

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- June 30 *Deadline - Report of Officers Form #185*
- June 30 *Deadline - Annual Report of KC Roundtables, Form #2630*
- June 30 *Deadline - RSVP Refund App Form #2863*
- June 30 *Deadline - Columbian Award App Form #SP7*
- July 4 *Independence Day*
- July 10 *Deadline - Pay Supreme Catholic Advertising*
- July 14-18 *Joshua Leadership Institute Baton Rouge*
- July 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month*
- July 15 *State Per Capita Billing Mailed to Financial Secretary*
- July 20 *KCLS, Dutchtown High School Council 8342 Host*
- August 1 *Deadline-Service Program Personnel, Form #365*
- August 1 *Deadline - Squire Form #468*
- August 6-8 *SUPREME CONVENTION San Antonio, Texas*
- August 9 *Deadline - Order MDF Candy*
- August 10-11 *STATE SOFTBALL Tournament Pelican Park, Carencro*
- August 12 *Fr. Michael McGivney Birthday*
- August 15 *Deadline - Semi-Annual Audit Form #1295*
- August 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month*
- August 15 *Deadline - Order Council Soccer Challenge Kit, For SC-Kit*
- August 15 *Feast of the Assumption*
- August 17 *Major Degree, Opelousas DD Robert Gassman, Chairman*
- September 1 *Deadline - Squires Semi-Annual Audit, Form #247*
- September 1 *Deadline - Parish Roundtable Report, Form #2629*
- September 1 *Deadline - Order Council Essay Contest Kit, Form EA-Kit*
- September 1 *Deadline - Order Council Substance Abuse Contest, Form SA-Kit*
- September 1 *Deadline - Submit Louisiana Knight Articles*
- September 2 *Labor Day*
- September 14 *STATE HORSESHOE Tournament Zito Center, Plaquemine*
- September 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month*
- Sep 22-Nov 3 *SILVER ROSE PROGRAM*
- Sep 27-29 *STATE GOLF Tournament The Island GC, Plaquemine*
- September 29 *Deadline - Conduct Council Soccer Challenge*
- October 1 *Deadline - PAYMENT STATE PER CAPITA TAX*
- October 4-6 *STATE MDF CAMPAIGN*
- October 10 *Deadline - Payment Supreme Per Capita Tax*
- October 13 *Deadline - Conduct District Soccer Challenge*
- October 14 *Columbus Day Observed*
- October 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month*
- October 27 *Deadline - Conduct Area Soccer Challenge*



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Greetings Brother Knights,

We begin a new fraternal year on July 1, 2013. Last fraternal year flew by very quickly, so we begin with new ideas and some proven ideas. Grand Knights, you will be receiving a Fraternal Planner from your District Deputy or Area Coordinator. Please bring the Planner with you to KCLS. I am sure that you will find it very useful to plan your agendas for meetings, future activities, forms that need filling out, etc.

We will have exercises for you at KCLS as well as much more information that I am very sure will benefit you and the Council Officers.

STAR Council is our theme this fraternal year. Form SP-7 is the form that councils fill out to apply for the Columbian Award and Star Council if they fulfill the requirements of membership. I suggest that you print out a copy of the SP-7 Form and place it in the front of your Planner. Discuss the activities planned for your council with your officers and work to fulfill the requirements of the SP-7 Form. If you do this, the likelihood of you also achieving your membership goal will be very high. We have a great Team assembled for you and the Team is ready to help you achieve success. *“One Member per*

Council per Month,” is the theme this year and we have a plan that will assist you. Supreme has recommended that a 1st degree be held in every district every month. We do not want candidates waiting to enter the Order. So you will be allowed to read the parts in the 1st degree. A video of the 1st degree should be available soon.

I have found over the years as a State Officer, that there are councils that are not operating appropriately. Some councils operate more like a Men’s Club. It is very important that every council conduct activities that illustrate the principles of our Order. If a council follows appropriate guidelines, the SP-7 Form will be easy to fill out. Membership will also be less difficult to achieve. Councils should conduct Corporate Communion, Recruitment Drives, and seriously work on retention and reactivation. Every council should grow in membership each year. Grand Knights, you should set a goal to, “leave it better than you found it”. It will be virtually impossible for any leader to accomplish the goals, if the Grand Knight and Officers fail to attend State Meetings like, KCLS, Grand Knights Day, Area Training Meetings, District Deputy Meetings, and use the Planner properly.

