

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- August 1 *Deadline-SERVICE PROGRAM, Form #365*
- August 1 *Deadline-Squires, Form #468*
- August 1-3 *SUPREME CONVENTION, St. Louis, Missouri*
- August 5 *STATE TEXAS HOLD 'EM, Plaquemine*
- August 5 *Deadline-ORDERING CANDY, MDF Campaign*
- 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 19 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Hessmer*
- 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 4 *Labor Day*
- Sept 9 *STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine*
- Sept 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- Sept 16 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Vinton*
- Sept 22-24 *STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Laplace.*
- Sept 30 *Deadline-Conduct Council Soccer Challenge*
- October 1-30 *Respect Life Month*
- October 1 *Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA*
- October 6-8 *ANNUAL MDF CAMPAIGN*
- October 7 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Lacombe*
- Oct 8 - Nov 12 *Silver Rose Program*
- October 9 *Columbus Day Observed*
- October 10 *Deadline-Payment SUPREME PER CAPITA*
- October 11 *Deadline-Conduct District Soccer Challenge*
- October 14 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Shreveport*
- October 14 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Lafayette*
- October 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- October 25 *Deadline - Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge*
- October 28 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Bourg*
- 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 7 *National Election Day*
- November 11 *Veterans Day*
- November 11 *STATE NINE BALL TOURNAMENT, Lafayette*
- November 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- November 15 *Deadline-Diocesan Cook Off*
- November 19 *STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE, Baton Rouge*
- November 23 *Thanksgiving*
- December 1 *Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight*
- December 1 *Deadline-Council CYLA Chairman to CYLA Chair*
- Dec 1-3 *State Family Meeting, Houma*
- December 8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
- December 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- December 15 *Deadline-Submit Soccer Participation Form 4567*
- December 16 *FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, BTR*
- December 25 *Christmas*
- December 31 *Deadline-Keep Christ in Christmas Poaster to DA*



James F. Riente, Jr.
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I wish to wish all of you a happy New Year. I say this because as you are aware, on July 1, we started the new fraternal year. To start of this new year, the State Council has set goals and a put in action a plan to achieve them. Although we did not meet all of our goals last year, we are starting this new year on a positive note with even more resolve to meet this year's goals. I, along with the other State Officers, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies, and all other State Family members will work hard to succeed and to help you succeed as well.

The new year allows every council to begin working toward its new (and some on-going) goals that it has set. I trust you and your Council has set goals and has a plan in place to achieve these goals. I ask that each and every council has the goal of achieve the prestigious 'Star Council' award. I wish to congratulate all Council's that achieved this award last year.

To start off this year in the right direction, we had an organizational meeting along with KCLS the weekend of July 15 and 16. At those meetings, our Membership Director, Mark Carver, and our Program Director, Darryl Barrios, and their team provided valuable and informative information regarding membership, retention, and programs.

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This included this year's State incentives regarding membership recruitment. We also recognized top recruiters from last year, and we awarded them what they had won for recruiting so well. Our MPC, Joe P., provided leadership training as well. Many Culture of Life chair-couples were in attendance and received information from our Culture of Life chair-couple, Sam and Arlene Mistretta. Finally, the Financial Secretary Association conducted a session for the Financial Secretaries.

I mentioned the State Council setting goals earlier. One of these goals was to add new State Programs. Those that attended KCLS saw the first new addition which was a barbeque contest. They also got to have lunch that was cooked by these contestants. We hope that the competition grows each year and succeeds. Another new program that is coming up quickly is a Texas Hold 'em tournament. We hope to have a great turn out to that tournament.

In September, there will be a meeting in each diocese conducted by our MPC Joe P. I encourage all councils to attend. The information presented their will be beneficial. Also, you will have the opportunity to ask questions in this smaller setting. Your Diocesan Administrator will be getting the dates and locations to the councils in their area.

As we have each and every year we will have many challenges. 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 once again. I very much enjoyed my first year as your State Deputy, and 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 when we all work together.

Vivat Jesus,



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We are starting the new 2017-2018 Columbian year with an active month of July. In July we conducted KCLS and the Summer DD Organizational / State Family Meeting. Two new State Programs have being conducted, the State Masters BBQ Cook-off Competition in mid July and the Texas Hold Em card tournament in early August. Membership is doing well this month as of the time of writing this article. So we are off to a great start.

State Per Capita Invoices were mailed out to all Council Financial Secretaries at the beginning of July. Copies of the Per Capita Invoices were included in the Grand Knight's packets issued at KCLS. Grand Knights, if your Council has not received your State Per Capita Invoices, please contact me and I will ensure you get a copy of the billing ASAP. Many Councils have been responding quickly with Per Capita payments and the State Council is very appreciative of those early responses, there are always cash flow issues facing the State Council at the beginning of the Columbian year.

