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February 1, 2024

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# Louisiana Report

**Brothers, the STATE CONVENTION is but three 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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**CONVENTION**



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](mailto:tech@louisianakc.org), if any issues.

## **CONVENTION INFO PACKET...CLICK HERE**

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### **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

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# 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!](#)

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The 77th Annual KC State Bowling Tournament will be held  
Saturday/Sunday, March 16-17 & 23-24, 2024,  
at Steelwood Lanes, Morgan City.  
Click here for your [INFO/ENTRY FORM](#).

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

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## 2024 State Convention Rules & Guidance

This document will prepare delegates, spectators, and guests to attend and participate in the State Convention. The following topics are addressed:

- Selecting Delegates;
- Who may attend the Convention business sessions;
- Who may speak at the Convention;
- Dress Code;
- Elections and Nominations for State Officers;

Elections and Nominations for Supreme Convention delegates;  
Convention Fees and Expenses; and  
Resolution Procedures.

**Please click here for the Rules and Guidance.**

Mark Carver  
State Advocate

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## 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Grand Knights and Council Recorders** will get emails to confirm their delegates when they register. If you do not confirm your delegate prior to convention check in your delegate may not be allowed to vote.

If your delegate registers and you do not get the email please contact State Technology Director Brett Cormier at [tech@louisianakc.org](mailto:tech@louisianakc.org)

## 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](mailto:StateAdvocate@LouisianaKC.org).

Mark Carver  
State Advocate



## CYLA (Catholic Youth Leadership Award)

Councils should grade the forms they received and send winning entries to their DA by February 7<sup>th</sup>. The DA's will then grade their forms and choose the Diocesan winners. These are due to the State CYLA Chairman (Delmas Forbes) by March 1. The State CYLA Finals will be held at St. George Church in Baton Rouge on April 6.

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## KC International Golf Tournament

We have news about the upcoming 2024 “Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Association” golf tournament. This year the tournament will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Highlands Golf Course on June 11th, 12, and 13th. Special room rates for all Knights of Columbus golfers and quest are available at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Lincoln, located just a few miles from the Highlands Golf Course. All activities surrounding the golf tournament (*Tuesday night social, Thursday night awards banquet*) will also be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. If you are interested in attending the Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Association (K.C.I.A.G.A.) tournament, please contact Paul Allemand (KCIAGA board director) at 337-385-2560 for entry package and detailed hotel information.



## Free Throw Contest

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

District Free Throw Competitions should be completed by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Diocesan Free Throw Competitions should be completed by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

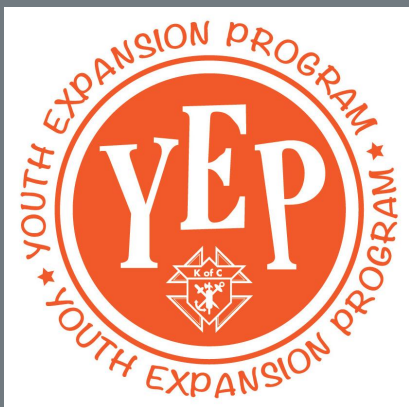
The State Competition will be held Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette.

## Fraternal Activity Reports

Councils are required to fill out Form 1728 (Fraternal Activity Report) by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.cognitofoms.com/louisianaknightsofcolombuscouncil/stateretreat>

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## Spiritual Conferences

If you cannot attend the State Retreat, try to attend one of the following Spirituality Conferences.

### ALEXANDRIA

To find out more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#).





## Real Presence, Real Power!

Eucharistic Life and the  
“Science of Sainthood”

February 23-25, 2024

Randolph Riverfront Center  
707 Second St. | Alexandria, LA

### NEW ORLEANS

**NOLACatholic Men’s Conference**  
“I Have Called You Friends”

**Saturday, February 24, 2024 8:30 am – 3pm**

**Location:** St. Catherine of Siena

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men’s Conference, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. This year’s conference theme is “I Have Called You Friends”. Recent studies indicate that the percentage of adult men with at least 6 close friends has been cut in half since 1990 and as many as 20% of men report having no close friendships at all. It is growing a problem not only for the life of the Church, but one which is gaining attention and causing concern even within secular society. Our Catholic faith is rooted in friendship. Even as the Apostles were sent out into the whole world to proclaim the good news, it was their friendship with Christ and with one another that held them together in the unity of faith. That same friendship holds us together today. Our men need friends to live up to their calling as men of God and as men of the Church. Please help us call all the men of our local Church of New Orleans to this important event! The conference will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Please be on the lookout for a mailing from the Office of Marriage and Family Life to the parishes containing more information and promotional materials. Register and learn about Group Discounts at [nolacatholicmen.org](http://nolacatholicmen.org). For more information, contact 504-861-6243 or [mfl@arch-no.org](mailto:mfl@arch-no.org). Find us on Facebook/Instagram @nolacatholicmen!

