

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- Jan1 NEW YEARS DAY
- Jan 12-14 State Retreat. Maryhill Retreat Center.
- Jan 15 STATE PER CAPITA billing mailed to FS
- Jan 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
- Jan 15 Form 5023. Keep Christ in Christmas
- Jan 20 Formation & Knighthood Degree. Mansura.
- Jan 27 GRAND KNIGHTS DAY. Lafayette.
- Jan 27 STATE GUMBO COOK OFF. Lafayette.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Conduct Council Free Throw Contest
- Jan 31 Deadline-CYLA Applications to Councils
- Jan 31 Deadline-Fraternal Activity Survey. Form 1728.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Free Throw Participation. FT1
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Poster Participation. 4001.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Essay Participation. 4216.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Special Olympics Profile. 4584.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Christmas Poster Participation. 5023.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Substance Abuse Posters to DA
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Essay Winners to DA
- Jan 31 Deadline-DA Submit Winning Christmas Posters
- Feb 7 Deadline-CYLA Council Winners to Diocesan Admin
- Feb 10 Formation & Knighthood Degree. New Iberia.
- Feb 10-11 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Hammond.
- Feb 13 MARDI GRAS.
- Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY.
- Feb 14 Deadline-Conduct District Free Throw Contest
- Feb 15 Deadline-Semi-Annual Council Audit, Form 1295
- Feb 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- Feb 17-18 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Hammond.
- Feb 20 State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest-Houma
- Feb 28 Deadline-Conduct Diocesan Free Throw Contest
- Feb 28 Deadline-PSD Award Nomination
- Feb 28 Deadline-Diocesan Admin Submit Winning Essays
- Feb 28 Deadline-Diocesan Admin Submit Winning Posters
- March 1 Deadline-Submit Louisiana Knight Articles
- March 1 Deadline-Diocesan Admin Submit CYLA Winners
- March 3 Formation & Knighthood Degree. Lacombe.
- March 10 STATE FREE THROW CONTEST, Lafayette
- March 10 Formation & Knighthood Degree. Oberlin.
- March 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- March 18 State Citizenship Essay Contest, TBA
- March 18 State Substance Abuse Poster Contest, TBA
- March 30 GOOD FRIDAY
- April 1 EASTER
- April 1 Deadline-STATE PER CAPITA PAYMENT
- April 5 DEADLINE-STATE GRADING FORMS to Chair
- April 5 Deadline-Submit YEP Contribution
- April 8 STATE GRADING, Baton Rouge
- April 8 CYLA FINALS, Baton Rouge
- April 14 Formation & Knighthood Degree. Lecompte.
- April 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- April 21 STATE DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT. Lafayette.
- April 21 Formation & Knighthood Degree. West Monroe.
- April 28 Formation & Knighthood Degree. Houma.
- May 4-5-6 STATE CONVENTION, BATON ROUGE
- May 10 Feast of the Ascension
- May 13 MOTHERS DAY
- May 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- May 26 Formation & Knighthood Degree. Cankton.
- June 1 Deadline-Submit Louisiana Knight Articles
- June 9 Formation & Knighthood Degree. New Orleans.





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For those that may have not heard as of yet, I am very pleased to announce that we have a new State Chaplain. He is Father Jamin David. Father Jamin is currently the pastor at Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland Catholic Church in Albany. Please join me in giving a heartfelt welcome to Father Jamin. We are all very grateful to him for accepting this position and have no doubt that he will be an excellent State Chaplain.

Each and every Knight should be concerned with the well-being of his Council and the Order. For the Knights to continue to do the good that we do, we have to have membership growth. This will ensure our Order continues and thrives in the future. Louisiana fell short of its membership goals last year, and we must turn that around this year. This jurisdiction-wide goal is a reflection on how Councils throughout the state are doing regarding membership. So far this year, we have had great months, but we have also had months that fell short of our goal. We are in a position to meet this year's goal by the end of next June, but it will take work. Recall that growth in membership not only benefits the order as a whole, it has a real and tangible effect on your own Council and the new members. Our Membership Director, Mark Carver, has also put in place several incentives for top recruiters. Please recall, after recruiting a fellow Catholic gentleman, we need to ensure this new prospect quickly makes it to a First degree (whether it be a team degree or a video presentation) and then, subsequently, a Second and Third-degree. The degrees schedules can be found on our state website.

Our Grand Knights Day will occur on Saturday, January 27. During that event, we

will discuss numerous items of interest to you and your council including membership, upcoming programs, and how to wrap up your Council earning of the prestigious **Star Council** award. Also, information about this year's Convention will be distributed. We will start off with a gumbo lunch from award-winning gumbo cooks from across the state. I hope to see each and every council in attendance. Each of you will definitely benefit from attending this event.

A long-standing tradition at Grand Knights Day is the YEP donations presented by Councils. As always, we will recognize the Councils that have contributed (either before or at Grand Knights Day) throughout the meeting. Please recall that all of the State's Youth Programs are funded solely by the YEP contributions, and that these programs depend on your contributions. These include the Soccer and Free Throw Challenges, Squires program, Seminarians, and College Catholic Centers to name a few. Please strongly consider contributing this year if you have not done so recently. To those that plan to contribute, thank you.