During this past weekend (7/22-23) I attend two Council Officer Installations. One being Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623 in Laplace. Michael Abbate, Sr is the Grand Knight for Council 9623 who, with his Council, has achieved the State Deputy's Award for 1st Place in the State for four times over the past five years, including 1st

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place in 2017. Council 9623 also has achieved the Double Star Council Award for 2017. Recently it has just been announced that Council 9623 has been awarded 1st place by Supreme for the Top Community Program in the International Competition for Community Programs for 2017. Council 9623 will be recognized by the Supreme Council at the Supreme Convention in August for their accomplishment and will receive an award on stage at the Convention. This is the second year in a row receiving this award from the Supreme Council. The picture below is from the Officers Installation with Grand Knight Michael Abbate, Sr and Financial Secretary Herbert Hill, Jr under their Council Banner recognizing their first place achievements as the Top Council for the State Deputy's Award. Congratulations to Council 9623 on their achievements, accomplishments, hard work and dedication to the Order.



The second Officer's Installation I attended this past weekend was for Msgr Charles Duke Council 3465 (formerly known as Archbishop Chapelle Council) in Metairie. This Council had become inactive due to lack of interest and participation. All members had been transferred to other Councils. At the request of the Pastor for St Ann Church, Brother Lynn Boudreaux has been the key sponsor to reactivate Council 3465. This was their first Officer's Installation resulting in the reactivation of Council 3465. Attached is a picture of the Officers being installed at St Ann Church in Metairie. Some Members of Marquette

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Hello brother Knights, my name is Melvin Burrell. I am currently the Youth Expansion Program (YEP) Chairman. I would like to begin by saying thank you to our Worthy State Deputy James Riente and the other State Officers for having confidence in me and appointing me for a second year as YEP Chairman. I would also like to extend a warm thank you to the Councils that contributed to the YEP fund last year.

Your contribution greatly improves the lives of the children, seminarians, and priest in the State of Louisiana. Some of the programs that you support by donating to YEP are: Seminarians, Columbian Squires, Catholic Youth Leadership Awards, and the Catholic Student Centers of each Diocese.

An email will be sent out later notifying each Council of their YEP quota. The quota is derived using a \$10.00 fee for each active member on their Council's roster which is determined at the start of the Columbian year. You can send your Council's YEP check to my address, which can be found on the State's web site.

Please donate to the youth programs and help the Louisiana Knights of Columbus support our children, priest and disable citizens.

Thank you

2017
YEP FINAL

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$109,103

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Council 1437 attended the Council 3465 Officer's Installation and presented Grand Knight Lynn Boudreaux with a check to financially assist Council 3465 with their Council start-up expenses and planning for the new Columbian Year. I would like to recognize and thank Marquette Council 1437 for their generous donation and offer to assist the Officers and Members in the reactivation of Council 3465. Congratulations to the new Council Officers and Members of Council 3465 and I offer my prayers for a great first year of success in the reactivation of Council 3465.

The State Council is very appreciative of everything the Knights of Columbus Members and their Families do in support of our Councils in the Great State of Louisiana. Please keep up the great work and I pray that you have all the Success you strive for in the this new Columbian year. If there is anything I can do for you, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus!



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Now is the time to start planning your Church activities for the new Columbian year. Start by talking with your Pastor or Liturgy Committee to schedule your quarterly Communion. Then check to see where your Council can help out with other Parish organizations. This could lead to programs that promote the new Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative.

One program you could consider is the Fifth Sunday Rosary Program. The months with 5 Sundays this program year are July, September, December, and March 2018. You could schedule a Rosary at your Hall or before Mass in Church. Invite Parishioners to pray the Rosary with your Council members.

There are several programs to consider for the Christmas season. These include Journey to the Inn (Booklet #9898), Keep Christ in Christmas, and Consecration to the Holy Family (Prayer Cards #10371). Some of these programs require advanced planning so be sure to order your materials from Supreme soon. Christmas will be here before you know it.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the new Domestic Church programs or if I can provide any other assistance.

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I hope you were able to attend the KCLS recently held in Dutch-town on July 15th. Many ideas was presented to help your council put on programs to help and serve your community. The disc that your grand knight received in his packet is a good guide to help your council with community projects. It will also help achieve 100 points on the community grading form.

It is nice to be recognized for all the hard work during the year. I encourage all councils to participate in the State Deputy's Award Program.

Now is the time to sit down with directors and officers to look at last year's work. Then your council can plan for a new and successful year. Try something new for your members to get involved. Is this the year that your council is in the top twenty? Make this your goal. Community activities is a good place to start.

