

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- January 1 *NEW YEARS DAY*
- January 4 *Formation/Knighthood Degree, Kinder*
- January 6 *Feast of the Epiphany*
- Jan 10-11-12 *STATE RETREAT. Maryhill Retreat Center.*
- January 15 *STATE PER CAPITA BILLING MAILED*
- January 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- January 15 *Deadline-Form 5023-Keep Christ in Christmas*
- January 15 *Deadline-Councils to complete Substance Abuse Poster Contest*

- January 25 *Deadline-CYLA Application to Councils*
- January 25 *GRAND KNIGHTS DAY. Lafayette.*
- January 25 *STATE GUMBO COOK OFF. Lafayette.*
- January 31 *Deadline-Conduct Council Free Throw Contest*
- January 31 *Deadline-FRATERNAL ACTIVITY SURVEY*
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Submit Free Throw Participation*
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Submit Essay Contest Participation*
- January 31 *Deadline-Special Olympics Profile, Form 4584*
- January 31 *Deadline-DA to Submit Keep Christ Posters*
- January 31 *Deadline-DA to Submit Citizenship Essays*
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Submit Poster Participation*
- February 1 *Formation/Knighthood Degree, New Orleans*
- February 7 *Deadline-CYLA Council Winners to DA*
- February 8 *STATE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, New Orleans*
- February 8 *Formation/Knighthood Degree, Marksville*
- February 9 *Deadline-Council Substance Abuse Poster Winners to DA*
- February 14 *Deadline-Conduct District Free Throw Contest*
- February 15 *Deadline-SEMI-ANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT,*
- February 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- February 16 *State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*
- February 16 *State Citizenship Essay Contest*
- February 25 *MARDI GRAS*
- February 26 *ASH WEDNESDAY*
- February 28 *Deadline-Conduct Diocesan Free Throw*
- February 28 *Deadline-PSD Award Nomination*
- February 28 *Deadline-DA Submit Winning Substance Abuse Posters*
- March 1 *Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight*
- March 7 *Deadline-CYLA Diocesan Winners to State*
- March 14 *STATE YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST, Lafayette*
- March 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- March 18 *STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST.*
- March 21 *Formation/Knighthood Degree, Monroe*
- March 28 *STATE TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine*
- March 29 *CYLA FINALS, Baton Rouge*
- April 1 *Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA*
- April 4 *Formation & Knighthood Degree, Houma*
- April 5 *Deadline-Submit YEP Contribution*
- April 5 *Deadline-State Grading Forms to Chairmen*
- April 7 *STATE GRADING, Baton Rouge*
- April 10 *GOOD FRIDAY*
- April 12 *EASTER*
- April 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- April 18 *Formation/Knighthood Degree, Prairieville*
- April 25 *STATE DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT. Lafayette.*
- May 1-2-3 *STATE CONVENTION, Baton Rouge*
- May 10 *Mothers Day*



Happy New Fraternal Year!
Time to Get Busy!



Rennan Duffour
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Brothers ...I hope that you have experienced a Blessed and Joyous Christmas with your Families and pray that God has blessed you with a renewal of the Holy Spirit to continue this Columbian year with new vigor and excitement to implement his good works through the Knights of Columbus. We as Knights are “*United in Spirit*” and will achieve many great accomplishments together this year.

“*Tempus Fugit*”, time flies, is truly a phrase we need to keep in our minds as it seems to be only a short time ago since we have begun this Columbian year, but here we are with half of the year gone already. We have accomplished many things this year and are on target to complete many more before the end of this Columbian year. It is time for all of us to revisit our goals and objectives (in both our personal lives and our Knights of Columbus family) and determine if we are meeting those goals and objectives or need to make adjustments to accomplish our targets and commitments.

Membership Recruitment and Retention are the keys to the future of our Order. The Knights of Columbus is for Men of all ages (Young and Experienced). We need to extend an offer of Membership to every eligible Catholic Man, 18 years and older.

The Supreme Council has set a goal for the State of Louisiana to recruit 1326 new Members into our order for the 2019-2020 Columbian year. As a

State we are doing well for the first six months of the year. We are above last year’s recruitment numbers, but just below the trend line on where we should be to reach our Membership Goal.

Many of our Councils in the State of Louisiana have not recruited one new Member this year so far. At the next Council General Meeting, ask your Council Officers how many new Members has the Council recruited this year and what is the plan to recruit new Members for the next six months. These new Members are the future of the Council.

Let’s embrace our Brothers in a Fraternal Spirit, “*United in Spirit*” to make all our Brothers welcome and motivated to participate in our Council and State Activities. Let us all commit to this as a New Year’s Resolution to put our best effort into recruitment and retention of our Brother Knights. Make sure your communities are aware of your Council’s activities, publicize your activities and use every event as a recruitment and retention opportunity.

January is a busy month. This month we have many Knights of Columbus activities planned. We have our KC Retreat, Major Degrees, Grand Knights Day, State Gumbo Cook-Off, Right to Life Marches and many more. Be active, participate in these events, exhibit Fraternalism with your Brother Knights to demonstrate that we are “*United in Spirit*”.

