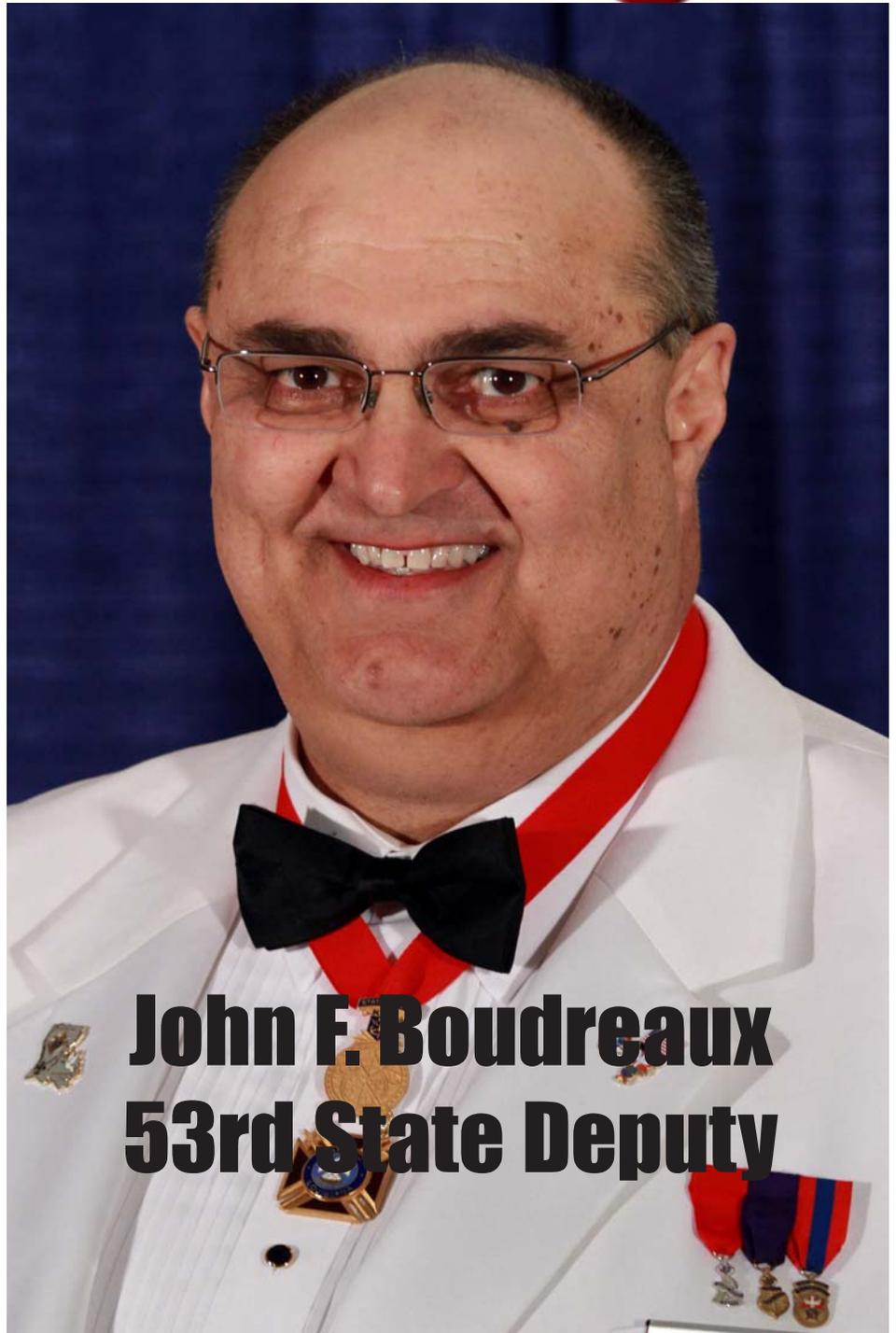


Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- July 15 State Per Capita Mailed to F.S.
July 21 KCLS, Dutchtown High School
Geismar, LA
- August 1 Deadline-Service Program
Personnel-Form #365
- August 1 Deadline-Squires Form #468
- August 6-14 Family Week
- August 7-9 Supreme Convention
Anaheim, California
- August 8 Deadline-Ordering Candy
for MDF Campaign
- August 11-12 State Softball Tournament
Carencro
- August 12 Birthday-Fr. Michael McGivney
- August 15 Deadline-Semi-Annual Council
Audit, Form #1295
- August 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the
Virgin Mary
- September 1 Deadline-Squires Semi-Annual
Audit, Form #247
- September 1 Deadline-Parish Roundtable
Report, Form #2629
- September 1 Deadline-Submit Articles &
Photos for Louisiana Knight
- September 3 Labor Day
- September 8 State Horseshoe Tournament
Plaquemine
- September 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- Sept 28-30 State Golf Tournament
Lafayette
- September 30 Deadline-Council Soccer
- October 1-30 Respect Life Month
- October 1 Deadline-Payment State Per
Capita
- October 1 Deadline-Submit Retention
Committee
- October 5-7 Annual MDF Campaign
- October 6 St. Mary Run/Walk for Life
Alexandria
- Oct 7-Nov 4 Silver Rose Program
State Wide
- October 8 Columbus Day Observed
- October 10 Deadline-Payment Supreme
Per Capita Tax
- October 15 Deadline-District Soccer Chal
- October 15 Dealine-Family of the Month
- October 31 Deadline-Order Free Throw Kits
- October 31 Deadline-Order Substance Abuse Kit
- October 31 Deadline-Area Soccer Challenge
- November 1 Feast of All Saints Day
- November 1 CYLA Info Mailed to GKs
- November 2 Feast of All Souls Day
- November 3 State Nine Ball Tournament
Lafayette
- November 3 Deadline-Area Soccer Challenge
Winners to State Office



John F. Boudreaux
53rd State Deputy



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First of all, congratulations are in order for IPSD Ronnie Boudreaux and Membership Directory Paul Gagnet; The Louisiana State Council has achieved the prestigious CIRCLE OF HONOR, for attaining the gross membership goal of 1400 members. The final count was 1419 new and reactivated brother knights for the 2011-2012 fraternal years.

July 1st we begin a new fraternal year. Last weekend we installed the State Officers, District Deputies, Area Coordinators, and Program Director, Vince Whittington and his chairmen, Membership Director Richard Yandle and his Team. We presented our Membership program and the State Programs for the new fraternal year. Now we are ready for KCLS. You will be receiving information regarding KCLS very soon. The date for KCLS is July 21st, it will be held at Dutchtown High School same place as last year. I assure you that it may be in the same place, but the presentations will be new. We now have a Media Department and we will show you presentations that I am confident will be very interesting and informative. The goal is to provide a "How To" attitude and resources to ensure that every council that follows our suggestions will be successful this

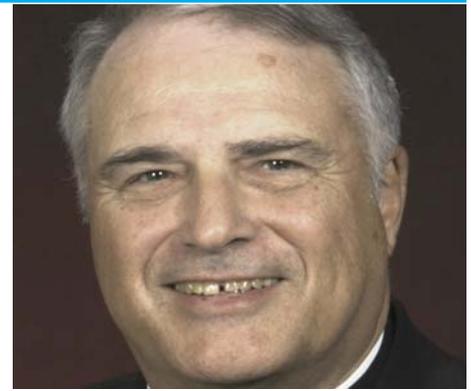
year. The theme for membership is "One member per month per Council". We will show how to get this done. We have introduced a new Program called The Seminary Mission Fund Program. Formally known as the Acompaño Program; our Media Department has a great presentation to show at KCLS to launch this awesome program. Cultures of Life couples are invited to attend and our Culture of Life couple, Peter and Edna Mae Sahuc has an awesome program planned for all who attend. It is very important for attendance to be very good at KCLS, please take KCLS seriously; once again, it will be a great benefit to the overall well being of your respective councils.

The challenges we will all face this year can be overwhelming, but together we will overcome all obstacles and emerge with better run councils and reach membership goals.

Our worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Herzog mentioned the ongoing battle regarding religious freedom in America. Lafayette Diocese Bishop Michael Jarrell echoed the same sentiments, as well as Bishops throughout the USA; they are united in this most notable endeavor. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, stated that the U.S. Bishops will not go away on this issue. Well, dear brothers, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, will not go away either! We will fight to ensure that religious freedom is restored once again in our Nation.

Inclosing, I am very excited to be your State Deputy and I am very optimistic about the new fraternal year. We have a great plan in store for all of you. So please come out to KCLS and see for yourselves, I am confident you will not be disappointed.

Vivat Jesus,



Bishop Ronald P. Herzog
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We are now in a new Fraternal Year with the formal installation of our new state officers and the process of installing Council officers underway. There is no question of how blessed we are here in Louisiana to have so many faithful and dedicated Brother Knights will to serve our Order. Many will travel to California for this year's Supreme Convention during which we will witness the great strength and solidarity of us all.

That solidarity is needed now more than almost any other time in the past with the continued assault on our freedom of religion. Not only isn't the battle over, it is intensifying. We dare not relax. We have great strength in numbers and we are making it known and felt. I realize that I am 'preaching to the choir' but we all need encouragement. And we are not alone. Thanks for all your work during the recent Fort-night For Freedom.

I had the great joy of accepting another check in support of St. Mary's Residential Training School founded by Bishop Greco here in Alexandria more than a half century ago. The \$75,000 gift brings the commitment during the capital campaign conducted several years ago closer to completion. Thanks

for your continued generosity and support.

On August 15, the Church will celebrate the holy day of obligation commemorating the Assumption of Mary. Her faith and fidelity are a constant example to the entire Church. Let us celebrate it well. This might provide an opportunity for our Councils to be present as a body, giving public witness to our faith and our Order. That will be a challenge considering it falls on weekday (Wednesday) this year, but it will be worth the effort.

Our Worthy State Deputy has asked me to provide a month video message for our website. We are still working out the technical aspects of how best to accomplish this. Hopefully, by the end of August...

As the summer draws to a close and the routine of the school begins to shape so much of our lives, may you receive the blessings of the Lord as you fulfill your ministry in the Church and through our Order.