Good luck and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus,





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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 participate in 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 can simply 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 information on the state council web site. We are ready to help!

If you were unable to attend KCLS, then you can still access our presentation on the state web site: <http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>. The presentation also highlights four pregnancy centers in the state of Louisiana that are looking for an ultrasound machine. This is an essential component of their pro-life work. Councils are already working hard to raise the money through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. If your council can make a donation, please contact us for more information. You

can help save a baby.

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 state web site.

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 send us your email address.

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

May God bless you and your family.



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Our La. State Council encourages every Council to get involved with our statewide Seminarian Mission Fund-raiser. We also welcome the assistance of Ladies Auxiliaries or Assemblies that wishes to assist with this fundraiser.

Each active Council should have received raffle tickets to sell during the State Convention this past May. If a Council was not able to attend the State Convention, these packets were given to either the District Deputies or Diocesan Administrators. Each council was assigned 100 tickets to try to sell. We ask each Council to either encourage their

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1st Annual State Texas Hold 'Em
August 5th...Plaquemine Council 970...Plaquemine
Entry Forms on State Website. Enter Today!

membership to sell these raffle tickets and try to get permission from your pastors to hold a church drive. Councils that have been successful in selling these tickets after their masses have been successful in raising larger sums of money to assist us with our fundraiser. Many times, these tickets are not hard to sell because our top prizes are to be a \$5,000.00 check, 2nd Place- \$2,500.00, 3rd Place- \$1,000.00, 4th place \$500.00 and 5th place- \$250.00. Our drawing will be December 3, 2018 and some lucky winner will receive a very nice Christmas.

Once again, we want to inform all Councils who our last year's winners were.

1ST Place- Bobby Green from Lafayette (\$5,000.00) Winner

2ND Place- Pete Pfiiffner From Hammond (\$2,500.00) Winner

3rd Place- Eddie Dugas From Pierre Part (\$1,000.00) Winner

4th Place- Judy Broussard From Kaplan (\$500.00) Winner

5th Place- Drues Lapeyrouse From Chavin (250.00) Winner

All net proceeds of this fundraiser will be used to fund Mission Trips that seminarians who attend Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College are required to go on as part of their priestly formation. These two seminaries encounter over \$110,000.00 in expenses during these Mission Trips. As you see, there is a need for La. State Council to be successful as we can be in assisting them in funding these Mission trips. We encourage all Council to either assist us with our raffle or to simply make a financial donation to assist with our fundraiser. Please make all checks payable to: La State Council. Please send all sold tickets, unsold tickets and monies to our SMF Chairman- Delmas Forbes, Jr. at 1533 Cooper St. Denham Springs, La. 70726.



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 \$170,059.08 which was down from last year's total because of the devastating floods. Brothers all of your dollars went to the mentally challenged in your own home towns and St. Mary's. Brother's \$141,295.65 dollars going right back into your own hometowns to help your brothers and sisters in need. My brothers I am also proud of your donations to St. Mary's of \$28,763.43. 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 should be giving your orders to your District Deputies so they can

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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.

Of note, Softball and Basketball events are no longer. Lack of participation has forced their demise.

A NEW EVENT this year, will be the TEXAS HOLD 'EM Tournament, on Saturday, August 5th, at Plaquemine Council 970. Entry Forms are available on the state website, and they have been mailed to all Grand Knights.



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
Saturday, August 5
Council 970, Plaquemine



**State Texas Hold 'Em
August 5
Council 970, Plaquemine**



**45th Annual State Horseshoe
September 9
Zito Center, Plaquemine**



**70th Annual State Golf
September 22-23-24
Riverlands G&CC
Laplace**



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

State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 112th 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 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 Baton Rouge and hope that your stay will be enjoyable. Those that attended our social last night enjoyed the crawfish, music, facilities, and most importantly, the fraternalism. I would like to offer my appreciation to our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and all of his Convention Committee Members for a job very well done. The chairing of our Annual Meeting is a very large undertaking and takes many hours or hard work. As usual, Vince and his all his team members did an outstanding job.

I have had a wonderful time serving as your State Deputy. Thanks again for the opportunity that you have honored me with.

As State Deputies always do to begin the fraternal year, I travelled to New Haven, Connecticut in June where I met with the Supreme Council. There, we were trained and given materials at that time in order to start of the new fraternal year in a way that we could achieve our goals. Also, 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 in its basement is where our wonderful order was founded. In November, I attended the Mid-Year Meeting for State Deputies in Orlando, Florida.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Organizational Meeting which was held in Baton Rouge on June

25 and 26. 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. Also occurring that weekend was the installation of the State Officers and the District Deputies.