We also have numerous state programs coming up very soon including the Retreat and the Bowling Tournament. Please consider participating in them. I know you will enjoy the events and the fraternity found at them.

I would like to once again thank each of you once again for all that you do for this order. Please continue to take care of submitting the required forms as the fraternal year goes on.

Also, I ask that each of you to keep the goal of Star Council in your sight. That award is the symbol of a thriving, successful, and growing council. Please remember that I, the State Officers, your District Deputy, your Field Agent, and the other various members of the State Family are always here for you. We are here to help, and we desire to see you succeed in all you do.

I hope that each and every one of you had a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Fr. Jamin David
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Be honest, how many of you either did it yourself or know someone who took their money and hid it under the mattress or in a coffee can somewhere in the house?

I have to say, I'm guilty of it too. I remember once when my sixth-grade teacher called me out of class because the priest wanted to see me. Of course I was nervous, but then eventually, I went over to the Church only to find out that he needed an altar boy for a funeral Mass. I didn't mind missing an hour or two of class, but I was even more thrilled when the priest gave me a crisp \$20.00 bill – a huge sum of money for me at the time. I remember all the rest of the day at school having my hand shoved in my pocket, checking every two minutes to make sure that no one stole the money. I was afraid that someone was going to steal it or I was going to lose it. And when I got home, what did I do with it? I hid it in my piggy bank that was concealed in an undisclosed location at my home.

It's all about what you do with what you have. Do you remember that Gospel passage that tells the story of the one-talent man who hides his gift – his talent? The Gospel tells us that a rich man gives incredible sums of money to his servants before he leaves on a trip. To the first, he gives 10 talents, to the second 5, and to the third one. Keep in mind that one talent was equivalent to an ordinary man's work for 20 years! And with no instruction, he leaves. The first two guys double their gifts while the third puts his money under the mattress. When he comes back, the rich man asks what happened to his money. The first two are called "good and faithful" because of what was given them, and they're placed in charge of more money.

The third guy says that he was scared of what the rich man might do to him if he lost the money. The master's outburst to the third guy is shocking. He calls him wicked and lazy and tells him that he should have invested the money

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with bankers (a practice which was contrary to Jewish law). He takes the talent away and gives it to the one who has ten. And he sends the man away in exile. That seems unfair. He didn't lose it nor did he have any instructions!

That guy was just like me with that \$20.00 bill – scared that he would lose it or that someone else would steal it. He is a victim of his own fright. Jesus seems to be challenging us to not be full of fear, but to take risks. It's a challenging message to a world full of stock market and financial fears. It's a risk to invite someone back to Church who hasn't been in a while. It's a risk to try a new form of prayer with which you are uncomfortable. It's a risk to stand up to injustices in our world like abortion because of what others might think. But we have to be willing to take calculated risks because our salvation depends upon it.

Allow me the quick opportunity to introduce myself. The son of Susan Reine David and Randy David (a brother Knight), I grew up in the thriving metropolis of Morganza in Pointe Coupee Parish and was a parishioner of St. Ann Church there. Church and family were instrumental parts of my discernment to the priesthood as was the inevitable support of Brother Knights from Morganza's local Council 2150! While at Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee, I decided to give seminary a shot. After graduating from St. Joseph Seminary in Covington and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. I also was sent to study canon law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC where I earned my licentiate. I have served at several parishes in the Diocese and am currently pastor of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Albany. I also am the Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate, a Judge in our Diocesan Tribunal, Chaplain to the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association, and other hats too numerous to mention here. I look forward to working with you all and getting to know you more.

What's my vision as your chaplain? It's about helping you to do the right things with what we possess, and I believe we will be judged according to that standard. Remember my \$20.00 and the piggy bank? I saved it and sat on it all right. But when it came time to use it, guess what – I forgot where I hid the piggy bank! Take the risk and use what God has given you and I promise that you will receive a good return!

God's peace!

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A Knight of Columbus Member in service to One is a Knight of Columbus Member in Service to All.

I would like to begin by saying very Merry Christmas to all of you and your families. We have been blessed this past year with so many joyous rewards. We also have to remember all of our loves ones and friends we have lost but not forgotten in our prayers.

I am excited to enter this New Year of 2018 with you. We are presented with an excellent opportunity to make a special New Year resolution. Let's explore a resolution to donate to the Youth Expansion Program (YEP). By donating to YEP we can create memorable, exciting events for the children of our State. With your donations we would like to increase the number of programs and services we provide to the children of Louisiana.

An email was sent out notifying each Council of their YEP quota. The quota was derived using a \$10.00 fee for each active member on your Council's roster which is determined at the start of the Columbian year.

We have collected a total of \$17,319.00; this leaves us with a balance of \$107,681.00 to collect by the end of this Columbian year. I challenge each one of you to help me raise enough money to support the youth expansion program of Louisiana and surpass the great job you did last year.

