

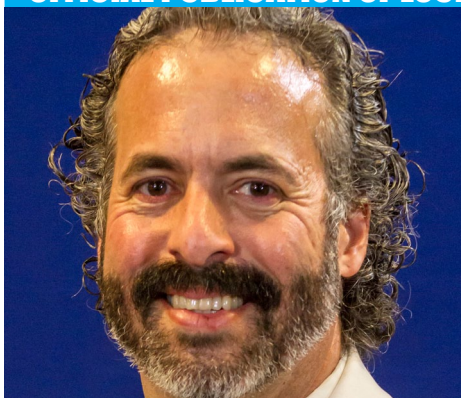
Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- August 1 *Deadline-SERVICE PROGRAM, Form #365*
- August 1 *Deadline-Squires, Form #468*
- August 2-4 *SUPREME CONVENTION, Toronto, Canada*
- August 5 *Deadline-ORDERING CANDY, MDF Campaign*
- August 6 *Squires CSLS. Houma.*
- August 12 *Birthdate of Fr. Michael McGivney*
- August 15 *Deadline-SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT, Form #1295*
- August 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- August 15 *Deadline-Council Order Soccer Challenge Kit*
- August 15 *Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary*
- August 20 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 12013, Lecompte.*
- August 27-28 *STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, Carencro*
- Sept 1 *Deadline-Squires Semi-Annual Audit, Form #247*
- Sept 1 *Deadline-Parish Roundtable Report, Form #2629*
- Sept 1 *Deadline-Council Order Essay Contest Kit*
- Sept 1 *Deadline-Council Order Substance Abuse Kit*
- Sept 1 *Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight*
- Sept 5 *Labor Day*
- Sept 10 *STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine*
- Sept 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- Sept 17 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 10293, Lafayette.*
- Sept 23-25 *STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Carencro.*
- Sept 24 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 10080, Zachary.*
- Sept 30 *Deadline-Conduct Council Soccer Challenge*
- October 1-30 *Respect Life Month*
- October 1 **Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA**
- October 7-9 *ANNUAL MDF CAMPAIGN*
- October 10 *Columbus Day Observed*
- October 10 *Deadline-Payment SUPREME PER CAPITA*
- October 11 *Deadline-Conduct District Soccer Challenge*
- October 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- October 15 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 3015, Sulphur.*
- October 15 *MAJOR DEGREE, Council 16362, Houma.*
- Oct 16 - Nov 13 *Silver Rose Program*
- October 22 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 9418, Fifth Ward*
- 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*
- November 1 *Deadline - Order Keep Christ in Christmas Kit*
- November 2 *Feast of All Souls Day*
- November 5 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 4873, Bossier City.*
- November 5 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 10745, Cankton.*
- November 8 *National Election Day*
- November 11 *Veterans Day*
- November 12 *STATE NINE BALL TOURNAMENT. Lafayette*
- November 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- November 15 *Deadline-Diocesan Cook Off*
- November 20 *STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE. Baton Rouge*
- November 24 *Thanksgiving*
- December 1 *Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight*
- December 1 *Deadline-Council CYLA Chairman to CYLA Chair*
- Dec 2-4 *State Family Meeting, Alexandria*
- December 10 *MAJOR DEGREE. Council 5747, Chalmette*
- December 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*



James F. Riente, Jr.
Elected State Deputy



James F. Riente
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On July 1, we started the new fraternal year. Before writing too much about this new fraternal year, I would to give a heart-felt thanks on behalf of the State Council to our Immediate Past State Deputy Vernon Ducote. Vernon has put an immeasurable amount of time and effort to help the state council as a State Officer over the past eight years. Those eight years do not include what he has done for the State Council prior to that in numerous other roles over the years. During his two years as State Deputy, we saw the State Council achieve many goals including the 'Circle of Honor.' The State Council, as well as the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana as a whole, had two outstanding years under this leadership. You will continue to see Vernon active in numerous new roles under my term as your State Deputy.

What a great honor it is for me to have been elected by you as your State Deputy. As I mentioned earlier, we have begun a new Fraternal Year, and we have done so on a positive note. I, along with the other State Officers, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies, and all other State Family members will work hard to keep the momentum that we have

had recently and continue to strive to make our State Council and all the Councils in the state successful and growing. This beginning of this fraternal year allows every council to begin working toward its new (and some on-going) goals that it has set. I hope that each and every council has the goal of achieve the prestigious 'Star Council' award.

To begin this year off right, we had an organizational meeting the weekend of June 25. At this meeting, we installed the State Officers, Diocesan Administrators, and District Deputies. At that meeting, we also recognized our Membership Director, Darryl Barrios, our Program Director, Vernon Ducote, and the various chairmen in the State Council. During the weekend, we presented this year's Membership program and State.