Following that meetings, we had our Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminars (KCLS) this year. This event was in the town of Plaquemine on July 16. At KCLS, we presented materials 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. Vernon Ducote, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the chairmen of our various program while Darryl Barrios, 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 Alexandria. At that meeting, we checked on our progress regarding membership and informed those in attendance about upcoming programs.

We held our Grand Knights Day on January 28 in Baton Rouge. Our 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

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have your orders in by the August 5th deadline, and now is a good time to discuss MDF at your next council meeting, and make your plans for this year's campaign. I know that many man hours take place during this campaign, and this is what we stand for, 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!



State Deputy Report

award including programs regarding the Domestic Church. 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 Toronto, Canada the first week of August. The elected Delegates and others that traveled to it attended along with all of the State Officers. Our Past 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. 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 Directors, Vernon Ducote followed by Darryl Barrios, have done a great job this year and his Program Team worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefited the needy, youth, and seminarians. Our programs also offered sporting events that challenge our brother knights. Our MDF Program, Tommy Ruemker, 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 just over \$180,000 statewide. I am also happy to inform all that the Monsignor Susi home at St. Mary's Residential Training Center has been fully paid this year. Thanks to each and every Council that contributed to that endeavor.

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 PULSE (formerly Camp Joshua).

Our CYLA Program is one of our largest programs. It benefits High School Seniors that have been 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. Delmas Forbes has done an outstanding job as the CYLA Chairman. Our Columbian Squires Program Chairman, Kerry Williams, has taken a very aggressive role in recruiting and holding activities that will foster the perpetuity of the Squires in Louisiana. Youth Program Chairman, Keith Gros, 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, Melvin Burrell, working to promote YEP. Through YEP we also provide support to college Catholic Student centers and the Seminaries. The State Council also coordinated the following

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Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 112th 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

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As a Diocesan Administrator, I found that successful knights and councils generally possess these four attitudes, and they are:

- Be Active;
- Be Informed;
- Be Proud; and
- Be an Ambassador for the Order.

This year, demonstrate these attitudes. Be active, participate in our programs and take the initiative. Be informed, educate yourself on local, state and national KC events and programs and regularly refer to State and Supreme’s website. Be proud, give it your best and display the emblem of the Order with pride, dignity and honor. And be an ambassador,

represent the Order as a Catholic gentleman, promote the Order, and encourage Catholic men to join.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, “I am asking dedicated brother Knights like you to be ambassadors, to reach out to Catholic men and their families and invite them to become part of our Order.”

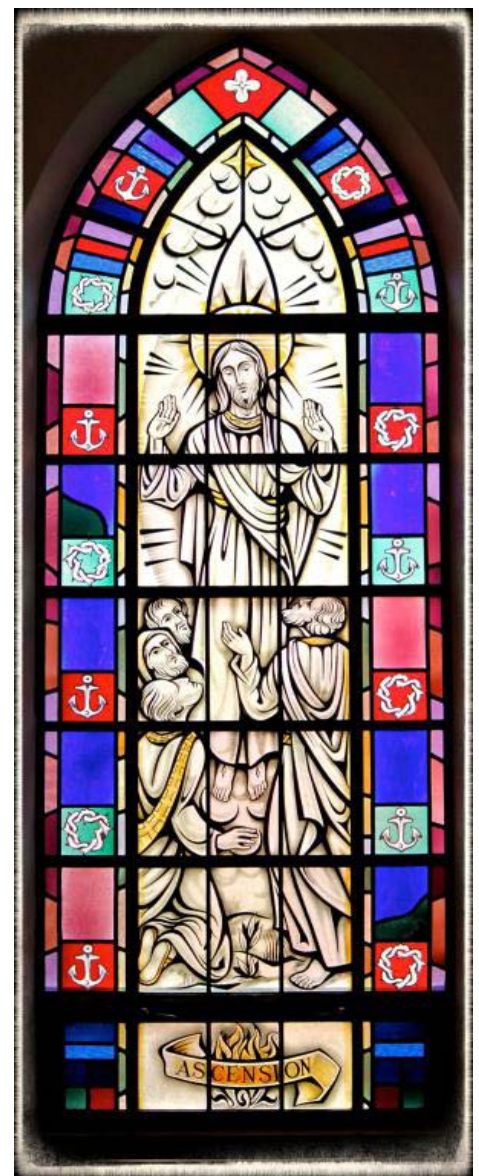
Everything we do is an opportunity to reach out to prospective candidates. Don’t miss those opportunities. For example, a Council Free Throw Challenge is not only an opportunity to welcome the parents to the event but also to explain to them who we are, what we do, and how to join. Incorporate recruiting into your programs by wearing and displaying the emblem of the Order, having brochures available, and telling the public that we are the world’s largest Catholic organization of men who are dedicated to their faith, their families, the Church and service to the needy, and asking them to join.