May we all remain: One in the Lord



Rennan Duffour
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The Youth of our Church, our Families and our Communities are our greatest blessing and asset. We can contribute to no greater investment than an investment in our Youth. The Youth Expansion Program (YEP) is the Knights of Columbus Program to enable our great organization to raise the funds for the investments in Youth through the Knights of Columbus Youth Programs and Scholarships.

The YEP Fund Raising activity for the 2011-2012 year has been successful, allowing the Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council to dedicate funding to Youth Programs and special Youth related activities for the 2012-2013 year. The total YEP funds collected for the 2011-2012 Columbian year was \$116,114.68. All Councils, other Organizations and individuals who contributed to achieve this accomplishment are to be congratulated with the gratitude and appreciation of the Immediate Past State Deputy Ronnie Boudreaux and 2011-2012 Officers of the Louisiana State Council.

Now is the time for the newly elected Council Officers to begin to plan their strategies for the YEP activities for the 2012-2013 Columbian year. Coun-

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YEP

\$150,000

\$125,000

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\$25,000

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State Deputy Report



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To the Officers and members of the 107th Annual meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus. Our Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order and the State Council by-laws mandate the State Deputy submit a report of his term of office and condition of the Louisiana State Council.

Worthy State Chaplain Bishop Ronald P. Herzog, Worthy Assistant State Chaplain Msgr. Carson Lacaze, Worthy Assistant State Chaplains Scott Chemino, Mark Derise, Francis Carbello, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Vice-President George Hanna, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Master of the Louisiana District Russell Ruh and My Brother Knights all.

The convention committee would like to welcome you to Baton Rouge, LA. We hope your stay will be an enjoyable one. The committee has worked hard in getting ready for this weekend. Brother Vine Whittington Chairman and his committee tried to

make this weekend enjoyable to all.

STATE DEPUTY MEETINGS. We had our First State Family meeting in Houma in June and Area Coordinator Curtis Constranche and his team was excellent host. The rooms were great as were all of the facilities. We had a good meeting. The District Deputies and Area Coordinators and other State Family Members signed contracts stating we would do our jobs. Some were done very good. We achieved all of our councils turning in their report of Officers. In early March all of our form 365 was finally turned in. We started working on the form 1728 Fraternally Survey form.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERSHIP SEMINARS/KCLS. In July we held KCLS in Gessimar and Natchitoches. Again we held our Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminars in July and again the people who attended were treated to some of the most talented people in the State telling us how to make our programs work better for us. The trouble is people always say we tried this several years ago and it did not work then why should it work now. These people are not willing to try something new. I say until you try something out side the box you will not succeed

MID YEAR MEETING. We held the mid-year meeting was held in Sulphur and as always the Brother Knights were very cordial and welcomed us with open arms. Our meetings were good and informative and I hope the State Family learned a lot. We went over procedures and

GRAND KNIGHTS DAY. We enjoyed world class Gumbo in January at the Grand Knights Day. I would like to thank Tuerlings High School for the use of their school. We had a total of 155 councils represented. We also enjoyed world class gumbo from the winners of the twelve areas around the state.

SQUIRES PROGRAM. George Martin and his group of committee people worked hard with the boys. This is a ready made recruitment of new members. These young men are trained already in the works we do and are trying to accomplish. All councils should have one and keep it going.

SUPREME CONVENTION. Our annual convention was held in Denver, CO We all had a good time in the mile high city and the Brother Knights welcomed us with open arms. It was good to see and get acquainted with old friends. Your state was well represented by the delegates. Denver is a beautiful city.

PROGRAMS. Our program people presented us wit some excellent programs to work on. All of our directors have become experts in their fields. They helped all councils in their respective fields and we had some of the most outstanding programs this past year.

SEMINARIAN RELEIF FUND. This fund continues to be a disappointment to us all. We had better participation when we limited our tickets to councils and they were

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Well, KCLS is finally here and we're excited about the agenda we have planned for our Council Culture of Life Chair Couples. That brings us to our latest news. Pro-Life, one of our newest program areas, now has a new name: "Culture of Life". "Culture of Life" is a term that has been used extensively by our Church & by the Supreme Council for many years and was actually included in the original notes on our State Pro-Life Activity Report when it was composed three or four years ago.

"Culture of Life" covers important areas of focus that "Pro-Life" may not appear to encompass. Although some of us have included such issues as our fight for religious freedom, the healthcare mandate, and all of the seven "non-negotiable" or "life issues" often hi-lighted by our Catholic Bishops, some of these issues were apparently never completely thought of by most people as "Pro-Life"; hence, the reason for the change.

The term "Culture of Life" brings "to the table" all of the life issues: abortion, fetal stem cell research, euthanasia, human cloning, homosexual marriage, end of life issues, assisted suicide, and anything else that affects or undermines our culture of life. The important thing to remember is that as Culture of Life Chair Couples, we will continue to sponsor & participate in the same programs & activities, focus on the same

topics, and use the same materials & forms that we used before. The only real difference is that some things we labeled "Pro-Life" will now be "Culture of Life", and certain programs & activities we may not have "officially" overseen before, will now fall under our program area. In some instances, we will continue to use the term "Pro-Life".

Now back to KCLS, where we have our one & only opportunity each year to meet & help educate our Council Pro-Life Chair Couples. This year's seminar will be, we hope, a more "fun" program for everyone who participates. Yes, participates. This year we will have a lot less "lecturing" and a lot more time for our Council Pro-Life Chair Couples to talk themselves. Chair Couples will be encouraged to share their experiences in the many programs & activities they did throughout the year. By actively discussing their activities, we hope to spark new interest in our program area, and help those who may

have experienced barriers to success, to overcome these obstacles using fresh ideas & approaches.

This year we will begin by leading a Pro-Life Rosary with the entire "general assembly" at KCLS. All Chair Couples who attend the "Culture of Life" seminar at KCLS will receive a "Pro-Life Rosary" which was custom made for this event. This will be followed by a very quick review of two important topics we cover each year. After that, the fun begins, but that part, we'll keep a secret. We promise you will learn new things and have fun doing it. After the "fun" activity we'll jump right into discussing programs. We'll cover each question on the Culture of Life Activity Report and discuss the five "program areas" that fall under Culture of Life. We'll have two guest speakers, the first, most of us know from prior years, Mr. Vince Whittington, who chairs Camp Joshua & the Joshua

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Top 20

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| 1 - Sacred Heart Council 7557, Broussard, Gregory A. Theriot, GK | 1000 points |
| 2 - St. Charles Council 2409, Luling, Rennan J. Duffour, GK | 990 points |
| 2 - St. Edmond Council 10293, Lafayette, Derwin D. Savoy, GK | 990 points |
| 4 - Fr. James Clement Council 6389, St. Amant, Coy M. Moran, GK | 988 points |
| 5 - Fr. Maynard Hurst Council 9016, Baton Rouge, Clyde A. Martin, GK | 980 points |
| 6 - St. Alphonsus Liguori Council 2807, Baton Rouge, Wayne Messina, GK | 975 points |
| 7 - Alex Semel Council 12989, Lacombe, David J. Guttierrez, GK | 972 points |
| 8 - Msgr. Carroll Badeaux Council 3054, Lockport, Warren Vedros, Sr, GK | 970 points |
| 9 - Fr. Shahrigan Council 8978, Sulphur, Donald J. Cabbage, GK | 968 points |
| 10 - Patterson Council 1710, Patterson, Christopher Wheeler, GK | 960 points |
| 11 - Sulphur Council 3015, Sulphur, Harry G. Jones, GK | 955 points |
| 12 - Houma Council 1317, Houma, Kell J. Luke, GK | 953 points |
| 13 - Marquette Council 1437, New Orleans, Shane A. Collins, GK | 948 points |
| 14 - Slidell Council 2732, Slidell, Joseph A. Rotolo, Sr, GK | 945 points |
| 14 - St. Peter Council 12906, Covington, Dr. Charles B. Foy, GK | 945 points |
| 16- Lady of LaSalette Council 9000, Golden Meadow, Roy Acord, GK | 940 points |
| 17 - Immaculate Council 13819, Houma, Patrick M. Luke, GK | 938 points |
| 18 - Msgr. Jean Eyraud Council 2436, Reserve, Gerald P. Marse, GK | 935 points |
| 19 - Ludovicum Council 4663, Metairie, Robert C. Schroeder, GK | 929 points |
| 20 - Our Lady Help of Christians Co 2012, Jennings, Carl P. Benoit, GK | 928 points |

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Leadership Institute. Vince will once again talk to us very briefly about this special Pro-Life program for youth. Lunch is planned for around noon, after which we will have our second guest speaker, Mr. Ryan Verret, Director of the Center for Medical Ethics, an affiliate of the Louisiana Right to Life Federation. Ryan will be sharing some important information with us that directly affects Culture of Life and will be asking for our assistance with a critical statewide program he hopes to carry out this year with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus.

After Ryan's presentation, we will continue going over the activity report & our five program areas. If time permits we have a video we hope to share, which uncovers the true nature of the abortion clinics and how they operate. The video goes inside this culture of death with interviews & explanations, including some with a former abortion clinic owner.

If you're a Council Culture of Life Chair Couple, please join us for KCLS at 9:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, July 21st at Dutchtown High School, 13165 Hwy 73, Geismar, LA 70734. If you're a Grand Knight or Program Director, please encourage your Chair Couple to attend.

"Building a Culture of Life"

**State Softball
Tournament
August 11-12
Carencro**



**Go To State Website
www.louisianakc.org
& Download Entry Form**



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St. Mary's

Join St. Mary's and Others to Promote Respect (from *St. Mary's, Pro-found Love...*, Ms Karen Coor, Administrator)

Recently, St. Mary's was asked by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to participate in an art project to celebrate the gifts and friendship of Louisiana citizens who live with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities. Fourteen of the St. Mary's residents travelled to Baton Rouge to create works of art that is part of an exhibit that opened during the month of April.

This project, which is called *The Art of Respect*, is part of the State of Louisiana's efforts to support the worldwide endeavor to build awareness for society to stop and think about its' use of the word "retarded" out of context. It is unfortunate that in today's world the use of the R-word has become a common practice to make fun of someone. Whether intentional or not, the misuse of this word conjures up a painful stereotype of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Approximately three percent of the world's population has intellectual disabilities. That is over 200 million

people around the world and it is the largest disability population in the world.