On July 4th, we celebrated the 237th birthday of America. We also ended the *Fortnight of Freedom Prayer Service*. In light of the recent decisions by the Supreme Court dealing with marriage, current HHS regulations, and numerous infringements against our Constitution, I suggest that we all continue to pray at every opportunity for our Freedom. I guess it is human nature to take Freedom for granted in our Country. After all, we all believe

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We have now completed the fifth days of the Easter Season, a time of great joy and celebration. Each year I have the great pleasure of visiting many of the churches throughout the diocese to confirm many young people. It is so encouraging to see so many teens and adults who take their faith so seriously. We will need that commitment in the years ahead.

We have now returned to what is usually called ‘Ordinary Time’ which does not mean that this time of the year is unimportant. The term refers to the simple fact that these Sundays are ordered or numbered. We will continue in this reflective time throughout the summer and fall until we again enter the days of Advent. The Lectionary readings tend to be semi-continuous allowing us to experience a better glimpse of how the sacred writers arranged their materials. It can be very helpful to take time to view the readings for several Sundays at one time in order to better appreciate their message.

Pope Francis I continues to attract much media attention as he leads the Church in new ways. He clearly has a vision for the future and he reveals it to the world one day at a time. What a

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marvelous gift to the Church!

As we enter into the months of summer it is important that we do not relax our efforts to proclaim the dignity of all human persons as well as the sacredness of marriage. We await the decisions of the Supreme Court which have the potential of making our practice of our faith and following the principles of our Order much harder. August 1 is also a significant day for another step in the HHS implementation. We must continue our efforts.

I would encourage each Council and Assembly to work with your pastors to again take part in the second Fortnight For Freedom. Many helpful resources are available through the bishop's conference (USCCB.org).

May the months of summer allow you to find time to rest and relax with your families and continue to pray for God's protection during the 2013 hurricane season.

Vivat Jesus!



View
Bishop Herzog's
Monthly Video
at State Website
www.louisianakc.org



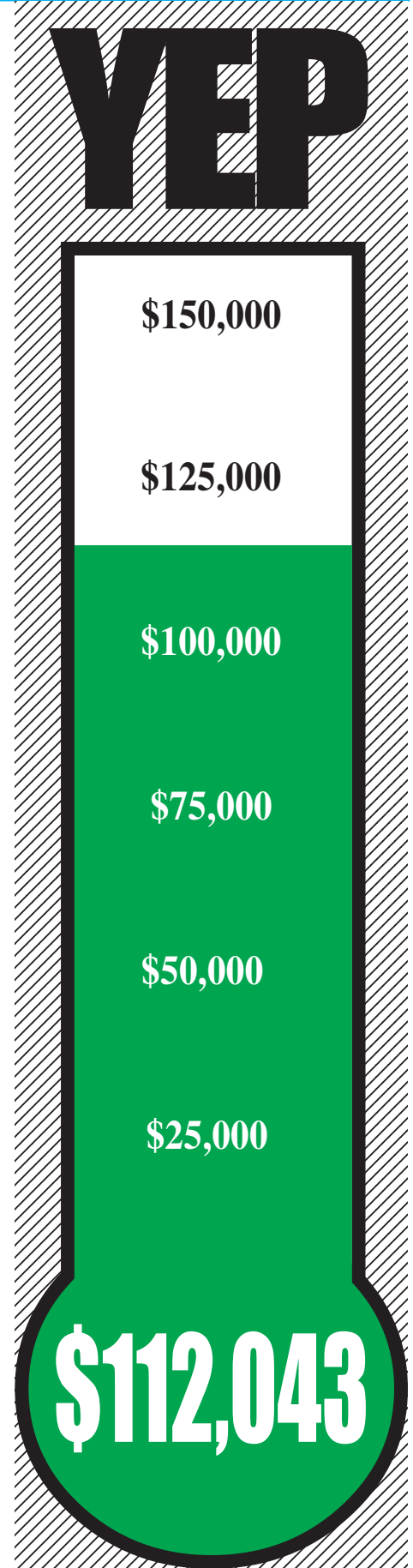
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The Youth Expansion Program (YEP) is coming to a close for the 2012 – 2013 Columbian Year. As of June 20, 2013, the total YEP funds collected is \$112,043.39. These funds represent the contributions from councils and individuals directly to YEP, as well as 50/50 raffles at all state functions/meetings/activities and all donations.

The YEP Goal for this year was \$140,000. As you can see, we fell somewhat short this year. The YEP totals for this year will be used to help set the budget amount for Youth Activities for the 2013-2014 year. Hopefully, we will not have to cut any funding for the many programs that the YEP supports. Let's all do our best in the upcoming year to make sure we meet our current goals.

Only 110 councils (38%) in Louisiana participated at any level in the YEP Program. As of June, 20 2013, there are 177 councils in the State of Louisiana that have yet to contribute any amount to the YEP program. The State Council in Louisiana is requesting a better participation from the councils in our state. Our goal is to have all councils participate at some level in YEP.

