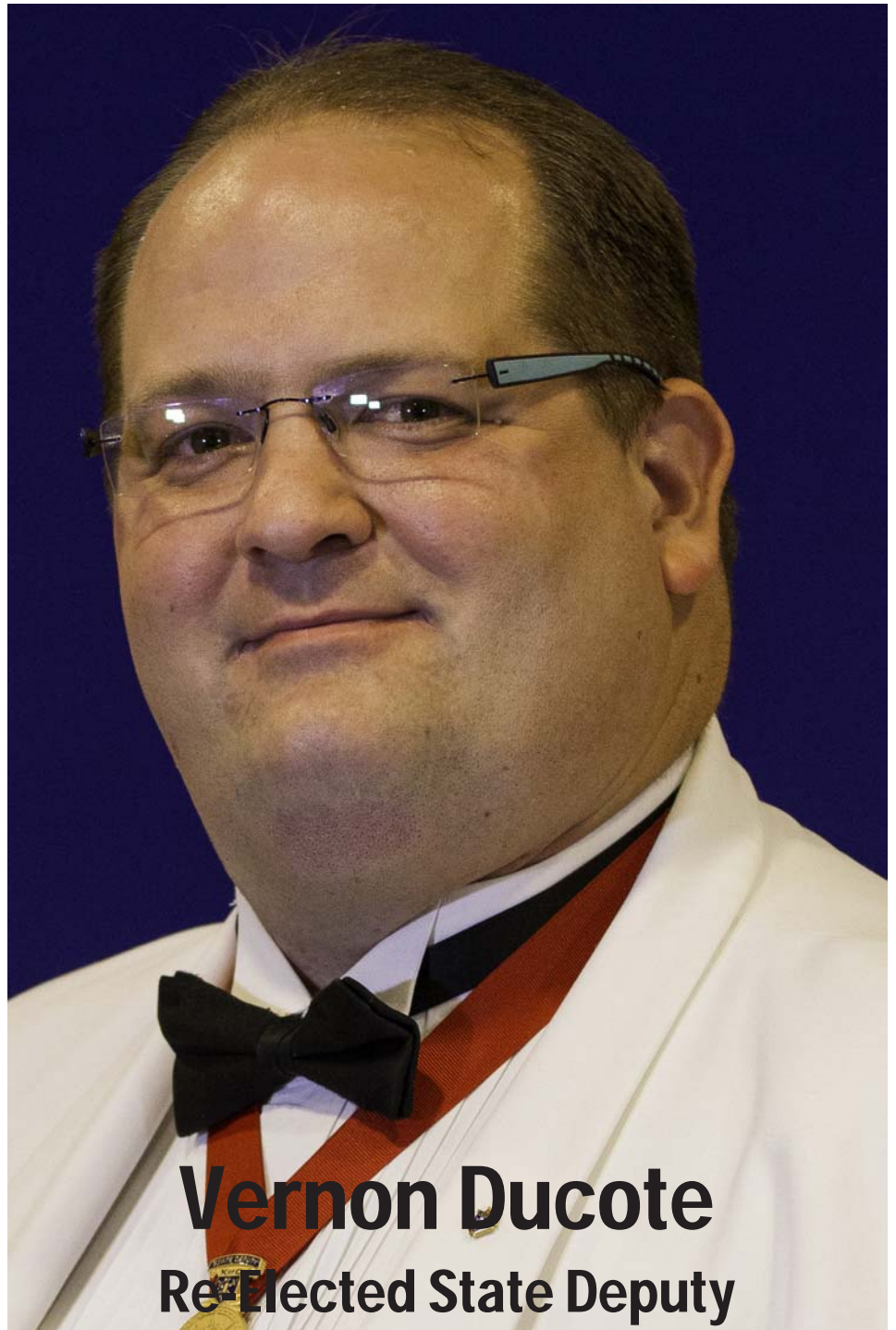


Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- July 1 *Deadline-REPORT OF OFFICERS, Form#185*
- July 4 *Independence Day*
- July 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- July 15 *STATE PER CAPITA BILLING MAILED to Fin Sec*
- July 18 *KCLS, Dutchtown*
- July 25 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 1905, Gretna*
- August 1 *Deadline-SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL, Form#365*
- August 1 *Deadline-Squires, Form#468*
- August 4-6 *SUPREME CONVENTION, Philadelphia, PA*
- August 7 *Deadline-ORDERING CANDY, MDF Campaign*
- August 8-9 *STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, Carencro*
- August 12 *Birthdate of Fr. Michael McGivney*
- August 15 *Deadline-SEMI-ANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT, Form#1295*
- August 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- August 15 *Deadline-Council Order Soccer Challenge Kit, Form SC-KIT*
- August 16 *Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary*
- August 29 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 10564, Simmesport*
- September 1 *Deadline-Squires Semi-Annual Audit, Form#247*
- September 1 *Deadline-Parish Roundtable Report, Form#2629*
- September 1 *Deadline-Council Order Essay Contest Kit, Form EA-KIT*
- September 1 *Deadline-Council Order Substance Abuse Contest Kit, SA-KIT*
- September 1 *Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight*
- September 7 *Labor Day*
- September 12 *STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine*
- September 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- September 20 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 6753, French Settlement*
- Sept 25-27 *STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Patterson*
- September 26 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 10293, Lafayette*
- September 30 *Deadline-Conduct Council Soccer Challenge*
- October 1-30 *Respect Life Month*
- October 1 *Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA*
- October 2-4 *ANNUAL MDF CAMPAIGN*
- October 10 *Deadline-Payment SUPREME PER CAPITA*
- October 11 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 3407/3779, Shreveport*
- October 11 *Deadline-Conduct District Soccer Challenge*
- October 12 *Columbus Day Observed*
- October 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- October 17 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 1114, Thibodaux*
- October 17 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 3857, Lake Charles*
- Oct 18-Nov 5 *Silver Rose Program*
- October 24 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 9415, New Orleans*
- October 25 *Deadline - Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge*
- November 1 *Feast of All Saints Day*
- November 1 *CYLA Information Mailed to Grand Knights*
- November 1 *Deadline - Order Free Throw Kits, Form#FT-Kit*
- November 1 *Deadline - Order Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Kit*
- November 2 *Feast of All Souls Day*
- November 3 *National Election Day*
- November 11 *Veterans Day*
- November 14 *STATE NINE BALL TOURNAMENT-Lafayette*
- November 15 *STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE-Lafayette*
- November 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- November 15 *Deadline-Diocesan Cook Off*
- November 26 *Thanksgiving*



Vernon Ducote
Re-Elected State Deputy



Vernon F. Ducote
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It is hard to believe one year has passed since I began my first term as State Deputy. What a wonderful year it has been, and I am excited about the next.

Through the hard work of everyone throughout the state, Louisiana is in the 'Circle of Honor.' This is a very elusive honor that does not occur as often as it should in this state. Our membership intake goal was 1,415 new Brother Knights and your hard work resulted in us taking in a total of 1,445 new members. I would like to express my gratitude to and congratulate our Membership Director George Martin. More importantly, I would like to thank everyone who recruited at least one new member. Given this, we cannot rest and must continue to bring in new members and continue to grow and strengthen our order. It was a successful year this past Fraternal Year, and I am confident we can do even better this new one.

It is an honor to have been once again elected as your State Deputy. Our last Fraternal Year ended on a positive note and we have begun new Fraternal Year on one as well. I, and all of your State Officers, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies, and all other State Family members, are going to work hard at keeping this positive momentum going and strive for the Louisiana to have an even better year!

The weekend of June 27-28, members of the State Family met to kick off this year. At this meeting, we presented our Membership program and the State Programs for this new fraternal year.

Next on the calendar, we have our Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS). Grand Knights and others will soon be receiving information regarding its details. We will only have one KCLS this year, and it be held on July 18 at Dutchtown High School. The goal of this event is to provide the resources and information needed to ensure that every council will be successful this year. Included in this is how a Council can achieve the Star Council Award which is a goal every Council should strive to meet. It will also provide information regarding the important programs that the State Council will have this year. We will provide you the resources and information that will help you be successful with membership recruitment and retention. The Cultures of Life Chair Couples are also invited to attend and our Culture of Life Chair Couple, Sam and Arline Mistretta has an informative program planned. I am confident that the information presented and given there will be a great benefit to the overall well-being of your respective councils.