Grand Knight’s Day is promising to be very informative, with some new announcements that will positively affect all Councils. A new Combined Ceremonial will be premiered during Grand Knights Day. Plan to attend, participate in the meeting and enjoy some great award winning gumbo.

The new Ceremonial has been developed by the Supreme Council and this Ceremonial will be presented to the Louisiana Membership and rolled out as the new Combined Ceremonial



Fr. Jamin David
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Have you ever been a victim of bad timing?

When I was a kid, my next-door neighbor and I used to have outdoor camping nights. On nice fall days, we would set up our outdoor tent, gather sticks to prepare for a fire, and bring provisions to survive the long, harsh autumn nights. One year, I realized another one of our neighbors officially hated me. It was dark; we had already lit our fire, and we were preparing our meal – smores! And what’s the best way to prepare your marshmallows? Putting them on a stick and roasting them on the open fire, of course! While we were preparing for the feast, stick in hand, suddenly we heard loud sirens and we saw a firetruck turn on the neighboring street. We jumped up and ran toward the neighbor’s house and realized it was on fire! We saw the female neighbor run into her husband’s arms – crying – as she watched her house burn. But then I saw her look at me and my buddy and gave me the dirtiest look ever. I then realized I was the victim of bad timing because in my hand was a stick, with a marshmallow on it, watching my neighbors house burn. Yes, I was a victim of bad timing!

Yes, timing is everything, whether it is telling a joke or making a dramatic entrance. What makes the wedding at Cana such a scene is simply that – timing gone wrong. It’s not that the bride or

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Melvin R. Burrell
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I would like to wish all my brother Knights, friends and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray that we all remember the meaning behind Christmas and that the spirit of peace, love and happiness fill your hearts and your homes.

We will present a Parade of Councils slide show on January 25, 2020, at Grand Knights day. The slide show will show the donations the Councils have made to the Youth Expansion Program. Those Councils that have not already donated are encouraged to bring their donation with them to Grand Knights day.

The Louisiana State Youth Expansion Program is second to none in the United States because it supports the youth, seminarians, and children and adults experiencing disabilities. Your donations are essential to sustaining the financial stability necessary to keep the program alive and well. Giving to the program promotes educational and emotional growth that is paramount to the development of our children.

Some of the many programs that your donations supports are: Columbian Squires; scholarships for outstanding High School Seniors through our CYLA program; Catholic Youth Centers; Free Throw Contest; and Soccer Challenge.

As of December 26, 2019, we have collected a total of \$20,077.00 from Councils and other donations. The program runs from July 1st till June 30th of every Columbian year. Our goal is to collect a quota of \$112,100.00 this Columbian year. Last year we collected a grand total of \$100,685.25.

The Youth Expansion Program is vital to the State instilling good citizenship and healthy productive habits in children and young adults. Again the program depends on your continued support for it to be successful in the future. Please do not miss your opportunity to donate. Thank you for your continued support of the Youth Expansion Program.

'20 YEP Goal

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$20,077





Vince Whittington
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This year’s convention has many enhancements and fun activities for you and your guest. We would like to encourage you to come in on Friday and enjoy the weekend with your Brothers and families. The convention is open to all Brother Knights and guest.

We will continue with our popular golf tournament and bowling tournament. This year we have added tours to Houmas House and a Booze & Bites tour, space is limited so register early. We have also included a flyer with the many other activities and sites around the Capital City of Baton Rouge for your enjoyment.

This year, for the first time on Friday the Fourth Degree will hold its “Biannual Meeting” at the Crowne Plaza. Many of you Brother Knights are Fourth Degree and may want to attend as this only happens every other year. Please check with your Assembly for details and pricing.

Also, on Friday we will honor our Brother Knights who have passed to their heavenly reward over the past year with a Memorial Mass. After the Memorial Mass we will have a Shrimp Boil on site in the pool area at the Crowne Plaza. This is a separately ticketed event.

Following the Shrimp Boil we will dance the night away to the sounds of “Blue Eye Soul Review”. This is included free with your registration

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope you all are doing well and your councils are prospering with new members and lively programs.

Just a reminder that the mandatory program in Faith is the Spiritual Reflection Program and the featured program is RSVP. The other programs under Faith are, Into the Breach, Marian Icon Prayer Program, Domestic Church Kiosk & Catholic Info Series, Rosary Program, Holy Hour and Sacramental Gifts. All of these programs are still available by April 5, 2020.

Don’t forget to write up your best Faith program and submit it on the STSP form by US mail to Robert Boudreaux by April 5. It’s worth 25 points this year.

Hope to see you at the State Retreat in Pineville January 10-12 and at GK’s day January 25th in Lafayette.

Vivat Jesus



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groom speaks out of turn or the president mispronounces names. It’s that the wine ran out too early!

That shouldn’t sound too surprising. John tells us that it’s the third day of the wedding banquet. Three days of partying – a lot of wine! – and if they were particularly thirsty, we can imagine the well ran dry. Today, we might nervously ask friends to go to the local stop-and-rob pick up more. But in Jesus time, running out was not just embarrassing, it was a disaster! Wine isn’t just a social lubricant; it’s a sign of the harvest and God’s abundance. When they run short, think of it this way – they run short on blessing. Timing is everything. The wine ran out before the wedding is over. Catastrophe!