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that it is our God given right to be free. Well wake up! The government is regulating what it cannot legislate and Congress, the Senate, and the Supreme Court, in an attempt to be politically correct, are causing the destruction of the Bill of Rights. Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori stated, *“Religious liberty does not depend on the benevolence of who is regulating us. It is our ‘first freedom’ and respect for it must be broad and inclusive – not narrow and exclusive.”* The Knights of Columbus has always served as a beacon of morality, good and decent family values and respect for the Catholic Church. Now more than any other time in our lifetime, it is time for brother knights to be willing to fight for the God given rights that have been taken away from us. Future generations are depending on us to continue the fight and the future of the Knights of Columbus is in our hands. Just think what could be accomplished if we double our size in Louisiana and throughout the USA. We are a very formidable force now, how much more could be accomplished if we really worked hard to bring faithful Catholic men into our great Order. How much more could we influence Fallen Catholics to return to the Church? Evangelization is a Precept of the Church, bringing in new members and mentoring them to be Catholic Gentlemen is Evangelizing.

Let’s take this very seriously this fraternal year and work together to accomplish our goals, let’s pray together and serve as an example of Catholicity. Leading by example, we will find followers who are looking for what we have and are willing to share. Keep trying, never give up, and pray.

Membership Director, Richard Yandle has written a very good message for all of us, please take the time to read the message and comply with his suggestions, Program Director, Vince Whittington, is also working very hard with his Team and the result will be outstanding programs for your councils to participate in. Please participate in all of the State Programs, it is very important that we increase participation so that we can continue to offer the programs, but without your support some of the programs may need to be discontinued.

With best wishes for a successful fraternal year, I am faithfully yours,
Vivat Jesus,



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For 2012/2013, the following is a breakdown of the grouping of councils contributing to YEP:

- 55 Councils contributed at Quota Plus (greater than 100% of YEP Quota)
- 21 Councils contributed at Quota (100% of YEP Quota)
- 15 Councils contributed between 50% and 99.9% of YEP Quota
- 19 Councils contributed between 1% and 49% of YEP Quota
- 177 Councils with no contribution to YEP

The State Council wishes to thank all councils and individual contributors for their support of YEP and look forward to your continued support in future years for this worthy program. May God bless you, your family and your council for your support of our youth through your generous participation of YEP. Hope to see you all at KCLS.

Vivat Jesus!



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As we start this new fraternal year I look forward with great excitement to help guide the many great programs we have to offer. We have some fantastic programs where councils can reach out and help your church, family, youth, community and much more. One of the key words this year is still Outreach. We want you to be the go to ministry in your parish. With many of the programs we offer you have an opportunity to get your family, parish and community involved and recruit a new member of the Knights of Columbus. This year we will use the SP-7 form to help you plan your programs to use these opportunities to help recruit new members thus helping you reach STAR Council.

Again at KCLS you will hear of many of the programs in detail. Some are new and others have been improved. The State will continue with the “Seminarian Mission Fund”. This is a fantastic program for our Seminarians. Supreme has rolled out a Charitable Program Plan for 2013-2014 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).

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We are continuing this year with the 5 points on six of the State Grading Forms for State Council Service Programs. Councils did a great job this past year and we are looking forward to even more books turned in this year 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.

With the development of our new media department last year, and the knowledge and dedication of the many program directors I look forward to being a part of bringing you the many programs of the Knights of Columbus in an exciting fashion. We hope to help you have the opportunity to Outreach to your parish and communities in a positive way, it will 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.



**State Softball Tournament
August 10-11
Pelican Park, Carencro**



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I must share with you that I attended our State Family Meeting Training Sessions Sunday June 30th, 2013.

The Program Director was giving his speech, I remembered I had not written my report to be published this month and what did I have to say about Bishop's Programs if I had been called up front today to speak to you. "Have I said everything that you need to know", I asked myself. Before getting started:

I have four minutes.

Your Council or Assembly wants to help with Bishop's Programs.

Think ahead. Define good schedule and scope.

You do not want to start from scratch.

You must consider working alongside your Pastor on his goals and projects. Make a list.

Good communication is the essential on both sides as you move forward into these projects.

Consider your Audience. They must enjoy what you are doing for them, always remembering Bishop's Programs is helping your Pastor, Diocese and parishioners with their commitment of being good shepherds.

You need to have confidence, be patience and do not get discouraged.

Say to yourselves" we will always try to do our very best".

Does your Councils / Assemblies, and Church Parishes have a Tombs of the Unborn?