Each month (through Uncle Paul) I send out an email to update you as to which Councils donated to YEP and the amount of funds YEP collected. The program takes

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'18 YEP Goal

\$150,000

\$125,000

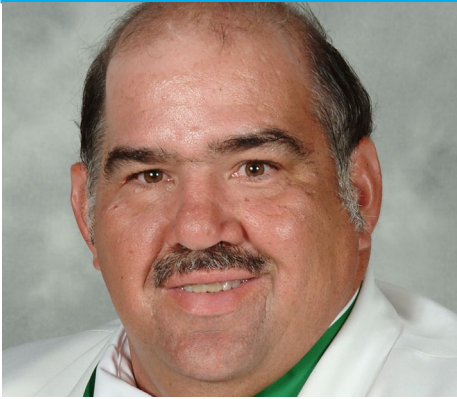
\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$17,319



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This year's Seminarian Mission Fund-raiser officially ended on December 3, 2017 with our drawing. This year, we fell short of our original goal but were able to raise over \$34, 000.00. We are grateful to our second-place winner- Fr. Vander Heyden Council 4874 in Ponchatoula and our fifth-place winner-Labadeieville Council 11061 who voted to donate their winnings back to drawing. Through the generosity of these two Councils, this allowed us to be able to donate another \$2,750.00 to two seminar-ies. With our net proceeds from this fund raiser we will evenly split and make donations to both Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington.

Brother Knights, I want to explain, what is the purpose of this fund raiser and what these donations are being spend. Every year seminarians from both Notre Dame and St. Joseph take Mission Trips and their part of their priestly formation. The monies we are able to raise are directly used to help fund this Mission Trips. These young men that goes on these Mission Trips are our future priest and that we continue to advocate that being involved in this annual fundraiser, your Council is supporting vocations.

Seminarian Mission Fund
RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Place...\$5000...St. Patrick Council 8601, Baton Rouge
- 2nd Place...\$2500...Fr. Vander Heyden Council 4874, Ponchatoula
- 3rd Place...\$1000...Gerald Villar, KC Council 6389, St. Amant
- 4th Place...\$500...Johnnie Miller KC Council 2012, Jennings
- 5th Place. ...\$250...Labadieville Council 11061, Labadieville

Cherry Captures Nine Ball Title



Jerry Cherry, Council 8371, Amelia (center) accepts Championship Awards from State Secretary Rennan Duffour (L) and State Warden George Martin (R), at conclusion of play at recently completed 12th Annual Knights of Columbus Nine Ball Championship.



Nine Ball Finalists included (L-R): Second Place Jason Leonard, Co. 970, Plaquemine; Third Place Minos Simon, Co. 1276, St. Martinville; and Fourth Place, Joel Dupre, Co. 7657, Houma.

LAFAYETTE, La - Jerry Cherry, St. Andrew Council 8371, Amelia, wasted no time in capturing the 12th Annual KC Nine ball Championship played on Saturday, November 11th at Max's Pool Hall, Lafayette, Cherry captured five (5) straight contests before dropping a match to 2016 Champion Jason Leonard. Cherry then captured the IF game to take his victory..

Cherry's wins included Chase Carpenter, Co. 6389; Charles Amiot, Co. 2657; Brent City, Co. 1276; Joel

Dupre, Co. 3779 and Jason Leonard, Co. 970, to reach the championship series.

Jason Leonard, Runner-Up, Council 970, Plaquemine, posted a 6 & 2 record. Leonard, the defending champion, and top seed, won four straight matches against Randall Richard, Co. 5499; Mike Vanicor, Co. 2855; Ralph Rivet, Co., 970; and Minos Simon, Co. 1276, before falling to Champion Cherry in the winners bracket final.

Tournament regular Minos Simon, Co. 1276, St. Martinville, posted a 5 & 2 record to capture third place.

Joel Dupre, Co. 7657, Houma, road to fourth place included a 4 & 2 record with losses to Cherry and Simon..

Thanx go out to Max Langlinois, owner of Max's Pool Hall, for allowing the tournament to move to his facility on short notice.

Next year...Max's Pool Hall!



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The anniversary of the dreadful Supreme Court decision of Roe v Wade is January 22nd, so it is fitting that the month of January is filled with special pro-life activities across the country. In the state of Louisiana, there are a number of major events.

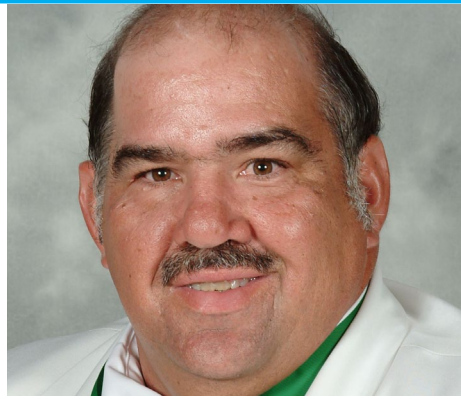
The major public pro-life marches will take place at three locations: 1) Life March South in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 20, 2017 at 10 AM, 2) Life March North Shreveport-Bossier City on Saturday, January 27, 2017 at 10 AM and 3) Life March Central in Pineville-Alexandria on February 3, 2017 at 10 AM. More information on these marches can be found at the Louisiana Right to Life web site (www.prolifelouisiana.org). There are also smaller, local marches taking place in Louisiana.

I hope that all of the councils in our state will have representation at one or more of these marches. Please ask your brother knights, family members, and friends to join you at one or more of these marches.

The news media often try to ignore these pro-life efforts, but the number of participants can be so large that they cannot do so. The marches send a strong message to our fellow citizens that it is terribly wrong for a society to legally allow the killing of innocent human beings. Please stand up for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

As always, please pray for an end to abortion.