As always, we have many challenges this year, but, by working together, we will meet this challenges head-on and rise above any obstacle. We have been and will continue to be STRONGER TOGETHER. Working together, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

In closing, I am very optimistic about the new fraternal year and what you can achieve. Come out to KCLS and see what we have planned and how you can achieve your Council's goals. I am confident you will not be disappointed.

Vivat Jesus,



Bishop Ronald Herzog
State Chaplain
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Due to a schedule conflict, I was unable to attend the State Family meeting this past weekend. That is always an inspiring time.

We are coming to the conclusion of the 2015 Fortnight for Freedom! I hope your Council has taken part in this critical time of prayer. The issue is still very current and will continue for the foreseeable future. Our work as Knights remains essential for the many moral issues facing us. Thank you for your support.

I know you are aware of recent decisions by the Supreme Court. The consistent undermining of basic religious values seems to grow worse. These rights and teachings come from God, not from the government. The things that our Constitution guarantees are tossed aside callously to please our secular culture. Persecution is not a thing of the past. There is no way to anticipate the future ramifications.

Pope Francis continues to guide and challenge us with his new encyclical.

May the Lord bless our Order and all our brother Knights and their families during these summer months.

Vivat Jesus!



Joel Ocmand
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We have reached the end of a Fraternal year and embark on a new one. Now is the time to pause and REFLECT on our accomplishments as well as plan for our future success. Each new fraternal year gives us hope and faith that we can accomplish more and make our great state of Louisiana a better place to live.

Before we move on let us REFLECT on the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year and the YEP program.

The budget was set and a goal to fund the youth programs of our state was **targeted at \$116,500.00**. Here is the results of our YEP Fundraiser Program as of the end of June 2015.

- COUNCIL DONATIONS- \$100,543.98 - Up from previous Year
- LADIES AUXILLARY - \$1,200.00 - New Donation
- CONVENTION MASSES- \$1,133.22 - Down from last year
- COOK OFF CONTEST \$755.00 - About the same
- 50/50 DRAWINGS \$3,709.00 - Up from previous year
- TOTAL COLLECTED \$107,341.20

Up \$6,236.56 from previous year

I applaud your efforts to improve the fundraising program from

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YEP

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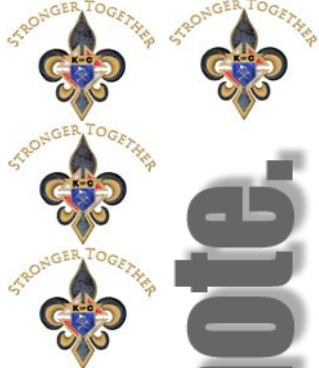
\$75,000

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FINAL
For Year

\$107,341



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Cliston Guillot
Church Director

Church – The Celebration of the Mass

The Catholic Mass is filled with rituals and items which even many Catholics forget along the way. But the true beauty of the Mass is seen when you break it down into it’s components and explain each of the steps in a way that others might understand more clearly.

Here, I am attempting to explain only the “basic” structure of the Catholic Mass so that others might have a better understanding of what it is, what it does and how it is essential to Christian growth. The Mass is broken down into three Main parts. The Opening Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The whole Opening Rite is designed to bring people into a state of prayer and humility centering on Christ’s grace given freely for our salvation and our reconciliation as sinners. “Christ died so we might live”.

In the liturgy of the Word Christians come together to thank God for God’s gifts. Listening to God’s word (the Bible) they grow in faith more conformed to the mind of Christ. Liturgy celebrates the wonders of creation and gives thanks for the reality of redemption. The liturgy is a celebration not of

what God has said, but of God today speaking to our hearts and souls.

While the liturgy of the word focused upon the table of the Lord’s word-the lectern, The Eucharistic liturgy centers upon the altar-both a place of sacrifice as well as the table from which as Christians we are fed. The themes of sacrifice, thanksgiving and meal dominate.

After receiving Communion all return to their seats and spend the time in prayer. The priest then draws the prayers together in the Prayer after Communion. The Concluding Rites now focus upon the sending forth of the community. No sacrament exists as an end in itself. Christians are transformed and nourished in the sacraments to in turn become sacraments to the world.

The priest gives a final blessing. As at the beginning all trace the sign of the cross. The dismissal sends us forth to in turn become the bread of the world. The word “Mass” comes from the ancient Latin dismissal, “Ite, missa est.” (Go, it is sent).



Frank Chase
Community Director

My Brother knights, how time can fly! Convention has come and gone. We are about to begin a new fraternal year as of July 1st. Now is the time to start planning your upcoming year. All elections should be finished. Now is the time to appoint your Service Personnel. Hopefully you will appoint a full slate. Remember all programs that occurred after April 1st will count toward the State Deputy’s Award. My brother knights there are so many great community projects that are present in our parishes. Food banks are always in need of more can goods, monetary donations, etc. Blood Bank Centers are in need of donors. Parks, beaches, roadways, etc. are in need of volunteers to clean-up. Clothes and blankets should be donated to homeless shelters, goodwill, thrift stores, etc. There are a great deal of programs that can be done to help our community. Every month plan to help as much as your council can. Remember to wear your KC name badges, pins, shirts, aprons, and hats when conducting your community programs. Good Luck! God Bless and Vivat Jesus,



Arline & Sam Mistretta
Culture of Life Chaircouple

“Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Gen 4:9) This question is as relevant today as it was at the beginning of human history. As faithful Catholics, we know that the answer to this question is YES. However, working for the good of others can take courage. This is especially true for our effort to build a Culture of Life.

Our society has embraced artificial contraception because we are told by the “experts” that this is liberating. We are told that no-fault divorce is good for women. In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) helps infertile couple have the children that they deserve. Embryonic



67th Annual State Softball
August 8-9
Pelican Park, Carencro



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Stem Cell Research can cure many (if not all) diseases. It has not provided any cures yet, but we are assured that they are just a few years away. Everyone knows that cloning is evil, so we have changed the name to somatic cell nuclear transfer so that we can confuse the public and get government funding to do it. But, don’t worry. We will only use it for therapeutic purposes and not for reproduction, even though the technique is the same. Trust us to not cross that line! Our society demands control of everything including our death. Suffering is intolerable and must be avoided at all costs. Assisted suicide, oops, I mean death with dignity, is the answer. And now, marriage must be redefined to be whatever we decide it should be. Don’t worry about religious freedom because you can trust the Supreme Court of the United State to understand and protect your Constitutional rights.

Our society has lost its way and many are suffering, especially children. The world needs to know Jesus Christ, and Christ can use our good works to bring people to Him. Christian love is a self-sacrificing love. It is a self-forgetful love. We are called to live in the truth and live out our faith in the world, to be salt of the earth. We all should reflect on the meaning of our lives, on what really matters in this short time that we are given on this side of eternity. Membership in the Knights of Columbus gives us many opportunities to live out our faith. Our society has embraced a culture of death. What could be more important than building a Culture of Life?

Stand strong! Stay faithful! Jesus Christ has told us: “In this world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world” (John 16:33).

God bless you & your family.

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last year, but we still must recognize our shortfall from the anticipated budget for our youth programs. **We fell \$9,158.80 short** of our minimum goal to fund fully our youth program expenses.

Each of us in this new fraternal year of 2015-2016 can make the difference. I ask you to work with me in making continued progress in our fundraising efforts for the youth of our state. We are the leadership of this great organization. If not YOU then WHO? I have included a breakdown of Youth Programs we support with your donations. I commend those council’s that donated, gave quota and quota plus, and look for opportunities to influence the council’s that did not participate in the YEP fundraiser. Together we can make a difference.