As families, friends and supporters of St. Mary's, we can have a very positive impact to help eliminate this problem. Please join Ms Karen Coor and the staff at St. Mary's to challenge everyone to think before they speak and replace the R-word with a different word, RESPECT. Go to www.r-word.org to learn how you can spread the word to end the word!

St. Mary's Challenge Walk/Run

For over 58 years, St. Mary's Residential Training School has lovingly cared for children and young adults with severe and profound developmental disabilities. In recent years, St. Mary's has become nationally recognized for their programs and services for the effective care and treatment for children with autism, the world's fastest growing developmental disability. In order to continue this important mission, St. Mary's is holding their annual Challenge Walk/Run on Saturday, October 6, 2012, starting at 8:00 AM. This year the Walk/Run will be located in downtown Alexandria at 3rd and Murry Streets.

St. Mary's is seeking sponsors for each of St. Mary's children, who will wear a special badge identifying their sponsor and their appreciation for their support. St. Mary's invite you to join them through a \$100 sponsorship of a St. Mary's child for the challenge walk. Contact St. Mary's Residential Training School * P.O. Drawer 7768 Alexandria, Louisiana 71306, phone 318-445-6443 * fax 318-449-8520 * www.stmarys-rts.org. A Sponsorship Form will be available at KCLS in Dutchtown, La on July 21 or e-mail me, Clifton Guillot at nguillot@eatel.net to request a copy.



Lloyd Meyers
M.D.F. Chairman
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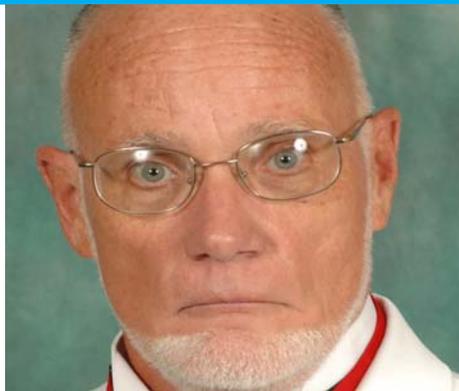
Our Mental Disability Campaign began this year on April 1, 2012 and ends on March 31, 2013. We need all 285 councils to participate and it is not that hard to do. Select a school or agency like Saint Mary's Residential Training Facility or a school or agency in your area for your council's beneficiary. Have some type of a fund drive then use the Financial Statement Report Form and submit your fund drive to the State Council in Lafayette on or before March 31, 2013.

It is that time of year for the Mental Disability Fund Drive. When Knights of Columbus helps citizens to learn to help themselves by having a fund drive.

Yes, this is what your council should be doing and what a Great feeling your membership will have when it takes the time to have a fund drive.

Your council membership can then take pride in what your council has done in helping God's Special Citizens.

Thanks.



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Our Summer, 2012 Louisiana State Family weekend is history and by the time most of us are reading this issue of our state newsletter, the summer gathering for our Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS) will also be history. However, based on the work that has gone on in preparation for both of these meetings and reflecting on the dynamic environment of our State Family meeting, we move forward a stronger council in many respects. This is a good time for all of Louisiana leaders and knights to pause briefly and to reflect where we've been and what we have taken on with our membership goals and our program updating, much with the support of the new "media team." The influence that these deliberations are having on all of us, can, if we but buy into the possibilities of revitalized programs, make all of us more effective contributors to meeting the goals being set. This is no less true of our Marian Devotion Program activities.

Several months ago, many of us participated in a "brain-storming" session at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. We met in groups based on the programs and activities that are related to each other, whether it be Council, Community, Youth, . . . or Church.

I was very fortunate to have been in the breakout for Church, along with our revered chaplain, Monsignor Susi, and several other program leaders, including the Church Program Chair, Deacon Rickey Picard. From our shared discussions, points of view, aspirations, and goals, we drew up by the close of the session, some very specific program development recommendations, as did the participants in the other groups. Since that landmark meeting, there has been a substantial amount of work done to be able to coherently and judiciously bring the recommendations to a point of program implementation. With the help of the new "media team," and with a commitment from all of us to be team players, we are moving forward on numerous fronts to make the Louisiana Council of top quality.

That said, the Marian Devotion Program has similarly been closely studied with the idea that it should be the goal of every knight, every council, every program to witness and to evangelize, to serve the Lord, with and through Our Blessed Mother's ever-available support. From our first degree exemplification through subsequent experiences as a knight, we are challenged to be ever aware of the larger purpose we are about: the sanctification of our work, our leisure, our relations with each other from family, to community, to council. How can we more effectively evidence our devotion to Our Blessed Mother and bring others to the same.

The results of this study and preparation of a stronger Marian Devotion effort has been seen in efforts to be more aware of the central role Mary, Mother of Jesus should have in all of our activities. If we are having a youth program, how can we make these vari-

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\$100.00 a ticket. Maybe our new Seminarians help third world countries

CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD. This program brings out some outstanding young people for us to meet. I am glad I do not have to pick out a winner. This year as in years past it is my pleasure to meet the area winners at the finals. It is amazing talking to them and the views on the world and their concerns. I think our world is going to be alright with these young men and women running things. I congratulate Joel Ocmand and his team of judges on doing an excellent job in this endeavor.

OTHER PROGRAMS. Our other programs are doing very well. We started things last year in our two new programs and they are thriving. We had over 100 knights in regalia for an honor guard at the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics.

YOUTH EXPANSION PROGRAM. Our YEP continues to be the backbone for our program to help the youth of Louisiana in many ways. Our CYLA program is second to none and continues to show our good kids that we are in support of them.

All of the Directors and Chairmen of the different programs took ownership of their respective programs. It is hard for anyone to understand all of these programs. Our directors have called, written and emailed the Supreme office to learn more of the programs.

I thank all of them in accepting the positions that we asked them to perform they have done a marvelous job.

MEMBERSHIP. What can I say about membership this year we were in first place several times in the weekly standing of jurisdictions in the order. That is always nice when your fellow State Deputies rib you at the meetings asking what we are doing in Louisiana to get so many new members. We must now keep them busy to stay in the order by offering those programs that make them want to stay with us.

RETENTION. Retention remains our biggest heart ache in losing members. We are working on ways to keep our members in the Knights. One way if for the proposes of the members to get them involved in their councils as soon as they become Knights and keep them active.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT & REACTIVATION. New councils in the order are an important part of the order. We started a new council in Lafayette and we have one ready to start our first Vietnamese council in New Orleans. I congratulate DD Bobby Donlon and Darrel Gonzales on each getting these

WELCOME BACK PROGRAM. Our welcome back program continues to bring in former members and we could get much if all councils would work the program that Brother Lee Allen Simon and his team works.

CEREMONIALS. Our ceremonials continue to perform very well. Our degree teams are performing very well and they are second to none. We have taken our ceremonials to another level and we are keeping our new candidates well informed. Steve

Thomas PSD has done a remarkable job and I would like to thank him.

FOURTH DEGREE. Our Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus are the Patriotic and visible branch of the Order of which we should all be proud. Russell Ruh our District Master is doing a good job leading our Fourth Degree of Louisiana. It has been good working with him to promote the good of the Order

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION. The Financial Secretaries are our direct link to the councils from the Supreme Office. Through the leadership of Brother Paul Gisclair the Financial Secretaries of Louisiana have come to the 21st Century in the day to day operations of the councils.

LOUISIANA LADIES AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION. The Louisiana Ladies have been our right hand in the working of the different council's functions we have done through the year and this year is no exception. I want to thank the ladies for all they do for us.

STATE OFFICE. Our state office is working very hard for you and continues to fulfill our tasks for the members and officers. Robert and Susan are a pleasure to work with. They do things we do not know about and go about running the office very well.

STATE CHAPLAIN. We lost our beloved Msgr. Susi during the year and he is missed and loved by all who knew him. He was a true joy to all and especially my family who he always

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asked about. My granddaughter loved severing mass with him and he seemed to enjoy her service.

I thank Bishop Herzog for accepting the position of Sate Chaplain and filling a big void in our ranks. Bishop Herzog is a true leader and has helped us tremendously in the short time he has been with us. He is truly an asset to the Knights.

CONCLUSION. I want to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus of Louisiana for giving me the opportunity to serve you as State Deputy. This is by far the biggest honor that I have ever received. Anything that happens after I will always treasure my years of serving the State of Louisiana as one of your elected officers.

I want to thank you for giving me four of the most dedicated Knights to work with as elected officers. John Boudreaux, Vernon Ducote, Hon. Paul deMahy and James Riente have worked with me and my short comings for the

last two years. They are very good Knights and have the interest of the state in their hearts.

I would be neglect if I did not thank the wives of our State Officers Pris Boudreaux, Marilyn deMahy and Carol Riente. They accepted the late meetings and all

Lastly I would like to thank my bride of 46 years D'Ella she has taken care of me for so long I know I would have been to function if she was not on my side. She really did not want me to run for office so many years ago.

Finally I want to thank God for allowing me to serve you as your State Deputy.

Vivat Jesus

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cil Budgets should include an amount similar to last years quotas as a start for drafting the new Council budgets. In the past, \$10 per Regular Member has been the guideline for establishing Council YEP Quotas. YEP fund raisers should be brainstormed, planned and put into the Council activities calendar for the upcoming year. Council 2012-2013 YEP Quotas will be distributed at KCLS in July, 2012.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your State YEP Chairman for the past two years. I thank all those Councils, Area Coordinators, District Deputies and Brother Knights who have promoted and participated in the 2011-2012 Youth Expansion Program. I look forward to the new year in serving the Louisiana Knights of Columbus as your new State Warden. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you with your KC Council Programs and Initiatives.

Your newly appointed State YEP Chairman for the 2012-2013 year is Brother Kenny Gonzales, please feel free to call him concerning YEP at 504-722-5957 (cell) or 504.654.5682 (office). You can also email Kenny at kennygonzales@cox.net. His mailing address is 511 Terri Drive, Luling, LA 70070. Please give him and YEP the same level of support and commitment that you have given to me and the Program over the past two years. May God Bless you and your Family and have a safe and enjoyable Summer Season.

VIVAT JESUS!!!



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ous activities be our prayers for one another and for the whole world? If we are having a community program, is the Blessed Mother's presence acknowledged and shared with all of those who are participating? Regardless of what we do as knights, how is our Blessed Mother present and participating in our efforts?

