's award sheet. The program will run until the end of June for this Columbian year. I will continue to collect donations after the Convention deadline because it is essential for us to reach our goal and support these programs. It has been a pleasure serving as the YEP chairman this Columbian Year. Thank you again.

'18 YEP Goal

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$83,929



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assisting them if needed. Extend an invitation to join our Catholic Fraternal Order of the Knights of Columbus. Online Membership is the perfect recruiting tool during this time of Social Distancing. As a current benefit to recruit new Online Membership, the Supreme Council is offering a 50% Discount for their first annual Membership Fee for those who sign up from April 5 through April 18, 2020. The code to receive the Discount is NEIGHBOR2020 .

As most of you have heard by now, the physical 2020 Louisiana State Convention in Baton Rouge has been cancelled and replaced with the Virtual 2020 Louisiana State Convention. The Virtual 2020 Louisiana State Convention will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Informa-

tion has already been send to Councils on Delegate Registration and Nomination Forms for State Office and Supreme Convention Delegate. If you have questions concerning Delegate Registration or Nomination Forms, please contact the State Administrator, Robert Boudreaux at lakc@bellsouth.net . Details on how to attend and participate in the Virtual 2020 Louisiana State Convention will be sent to all Councils prior to the virtual meeting ... so reserve the May 2 date to attend.

I would like to thank all of you for the Leadership and Support you have demonstrated as dedicated Knights of Columbus Members. It is times like this that exhibit the the true heart, nature and character of men. When many are confused, our way of live is changed and the need for assistance is on the rise; Leadership becomes a scarce commodity. I am proud to say that the Knights of Columbus is rising to the challenge, stepping into the Breach and providing that Leadership for our Churches, Families and Communities.

I have received reports of some of our Brothers Knights or their Family Members contacting the Coronavirus. The Officers of the State Council pray for them and ask you to pray with us, for them and all individuals suffering from the Coronavirus to receive God's Grace for a speedy recovery. Also, we thank the heroes in the Medical Profession and pray for their protection from contracting the Coronavirus.

Please stay Safe and Wash Hands ... Wash Hands ... Wash Hands!

Fr. McGivney, we ask for your intervention to protect us.

Vivat Jesus!



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Convention Changes

While we go through these everchanging times with this virus and the restrictions that have been put in place, it is our hope that you and your families are well. With the uncertainty of this COVID-19 virus and the daily changes of things know that your KC officers and leadership is working hard to have a convention in a safe manner for you. The safety of you and your family is our main concern.

We have cancelled all previous convention contracts, which INCLUDES your room reservations at the hotels. According to the Crown Plaza and the other hotels you will NOT need to cancel your reservation as when we cancel the room block your reservation will automatically be cancelled. You will be refunded all your convention expenses via check or return of check. This will include registration fees for brother knights, ladies and other guests, financial secretaries with other associated FS fees, shrimp boil, golf, bowling, dance or any other fees associated with convention.

The convention with the recommendation of Supreme and the State Council is moving to a virtual convention. At this time the virtual convention is planned for May 2, 2020. Please watch your email for additional important convention information. This will be an online convention via virtual meeting and voting which will only last a couple hours to handle the business of the Louisiana Knights of Columbus. Committees meetings will be handled the week prior on April 25, 2020. All information you will need will be emailed to your Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of record prior to the convention

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Every year seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary College are asked to participate in Mission Trips. These trips provide seminarians with the opportunity to experience the missionary dimension of pastoral Ministry. These trips continue to be very valuable to our seminarians in their formation to become our future priest.

Seminarians who in their Senior year at St. Joseph Seminary are encouraged to participate in Mission Trips. This past year seminarians from St. Joseph Seminary participated in Mission Trips in Guatemala, Chicago and Eldorado Texas. First year seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary are also encouraged to participate in Mission Trips as part of their priestly formation. In past staff and seminarians have traveled to foreign countries like Puerto Rica and

Nicaragua, however with the travel restrictions the staff decided to participate in Mission Trips in El Paso Texas.

During the last several years, the Louisiana State Council has conducted a state-wide raffle to raise funds that directly used to help fund the Mission Trips that taken by both Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All net proceeds from this raffle is evenly split between the two Seminaries.

This part year many Councils and Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the state participated in this fund raiser. The State Council also sold online raffle tickets through our State Website. By the 2019-2020 campaign came to an end at Grand Knight Day on January 25, 2020, the State Council was able to raise over \$45, 000. Even after all expenses and prizes were paid the State Council chose to donate \$20,000.00 to both seminaries.

Since beginning our online tickets sells in 2018, this year marked the first year, that one of our lucky winners was Brett Cormier from St. Jean Vianney Council in Baton Rouge. Brett, was the first Brother Knight during this year's campaign that purchased online raffle tickets and his name was pulled as our big and 1st Place Prize of \$5,000.00. Our lucky winners were Brother Knight Pat Baudier from St Peter Council 12906 in Covington, Fr. Cody Chatagnier- a member of St Ann Council 8932 in Bourg, Mark Booth – a member of Monroe Council 1337 from Monroe and Bob Skapura- a member of Pope John XXIII.

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date and time.

All prior council delegate and registrations for convention have been cancelled. You will need to reregister your two (2) council delegates so they can vote. A registration form for delegates will be emailed to you and must register by deadline on form. Also a nomination form for anyone choosing to run for an elected State office or for delegate to the Supreme convention will be emailed to you. No other council members will need to register, although others can view the meeting.

Brothers, these are uncharted waters for all of us so please be understanding with the changes that are taking place. Yes, there will be a lot of things needed to make this happen and technology will be put into place for this to happen but know that your State officers and leadership are working hard to make this as easy as possible for all.

Please pray for all those who have been affected by this virus and I ask for your patience and understanding.



Convention Agenda

Saturday, April 25...Go-To-Meeting

- 9:00am - Audit Committee**
- 9:30am - Budget & Finance Committee**
- 10:00am - Credentials Committee**
- 10:30am - Elections Committee**
- 11:00am - Felicitation Committee**
- 11:30am - Good of the Order Committee**
- 12:00pm - Memorials Committee**
- 12:30pm - Minutes Committee**
- 1:00pm - Resolutions Committee**

Friday, May 1...Go-To-Meeting

- 9:00am - 4th Degree Bi-Annual Meeting**
- 12:00pm - Adjourn**

Saturday, May 2...Go-To-Meeting

- 10:30am - Open Meeting**
- Business Session**
- Reports...Budget, Resolutions, Elections**
- 12:30pm - Adjourn**



Delmas Forbes (L) presents Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle Winner Brett Cormier the First Prize check of \$5000 during Grand Knights Day Festivities in Lafayette.



Seminary Mission Fund Donation to Notre Dame Seminary



Seminary Mission Fund Donation to St. Joseph Seminary

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times continue to prove that without friendship, community and relationship, we are incomplete. We need to live life with each other!