YEP - YOUTH EXPANSION PROGRAM. YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK

DIRECT SUPPORT TO SEMINARIES, \$ 10,000; COLUMBIAN SQUIRES SUPPORT \$12,000; CYLA (CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS) \$30,000; NEW ORLEANS ARCHDIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$2,000; BATON ROUGE DIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$2,000; LAFAYETTE DIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$2,000; LAKE CHARLES DIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$2,000; HOUMA/THIBODAU DIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$ 2,000; ALEXANDRIA DIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$2,000; SHREVEPORT DIOCESE STUDENT CENTERS \$2,000; STATE COUNCIL MEDIA EXPENSES \$1,500; IT SERVICE CHARGES EXPENSES \$1,000; FREE THROW CONTEST AWARDS \$4,000; AUDIT EXPENSES OF YEP BY CPA \$4,000; MISC. YOUTH PROGRAMS \$8,450; YOUTH RALLIES, COLLEGE COUNCIL’S, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, SOCCER CHALLENGE AWARDS \$2,500; STATE DIRECTORS/ CHAIRMAN EXPENSES \$1,300; NEW YOUTH PROGRAMS \$2,000; ST MARY’S TRAINING FACILITY \$10,500; PRO-LIFE CAMP JOSHUA AND OTHERS \$12,500; DIOCESAN SCOUTING AWARDS \$1,750; MISC. DONATIONS- PRO LIFE MARCH \$1,000.

TOTAL DOLLARS NEEDED TO FUND PROGRAMS \$116,500.



Vicen Alvarez
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The Silver Rose (SR) Program is scheduled to run in our state from 18 October to 15 November, for four weeks! If you would like to participate in it, please note the following.

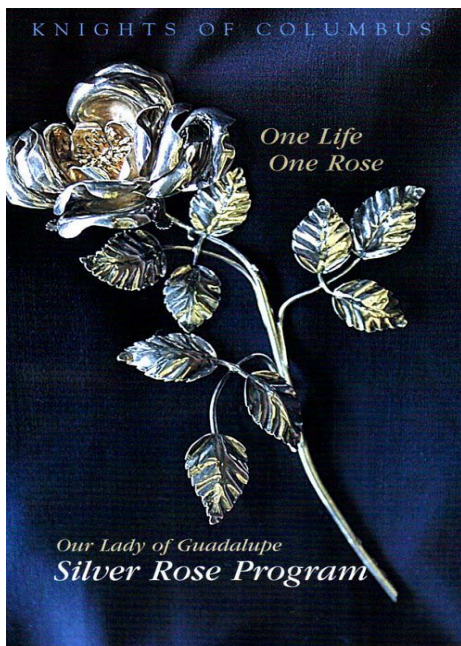
SYNOPSIS

* I need your day(s) - weekdays (Monday, Tuesday, etc.), NOT calendar dates.

* Please have a primary day and two alternate days.

* The SR moves harmoniously in the following diocese order: NOLA, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Alexandria, Shreveport to Lake Charles (please note the attached schedule).

* From these inputs the schedule will be made.



* Once the schedule is finalized, you can inform your pastor.

* Our Webmaster, Brother Brandon Hendricks, will keep the current schedule on our LA website with other significant program information.

NOTES

* Remember that the receiving council normally picks-up the SR package.

* If your council or district would like to host the SR program for more than a day, please let me know.

* If you need the Silver Rose Program booklet and Information to help you with your meeting with your pastor, check the website. Your pastor most (99%) of the time will say yes to participate in the SR program; the other (1%) is because is too late to add to his church calendar schedule.

ACTION REQUIRED

* Grand Knight, District Deputy (DD), and/or Diocesan Administrator (DA) please Coordinate with your pastor.

* If you cannot have the program at your church, suggest holding it at a different Site (council hall, residential place, etc.).

* Pass the information to your DD who in turn will pass it to the DA.

PLEASE NOTE WHEN YOU REPLY,

* Include your GK, DD, and DA (if applicable)

* Reply to me by a separate email (it is hard sometimes when you received three or more replies - I may accidentally miss your inputs.

* Remember, program booklets are found in our website - Programs/Running Silver Rose

* If you already know, please include: Place (church, school or council hall) and address; point of contact, phone number email address; and, Type (Rosary or mass) and Time of program.

TIMELINE

* October 18: SR arrives from Mississippi.

* November 15: SR leaves to Texas.



Robert W. Boudreaux
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Welcome to YEAR TWO of:

**Plan.
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 Participate.**

And Plan, Promote and Participate is exactly what we plan to do!

First, Councils will need to PLAN their calendar of events for the year.

Second, the Council MUST promote the upcoming event among their members.

And Third, Councils will need to participate in the local, district, area or state function.

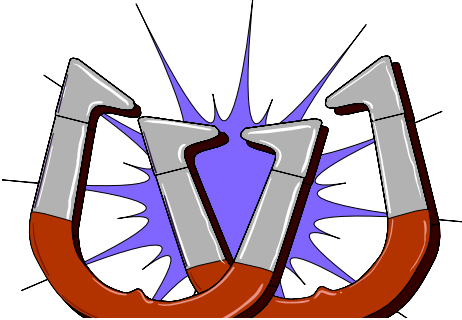
Council Activities will be my main area to PPP, so please consider the following items for your Council's consideration.

As you can see, all of our remaining 2015 State Events have storied pasts. All we need now if for your Council to PPP!

Entry Forms are available on the state website, and they will also be mailed to all Grand Knights and past participants approximately six weeks before each event.



67th Annual State Softball
August 8-9
Pelican Park, Carencro



43rd Annual State Horseshoe
September 12
Zito Center, Plaquemine



68th Annual State Golf
September 25-26-27
Atchafalaya Golf Course
Patterson



10th Annual State Nine Ball
November 14
Fast Eddie's Billards,
Lafayette

State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 110th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council, I hereby submit my Annual Report for this fraternal year.

Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Herzog, Vice-Supreme Master, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Fourth Degree Master, Honored Guests, and my dear brother knights, on behalf of the Convention Committee, we would like to welcome you to Baton Rouge and hope that your stay will be enjoyable. If you attended our Social last night, I am sure that you enjoyed the crawfish, facilities, and entertainment. More importantly, I hope you enjoyed the fraternalism. I would like to acknowledge our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and his Convention Committee Members and say 'thank you' for a job very well done. The Chiring of our Annual Meeting is a large undertaking and Vince and his Team did an outstanding job.

I have had a great time serving as you State Deputy this past year. One of my first orders of business was to travel to New Haven, CT in June where I was installed by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. We were trained and given materials at that time in order so to start of the new fraternal year on the right foot. The Mass that we had there and the Installation was held at Saint Mary's Church. This is the church where the tomb of Father McGivney is found and it is in its basement that our wonderful order was founded. In November, I attended the Winter Meeting for State Deputies in Baltimore, Maryland.

At that meeting, I was able to attend the Saint John Paul II National Shrine with my fellow State Deputies.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Summer Meeting, held in Baton Rouge on June 28 and 29. The State Family gathered to hear what our plans entailed for this fraternal year. We held training sessions on Saturday and Sunday regarding membership as well as our programs. At that meeting, each State Family Member received all of the presentations on a DVD.

The Installation of Officers took place at the Hilton in downtown Baton Rouge where I installed our State Chaplain, State Officers, Diocesan Coordinator, and District Deputies. It was an honor to install all that served you this past year.

We had two Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminars (KCLS) this year. The first was conducted in Geismar, at Dutchtown High School, on July 19, and the second was held in Natchitoches the following Saturday. That day, we presented material similar to what we had at our State Family meeting in order that Councils could be successful and reach their goals. Also in attendance were our Culture of Life Couples. Sam and Arline Mistretta conducted the Culture of Life Session. We utilized breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries. George Martin, Membership Director, and his team presented our membership goals and numerous ideas of how to achieve them. Paul Gagnet, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the

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State Deputy Report

Kerry Williams Squires Chairman

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Steve Maraboli once said, “You express the truth of your character with the choice of your actions.” What will you do in a crisis when no one is watching? What will your actions reveal? Do you know? Your true character will dictate your unconscious action and that will let everyone know who you really are.

As mentors to our Squires, we must be conscious of our actions. We must lead by example because they are watching what we do. Our guidance can help build character in these young men. Here’s an amazing fact, our 2015-16 State Squires Officers are among the youngest in the world with the eldest being 14 years old. I am ecstatic to work with this group, because they are so fired up about being officers but more importantly they’re excited about Jesus! Amen!!

I want to thank our out-going state officers Michael Ruckstuhl, Dylon Melancon, Calvin Domangue, Blaine Phillips, and Steven Leblanc. They served us very well and I hope they will continue to embrace our motto, “Esto Dignus”. It has truly been a pleasure to serve with you.