To make this call to Marian awareness, the "Church Activity" program now includes a specific provision for a Marian activity as one of our program goals. Whether the particular activity in which the council is involved is a group rosary, an inclusion of prayer in our council meetings, a brief moment of prayer before we start a particular youth program activity or during a gumbo cook-off can be a witnessing of our devotion to Our Blessed Mother. You will see the call to Marian Devotion in the revised Church Activity Program form. We ought not need the incentive of program points to be involved in sharing our love of Mary and Her love for us; but such added incentives can help to keep us on track. Wishing all our brother knights the best year ever; and may you travel forward with Jesus and His Blessed Mother as your loving guides.



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June is a good month to remind ourselves, the new Grand Knight, and the Faithful Navigator taking office about Bishop's programs has no set rules, however the purpose is to assist the Bishops and Diocese with Charity - supports Bishops programs through monetary fund's and Utility, with man-hours and Councils and Assemblies working together. Our Third Degree Councils and Fourth Degree Assemblies are accomplishing this by working with the Parish Church Pastors and Vocation Priest assigned to the Seminar-ians. You are to find ways to assist our Diocese in meeting its goal of Charity and in doing for others as we would like them to do for us if we get in need of help.

I was asked "is our Religious Education Program count for Bishops programs" my answer is yes. The E.R.E Chairman Glenn F. Esteve has been mailing checks in June to the Diocese Coordinators to be presented to our Bishops. Fourth Degree Assemblies and Third Degree Council should take part in contributing to the E.R.E Master fund for religious education.

Tombs of the Unborn

Traveling to attend meetings, some at parish church halls I see the Tombs of the Unborn, and if I do not see one I ask why. May I be of help getting your Knights of Columbus council to assist you in getting a Tomb of the

Unborn. They are not all documented. Thank you my Brother Knights for the phone call and e-mail concerning Bishop's Programs and Tomb of the Unborn.

Keep up the good work. I pray God to continue his Blessings.

Vivat Jesus,



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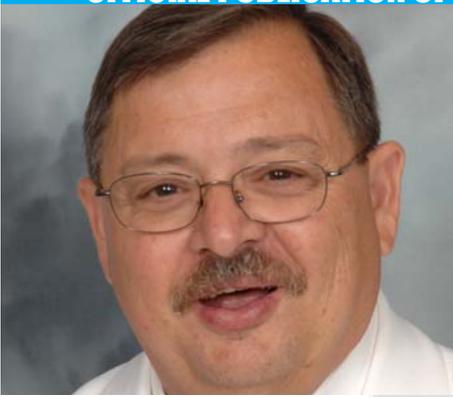
Louisiana Open Raffle

Several changes were made to this year's Louisiana Open Raffle. The first change was the split between the Council and the State. Rather than the traditional 50/50 split, the individual Councils would receive 70% and the State Council would receive 30% of each ticket sold. To add an extra incentive, it was decided to give the Councils selling more than 50 tickets 80% of the money collected and the remaining 20% would go to the State Council.

40 Councils took advantage of this raffle and collected \$10,028. The State Council received \$3,762. Three Councils sold over 50 tickets each and received a total of \$3,000.

Each Council should consider selling tickets to the Louisiana Open Raffle next year and get on this money maker. Perhaps you could use this raffle as a money maker for the new Seminar-ian Mission Fund.

Vivat Jesus.



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Joshua, a young understudy of Moses and hero of the Old Testament, is known for his character. A quote from Deuteronomy 31 states that “Joshua’s character was one of bold strength, wisdom and courage”.

Louisiana Camp Joshua is a weekend camp designed to train high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to be pro-life leaders. The weekend is designed to instill in them the strength, knowledge, wisdom, tools and courage to go out and proclaim the message of life to their schools and in their future. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Louisiana Right to Life, and Louisiana Students for Life.

On February 24-26, 2012 we hosted our second “Louisiana Camp Joshua” at the beautiful ground of “The Gospel Center Inc” in Ruston. There were 34 students in attendance which was very good. Speakers Deb Brittain of Ark-LA-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center and Ben Clapper of Louisiana Right to Life shared their knowledge on life issues and pro-life apologetics. Then Friday night we roasted smores around a camp fire and played Capture the Flag. Lisa Gould, a post-abortive pro-life activist, gave a powerful testimony of her experiences with abortion and what she is now doing to defend the unborn. Speakers David and Lauren Merrick shared with students the connection between being pro-life and liv-

ing a life of chastity. Students also had the honor of a visit from Rep. Frank Hoffman who shared on pro-life leadership and legislation. Then the students went canoeing on the lake and had a great time. We wrapped the weekend up with how to take this weekend and go forth and one of the best closing ceremonies we have had that really inspired the students. I find out a week ago that from that Camp we look to be having 3 Pro Life groups started in the Shreveport / Ruston Area.

There were 2 Baton Rouge Camp Joshua’s held at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge this year. The first one was on the weekend of March 16-18, 2012 with 57 students in attendance. The second one was held on April 13-15, 2012 with 62 students in attendance. This gives us a total of 119 students attending Camp Joshua in Baton Rouge this year. We are truly blessed to have so many young leaders thriving for knowledge to help fight the pro life cause. There will definitely be some GREAT results from these young Joshua attendees. The conference room was set with tables and chairs conducive for listening and taking notes. They would listen to the presentations and then break out into small groups for discussions with trained group leaders from the various colleges Right to Life groups.

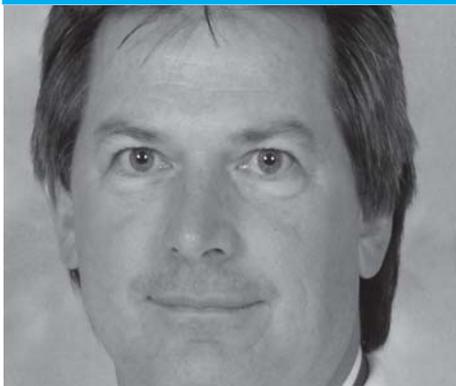
The weekend was jammed packed with speakers starting Friday night with Pro-Life Jeopardy and Ben Clapper from “Louisiana Right to Life” gave presentations on “Abortion 101”. Then Saturday morning picked back up with “Abortion 201 and pro-Life Persuasion. The Pro- Life, Pro-Chastity” was given by Jason Angelette. That afternoon they left for a field trip to the Governors Mansion and State Capitol where Senator Broome spoke to the students and answered questions. They then took a tour and had dinner at the Mansion. Dinner was supplied by Council 6389 from St Amant with the help of members from their Squires Circle.

When they got back from the Governors Mansion Saturday night they had our traditional Coffeehouse party in the cafeteria where they played music, sang songs, danced and had a good time together. Sunday morning they learned ideas of things they can do on their campus to make a difference. Later that morning the “Louisiana Students for Life” presented on “Transforming Character into Action” where they learned what to do now that the weekend is over. This was a very intense question and answer session which dealt with specific issues confronting students at their schools and community. They covered issues such as starting up Pro Life groups, doing Pro Life activism in their schools and communities, and many more ideas. Then we closed with lunch and a “Commissioning Ceremony” was held where they were told with scripture to go forth and “Be Joshua to the World”.

Brother Knights, we have had 153 quality young students attend Camp Joshua this year and gain the Knowledge to go into this world and help with the Pro Life Movement. With everything going on this country today with our religious Freedom and Culture of Life issues we need more than ever to continue to train these young leaders to take a stand. After 4 years of witnessing and being a part of these weekends, watching these students thrive for Knowledge, seeing the excitement, bonding together, and hearing some of the discussions from the small groups, I am still convinced that our future is bright. I believe that we still have a long way to go in the Pro-Life movement, but this generation of young men and women are going to be the ones to bring down the culture of death and make a big difference in this country.

For more information and photos visit the web site at www.campjoshua.org

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Each year, the Knights of Columbus provide funding for the annual Mission trips at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington. This year, we will begin a new program replacing the current Acompano Raffle Program.

A Brief Background

Notre Dame's Acompano mission program was started in 1988 by then Rector, Msgr. Gregory Aymond. In 1995, the program was moved from Mexico to Nicaragua. It continues there today. Acompano inserts the seminarians into the Central American culture and allows them to see the missionary work of the Church first hand.

St. Joseph Seminary College began sending seminarians on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2003. Fr. Gregory Boquet, President-Rector, asked the director of the New Orleans Maryknoll Mission Education and Promotion Office to take some of his students on a mission trip. Fr. Gregory decided to make the mission program mandatory for seniors.

Both programs are seen as important to the seminarians' development as future priests. The mission trips are more about being with than doing for. Seminarians observe and learn as much as they work and assist. The trips help to expand the pastoral vision of the seminarians.

The New Program

The new program will be a fund raiser similar to the MDF and YEP programs. We suggest you ask your Pastor to hold a second collection to benefit the Mission trips. Sample envelopes that can be used will be available at KCLS. Councils should order envelopes for their own Parish. We would like to institute the program when the seminarians are on a semester break. Summer, Thanksgiving or Christmas would be a very good time. If a seminarian is assigned to your Parish, ask the seminarian to introduce the program from the pulpit in order to raise public awareness and the funds necessary for the success of the program. If a seminarian is not assigned to your Parish, perhaps a Priest or Deacon could speak. If not, a script will be available for the Grand Knight or other member of the Council to speak.

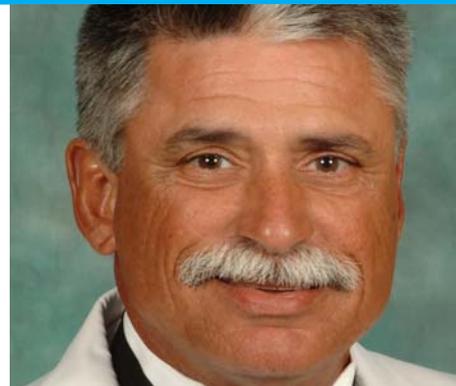
We would like to receive one check, either from the Parish Church or your Council for the funds collected. The top ten Councils raising the most funds will be acknowledged, with a special award for the top Council. This award will be presented at the Convention Banquet.

We hope that this new program will allow the Knights of Columbus to increase the funding currently provided to the two Seminaries. This will help ensure that our seminarians will benefit from these mission trips.

Vivat Jesus.