Loneliness is what we feel when we're isolated from others and it often has less to do with others' physical absence and more to do with feeling disconnected or alienated from them. Or misunderstood by them. In fact, these are far more painful species than mere absence, because we feel the isolation of being despised and rejected.

We all experience loneliness at some time or another. People we care about come and go. Even our most treasured relationships can fail leaving a dark hole inside. Sometimes, it feels like there is nobody around at all when in fact there are people all around. Loneliness is loss. It's not just a matter of being along, of being bored or dissatisfied with a solitary life. When we're lonely, we feel damaged, rejected, and abandoned. We desperately want someone to tell me or show me they want to be around me. Which leads to a flood of questions. "What is the matter with me? When lonely, we doubt our self-worth and why we are alone. And sometimes living in loneliness becomes comfortable.

Jesus experienced loneliness too. It was on the cross the moment he became sin for us. In that unfathomably horrible, incomprehensibly lonely moment, he felt forsaken by his Father and all those he loved. He was ravaged physically and spiritually "beyond human semblance." Having spent his earthly life estranged by his sinfulness, he was estranged by the sin he willingly bore — *our* sin. No one has experienced or understands the depths of loneliness like Jesus.

We're not Jesus, but what can we do in these times of loneliness? Well, here are some pointers. First, if you're lonely, know your self-worth. You're loved; you're valuable; you're worthy. God loves you infinitely. Don't forget that. Let this truth inform your heart of who you truly are, and don't believe

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Virtual State Council Meeting Procedures

The following are the procedures approved by the Supreme Board of Directors for using FLS Connect or Go-To-Meeting to organize and conduct your 2020 Virtual State Meeting.

Prior to the State Council Virtual Meeting

- At least 7 days before the scheduled date of the 2020 State Council Virtual Meeting, notify all local councils about the date and time. Let them know that it will be conducted “virtually”, and that Delegates will participate by telephone or computer. Also let them know that the following materials are available for review now (or soon will be):

- o 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes and Reports of Committees
- o Reports of Officers
- o Resolutions & Budget (if required) for the ‘20-’21 fraternal year
- o Special Rules of Order for 2020 State Council Virtual Meeting

- If required, obtain and publicize nominations for:

- o State Officers
- o Insurance & Associate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting
- o Alternate Insurance & Associate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting

- One week before the Meeting, contact each council to confirm which of its designated Delegates or Alternates will actually participate as voting Delegates at the Meeting. You must also obtain the telephone number that each Delegate will use to participate in the Meeting. This is extremely important. During the Meeting, a Delegate’s telephone number will act as a credential to allow him to participate. This information should be provided to the State Secretary, and he will compile a preliminary deegate list that contains the name, council number, membership number and telephone number for each Delegate who will actually participate in the Meeting.

- The list of Delegates will be finalized 48 hours prior to the start of the Meeting. No changes will be permitted after that time, even if it means that a council will not be represented.

- Notify all district deputies, past state deputies and state staff that only State Officers, elected Delegates from eligible councils, and selected designees of the State Deputy will be allowed to attend the 2020 State Council Meeting.

- Notify all councils of the time of the State Meeting, that confirmed voting Delegates will be called through the number they provided, that the State Deputy’s designees may contact them to confirm their status as a Delegate, and anyone who is not an official Delegate will be removed from the call. It is important that they wait for the call, and not try to call in. That will cause problems. If the call is not received by a designated number of minutes after a designated time, Delegates can call a phone line provided by the State Council to join the Meeting and they will be screened as an official Delegate and allowed to participate.

- o It is important that Delegates wait for the call and not call in unless absolutely necessary. Also, they must call from the telephone number that was previously provided. If a Delegate tries to call in using a different number, he will probably not be able to participate. This is comparable to a Delegate losing his pass or credential at an in-person meeting.

- Submit the list of delegates to FLS 24 hours in advance, in the following format:

- o Council # Delegate Name, Delegate telephone number

- The State Advocate must conduct a virtual Meeting of the Resolutions Committee to prepare the Report of the Resolutions Committee prior to the State Council Meeting by using the technology selected by the State Council.

- Supreme Council and FLS will provide training to the State Officers and others who will be involved in the Meeting.

During the State Council Virtual Meeting

- Follow the approved script, which includes an abbreviated order of business, as closely as

possible to ensure staying on topic and completing the State Meeting in timely manner.

- The FLS system uses the terms “Hosts” and “Participants.” Hosts have access to the website and can control the meeting. Participants listen by telephone and participate in voting by pressing numbers as instructed. The State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy, and at least three Past State Deputies (or other State Deputy designees) should be “Hosts.” It is suggested

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the lies.

Second, you must become uncomfortable and take a few risks. Sometimes you must lead with your own vulnerability, inviting people to accompany you in this struggle. It’s not easy; people might not respond how you want them to respond. But there must be intentionality in the relationship. There also must be availability to the other; authenticity is a must as is accountability. In other words, we have to be willing to take off the masks that we hide behind to show the simple reality of who we are. It takes time; it takes trust; and it doesn’t just happen in times of quarantine but extends far beyond.

And third, real community helps conquer loneliness. And how do you accomplish this? Look at Jesus for a plan. He always spent times with the other, growing in relationships, challenging them, holding them accountable, letting them fail, forgiving them, and giving them real opportunities.

Yes, it’s a lonely world for us all right now, partially because we simply can’t be together. But in this time of solitude, I think there’s a place we can start to build meaningful relationships. So hold off on those cookies, at least for now. We’ll all be ready to gorge ourselves, together, on a few batches soon!



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that Past State Deputies (or State Deputy designees) serve as “screeners” to interact with Delegates who have a reason to speak, and as the Judge and Tellers for voting.

- In light of the expense associated with conducting virtual state meetings, which is based on the duration of each meeting and the number of delegates in attendance, it is strongly recommended that State Councils limit the number of resolutions that would be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary for consideration at the Supreme Convention, bearing in mind that certain resolutions may require extended discussion and selecting only those that are absolutely necessary.
- Recognition of councils or members achieving certain status should not be announced during this State Meeting. State Councils should consider recognizing them at another appropriate time when gatherings are permitted.
- Charitable distributions made by the State Council should also not be announced during this Meeting.
- A representative from FLS has been approved to attend every State Council Meeting, to assist in technical matters, if required.
- Delegates’ telephones need not be muted. The Hosts will control muting and, if necessary, may have to disconnect a Delegate’s connection if it is causing undue interference with the Meeting.
- Hosts must be muted in order to cast a vote.
- Quorum. The continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating delegates provided by the system. The quorum is a majority of those on the official roll of delegates participating that is submitted by the Credentials Committee at the Meeting.
- Recognition to Speak. To seek recognition to speak, a Delegate shall press *3 on his phone. He may be contacted by the State Deputy’s designee(s) to verify the intent to speak. The delegate shall not mute his phone. If he needs to address the meeting, he will be put through. This is similar to a radio program where callers are screened and then permitted to speak to listeners.
- Method of Voting. The voting will be conducted through secret electronic balloting by pressing numbers or symbols on Delegates’ telephones as instructed by the State Deputy unless, due to technological problems, another voting method is directed by the State Deputy.