The 2015-16 State officers are:

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chairmen of our various program.

Our Mid-year Meeting was held the first weekend in December in Sulphur. At that meeting, we checked on our progress regarding membership and informed those in attendance about upcoming programs.

On January 24, we held Grand Knights Day in Lafayette. The meeting was well attended and the program went very well. Our Membership and Program Teams discussed our membership goals and promoted upcoming programs. Also, we concluded our annual Gumbo Cook-off and attendees enjoyed Gumbo prepared by winning teams throughout the state.

The Supreme Convention was held in Orlando, Florida the first week of August. The elected Delegates attended along with all of the State Officers. Our State Advocate, Paul deMahy and his wife Marilyn acted as our hosts for the week. They took care of the Hospitality room for us as we attended the meetings. The number of members in attendance from Louisiana has been growing each year recently. Everyone who attends has a great time and plans on coming back in future years.

Membership: This is the ongoing focus throughout the year. Each of us is responsible for giving every Catholic male the opportunity to be part of our great order. Your Membership Director, George Martin, and his Team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at every opportunity they can. In Shreveport, we had a first for Louisiana. It was the formation of a new Filipino Council. In Lake Charles, we

were able to reactivate Council 1207. Finally, in Kenner, a new Hispanic council was formed with the help of Vicen Alvarez. Our New Council Development Chairmen, Russell Ruh, is working on several more potential councils currently in the development stages.

Ceremonials is an integral part of our Membership Team and our Order, every new member must go through a First Degree exemplification. The emphasis continued to me that each new member should go through the Second and Third Degrees. Our State Secretary, James Riente, is our Ceremonials Chairman, and he brings years of experience to Ceremonials and I am thankful for support in the endeavor. We have major Degree Teams throughout our State, and each team delivers outstanding degrees to its candidates. This is one in each Diocese with the exception of Shreveport. I am happy to report that actions have begun in Shreveport to form a team up there as well. To all those members that serve on the various teams throughout the state, I thank you for your dedication and service. I wish to also thank the numerous Confering Officers for their service and dedication.

Programs: As you are aware, these are a very important and an integral part of the Knights of Columbus. It is through our programs where we find charitable works done by Councils and Brother Knights throughout the state. Our Program Director, Paul Gagnet, has done a great job this year and his Program Team worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefitted the

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Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 110th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Baton Rouge, La.

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, May 2nd, and fully discussed at length the following activity areas. After due deliberation, the committee urges all council, district and state leaders to see that the following recommendations are fully implemented.

The committee would also ask that at future conventions, each member of the Good of the Order Committee, as appointed, be forwarded a copy of the previous year's Good of the Order report to prepare committee members as to what is to be discussed.

FIRST AND FOREMOST WE ARE CATHOLIC

The committee recommends the recitation of the Serran Prayer for Vocations, or another appropriate vocations prayer, at each council meeting and that the council chaplain should encourage the recitation of this prayer at all Masses. The committee further recommends that a prayer be offered at each council meeting for the beatification of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. The council chaplain should be encouraged to be actively involved in council activities. In the absence of the council Chaplain, a deacon shall be asked to bring the message of our faith. The committee urges all councils to participate in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Each council should consider sponsoring a speaker on vocations to the various parochial schools. Recognizing that some clergy may still be apprehensive to Knights of Columbus involvement, the committee recommends each council strongly consider implementation of the Parish Round Table Program and thus show evidence of our belief that VOCATIONS ARE OUR BUSINESS and that each Grand Knight has a dialogue with each Pastor of churches in his council area. Each council should consider having a speaker on evangelization, to encourage each member to promote the Catholic faith to non-Catholics, and to help fallen-away Catholics to become again active in the Church. One way this can be done effectively is by supporting evangelization through the RCIA program.

PRO-LIFE

The committee recommends increased efforts from the state level to provide more timely and specific information to the council level about upcoming activities such as Pro-Life Rallies. The committee encourages area, district and local Right to Life Masses and demonstrations. It is also recommended that continued active exposure to the public by each council be pursued. The committee encourages each council to construct a monument to the unborn in a prominent place, preferably on the church grounds and those that have one to maintain and have programs to bring Pro-Life to parishioners attention. We urge right-to-life education, to fight abortion, and specific projects, such as enforcement by members and Grand Knights of letter writing campaigns from council members to state and federal governing bodies. We also urge the use of the vast amount of material that is available about the AIDS Virus, and promoting abstinence and chastity as a way of decreasing the threat of AIDS as well as decreasing abortions and moral decay.

The committee also recommends that councils become involved with local Right-To-Life organizations by way of participating in their events and getting on their mailing lists. The committee urges use of material available to them from the Supreme Council pertaining to Pro-Life. The committee also urges members to fight pornography at the council, family and school levels. The committee further recommends that the State Council provide updated information of current Federal and State legislation on Pro-Life and Euthanasia.

The Committee recommends each council appoints a Pro-Life Chairman or Chair-Couple; supports a youth Pro-Life Retreat as sponsored by the State Council; and offer a Pro-Life prayer at business meetings.

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Congratulations on a great year as a member of the Louisiana State Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction! Through great determination and “Stronger Together” attitude, we surpassed our membership goal of 1415 with 1445 intake of new members. Circle of Honor is a great achievement and we are still in the hunt for it, as Supreme has contacted us and said there was a few forms in question that needed our attention. We have followed up with that and are awaiting for the results at the time I am writing this article. The last State Deputy to achieve Circle of Honor and meet his quota from Supreme in his first year as State Deputy was Leo Sagalla. It has been a long time, but every State Deputy and his jurisdiction fights hard to earn this and it doesn’t come easy as you can see.

Early in the year when we were setting goals and incentives, we asked

for each District Deputy to focus on one Star Council per District. Most of them took it to heart and had more than one in their District, some worked hard, but came up short. It is not easy to achieve, but this program will set the standard in which every Council should strive to achieve. District Deputies thank you for your hard work and remember, this new fraternal year has started and we need your help to make our goals again. Supreme requires us to get 43 Star Councils. We believe that we earned 46, but waiting on paper work to be verified. I know we will make it, but don’t wait till the last minute to send your forms in for any reason. If you made Star Council and didn’t turn your SP-7 in to Supreme, you lost \$4.50 per active member in your Council reimbursement from Supreme on your Per Capita. I hope if Supreme offers this again for this coming year, each Council will take advantage of “free money” for something you do in your Council already.

Recruiting is 24/7 365 with the Knights of Columbus. Please recruit those new members and get them to a 1st Degree. Don’t wait to send these future members to a District or Diocesan 1st Degree, host one in your Council by memorization, DVD, or both. The DVD is a great tool if you are trying to bring in new members who have shift work for hospital or oilfield related jobs. A memorized 1st Degree is a special event and plays a big part in setting the

tone for each member’s active role in their Council. Please develop a 1st Degree team in your Council and make a lasting impression on a future Brother Knight.

Form 100’s are the best resource to getting a new Brother Knight active in his Council. First, his contact information for you and Supreme to get him in the system for all his benefits, Columbian Magazine, and Knight Line newsletter. Your Council will not be able to communicate with him if this form is not sent in ASAP. He won’t get his travel card with a membership number and won’t be able to make the 2nd and 3rd Degree. Thus, he won’t be able to become an officer in your Council. Please, after a 1st Degree, scan and email each form 100 no later than a 24 hour period. This will get it in sooner and it won’t get lost in the desk pile of other paper work or thrown away because you thought you sent it into Supreme already. Emailing the form gives you a copy on your computer and can be sent in again if he doesn’t show up on your roster by the following week.

In closing, I want to thank our State Deputy for allowing me to serve our state jurisdiction as State Membership Director this past fraternal year. As most of you know, my youngest son Alex and Brother Knight, has been dealing with seizures on an irregular basis. Thank you for your support of me and my family during these trying times in our life. You all give us such support from all over the state thank you. You all have made a difference in our lives every day, please do the same for those who are in need every day. I want to thank everyone for being “Stronger Together” for not just reaching our goals, but for working together and making Louisiana the best we can be in the Order! Go out and be “Fisherman of Men” for our great Order and rely upon God to watch over us and protect us from evil as we do his great work!

Viva Jesus!