May God bless you and your family.



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We continue to encourage every Knights of Columbus Council to participate in our CYLA Program. All Catholic Seniors including home school students are eligible to participate in this program. We encourage all applicants to use the on-line version of the CYLA application that is found on our state website. Our Catholic Youth Leadership Award is grown into one of our premier youth program and there are catholic seniors that are waiting for the opportunity to participate in this program.

We are into what some would call crunch time or the heights of the CYLA program. There is time to find your catholic seniors that wants to participate in this program. However, councils should encourage these seniors to have their applications completed and turned in before the deadline of January 25, 2018. Councils, should be preparing their grading

committee now. Remember that CYLA places an emphasis on catholic values, scholastic achievement, athletics, and leadership in the areas of church, school and community.

Each council can select one catholic boy and one catholic girl as their council winners. These council winners should be then submitted to the respective Diocesan Administrators. Diocesan Administrators then conduct their diocesan competitions and they honor one boy and girl with the honor of competing in the State CYLA finals.

Dates to Remember:

January 25, 2018-Deadline to have all signed applications turned into to their councils.

February 7, 2018- Deadline to have all council winners submitted to the Diocesan Administrators.

March 7, 2018- Deadline to have all winning diocesan winners submitted to our State CYLA Chairman.

April 8, 2018- State CYLA finals to be held at St. Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge.



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place from July to June of the fraternal year. I would like to thank you for your continuous donations and support of the YEP. Your continuous donations help to stimulate the emotional, intellectual, and physical well being of the children, seminarians and young adults in Louisiana.

At Grand Knights Day I will have a Power point presentation called the Parade of Councils. This presentation will show the Council's quota, how much the Council donated and if they met their quota or quota plus. You will still be able to make a donation at Grand Knights Day.





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The theme for this fraternal year's state convention was selected by the State Deputy; **"It Continues with Us"**. We want to be about your actions as Knights of Columbus and doing the work of Father McGivney.

The Convention this year will be held in Baton Rouge on May 4 -6, 2018, at the Crown Plaza. We will again continue with a new, revised agenda, promising shorter meetings, shortened banquet and more free time for fun, games and fraternalism. Also again this year we will be having a Baby Shower Collection drive to benefit the local Crisis Pregnancy Center. There will also have children's entertainment on Saturday so feel free to bring your whole family to enjoy the weekend.

We will start the weekend off on Friday with our convention four man golf scramble at the LSU golf course for all the golfers. Also again this year for ALL you bowlers we are having a singles "NO TAP" bowling tournament at Circle Bowl. Then we will have our annual Memorial Mass at St Jude Church, followed by a fantastic crawfish boil on the "The Deck at St Jude the Apostle Church" with a promise to have plenty of crawfish and a band. We will close out our Friday night at the famous State Deputy Hospitality room where you can have a drink and more food with time to catch up with Brothers from across the state. Saturday we will take care

of our business with a promise to wrap up around 12:30, in the afternoon we will have the Pro Life Oratory contest, followed by games of Family Feud and Bingo. We will resume Saturday with the Convention Banquet from 6:00 to 8:30 and then plenty of time for you to relax and enjoy your friends at the State Deputy Hospitality room. On Sunday we will start off with the Convention Mass followed by breakfast and elections with a couple of hours in the general session to wrap up the weekend.

This year again, we are offering Councils, Squires and Louisiana Ladies Auxiliaries a 25% discount on sponsorships and ads in our program book. The prices are as follows:

- \$5000 Platinum Sponsorship
- \$2500 Gold Sponsorship
- \$1000 Silver Sponsorship
- \$500 Bronze Sponsorship
- \$250 Sponsorship
- \$150 Sponsorship
- \$100 Sponsorship

Let's keep up the good works of our Faith in Action by our service to others!

Remember "It Continues with Us"

Please come out and enjoy what should be a wonderful and memorable weekend.



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The Christ in Christmas Committee of New Orleans is proud to announce that 70 billboards will be displayed in the New Orleans area with the message "Keep Christ in Christmas". Eighteen billboards are sponsored in whole or part by KC Councils and Fourth Degree Assemblies. The Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association is also sponsoring a billboard again this year. Of the total number of billboards, 11 will be digital including 7 digital billboards carrying our message in the Hammond area.

The Christ in Christmas Committee consists of members of the Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic School Co-Operative Clubs, Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association and the Clarion Herald newspaper. The committee promotes the display and projection of the Christian message of Christmas, which is the birth of Christ. This is done by displays on outdoor billboards, garden flags, yard signs, bumper stickers, car magnets and posters in schools, Councils, Churches and businesses. They all send the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" with a pictorial nativity scene of the Holy Family.





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I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we begin the New Year it is a good time to have a food drive, collect coats, and give blankets and socks to the homeless, poor and needy. There are still people who need our help from the hurricanes this past summer. For donations make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.", P.O. Box 38254, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-8154. Don't forget to make your MDF fund donation as early as possible. Your council's work in the community helps make things better for the less fortunate. May God Bless you and your council.

Vivat Jesus!



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Brothers, Special Olympics is growing throughout the state in the past couple of years by increasing the number of athletic events and fundraising activities.