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The 45th annual campaign to aid Mental Disability Fund (MDF Campaign) ran from April 1st, 2019 through March 31st, 2020. For the many council’s that participated in the MDF Campaign, I thank you very much!! For councils that did not participate in the fund drive, I invite you to please consider joining us in next year’s MDF Campaign 2020-2021 beginning April 1st 2020. Our commitment to support this worthy and just campaign is of high importance for the many special Brothers and Sisters who benefit from our good deeds of charity.

This year our goal was \$200,000.00. The total reported through council’s Financial Reports was \$129,725.35. I know this year was low, but I will talking with councils who may have questions about having a M.D.F. Campaign fund raisers for this new Fraternal Year.

I want to thank the councils who have also chosen to make St. Mary’s a part of one of your beneficiaries.

My Brothers I thank you for your continued support for the M.D.F. Campaign, and please always remember that this is “an act of love and hope for God’s special citizens.”God Bless”

Vivat Jesus!!



What Is Corona Virus

A novel coronavirus is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified. The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold.

A diagnosis with coronavirus 229E, NL63, OC43, or HKU1 is not the same as a COVID-19 diagnosis. Patients with COVID-19 will be evaluated and cared for differently than patients with common coronavirus diagnosis.

On February 11, 2020 the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China. The new name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as "2019 novel coronavirus" or "2019-nCoV".

There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses. COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans. The name of this disease was selected following the World Health Organization (WHO) best practice external icon external icon for naming of new human infectious diseases.



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Recently the Louisiana State Council conducted the judging for the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. All our Diocesan winners will receive a special religious trophy, all 2nd place winners will receive \$100 and a special certificate and all first-place winners will receive \$200 and a little larger religious trophy.

We would like to congratulate our top two winners in each age category.

5-7-Year-Old-

1st Place- Kaelynn Welch from Council 2807 in Baton Rouge,

2nd Place- Addie Hogan from Council 8840 in Matthews.

8-10-Year-Old-

1st Place- Aaron Keller from Council 2657 in Gonzales.

2nd Place- Patrick d'Hemecourt from Council 12906 in Covington

11-14-Year-Old-

1st Place_ Tu-Quyen Nguyen from Council 2807 in Baton Rouge

2nd Place_ Emma Malloy from Council 10728 in Shreveport.

Recently, we have news that our Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program will continue as planned. We will be conducting our third drawing of the year either around the later part of March or first part of April and our last drawing will occur at the end of June. Each quarter the State Council will draw five winners and each winner will receive \$500 to assist with their Catholic school tuition. Remember any Brother Knight or widow of a former Knight who has children in a Catholic School in grades PreK-12 Grade can enroll their children in this program. There are incentives in this program for new Brother Knights and those Knights who are enrolled in this program and is successful in recruiting new Knights.

Throughout this fraternal year, students from the following schools have benefited from this program: Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, St. John Elementary in Centerville, St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette, St. Frederick High School in Monroe, St. Alphonsus Catholic School in Baton Rouge, St. Elizabeth School in Paincourtville, St. Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge, John Paul the Great Academy in Lafayette, Mount Carmel Academy in Abbeville and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School in Mandeville.

Last year students from schools in Laplace, Thibodeaux, Metairie, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, a Home Based school based in Virginia, Shreveport, Lake Charles, Slidell, Mandeville, Franklin, Plaquemine, Church Point benefited from this program.

Gumbo Cook-Off Winners



State Deputy Rennan Duffour (left) presents Gumbo Cook-Off Winner Awards to St. Leo the Great Council 5345, Lafayette, Grand Knight Dale Bourgeois, Ethan Stevens, Greg Menard and Edward Stevens. Not pictured Larry Aucoin and Carl Barry.

WANTED
Assistant Webmaster

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 Experience**

Preferably in PHP

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Since I wrote the last article in January, who would have ever guessed that so much of our fraternal year would be dominated by COVID-19, yet here we are. When we watched the news before Christmas and kept an eye on the events shaping up in China, I don't think anyone would have predicted that we would all be facing stay-at-home orders and the cancellation of almost all fraternal and social events in our own country much less our own parishes. Who would have ever thought that we would not even be allowed in our own churches on Easter Sunday? We shrugged our shoulders, and most of us didn't see this coming, but here we are. What can we do? Check in on the members of your council, your neighbors, and the members of your church community. **And pray for an end to this virus.**

I was going to report all the membership numbers and highlight

the number of councils that have made quota and the number of councils that are close, but right now those numbers aren't important. The only numbers that are important is the number of the sick and dying in our own families and communities. We must do what we can to keep those numbers as low as possible, and that means to **practice our social distancing and stay as safe as possible.** As Knights of Columbus, we understand the true meaning of fraternalism, and I am sure that we all miss the socializing that dominates all that we do. However, we can remain fraternal! I ask each of you to contact your brother knights, check in on them, and see how everyone is doing. Grand Knights, now is the time to communicate, communicate, and communicate some more. The Supreme council and the State council are sending out important information daily. You must get this information to your officers and your members. Convention will be done virtually for the first time, and important information has already been shared. Let's all be prepared! Be on the lookout for ever emerging details!

Brothers, I look forward to a return to normalcy and to the day that we can once again socialize and fraternalize in person. Until then, I ask each of you to remain vigilant and determined. We will get through this and persevere because **we are Knights**, and that is what we do! I pray for all of you daily that you will come through this unscathed. I hope to see you at our virtual convention.

Vivat Jesus



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Brothers, I hope all is going well for you and your families during this very difficult time with the Coronavirus. It is our faith that will get us through this. I'm especially praying for my brothers and sisters in New Orleans. Just know that your brother knights will always be there for you.

We are wrapping up another State year March 31. By the time this publication reaches you our deadline of April 5 to submit all the forms necessary for the State Deputy award will have passed. I wish you all good luck on achieving the State Deputy award. Please don't let the remainder of the fraternal year pass by without getting a good start on our next State year. Keep the faith in all that you do and keep promoting the Knights of Columbus in your Church parishes.

Vivat Jesus

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EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the Formation and Knighthood degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy Rennan Duffour. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed.