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the second and third degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy Vernon Ducote. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are

<u>Date</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Host Council</u>
07.25.15	DD Arthur Newby	Council 1905, Gretna
08.29.15	DD Marvin Guillot	Council 10564, Simmesport
09.20.15	DD Tim Gautreau	Council 6753, Fr Settlement
09.26.15	DD Karl Guidry	Council 10293, Lafayette
10.11.15	DD Chris Davis	Council 3407, Shreveport
10.17.15	DD Richard Lasseigne	Council 1114, Thibodaux
10.17.15	DD Darryl Fontenot	Council 3857, DeRidder
10.24.15	DD Glenn Gilyot	Council 9415, New Orleans

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3068	New Orleans	8	0
0969	Baton Rouge	7	0	3088	Hessmer	4	2
0970	Plaquemine	19	0	3091	Westwego	7	0
1087	Donaldsonville	12	2	3150	Cut Off	14	1
1099	Napoleonville	16	2	3200	Alexandria	7	6
1108	Shreveport	6	6	3202	Lafayette	9	2
1114	Thibodaux	22	-12	3208	Lake Charles	8	-7
1134	Alexandria	7	5	3246	New Orleans	8	2
1173	Opelousas	4	-3	3298	Baton Rouge	6	0
1199	Cottonport	4	5	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1208	New Iberia	9	12	3353	Oberlin	5	0
1217	Marksville	11	8	3356	Cecilia	4	1
1276	St. Martinville	8	1	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	9	13	3407	Shreveport	14	5
1317	Houma	11	-1	3409	Opelousas	6	5
1337	Monroe	8	6	3411	New Orleans	5	7
1357	Natchitoches	16	11	3425	New Iberia	7	1
1373	Morgan City	5	1	3465	Metairie	12	0
1420	Franklin	5	0	3470	Lafayette	5	3
1425	Jeanerette	4	3	3475	Elton	4	-1
1437	New Orleans	18	8	3496	Port Barre	9	0
1514	Vacherie	15	3	3528	Kenner	6	1
1710	Patterson	12	2	3534	Oakdale	4	1
1724	Algiers	6	11	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	5	7	3622	Moss Bluff	9	3
1754	Ville Platte	6	3	3634	Norco	17	5
1817	Gramercy	16	0	3642	West Monroe	8	7
1819	Bogalusa	8	-5	3662	Basile	4	0
1897	Rayne	9	2	3729	New Orleans	17	5
1905	Gretna	14	1	3743	Baton Rouge	11	-1
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	12	26
1998	New Roads	4	4	3796	St Gabriel	7	0
2012	Jennings	13	-1	3854	Harahan	10	0
2142	Plaucheville	6	0	3857	DeRidder	8	9
2150	Morganza	5	6	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	11	1	3872	Erath	10	-6
2395	Bunkie	6	5	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	10	4	4010	Mansura	4	-1
2409	Luling	15	2	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	17	-1
2436	Reserve	7	4	4085	Baker	7	5
2504	Church Point	10	-3	4088	Minden	4	3
2657	Prairieville	15	3	4156	Leesville	10	16
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	-2
2732	Slidell	19	-7	4309	Centerville	8	0
2807	Baton Rouge	13	3	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	9	6	4508	Metairie	4	1
2875	Port Allen	9	0	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	9	-12	4562	Lake Charles	15	-9
2893	Kinder	7	6	4663	Metairie	8	6
2913	Kaplan	8	11	4676	Loreauville	6	0
2925	New Orleans	6	7	4683	Lafayette	6	3
2952	Hammond	21	-10	4761	Raceland	8	2
2972	Moreauville	5	19	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	13	10
3006	Iowa	8	3	4818	Zwolle	4	2
3012	Lake Arthur	10	0	4873	Bossier City	22	3
3014	Creole	7	1	4874	Ponchatoula	12	5
3015	Sulphur	12	-8	4906	Evangeline	4	3
3048	Bell City	7	1	4927	Parks	6	8
3054	Lockport	16	0	5013	Chauvin	18	4
3055	Gueydan	10	0	5022	Lake Charles	7	0
3061	Covington	9	5	5048	Pine Prairie	4	-5

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8743	Chackbay	9	-5	10800	Kraemer	6	1
5111	New Iberia	9	5	8770	Maurice	7	2	10824	Ruston	4	0
5166	Delcambre	7	1	8779	Theriot	12	2	10902	Lydia	4	2
5301	Metairie	4	0	8805	DeQuincy	4	-6	10911	Amite	5	4
5345	Lafayette	4	2	8840	Mathews	8	3	10912	Hammond	24	0
5352	Pierre Part	7	-9	8843	Leroy	4	0	11060	Tickfaw	4	0
5461	Cameron	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11061	Labadieville	7	-3
5499	Crowley	12	2	8878	Lakeland	9	20	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0
5530	Baton Rouge	8	6	8898	Larose	13	4	11212	Cow Island	4	1
5532	Lawtell	5	1	8901	Lafayette	13	-1	11270	Opelousas	7	2
5627	Independence	8	0	8906	Thibodaux	6	0	11407	Grand Lake	4	-1
5747	Chalmette	14	14	8932	Bourg	7	0	11491	Mowata	4	0
5755	Westlake	10	10	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5935	Laplace	12	1	8978	North Sulphur	10	-15	11792	New Iberia	4	0
6057	Youngsville	9	-4	9000	Golden Meadow	9	12	11814	Pearl River	4	0
6103	Vinton	8	8	9007	Metairie	5	4	11857	Vacherie	9	1
6170	Houma	11	17	9016	Baton Rouge	8	6	12060	Thibodaux	7	5
6211	Bayou Vista	5	5	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	1	12061	Many	4	-6
6324	Monroe	4	0	9107	New Orleans	8	1	12068	Grosse Tete	4	0
6326	Denham Springs	17	-3	9110	Jennings	4	4	12072	Mandeville	15	-24
6357	Belle Chasse	11	-10	9217	Belle Deau	4	1	12103	Lecompte	4	6
6369	Avondale	4	0	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12115	New Orleans	4	1
6389	St Amant	11	4	9240	Mandeville	17	-6	12163	Milton	6	-7
6496	Abbeville	4	0	9247	Baton Rouge	7	10	12179	Morgan City	4	2
6531	Baton Rouge	6	0	9260	Shreveport	7	4	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
6746	Kenner	5	-3	9281	Lacassine	5	-2	12245	Franklinton	5	4
6753	French Settlement	6	18	9294	Echo	4	1	12285	Schriever	9	12
6870	Terrytown	6	2	9338	Houma	7	-7	12529	Abita Springs	12	11
6873	Baldwin	5	0	9347	Metairie	5	4	12686	Metairie	5	4
6958	Carencro	7	30	9384	Marrero	4	2	12906	Covington	9	10
6959	Egan	6	1	9415	New Orleans	4	16	12989	Lacombe	9	1
7033	Ragley	4	1	9418	Fifth Ward	4	1	12997	New Iberia	7	14
7050	Rynella	7	0	9436	Richard	11	-5	13145	Baton Rouge	4	16
7084	Berwick	4	0	9623	Laplace	7	10	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
7226	Marrero	6	0	9692	Baton Rouge	14	3	13296	Kolin	5	-6
7275	Lafayette	12	-26	9753	Tioga	6	1	13349	Waggaman	4	0
7350	Barataria	10	-12	9769	Slidell	5	2	13397	Thibodaux	7	-4
7355	Houma	13	6	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
7411	Mire	7	0	9933	Luling	8	9	13425	River Ridge	6	7
7557	Broussard	21	1	9935	Duralde	5	4	13505	Alexandria	4	3
7568	Scott	8	4	9973	Slidell	15	10	13632	Baton Rouge	5	0
7657	Bayou Blue	5	-3	10045	Winnfield	23	0	13819	Houma	4	4
7722	Dulac	7	2	10057	Harvey	4	4	13931	Lake Charles	7	22
7856	St Francisville	6	6	10080	Zachary	4	8	14542	Lafayette	4	3
8029	Alexandria	8	-6	10156	New Orleans	24	0	14614	Covington	5	5
8030	Livonia	4	0	10176	Folsom	5	0	14657	Pineville	4	1
8031	Swartz	4	2	10178	Albany	7	6	14822	Kenner	7	1
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15006	Lake Charles	7	12
8058	Carlyss	12	9	10269	Fenton	19	0	15064	Baton Rouge	5	11
8147	Gonzales	9	1	10293	Lafayette	13	7	15133	Madisonville	8	16
8322	Maplewood	7	2	10349	Henderson	4	2	15228	Fishville	4	0
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	4	10428	Eunice	5	4	15390	Marrero	4	0
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10455	Baton Rouge	10	10	15477	Lafayette	4	0
8342	Prairieville	20	21	10564	Simmesport	4	6	15501	New Orleans	4	0
8371	Amelia	5	-4	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	15615	Amelia	4	1
8438	Campiti	15	0	10612	Houma	7	0	15676	New Orleans	4	7
8442	Violet	4	-1	10613	Baton Rouge	5	-14	15731	Pineville	4	0
8546	Metairie	7	7	10645	Lacombe	5	0	15892	Harvey	4	2
8583	Morse	7	0	10717	Mermentau	4	0	16094	Shreveport	0	5
8601	Baton Rouge	10	-1	10721	Judice	6	2	16182	Metairie	0	0
8615	Gretna	9	1	10728	Shreveport	4	18				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	6	-1	10744	Brusly	6	5				
8703	Port Sulphur	5	10	10745	Cankton	5	-7				