Timing is everything! But do you know how to tell time? You might think it’s 8:45AM on a Tuesday morning and all that’s in front of you is a pile of invoices. Maybe it’s 6:30PM on a Wednesday evening and its time to start the kids’ homework. Maybe it’s 7:00AM on a Saturday morning – time to sleep in! That’s part of the story. But the other part is that God is at work in our occupations, relationships and family life to redeem the world. How do you look at the ordinary, mundane elements of life if you believe God was with us, working through us to care for the people of God? According to Mary and John, because of Jesus, whatever time we think it may be is also God’s time, and when God is around, all things are possible.

Don’t be a victim of bad timing; God’s in it and can even redeem it!

State Convention
May 1-2-3
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Baton Rouge
Registration Form On Line
or Utilize On Line Registration

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fee. Extra tickets can be purchased for a fee of \$10 per person. Contact Vince Whittington at vince@vawllc.com or 225-892-0162 for tickets and details.

On Saturday night after the banquet we will again dance the night away with the sounds of NaNaSha. Again, this is included free with your registration fee. Extra tickets can be purchased for a fee of \$10 per person. Contact Vince Whittington at vince@vawllc.com or 225-892-0162 for tickets and details.

On Saturday and Sunday, we will continue with the convention as normal handling the business and election of officers for the Louisiana State Council. Please see the registration packet for details. All information is included in the packet.

Please come out and enjoy a fun filled weekend at your Knights of Columbus convention.

I look forward to seeing all of you there.



Tommy Ruemker
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This year's Mental Disability Fund Drive is off to a great start. I would like to thank all the councils that have participated in the tootsie roll drive this year. I truly hope that each council has had a great fund raiser so far this year.

I know for many K.C. Councils, tootsie roll drives are not always the most effective way for your Mental Disability Fund Drive to be successful and you have chosen different fund raisers to help Our Lord's special people. I pray that your fund raisers will have a great success, and for councils that have not yet had their fund raisers, you have till March to hold one and help many needy people in your own hometown by the monies you raise for the Mental Disability Fund.

Grand Knights please remember that you **"WILL NOT HAVE**

TO SEND ANY CHECKS TO THE STATE OFFICE". Brothers your councils will make out your own checks to your beneficiaries. Brothers your councils will be on the honor system with M.D.F. just like the councils have been on the honor system for all activities that they do all year.

Brothers, you and your councils can now submit your financial report online at the Louisiana State Council Website at louisianakc.org. Just go to programs click on MDF, click on MDF Reporting form online, fill it out, and click the submit button. It is fast and easy, and I automatically get your financial report. If you do not have computer access please mail your report to me. I am always interested in seeing where your hard work and monies goes to, and in turn I can help by mentioning to other councils where they may be able to send their funds to in their area. This will also aid me in tabulating all councils, and determine which councils in each group win their respective group for the awards at State Convention. If you need a financial report form you can get one from the state website or e-mail me and I will send you one.

I want to thank the councils who have also chosen to make St. Mary's a part of one of your beneficiaries. Six group homes out of fifteen new group homes are occupied with 48 residents with the other group homes soon to be ready for occupancy. Please continue to support our Special Children of St. Mary's.

My Brothers I thank you for your continued support, and have a successful M.D.F. Campaign, and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus



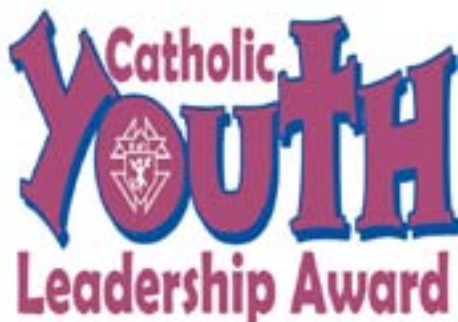


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Time is running out! If your council has not submitted an outstanding Catholic senior boy or girl winner to your Diocesan Administrator, it may be too late. The deadline for submitting the council winners to the Diocesan Administrator is February 7, 2020. Each of the diocesan winners are awarded \$500 by the State Council. The third place boy and girl each get \$2,000. The second place boy and girl each get \$3,000. The State winner boy and girl each get \$5,000!!!

We need to make sure that we continue to recognize the efforts of our young Catholic men and women, especially during this time when our faith is under constant attack. I strongly urge all councils to submit at least one applicant to the Diocesan Administrator for the Diocesan competition.

Thanks to all who continue to support the Catholic Youth Leadership Award Scholarship program and for those Councils who continue to support the Youth Expansion Program. Have a safe and blessed New Year.



Delmas Forbes
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Brother Knights, I hope each of you and your family enjoyed a Merry Christmas and will be blessed with a Happy and joyful New Year.

Our 2019-2020 Seminary Mission Fundraiser is close to the end. Our drawing will be held on January 25, 2019, at Grand Knights Day in Lafayette. All year we have encouraged all councils to please consider participating in this worthwhile fundraiser. Please remember the proceeds from this fundraiser is used to help fund Mission Trips taken by seminarians at both Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, Louisiana.