Now, it is time to present this information to Council leadership on Saturday, July 16 at our state-wide meeting known as KCLS. Grand Knights and others should have already received information regarding this seminar. As with last year, we will have only one KCLS. Also, its location had to be changed due to school construction. This year, KCLS will be held in Plaquemine at

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Bishop Ronald Herzog
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As summer draws to a close, we offer our prayers and support to our new state officers as they formulate plans for the coming year. The Supreme Convention is just ahead. May all who are attending have a safe and fruitful time. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be there, but please know that I will be with you in prayer and spirit. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has encouraged all to join in a Novena of Peace in the light of many recent episodes of violence both here and abroad. We seem to have increasing events that cause such heartbreak. Please keep all who have been affected in your prayers. The suggested dates have already passed but prayers have no boundaries or time limits. If you have not yet brought in new members, now is the time. We do not want Catholic men to miss out on all our Order has to offer to the members, their families and the entire community. Next month we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. There is no doubt how much our Order venerates and honors our Blessed Mother. Let us continue to implore her intercession when so many values are under fire. It is good to remember that one of her titles is 'Queen of Peace.' Thanks for your continued prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

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I am the new Youth Expansion Program Chairman. I am looking forward to continuing the outstanding work of Joel Ocmand, the former Chairman. I am hopeful that you will help me to make this an outstanding Youth Expansion Program by exceeding our goal this year.

To do this I need your Councils to donate a little extra. When you donate think about the children that you are helping.

I will be at the Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar and welcome anyone who would like to discuss YEP or who would like to make a donation. When you make a donation you are putting a smile on a kids face, helping a young adult go to college or helping a seminarian.

Some of the programs that you support by donating are: Seminar-ians, Columbian Squires, Catholic Youth Leadership Awards, The Catholic Student Centers of each Diocese, State Council Directors and Chairmen, State Free Throw Contest, State Youth Media, State Soccer Challenge Contest, St Mary's Training Facility, and the Youth Pro-Life Camp.

This year our goal is approximately \$107,000.00. Please donate to the youth programs and help the Knights of Columbus support the Leaders of Tomorrow.

2017 Goal

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$107,000



**Plan.
Promote.
Participate.**



Frank Chase
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June begins a new year for activities and reports. It is time to review last year's programs. A good way to plan your programs is by using the Fraternal Leader Success Planner. It is a great asset to use during your Officer and Directors Meetings. It has valuable information and a calendar for your planning. Time is now to plan your community activities. Such activities would be Blood Drives, food drives, nursing home visits, helping the homeless, etc. Contact local charity groups in your area and plan activities to do with them. Such groups would be the Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc. Together you can plan clean-ups of our parks, beaches, highways, etc. Your council needs to think about planting trees, recycling programs, and other quality programs to plan for the year. Quality programs can be found in your Fraternal Leader Success Planner. Ideas can also be found on the KC disc that will be handed out at KCLS. I am confident that your council will have a successful year in helping the community. Always wear your KC shirts, vests, aprons, name tags, and pins when conducting community activities. May God Bless You and Your Council as you help those in need.

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MSA-West Academy. The goal of KCLS is to provide the resources and information needed to ensure that every council has the tools and knowledge to be successful this year. Our program team will 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 Culture of Life chair-couples are invited to attend, and our Culture of Life chair-couple, Sam and Arlene Mistretta has another outstanding program planned for those that attend. Finally, the Financial Secretary Association will have a session for Financial Secretaries. In order for all to have a successful year, it is very important for attendance to be very good at KCLS. The information presented and given there will be a great benefit to the overall well-being of your respective councils.

As we have each and every year, we will have many challenges. Even though our theme has changed from 'Stronger Together,' it does not mean that sentiment has changed. I, and I believe each of you do as well, believe that we can only accomplish our goals at any level is by working together. It is my expectation that we will all continue to do so hence reaching our membership and program goals.

As I close this article, I would like to once again express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve you. I am excited and looking forward to a great and fruitful fraternal year. From my past experience, I know that there is nothing we cannot achieve.

I look forward to seeing many of you at KCLS as well as other functions in the upcoming months.

Vivat Jesus,



Kolin Thibodeaux
Council 3015, Sulphur
International Free Throw Champion

The End of Summer Is Near

KC Fraternal Year Just Starting



Arline & Sam Mistretta
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We are beginning a new fraternal year, so this is the time to start planning council events. We hope that every council will include at least one Culture of Life event or activity. Some of you may think that starting a new Culture of Life activity will be difficult, but it doesn't have to be that way. Every month, there is a Culture of Life event in your area. Your council may choose to participate in it.

So, how do you know about Culture of Life events in your area? You can contact us by phone or email. You can find our contact in-

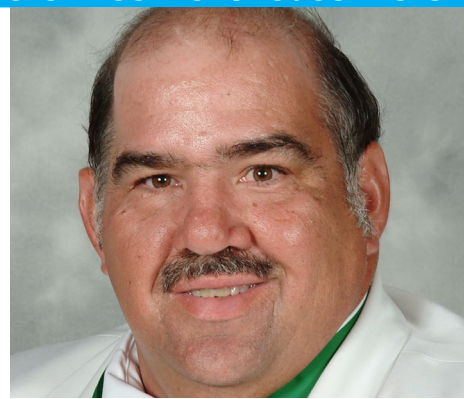
formation on the state council web site. We are ready to help!

We are also publishing a monthly Culture of Life newsletter. These newsletters provide timely information that you can use to develop your council Culture of Life program. We are using this newsletter to promote Culture of Life events throughout the state. In addition, you will see stories from individual councils showing what they are doing to build a Culture of Life. The previous newsletters are also on the web site: <http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>.