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BISHOP GRECO MEMORIAL FUND

The committee recommends that all councils use the memorial cards to memorialize deceased council members. The card can be filled in with the name of the deceased and the name of the donating council. The card is mailed to the member's family. A suggested donation of \$25.00, however any amount is accepted, and sent to the Greco Foundation for the trust fund.

The committee also recommends that councils make a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per member, on annual basis, to the Bishop Greco Memorial Fund..

RETREATS

The committee recommends that each council have a guest speaker with Catholic Retreats as the subject, and schedule retreats for its members, individual as well as couples, encouraging husband and wife retreats whenever offered.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

The committee recommends continual family involvement in council activities. The committee also recommends each council have a monthly Family Communion. The committee strongly recommends that widows of deceased council members be included and recognized in every aspect of the council's life and activity. This committee further recommends that the council members make themselves available to provide assistance to widows and receive a copy of the council news letter and provide transportation if needed.

YOUTH EXPANSION PROGRAM

The committee urges each council to actively support the Youth Expansion Program by annually exceeding its YEP quota, and by involvement in a youth organization such as Columbian Squires, Boy or Girl Scouts and/or Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). The committee recommends that all members in each council be asked to make a personal contribution to our Youth Expansion Program and councils should not depend on fund-raisers only. Each council should consider either making it a part of the dues or adding to their billing a \$10.00 voluntary contribution by each member. The committee recommends that all councils participate in the CYLA Program and that efforts be made to properly recognize the applicants and winners on the council level.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE-HEALTH SERVICES

The committee recommends each council sponsor an educational program on substance abuse by the law enforcement agencies to local junior and senior high school students. The committee urges all Knights to recognize local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The committee further recommends that councils establish blood donation drives, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training programs and community blood pressure surveys.

FRATERNAL MEMBERSHIP-NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

The committee wishes to compliment the first degree and major degree teams in the Louisiana Jurisdiction for their excellent exemplifications which act as catalysts in encouraging all councils to obtain new, active members. The committee wishes to remind all members that it is our Supreme Council's desire that we have a KC presence in every church parish and that we should aid all efforts to form a new council or a Parish Round Table. It is also recommended that all members proposing new members into our Order assume responsibility for insuring the first-degree member receives his major degree as soon as possible, and remains an active member. Also, we congratulate all councils that sponsor a first degree team and we strongly recommend that every council make an attempt to establish a team, and that all ceremonials be performed with the proper dignity. The committee recommends that every council make an effort to bring in new members, but that no less effort be expended to retain the members they now have. Council leaders and members should promote patriotism and encourage members of the third degree to join the fourth degree. Councils should make an effort to form

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Mathew Massey - State Chief Squire; Kameron Williams - State Deputy Chief Squire; Michael Braud - State Notary; Matthew Gary - State Marshal; Payton Gibson - State Sentry

One of the objectives for 2014-15 was to remind councils and assemblies that the Columbian Squires program is exactly like the Knights of Columbus and that Squires emulate Knights. Another objective was to make a positive impression with Councils and Assemblies around the State. All year, we focused on accountability, teamwork, perseverance, leadership, and character. This was in keeping with our theme in Louisiana, "stronger together!"

This fraternal year, we will continue to expand our programming in an effort to energize and increase membership. We plan to establish additional spiritual programs and implement more regional activity. The State Circle is only as strong as our weakest circle and we will strive to overcome every obstacle to become stronger than ever before. One of our biggest goals this year will be to have more FUN!!

I want to thank my team of State Committeemen for all their hard work, time and advice. I could not do this without them. Thanks also to our Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Herzog, State Deputy, Vernon Ducote and the KC State officers for all of their assistance and prayers throughout the year! I especially want to thank my fellow brother knights for their support, phone calls, emails, and prayers. We have received a number of letters of intent to start a squire circle, so brothers please, follow through and lets get it done! Lets get Louisiana back at number 1 where we belong!

Pope John Paul says, "Character is who you are when nobody is looking... God still sees."

Esto Dignus!

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needy, youth, and seminarians. Our programs also offered sporting events that challenge our brother knights. Our MDF Program, Cliston Guillot, Chairman, promoted the raising of funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the state. Each Council chooses the organizations within their communities that they wish to benefit from their hard work and fund raising. As of March 30, councils have donated over \$165,000 statewide. Frank Zaeringer became our Special Olympics Chairman this year. He has been involved with Special Olympics for many years and is working to create an even stronger tie between our Order and that organization.

Our youth programs are solely funded through the Youth Expansion Program where funds come from primarily from councils throughout the year. These programs include the following: Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) Program, Columbian Squires, Seminarians, Soccer and Free Throw, youth retreats, and Camp Joshua.

Our CYLA Program is one of our largest programs. It benefits High School Seniors that are seen as leaders through their work at school, other organizations, and the Catholic Church. As has been done for many years, our CYLA winners will speak at our Banquet this evening. Darrell Ourso is our State CYLA Chairman this year and has done an outstanding job. Our Columbian Squires Program Chairman, Kerry Williams, has taken a very aggressive role in developing new Squire Circles, recruiting, and creating activities that will foster the perpetuity of the

Squires in Louisiana. Youth Program Chairman, Darryl Barrios, continues to find outstanding students that have been recognized by the Supreme Council for their Posters and Essays. The State Council has been represented extremely well in the past by producing Supreme Council International winners in Posters and Essays. We continue to offer kids soccer and free throw competitions and will do so in the future. All of the mentioned programs would not be possible if we did not have our Youth Expansion Program Chairman, Joel Ocmand, working to promote YEP. Through YEP we also provide support to college Catholic student centers. The State Council also coordinated the following Fraternal events: Softball, Golf, Horse Shoes, Basketball, Bowling, and a None-Ball Pool Tournament. Robert Boudreaux took on the role as Council Activity Chairman this year and has done a great job. He has done this in addition to his role as our State Office Administrator.

Robert Boudreaux and Susan Camel comprise our State Office Staff. They provide support for all of our State Meetings as well as many other needs throughout the year. Organization and attention to details is paramount to a successful event and Robert and Susan have, once again risen to the challenge.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year has appointed a new District Master for Louisiana, David Lemaire. Sir Knight David and I have worked together to foster growth in the fourth degree and to ensure unity between Councils and Assemblies. David has

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and support a Columbian Squires Circle which can be a future source of membership and Ladies Auxiliary. The committee recommends the promoting of young members and make officers and active members promote young ideas. "Turn over the power". Make the KC's a place for young and old to blend and provide babysitters whenever possible. The committee also recommends that all councils send out bulletins monthly or quarterly, and that copies of the bulletin or newsletter be sent to five councils in the state, on a random basis, for the purpose of spreading and stimulating new ideas.

INSURANCE

In view of our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney's purpose to form a Fraternal Benefit Society so that the widows and children of members in the group when the member dies would not find themselves in dire financial straights, Knights of Columbus Insurance was instituted. As the insurance program not only provides this coverage but also helps to finance many of the programs of the Knights of Columbus, we encourage all members to become insurance members, especially State and Council leaders. The committee recommends that all councils have adequate liability insurance as recommended by Supreme.

