



Knights of Columbus® Louisiana State Council

October 1, 2023

*****GRAND KNIGHTS. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS.*****

Louisiana Report



Dwain Arceneaux, Council 1114, Thibodaux, Singles Champion. State Deputy Vince Whittington presenting.



Edward Landry & David Reed, Council 2855, Welsh, Doubles Champions. State Deputy Whittington pictured.



Eddie Guidry, Council 10744, Baton Rouge, Elders Singles Champion. Whittington presents award.



KC STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The 51st Annual Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament took place on Saturday, September 23rd at the Lamar Dixon Activity Center in Gonzales.

61 participants from 31 councils participated in the annual event.



DOUBLES:

1. Edward Landry/David Reed, Council 2855
2. Lawrence Mier/Brian Vanicor, Council 2855

The State Council would like to thank Craig Braud, Council 2657, Gonzales; Keith Gautreau, Council 8147, Prairieville; and Donald Alleman, Council

SINGLES:

- 1. Dwain Arceneaux, Council 1114
- 2. Ricky Pitre, Council 7657
- 3. Alan Benoit, Council 2012
- 4. Elvis Smith, Council 2409
- 5. Lynn Foret, Council 13819
- 5. Joe Primeaux, Council 7557
- 7. Corey Landry, Council 10606
- 7. Marc Charpentier, Council 9000
- 9. Craig Braud, Council 2657
- 9. Christian Merritt, Council 5530
- 9. Ricky Villar, Council 6389
- 9. Michael Brady, Council 12245
- 13. John Walker, Council 3779

- 3. David Myers/George Wainright, Council 12529
- 4. Eddie Kimble/Ralph Rivet, Council 970
- 5. Greg Duplechain/Lionel Lewis, Council 10293
- 5. Byron Folse/Doyle Rogers, Council 3054
- 7. Dickie Abadie/Michael Bourgeois, Council 3465
- 7. Stephen Hart/Dane Murphree, Council 12529
- 9. Dean Galatas/Damien Gauthier, Council 9769
- 9. Michael Hitchcock/Kevin Lisicki, Council 14822
- 9. Edward Falgoust/Ryan Neustrom, Council 9247
- 9. Mark Caubarreaux/Justin Roberts, Council 10293
- 13. Michael Bourgeois/Chase Carpenter, Council 6389
- 13. Randy Delatte/Brian Ducote, Council 6389
- 13. Rory Cadres/Brenton Dufrene, Council 1905

ELDERS:

- 1. Eddie Guidry, Council 10744
- 2. Tony Avallone, Council 12906
- 3. Charles Savoy, Council 2012
- 4. Louis Gaudet, Council 15006
- 5. Allen Duplantis, Council 9281
- 5. Carl Benoit, Council 2012
- 7. Anthony Babin, Council 8342
- 7. Keith Gautreau, Council 8147
- 9. Thomas Vrenick, Council 2807
- 9. Darrel Fontenot, Council 10293
- 9. Paul Leeper, Council 8342
- 9. Kelvin Kenney, Council 3634
- 13. E. Ralph Formby, Council 10293
- 13. Ralph Comeaux, Council 970
- 13. C.J. Bertrand, Council 9281 (NO SHOW)
- 13. Paul Burns, Council 2807
- 17. Jeff Ward, Council 2807
- 17. Mark Legendre, Council 2807
- 17. Harold Jarreau, Council 6389

Membership

Worthy Grand Knights,

THANK YOU for your work and help during the month of September as the state achieved its goal of 135 members. Remember to be that Fishers of Men as Christ as His apostles to do and bring men into our faith. Use those simple ideas given to you at the Diocesan Meetings. Use that FREE ADVERTISEMENT. Go out and use the QR Codes and the Yard Signs as needed. Also help yourself and clear out the prospect tab to give yourself more members toward your quota. Membership is just one part of the Star Council Award but it is the hardest to achieve as you must work at it constantly. Remember that State Deputy Vince and I are here to assist you in any form you need. Contact us and we will help you to the best of our ability, weather you have issues or you need help with a membership drive. We are here to help you achieve Star Council. Remember be that GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT that the State Deputy has chosen as his motto. Lead men 17 ½ up to the Knights of Columbus and to a more Spiritual family life thru our programs and what we are as Catholic men. Twenty five percent of the year is gone and if you have not recruited anyone your job has become tougher. Do Not be afraid to achieve this goal or ask for our help. We want Louisiana to be the top jurisdiction in the Order and give you something to be proud of. Help your council be proud with some of those simple things and maybe you will be one of those



FISHERS OF MEN.

VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh
State Membership Director

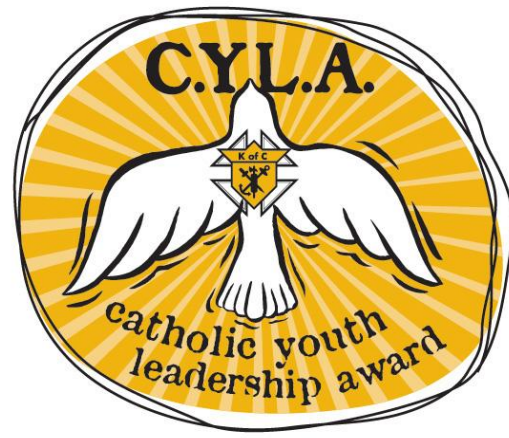
CYLA.

Catholic Youth Leadership Award

The CYLA process is going completely online this year. There will be no hardcopy form for students to fill out. The link to the new CYLA form on the website will be updated shortly.