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Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3061	Covington	9	-1
0969	Baton Rouge	8	0	3068	New Orleans	7	2
0970	Plaquemine	20	7	3088	Hessmer	5	1
1087	Donaldsonville	11	0	3091	Westwego	7	-1
1099	Napoleonville	16	2	3150	Cut Off	10	0
1108	Shreveport	6	0	3200	Alexandria	6	2
1114	Thibodaux	19	0	3202	Lafayette	9	-2
1134	Alexandria	10	5	3208	Lake Charles	7	2
1173	Opelousas	4	-5	3246	New Orleans	7	1
1199	Cottonport	5	0	3298	Baton Rouge	6	0
1207	Lake Charles	4	1	3331	Baton Rouge	5	0
1208	New Iberia	10	-1	3353	Oberlin	5	-2
1217	Marksville	10	4	3356	Cecilia	5	0
1276	St. Martinville	8	2	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	11	8	3407	Shreveport	13	2
1317	Houma	9	1	3409	Opelousas	6	4
1337	Monroe	13	7	3411	New Orleans	6	0
1357	Natchitoches	14	0	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	4	0	3465	Metairie	6	5
1420	Franklin	4	1	3470	Lafayette	6	3
1425	Jeanerette	6	5	3475	Elton	11	0
11437	New Orleans	16	8	3496	Port Barre	10	0
1514	Vacherie	15	0	3528	Kenner	6	1
1710	Patterson	11	-20	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1724	Algiers	6	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	6	3	3622	Moss Bluff	12	2
1754	Ville Platte	5	10	3634	Norco	19	0
1817	Gramercy	15	-1	3642	West Monroe	7	1
1819	Bogalusa	7	7	3662	Basile	5	0
1897	Rayne	8	-3	3729	New Orleans	16	5
1905	Gretna	13	6	3743	Baton Rouge	14	7
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	13	1
1998	New Roads	5	1	3796	St Gabriel	8	2
2012	Jennings	11	2	3854	Harahan	10	0
2142	Plaucheville	6	1	3857	DeRidder	7	3
2150	Morganza	5	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	9	0	3872	Erath	10	2
2395	Bunkie	7	2	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	12	1	4010	Mansura	4	0
2409	Luling	15	3	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	15	2
2436	Reserve	8	3	4085	Baker	10	4
2504	Church Point	10	0	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	13	-2	4156	Leesville	12	0
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	1
2732	Slidell	17	5	4309	Centerville	8	6
2807	Baton Rouge	15	2	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	2	4508	Metairie	6	3
2875	Port Allen	9	0	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	-7	4562	Lake Charles	14	5
2893	Kinder	9	0	4663	Metairie	8	1
2913	Kaplan	8	-1	4676	Loreauville	6	1
2925	New Orleans	6	-5	4683	Lafayette	5	-1
2952	Hammond	17	0	4761	Raceland	6	0
2972	Moreauville	5	3	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	12	0
3006	Iowa	9	6	4818	Zwolle	4	0
3012	Lake Arthur	9	-1	4873	Bossier City	25	9
3014	Creole	8	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	5
3015	Sulphur	9	3	4906	Evangeline	4	1
3048	Bell City	7	2	4927	Parks	6	8
3054	Lockport	12	2	5013	Chauvin	18	1
3055	Gueydan	9	0	5022	Lake Charles	6	0

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5048	Pine Prairie	4	4	8843	Leroy	4	0	11491	Mowata	4	0
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5111	New Iberia	9	1	8878	Lakeland	12	4	11792	New Iberia	4	3
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8898	Larose	15	3	11814	Pearl River	4	0
5301	Metairie	4	0	8901	Lafayette	11	8	11857	Vacherie	8	0
5345	Lafayette	4	0	8906	Thibodaux	7	2	12060	Thibodaux	8	3
5352	Pierre Part	5	1	8932	Bourg	7	0	12061	Many	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	12068	Grosse Tete	4	4
5499	Crowley	11	0	8978	North Sulphur	10	3	12072	Mandeville	12	10
5530	Baton Rouge	13	4	9000	Golden Meadow	10	-3	12103	Lecompte	4	1
5532	Lawtell	5	1	9007	Metairie	6	0	12115	New Orleans	4	0
5627	Independence	8	2	9016	Baton Rouge	0	0	12163	Milton	6	2
5747	Chalmette	14	3	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	0	12179	Morgan City	4	0
5755	Westlake	9	1	9107	New Orleans	7	0	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
5935	Laplace	11	9	9110	Jennings	4	0	12245	Franklinton	4	1
6057	Youngsville	9	2	9217	Belle Deau	4	2	12285	Schriever	7	0
6103	Vinton	11	3	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12529	Abita Springs	12	0
6170	Houma	6	2	9240	Mandeville	18	7	12686	Metairie	6	1
6211	Bayou Vista	6	0	9247	Baton Rouge	11	8	12906	Covington	13	5
6324	Monroe	4	12	9260	Shreveport	8	2	12989	Lacombe	11	2
6326	Denham Springs	18	4	9281	Lacassine	4	0	12997	New Iberia	9	-1
6357	Belle Chasse	11	5	9294	Echo	4	4	13145	Baton Rouge	4	5
6369	Avondale	5	0	9338	Houma	6	2	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
6389	St Amant	10	6	9347	Metairie	6	1	13296	Kolin	4	-3
6496	Abbeville	14	0	9384	Marrero	4	0	13349	Waggaman	4	4
6531	Baton Rouge	0	0	9415	New Orleans	5	1	13397	Thibodaux	8	2
6746	Kenner	4	0	9418	Fifth Ward	5	8	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
6753	French Settlement	10	2	9436	Richard	23	0	13425	River Ridge	8	4
6870	Terrytown	5	1	9623	Laplace	15	29	13505	Alexandria	6	4
6873	Baldwin	5	2	9692	Baton Rouge	12	2	13632	Baton Rouge	5	3
6958	Carencro	7	1	9753	Tioga	5	1	13819	Houma	7	3
6959	Egan	7	6	9769	Slidell	4	3	13931	Lake Charles	10	-9
7033	Ragley	4	1	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	14542	Lafayette	6	-3
7050	Rynella	6	0	9933	Luling	9	4	14614	Covington	7	6
7084	Berwick	4	0	9935	Duralde	4	0	14657	Pineville	7	2
7226	Marrero	5	0	9973	Slidell	16	1	14822	Kenner	7	5
7275	Lafayette	13	7	10045	Winnfield	23	0	15006	Lake Charles	8	0
7350	Barataria	17	2	10057	Harvey	4	1	15064	Baton Rouge	6	0
7355	Houma	11	5	10080	Zachary	7	3	15133	Madisonville	8	-7
7411	Mire	4	0	10156	New Orleans	24	0	15228	Fishville	4	0
7557	Broussard	20	-9	10176	Folsom	5	3	15390	Marrero	19	0
7568	Scott	9	9	10178	Albany	7	0	15477	Lafayette	4	0
7657	Bayou Blue	5	0	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15501	New Orleans	4	1
7722	Dulac	7	0	10269	Fenton	22	0	15615	Amelia	4	0
7856	St Francisville	6	-3	10293	Lafayette	12	0	15676	New Orleans	5	5
8029	Alexandria	7	1	10349	Henderson	4	0	15731	Pineville	4	0
8030	Livonia	4	0	10428	Eunice	5	6	15892	Harvey	4	0
8031	Swartz	4	2	10455	Baton Rouge	9	3	16094	Shreveport	4	7
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10564	Simmesport	4	0	16182	Metairie	6	0
8058	Carlyss	10	2	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	16355	Bossier City	4	1
8147	Gonzales	9	-1	10612	Houma	6	1	16362	Houma	4	4
8322	Maplewood	7	4	10613	Baton Rouge	4	0	16849	Abbeville	4	1
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10645	Lacombe	4	0	17205	St. Benedict	4	20
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10717	Mermentau	5	0	17413	New Orleans	0	11
8342	Prairieville	22	21	10721	Judice	7	1				
8371	Amelia	4	3	10728	Shreveport	7	3				
8438	Campti	18	0	10744	Brusly	6	3				
8442	Violet	4	0	10745	Cankton	5	2				
8546	Metairie	8	0	10800	Kraemer	7	2				
8583	Morse	7	0	10824	Ruston	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	8	3	10902	Lydia	4	1				
8615	Gretna	5	2	10911	Amite	6	1				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	5	7	10912	Hammond	24	0				
8703	Port Sulphur	5	5	11060	Tickfaw	4	0				
8743	Chackbay	9	1	11061	Labadieville	5	-7				
8770	Maurice	8	1	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0				
8779	Theriot	13	2	11212	Cow Island	4	0				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11270	Opelousas	7	3				
8840	Mathews	6	2	11407	Grand Lake	4	2				