We recently added two more "Polar Plunges" in Shreveport and Madisonville last year to go with the highly successful one in Gonzales that raises over \$50,000 annually. So if your council is located in these areas I hope you will consider getting involved as these events are a lot of fun for all.

Just this month we completed the largest single athletic event in state history in Baton Rouge with the regional bowling tournament which hosted over 1200 plus special needs

bowlers. There were 6 different councils involved who volunteered as "pit bosses" to assist with the lanes.

As a result of our statewide commitment to Special Olympics of Louisiana, the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS of LOUISIANA was presented with "THE OUSTANDING CIVIC ORGANIZATION AWARD" for 2016 at an award presentation prior to the opening of the summer games. So many thanks to ALL those councils who participate in Special Olympics every year. You are truly being recognized for all your hard work.

Please don't forget the "PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS" is due again prior to end of January. Take the time to fill it out, so Supreme knows what we are doing as a state and send some money directly to the Special Olympics State Office. This form and your area activities can be found on the state KC website under Special Olympics.

**Special
Olympics**
Louisiana



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from Susan Camel & Robert Boudreaux
Your KC Office Staff



Tommy Ruemker
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Brother Knights, as I am writing this *Louisiana Knight* column, I am sure that most of your councils that are going to participate in the tootsie roll drive are receiving your tootsie rolls, and preparing for the many hours of fund raising. I truly enjoy my time standing at one of the stores, and for these hours, and I am always amazed in the amount of people who give generously for such a worthy cause. Many of these people ask, where does this money go that is being raised, and I proudly say that money donated is distributed back into our area to help our own local residents with their special needs. Some councils may also give a percentage to St. Mary's Rehabilitation Training School which this year has two hundred and one residents, and some of their residents come from our own hometowns. I have always noticed an extra smile on the people who asked this question, because they give from the heart, and when they hear it is helping our local residents it seems to brighten up their day even more.

For the councils who are not participating in the tootsie roll drive there are many different fund raisers that you can do to help raise money for your special citizens in your hometowns. I ask that you please participate in this very worthy cause, and get the warm filling in your hearts when you are able to present a check to these special people.

Brothers as of November 20, 2017, Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the state have already raised \$66,031.06 to help our mentally challenged brothers and sisters. Please keep up the good work, and I am sure we will surpass last year's goal.



Brothers please send your checks in to the state office as soon as possible after your fundraiser to be recorded so they can make your checks out to your beneficiaries and place your council number, and amount on the spread sheet in order for your council to be eligible for an award. Also brother please remember that all monies need to be turned into the state no later than March 31st of 2018.

I am proud to say that we have a new resolution which has been accepted by State and Supreme to help support St. Mary's in their constructing fifteen new group homes. This is the resolution which has been approved by State and Supreme.

Knight of Columbus
 Louisiana State Council
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By: St. John the Evangelist Council 8342

Purpose: To help St. Mary's Residential Training School with their planned expansion Group Homes Capital Campaign by supporting with a voluntary percentage as determined by each council within the Louisiana Jurisdiction of our annual Citizens with Mental Disabilities Fund Drive for the project in honor of our State Chaplin Most Reverend Bishop Ronald Herzog.

Whereas: In 1954, our beloved Bishop Charles P. Greco built a beautiful residential facility for people with mental disabilities from ages 3 to 21; and

Whereas: St. Mary's has served God's most vulnerable people in this beautiful facility for 63 years; and

Whereas: St. Mary's now finds it necessary to build fifteen new group homes to serve children, and adults with mental disabilities and autism; and

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus of Louisiana Jurisdiction helped with the original construction of St. Mary's in Boyce, Louisiana; and

Whereas: The St. Mary's Board of Directors through our State Chaplin, Most Reverend Bishop Ronald Herzog, has asked for volunteer donations for the Group Homes Capital Campaign to assist them; and

Whereas: In order to insure that this request is fulfilled the Louisiana State Council wishes to set up a specific funding method; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Louisiana Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2017 for their 112th Annual Meeting vote to support a voluntary percentage as determined by each council within the Louisiana Jurisdiction of proceeds from each council's campaign for people with mental disabilities to St. Mary's Residential Training School's Group Homes Capital Campaign. These funds will be deposited in St. Mary's Development Account as a holding account until Group Homes Construction commences, and funds will then be deposited into the appropriate account used to pay construction and/or mortgage costs not to exceed ten years.

Respectfully submitted:
 Grand Knight: Elliot Waguespack
 Deputy Grand Knight: Matthew LeBlanc
 Advocate: Thomas Ruemker

Priest Appreciation Banquet

Knights of Columbus Priests Appreciation Banquet for the priests of the Lafayette Diocese was held Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 at St. John Cathedral Hall in Lafayette, LA

Our First Annual Banquet was attended by 30 plus Priests including our Bishop Douglas Deshotel.

We enjoyed visiting with more than 120 Brother Knights and their wives from many of our Councils who donated in support of this effort. The funds generated each year will go towards Priest's Retirement Fund for our Diocese.

The wonderful meal was prepared by Chef and Brother Knight Jude Tauzin and donated by Tony Chachere's Creole Foods. Each priest was presented with a small gift in recognition of their devotion to the Church. Our speaker shared stories of "why we appreciate our priests" and the many things they do each day for us...especially the Mass!

We look forward to next year to continue and grow our support of our priests.