We want to send these newsletters to as many people as possible by email. The way to get on our mailing list is to name a Culture of Life chair couple or director for your council and send us their contact information, including email address. However, every knight is welcome to join our email distribution list for the newsletter. Just email us and tell us to add you to our distribution list.

Please get involved in building a Culture of Life. We need you!

May God bless you and your family.



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**Seminarian Mission
Fund Raiser**

Last year our State Council enjoyed a very successful year in raising over \$52,000.00 in revenues to support Mission Trips taken by seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. We encourage all Councils to participate in this fund raiser so that we can continue to be successful with this program.

We made an effort to try distribute raffle tickets to each active Council during this past State Convention in Lafayette. If your Council did not attend the convention your Council were given to last District Deputy or Diocesan Coordinator.

This year each Council was given a total of 100 tickets to sell in books of ten. Each ticket is being sold for a \$5.00 and this year cash prize are: 1st Prize- \$5,000.00, 2nd Prize- \$2,500.00, 3rd prize- \$1,000.00, 4th Prize \$500.00 and 5th Prize- \$250.00. In addition we will award each Council with an additional 4 free chances to win one of the prizes for every fifty tickets the Council is responsible for selling.

All net proceeds from this fund raiser will financially support mission trips by seminarians that is part of their priestly formation.

The drawing for this fund will take on December 4, 2016 in Alexandria. We would like to encourage all councils to try to sell all of their tickets and then in one Council check for the sold tickets. Please make all checks payable to the La. State Council.

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67th Annual State Softball
August 27-28...Pelican Park...Carencro
Don't Let The Tournament Fade Away! Enter Today!

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All sold tickets, monies and unsold tickets are encouraged to be turned in by November 1, 2016 but we will not turn away any sold tickets that need to be turned after this date. All tickets stubs, monies and unsold tickets shall be submitted to:

Delmas Forbes, Jr.
1533 Cooper St.
Denham Springs, La. 70726

We encourage Councils to contact their pastor and determine if your pastor will allow your Council to sell tickets after all weekend masses. We encourage Councils to try to get their Councils involved in selling tickets to their neighbors, friends, co workers and relatives.

Finally, one of the most important things we hope to impress upon all councils throughout the entire state is that these two institutions have seminaries from all Diocese throughout our entire state. Together we can truly make a difference in helping to support our future priests. Our goal this year is to try to raise \$60,000.00 in revenues and we feel this is a reachable goal if many Councils and Brother Knights assisting with this very worthwhile program.

Vivat Jesus!



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Tommy Ruemker
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It is truly an honor to be Mental Disability Fund Chairman again for this new fraternal year. This past fraternal year through your hard work and dedication you and your councils raised \$225, 811.40 to help these very needy citizens in your home towns. 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 many 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!



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Plan. Promote. 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.

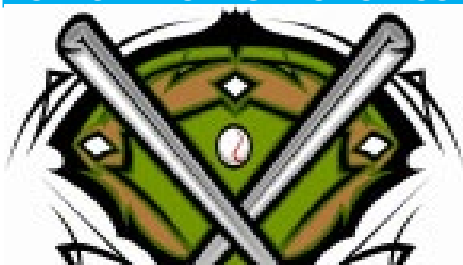
Plan. Promote. Participate is essential for the success of ALL state athletic events.

Extremely important this year are our SOFTBALL & BASKETBALL events.

These two events did not occur in the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year due to lack of entries.

Softball is in its 67th edition, while basketball will conduct its 68th annual event. It will be a very sad day in KC History if either of these two storied state events are removed from the KC Athletic calendar. So, please consider entering teams in each state championship.

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 27-28
Pelican Park, Carencro



44th Annual State Horseshoe
September 10
Zito Center, Plaquemine



69th Annual State Golf
September 23-24-25
Farm d'Allie Golf Course
Carencro



11th Annual State Nine Ball
November 12
Fast Eddie's Billards,
Lafayette

State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 111th 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, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Fourth Degree Master, Honored Guests, and my brother knights, on behalf of the Convention Committee, I would like to welcome you to Lafayette and hope that your stay will be enjoyable. Those that attended our Social last night enjoyed the crawfish, facilities, and most importantly, the fraternalism. I would like to recognize our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and all of his Convention Committee Members and say 'thank you' for a job very well done. The Chairing of our Annual Meeting is a very large undertaking and Vince and all his team members did an outstanding job.

Once again, I have had a great time serving as your State Deputy.

As we always do to begin the year, I traveled to New Haven, CT in June where I met with the Supreme Council. The State Deputies were trained and given materials at that time in order to start of the new fraternal year. While there, I attended Mass at Saint Mary's Church. Most of you know, this is the church where Father McGivney's tomb is and it is in its basement that our wonderful order was founded. In November, I attended the Winter Meeting for State Deputies in San Antonio, Texas.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Summer Meeting, held in Kenner on June 27 and 28. The State Family gathered to hear what our plans were 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. While there, I installed our new District Deputies.

We had our Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminars (KCLS) this year. This event was in Geismar, at Dutchtown High School, on July 18. At KCLS, we presented material similar to what we had at our State Family meeting in order that Councils could be successful and reach each of their goals. Our Culture of Life Couples were also in attendance where Sam and Arline Mistretta conducted the Culture of Life Session. We utilized various breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries. George Martin, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the chairmen of our various programs. Paul Gagnet, Membership Director, and his team presented our membership goals and numerous ideas of how to achieve them.