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Former CYLA Winners

A KC pilot program in 1959 honored Joel Jude Moreau of Hessmer and Donald Mayeux of Mamou, a Eunice attorney. Formalized by action at the 1959 convention, the KC's Catholic Youth Leadership awards have been annually presented ever since with girl honorees being added in 1971. Our former winners are as follows:

1960 Laverne Thomas III of Baton Rouge High
 1961 Lawrence P. Simon Jr., Catholic High, New Iberia
 1962 Charles W. Thomas, St. Mary's High, Natchitoches
 1963 Harry Johnson III, Jesuit High, New Orleans
 1964 Howard G. Maestri, Jesuit High, New Orleans
 1965 Joseph E. LeBlanc Jr., Fatima High, Lafayette
 1966 Jeffrey Paul Chicola, Menard High, Alexandria
 1967 Timothy C. Flynn, Catholic High, Baton Rouge
 1968 Edwin L. Goss II of Harahan, Jesuit High, Nw Orlns
 1969 Richard William Richoux, Cor Jesuit High, Nw Orlns
 1970 Timothy McElroy, Terrebonne High, Houma
 1971 Mary M. Voelkel, Mt. Carmel, New Orleans
 1971 Katry M. Martin, Notre Dame, Crowley
 1972 Mary Odille Broussard, Cathedral Carmel, Lafayette
 1972 Henry C. Perret, Fatima High, Lafayette
 1973 Rene Lorio, Hahnville High
 1973 Kathy Robichaux, Mercy High School, St. Martinville
 1974 Julie Theresa Dartz , St. Louis High, Lake Charles
 1974 Robert Scott Appleby, Jesuit High, Shreveport
 1975 Geralyn Anne Bergeron, Vandebilt High, Houma
 1975 Mark Delesdernier III, Holy Cross, New Orleans
 1976 Michelle Ann John, Notre Dame, Crowley
 1976 Jay James Luke, Vandebilt High, Houma
 1977 Julie Cowan, St. Vincent, Shreveport
 1977 Mark Zielinski, Catholic High, Baton Rouge
 1978 Erin Fury, Chapelle High, Metairie
 1978 Dana Fouchi, Rummel High, Metairie
 1979 Mary Kate Mahoney, Broadmoor High, Baton Rouge
 1979 Charles Duane Lemaire, East Ascension High, Gnzls
 1980 Kimberly Marie Guillory, St. Edmond High, Eunice
 1980 Wade Paul Richard, Crowley High School
 1981 Peggy Fontenot, Fatima High, Lafayette
 1981 Jonathan Huckaby, St. Edmond High, Eunice
 1982 Laura Claverie, Archbishop Blenk High, Gretna
 1982 Michael Black, Jesuit High, Shreveport
 1983 Charlotte Chatelain, St. Joseph High, Plaquemine
 1983 Bryan Sibley, Crowley High School
 1984 Rene Gravois, Baton Rouge High School
 1984 David Smith, Archbishop Rummel High, Metairie
 1985 Stephanie Marie Andry, Slidell High School
 1985 Michael Knoblock, E.D. White High, Thibodaux
 1986 Sandra Mary Banowitz, Vandebilt High, Houma
 1986 Richard "Chad" Haydel, Vandebilt High, Houma
 1987 Dru Erin McGovern, East Ascension High, Gonzales
 1987 Douglas Edwin Politz, Catholic High, Baton Rouge