Committee: S. Derek Faust, Jude Tauzin, John Fruge, Richard Yandle, David Chicola, Glenn Ray.



Bishop Deshotel speaks to Priest's Appreciation Banquet as S. Derek Faust, K.C. Insurance Field Agent looks on.



Fr. Patrick Broussard, Fr. Chris Cambre, DD John Fruge, Fr. Jason Vidrine, DD John Hains, and Beverly Hains.



Priest's Appreciation Banquet Attendees enjoy the feast prepared by Executive Chef Jude Tauzin.

Grand Knights, Membership Directors
& Program Directors.
Culture of Life Chaircouple
are Encouraged to Attend!!

Grand Knights Day

SATURDAY, January 27, 2018
Teurlings Catholic High School
Lafayette

Officer Training & Gumbo Cook-Off Finals.
Plan to Attend & Encourage Council Participation!



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The start of the New Year will mark many changes in Council Activity.

Gone are the State Basketball and Softball tournaments. Both events had histories over 70 years each, however lack of participation has created the need for new events that may encourage our membership to participate.

The first two added events were the State BBQ Contest and the State Texas Hold 'Em Tournament conducted last summer and fall.

These two events will continue this year.

Please note the Texas Hold 'Em will move from an August date to a March 24th date, with Council 970 hosting once again.

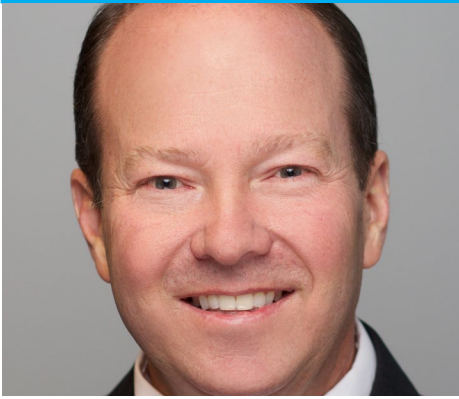
The BBQ Contest will take place during May, June, July with the Championship taking place at KCLS.

NEW THIS YEAR will be the First KC Disc Golf Tournament, April 21, Pa Davis Park, Lafayette; and First KC Corn Hole Tournament, to be held in conjunction with the KC State Horseshoe, September 8, Zito Activity Center, Plaquemine.



72nd Annual KC State Bowling
Tangi Lanes, Hammond
February 10-11
February 17-18

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Membership Quotas

What's the deal with membership quotas for councils? Reaching your quota of new members helps to ensure the strength and stability of your council for future generations. Our Order has survived and continued for 135 years because each generation of knights has



recruited a new class of knights for the next generation. If you want your council to be around for your son or grandson to join, then recruit and grow your council. Keep your council active and alive for future generations.

Unfortunately, some councils think they already have enough members. Thus, those councils believe they don't need any new members, and they don't go looking for them. However, councils will always experience a loss of members through deaths, suspensions or withdrawals. Therefore, councils need to always recruit in order to replace the members they lose. Otherwise, councils will have to play "catch up," and some councils' growth may never catch up with their losses.

Whether you agree or disagree with quotas, hopefully, we can all agree that failing to recruit and replace members that we lose due to deaths, suspensions or withdrawals will ultimately result in a dormant/inactive council.

Invite a Catholic gentleman to join your council. Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and his faith.



Tommy Ruemker
St. Mary's Chairman
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The St Mary's resolution which was passed at the State Convention to continue to help St. Mary's in their efforts in building fifteen new group homes, has now been approved by the Supreme Convention. This new resolution will insure that the Louisiana Knights of Columbus will continue to stand side by side with St. Mary's, and Bishop Greco's vision of providing every person the opportunity to develop to his or her full potential, intellectually, spiritually, mentally, physically, vocationally and socially.

St. Mary's is beginning to move 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 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. Brothers I ask that you to visit the St. Mary's web-site, and take a tour, see what is new, and become a saint, or check out the many ways that you can support St. Mary's, and our special children of God.

St. Mary's web-site is <http://www.stmary-salexandria.org>
 May God Bless

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

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

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
01.20.18	DD Marvn Guillot	Council 4010, Mansura
02.10.18	DD Pat Lancon	Council 1208, New Iberia
03.03.18	DD Timothy Helbling	Council 12989, Lacombe
03.10.18	DD Darryl Fontenot	Council 3353, Oberlin
04.14.18	DD Robert Lachney	Council 12103, Lecompte
04.21.18	DD Dennis Bratton	Council 3642, West Monroe
04.28.18	DD Maurice Evans	Council 7355, Houma
05.26.18	DD Jeremy Thibodeaux	Council 10745, Cankton
06.09.17	DD Paul Eckert	Council 1437, New Orleans