In early December, we conducted our Mid-year Meeting in Houma. There, we checked on our progress regarding membership and informed those in attendance about upcoming programs.

On January 16, Grand Knights Day was held in Baton Rouge. Our

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Kerry Williams
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Spirituality, service, leadership, and character building are just some of the words used to describe our Squires. Our goal every year is to create activities that will attract young men to *our program*. We have planned an exciting year aimed at taking our program to the next level! For the first time in recent history, we will attempt to encompass everything that Brother Barnabas envisioned when he created the Columbian Squires program in 1925. This year marks ninety-one years of for the Columbian Squires Program! *This year's planned activities include religious teachings through seminars, workshops, civic field trips, sports events, educational enhancement and community service opportunities.*

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy, James Riente and all of our State Council Officers for their unwavering support of and confidence in me. Thanks to my committeemen who selflessly support our boys by using their talents, time, and money for the program. To our outgoing State Chief Squire *Mathew Massey*, thank you for your outstanding service as State Chief Squire for the last two years. I am looking forward to working with you in the future to continue the great work of this program. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and Brother Knights throughout the great State of Louisiana for your prayers, support and love!

The 2016-17 Louisiana State Squires Officers are: State Chief Squire, Kobe Chauvin (786); State Deputy Chief Squire, Kameron Williams (4857; State Notary, Michael Braud (4857; State Bursar, Payton

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State Deputy Report

Membership and Program Teams discussed our membership goals and promoted upcoming programs to all those in attendance. We also discussed and emphasized the requirements for Councils to attain the Star Council award. That day, we concluded our annual Gumbo Cook-off final and attendees enjoyed Gumbo prepared by winning teams throughout the state.

The Supreme Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 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, and they took care of the Hospitality room for us as we attended the meetings. We had one of the largest groups of attendees from Louisiana and we hope to keep growing our numbers that attend. Everyone who attended had a great time.

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, George Martin, has done a great job this year and his Program Team worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefitted the needy, youth, and seminarians. Our programs also offered sporting events that challenge our brother knights. Our MDF Program, Clifton Guillot, Chairman, promoted the raising of

funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the state. Each Council that participates chooses the organizations within their communities that they wish to benefit from their hard work and fund raising. As of March 31, councils have donated over \$200,000 statewide (a large increase over last year). Frank Zaeringer is our Special Olympics Chairman once again this year. He has been involved with Special Olympics for many years and continues to work to create an even stronger tie between our Order and that organization.

Our youth programs are solely funded through your Councils' contributions to the Youth Expansion Program. These youth 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 convention Banquet. Darrell Ourso has done an outstanding job as the CYLA Chairman. 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

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Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 111th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Lafayette, 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

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Darryl Barrios
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Welcome to a new fraternal year Brothers! Before getting into the nuts and bolts of membership, I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy for entrusting me with this very important position. I would also like to thank and congratulate Brother Paul Gagnet for his time as State Membership Director. I am following in the footsteps of some great Brother Knights and I only hope I can do the job as well as they have done in the past.

With all that said Congratulations on a great year as a member of the Louisiana State Knights of Columbus! With determination and a great attitude we were able to surpass our membership goal of 1375 new members. At the time of this writing I did not have the final new member number nor confirmation on whether or not the state attained Circle of Honor. I will have that information in our next issue. Our intake quota for the 2016-17 fraternal year is 1400 new members and I have every confidence that we can surpass that goal this year.

At our State Family Meeting at

the end of June we asked for each District Deputy to focus on at least one Star Council per District. Our quota from supreme this year for Star Councils is 43. It is not easy to achieve, but this program sets the standard which every Council should strive to achieve. District Deputies thank you for your hard work in the past and remember that we need your help to make our goals. If your council attained its membership and insurance quotas but didn't submit Columbian Award Form SP-7 in to Supreme, your council lost \$4.50 per active member in reimbursement from Supreme on your Per Capita. If Supreme offers this type of incentive again for this coming year, I hope that each Council will take advantage of this "free money" for filling out a form showing what your council already does.

The membership theme for this fraternal year is "Membership 365". This means that recruiting is 24/7 365 with the Knights of Columbus. Don't forget that the easiest way to recruit a new member is to ask. Once you have recruited a new member, get them to the next scheduled Admission Degree (1st Degree). Don't wait...The longer a man waits to go through his Admission Degree the less likely he is to actually join. We are in the process of improving the listing of Admission Degrees on the state website so it will be easy to find the next scheduled Degree in your area. We will also be noting which degree teams are willing and able to travel to assist councils in areas where degrees may not happen as often. Don't forget that each and every council can have their own Admission Degree team. Contact your District Deputy to get started with that process. And finally, you can always use the DVD version of the degree. 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.