1988 Shawn E Carney, Academy of Sacred Heart, Esthrwd
 1988 Jared Michael Guidry, South Lafourche High, Larose
 1989 Ann Robin Rasberry, Iota High School
 1989 Douglas T. McHaffie, Archbishop Shaw, Marrero
 1990 Allison Defatta, Parkway High, Bossier City
 1990 Monte Danos, South Lafourche High, Cut Off
 1991 Allison Williams, Terrebonne High School, Houma
 1991 Ethan Cheramie, South Lafourche High, Gldn Meadow
 1992 Bridge Rideau, Ursuline Academy, Harvey
 1992 Stephen A. Morgan Jr, Jesuit High School, Jefferson
 1993 Courtney A. Schexnayder, St. Charles High, LaPlace
 1993 James F. deMahy, Catholic High of New Iberia
 1994 Stephanie Francis Resweber , St. Martinville Sr High
 1994 Kelly James Boudreaux Jr, St. Martinville Sr High
 1995 Deanna Miller, Catholic High of Pointe Coupee,
 1995 Robbie Gautreau, South Lafourche High School, Larose
 1996 Amy Mediamolle, St. Scholastica, Mandeville
 1996 Michael E. Paulhs, Jesuit High School, Metairie
 1997 Amy Glass, St. Scholastica, Mandeville
 1997 Craig Cancienne, Fountainbleu High School, Mandeville
 1998 Lisa C. Birdsall, South Lafourche High, Cut Off
 1998 Brandon C. Briscoe, Jesuit High School, New Orleans
 1999 Suzanne Beaud, Catholic of Pointe Coupee, New Roads
 1999 Chris Kaleel, Oakdale High School, Oakdale
 2000 Valerie Lewis, Evans High School, Leesville
 2000 Brandon Thibodeaux, Erath High School. Erath
 2001 Cora Firmin, Sacred Heart High School, Ville Platte
 2001 David Begnaud, Teurlings Catholic High, Lafayette
 2002 Gretchen LaCombe, Iota High School, Iota
 2002 Logan Smith, Catholic of Pointe Coupee, New Roads
 2003 Celina Allemand, South Lafourche High School, Cut Off
 2003 Bo J. Danos, South Lafourche High School, Cut Off
 2004 Heidi Huckabee, Southwood High School, Shreveport
 2004 Zachary W. Rathke, Bossier High School, Bossier City
 2005 Katie L. Collins, South Lafourche High School, Cut Off
 2005 Robert Lazarine, Jr., Archbishop Rummel High, Kenner
 2006 Lindsey N. Rome, Cent Lafourche High School, Mathews
 2006 Matthew Wallace, Caddo Parish Magnet, Shreveport
 2007 Katie Rimmer, Notre Dame High School. Crowley
 2007 Blandon David, Notre Dame High School, Crowley
 2008 Lindsay Walker, Vandebilt Catholic High School, Houma
 2008 William Dunckelman, Houma Christian High, Houma
 2009 Brittany L. David, Notre Dame High School. Crowley
 2009 Trevor Boudreaux, E. D. White High School, Thibodaux
 2010 Alyssa Watkins, Lacassine High School, Lacassine
 2010 Stephen Whipple, St. Fredrick, Monroe
 2011 Amanda LeBlanc, Vermilion Catholic, Abbeville
 2011 Glenn D. Gilyot, Jr., St. Augustine, New Orleans
 2012 Morgan Richard, Elton High School, Jennings
 2012 Carter Boyd, Loyola College Prep, Shreveport
 2013 Brittany Domingue, Notre Dame, Crowley
 2013 Tristan Bagala, Vandebilt Catholic , Raceland
 2014 Hannah Longino, Oakdale High School, Oakdale
 2014 Charlton J. Boyd, Loyola College Prep, Shreveport
 2015 Chloe Boudreaux, St. Joseph Academy, Baton Rouge
 2015 Mason Percy, Pope John Paul II, Slidell
 2016 Brandy Solice, Caddo Parish Magnet, Shreveport
 2016 John Henry Hobgood, Loyola College Prep, Shreveport
 2017 Lucia B. Boyd, Loyola College Prep, Shreveport
 2017 Johnathan L. Zeringue, Hahnville High School, Hahnville
 2018 Lauren M. Watson, Hahnville High School, Hahnville
 2018 Joseph J. Kelley, Pope John Paul II, Slidell
 2019 Celeste Lirette, Loyola College Prep, Shreveport
 2019 William Hebert, St. Thomas More High School, Lafayette



Past Bishop Greco Memorial Award Winners

1964: St. Gabriel Council 3796, St. Gabriel
Larry Peltier, GK, \$3.35 per member (10 councils eligible)

1965: Arch. Chapelle 3465, New Orleans
John Puissegur, GK, \$3.45 per member (19 councils eligible)

1966: DeLaSalle Council 3411, New Orleans
Leonard Schopp, GK, \$3.44 per member (22 councils eligible)

1967: St. Gabriel Council 3796, St. Gabriel
Paul J. LeBlanc, GK, \$3.67 per member (26 councils eligible)

1968: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
John Caldwell, GK, \$4.22 per member (30 councils eligible)

1969: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
George Arceneaux, GK, \$5.01 per member (38 councils eligible)

1970: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
George Arceneaux, GK, \$5.33 per member (47 councils eligible)

1971: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
L.F. Birdsong, GK, \$5.41 per member (54 councils eligible)

1972: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
William Kropog, GK, \$5.63 per member (57 councils eligible)

1973: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
George Arceneaux, GK, \$5.63 per member (52 councils eligible)

1974: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
Lester Hagen, GK, \$5.94 per member (61 councils eligible)

1975: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
Lester Hagen, GK, \$6.56 per member (66 councils eligible)

1976: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
Malcolm Adams, GK, \$7.70 per member (67 councils eligible)

1977: Msgr. Wynhoven Council 3091, Westwego
Robert Autin, GK, \$9.40 per member (70 councils eligible)

1978: Msgr. Wynhoven Council 3091, Westwego
Guy Wade, GK, \$9.22 per member (73 councils eligible)

1979: Msgr. Wynhoven Council 3091, Westwego
Jake De Matteo, GK, \$9.17 per member (79 councils eligible)

1980: Msgr. Wynhoven Council 3091, Westwego
Douglas Melancon Sr, GK, \$9.14 per member (76 councils eligible)

1981: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
Karl Starns III, GK, \$9.24 per member (79 councils eligible)

1982: Fr. Placide Dobyns 1819, Bogalusa
Karl Starns III, GK, \$9.70 per member (83 councils eligible)

1983: Leesville Council 4156, Leesville
Felicisimo Pilola, GK, \$10.43 per member (87 councils eligible)

1984: Vinton Council 6103, Vinton
Norris Simon, GK, \$13.66 per member (91 councils eligible)

1985: Vinton Council 6103, Vinton
Mayo Dupree Jr. GK, \$18.54 per member (40 councils eligible)

1986: Vinton Council 6103, Vinton
William Miller, GK, \$20.93 per member (40 councils eligible)

1987: Vinton Council 6103, Vinton
Rene Hanks Jr., GK, \$22.33 per member (39 councils eligible)

1988: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Charles Mejia III, GK, \$19.01 per member (36 councils eligible)

1989: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Adam Markaverich, GK, \$20.82 per member (33 councils eligible)

1990: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Adam Markaverich, GK, \$22.19 per member (32 councils eligible)

1991: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Robert Truitt, GK, \$23.32 per member (25 councils eligible)

1992: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Robert Truitt, GK, \$23.45 per member (24 councils eligible)

1993: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Leonard Driver, GK, \$23.34 per member (21 councils eligible)

1994: Marian Council 3779, Shreveport
Leonard Driver, GK, \$23.24 per member (25 councils eligible)

1995: John F. Kennedy Council 2952, Hammond
Santo Falconello, GK, \$12.31 per member (17 councils eligible)

1996: St. Joseph the Worker Council 9384, Marrero
Howard Robicheaux, GK, \$48.26 per member (17 councils eligible)

1997: St. Joseph the Worker Council 9384, Marrero
Charles Green, GK, \$49.06 per member (15 councils eligible)

1998: St. Joseph the Worker Council 9384, Marrero
Charles Green, GK, \$45.60 per member (17 councils eligible)

1999: Edward J. Stoulig Council 3528, Kenner
Gerald Schroeder, GK, \$15.88 per member (22 councils eligible)

2000: Houma Council 1317, Houma
Kenneth B. Givens, GK, \$11.68 per member (24 councils eligible)