The Mission Trips are very expensive for the facilities of these two seminaries and they depend heavily on donations from organizations like the Knights of Columbus and other types of fundraisers they are conducting to help offset the expenses of these trips. We ask all Councils to please support this fundraiser by getting involved in our annually raffle or by making a council donation to help the Louisiana State Council reach our goal of \$50,000.00. Currently we are very much short of that goal. We encourage all Councils to please

consider turning all sold tickets, unsold tickets and monies to our State Chairman by or before January 23, 2020. In addition, the State Council will issue four free incentive tickets for every 50 raffle tickets a council sells.

We highly encourage all Councils to make one check for all the tickets your council has sold and please make all checks payable: Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus. Please mail all monies and tickets to: Delmas Forbes at 1533 Cooper Street, Denham Springs, La. 70726.

Brothers Knights, our prizes for this raffle will be: 1st Place-\$5,000.00, 2nd Place-\$2,500.00, 3rd Place-\$1,000.00, 4th Place-\$500.00 and 5th Place-\$250.00. Any individual wishing to purchase any additional raffle tickets can go to the following link on our state website: <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/seminaryfund/tickets.php>. There are no additional fees linked with making these purchases.



2nd Annual
KC Corn Hole Tournament
Saturday, February 8
St. Ann Church School Gym
Hosted by Council 3465

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- Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Grand Knights Day. This new Ceremonial will enable a new candidate for Knights of Columbus Membership to achieve all three degrees in one Ceremony. Upon complete this Ceremony 3rd Degree Membership will be awarded. Additionally, any current Member who has not achieve his 3rd Degree can also participate in this Ceremonial and become a 3rd Degree Member. This new Ceremonial is only 30 minutes long and can be attended by family and the general public. We currently have Major Degrees scheduled through the end of June 2020. Those Degrees are planned to continue at this time, but are restricted to only Knights of Columbus Membership. The current plan is to release the new Combined Ceremonial - Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity for use by Councils in the State of Louisiana for an effective date of February 1, 2020. Both the new Ceremonial and the current Major Degree Ceremonials can be used through the end of June 2020.

Our Program Director, Mark Carver, has published semi-monthly State Program Newsletters that are interactive with links to all the information and forms that your Council needs to run successful Programs. I highly recommend you review and use these published State Program Newsletters. This tool can be your Council's key to achieving Star Council this year.

We are utilizing our State Website as the Central Point for the collection and distribution of information, forms, contact information, schedules and upcoming events. Please use this resource as a starting point for search of information needed to conduct KC activities.

The 2020 State Convention is in the planning stages. The theme of the 2020 State Convention is "Reaching for the Stars". The State Event Coordinator

and State Warden, Vince Whittington, is planning a great weekend of Entertainment and Fraternalism at the State Convention with a Dance Bands for us all to enjoy. Yes, that is right we will have two bands, one on Friday night and one on Saturday night. We will have a great State Convention this year, so please join me in making plans to attend the State Convention in May.

The 4th Degree Master, Don Ducote, and I have continued to work closely together in support of mutual objectives to unify the 3rd and 4th Degree as one Knights of Columbus organization. We are both committed to address the challenges ahead in a unified manner to make the Knights of Columbus Order stronger and a more effective Organization. The 4th Degree Bi-Annual Meeting has been schedule to coincide with the State Convention this year on Friday of the State Convention weekend. Please plan to attend both the 4th Degree Bi-Annual Meeting and there State Convention on the same weekend (May 1-3, 2020. Reserve the weekend on your calendars.

On behalf of the State Council, I would like to thank all those Leadership Positions, Members, Councils and Assemblies for the commitment, dedication and contributions in time, treasure, sacrifice and prayer that has been dedicated to the initiatives, goals and objectives of the Knights of Columbus. We are truly "United in Spirit".

Vivat Jesus!



Tommy Ruemker
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Brothers, I have great news, the first six new group homes, Brock Springer Community at St. Mary's are occupied by forty eight residents. The community named in honor of the Brock Family Foundation, and Springer family who found a home for their son at St. Mary's five years ago. The nine remaining group homes are near completion, and will soon be ready for occupancy. The vision of each resident having their own bedroom and living space will help them thrive, live in independence, in a more family home environment. Brothers I can only tell you that some of these special residents have never had a private bedroom of their own, and these homes are truly a blessing from God, St. Mary's, and supporters like us, who have made this dream come true. Brothers through you and your councils generous donations, St. Mary's new group homes are a true blessing to all who will be living in them for many years to come. I ask that you continue to support our special brothers and sisters of St. Mary's.

Brothers, I will update you on the nine remaining group homes hopefully before I go to my next board meeting in February, but rest assured the construction is almost complete, and we will succeed to have all children in homes soon.

Brothers I personally want to thank each and every one of you and your councils for your support for St. Mary's. I can promise you that your donations do make a difference in each one of these special children of God's lives each and every day.

Vivat Jesus!





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Our Knights of Columbus State Catholic Essay Contest has been completed and we wish to thank all the Councils who participated in this program. We would like to announce the winners of the 2019-2020 Knights of Columbus Essay Contest:

8th Grade: 1st Place Katie Klumpp, Council 2657, Gonzales; 2nd Place, Taylor Kaplan, Council 8840, Matthews;

9th Grade: 1st Place, Addy Quintana, Council 10728, Shreveport; 2nd Place, Keise Sonnie, Council 5345, Lafayette.