The Form 100 is the best resource to getting a new Brother Knight active in his Council. It contains his contact information for your council and for Supreme to get him in the system for all his benefits, *Columbia Magazine*, and the *Knight Line* newsletter. Without his contact information, your Council will not be able to communicate with him, Supreme will not be able to communicate with him, he won't get his travel card with his membership number, and he won't be able to make his Formation Degree (2nd Degree) or Knighthood Degree (3rd Degree). Please ensure that you scan and e-mail each Form 100 to Supreme at membership@kofc.org or membershiprecords@kofc.org no later than 24 hours following the degree. This will get it recorded sooner and it won't get lost in the pile of other paperwork or thrown away because you thought you sent it into Supreme already. Emailing the form also gives you an electronic papertrail on your computer and allows it to be sent in again if the new member doesn't show up on your roster by the following week. Supreme has a goal of One Admission Degree, Per Council, Per Month. I think this is an attainable goal for our state.

Once a man has become a member, get him involved in the life of the council. Every new member has a gift or talent that he brings to the table. Find that talent and let the new Brother Knight use it to better his council and community. Programs and membership go hand in hand...Don't forget to have a robust menu of programs for your council to keep members involved, especially the new *Building the Domestic Church* initiative from Supreme.

In closing, I want to once again thank our State Deputy for allowing me to serve our state as State Membership Director this upcoming fraternal year. Remember to go out and let our communities see us put our "Faith in Action!" This will allow us to truly personify the words of our Lord when he said to Peter and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Brother Knights, go out and become "Fishers of Men" for our Order so that we can live out our faith and do the work of our Lord in our communities, our state, our country, and our world.

Vivat Jesus!

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EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

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

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
08.20.16	DD Robert Lachney	Council 12013, Lecompte
09.17.16	DD Michael Terro	Council 10293, Lafayette
09.24.16	DD Robert Nolan	Council 10080, Zachary
10.15.16	DD Troy Rizzuto	Council 3015, Sulphur
10.15.16	DD Kell Luke	Council 16362, Houma
10.22.16	DD Joseph Gremillion	Council 9418, Fifth Ward
11.05.16	DD Chris Davis	Council 4873, Bossier City
11.05.16	DD Jeremy Thibodeaux	Council 10745, Cankton

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3061	Covington	10	0
0969	Baton Rouge	7	0	3068	New Orleans	8	0
0970	Plaquemine	19	-4	3088	Hessmer	4	0
1087	Donaldsonville	12	0	3091	Westwego	7	0
1099	Napoleonville	16	0	3150	Cut Off	13	0
1108	Shreveport	6	0	3200	Alexandria	8	-4
1114	Thibodaux	21	0	3202	Lafayette	9	0
1134	Alexandria	8	0	3208	Lake Charles	7	0
1173	Opelousas	4	0	3246	New Orleans	8	0
1199	Cottonport	5	0	3298	Baton Rouge	6	0
1207	Lake Charles	4	1	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1208	New Iberia	9	0	3353	Oberlin	5	0
1217	Marksville	11	0	3356	Cecilia	4	0
1276	St. Martinville	8	0	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	10	0	3407	Shreveport	14	1
1317	Houma	10	0	3409	Opelousas	6	0
1337	Monroe	10	0	3411	New Orleans	6	0
1357	Natchitoches	17	0	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	15	0
1420	Franklin	5	0	3470	Lafayette	6	0
1425	Jeanerette	5	1	3475	Elton	9	0
1437	New Orleans	18	0	3496	Port Barre	10	0
1514	Vacherie	15	0	3528	Kenner	6	0
1710	Patterson	12	0	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1724	Algiers	7	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	0
1745	Eunice	5	0	3622	Moss Bluff	10	0
1754	Ville Platte	5	-1	3634	Norco	18	0
1817	Gramercy	16	0	3642	West Monroe	9	0
1819	Bogalusa	8	0	3662	Basile	4	0
1897	Rayne	7	0	3729	New Orleans	16	0
1905	Gretna	13	0	3743	Baton Rouge	12	0
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	13	0
1998	New Roads	4	0	3796	St Gabriel	7	0
2012	Jennings	13	1	3854	Harahan	10	0
2142	Plaucheville	5	-1	3857	DeRidder	9	0
2150	Morganza	6	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	10	0	3872	Erath	10	0
2395	Bunkie	7	0	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	10	2	4010	Mansura	4	0
2409	Luling	15	0	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	16	0
2436	Reserve	7	0	4085	Baker	7	0
2504	Church Point	10	0	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	16	0	4156	Leesville	12	1
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	0
2732	Slidell	17	0	4309	Centerville	8	0
2807	Baton Rouge	13	0	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	1	4508	Metairie	4	0
2875	Port Allen	10	0	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	0	4562	Lake Charles	14	0
2893	Kinder	8	0	4663	Metairie	8	0
2913	Kaplan	8	0	4676	Loreauville	6	0
2925	New Orleans	6	0	4683	Lafayette	5	0
2952	Hammond	19	0	4761	Raceland	8	0
2972	Moreauville	6	0	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	13	0
3006	Iowa	7	0	4818	Zwolle	4	0
3012	Lake Arthur	10	0	4873	Bossier City	22	1
3014	Creole	9	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	0
3015	Sulphur	12	0	4906	Evangeline	4	1
3048	Bell City	7	0	4927	Parks	7	0
3054	Lockport	14	0	5013	Chauvin	18	0
3055	Gueydan	9	0	5022	Lake Charles	7	0

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

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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

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Gibson (4857; State Marshal, Matthew Gary (4444; State Sentry Clayton Kerlin (5592).
Congratulations!