2001: Our Lady of Fatima Council 3470, Lafayette
Roy F. Walker, GK, \$11.36 per member (23 councils eligible)

2002: Our Lady of Fatima Council 3470, Lafayette
Roy F. Walker, GK, \$11.53 per member (23 councils eligible)

2003: Fr. Richard Donahue Council 8805, DeQuincy
Mike Moreau, GK, \$12.45 per member (23 councils eligible)

2004: Fr. Richard Donahue Council 8805, DeQuincy
Mike Moreau, GK, \$13.12 per member (22 councils eligible)

2005: Fr. Richard Donahue Council 8805, DeQuincy
Joseph T. Mueller, GK, \$13.81 per member (213 councils eligible)

2006: Fr. Richard Donahue Council 8805, DeQuincy
Joseph T. Mueller, GK, \$14.17 per member (19 councils eligible)

2007: Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant
Blake A. Leblanc, GK, \$12.17 per member (24 councils eligible)

2008: Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant
Blake A. Leblanc, GK, \$12.35 per member (24 councils eligible)

2009: Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant
Coy M. Moran, GK, \$12.57 per member (25 councils eligible)

2010: Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant
Coy M. Moran, GK, \$12.67 per member (25 councils eligible)

2011: Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant
Coy M. Moran, GK, \$12.28 per member (24 councils eligible)

2012: Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant
Coy M. Moran, GK, \$12.39 per member (21 councils eligible)

2013: Our Lady of Fatima Council 3470, Lafayette
Roy L. Walker, Jr., GK, \$15.18 per member (23 councils eligible)

2014: St. Margaret Council 3208, Lake Charles
Willie R. Berzas., GK, \$16.55 per member (15 councils eligible)

2015: Houma Council 1317, Houma
Ludgere Hebert, III, GK, \$12.92 per member (15 councils eligible)

2016: Houma Council 1317, Houma
Ludgere Hebert, III, GK, \$13.03 per member (12 councils eligible)

2017: Houma Council 1317, Houma
Ludgere Hebert, III, GK, \$12.77 per member (11 councils eligible)

2018: Houma Council 1317, Houma
Ludgere Hebert, III, GK, \$12.84 per member (12 councils eligible)

2019: Houma Council 1317, Houma
Ludgere Hebert, III, GK, \$12.62 per member (12 councils eligible)





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As we go through April and the rest of 2020 there are many uncertainties with the COVID-19 but one certainty is that we have God and FAMILY. We have God who is always on our side and we have family to speak to in the time of need. To reach out to God we must continue to pray we all know this. He hears, sees and knows what is happening. He is always there with us no matter what is taking place. All we have to do is pray and listen when he is speaking to us. Most times he is here with us and we do not even know or remember what he did for us. As a family we may not be able to be physically with each other as we adhere to the shelter in place order by the State, however just like we pray to God the other thing we can do is to pick up a phone, call and check on each other on a daily bases. Just as we let God know we love him, we should be letting our families know we love them.

There is social media out there for everyone to use and most of it is free. Now some, who are just like me, need to learn how to use it so we can continue to see and speak to our loved ones. We can even use the social media to hold a rosary for family and friends. Just as we must be prepared to one day see God, we must also be ready to be isolated or quarantined for certain periods of time from family and friends should we or a member of our family and friends come down with this dreaded decease.

Now on to the grading forms. I had 70 grading forms for family and family of the year. I still think things could have gone a little better and I am

sure they will as we continue to use the online method of reports. I must say I received duplicates and triplicates from some councils. Please refrain from that going forward as it does make it a little confusing when going back and forth several times to ensure we did not miss anyone's reporting.

I wish every one the best of health and in staying safe until this can all be done.

Vivat Jesus,



E. Richard Yandle
CYLA Chairman
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The Louisiana State Catholic Youth Leadership Awards were scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at St. Patrick's Family Life Center in Baton Rouge. However, due to the corona virus pandemic it was decided to cancel the event. As a result, the scholarship funds were divided equally among the 14 Diocesan winners from the Dioceses. Each of the State Finalists received a check for \$2,000 and a certificate.

Female Diocesan Finalists:

- Lafayette: Amelia Hebert
- Baton Rouge: Juliette LeRay
- Alexandria: Hailey Tigner
- New Orleans: Sydney Pfister
- Lake Charles: MariaFontenot
- Houma: Anna LaRose
- Shreveport: Riley Runkle

Male Diocesan Finalists:

- Lafayette: Donald Stemmans, III
- Baton Rouge: Luke Bella
- Alexandria: Hynson Luke
- New Orleans: Emmanuel Levy
- Lake Charles: Kane Miller

Houma: Gavin Clements
 Shreveport: Keegan Coon
 I wish to thank our State Deputy Renan Duffour and all the Councils who supported and participated in the CYLA program and for all who donated to YEP. We hope that we can to return to our normal format next year.



Knights on Bikes

On Saturday March 14th Louisiana Knights met for their monthly ride. Ten brother Knights enjoyed a beautifully scenic route starting on US 61 in St. Rose, La. The route took us along Lake Ponchartrain then rode the curves of La.22 from I-10 to I-55. Lunch was eaten at Fatboy's Seafood Kitchen in Manchac, La. For information on our upcoming rides please visit www.louisianaknightsonbikes.com for the calendar of events. All brother Knights are welcome to join the rides whether they ride on two wheels or four.





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Brothers here are some updates on St. Mary's that you will find very interesting, and will make you glad that we are a part of St. Mary's love and growth.

St. Mary's Group Homes are complete, and ready for the special Brothers and Sisters to move in. At this time forty-eight of them have moved into the first six group homes, and now we are waiting for the State to make reapplications for each client so they can move into the remaining group homes. This has taken some time, because each client has to be interviewed again, and now with the pandemic this takes even more time. All of our brothers and sisters of St. Mary's are very excited about moving into their new homes.

Brother as of March 31st our special brothers, sisters, and staff at St. Mary's are safe and healthy during this pandemic. Brothers let us pray that St. Mary's is protected against this pandemic.

I am very happy to report that from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 the Louisiana State Council and Knights of Columbus Councils of Louisiana has contributed \$54,416.38 towards the construction costs resolution of the fifteen group homes. Most of the donations are from the M.D.F. Campaign contributions. Brothers this is outstanding, and surely proves your love and dedication to St. Mary's and our special children who make St. Mary's home. Brothers since the Resolution for St. Mary's construction costs that was adopted in May of 2017 the Louisiana State Council and Louisiana Councils of Knights of Columbus have contributed a total of \$103,984.30 to St. Mary's. Brothers, I personally want to thank each and every one of you and your councils for your support for St. Mary's. I can promise you that your donations do make a difference in each one of these special children of God's lives each and every day, please continue to be the loving, compassionate, and dedicated councils for St. Mary's and Our Special Children.