PROTOCOL

The committee recommends that members of the clergy and Knights of Columbus State Family and officers be properly recognized as to their titles or positions at all Knights of Columbus meetings and functions. Also, we remind members of all the important aspects of protocol as explained in the protocol booklet. The committee also recommends that the State Officers reinstate the policy of visiting subordinate councils and protocol be strictly adhered to.

SERVICE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus are to be complimented for the tremendous support of the annual statewide fund raising program benefiting the learning impaired. Each council is called upon to continue this important work and to utilize to the fullest the involvement of families, Boy Scouts, Columbian Squires and Ladies Auxiliaries in the fund raising campaign. The committee recommends that councils use publicity to promote the Knight of Columbus donations by secular and religious newspapers. It is recommended that councils become more involved with activities of the learning impaired citizens at the local level and present the funds to them in a personal manner. The committee also urges councils to actively support the Special Olympics Program, as well as St. Mary's Training Facility in Alexandria.

SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY AND INFIRMED

The committee urges each council to become actively involved in providing support for the elderly and infirmed citizens of our communities through such activities as weekly or monthly bingos at the retirement or health care facility, also Christmas-Thanksgiving Dinners, sponsoring Masses and communion services at the facility or just plain visitations. The committee also recommends that councils try to promote these programs at all times of the year, not only holidays and special occasions.

CONCLUSION

The committee urges all councils to implement to the fullest extent, the foregoing recommendations. In order to obtain the fullest implementation of these recommendations, the committee urges the State Deputy to insure that all councils receive and display a copy of this report, and that a summary of this report be published in the June issue of the LOUISIANA KNIGHT. As a chairman of the Good of the Order committee, I would like to thank all committee members for their attendance, input, and participation at our meeting Saturday morning. I would also like to thank the State Deputy for the privilege of serving on this committee.



Mathew Massey
Chief Squire

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I would like to thank Squires Circle 4857 for a wonderful job putting together this year's State Squires Convention at St. Maria Goretti church in New Orleans on May 29th – 31st. All who attended enjoyed the delicious food and great activities! We were honored to have in attendance our State Deputy of Louisiana, Mr. Vernon Ducote; our State Warden, Mr. Keith Lawson; our State Youth Director, Mr. Darryl Barrios; New Orleans Metro Chapter President, Mr. Dennis Cass; along with our State Squires Chairman Mr. Kerry Williams, and his committeemen. We were blessed to have their mentorship and support as we conducted our convention, business meeting, banquet, and elections. On behalf of the Squires, I thank each of these worthy Knights for their time and dedication to the Squires program.

It was during this past convention that I was honored to be reelected to the position of State Chief Squire. I thank my fellow Squires for their support and confidence in my leadership. I will strive to continue in humble service to my fellow Squires as I work toward my goals alongside the Knights who guide us. My goals will be a con-

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traveled to many of our Major Degrees to promote the fourth degree and has held promotional meetings and exemptions throughout the year.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association (LLAA) are working together to support the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. The LLAA President, Nora Schexnaydre, and I have worked together to ensure our organizations function together well and reach our common goals.

This year as your State Deputy was filled with numerous challenges and new opportunities. I am grateful for the cooperation and hard work by my State Officers. You, the membership, have provided me a wonderful team to work with. I am thankful for the support that I have received in all of our endeavors by the State Family, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators, Membership Team, and Program Team. Each of these individuals have taken on their respective responsibilities and performed at a high level. I would like to also acknowledge the Past State Deputies for their support and valued suggestions and guidance this fraternal year as well as past years.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Bishop Herzog for his service as State Chaplain. He has been very gracious and generous with his time to the State Council and his attendance at events is appreciated. We very grateful to His Excellency for his support of his brother knights in Louisiana. He is an outstanding State Chaplain.

My motto this year, as many of you know, is **Stronger Together**. This

is not only a motto, but it is a call to action. A call us and all related organizations (LLAA, Squired, Insurance) to work together to reach our goals and to be a stronger organization. Together, we as Knights (and Squires and Auxiliaries), are making a significant difference in our communities and church parishes. I ask each and every member of the Knights of Columbus to continue to work extra hard for the remaining months of this fraternal year by recruiting new members and bringing this year's programs to a close.

I am truly blessed by all of you who supported me through the years. I pray that God will bless all of your families and keep you in good health. I also pray that God will continue to bless the Knights of Columbus as well and the United States of America!

Vivat Jesus,



Vernon F. Ducote
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Worthy Grand Knights,

On Saturday, July 18, we will be conducting our annual Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS). Every Grand Knight, Membership Director, Program Director, and Financial Secretary are expected to attend as well as any other Council Officer that may be interested. Also, Our Culture of Life Chair Couple will have a great presentation for your Culture of Life Chair Couple so please give them this information so they can attend.

We will present a membership growth plan as well as detailed information on our upcoming programs. I am confident you will gain needed information by attending KCLS that will aid you and your Council to be successful this year.

I am proud to say that numerous Councils throughout the state achieved Star Council this year, and we will also present information that will aid your Council in achieving this elite award.

As aforementioned, we will only have one KCLS meeting this year. This one KCLS will be conducted on Saturday, July 18 at Dutchtown High School (13165 Highway 73 in Geismar). It will be held in the Cafeteria, and there will be signs directing you to it. We will begin the meeting at 9:00am.

Please let State Secretary James Riente know if your Council will attend and how many will be there from it. We need this to ensure that enough food will be prepared and no one will go hungry. His email address is jriente@yahoo.com and his phone number is 225-235-4198.

I, as well as all the presenters, look forward to seeing you there and providing you the information you need to be successful this fraternal year. We have all worked hard to ensure that you will get the information that you will find useful and aid you in your roles and aid your Council in achieving its goals. Remember...we continue to be Stronger Together!

In Christ Jesus,

Vernon F. Ducote
State Deputy



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Continuation of last fraternal year; to both grow the Squires program and to continue to cultivate the relationship between Squires and Knights. While the goals are the same, I bring with me more experience and knowledge. However, my excitement is even greater than ever for our program! I look forward to working with our new Squires State Officers as well. While I am the State Chief, I know I can't accomplish much alone. I need my team with their individual talents and gifts. Thank you brother Squires, who are newly elected to your positions, for your willingness to serve!

I recently had the privilege of being an altar server for a visiting priest to our parish. His name was Fr. Vincent and he had traveled from Nigeria where there has been great suffering and loss. In his homily he reminded us all that the Church is not in the buildings or belongings. As long as there are people to pray and praise God, there is the Church. Also, with our plenty, we sometimes forget those who suffer. So, while I want everyone to have a fun summer with pool parties and picnics, please keep those who have less in your prayers. Listen to see what God is calling each of us to, then have the courage to answer that call. We are one Church and all are children of God. As Squires, we are called to serve God's Church according to our gifts, talents, and ability.

Esto Dignus





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**Planned, Promoted,
 Participated!**

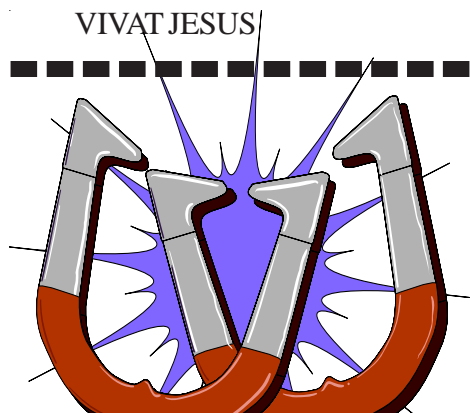
We have had a much improved year in programs during this past year. We had 100% send in form 185 and we had 100% send in form 365, we had 24 Councils who did not send in their fraternal activity report, and had a record number of applicants for the Columbian Award. We advanced our participation in the State Deputy Award program from 15% participation the previous year to 42.5% this past Columbian year. We have had numerous successes but we are not yet where we need to be at this time. I would like to thank all of you who understood the programs, planned them properly, promoted them locally, and participated in them all year long.

Happy New Year! Brothers, we have begun the new Columbian year and everything begins again. Don't get left behind. Start your programs asap. Record your events. The new State Deputy Score Sheets were presented at the state family meeting. Get with your DD to get a head start in this years programs.