Like the rest of Squires Circles throughout the order, we must prepare to achieve the Supreme Knight's initiative of *"building the domestic church"* and *"strengthening our families."* We will do so by assisting our Pastors, Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Seminarians with different tasks that may arise and we will continue to assist our Councils, Assemblies, and Ladies Auxiliaries as well, while teaching our young men to become leaders and Catholic gentlemen. Retention and recruitment are key! Our Kids will start asking Dads why aren't you a Knight? Just another way our Squires can assist our order by "Recruiting Our Parents!"

With respect to the *"Strengthen Our Families"* mandate, we can assist with this through the support and expansion of the Squire Roses. In 2012, Past State Squires Chairman and current State Warden, George Martin formed the first Squire Rose circle in Leesville, Louisiana. Since then, we have opened another Squire Rose Circle in Slidell, Louisiana on April 2, 2016. The new Squire Roses Circle is sponsored by the St. Luke Council #9973.

The Louisiana State Circle has 6 to 8 Squire Rose circles that are currently in the works. The Columbian Squire Roses were established in 1996 under the leadership of Mr. Russ DeRose (International Squire Rose Director) and the Virginia State Knights of Columbus Council. More information about the Squire Roses in Louisiana will be available on the new State Circle website, www.lasquires.org, which is currently under development and will be published this fall. The Columbian Squires Roses will be operated by the Louisiana State Circle and will be overseen by Cathy M. Chauvin, State Squire Roses Coordinator. She has extensive knowledge of the Columbian Squires program and I feel she is the best person to oversee the expansion of the roses in our state.

This upcoming year we will be including the Squire Roses in some of our events

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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 Ocmant, 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.

Membership: As always, we remained focused on this 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, Paul Gagnet, and his Team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at every opportunity they can. Finally, in Bossier City, a new Hispanic council was formed along with another new council in Houma. At this time, we are 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. We have had numerous visits by a Supreme official to evaluate the team's performance and have been rated high each time. There is a team in each Diocese with the exception of Shreveport. Shreveport continues to work to form a team. I want to thank all those members that serve on the various teams throughout the state. I also wish to also thank the numerous Conferring Officers for their service and dedication.

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, met the challenge.

The Fourth Degree District Master David Lemaire and I have worked together to foster growth in the Fourth Degree and to ensure unity between Councils and Assemblies. David attended many of our Major Degrees to promote the Fourth Degree and has held numerous pro-

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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 July/August 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.



Kobe Chauvin
Chief Squire

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Hello, Worthy State Officers and Knights, as the newly elected Louisiana State Chief Squire, I am excited about the upcoming fraternal year and would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Kobe Chauvin and I am from the Marion Circle #786 of Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero, Louisiana. Marion Circle #786 is sponsored by the Archbishop Blenk Council #1905 in Gretna, Louisiana. I have held the office of Chief Squire in my circle for the last two years. I have also been a Louisiana State Officer for the past fraternal year, holding the office of State Bursar.

I have been involved in the Columbian Squires program for most of my life. I remember attending KC and Squires events with my father, AJ Chauvin as a young kid. This fall, I will be a junior at Archbishop Shaw High, and I love being active in community and church projects.

Since I was elected at the State Squires Convention on June 1st, I have thought and prayed about the goals for this fraternal year. I have two goals for the Squires this year: 1) I want to make our Circles stronger by inspiring increased activity of our current members. 2) I want to continue to cultivate a close relationship between the Squires and the Knights. I plan to attend as many Knights of Columbus events as

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motional meetings and exemplifications throughout the year growing that arm of our Order.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association continue to work together to support the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. Their President, Shirley Bonaccorso, and I have worked together to ensure our organizations function together well.

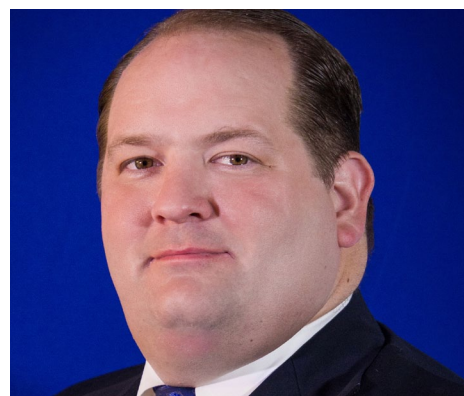
As it was with my first year as State Deputy, the second was filled with numerous challenges. I am grateful for the cooperation and teamwork of my State Officers. You, my fellow Brothers, have provided me a wonderful team to work with. I am thankful for the support that I have received in all of our endeavors by the State Family, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators, Membership Team, and Program Team. Everyone 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 also like to thank Bishop Herzog for his outstanding service as our State Chaplain. He has been very generous with his time to the State Council and his attendance at every event 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 has been and remains 'Stronger Together,' and it remains a call to action. Each of us and our related organizations (LLAA,

Squires, and Insurance) stepped up and worked together to reach our goals and to be a stronger organization overall. 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.

For many years, I have been blessed by all of your support. I continue to 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!