10th Grade: 1st Place, Lauren Weber, Council 9623, Laplace; 2nd Place, Sophia LaHood, Council 5345, Lafayette.

11th Grade: 1st Place, Meg Guidry, Council 5499, Crowley; 2nd Place, Erin Toups, Council 1114, Thibodeaux.

12th Grade: 1st Place, Griffin Valiuluis, Council 10728, Shreveport; 2nd Place, Reece Lusich, Council 2732, Slidell.

Our Knights of Columbus Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest will soon be completed. Please remember all Councils can submit one winning poster in the following age groups: 5-7, 8-11 and 12-14 Years

old. All winning posters must be turned in to the Diocesan Administrator by December 31, 2019. All posters should be on a 11x17 inch poster and all posters must focus on the “Keep Christ in Christmas” theme. Participations are asked to create their own ideas and display these ideas on their posters.

KC Councils are encouraged to conduct their Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest before January 31, 2020. All boys and girls between the ages of 9-14 years can participate in this program. All boys in each individual age group compete against each other and all girls in each individual age group compete against each other.

We encourage all councils that have participated in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Catholic Essay Contest, Keep Christmas in Christmas Poster Contest and will be participating in the Free Throw Contest to complete and submit the participation forms for each of these programs. Please submit Soccer Reports, Essay Reports and Free Throw Reports to our State Community Director- Michael Abbate. All Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Participation should be submitted to our State Family Life Director- Keith Gros.

At our upcoming Grand Knights Day, the Louisiana State Council will conduct another Catholic School Lottery drawing. We select five winners who will receive some financial assistance to help with their Catholic School Tuition. Any Brother Knight or a widow of a former Brother Knight who have children in a catholic school program can enroll in this program. Applications to enroll in this program can be found on our State Council website or by

contacting our State Youth Chairman- Delmas Forbes.

In closing, none of our youth programs would be possible without the generosity that council and Brother Knights contribute to our Youth Expansion Program. We strongly urge all councils to consider contributing their YEP quota or at least as much as your council can afford to contribute. These donations help fund so many of our outstanding youth programs—for example our CYLA program, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, Essay Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and many other worthwhile programs.



**4th Annual
 KC Texas Hold ‘Em
 Tournament
 @ Plaquemine
 Council 970
 March 28
 Download
 Entry Form
 @ State Website**



State Soccer Challenge Winners

Front Row, Left to Right: 9 Year Old Boy Winner, David Dumanyan; 9 year Old Girl Winner, Madelyn Hoffman; 10 Year Old Boy Winner, Trey Tanguis; 10 Year Old Girl Winner, Mary Frances Leeman; 11 Year Old Boy Winner, Andrew Leblanc; 11 Year Old Girl Winner, Aubrey Manda; 12 Year Old Boy Winner, Austin Hebert.
Back Row, Left to Right: State Youth Chairman, Delmas Forbes; 12 Year Old Girl Winner, Carly Landry; 13 Year Old Boy Winner, Jacob Boudreaux; 14 Year Old Boy Winner, Wyatt Naquin and State Deputy Rennan Duffour.

Council 9623

On the October 11th – 13th, The Knights of Columbus of Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace, traveled to Beaumont, Texas to offer relief for the victims of Tropical Storm Imelda.

The areas that we traveled to, was a very poor neighborhood that was swamped with 60 inches of rainfall.

The homes were inundated with 4 feet of water.

When our Council arrived, we were shocked to learn that we were the first to respond!

Our AOL Council cooks cooked Pastalaya meals for 400 families.



Veterans Day Celebration

Saturday, November 9th, in honor of Veterans Day, Brother Knights and their wives prepared and served lunch to Veterans as well as the employees who take care of them at the VA hospital in Alexandria. Hygiene items were also donated to Veterans who were in need of them.

It was a combined effort of Councils in Districts 52 & 57. The following Councils had members who participated or donated hygiene items, John Paul II #14657, in Pineville, Bishop Charles P. Greco #1134

in Alexandria & Father Alfred Chlebowczyk #13296, in Tioga.

This is a yearly event in honor of Veterans Day. All Councils are invited to participate. We are at our best when we are together.



Knights of Columbus, Lafayette Diocese, Priests Appreciation Banquet



Lafayette, LA - Our Brother Knights and their wives celebrated in thanksgiving for our priests and the tireless work they do for Christ's Church. This 3rd Annual event was held on October 22, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral Hall in Lafayette.