State Golf Tournament
September 28-30
Lafayette

Go To State Website
www.louisianakc.org
& Download Entry Form



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State Athletic Events are set are set for the next six months and we will be very active during this period.

The 64th Annual State Softball will be our first event in our upcoming fraternal year, scheduled for the weekend of August 11-12, at Pelican Park, Carencro.

The 40th Annual State Horseshoe tournament will follow on September 8, 2012, in Plaquemine at Mike Zito Center. Remember no qualifying is necessary to pitch in this event. Also, this event is conducted under a roof, so there is no chance of a rain out.

Golf is next. We are going back to Lafayette on September 27,28 and 29 for the 65th Annual State KC Golf Tournament. We have secured two good courses...The Wetlands GC, Lafayette, and The Farm d' Allie GC, Carencro.

The Nine Ball Tournament will be at White Diamonds Billiards in Lafayette, on November 3, 2012. And last event for 2012 will be our State Gumbo Cook Off. This years event will be Chicken and Sausage Gumbo. Check then new rules on the Cook Off Forms. This competition will be held at the Houma Civic Center on December 9, Grand Knights Day.

Sportsmanship is a must in all of these events.

Good Luck to All.



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Community Activities – Neighbors in Need

Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “how can I help?”

Neighbors. We know that we are instructed to love them, and yet there’s so little time...and we’re so busy. No matter. As Christians, we are commanded by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to love our neighbors just as we love ourselves. Period.

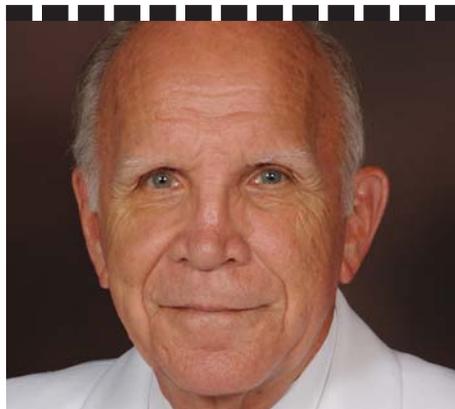
This very day, you will encounter someone who needs a word of encouragement or a pat on the back or a helping hand or a heartfelt prayer. And, if you don’t reach out to your friend, who will? If you don’t take the time to understand the needs of your neighbors, who will? So, today, look for a neighbor in need.... And then do something to help.

Would you like to make your community a better place and feel better about yourself at the same time? If so, you can start by practicing the Golden Rule.

The Bible teaches us to treat other people with respect, kindness, courtesy, and love. When we do, we make other people happy, we make God happy, and we feel better about ourselves. So if you’re wondering how to make the

world – and your community – a better place, here’s a great place to start: let the Golden Rule be your rule. And if you want to know how to treat other people, ask the person you see every time you glance in the mirror.

Everyone has a voice in shaping the world around them, and every individual can make that voice heard. Make your voice heard in your community. Your Knights of Columbus council members are interested in helping your community and your council’s resources allow that. ...Get your council involved!



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Coats for Kids

With many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus Councils to help by providing warm coats to children in their communities through the Order’s “Coats for Kids” program.

For the 2011-2012 winter season, 698 Knights of Columbus Councils purchased and distributed 26,028 coats. In addition, the Supreme Council also purchased 5,500 coats that were sent to several State Councils for distribution, for a total of 31,528 coats

given out. This is a significant increase over the 2010-2011 number of 17,626 coats distributed.

Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus has distributed more than 70,000 coats to kids throughout the United States and Canada.

All Knights of Columbus Councils are invited and urged to participate in the “Coats for Kids” this coming Winter. Simply complete and submit the “Coats for Kids” order form, and you’ll get your coats in about two to three weeks. The minimum order is one case of 12 coats, and the cost is \$195.00 per case (\$16.25 per coat). Shipping charges are added to each order, but the Supreme Council will pick up half of the shipping costs on every order placed by a Knights of Columbus Council. Each case of high-quality coats will contain either boys or girls coats, both of which come in a variety of sizes (4-16 for girls, 4-18 for boys), styles and colors.

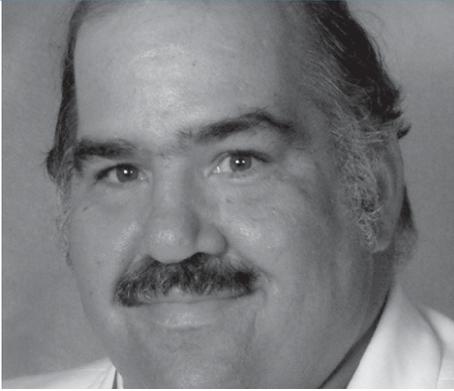
An order form is can be accessed at: www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/community/coats_form.pdf

Let’s get this program started in the Great State of Louisiana.

Winters may not be as cold in the gulf area compared to northern states, but this does not mean anything to a child that has no coat!

Knights of Columbus
Coats for Kids





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During this month of July we normally gather with family and friends to celebrate the 4th of July and we should feel exciting about the birthday of our country. In addition the month should also serve and provide us another reason to be very excited with the Knights of Columbus, as we look forward to new fraternal year. It is important that all Councils look at trying to conduct enjoyable and meaningful youth programs in an effort to try to involve the whole family in your Council activities.

Now is the perfect time we encourage Councils to order all of their Free Throw Kits, Substance Abuse Poster Kits, Soccer Challenge and the Essay Contest Kits, if your Council has not already done so. Councils can order more than one kit of these programs and especially if your Council anticipates a very large number of participants in any of these programs.

This time of the year is the perfect time to start planning your Council Soccer Challenge. Obviously the most important part of trying to conduct a Success Soccer Challenge is trying to select a location and date that will encourage a large number of participants. Then you start working on your Council plans on how your Council is conduct a Success Soccer Challenge. All Councils are encouraged to conduct your Soccer Challenges before September 30,

2012.

Please Note! Our State Council is planning to initiate the Knights of Columbus Third Degree Essay Contest as one of our State Youth Programs. This program is open to all Catholic students in grades of 8th-12th. In order as fair as possible for all students each participant is competing against students in own grade. This year the Supreme Council will be changing the topic of the Essay Contest to focus one probably one of most talked issues we face as Catholics- Religious Liberty. We feel this is a topic that can and should be able to generate to lot of interest. We hope to have our State Program introduced at the KCLS meeting. This past year one of the Councils in our state submitted one of their essays to the Supreme Council and that essay was placed 1st Place in the 12 Grade KC International Essay Category. Congratulations to Caitlin Morgan for being selected as one of the International Essay Winners. We are confident that are many very bright Catholic student that continue to build on this success.

One the programs that is continuing to grow and one of the programs that we have had our share of International success with is our Knights of

Columbus Substance Abuse Program. We continue to encourage all Councils to participate in this program and we encourage Councils to start promoting this program around the months of September or October. This is certainly one of the easier youth programs to conduct and it is one that does not require a lot of manpower to conduct the program.

Brothers Knights, our state has a lot of real good youth programs that we encourage your Councils to participate in. In addition we encourage Councils to look at ways they can assist and serve the needs of the youth within their church parish and communities.



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It's getting hot outside and that is a sign that the new Columbian Year has just started to heat up. Welcome to this year's CYLA program. I am looking forward to this being the best year ever of the program and to assist each council in selecting their winners to be recognized locally and competing at the Area level.

The Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program is one of the most dynamic and rewarding programs that the State Council offers to the Membership. CYLA places an emphasis on Catholic values, scholastic achievement, athlet-



2012 K.C. Sports Calendar

Aug 11-12	State Softball Carencro
Sept 8	State Horseshoe Plaquemine
Sept 28-30	State Golf Lafayette
Nov 3	State Nine Ball Lafayette

ics, and leadership in the areas of church, school and community. Catholic seniors throughout the state of Louisiana are eligible to participate in the CYLA program. The only requirement is that they must be nominated by a council within the Louisiana jurisdiction. Each council that participates in the CYLA program will find it to be both rewarding and fulfilling. Giving outstanding Catholic seniors the opportunity to compete for cash prizes, awards, and recognition is the very foundation of the CYLA program.

CYLA packets will be mailed out to the Grand Knight in early November. Appeals are made on behalf of CYLA at the state officers' meeting and at Grand Knights' day, encouraging councils to participate in the program. Councils that participate in the program turn in their nomination forms to the Area Coordinators. Area Coordinators conduct their respective area competition and award one boy and one girl the distinction of being an area winner as well as a state finalist. The Area Coordinator then sends the nomination forms of the finalist to the state chairman. A total of 22 finalists will compete for the state championship. Then the copies of the nomination forms are mailed to the state judges for grading. Upon completion by the state judges, the scores are tallied by the state chairman and are used as part of the overall score of the finalist. The appointed ten state level judges will conduct the verbal competition on April 7th in Lafayette.

Every student nominee should utilize the online interactive nomination form found at the state web site. This allows for a neater and more standardized application to be produced, permitting the maximum room for content to describe the nominee's activities and accomplishments.

CYLA Dates to Remember

November 1, 2012. CYLA Information mailed to Grand Knights

December, 1, 2012. Council appointment of CYLA chairman mailed to State CYLA Chairman

January 28, 2013. Application deadlines for Students to turn in forms to Council's

February 11, 2013. Deadline for submitting Council winners to the Area Coordinator

February 11, 2013 thru March 1, 2013. Area Competition

March 1, 2013. Deadline for Area Competition winners to be submitted to the State CYLA Chairman

April 7, 2013. STATE FINALS. TOP 11 BOYS AND TOP 11 GIRLS



State Nine Ball November 3 Lafayette

Go To State Website
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& Download Entry Form



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Thank you for helping the Squires have an outstanding year. We recruited 132 new members, which doubled last year's numbers and started a new Squires Circle in Leesville, LA. Jesuit Circle from New Orleans, LA has been reactivated and has been very active in their church and community. We look forward to recruiting more new members this year and look for more new Circles in the future.

Squires Circle St. Maria Goretti in New Orleans, LA hosted our recent Squires Convention, in which was our biggest turn out in a few years. We had Circles from Broussard, Carencro, Youngsville, St. Amant, Houma, Gramercy, and three Circles from New Orleans Area. Tre Williams, Deputy State Chief Squire, filled in for our absent State Chief Squire and proved to be an outstanding representative for his Circle and State Leadership role. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux played an important part in assisting with the festivities and the Mass. He is a wonderful person and marvelous Pastor for his church parish and community. We want to thank the Council and Grand Knight Kerry Williams the Past Grand Knight, the mem-

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Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 107th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Kenner, La.