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Brothers, there are three reports that a very important to your council, your state, and Supreme. They are the forms 185, 365, 1728.

Form 185 Report of Officers selected for this Columbian year. All correspondence to Councils is sent to the last recorded officers. Thus, if you don't send in the most current officers at the beginning of the Columbian year your council is not getting all the information timely.

Year today of the 314 councils in La. The latest report shows that we have 51 councils delinquent, of which 35 are suspended which means we have 16 councils who need to report.

Form 365 Report of Committee Chairman. This is a most important report. One Chairman that is required to be filled in is your retention Chairman. No Chairman will result in your council not be able to suspend delinquent brothers. Year to date we have 85 councils who are delinquent. Minus the 35 suspended councils leaves us with 50 councils yet to report

Form 1728 Report of Fraternal Activities. This is a most important form because it helps keep Supreme registered as a Fraternal Organization. Year to date we have 56 councils delinquent. Minus the 35 suspended leaves us 21 councils needing to report.

Get with your District Deputies to insure completion. I will be sending out the list shortly to all of the DA's and DD's

Council 12103



St. Martin Council No.12103 in Lecompte provided lunch at the LSU Catholic Student Center The Council cooked as well as served hamburgers with all the fixings & chips. A total of 120 plates were served to students and faculty. St. Martin Council regularly does this through out the year.

Council 13296



On Friday, March the 2nd Fr. Alfred Chelebowczyk Council #13296 in Kolin/Deville attended Mass and provided lunch at the Louisiana State University Catholic Student Center in Alexandria. A meal of egg salad sandwiches, chips and a drink was served to students, parishioners and faculty.



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The round table program is a great way to recruit new brothers and their families into our order. If you are not familiar with the round table program I will give you a brief update on it. Basically it is a program to contact those church parishes that do not have an official Knights of Columbus Council attached to the parish but where there are brother knights who are parishioners. The objective is to offer the services of these parishioners as Knights to service the parish. The ultimate goal is to get the said parish to welcome the establishment of a Knights of Columbus council.

Always the first question? How do we get started? First a Round Table Co-ordinator is selected from the council and his name is submitted to Supreme on form 2629. This form is now on the Supreme website as a pdf form and can be filed accordingly. Completion of the form is self explanatory. Just fill in the blanks. Once this form is completed the brothers are to contact the pastor of the parish that has no council and simply ask the following question. "Father, what can we Knights of Columbus do for our parish?" It can be anything from working the

fair, selling raffle tickets, or just about anything that he would need to get done. Next Question? Can a council have more than one table assigned to it? CERTAINLY. We have a goal of establishing 75 round tables throughout the state. Presently we have 20 form 2629 submitted and recorded. Thus, we need and additional 55 councils to initiate the program. I am asking for your help as a council leader to bring up this program at your very next meeting.

Ok, the Round Table is established and is up and running. What next. The next form required at the end of the Columbian year is form 2630. This is the form where you can brag about your participation in a Round Table Parish. It ask you for a lot of information which also can be used in the report of Fraternal Activities. It is also a PDF form on the Supreme website. The main purpose of the Round Table is to eventually get a new Council started in that parish and to increase our membership. Please let's get to work and sign up some coordinators and get some Round Tables functional. If you have any questions please contact me. My email is unclpaul@aol.com



Insurance Update

Covid-19 might be changing the way we live, but we are not letting it affect our ability to change the way we serve or do business. Our advisors are still hard at work to serve our members. The #1 mission of the Knights of Columbus has always been and continues to be to "serve and protect Catholic families".

With this mission in mind, we have set a goal to check in with all of our members to see how they are faring under the current circumstances and to let them know that we are still here to help in any capacity that we can. I'm sure we all feel somewhat restricted in our ability to help in the ways we normally help, but we know that there are still things we can do to offer our help. And sometimes, just a simple phone call to our members - especially our elderly members - is all that they need.

Supreme has acted swiftly to implement new measures to help us continue to "meet" with our members. For instance, we can now conduct Skype appointments, and for our clients who may be technologically challenged, we are also allowed to use the good 'ol telephone to conduct meetings. It's important for everyone to know that we are answering our phones, and we are STILL writing insurance. And let's face it, if there's anything we are learning through this pandemic, it's that we don't always know what the future holds. In my opinion, there's no time like now to make sure that our loved ones are covered and protected.

No doubt, this virus is presenting unprecedented challenges for us all, but this is also not the first time

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Pro Life

An old pickup truck pulls up behind the Catholic church in town. As the door opens up an old gentleman slowly rolls out of the driver’s seat, he turns back to the truck and helps a young boy down. Holding his hand they walk over to a storage area in the back of the church offices. The old man unlocks and opens the door and the sunlight catches a large pile of small white crosses, stacked neatly against the wall. The dust covering the crosses tells that they have been sitting there for many years. As the old man turns looking for something in particular the young boy notices the emblem on the back of his shirt, slowly he reads to himself, Knights of Columbus. The boy picks up one of the dusty crosses and holding it like it was a sword ask, “Pawpaw what’s these crosses for?” The old man turns around and stares at the cross in his grandsons hand, then reaches down and picks one up. A tear starts rolling down his cheek as he contemplates the cross. Wiping the tear he looks at the boy and says, “Son, there was a time when knights all over the world fought for babies who were yet to be born, and as hard as they fought babies still died, but these brave knights never gave up”. These crosses represent those babies that the knights could not save. One day, because of the hard fighting of these knights and others like them, laws were changed and all babies were, once again, given the chance to live. The little boy looked up at his grandpa and said, “Pawpaw were you one of those knights?”

There will come a day when we as Knights of Columbus, will not have to fight for the unborn, hopefully that day will be soon. Until then we will continue to put up crosses, pray the Rosary, counsel the unwed mother, march for life, fight for those who can’t fight for themselves and love our fellow man both born and unborn!

Vivat Jesus



Council 9623

Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace, has been extremely busy in these trying times Covid-19 have provided.

Council 9623 has been cooking hot meals and delivering them to shut-ins, elderly, and special need children and adults. Some 90+ meals are prepared each Thursday.

Friday meals include fried fish meals and deliveries are made to the same.

Grand Knight Michael Abbate claims his council members are committed to provide these meals in the Laplace community and make a difference in their community.

Covid-19 has created hardships for the Laplace community, and Council 9623 is there to assist.



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the Knights have persevered through a pandemic. Together, we will rise above this – just as we always do.

If you or a member need anything at all from either Dustin or myself, please call us.

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Council 14657

On Saturday, February the 1st, John Paul II Council #14657 in Pineville provided lunch at the Veterans Affairs Nursing Home at the VA hospital in Pineville. A meal of shrimp etouffee, potato salad, cheese cake, a roll and a drink was served to Veterans in the nursing home, Veterans at the hospital, the VA staff and family members visiting the Veterans.