Vernon F. Ducote
Outgoing State Deputy



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such as the Retreat, sporting events, and seminars to name a few. If you are interested in starting a Squire Rose Circle, please contact me at kerry.williams@lasquires.org or Cathy Chauvin at cathy.chauvin@lasquires.org. *With the expansion of the Squire Roses we can now recruit the entire family!*

This past May, we held our State Convention in Slidell and Squires and Squire Roses from across the state of Louisiana attended and had a great time. The weekend was filled with fun and was very successful. I cannot thank Christopher Pericone and the Slidell Circle enough for all of their hard work to make the Convention a success. Chris Pericone is an outstanding leader in his local circle and I am very pleased to name him as the State Convention Coordinator for the Louisiana State Circle.

Please continue to pray for and support this outstanding program by contributing to YEP (Quota Plus) and our fundraising efforts. Someone once said, *“If service is beneath you, leadership is beyond you”*. In other words, *you have to be humble and follow before you can lead.*

ESTO DIGNUS!

Chief Squire

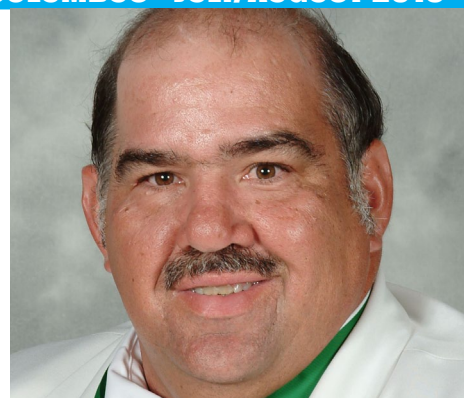
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possible, in an effort to promote a stronger relationship. I have many ideas on how to accomplish these goals. These goals will be discussed at our State Planning meetings throughout the fraternal year. At our State Orientation we will be planning state wide events that focus on the building of fraternity among the squires and the service of our community. I am also looking forward to including the Squires Roses into our programming this year.

We will be holding our Columbian Squires Leadership Seminar (CSLS) in Houma, LA on August 6, 2016. These seminars are meant to inspire and guide our squires and counselors to working together for the common goal of fraternalism. Brother Knights are welcome to attend CSLS to get the information needed for increasing membership, Circle Operations and the implementation of Circles into the Church Parish. Anyone wishing to attend CSLS, please visit our website lasquires.org for more information and to register.

In closing I ask you, Worthy Knights, to walk alongside me this year and to keep not only me, but all of the Squires and the Knights who work closely with us, in your prayers

Esto Dignus!



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Catholic Youth Leadership Awards

Since our new fraternal year has begun, I am looking forward to serving as our new State CYLA Chairman. We hope this year will truly be a very successful year with the CYLA program and I am looking forward to trying to assist each council in selecting their winners to be recognized locally and competing at the Diocesan level.

The Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program is one of the most dynamic and rewarding programs that the State Council offers to the Membership. Our CYLA places an importance on Catholic values, scholastic achievement, and leadership in the areas of church, school and community. Catholic seniors throughout the state of Louisiana are eligible to participate in the CYLA program. The only requirement is that each Senior nominated must be a Catholic Senior regardless if they attend a public, private or home school system. Councils that participate in this program is allowing these seniors to showcase their leadership skills and

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to compete for cash prizes, awards and recognition.

Each Council should receive the CYLA information in your packets at KCLS. In addition, all of the new and updated information has been posted on the Knights of Columbus State Website at www.louisianakc.org. This year we will attempt to send 300-400 letters to high schools throughout our state to help make them aware of this program. Each Council is eligible to select one boy and one girl as their Council CYLA winner and each Council shall turn their winners to their Diocesan Coordinators. Each Diocesan Coordinator shall pick one boy and girl winners from the Council winners and provide these winners with the distinction of being an diocesan winner as well as a state finalist. Then a total of

14 finalist will compete for the State Championship.

Every student nominee should utilize the online interactive nomination form found at the state web site.

Dates to remember:

November 1, 2016- Council Appoints a CYLA Chairman

November 1, 2016- January 25, 2017- Council starts promoting the CYLA Program

January 25, 2017- Deadline to have all signed and completed CYLA Applications

February 7, 2017- Deadline for submitting Councils winners to the Diocesan Administrators

February 10-March 3, 2017- Diocesan Competition

March 7, 2017- Deadline For All Diocese Winners To Be Submitted to the State CYLA Chairman

April 9, 2017- State CYLA Finals in Baton Rouge.



Tommy Ruemker
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My Brothers I am humbly proud to again serve as chairperson for St. Mary's. During my first year as St. Mary's Chairman I have seen a few changes. Some of these changes were very emotional, and sad, and some that was very good for the residents of St. Mary's and their future. The sad part was the departure of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows who for many years loved, cared and educated these special children of God. The great changes that started this past fraternal year have been the new Behavioral Unit that was dedicated this past March. The unit houses twelve residents that have problems coping with groups of people. In the unit they can be themselves, and live a more comfortable life, and feel safe. St. Mary's is now breaking ground for the future for the residents of St. Mary's. Phase one is beginning as I write this letter, Brothers six new group homes will be constructed on the campus of St. Mary's. These new group homes will give residents a home environment with twenty four hour around the clock security, nursing aid, and a since of independence, as they take care of the many house duties of cleaning up, and taking care

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of their home. These homes help the residents learn more on a two to one teaching, which in turn helps them be happy, and to be independent.