For guidance and resources for membership growth, visit Supreme’s website (KofC.org), especially the “Membership” section that can be located by clicking the “For Members” button. The brochures are free! Use these resources.

Our members are our most valuable asset. Keep them active. Keep them informed. Make them proud. And, they will become Ambassadors for our Order, thereby resulting in your council’s success, its growth and retention of its members.

Stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with charity. Keep up the great work and recruit a new brother knight.

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
08.19.17	DD Joe Gremillion	Council 3088, Hessmer
09.16.17	DD TBA	Council 6103, Vinton
10.07.17	DD Tim Helbling	Council 12989, Lacombe
10.14.17	DD Michael Roy	Council 3779, Shreveport
10.14.17	DD Mike Terro	Council 10293, Lafayette
10.28.17	DD Donald Tivet	Council 8932, Bourg
12.16.17	DD William Rimes	Council 3298, Baton Rouge

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3061	Covington	9	0
0969	Baton Rouge	7	0	3068	New Orleans	8	0
0970	Plaquemine	19	8	3088	Hessmer	4	3
1087	Donaldsonville	12	0	3091	Westwego	7	0
1099	Napoleonville	16	0	3150	Cut Off	11	0
1108	Shreveport	6	0	3200	Alexandria	6	0
1114	Thibodaux	20	1	3202	Lafayette	9	1
1134	Alexandria	9	1	3208	Lake Charles	8	0
1173	Opelousas	4	0	3246	New Orleans	7	0
1199	Cottonport	5	0	3298	Baton Rouge	6	0
1207	Lake Charles	4	0	3331	Baton Rouge	5	0
1208	New Iberia	10	0	3353	Oberlin	5	0
1217	Marksville	11	0	3356	Cecilia	5	1
1276	St. Martinville	8	0	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	11	0	3407	Shreveport	14	0
1317	Houma	10	0	3409	Opelousas	6	1
1337	Monroe	11	0	3411	New Orleans	6	0
1357	Natchitoches	14	0	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	15	18
1420	Franklin	5	0	3470	Lafayette	6	0
1425	Jeanerette	6	0	3475	Elton	11	0
1437	New Orleans	18	-3	3496	Port Barre	10	0
1514	Vacherie	15	0	3528	Kenner	6	0
1710	Patterson	12	0	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1724	Algiers	6	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	6	0	3622	Moss Bluff	11	1
1754	Ville Platte	5	2	3634	Norco	19	0
1817	Gramercy	16	5	3642	West Monroe	9	0
1819	Bogalusa	7	0	3662	Basile	4	0
1897	Rayne	7	0	3729	New Orleans	17	0
1905	Gretna	14	0	3743	Baton Rouge	13	0
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	12	0
1998	New Roads	5	2	3796	St Gabriel	7	0
2012	Jennings	12	1	3854	Harahan	10	1
2142	Plaucheville	6	0	3857	DeRidder	9	0
2150	Morganza	6	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	9	0	3872	Erath	10	-3
2395	Bunkie	7	0	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	11	0	4010	Mansura	4	0
2409	Luling	15	0	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	16	0
2436	Reserve	7	3	4085	Baker	7	0
2504	Church Point	9	0	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	14	1	4156	Leesville	12	0
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	0
2732	Slidell	17	-1	4309	Centerville	8	0
2807	Baton Rouge	14	0	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	0	4508	Metairie	5	0
2875	Port Allen	10	0	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	0	4562	Lake Charles	13	0
2893	Kinder	8	0	4663	Metairie	8	1
2913	Kaplan	9	0	4676	Loreauville	6	-1
2925	New Orleans	6	0	4683	Lafayette	5	-2
2952	Hammond	18	1	4761	Raceland	8	0
2972	Moreauville	6	0	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	13	0
3006	Iowa	8	0	4818	Zwolle	4	0
3012	Lake Arthur	9	0	4873	Bossier City	23	0
3014	Creole	9	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	1
3015	Sulphur	11	-11	4906	Evangeline	4	0
3048	Bell City	7	0	4927	Parks	6	0
3054	Lockport	12	0	5013	Chauvin	19	1
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	1	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11792	New Iberia	4	0
5111	New Iberia	8	0	8878	Lakeland	12	0	11814	Pearl River	4	0
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8898	Larose	16	0	11857	Vacherie	8	0
5301	Metairie	4	0	8901	Lafayette	12	0	12060	Thibodaux	8	0
5345	Lafayette	4	0	8906	Thibodaux	7	0	12061	Many	4	0
