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Louisiana State Council



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December 1, 2023

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

Louisiana Report



Membership

Worthy Grand Knights:

We have one month away from reaching our goal of 50% for the year. We are needing 150 members for the month

December. I realize that things get tough during the holidays but we cannot give up. We need to keep the push on and keep Louisiana in the top 25 for the Order. Many of you have seen some special gifts for making your council quota and this will continue to happen as you reach your quota or double your quota. Remember that we are here to help you for your membership drives all you need to do is request with a reasonable amount of time before. We will come prepared to help you and promote your council anyway needed. If you have special events that you would like us to attend do not hesitate to contact as we will attend if possible and promote things for you. Remember to use your QR code when possible. Use it with the cards, on church bulletins, and even on Facebook to advertise what your council has done. Send us pictures and information of your council events and we will get them put on the state website. Enjoy your family and friends and have a safe and memorable Christmas. Let's make Louisiana that Good and Faithful Servant with the Fishers of Men program and help your council reach Star Council. Some are almost there. Make sure your prospect tab is clear by Dec 28, 2023 for you to receive credit on your members. Any questions or problems DO NOT hesitate to contact myself or our Online Specialist George Martin for your problems we are here to serve. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. Remember to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.



VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh
State Membership Director



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Any Brother Knight
who recruits FIVE (5) NEW MEMBERS
between December 1st and December 25th,
he will receive a
TOP FISHERS OF MEN shirt
from the State Council!!!



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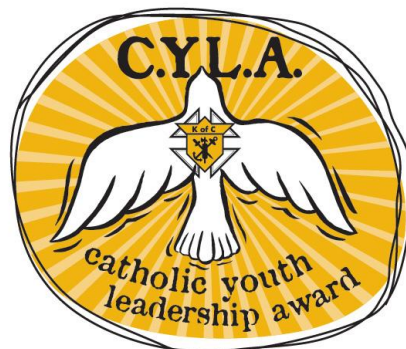


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

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 is now available. The deadline for students to submit a completed application to the Council is January 25th. Councils should grade the forms and send winning entries to their DA by February 7th.

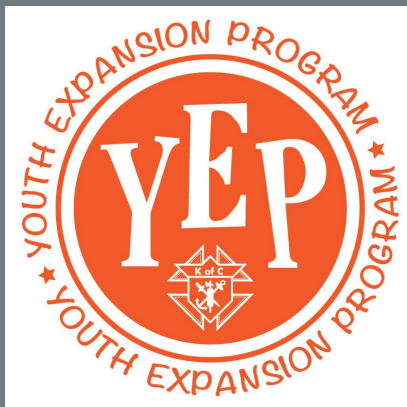


Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Councils should send winning essays to their Diocesan Administrator by December 5. Diocesan Administrators have until January 5, 2024, to submit winning essays to State Chairman, Delmas Forbes.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Councils should conduct the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in December. All entries should be received by December 5th. Councils should grade and send winning Posters to their DA's by December 31st.



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.

Please make your check out to Louisiana State Council and put YEP in the memo line.

Send checks to:

Joel Ocmand
273 West 2nd Street
Reserve, LA 70084



K.C. State Retreat

- **WHEN:** Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm thru Sunday late morning
- **DATES:** February 23-24-25, 2024
- **WHERE:** [Lumen Christi Retreat Center](#), 100 Lumen Christi Lane, Schriever, LA, 70395

This is a directed retreat led by Fr. Jamin David, State Chaplain. Ample time is provided for individual reflection. (This is NOT a silent retreat.)

Join with Brother Knights from around the state and enjoy fraternity, prayer, daily Mass and learn more about our faith. Bring your Rosary and take the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and prayerful.

All information is included in the registration form below, including a return 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 toiletries.

The cost is Onsite single - \$205.00,
Onsite double - \$180.00, or Commuter - \$115.00.
The State Retreat Chairman is Don Ducote.

[REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)

Free Throw Contest

Councils should start planning for their Free Throw Contest. The deadline to host a Council Free Throw Contest is January 31st. Be sure to fill out Form 10784 with your Council's participation. District Free Throw Competitions should be completed by February 14th.



Grand Knights Day

There will be two Grand Knights Day meetings this year.

January 27th for the South to be held in Prairieville.

January 28th for the North to be held in Alexandria.



Councils are required to have two members attend KCLS/Grand Knights Day to receive credit toward the State Deputy Award.



Special Olympics

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There are several Special Olympics Regional Events coming up.

December 1

Acadiana Bowling Tournament

Acadiana Lanes 3227 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy Lafayette, LA

December 1

Capital Area Bowling Competition – Elementary School

All Star Lanes 9701 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

December 4

Capital Area Bowling Competition – High School

All Star Lanes 9701 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

December 9

State Flag Football

Pelican Park/Recreation District #1 63350 Pelican Blvd, Mandeville, LA

To volunteer at any of these events or to see more local events, [click here](#).

Be sure to submit your Council's Special Olympics Activities

(Volunteer Hours/Dollars Donated) on Form 10784 by January 31st.

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.

NOTE: To receive credit for the State Deputy Award, your Council must be fully compliant by December 31, 2023.

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 South/West – November & December
Houma – January & February
Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

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. Once your Council hosts the Icon, please remember to fill out Form 10784 to report your participation.

Into The Breach

The Knights of Columbus is excited to announce the release of its new *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* video series. This dynamic five-part series proclaims the truth and beauty of Catholic family life and seeks to inspire viewers to live it in the modern world. All five episodes can be viewed on the *Into the Breach* website at kofc.org/missionofthefamily.

Each 12-minute episode of *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* focuses on a different aspect of Catholic marriage and family life and features expert interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the powerful personal story of a Catholic couple who has lived the theme of the episode in their own marriage. The series follows the Knights of Columbus' highly successful *Into the Breach* video series, which has been viewed nearly 1.5 million times.

Included among the series' prominent speakers are:

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- EWTN host Dr. Ray Guarendi
- Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray
- Sister of Life Sr. Maris Stella
- Speaker and author Sarah Swafford
- Major League Baseball player Trevor William
- Former Major League Baseball player Mike Sweeney
- Former Major League Baseball player Darrell Miller

Upcoming Deadlines

December 1 – Deadline-Councils to Submit Form 10784 Soccer Participation

December 1-2 – **DD Organizational Meeting**

December 5 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Essays to DA's

December 10 – Deadline-Students Submit Keep Christ Christmas Posters to Council

December 15 – Deadline for November Family of the Month Submission

December 31 – Deadline for DA's to Conduct Diocesan Gumbo Cook-Off

December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Keep Christ in Christmas Posters to DA's

December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Form 10784 for Essay Participation

January 4 – Deadline for DA's to submit Diocesan Gumbo Winners

January 5 – Deadline for DA's to submit Essay Winners to State Chairman

January 15 – Deadline for December Family of the Month Submission

January 18 – Deadline for DA's to Submit Winning Keep Christ In Christmas Posters to State Chairman

January 25 – Deadline for Students to Submit CYLA Applications to Councils

January 27 – Grand Knights Day South – Prairieville

January 28 – Grand Knights Day North - Alexandria

February 3 – State Cornhole Tournament – Reserve

February 7 – Councils to submit CYLA winners to DA's

February 14 – Deadline to conduct District Free Throw Contest

February 15 – Deadline for January Family of the Month Submission

February 23-25 – State Retreat – Lumen Christi Center – Schriever

February 28 – Deadline to conduct Diocesan Free Throw Contest



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..](#)



The 6th Annual KC State Corn Hole Tournament will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at St. Peter's Catholic School, Reserve. Click here for your [INFO/ENTRY FORM](#).

To enter on line, [CLICK HERE!](#)

FOR ANY PROGRAM QUESTIONS PLEASE DIRECT
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