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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.



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

Membership

My Brother Knights,

Mardi Gras is right around the corner. This means that Lenten fish fries are right there also. This is a great opportunity to hold a membership drive while you are doing something for your church or council. All you have to do is put a paper the size of a shipping label with the QR Code and a statement about joining the knights on every clam shell you give out. It is important to ask the man also would you be interested in helping his parish and join the knights it's as simple as the code. Put your yard signs out where you are selling your food this could do something for you without having to do much. Many councils have only a 5 limit for their total membership number needed for the year but have not recruited anyone. This is your opportunity to make thing simple. Remember that it is everyone's ability to recruit new members the way Fr. McGivney did when he started the knights. You only have to be a practical Catholic and 17 ½ years old to join the knights. You may find someone who will take your job someday and be the new Grand Knight or that person that will be a catalyst for some new project. It is time to recruit as everyday makes your time to get shorter towards your council reaching the Star Council award. If membership is attained the rest is very easy with your projects that you do. We are here to help you at any point with recruiting form helping you with a membership drive to helping you come up with ideas for your specific area. Remember to attend Grand Knights Day as we will have a full training session for Fin. Sec. as well as Grand Knights together; as you are the only tow that can move a new member. Be that Fisher of Men and recruit a man to our Beloved Order.



VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh
State Membership Director

Grand Knights Day

There will be two Grand Knights Day meetings this year. Four members are requested to attend: The Grand Knight, Membership Director, Program Director, and Financial Secretary.

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.

CORRECTION TO EMAIL DATED 1-9-2024

Members that attended KCLS can attend Grand Knights Day and still receive credit towards the State Deputy Award. **Each Council will need to have at least two different members attend KCLS or Grand Knights Day.**

Steve Hart,
State Program Director

Selecting State Convention Delegates

[\(Click here for details\)](#)

The Council should select two (2) primary (voting) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to attend the State Convention.

Delegates must be a Third-Degree Knight in good standing.

Any Third Degree Knight in good standing can attend the Convention business sessions as a "spectator." Spectators do not have to pay the registration fee to attend the Convention business sessions.

Any individual (3rd Degree, 1st Degree Knight, non-member, spouse, etc.) can attend all social events, banquets, and functions, if the individual pays the required registration fee.

Councils should strive to have both voting delegates attend the State Convention and encourage the two alternates and all other members to attend the State Convention.

Submitting Resolutions

[\(Click here for details\)](#)

Resolutions must be in State Advocate's hands by March 1st.

Resolutions must be in writing and signed by three 3rd Degree members.

The email address for the State Advocate is StateAdvocate@LouisianaKC.org.

Mark Carver
State Advocate

Star Tracker

The Star Tracker Report dated 01-02-2024 is [here](#)

State Deputy Award Worksheet

The State Deputy Award Worksheet has been updated as of 11-11-2023. If you find any errors or have any questions about the data in this report, please let me know ASAP. The worksheet can be found [here](#).

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 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.

Diocesan Free Throw Competitions should be completed by February 28th.

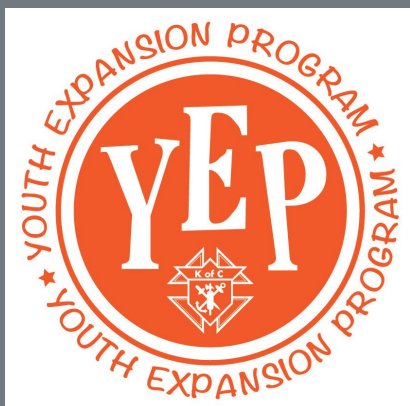
The State Competition will be held Saturday, March 16th in Lafayette.

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.cognitofrms.com/louisianaknightscolombus/council/stateretreat>



Special Olympics

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.

Cor Updates

The “Cor in the New Year” webinar is now available to view on demand. Please encourage your council leaders who are still looking to start up *Cor* this fraternal year to take advantage of this valuable webinar.

Register [here](#)

Cor Resources update – All Cor resources in English, Spanish, and French are available in Supplies Online for order! Cor Spanish website is live! - <https://www.kofc.org/es/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>

Upcoming Training

Online training sessions in English, French and Spanish are conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, and are available to watch on demand after the live viewing. Encourage members in your jurisdiction to register for upcoming online sessions or on demand training by visiting [kofc.org/training](https://www.kofc.org/training), or by clicking on the links below.

Upcoming Online Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

English Training:

January 16, 2024, 8:00 PM

January 23, 2024, 8:00 PM

January 24, 2024, 10:00 PM

January 29, 2024, 8:00 PM

[Membership Retention](#)

[Officer Desk Reference](#)

[Navigating Council Forms](#)

[Programs for Lent/Easter](#)

French Training:

17 janvier 2024, 19 h 30

22 janvier 2024, 19 h

[Comprendre les onglets Prospect & Candidat](#)

[Naviguer parmi les formulaires de Conseil](#)

Spanish Training:

17 de enero de 2024 8:00 p.m. [Capacitación Básico Para Diputado de Distrito 101](#)

31 de enero de 2024 8:00 p.m. [Capacitación del Diputado de Distrito 201](#)

Diocesan Administrators

This is a list of the Diocesan Administrators to send forms/applications to:

NE New Orleans

Arthur McDowell, Jr. (14614)

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Covington, LA 70434

985.502.8519

mcdowellcvngtn@aol.com

SW New Orleans

Glenn F. Esteve (1905)

728 Newton Street

Gretna, LA 70053

504.361.1829 Residence

504.405.2576 Cellular

gfe1905@yahoo.com

Houma Thibodaux

Frank Chase (8840)

105 St. Joseph

Raceland, LA 70395

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Bunkie, LA 71322
318.240.0007 Cellular
edgrem@hotmail.com

Shreveport

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3853 Christy Drive
Shreveport, LA 71129
318.469.5140
rd6363606@aol.com

Upcoming Deadlines

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
TO STEVE HART, programs@louisianakc.org
504.615.1303

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