Cocktail hour began at 6:00 pm with visiting and warm wishes. Our program began at 7:00 pm with opening prayer by Father Chester Arceneaux, our host Pastor. Derek Faust, our MC and Committee Chairman, gave the welcome



State Deputy Rennan Duffour

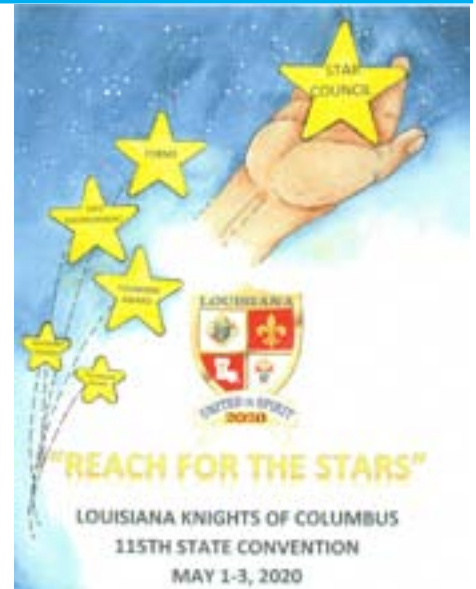


and thanked our priests for their contributions day in and day out for each of us. State Deputy Rennan Duffour was the guest speaker, offering insights on what we, as Knights, can and should be accomplishing to help our priests. He also encouraged our priests to ask for the much deserved help they need. Rennan thanked our priests again to a standing ovation for their service to Christ. Derek thanked the Committee members Glenn Ray, John Fruge', Richard Yandle, Jude Tauzin, and John Tilly, for their dedication to this event and their love of our priests. The Committee presented our Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel with a check for \$7000 to assist with the Priest Retirement Fund. Bishop Deshotel shared with us what the Knights of Columbus means to him and told us of the support he received, including his books bought by the Knights, while he was in seminary.

Following was the Bishop's blessing of the meal prepared and provided by Chef Jude Tauzin and his entire Tony Chachere's Creole Foods team. An absolutely amazing meal!

Our priests, Knights, and guests visited well into the night.

Photo credit: Photography by Cecil.



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KC Corn Hole Tournament
Saturday, February 8
St. Ann Church School Gym
Hosted by Council 3465**



**4th Annual
KC Texas Hold 'Em
Saturday, March 28
Plaquemine Council 970
Hosted by Council 970**



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Happy New Year! That’s right brothers. The New Year has begun – the *calendar year*, that is. Believe it or not, the Fraternal year is half over. Due to some outstanding work by some heavy-lifting councils, the state is in striking distance of our quota from Supreme. We only need 700 additional new Brother Knights by June 30. With your hard work and dedication in the second half of the year, I believe that **we can reach our goal**, and by doing so, **show Supreme that Louisiana can lead the way in membership.**

Through December, 11 councils have already attained their quota, and 30 more are on pace. With just a little more effort and concentration on recruiting, your council too can

achieve their membership quota. If your council is lagging or has not even recruited one member so far this year, don’t worry. You have 6 months to go. You still have time to formulate a plan and put it into practice. As Mark Twain stated, “the secret of getting ahead is getting started.” So, stop talking about recruiting, and get out there and find your first recruit. You can’t reach your quota without starting with the first one.

There are many more opportunities that lie ahead. Don’t miss out. Be prepared, and as always, remain positive. The more positive you are, the better your message will be received. And when you feel like giving up, remember why you started. If plan A fails, there are 25 more letters in the alphabet to achieve you goal. I hope to see all of you at Grand Knight’s Day, and I wish you the best for the rest of the New Year!

Vivat Jesus,



Chaplain’s Spiritual Message

Perhaps the day I hate more than any is Black Friday. I remember one year I wanted a new piece of electronic equipment. As I was looking through the paper on Thanksgiving that year, I noticed that Best Buy had it for sale. I knew that the item would be popular and that it would fly off the shelves, and that I would have to get up at the crack of dawn to be in line to get the item since the store opened at 4:00AM. But I had a secret – I knew a parishioner who worked at Best Buy. I figured that instead of waiting in line, I would show up around 3:55AM, call him up, and he would let me into the store before everyone else. Of course, when I arrived at Best Buy there was a line from here to Rome! I picked up my cell phone, called and texted him, and asked him to let me through the side door. But he didn’t answer. I waited in line. When I got to the door, I was told that my item was now sold out. I caught sight of my parishioner out of the corner of my eye and flagged him over. I asked him “Can’t you just squeeze me in here so I can get my item?” But he sadly shook his head and walked away.

Can I tell you that wasn’t the news I wanted to hear! I wanted to get my item as cheap as possible without any inconvenience. So too does the Gospel often give news we don’t want to hear. The question is asked, “Jesus, how many people will be saved?” Jesus answers the question by giving a very vivid description to what will happen on Judgment Day: “Many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.” Not everyone will be saved! I’m sure that if you ask 100 people, 95% of them will say that they are going to heaven, but the Lord says that there will be banging and crying at the door, and it will not be opened.

The pathway to salvation is like a narrow gate notes Jesus: everyone must go through the gate one at a time.

