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Louisiana Report



Brothers, the STATE CONVENTION is but four months away
and this years convention registration process
will be **TOTALLY ELECTRONIC...ON LINE.**

The link below will take you to the registration process.



State Convention Registrations Online
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LouisianaKnightsOfColumbusCouncil/StateConventionOnlineRegistration>

State Convention Sponsorship Online
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LouisianaKnightsOfColumbusCouncil/KCConventionSponsorship>
Convention Sponsorship helps with the cost of convention. Consider sponsorship!

Please contact Brett Cormier, State Technology Director, tech@louisianakc.org, if any issues.

Membership

My Brother Knights

I hope you have had a Joyous and Happy Christmas with your family and things continue onto the New Year. We have come to the half way point in our year and it is time to begin to analyze what we need to accomplish. If you are at 50% of your membership goal you are in great shape gaining momentum toward your Star Council. If not you have work to do. We are here to help you at any time to help you accomplish your goal for membership. We ask you to start now thinking about membership drives at your church, at the Lenten Fish Fries, at



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your council Free throws and of course when you give your award to your CYLA winner. There are many opportunities for you to go out and bring in the number you need. Be those Fishers of Men and ask a man to join the Knights of Columbus. Remember that it is everyone job to recruit a member from the State Deputy down to the members of your council. Make sure you make plans with your Financial Secretary and your Membership Director to attend Grand Knights Day as you will hear of ways to use the online membership and the new incentives that the state as well as Supreme will be sending out to you. Let's start the New Year off with a Bang and reach for the Stars. It will be a please to see your council be named in that report that Supreme send out that you are a Star Council. Make your council proud and be those Fishers of Men. Use that QR code to your advantage for that quick start.

VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh
State Membership Director

Happy New Year!

Brothers,
As we begin a New Year, let us all make a resolution to make our Councils the best that they can be. It is time to take stock of where our Councils are in this Fraternal Year. We have 6 months left to accomplish our goals. Star Council is achievable by all Councils. Conduct a program meeting to see where you are. What have you achieved so far? What other programs does your Council need to do?

There is a lot of time left to plan and execute your programs. These programs do not need to be large productions that take a lot of time and money. Sometimes the simple programs are the ones that catch people's attention. These are the perfect programs to attract new members.

Not sure where to get started? Check out Supreme's Website and see what programs are available. Start [here](#).

Steve Hart,
State Program Director

CYLA. Catholic Youth Leadership Award

The link to the new CYLA form is now available on the State Website. 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.



Free Throw Contest



Councils should advertise the dates of their Free Throw Contest. The deadline to host a Council Contest is January 31. Be sure to fill out Form 10784 with your Council's participation.

District competitions should be completed by February 14. Diocesan events should be completed by February 28.

Grand Knights Day

There will be two Grand Knights Day meetings this year.

January 27th for the South to be held in Prairieville – St. John the Evangelist 15208 LA-73, Prairieville

January 28th for the North to be held in Alexandria – St. Rita's 4401 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria

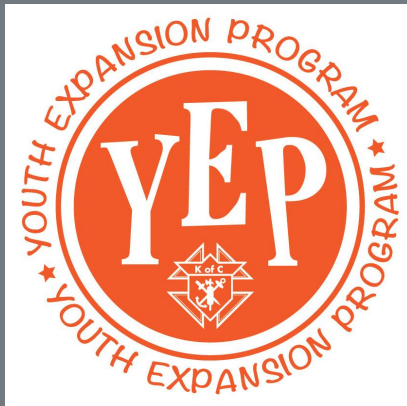
Councils are required to have two members attend KCLS/Grand Knights Day to receive credit toward the State Deputy Award.

Fraternal Activity Reports

Councils are required to fill out Form 1728 (Fraternal Activity Report) by January 3rd. This form helps the Knights of Columbus keep its tax-exempt status with the IRS. Councils should consider all dollars spent and volunteer hours for the calendar year 2023.

If you need any help filling out Form 1728, watch the training video on Supreme's website. It can be found [here](#).

This form is required for both the Star Council Award and the State Deputy Award.



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](#)

Register on line here:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/louisianaknightsofcolumbuscouncil/stateretreat>



Special Olympics

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As we are approaching the second half of the fraternal year, many of the local Special Olympics events (mostly Track & Field) will be taking place. Visit the Special Olympics Louisiana website <https://specialolympicsla.org/> to find a local program / event your council can assist. The State Summer Games will take place May 17 – 19 at SLU in Hammond and volunteers will be needed for this event.

Be sure to submit your Council's Special Olympics Activities (Volunteer Hours / Dollars Donated) on Form 10784 for the calendar year 2023 by January 31. This serves two purposes: 1) The Supreme Council makes a donation to Special Olympics Louisiana based on the activities / donations reported; 2) This form indicates your council's participation in Special Olympics for the State Deputy's Award.

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;

Houma – January & February
Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

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.

Upcoming Deadlines

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
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
March 1 - Deadline-CYLA Diocesan Winners to State CYLA Chairman
March 15 - Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
March 16 - STATE YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST, Lafayette
March 16-17 - STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Morgan City
March 23-24 - STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Morgan City
March 24 - Palm Sunday
March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY
March 31 - EASTER



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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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