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, May 5, 2012, and fully discussed at length the following activity areas. After due deliberation, the committee urges all council, district and state leaders to see that the following recommendations are fully implemented.

The committee would also ask that at future conventions, each member of the Good of the Order Committee, as appointed, be forwarded a copy of the previous year's Good of the Order report to prepare committee members as to what is to be discussed.

FIRST AND FOREMOST WE ARE CATHOLIC. The committee recommends the recitation of the Serran Prayer for Vocations, or another appropriate vocations prayer, at each council meeting and that the council chaplain should encourage the recitation of this prayer at all Masses. The committee further recommends that a prayer be offered at each council meeting for the beatification of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. The council chaplain should be encouraged to be actively involved in council activities. In the absence of the council Chaplain, a deacon shall be asked to bring the message of our faith. The committee urges all councils to participate in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Each council should consider sponsoring a speaker on vocations to

the various parochial schools. Recognizing that some clergy may still be apprehensive to Knights of Columbus involvement, the committee recommends each council strongly consider implementation of the Parish Round Table Program and thus show evidence of our belief that VOCATIONS ARE OUR BUSINESS and that each Grand Knight has a dialogue with each Pastor of churches in his council area. Each council should consider having a speaker on evangelization, to encourage each member to promote the Catholic faith to non-Catholics, and to help fallen-away Catholics to become again active in the Church. One way this can be done effectively is by supporting evangelization through the RCIA program.

PRO-LIFE. The committee recommends increased efforts from the state level to provide more timely and specific information to the council level about upcoming activities such as Pro-Life Rallies. The committee encourages area, district and local Right to Life Masses and demonstrations. It is also recommended that continued active exposure to the public by each council be pursued. The committee encourages each council to construct a monument to the unborn in a prominent place, preferably on the church grounds and those that have one to maintain and have programs to bring Pro-Life to parishioners attention. We urge right-to-life education, to fight abortion, and specific projects, such as enforcement by members and Grand Knights of letter writ-

ing campaigns from council members to state and federal governing bodies. We also urge the use of the vast amount of material that is available about the AIDS Virus, and promoting abstinence and chastity as a way of decreasing the threat of AIDS as well as decreasing abortions and moral decay.

The committee also recommends that councils become involved with local Right-To-Life organizations by way of participating in their events and getting on their mailing lists. The committee urges use of material available to them from the Supreme Council pertaining to Pro-Life. The committee also urges members to fight pornography at the council, family and school levels. The committee further recommends that the State Council provide updated information of current Federal and State legislation on Pro-Life and Euthanasia.

The Committee recommends each council appoints a Pro-Life Chairman or Chair-Couple; supports a youth Pro-Life Retreat as sponsored by the State Council; and offer a Pro-Life prayer at business meetings.

BISHOP GRECO MEMORIAL FUND. The committee recommends that all councils use the memorial cards to memorialize deceased council members. The card can be filled in with the name of the deceased and the name of the donating council. The card is mailed to the member's family. A suggested donation of \$25.00, however any amount is accepted, and sent to the Greco Foundation for the

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In 1913, Knights of Columbus Council No. 1337 was chartered to operate Boy Scout Troop 1 in Monroe, Louisiana. In 1923, the Supreme Council formally commended Scouting as “a fruitful activity for the Order” and said that local councils had “molded young boys” through the Scouting program. For more than 90 years, the Knights have worked with the Boy Scouts of America to serve youth. The Knights continue to shape lives by serving more than 42,000 young people in more than 1,400 Scouting units. As of 2005, the K of C had more than 150 Scouting units that had 50 or more years’ tenure and more than 800 KC councils were ensuring that young people receive a Scouting opportunity.

In 2006, the Knights of Columbus and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting teamed up to start new Scouting units. The Louisiana State Council has taken that partnership and expanded it to create a dynamic program to help bring the Knights and Scouting closer together.

The Scouting Program of the Louisiana State Council consists of five items:

1. Retention of Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units that are in danger of folding due to the loss of their chartering partner;
2. The creation of new Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units to bring

the Scouting program to underserved areas;

3. The promotion and sponsorship of the Catholic Religious Emblems program;

4. The promotion of increased volunteerism in the Scouting program by our Brother Knights, at the unit, district and/or diocesan levels;

5. Recognition of Brother Knights who have given years of service to the Boy Scouts of America through a new state award, the Francis J. Parater Award.

THE FRANCIS J. PARATER AWARD

In keeping with the twelfth point of the Scout Law, A SCOUT IS REVERENT, the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus wishes to recognize those active adult Knights who have contributed significantly to the spiritual growth and development of the youth of their communities by volunteering their time, talents and resources to the local units of the Boy Scouts of America. The spirit and intent of this recognition is in keeping with the philosophies and purposes of the Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts of America.

The Knights of Columbus is a strong supporter of the scouting program, having sponsored hundreds on troops, packs and crews throughout these United States. This award is named after Francis J. Parater, Eagle Scout, Knights of Columbus associate and seminarian, who worked extensively with youth during his short life. The Knights wish to recognize brother Knights who have helped our youth along their journey in life.

While we had a number of bumps in the road to get this program up and running, the awards are now made and I will be contacting each of the councils that nominated a Brother Knight so we can make arrangements to have the award presented. The complete list of

initial awardees will be published in the next issue of the Louisiana Knight.

Please note that while the state program is primarily geared toward the programs offered by the BSA, if your council is supporting Girl Scout or American Heritage Girls units, we can make that work for you to get your points in the Youth Activities portion of the State Deputies Award. Contact me for ideas on how to do that.

If you have any questions about Scouting in the state of Louisiana please feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!



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Brothers, I personally spoke to Fr. Michael J. McGiveny the other night and among other things, do you know what he told me?

He said this to me, and I quote: “My dream from the very beginning was to help our deceased brothers’ families financially and spiritually, to provide a fraternal organizations to lend support to our brothers and to assist each Church parish as needed. I planted the seed for the Knights of Columbus given to me at the age of 30 years by the Holy Spirit in 1882. The great me of the Knights of Columbus over the years have taken this seed and nurtured it and it has grown. Yet, there are Church par-

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Membership Over The Top

Brothers, we have had a most successful year in the area of MEMBERSHIP. Our intake goal this past Columbian year was 1,400 new Brother Knights. We attained 1,419 on June 30, 2012. I can't begin to thank all of those who took the recruitment of new Knights seriously. We went on a campaign three years ago to clean up our rosters, find out where we were, remove the deceased, and basically just get our records in order. This of course comes with a price but it will insure future correctness and a starting point for all of those councils who participated. We introduced a major change a couple of years ago which many thought would collapse the Membership program. We moved the State Columbian year to be congruent with the Supreme Columbian year. It took all the guess work out of how many new brothers were recruited during the calendar period. Every month when councils received their notices from Supreme it was exactly where they were in the areas of additions, losses, in both Membership and Insurance. There was sort of an excitement about recruiting. We "Bragged"

about our accomplishments and publicized our achievements. We had 10 of the 61 DD's attain over 100% net net in-take. Truly an accomplishment by those DD's

Under the leadership of our State Deputy, Ronnie Boudreaux, and our Supreme Membership Program Director Jose Jimenez we were able to place the State of Louisiana in the Circle of Honor for the first time in over 10 years. Every degree, every function, every meeting our leaders preached Membership. Without new members, there are no ceremonials, Without new members more councils will join the 22 councils listed as Suspended with over 500 Brother Knights that remain unaccounted. Without new Brothers your councils will perish. We were most fortunate to have the leadership team in place that realized the importance of Membership. Two other Brother Knights to be recognized are Worthy State Treasurer Vernon Ducote and Worthy State Warden James Reinte who attended just about every major degree held in the state this past year. Thanks for the super effort.

We continued to promote the "Knight in Shining Armor" award, the V.I.P. program, the multiple "Medallion" programs, the doubling of premium points all which were effective in rewarding those who recruit. The local programs which put us over the top was the "TOPGUN" program. We focused on the positive and rewarded councils for intake attainment rather than the negative net net program. A council could recruit 30 new brothers but loose 25 and only attain a +5. We found a way to reward those councils who took the time to recruit, retain, readmit and to Degree new brothers. We rewarded the Ladies in those top councils for assisting in securing new Knights.

We fully implemented the "Welcome Home" program headed up by Lee Allen Simon. We added more degree teams these last few years than ever before. There is just so much to be thankful and positive for and about.

Membership is the lifeblood of our order. I implore you to continue your efforts during this upcoming Columbian year to march forward with the recruitment process. I would once again like to thank all of those who this Columbian year helped to push Louisiana Over The Top. I have had just the best time, the most educational time, and rewarding time the last four years having been the States Membership Director. I hope that during this time I imparted knowledge about the recruitment process. As I retire from my position I can only ask all of you to ,

**Recruit.
 Retain.
 Readmit.
 Record.**

I am Knights of Columbus.