5352	Pierre Part	5	0	8932	Bourg	8	0	12068	Grosse Tete	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	12072	Mandeville	13	0
5499	Crowley	11	0	8978	North Sulphur	11	-6	12103	Lecompte	4	0
5530	Baton Rouge	8	0	9000	Golden Meadow	10	1	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	14	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	9	0
6057	Youngsville	9	0	9217	Belle Deau	4	1	12529	Abita Springs	12	0
6103	Vinton	10	3	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12686	Metairie	5	0
6170	Houma	11	0	9240	Mandeville	17	1	12906	Covington	12	1
6211	Bayou Vista	6	0	9247	Baton Rouge	9	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	7	0
6531	Baton Rouge	4	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	9	0	9436	Richard	22	0	13505	Alexandria	4	0
6870	Terrytown	6	0	9623	Laplace	10	1	13632	Baton Rouge	5	0
6873	Baldwin	5	0	9692	Baton Rouge	13	0	13819	Houma	6	0
6958	Carencro	7	0	9753	Tioga	6	0	13931	Lake Charles	10	0
6959	Egan	6	0	9769	Slidell	5	0	14542	Lafayette	6	0
7033	Ragley	4	0	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	14614	Covington	6	1
7050	Rynella	7	0	9933	Luling	9	0	14657	Pineville	6	0
7084	Berwick	4	0	9935	Duralde	5	0	14822	Kenner	6	0
7226	Marrero	5	0	9973	Slidell	16	1	15006	Lake Charles	8	1
7275	Lafayette	12	0	10045	Winnfield	23	0	15064	Baton Rouge	6	0
7350	Barataria	13	9	10057	Harvey	4	0	15133	Madisonville	9	-1
7355	Houma	13	0	10080	Zachary	6	0	15228	Fishville	4	0
7411	Mire	6	0	10176	Folsom	5	0	15390	Marrero	14	0
7557	Broussard	21	2	10178	Albany	8	1	15477	Lafayette	4	0
7568	Scott	8	0	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15501	New Orleans	4	0
7657	Bayou Blue	6	0	10269	Fenton	22	0	15615	Amelia	4	0
7722	Dulac	7	0	10293	Lafayette	14	0	15676	New Orleans	5	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	4
8031	Swartz	4	2	10564	Simmesport	5	0	16182	Metairie	4	0
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	16355	Bossier City	4	0
8058	Carlyss	10	1	10612	Houma	6	1	16362	Houma	4	0
8147	Gonzales	9	0	10613	Baton Rouge	4	0				
8322	Maplewood	7	1	10645	Lacombe	5	2				
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10717	Mermentau	4	0				
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10721	Judice	7	0				
8342	Prairieville	22	-8	10728	Shreveport	6	0				
8371	Amelia	4	0	10744	Brusly	7	0				
8438	Campiti	18	0	10745	Cankton	4	0				
8442	Violet	4	0	10800	Kraemer	7	0				
8546	Metairie	7	0	10824	Ruston	4	0				
8583	Morse	7	0	10902	Lydia	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	0	10911	Amite	5	1				
8615	Gretna	9	0	10912	Hammond	24	0				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	6	0	11060	Tickfaw	4	0				
8703	Port Sulphur	6	0	11061	Labadieville	7	0				
8743	Chackbay	8	0	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0				
8770	Maurice	8	0	11212	Cow Island	4	0				
8779	Theriot	12	0	11270	Opelousas	7	0				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11407	Grand Lake	4	0				
8840	Mathews	7	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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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 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 La-

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fraternal events: Golf, Horse Shoes, Bowling, and a Nine-Ball Pool Tournament. We have even added another Fraternal Program for this upcoming year. It is a barbeque competition. We have high hopes that it will be a popular event and successful. Robert Boudreaux has 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 Directors, Darryl Barrios succeeded by George Martin, and their team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at every opportunity they can. Unfortunately, we are behind on our annual goal. This is an indication that most Councils are behind in their annual goals. Each of us must take on the responsibility of recruiting to ensure the viability of our wonderful order. Without members, we cannot impact the areas in which we serve as well as support each other. Please work to ensure every Catholic male is given the opportunity to be a Brother Knight.