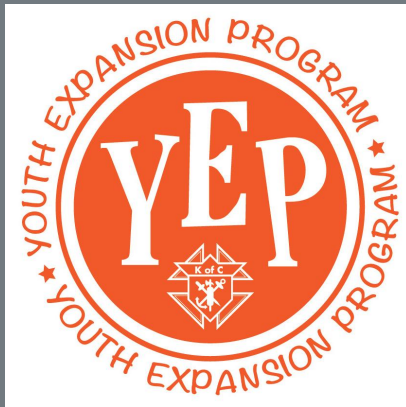
There will be two CYLA Virtual Training Sessions to go over the new CYLA application form and process. The first session will be held on Monday, October 9 at 6:00pm. Click [here](#) to attend the Monday training session.

The second session will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00pm. Click [here](#) to attend the Wednesday training session.



Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest; NEW THEME

The essay theme for 2023-2024 is: **How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?**
The deadline for Councils to receive entries is November 15. Plan to publicize your Council Essay Contest in September and October. Use Parish Bulletins, Parish Websites, Council Websites, Facebook pages, etc. to publicize the contest.



YEP. Youth Expansion Program

The YEP Quotas are now available.
You can check your Council's YEP Quota [here](#).
All YEP donations are due to the YEP Chairman,
Joel Ocmand, by June 15, 2024.

Send checks to: Joel Ocmand, 273 West 2nd Street,
Reserve, LA 70084.

Safe Environment Compliance

Is your Council Safe Environment Compliant? The Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director are required to take Safe Environment training. To check if your Council is compliant, the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should log in to Officers Online on the Supreme Website. Scroll down to the bottom third of the page and click on Reports. Run the Safe Environment Member Status report. Open the report and check to see if all required members are compliant. If the report does not show the four required roles, you need to re-appoint the missing positions.

To re-appoint any open position, go to Officers Online and update Form 365. Click [here](#) to go to the Fraternal Video Library. Scroll down to Forms, then click on Forms 185, 186, & 365 Online Submission Training.

Pilgrim Icon (St. Joseph)

There are currently two St. Joseph Icons that will travel around the State.
The Icon comes complete with Prayer booklets. The schedule is as follows:

Icon #1;

- New Orleans North/East – September & October
- New Orleans South/West – November & December
- Houma – January & February
- Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

- Lafayette – September & October
- Lake Charles – November & December
- Alexandria – January & February

Shreveport – March & April

If your Council/District would like to host a Prayer Service with the Icon, please contact your Diocesan Administrator to get on the schedule.

If any Council or District has the third St. Joseph Icon, please contact me at programs@louisianakc.org. This will allow more Councils to have access to the Icons and provide Prayer Services for their parishes.



Soccer Challenge

District competitions should be completed by 10.15.23.
Diocesan competition must be completed by 10.30.23.

Diocesan Winners will meet on Sunday, November 12th, in Baton Rouge for the State Championships.



KC STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 6-7-8, 2023

Friday is a optional scramble format event.

Saturday/Sunday is 36 hole medal play.

Cane Row Golf & Turf Club, New Iberia

Deadline EXTENDED TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 2nd.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER ON LINE](#)

Pulse Immersion Retreats

WHAT IS PULSE IMMERSION?

Pulse Immersion Retreats are Saturday retreats designed to educate and empower pro-life students with the basics to be leaders in their local communities. Through educational opportunities and hands-on activism, students will be empowered to carry the pro-life message back to their schools, churches, and peers.

FALL '23 PULSE IMMERSIONS

HOUMA/THIBODAUXX PULSE IMMERSION...October 14th, 2023

LAFAYETTE PULSE IMMERSION...October 28th, 2023

NEW ORLEANS PULSE IMMERSION...November 4th, 2023

Councils should look to sponsor students to attend these retreats. Students can register [here](#).

Retreat/Spirituality Conferences

There are several Spirituality Conferences coming up in the next couple of months. These count as electives for the State Deputy Award.

Lafayette Diocesan Eucharistic Rally
 Thursday, October 5, 2023
 Cajundome Convention Center
 Free Admission – No Registration
 Required

Houma/Thibodaux
 St. Bernadette Men's Conference
 Saturday, November 18, 2023
 7:30AM – 2:30PM

Upcoming Deadlines

- October 1 – Deadline to pay State Per Capita
- October 6-8 – State Golf Tournament – New Iberia
- October 10 – Deadline to pay Supreme Per Capita
- October 15 – Deadline to Conduct District Soccer Challenge
- October 15 – Deadline for September Family of the Month submission
- October 30 – Deadline to Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge



Gumbo Cook Off

The Annual State Cook-Off has indeed been an enjoyable event by many throughout the state; however, many of our Brother Chefs share specialties of different varieties. To allow participation by a greater number of brothers, the menu for the cook-off has been changed often however this year the menu will remain the same. This year, Brothers will have the opportunity to share their best recipes for **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo**.

The Council & District level of competition has been eliminated. A council will be allowed to enter as many teams as desired into their respective Diocesan competition. All entry fees have also been eliminated.

Contact your Diocesan Administrator for dates & locations.

[Download your ENTRY FORM here.](#)



K.C. State Wide Retreat

The Knights of Columbus State Wide Retreat will take place on the WEEKEND of FEBRUARY 23-24-25, 2024, at the Lumen Christi Center, Schriever, LA.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download your info packet,



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Brother Knights,

Please see the video from our State Chaplain, Very Rev Jamin David, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia, Diocese of Baton Rouge.

<https://youtu.be/aGaMxtteoAU>

I am asking all councils and Brother Knights to please consider the Cor Faith Formation Initiative. For detail information visit the web site.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>

If you need additional help or have questions, please contact our Faith Formation Directors Mike Heath at heathkc@eatel.net or Jeff Raia at bnder123@yahoo.com

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