**Goal: 1400
 Attained: 1419
 Vivat Jesus!**

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	3	0	3068	New Orleans	7	4
0969	Baton Rouge	7	3	3088	Hessmer	4	-2
0970	Plaquemine	20	3	3091	Westwego	9	6
1087	Donaldsonville	12	6	3150	Cut Off	15	1
1099	Napoleonville	18	-1	3200	Alexandria	7	6
1108	Shreveport	6	2	3202	Lafayette	10	-1
1114	Thibodaux	27	-9	3208	Lake Charles	9	-1
1134	Alexandria	11	1	3246	New Orleans	8	1
1173	Opelousas	4	1	3298	Baton Rouge	8	0
1199	Cottonport	4	7	3331	Baton Rouge	7	0
1208	New Iberia	6	13	3353	Oberlin	5	1
1217	Marksville	11	1	3356	Cecilia	3	0
1276	St. Martinville	7	6	3399	Krotz Springs	33	0
1286	Lafayette	7	20	3407	Shreveport	13	11
1317	Houma	11	4	3409	Opelousas	7	0
1337	Monroe	8	-3	3411	New Orleans	5	13
1357	Natchitoches	16	6	3425	New Iberia	8	0
1373	Morgan City	6	-2	3465	Metairie	3	0
1420	Franklin	5	2	3470	Lafayette	6	2
1425	Jeanerette	5	6	3475	Elton	13	0
1437	New Orleans	16	19	3496	Port Barre	9	7
1514	Vacherie	15	8	3528	Kenner	6	0
1710	Patterson	12	1	3534	Oakdale	4	2
1724	Algiers	6	2	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	5	0	3622	Moss Bluff	10	0
1754	Ville Platte	6	1	3634	Norco	16	5
1817	Gramercy	16	8	3642	West Monroe	8	1
1819	Bogalusa	8	7	3662	Basile	3	7
1897	Rayne	8	4	3729	New Orleans	17	0
1905	Gretna	16	4	3743	Baton Rouge	9	24
1988	Washington	3	0	3779	Shreveport	13	-7
1998	New Roads	4	2	3796	St Gabriel	7	2
2012	Jennings	11	11	3854	Harahan	9	13
2142	Plaucheville	4	0	3857	DeRidder	8	-2
2150	Morganza	5	15	3870	Duson	30	0
2281	Abbeville	13	2	3872	Erath	13	-10
2395	Bunkie	6	0	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	10	-6	4010	Mansura	9	2
2409	Luling	16	3	4023	Leonville	6	0
2432	Mansfield	3	-6	4030	Baton Rouge	20	-11
2436	Reserve	9	-4	4085	Baker	6	5
2504	Church Point	9	0	4088	Minden	11	0
2657	Prairieville	17	2	4156	Leesville	11	12
2675	Mamou	4	2	4222	Marrero	9	-6
2732	Slidell	13	51	4309	Centerville	9	0
2807	Baton Rouge	14	4	4346	White Castle	33	0
2855	Welsh	10	7	4508	Metairie	4	-3
2875	Port Allen	10	1	4547	New Orleans	3	1
2878	Metairie	10	2	4562	Lake Charles	16	2
2893	Kinder	6	3	4663	Metairie	8	0
2913	Kaplan	9	0	4676	Loreauville	5	3
2925	New Orleans	6	1	4683	Lafayette	6	21
2952	Hammond	25	6	4761	Raceland	8	3
2972	Moreauville	4	3	4787	Hathaway	9	2
2982	Iota	3	0	4791	Estherwood	12	6
3006	Iowa	9	0	4818	Zwolle	3	0
3012	Lake Arthur	8	16	4873	Bossier City	19	11
3014	Creole	8	-13	4874	Ponchatoula	12	6
3015	Sulphur	10	8	4906	Evangeline	4	0
3048	Bell City	10	2	4927	Parks	5	1
3054	Lockport	15	12	5013	Chauvin	18	9
3055	Gueydan	10	0	5022	Lake Charles	7	2
3061	Covington	8	6	5048	Pine Prairie	5	-3

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5084	Chataignier	8	0	8703	Port Sulphur	4	-2	10745	Cankton	5	2
5111	New Iberia	9	4	8743	Chackbay	8	7	10800	Kraemer	6	0
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8770	Maurice	7	0	10824	Ruston	3	0
5301	Metairie	3	4	8779	Theriot	15	4	10902	Lydia	3	1
5345	Lafayette	5	2	8805	DeQuincy	3	0	10911	Amite	4	5
5352	Pierre Part	6	3	8840	Mathews	10	1	10912	Hammond	33	0
5461	Cameron	3	0	8843	Leroy	4	-14	11060	Tickfaw	4	2
5499	Crowley	14	-10	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11061	Labadieville	8	3
5530	Baton Rouge	9	0	8878	Lakeland	7	15	11096	Coteau Holmes	3	0
5532	Lawtell	8	0	8898	Larose	13	5	11212	Cow Island	3	1
5627	Independence	8	0	8901	Lafayette	12	3	11270	Opelousas	7	3
5747	Chalmette	15	15	8906	Thibodaux	6	2	11407	Grand Lake	3	-2
5755	Westlake	8	8	8932	Bourg	8	0	11491	Mowata	4	0
5935	Laplace	13	0	8971	Thibodaux	33	0	11576	Hackberry	3	0
6057	Youngsville	13	-51	8978	North Sulphur	10	-2	11792	New Iberia	4	0
6103	Vinton	7	-11	9000	Golden Meadow	10	-3	11814	Pearl River	4	-1
6170	Houma	9	5	9007	Metairie	5	0	11857	Vacherie	8	4
6211	Bayou Vista	5	1	9016	Baton Rouge	8	-1	12060	Thibodaux	6	11
6324	Monroe	3	0	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	6	12061	Many	4	1
6326	Denham Springs	19	6	9107	New Orleans	7	0	12068	Grosse Tete	3	0
6357	Belle Chasse	14	-2	9110	Jennings	3	1	12072	Mandeville	13	5
6369	Avondale	3	0	9217	Belle Deau	3	2	12103	Lecompte	4	1
6389	St Amant	9	3	9219	Bayou Pigeon	33	0	12115	New Orleans	4	1
6496	Abbeville	5	5	9240	Mandeville	18	18	12163	Milton	6	4
6531	Baton Rouge	6	-1	9247	Baton Rouge	8	8	12179	Morgan City	5	-2
6746	Kenner	6	-9	9260	Shreveport	6	8	12209	Bordelonville	3	0
6753	French Settlement	4	0	9281	Lacassine	5	2	12245	Franklinton	5	1
6870	Terrytown	6	2	9294	Echo	4	1	12285	Schriever	7	6
6873	Baldwin	7	-16	9338	Houma	7	0	12529	Abita Springs	10	11
6958	Carencro	6	7	9347	Metairie	6	-22	12686	Metairie	5	5
6959	Egan	6	-5	9384	Marrero	3	0	12906	Covington	8	8
7033	Ragley	3	1	9415	New Orleans	7	-2	12989	Lacombe	8	16
7050	Rynella	6	6	9418	Fifth Ward	4	1	12997	New Iberia	7	2
7084	Berwick	3	0	9436	Richard	4	0	13145	Baton Rouge	3	9
7226	Marrero	7	-6	9623	Laplace	6	10	13192	Natchitoches	33	0
7275	Lafayette	11	9	9692	Baton Rouge	13	-2	13296	Kolin	4	2
7350	Barataria	11	11	9753	Tioga	6	1	13349	Waggaman	3	1
7355	Houma	13	-11	9769	Slidell	4	4	13397	Thibodaux	6	6
7411	Mire	9	8	9912	Grand Prairie	3	0	13411	Thibodaux	3	0
7557	Broussard	21	7	9933	Luling	8	2	13425	River Ridge	6	8
7568	Scott	8	6	9935	Duralde	4	0	13505	Alexandria	3	-3
7657	Bayou Blue	7	1	9973	Slidell	15	-30	13632	Baton Rouge	5	5
7722	Dulac	11	9	10045	Winnfield	33	0	13819	Houma	5	-8
7856	StFrancisville	8	-24	10057	Harvey	33	0	13931	Lake Charles	6	2
8029	Alexandria	8	-7	10080	Zachary	4	-13	14542	Lafayette	3	7
8030	Livonia	4	0	10176	Folsom	5	-2	14614	Covington	5	5
8031	Swartz	3	0	10178	Albany	7	3	14657	Pineville	3	10
8032	Oak Grove	3	0	10185	Catahoula	5	1	14822	Kenner	7	0
8058	Carlyss	11	15	10269	Fenton	26	0	15006	Lake Charles	5	8
8147	Gonzales	9	-5	10293	Lafayette	15	-8	15064	Baton Rouge	4	14
8322	Maplewood	8	3	10349	Henderson	3	1	15133	Madisonville	4	16
8323	Johnson Bayou	3	0	10428	Eunice	5	5	15228	Fishville	3	3
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10455	Baton Rouge	10	0	15390	Marrero	0	19
8342	Prairieville	18	19	10564	Simmesport	3	14	15477	Lafayette	17	17
8371	Amelia	4	3	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	15501	New Orleans	32	32
8438	Campti	24	0	10612	Houma	8	-4				
8442	Braithwaite	3	2	10613	Baton Rouge	5	0				
8546	Metairie	6	0	10645	Lacombe	5	5				
8583	Morse	13	0	10717	Mermentau	10	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	8	10721	Judice	6	-2				
8615	Gretna	10	0	10728	Shreveport	3	2				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	6	1	10744	Brusly	7	1				

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trust fund.

The committee also recommends that councils make a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per member, on annual basis, to the Bishop Greco Memorial Fund..

RETREATS. The committee recommends that each council have a guest speaker with Catholic Retreats as the subject, and schedule retreats for its members, individual as well as couples, encouraging husband and wife retreats whenever offered.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT. The committee recommends continual family involvement in council activities. The committee also recommends each council have a monthly Family Communion. The committee strongly recommends that widows of deceased council members be included and recognized in every aspect of the council's life and activity. This committee further recommends that the council members make themselves available to provide assistance to widows and receive a copy of the council news letter and provide transportation if needed.

YOUTH EXPANSION PROGRAM. The committee urges each council to actively support the Youth Expansion Program by annually exceeding it's YEP quota, and by involvement in a youth organization such as Columbian Squires, Boy or Girl Scouts and/or Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). The committee recommends that all members in each council be asked to make a personal contribution to our Youth Expansion Program and

councils should not depend on fundraisers only. Each council should consider either making it a part of the dues or adding to their billing a \$10.00 voluntary contribution by each member. The committee recommends that all councils participate in the CYLA Program and that efforts be made to properly recognize the applicants and winners on the council level.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE-HEALTH SERVICES. The committee recommends each council sponsor an educational program on substance abuse by the law enforcement agencies to local junior and senior high schools. The committee urges all Knights to recognize local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The committee further recommends that councils establish blood donation drives, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training programs and community blood pressure surveys.