### BATON ROUGE

Calling all Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters of America! On March 9th, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be hosting a Day of Prayer, Fellowship and Reflection for members of your groups, and we want YOU to be there. To RSVP your council/chapter, visit <https://www.diobr.org/pfr>.

### Essay Contest Winners

This year’s theme was “How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?” Thanks to all of the Councils that participated in this Contest. The winning entries will now be forwarded to the Supreme Council to participate in the Knights of Columbus International Essay Contest.

The State Winners are:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Noah Davis – Sponsored by Slidell Council 2732

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Molly Martin – Sponsored by St. Leo the Great Council 5345 in Lafayette

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ava Manuel – Sponsored by Basile Council 3622

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Katelyn O’Brien – Sponsored by St. Jean Vianney Council 9247 in Baton Rouge

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Alysaa Theriot – Sponsored by St. Leo the Great Council 5345 in Lafayette

Congratulations to our winners and Good Luck at the next level.





# 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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>

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## Upcoming Training

Online training sessions are conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, and are available to watch on demand after the live viewing. Encourage members in your Councils 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 Central)**



February 6, 2024

Council Officer Succession Planning...9:00 PM

February 12, 2024

Public Relation...7:00 PM

February 20, 2024

Recruitment...7:00pm

February 21, 2024

Activity Drive...7:00 PM

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## Diocesan Administrators

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

### NE New Orleans

Arthur McDowell, Jr. (14614)  
70287 10th Street  
Covington, LA 70434  
985.502.8519  
[da-no-ne@louisianakc.org](mailto:da-no-ne@louisianakc.org)

### SW New Orleans

Glenn F. Esteve (1905)  
728 Newton Street  
Gretna, LA 70053  
504.361.1829 Residence  
504.405.2576 Cellular  
[da-no-sw@louisianakc.org](mailto:da-no-sw@louisianakc.org)

### Houma Thibodaux

Frank Chase (8840)  
105 St. Joseph  
Raceland, LA 70395  
985.532.2903  
[da-ht@louisianakc.org](mailto:da-ht@louisianakc.org)

### Baton Rouge

Kevin Heltz (8601)  
7061 Belle Christi Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817-4870  
225.747.3495  
[da-br@louisianakc.org](mailto:da-br@louisianakc.org)

### Lafayette

David Landry (7275)  
1021 Rosedown  
Lafayette, LA 70503-5832  
337.207.0009  
[davland@yahoo.com](mailto:davland@yahoo.com)

### Lake Charles

Troy Rizzuto (3015)  
529 South Lebanon Street  
Sulphur, LA 70663-6215  
337.532.7658 Cellular  
[troyrizz@gmail.com](mailto:troyrizz@gmail.com)

### Alexandria

Joseph E. Gremillion (9217)  
179 Robins Lane  
Bunkie, LA 71322  
318.240.0007 Cellular  
[edgrem@hotmail.com](mailto:edgrem@hotmail.com)

### Shreveport

Ronald Dupuis, Sr. (3779)  
3853 Christy Drive  
Shreveport, LA 71129  
318.469.5140  
[rd6363606@aol.com](mailto:rd6363606@aol.com)



## Upcoming Deadlines

### **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

April 1 – Deadline – Payment of State Per Capita

April 5 – Deadline to submit STSP Forms to State Office

April 5 – Deadline to submit Family of the Year Nominations to State Family Director (Glenn Ray)

April 6 – CYLA Finals. St. George Baton Rouge

April 15 – Deadline for March Family of the Month Submission

April 22 – Deadline to submit SMF Raffle Tickets & Money to Vernon Ducote

FOR ANY PROGRAM QUESTIONS PLEASE DIRECT  
TO STEVE HART, [programs@louisianakc.org](mailto:programs@louisianakc.org)  
504.615.1303

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