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EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the formation and knighthood degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy Rennan Duffour. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are:

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
01.04.20	DD Darryl Fontenot	Council 2893, Kinder
02.01.20	DD Paul Eckert	Council 3729, New Orleans
02.08.20	DD Ed Gremillion	Council 9418, Marksville
03.21.20	DD Martin DeSeamus	Council 3642, Monroe
04.04.20	DD Maurice Evans	Council 7355, Houma
04.18.20	DD Ralph Roger	Council 8342, Prairieville
06.06.20	DD Randy Hebert	Council 8058, Carlyss
06.06.20	DD George Becnel	Council 9623, Laplace

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3061	Covington	9	-1
0969	Baton Rouge	8	0	3068	New Orleans	7	2
0970	Plaquemine	20	6	3088	Hessmer	5	1
1087	Donaldsonville	11	0	3091	Westwego	7	-2
1099	Napoleonville	16	2	3150	Cut Off	10	0
1108	Shreveport	6	0	3200	Alexandria	6	2
1114	Thibodaux	19	0	3202	Lafayette	9	1
1134	Alexandria	10	0	3208	Lake Charles	7	3
1173	Opelousas	4	-4	3246	New Orleans	7	0
1199	Cottonport	5	0	3298	Baton Rouge	6	0
1207	Lake Charles	4	1	3331	Baton Rouge	5	0
1208	New Iberia	10	-1	3353	Oberlin	5	-2
1217	Marksville	10	4	3356	Cecilia	5	0
1276	St. Martinville	8	2	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	11	6	3407	Shreveport	13	4
1317	Houma	9	1	3409	Opelousas	6	3
1337	Monroe	13	8	3411	New Orleans	6	0
1357	Natchitoches	14	0	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	4	0	3465	Metairie	6	3
1420	Franklin	4	1	3470	Lafayette	6	2
1425	Jeanerette	6	1	3475	Elton	11	0
11437	New Orleans	16	5	3496	Port Barre	10	0
1514	Vacherie	15	0	3528	Kenner	6	1
1710	Patterson	11	-21	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1724	Algiers	6	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	6	1	3622	Moss Bluff	12	2
1754	Ville Platte	5	10	3634	Norco	19	0
1817	Gramercy	15	3	3642	West Monroe	7	1
1819	Bogalusa	7	4	3662	Basile	5	0
1897	Rayne	8	-3	3729	New Orleans	16	5
1905	Gretna	13	6	3743	Baton Rouge	14	5
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	13	1
1998	New Roads	5	0	3796	St Gabriel	8	0
2012	Jennings	11	2	3854	Harahan	10	0
2142	Plaucheville	6	1	3857	DeRidder	7	1
2150	Morganza	5	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	9	0	3872	Erath	10	2
2395	Bunkie	7	2	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	12	1	4010	Mansura	4	0
2409	Luling	15	2	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	4	0	4030	Baton Rouge	15	0
2436	Reserve	8	1	4085	Baker	10	2
2504	Church Point	10	0	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	13	-2	4156	Leesville	12	0
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	1
2732	Slidell	17	4	4309	Centerville	8	6
2807	Baton Rouge	15	2	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	0	4508	Metairie	6	2
2875	Port Allen	9	0	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	-6	4562	Lake Charles	14	2
2893	Kinder	9	0	4663	Metairie	8	1
2913	Kaplan	8	1	4676	Loreauville	6	2
2925	New Orleans	6	-5	4683	Lafayette	5	-2
2952	Hammond	17	0	4761	Raceland	6	0
2972	Moreauville	5	3	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	12	0
3006	Iowa	9	6	4818	Zwolle	4	0
3012	Lake Arthur	9	2	4873	Bossier City	25	7
3014	Creole	8	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	5
3015	Sulphur	9	2	4906	Evangeline	4	0
3048	Bell City	7	2	4927	Parks	6	2
3054	Lockport	12	2	5013	Chauvin	18	1
3055	Gueydan	9	0	5022	Lake Charles	6	0