FRATERNAL MEMBERSHIP-NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT. The committee wishes to compliment the first degree and major degree teams in the Louisiana Jurisdiction for their excellent exemplifications which act as catalysts in encouraging all councils to obtain new, active members. The committee wishes to remind all members that it is our Supreme Council's desire that we have a KC presence in every church parish and that we should aid all efforts to form a new council or a Parish Round Table. It is also recommended that all members proposing new members into our Or-

der assume responsibility for insuring the first-degree member receives his major degree as soon as possible, and remains an active member. Also, we congratulate all councils that sponsor a first degree teams and we strongly recommend that every council make an attempt to establish a team, and that all ceremonials be performed with the proper dignity. The committee recommends that every council make an effort to bring in new members, but that no less effort be expended to retain the members they now have. Council leaders and members should promote patriotism and encourage members of the third degree to join the fourth degree. Councils should make an effort to form and support a Columbian Squires Circle which can be a future source of membership and Ladies Auxiliary. The committee recommends the promoting of young members and make officers and active members promote young ideas. "Turn over the power". Make the KC's a place for young and old to blend and provide babysitters whenever possible. The committee also recommends that all councils send out bulletins monthly or quarterly, and that copies of the bulletin or newsletter be sent to five councils in the state, on a random basis, for the purpose of spreading and stimulating new ideas.

INSURANCE. In view of our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney's purpose to form a Fraternal Benefit Society so that the widows and chil-

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dren of members in the group when the member dies would not find themselves in dire financial straights, Knights of Columbus Insurance was instituted. As the insurance program not only provides this coverage but also helps to finance many of the programs of the Knights of Columbus, we encourage all members to become insurance members, especially State and Council leaders. The committee recommends that all councils have adequate liability insurance as recommended by Supreme.

PROTOCOL. The committee recommends that members of the clergy and Knights of Columbus State Family and officers be properly recognized as to their titles or positions at all Knights of Columbus meetings and functions. Also, we remind members of all the important aspects of protocol as explained in the protocol booklet. The committee also recommends that the State Officers reinstate the policy of visiting subordinate councils and protocol be strictly adhered to.

SERVICE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS. The Louisiana Knights of Columbus are to be complimented for the tremendous support of the annual statewide fund raising program benefiting the learning impaired. Each council is called upon to continue this important work and to utilize to the fullest the involvement of families, Boy Scouts, Columbian Squires and Ladies Auxiliaries in the fund raising campaign. The committee recommends that councils use publicity to promote the Knight of Columbus

donations by secular and religious newspapers. It is recommended that councils become more involved with activities of the learning impaired citizens at the local level and present the funds to them in a personal manner. The committee also urges councils to actively support the Special Olympics Program, as well as St. Mary's Training Facility in Alexandria.

SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY AND INFIRMED. The committee urges each council to become actively involved in providing support for the elderly and infirmed citizens of our communities through such activities as weekly or monthly bingos at the retirement or health care facility, also Christmas-Thanksgiving Dinners, sponsoring Masses and communion services at the facility or just plain visitations. The committee also recommends that councils try to promote these programs at all times of the year, not only holidays and special occasions.

CONCLUSION. The committee urges all councils to implement to the fullest extent, the foregoing recommendations. In order to obtain the fullest implementation of these recommendations, the committee urges the State Deputy to insure that all councils receive and display a copy of this report, and that a summary of this report be published in the June issue of the LOUISIANA KNIGHT. As a chair-

man of the Good of the Order committee, I would like to thank all committee members for their attendance, input, and participation at our meeting Saturday morning. I would also like to thank the State Deputy for the privilege of serving on this committee.



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ishes that do not know the Knights of Columbus or could benefit from a Council devoted to that specific Church parish. You have all done unimaginable things with the Order, things that even I could not have imagined; yet, the most basic has remained unfulfilled. And that is to establish a Council in every Church parish. I will continue to pray for and encourage that endeavor.”

Brothers in the State of Louisiana, there are 80 Church parishes with 100 or more registered families, without a Knights of Columbus Council or being served through the Round Table Program. 35 of these have over 500 registered families. Brothers, can we possibly add councils in these 80 Church parishes? How about those Church parishes with 500 or more registered families? Fr. McGivney said yes, we can.

Another Statistic : There are 88 Councils that are serving two or more

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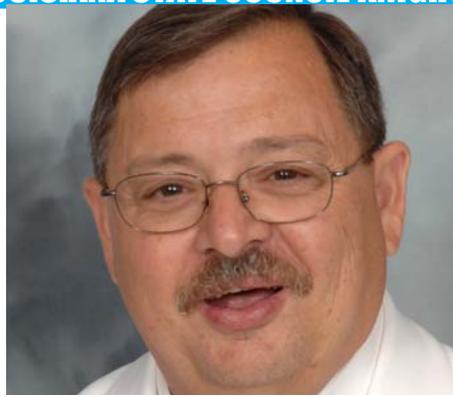
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Church parishes through the RoundTable program in the State. Could we form another Council in one of the multiple Church parishes served by these 88 Councils? Would this give the opportunity for increasing membership in the state? Could this give additional brothers the opportunity to serve as new Council officers; to better serve the Church parish? Again, Fr. McGivney said, yes we can.

Brothers, I will soon send out information to District Deputies concerning the possibility of forming new Councils in 37 Church parishes in their districts. I ask the District Deputies, or anyone interested in the potential for forming a new Council in any parish in the state, to contact me and I will get the information to them about the potential new Council Church parishes in their area.

Brothers, a Council in every Church parish is definitely possible, if we think positive like Fr. Michael J. McGivney did in 1982.

Vivat Jesus.



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As we start this fraternal year I look forward with great passion to help guide the many great programs we have to offer. We have some fantastic programs where you councils can reach out and help your church, family, youth, community and much more. One key word this year is Outreach. With many of the program we offer you have an opportunity to get your family, parish and community involved and recruit a new member of the Knights of Columbus.

At KCLS you will here of many of the programs in detail. Some are new and others have been improved. One

of the new programs the State is rolling out is called the "Seminar Mission Fund". This should be a fantastic program for our Seminarians. Supreme has rolled out a Charitable Program Plan for 2012-2013 with eight featured programs (RSVP, Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchair Mission, Special Olympics, and Food for Families, March for Life, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids).

Also this year we have added 5 points on six of the State Grading Forms for State Council Service Programs. We are looking to have more State Council Service Programs turned in so we can award those outstanding councils for their hard work and many good programs in each category(church, community, council, cultural of life, family, and youth). There will be an explanation at KCLS on how to prepare the book.

Another change this year will be the State Awards. This year we will award a Top Point trophy in each of the 3 membership groupings and certificates to the Top 20 Councils. The councils at large amassing the highest accumulative scores will be awarded the State Deputy Award in first, second, and third place.

With the development of our new media department, the knowledge and dedication of the many program directors I look forward to being a part of bring you the many programs of the Knights of Columbus. We hope to help you have the opportunity to Outreach to your parish and communities in a positive way. And also help you to recruit through programs as programs are a part of membership. Good programs are the reason people join and the reason the stay.

Have a great year!
Viviat Jesus,



The State Ladies Auxiliary Association recently installed new officers including (L-R): Ellen Ledet, Recording Secretary; Malvina Sapia, Parliamentarian; Kathleen Montgomery, Board Member; Suzanne Guidry, President; Nora Schexnaydre, Vice President; Linda McMath, Board Member; Shirley Bonaccorso, Treasurer; and Joan Hodgson, Corresponding Secretary.



K.C. Essay Contest Success!!

Every year the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council conducts a Third Degree Essay Contest for Catholic students in grades 8-12. Since our State Council has not conducted a State Program for this particular program, there were some Council Essay Winners that were submitted to the Supreme Council for grading in the Knights of Columbus International Essay Contest. For the last few years the topic of this Essay Contest has been “**The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society**”. One of the essays that were submitted to the Supreme Council was written Caitlin Morgan who was sponsored by Patterson KC Council 1710. Caitlin Morgan, essay placed First Place in the 12th Grade Knights of Columbus International Essay Contest. It is Caitlin success in this program that inspired our State Council to initiate the

Third Degree Essay Contest as one of our State Youth Program in the upcoming fraternal year and hopefully for years to come. Caitlin has attended Catholic school throughout her twelve years of school and recently attended and graduated from Central Catholic School in Morgan City. She graduated third in her class and now plans to attend Nicholas State University and major in nursing.

Caitlin, challenges others in her essay to serve others and especially those in need. She challenges others to not to involve themselves in the upcoming national election in November of this year with a moral conscience and not just along party lines.

Last month her sponsoring KC Council 1710 from Patterson, La. held a banquet to honor their Essay winner and a 1st Place Poster Winner. Caitlin was given a chance to read her essay for the first time in front of her sponsor Council and will another chance to read her essay and be presented her Supreme Council awards at the KCLS in Gonzales on July 21, 2012. During the recent banquet the host Council arranged for a local TV station and a local newspaper to attend the banquet in order to promote their two winners and try to promote more participations in these two youth programs.



Council 12297 Conducts Flag Retirement Ceremony

On June 10th, 2012, Council 12997 at Nativity of Our Lady in New Iberia, held a Flag Retirement Ceremony. We had 18 Sir Knights from Assembly 321, in Regalia performing the Honor Guard at Mass and then at the Parish Hall for the actual ceremony. Doing the actual ceremony were Knights and members of VFW Post 1982 and American Legion Post 335.

Due to Rain storms, we held the Retirement ceremony inside of the Parish Hall and Retired One small Flag indoor. We later retired 60 more flags outside and following protocol and buried the Ashes next to the Mausoleum on the Church Grounds.

One full size Flag that was brought to be retired, but, was Not Retired when we realized it only had 48 Stars and that it was 71 years old and in mint condition. Speaking to the person that brought it in, I was told he did not have anyone to leave to when he was gone. It was his father’s Burial Flag from Dec 11th, 1941. He has given me the flag after I told him that we would like to use it for Education purposes and for Special Patriotic Events. I am having a special display case built for it along with the history of it.

The flag was professionally cleaned and yesterday, July 4th, that flag was flown for the 1st time in 71 years at a 4th of July Parade and Celebration in New Iberia.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the second and third degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy John Boudreaux. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are urged to present their candidates to the Exemplification in their areas.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area Coordinator</u>	<u>Host Council</u>
07.28.12	Carl Robichaux	Council 10455
08.18.12	Ernest Babineaux	Council 12103
08.25.12	Larry Comeaux	Council 7557
09.22.12	Vicen Alvarez	Council 6753
10.07.12	Ernest Babineaux	Council 1357
10.14..12	Curtis Constrantiche	Council 3054
10.21.12	Peter Snatic	Council 2012
10.28.12	Larry Larousse	Council 1905