Ceremonials is an integral part of our Membership Team and our Order, every new member must go through a Initiation (formerly called First) Degree. The emphasis continued to be that each new member should go through the Formation and Knighthood (formerly called Second and Third) Degrees. Our Immediate Past State Deputy, Vernon Ducote, is our Ceremonials Chairman, and he brings years of experience to Ceremonials. I am thankful for his 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 Joe Benke, a Field Directory for Ceremonials for Supreme, to evaluate the team's performance and he has rated the teams as doing an outstanding job each time. We have a team in each Diocese with the exception of Shreveport. Shreveport continues to work to form a team. Unfortunately this year, we lost a familiar face to many, Curley Fault. As many know, Curley was a Conferring Officer for many years. 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. I would like to express my gratitude for all that each of them do to help ensure this jurisdiction's success.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year has appointed a new District Master for Louisiana, Sir Knight Warren Deemer. District Master Warren and I have the same goal and that is to have more growth in the Fourth Degree and to ensure unity between respective Councils and Assemblies. District Master Warren and/or members of his staff have been at our Formation and Knighthood Degrees to promote the Fourth Degree and, he has held promotional meetings and exemplifications throughout this fraternal year.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association (LLAA) continue to work together to support the Knights of Columbus in

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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.



Curtis Constrantiche
Family Life Director
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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,

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Louisiana. Their President, Shirley Bonaccorso, is doing an outstanding job and has attended our State Family Meetings and other events to promote the Association.

When I became your State Deputy, I expected that there would be numerous challenges; however, I did not expect the challenge of the flood in the Baton Rouge and Lafayette areas. Each of you know about the flood, but what you may not know is that we had over 500 Brother Knights and widows that were impacted. Supreme, along with the State Council, received donations and altogether we distributed over three-quarters of million dollars to our members and widows impacted. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from the damage and restore their lives.

Throughout the year, I enjoyed the cooperation and teamwork of my State Officers. I am thankful for the support that I have received by the State Family, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators, Membership Team, and Program Team. Everyone have taken on their respective responsibilities and performed well throughout the year. 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.

Unfortunately, Bishop Herzog retired from his office and resigned as our State Chaplain. I also like to thank Bishop Herzog for his years of outstanding service as our State Chaplain. He was very generous with his time to the State Council and his attendance at every event was appreciated by all. We are very grateful to His Excellency for his service to us. He was an outstanding State Chaplain. I'm sure you would join me in wishing him the best.

Our motto this year is 'Faith in Action.' All of us working together display that with our impact in the areas of our Church, Community, and Youth to name a few. We, as Knights of Columbus (and Squires and Auxiliaries), are having a significant impact on the thousands of lives that we touch. I ask each and every member of the Knights of Columbus to continue to work extra hard for the remaining two months of this fraternal year by recruiting new members and bringing this year's programs to a close.

For so many years, I have been blessed by all 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!

Vivat Jesus,
 James F. Riente, Jr.,
 State Deputy



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State Deputy



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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.



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This is one of our premier youth program that recognizes Catholic Seniors for that all do to contribute to their church parishes, communities and schools. We encourage all KC Councils to consider participating in this program.

Our State Webmaster is in the process of trying to load our new files on our state website and we hope that these updates files and documents will be available very soon. We encourage all Councils to review this information and we hope that some

or most of this information will be a great help to your Council and your CYLA chairman or committee.

Our State Council will continue to award \$4,000.00 each State Winner, \$3,000.00 to each Second Place Winner, \$2,000.00 to each Third Place Winner and an additional \$500.00 to each Diocesan Winner. One of these lucky winners just may come from our own Council and that we encourage all Councils to open the door to all seniors seeking and eager to participate in this youth program.

In addition, there was some information concerning the CYLA program that was put on the disc that was given out at the KCLS Seminar. Two of the most important dates concerning the CYLA program that you will find in the Calendar of events are: **January 25, 2018** is the deadline to have all CYLA applications tuned into the Council and **February 7, 2018** is the deadline to have all Council winners turned in to your Diocesan Administrator.

We ask each Council to encourage all seniors to fill out the online version of the application. In addition, the new CYLA form has been put on the disc for the KCLS seminar.

If you have any questions or need with the CYLA Program please contact:

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Brother Knights as we start a new fraternal year I would like to bring you up to date with what the Louisiana Knights of Columbus Councils have done for St. Mary's this past fraternal year. Brother Knights, though your dedication, and your councils in the state you have donated a total of \$35,652.17 to St. Mary's with \$28,763.43 coming from the Mental Disability Fund Raiser Campaign. Brothers this is wonderful and you should be very proud of your charity and dedication to St. Mary's. I ask all councils in the state to continue to support St. Mary's with your hearts and donations in this new fraternal year. In my last Louisiana Knight article I was proud to tell you that the Msgr. Susi Group Home Resolution was paid in full. My council and I wrote a new resolution which was passed at the State Convention to continue to help St. Mary's in their efforts in building fifteen new group homes, and now awaits the Supreme Convention for approval and passage. If Supreme passes this resolution I will have the State Office send every council the resolution.