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 my presentation about St. Mary's, I told the State Family that we are close to the end of our pledge of \$500,000.00 to St. Mary's for the Msgr. Susi Group Home. As of June 30st we the Louisiana Knights of Columbus Councils only have \$19,071.98 dollars to go for our pledge to be paid in full. Many residents have lived, learned and felt more at home in Msgr. Susi Group Home with many accomplishments. Thanks to all of you, and your councils this pledge will be paid out this year, and believe me, to payout in eleven years is just awesome. Brothers, you can be very humble, and proud that you have made a huge impact on so many residents at St. Mary's, and I pray that you and your councils will continue with your generousities for our special children of God.

May God Bless



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Brothers, you don't have to watch the news for very long these days to realize something is seriously going wrong in our world. Now—more than ever, it is important that we promote strong families. Therefore, choosing a Family of the Month is no small matter. By choosing a Family of the Month, we hold up to public view KC families who are working hard to raise their children in a Christian way in a non-Christian world.

Reporting your Family of the Month to Supreme is a very simple thing. Once you have chosen your Council's Family of the Month, you can report it to Supreme in one of

two ways:

Fill out the Family of the Month form and either mail it, fax it (203) 752-4108, or email it (fraternalservices@kofc.org) to Supreme.

Go to the forms section on the kofc.org website and submit the form electronically.

Remember that you have until the 15th of the following month to report a Family of the Month to Supreme. (Example: To report a family for the month of July, you have until August 15th to do so) Please remember, no matter what method you use to report your Family of the Month that you still send a copy to your District Deputy and State Deputy.

Also, remember that August 8th-14th is Knights of Columbus Family Week Celebration. Your Surge with Service book, which can be found on Supreme's website, has a lot of great ideas for your council to hold that activity.

Please remember Brothers that now—more than ever—strong families in Christ Jesus is our only hope to bring change in this ever darkening world. So, promote those families and fight the darkness.

Vivat Jesus.



2016-2017 Elected State Officers

(L-R) Eric Miller, State Advocate; Rennan Duffour, State Secretary; Vernon Ducote, IPSP; James Riente, State Deputy; Keith Lawson, State Treasurer and George Martin, State Warden.



Maryhill Renewal Center, founded in 1948 by the Most Reverend Charles P. Greco, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, is now under the leadership of the Most Reverend Ronald P. Herzog, D.D.

Easily accessible from major highways, Maryhill is located just northeast of Alexandria, Louisiana. The Center's personalized hospitality and gentle ambiance year-round are accentuated by 186 acres of pine forest with walking paths and stocked lake.

Southside accommodations provide 44 rooms, each with a double bed and private bath, along with two partly handicapped-accessible rooms, each with a single bed and private bath. Also on the Southside are two chapels, a dining hall, and comfortable meeting space for groups numbering from 4 to 80.

Northside overnight accommodations include 5 dormitory-style sleeping cabins with a total of 80 beds, and the Cedar Building, which consists of 12 rooms, each with 2 single beds and a private shower.

Also on the Northside of the lake is the Youth Ministry Center which consists of a meeting room that will seat up to 200 persons, a full commercial kitchen, dining rooms and a pavilion with picnic tables and a barbeque pit. The Northside has its own chapel and, depending on the season, a group can use the in-ground swimming pool and bathhouse.

Directed—Provides time for prayer, solitude and guidance from a personal Spiritual Director. This retreat calls for a willingness to discuss one's prayer experience with the Director. Except for the daily meeting with the Director, the time is spent in silence.

Preached—Offers two or three daily conferences, Mass, common prayer, and the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and prayerful.

*Maryhill Renewal Center
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your own linens
& towels!**

Knights of Columbus State Wide Retreat

When Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm
thru Sunday late morning

Where Maryhill Renewal Center
600 Maryhill Road, Pineville, 71360

Dates January 6-7-8, 2017

Brother Knights, NOW is the time to make your plans for JANUARY 2017. If you missed last years RETREAT, you missed the most spiritual weekend with fellow knights.

All information is included in the registration form, including a return address and on-line registration address. Include a \$25 DEPOSIT to hold your space. Each individual is responsible for their registration and deposit.

Please note, everyone will need to bring their own linens & towels.

Cut on dotted line & mail to address as indicated with your deposit of \$25.

Registration for Knights of Columbus Statewide Retreat
 January 6-7-8, 2017 On-Site: \$175 Commuter: \$110.
 Deposit (Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable) required with Registration: \$25.00
 Return to: Donald L. Hebert, Sr., 360 Luke Martin Road, Bunkie, LA 71322
Make check payable to: Knights of Columbus. Balance due at Check-In.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact Info: _____
 Indicate a specific room request here: _____
 (This is not a guarantee. Rooms will be assigned based upon receipt of deposit in full.)
 Will you be arriving in time for dinner at 6:00pm, Friday evening? Yes No
 Do you have any food allergies or special diet needs? Yes No
 If yes, please provide details on reverse.
 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact: Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 For office use only: Date Deposit Received: _____ Check No.: _____ Amt Deposited: \$ _____

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