Membership

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

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	1	3061	Covington	9	1
0969	Baton Rouge	7	7	3068	New Orleans	8	0
0970	Plaquemine	19	10	3088	Hessmer	4	5
1087	Donaldsonville	12	0	3091	Westwego	7	0
1099	Napoleonville	16	0	3150	Cut Off	11	0
1108	Shreveport	6	2	3200	Alexandria	6	2
1114	Thibodaux	20	2	3202	Lafayette	9	0
1134	Alexandria	9	1	3208	Lake Charles	8	1
1173	Opelousas	4	2	3246	New Orleans	7	2
1199	Cottonport	5	2	3298	Baton Rouge	6	3
1207	Lake Charles	4	1	3331	Baton Rouge	5	0
1208	New Iberia	10	0	3353	Oberlin	5	0
1217	Marksville	11	2	3356	Cecilia	5	2
1276	St. Martinville	8	1	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	11	6	3407	Shreveport	14	1
1317	Houma	10	0	3409	Opelousas	6	1
1337	Monroe	11	14	3411	New Orleans	6	0
1357	Natchitoches	14	1	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	15	31
1420	Franklin	5	0	3470	Lafayette	6	0
1425	Jeanerette	6	7	3475	Elton	11	0
1437	New Orleans	18	0	3496	Port Barre	10	1
1514	Vacherie	15	4	3528	Kenner	6	0
1710	Patterson	12	1	3534	Oakdale	4	1
1724	Algiers	6	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	6	0	3622	Moss Bluff	11	2
1754	Ville Platte	5	2	3634	Norco	19	0
1817	Gramercy	16	-9	3642	West Monroe	9	0
1819	Bogalusa	7	0	3662	Basile	4	0
1897	Rayne	7	0	3729	New Orleans	17	4
1905	Gretna	14	3	3743	Baton Rouge	13	2
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	12	3
1998	New Roads	5	4	3796	St Gabriel	7	4
2012	Jennings	12	-6	3854	Harahan	10	1
2142	Plaucheville	6	0	3857	DeRidder	9	2
2150	Morganza	6	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	9	1	3872	Erath	10	1
2395	Bunkie	7	-5	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	11	7	4010	Mansura	4	0
2409	Luling	15	0	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	16	1
2436	Reserve	7	9	4085	Baker	7	0
2504	Church Point	9	7	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	14	-2	4156	Leesville	12	9
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	-3
2732	Slidell	17	1	4309	Centerville	8	2
2807	Baton Rouge	14	2	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	0	4508	Metairie	5	6
2875	Port Allen	10	-3	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	4	4562	Lake Charles	13	-4
2893	Kinder	8	4	4663	Metairie	8	1
2913	Kaplan	9	3	4676	Loreauville	6	-1
2925	New Orleans	6	-4	4683	Lafayette	5	-1
2952	Hammond	18	1	4761	Raceland	8	0
2972	Moreauville	6	1	4787	Hathaway	6	2
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	13	-3
3006	Iowa	8	2	4818	Zwolle	4	1
3012	Lake Arthur	9	0	4873	Bossier City	23	9
3014	Creole	9	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	3
3015	Sulphur	11	-9	4906	Evangeline	4	0
3048	Bell City	7	1	4927	Parks	6	0
3054	Lockport	12	5	5013	Chauvin	19	2
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	-2	8843	Leroy	4	1	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11792	New Iberia	4	-1
5111	New Iberia	8	0	8878	Lakeland	12	-6	11814	Pearl River	4	1
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8898	Larose	16	0	11857	Vacherie	8	0
5301	Metairie	4	3	8901	Lafayette	12	-1	12060	Thibodaux	8	0
5345	Lafayette	4	0	8906	Thibodaux	7	4	12061	Many	4	0
5352	Pierre Part	5	0	8932	Bourg	8	-1	12068	Grosse Tete	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	12072	Mandeville	13	7
5499	Crowley	11	3	8978	North Sulphur	11	-6	12103	Lecompte	4	0
5530	Baton Rouge	8	1	9000	Golden Meadow	10	3	12115	New Orleans	4	0
5532	Lawtell	5	6	9007	Metairie	6	1	12163	Milton	5	1
5627	Independence	8	0	9016	Baton Rouge	7	-5	12179	Morgan City	4	0
5747	Chalmette	14	0	9085	Barksdale AFB	5	-13	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
5755	Westlake	10	-8	9107	New Orleans	7	2	12245	Franklinton	5	0
5935	Laplace	11	3	9110	Jennings	4	0	12285	Schriever	9	-19
6057	Youngsville	9	0	9217	Belle Deau	4	4	12529	Abita Springs	12	-8
6103	Vinton	10	5	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12686	Metairie	5	0
6170	Houma	11	1	9240	Mandeville	17	4	12906	Covington	12	3
6211	Bayou Vista	6	3	9247	Baton Rouge	9	7	12989	Lacombe	10	10
6324	Monroe	4	0	9260	Shreveport	8	0	12997	New Iberia	9	0
6326	Denham Springs	17	1	9281	Lacassine	5	0	13145	Baton Rouge	4	-6
6357	Belle Chasse	11	4	9294	Echo	4	0	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
6369	Avondale	4	0	9338	Houma	7	0	13296	Kolin	4	0
6389	St Amant	12	1	9347	Metairie	6	0	13349	Waggaman	4	0
6496	Abbeville	4	-8	9384	Marrero	4	0	13397	Thibodaux	7	7
6531	Baton Rouge	4	0	9415	New Orleans	5	0	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
6746	Kenner	4	1	9418	Fifth Ward	5	0	13425	River Ridge	7	8
6753	French Settlement	9	3	9436	Richard	22	0	13505	Alexandria	4	9
6870	Terrytown	6	-4	9623	Laplace	10	7	13632	Baton Rouge	5	-3
6873	Baldwin	5	1	9692	Baton Rouge	13	4	13819	Houma	6	4
6958	Carencro	7	0	9753	Tioga	6	0	13931	Lake Charles	10	-2
6959	Egan	6	6	9769	Slidell	5	2	14542	Lafayette	6	3
7033	Ragley	4	1	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	14614	Covington	6	3
7050	Rynella	7	0	9933	Luling	9	0	14657	Pineville	6	4
7084	Berwick	4	0	9935	Duralde	5	0	14822	Kenner	6	5
7226	Marrero	5	-1	9973	Slidell	16	3	15006	Lake Charles	8	5
7275	Lafayette	12	4	10045	Winnfield	23	0	15064	Baton Rouge	6	0
7350	Barataria	13	13	10057	Harvey	4	-6	15133	Madisonville	9	-1
7355	Houma	13	-2	10080	Zachary	6	5	15228	Fishville	4	0
7411	Mire	6	-31	10176	Folsom	5	3	15390	Marrero	14	-1
7557	Broussard	21	0	10178	Albany	8	2	15477	Lafayette	4	0
7568	Scott	8	1	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15501	New Orleans	4	0
7657	Bayou Blue	6	1	10269	Fenton	22	0	15615	Amelia	4	0
7722	Dulac	7	0	10293	Lafayette	14	-7	15676	New Orleans	5	2
7856	St Francisville	6	-8	10349	Henderson	4	0	15731	Pineville	4	0
8029	Alexandria	7	3	10428	Eunice	5	-9	15892	Harvey	4	3
8030	Livonia	4	0	10455	Baton Rouge	11	3	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	2	10612	Houma	6	1	16362	Houma	4	2
8147	Gonzales	9	2	10613	Baton Rouge	4	0	16849	Abbeville	0	14
8322	Maplewood	7	5	10645	Lacombe	5	2				
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10717	Mermentau	4	0				
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10721	Judice	7	1				
8342	Prairieville	22	1	10728	Shreveport	6	4				
8371	Amelia	4	1	10744	Brusly	7	1				
8438	Campiti	18	0	10745	Cankton	4	0				
8442	Violet	4	2	10800	Kraemer	7	2				
8546	Metairie	7	1	10824	Ruston	4	0				
8583	Morse	7	0	10902	Lydia	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	1	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	2	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0				
8770	Maurice	8	0	11212	Cow Island	4	-1				
8779	Theriot	12	7	11270	Opelousas	7	2				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11407	Grand Lake	4	1				
8840	Mathews	7	0	11491	Mowata	4	0				