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forward in constructing fifteen new group homes on their campus. These group homes will replace the open dormitory building that house many of the two hundred and two residents. St. Mary's has seen great success with the children in the existing group homes as far as in their ability to learn in a more comforting home environment. Being in a group home environment means more one on one teaching, and better behavior situation for the children and staff. Brothers I am sure as we are Knight of Columbus of Louisiana I know that we will help support St. Mary's and our young Brothers and Sisters in this new vision of care.

My Brothers, Chef John Folse hosted the Greco Bowl on St. Mary's behalf. The event was held on June 21st at Hotel Bentley in Alexandria. I am happy to inform to you that the event raised \$35,000.00 for St. Mary's children. I would like to thank all of the Councils that represented the Knights of Columbus at this worthy event.

My Brothers St. Mary's will always strive to make all of their special children first and foremost in their main love, concern, and dedication. May we all pray for Our Lord to continue Bless these children, and the many men, and women who give of themselves so every child can be the best that they can be.

Brothers, I personally want to thank each and every one of you for your love and dedication for St. Mary's, and for the many special children that you have helped throughout the years. Please continue this supporting them with your gifts of love.

St. Mary's web-site is <http://www.stmarysalexandria.org>

May God Bless



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During the annual award presentation ceremony, prior to the opening of the summer games in Hammond. The CEO of Special Olympics for Louisiana presented the Knights of Columbus the recipient of this year's "Outstanding Civic Association Award" for enhancing the lives of all special athletes throughout the state.

This was earned by all those councils who volunteered countless hours at various sporting events and special activities throughout the state (i.e. torch run, polar plunge, over the edge, fall classic, indoor games, etc.). The many meals cooked at these events. As well as the generous donations made to special need programs, schools and to the state Special Olympics' programs. Also the kindness shown by helping special need parishioners and special athletes to various church activities in their parishes.

It has been awhile since we were recognized by the state in this manner for all the Knights of Columbus do and I can tell you from being there it is sincerely appreciated.

Knights of Columbus
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
June 2017

- Denis Condon, Co 1724**
- Randy Carter, Co 2878**
- Clifford Gilliolg, Co 3743**
- Stephen Patton,, Co 4683**
- Andrew Ruiz, Co 8147**
- Rickey Fruge, Co 8978**
- Louis Savoie, Co 10612**
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Last year was a successful year in the way of youth activities. We had several councils which participated with some having some healthy attendance and participation. We had 3 International Winners for the 2016-17 year end Awards.

Rylee Roulet Youth Soccer Challenge 12 year old girls Council 8906 Houma/Thibodaux Diocese

Caylee Sheets 8-11 year old Substance Abuse Poster Contest Council 2657 Baton Rouge Diocese

Yumi Domangue 12-14 year old Substance Abuse Poster Contest 2nd year in a row, council 1817 Baton Rouge Diocese.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE INTERNATIONAL WINNERS, JOB WELL DONE.

As we can see by the above, it does work when we have participants to be recognized. These kids are being recognized for their efforts and talents. They are also representing our great state among the entire organization of the KofC. What an honor for these young people to have a chance to do so. It all starts with the proper planning of the event and getting the word out all the way up until the day of the event. I ask you

once again WGK's to get with the chairman of these events and order the entire kits in advance and use them as designed for advanced publication and the dates of the events.

We look forward to another great year of friendly competition during this 2017-18. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible and will make it possible again this year for the youth of Louisiana.

Vivat Jesus



William McCrossen
Disaster Chairman

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We are now in the mist of hurricane season. Please take a few minutes to go over the State Council's Emergency Management & Relief program. It can be found on the state website under programs. This program is set up to help councils and/or individuals who may need help. It also provides direction on how councils can be of assistance to those in need. A form that can be used to request assistance can be found at the site as well. If needed please fill out the request form as completely as possible. All requests will be verified and a final decision will be made by State Officers as to the award. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Please send any requests for assistance to me.



2017-2018 Re-Elected State Officers

(L-R) Eric Miller, State Advocate; Rennan Duffour, State Secretary; Vernon Ducote, IPSD; 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 David Talley, 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
For More Information,
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you will need to bring
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 12-13-14, 2018

Brother Knights, NOW is the time to make your plans for JANUARY 2018. 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 12-13-14, 2018
 On-Site Single: \$200 On-Site Double: \$175 Commuter: \$110.
 Deposit (*Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable*) required with Registration: \$25.00
 Return to: Stephen Hart, 123 Iroquois Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420
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.
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