I would like to thank the state for allowing me to be the State Program Director for the past Columbian

year. It is a most rewarding job that I will treasure having been able to serve as the Director.

The state has made a change with me and the State Membership Director, George Martin. George and I will be switching places as he will become the Program Director and I will return as Membership Director. I would like us all to congratulate George on having exceeded the INTAKE goal in Membership for the 2014-15 Columbian Year. We had a goal of 1415 Intake and secured a total of 1445 new brothers. Super Job George! Membership is one of the most intense programs of all. I am going to need everyone to do whatever it takes to make 2015-16 as successful as last year. Membership isn't a sometime thing, it is an everyday thing. We have a new program that you will hear about at KCLS on July 18. "One Star Council, per District, per year." Plan now your Membership programs, Promote Membership in every activity, Participate in the V.I.P. Program, the Knight in Shining Armor Program, and the Degree Program which is now doable by each and every council. Let's start the year off running in the program of Membership, RECRUIT, RETAIN, READMIT.



43rd Annual State Horseshoe
September 12
Zito Center, Plaquemine



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**Seminarian Mission
 Fund Raiser**

The State Council is trying to revive our Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle. All of the net proceeds from this fund raiser will be donated and evenly divided to support Mission Trips that seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College are required to take as part of their priestly formation. The cost of these Mission Trips continues to rise and the need for our involvement is indeed real and very much needed. These two institutions receives young men from all parts of the state who seeks to one day become a priest. We encourage all Councils from all parts of our state to get involved in trying to help the La. State Council to generate funds to help with this very worthwhile cause.

This year we are selling our raffle tickets at \$5.00 and each Council was given 100 tickets to try to sell. Our Drawing will be **December 6, 1015** at our State Family Meeting in Houma. Our prizes include:

1 st Prize-	\$5,000.00
2 nd Prize-	\$2,500.00
3 rd Prize-	\$1,000.00
4 th Prize-	\$ 500.00
5 th Prize-	\$ 250.00
Total -	\$9,250.00

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For every 50 tickets a Council sells, the Council will receive 4 (four) free chances on one of the prizes and if a Council is lucky enough to win one of these prizes this could serve as a very successful fundraiser for your Council.

We encourage all Councils to send money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets to: **State Secretary James F. Riente, Jr. P.O. Box 1456 St. Francisville, LA 70775-1456 at any time but by no later than November 1, 2105.** We encourage Councils to send in Council checks when turning in sold tickets in order to make easier for the State Council to be able issue the free incentive tickets if a Council has sold 50 or more tickets. All checks should be made out to Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus. We would appreciate it if you would return all unsold tickets to us as soon as possible.

If your Council needs any additional tickets or has any questions about this program please contact our Seminary Mission Fund Raffle Chairman-Delmas Forbes, Jr. at 225-665-2915 or at 225-939-2980 or even by email at dforbes1@cox.net. Any Council who does not wish to sell raffle tickets we encourage these councils to consider buying the tickets or utilize any other fund raising activity you may want to use to help us with this fundraiser.

Remember this fund raiser provides Councils and individual Knights to help support and seminarians who will become our future priest. We encourage all Councils to support this fund raiser and with your participation we can be stronger together in the support we offer to these two Seminaries.

Vivat Jesus,

Plan.
Promote.
Participate.



Darryl Barrios
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It has been a very successful year for our youth programs! We had more councils participate in the Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Free Throw Championship, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest than in recent years. Also, we had more councils receive the full 100 points on the youth scoring forms this year! Councils are starting to realize how youth programs can assist with their membership and council growth and this is leading to increased participation. Keep up the good work!

In addition, the state has been well represented at the International level of competition. As previously announced, Sophie Babin, representing Council 13819 in Houma, was named the International Champion in the 11-14 Year Old Division of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Sophie received her certificate and \$250.00 check from Supreme back in April. However, that is just the beginning. Kylee Mullen, representing Council 2012 in Jennings, was named an International Champion in the 10 Year Old Girls Division of the Free Throw Championship. Kylee will be receiving a trophy from Supreme to mark her accomplishment. Also, Morganne Ned, rep-

resenting Council 8901 in Lafayette, was named a runner-up in the International Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Morganne will receive a certificate and a check for \$100.00 from Supreme. Please join me in congratulating all of our International Winners, as well as all of the youth that represented Louisiana at these competitions! (NOTE: We were still awaiting announcement of the International Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest winners at the deadline for this issue.)

As you are all aware, there are a number of dates and deadlines involved in the youth activities of the Knights of Columbus. To assist you in keeping track of these dates, I have created a PDF calendar of just youth dates that lists the deadline, the item needed, who needs to submit it, and to whom it needs to be submitted. District Deputies and Diocesan Administrators received this calendar on the disc they received at the recent State Family Meeting, and Grand Knights will receive this calendar on the disc they receive at KCLS. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns regarding the calendar.

In closing, I'd once again like to thank all of the councils that conducted youth programs this year. Youth are our future and by providing them with wholesome and worthwhile activities, we can all do our part to help guide our youth for the future of our order, our country, and our world. As always, do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns regarding any youth program of the Knights of Columbus...and please don't forget to support YEP for the 2015-16 Fraternal Year! YEP is the lifeblood of these, and many other programs.

Vivat Jesus!



Thomas Ruemker
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M.D.F.

It is truly an honor to be Mental Disability Fund Chairman for this new Fraternal year. This campaign is a very worthy and essential one, as it helps so many people from your home towns. Our tootsie roll drives, and fund raisers help them get special equipment, and other items that help make their lives just a little easier, and manageable. I pray and ask that your councils continue to strive to have charitable hearts, and do the tootsie roll drives, or any type of fund raiser to help Our Lord's special people. Worthy Grand Knights, you will be getting your order forms soon at KCLS, and now is a good time to discuss it at your next council meeting your plans for this campaign. I know that many man hours take place during this campaign, and this is what we stand for, is charity, unity, fraternity, and caring for our Brothers, and Sisters in need. Just knowing that the funds you raise help so many, and the blessings of knowing that you have help someone,



and put a smile on their face should warm, and gladden your hearts. Brothers you will see again this year St. Mary's Residential Training School as a beneficiary also. There are many children at St. Mary's, and they come from all over the state of Louisiana, and may are from your home towns. I ask that you please donate a percentage to St. Mary's when it is time for you to pick your beneficiaries.

I pray that every council will have a huge success with your tootsie roll drives, and fund raisers, and if you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me, and I will help you in any way I can.

Vivat Jesus!

St. Mary's

My Brothers I am humbly proud to serve as chairperson for St. Mary's. For many years ago as I began my Knighthood I never knew what St. Mary's was or what went on at St. Mary's. I, like many Brother Knights just did not know, but I am here to say that I am going to make St. Mary's known to all Brother Knights state wide. My wife Pam and I were invited to tour St. Mary's two years ago by St. Mary's Chairman Brother Knight Cliston Guillot, and his loving wife Georgia. My Brothers as you drive through the gates you can truly feel the presents of Our Lord at work in this school. As we started our tour wanting to see, and learn as much as we could in the short amount of time that we would be there it became very apparent that this place would melt our hearts, and bring tears to our eyes. We met children who, with St. Mary's loving, and dedicated staff, and teachers have taught them to be very independent, and can take care of

themselves, to the children who had seizures, and could not do anything for themselves. I truly wept for these special children as we continued on our tour, which I call our journey. You truly cannot help but fall in love with all these children. They make you fell humble, and your heart fills with compassion as they reach out to you and you to them.

St. Mary's and the children have become my passion. To spread the word of St. Mary's to all Brother Knights, and beyond. At the State Meeting at my presentation about St. Mary's I told the State Family that one hundred ninety-seven children and adolescents are residents at St. Mary's. We have sixty-one Districts in Louisiana Knights of Columbus, and did you know that out of those sixty one Districts, St. Mary's children's hometown is in forty - one of our Districts. That is right 2/3s of our District are home to Our Children of St. Mary's. St. Mary really hits home my Brothers.

I truly pray that you would like to tour St. Mary's and experience the love, the sorrow, and yes the special graces of God within. I will meet with anybody who wants to go to St. Mary's. My Brothers St. Mary's need the Louisiana Knights to help, and support these special children.

May God Bless