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5048	Pine Prairie	4	3	8843	Leroy	4	0	11491	Mowata	4	0
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5111	New Iberia	9	1	8878	Lakeland	12	3	11792	New Iberia	4	3
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8898	Larose	15	2	11814	Pearl River	4	0
5301	Metairie	4	0	8901	Lafayette	11	5	11857	Vacherie	8	0
5345	Lafayette	4	1	8906	Thibodaux	7	1	12060	Thibodaux	8	1
5352	Pierre Part	5	0	8932	Bourg	7	0	12061	Many	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	12068	Grosse Tete	4	3
5499	Crowley	11	0	8978	North Sulphur	10	3	12072	Mandeville	12	8
5530	Baton Rouge	13	4	9000	Golden Meadow	10	-3	12103	Lecompte	4	1
5532	Lawtell	5	1	9007	Metairie	6	0	12115	New Orleans	4	0
5627	Independence	8	2	9016	Baton Rouge	0	0	12163	Milton	6	2
5747	Chalmette	14	2	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	0	12179	Morgan City	4	0
5755	Westlake	9	1	9107	New Orleans	7	0	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
5935	Laplace	11	5	9110	Jennings	4	0	12245	Franklinton	4	1
6057	Youngsville	9	2	9217	Belle Deau	4	0	12285	Schriever	7	0
6103	Vinton	11	3	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12529	Abita Springs	12	0
6170	Houma	6	2	9240	Mandeville	18	4	12686	Metairie	6	1
6211	Bayou Vista	6	0	9247	Baton Rouge	11	7	12906	Covington	13	4
6324	Monroe	4	12	9260	Shreveport	8	1	12989	Lacombe	11	2
6326	Denham Springs	18	4	9281	Lacassine	4	0	12997	New Iberia	9	-1
6357	Belle Chasse	11	5	9294	Echo	4	4	13145	Baton Rouge	4	2
6369	Avondale	5	0	9338	Houma	6	2	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
6389	St Amant	10	1	9347	Metairie	6	0	13296	Kolin	4	-3
6496	Abbeville	14	0	9384	Marrero	4	0	13349	Waggaman	4	4
6531	Baton Rouge	0	0	9415	New Orleans	5	1	13397	Thibodaux	8	3
6746	Kenner	4	0	9418	Fifth Ward	5	5	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
6753	French Settlement	10	1	9436	Richard	23	0	13425	River Ridge	8	4
6870	Terrytown	5	0	9623	Laplace	15	12	13505	Alexandria	6	3
6873	Baldwin	5	2	9692	Baton Rouge	12	2	13632	Baton Rouge	5	2
6958	Carencro	7	1	9753	Tioga	5	1	13819	Houma	7	3
6959	Egan	7	4	9769	Slidell	4	1	13931	Lake Charles	10	-1
7033	Ragley	4	1	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	14542	Lafayette	6	1
7050	Rynella	6	0	9933	Luling	9	5	14614	Covington	7	4
7084	Berwick	4	0	9935	Duralde	4	0	14657	Pineville	7	1
7226	Marrero	5	0	9973	Slidell	16	1	14822	Kenner	7	5
7275	Lafayette	13	7	10045	Winnfield	23	0	15006	Lake Charles	8	2
7350	Barataria	17	2	10057	Harvey	4	1	15064	Baton Rouge	6	0
7355	Houma	11	4	10080	Zachary	7	3	15133	Madisonville	8	2
7411	Mire	4	0	10156	New Orleans	24	0	15228	Fishville	4	0
7557	Broussard	20	4	10176	Folsom	5	3	15390	Marrero	19	0
7568	Scott	9	6	10178	Albany	7	0	15477	Lafayette	4	0
7657	Bayou Blue	5	0	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15501	New Orleans	4	1
7722	Dulac	7	0	10269	Fenton	22	0	15615	Amelia	4	0
7856	St Francisville	6	-3	10293	Lafayette	12	2	15676	New Orleans	5	5
8029	Alexandria	7	1	10349	Henderson	4	0	15731	Pineville	4	0
8030	Livonia	4	0	10428	Eunice	5	5	15892	Harvey	4	0
8031	Swartz	4	2	10455	Baton Rouge	9	3	16094	Shreveport	4	7
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10564	Simmesport	4	0	16182	Metairie	6	0
8058	Carlyss	10	2	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	16355	Bossier City	4	1
8147	Gonzales	9	1	10612	Houma	6	0	16362	Houma	4	4
8322	Maplewood	7	4	10613	Baton Rouge	4	0	16849	Abbeville	4	1
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10645	Lacombe	4	0	17205	St. Benedict	4	16
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10717	Mermentau	5	0	17413	New Orleans	0	7
8342	Prairieville	22	16	10721	Judice	7	2				
8371	Amelia	4	3	10728	Shreveport	7	0				
8438	Campiti	18	0	10744	Brusly	6	3				
8442	Violet	4	1	10745	Cankton	5	2				
8546	Metairie	8	0	10800	Kraemer	7	2				
8583	Morse	7	0	10824	Ruston	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	8	3	10902	Lydia	4	1				
8615	Gretna	5	2	10911	Amite	6	1				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	5	7	10912	Hammond	24	0				
8703	Port Sulphur	5	4	11060	Tickfaw	4	0				
8743	Chackbay	9	1	11061	Labadieville	5	-7				
8770	Maurice	8	1	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0				
8779	Theriot	13	2	11212	Cow Island	4	0				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11270	Opelousas	7	2				
8840	Mathews	6	2	11407	Grand Lake	4	2				

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You're not going to get through simply because you have a baptismal certificate or because you are Catholic. You're not going to get through simply because you're a priest or a deacon, or because you're pious and holy. You're not going to get through simply because you come to Church on Sunday. Salvation requires more than who we are or where we're from. We know that our God is a God of justice and mercy: which will prevail at our judgment remains to be seen.

Salvation requires our faith in God, our firmness of purpose and sharpness of vision, appropriate actions, and constant vigilance. We are required to be more than simply Catholics on paper. What are some ways that we can go about waiting the day of our salvation? Our world affords us numerous opportunities to go out and do works of mercy for those in need. Our Church community offers copious spiritual exercises to keep our purpose and vision sharp. Perhaps the easiest way to prepare for our last day is to live each day as if it is our last: to constantly be prepared for whenever the Lord is ready to take us. In other words, live the fraternal mission of our organization, showing mercy through our fraternal good works!

Salvation requires action and that really is no laughing matter.

Grand Knights, Membership Directors
& Program Directors.
Culture of Life Chaircouple
are Encouraged to Attend!!

Grand Knights Day

SATURDAY, January 25, 2020
St. Genevieve Middle School, Lafayette
91 Teurlings Drive

Officer Training & Gumbo Cook-Off Finals.
Plan to Attend & Encourage Council Participation!