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**KC State Texas Hold 'Em
Council 970, Plaquemine
March 24**



**KC State Disc Golf
Pa Davis Park, Lafayette
April 21**



**KC State BBQ Cook Off
Finals @ KCLS
May, June & July**



113th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention
All Functions @ Crowne Plaza Hotel Unless Indicated

Friday, May 4, 2018

11:00am - 5:00pm	Convention Golf Scramble	LSU Golf Course,
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Convention Bowling Tournament.	Circle Bowl
12:00pm - 5:00pm	Convention Registration/Credentials	Atrium
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Memorial Mass	St. Jude the Apostle Church
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Crawfish Boil	The Deck, St. Jude Church
6:30pm - 11:00pm	State Deputy Hospitality	Bayou & Levee Rooms

Saturday, May 5, 2018

7:00am - Noon	Convention Registration	Atrium
7:00am - Noon	Convention Credentials	Atrium
7:00am - 2:00pm	Convention Exhibits	Atrium
8:00am - 9:00am	Rosary w/Wives	Premier 2 & 3
9:00am - 10:00am	Committee Meetings	
	Audit	River Boat
	Budget & Finance	Creole Queen
	Credentials	Chairman's Library
	Elections	Executive Board Room
	Felicitations	Cypress 2
	Good of the Order	Mississippi Queen
	Memorials	Delta Queen
	Minutes	Samuel Clemens
	Resolutions	Natchez
	Wardens	Premier 3
9:00am - 12:00pm	Financial Secretary Assn. Meeting	Cypress 1
9:00am - 11:00am	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Premier 1
9:00am - till	Kidz Kamp	Suite 253
10:15am - 12:30pm	Opening General Session	Premier 2 & 3
11:30am - 1:00pm	Ladies Dutch Treat Luncheon	Cypress 2
2:00pm	Pro-Life Oratory Contest	Delta Queen & Mississippi
3:00pm	Family Feud	Cypress 2
3:00pm	YEP Bingo	Cypress 1
6:00pm - 8:30pm	Convention Banquet	Premier 1, 2, 3
8:30pm - 11:00pm	State Deputy Hospitality	Bayou & Levee Rooms



Sunday, May 6, 2018

7:30am - 8:30am	Convention Mass	Premier 2 & 3
8:30am - 10:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Premier 1 & Cypress 2
8:30am - 10:00am	Convention Elections	Delta Queen & Mississippi
10:00am - Noon	Closing General Session	Premier 2 & 3
10:00am - Noon	Financial Secretary Assn. Meeting	Cypress 2
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Financial Secretary Assn. Luncheon	Premier 1



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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***** Please Note *****
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.
 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact: Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 For office use only: Date Deposit Received: _____ Check No.: _____ Amt Deposited: \$ _____

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