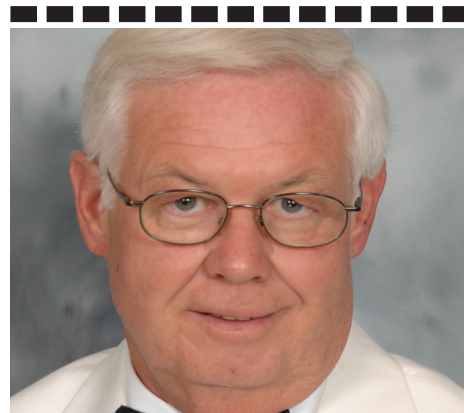
Please add to your prayer list.

Almighty Father in the Tomb of the Unborn is a child that needs your special protection

Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the Supreme Dignity of all human life, and demand that society itself give its protection.

We ask this in your Name, through the redemptive act of your Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Vivat Jesus!!!



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**Community Service:
A Council's Guide
to Getting Families Involved**

It's easy to feel disconnected, as many parents juggle work, school, kids, and activity after activity. But some simple things can bring a family closer - playing a game, going for a hike, or cooking a meal together. One of the most satisfying, fun, and productive ways to unite is volunteering for com-

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munity service projects. Volunteerism also sets a good example for your kids and helps the community.

Why should families in your council lend a helping hand?

It feels good. The satisfaction and pride that comes from helping others are important reasons to volunteer. When you commit your time and effort to an organization or a cause you feel strongly about, the feeling of fulfillment can be endless.

It strengthens your community. Organizations and agencies that use volunteers are providing important services at a low or no cost to those who need them. When a community is doing well as a whole, its individuals are better off, too.

It can strengthen your council's families. Volunteerism is a great way for families to have fun and feel closer. But many people say they don't have the time to volunteer after fulfilling work and family commitments. If that's the case, try rethinking some of your free time as a family. You could select just one or two projects a year and make them a family tradition (for example, making and donating gift baskets to care facilities for the elderly around the holidays).

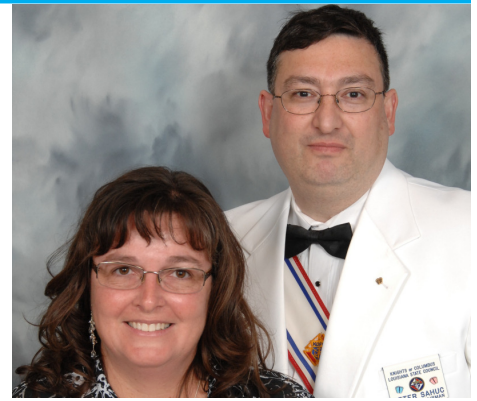
Councils, get your member's fami-

lies involved. The Internet offers lots of sites with information about volunteer opportunities. Your council can form a committee to meet with or call a favorite charity, hospital, or church directly to see if they have any needs, or look up "Volunteerism" in the phone book in the Human Services section (often in the blue pages). Families can do many volunteer jobs. Even the smallest child (with adult supervision) can pick up garbage at your local park, playground, church or beach. You don't even have to be part of a big effort to do this. Councils, get your families together, find some garbage bags, and head out.

Or become involved in repair and renovation efforts for low-income residents. Younger kids might not be able to do the big jobs, but helping out by fetching a paintbrush or holding the nails involves them just the same.

Work at a community food bank or soup kitchen as a family. Find an organization that serves the elderly. Take the food to people who are homebound and visit with them. Your kids can brighten a lonely senior's day. Offer your family's help at the local animal shelter. Help plant flowers or trees. The possibilities are endless.

Whatever your council choose to do, volunteering and community service can benefit both the community and your council's membership families. Get your council's families involved today!



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Another fiscal year begins and with that comes our annual Culture of Life Seminar at KCLS, which is once again in the Bandroom at Dutchtown High School. This year's agenda will of course have some of the same basic topics we cover periodically as a review and for those who are "new to the job", but we'll also have several new things to share with the Culture of Life Chair Couples as well. One of the new things on our agenda will be a simple but effective educational program, which we'll provide to the Couples to bring back home to share with their Council membership. The program will cover several areas of interest in the Culture of Life program area in an informative but concise manner. The program will enable each Chair Couple to cover ten important but often misunderstood subjects with their membership in just five minutes per topic. The topics can be covered at a monthly Council Meeting or at an open meeting with spouses and will include handouts & website links for each topic.

This year we've also asked several Council Chair Couples to make brief presentations that will hi-light some of their best programs for the benefit of

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State Softball...August 10-11...Pelican Park...Carencro
State Horseshoe...September 14...Zito Center...Plaquemine
State Golf...September 27-28-29...The Island GC...Plaquemine
State Nine Ball...November 2...Fast Eddie's...Lafayette

the other Chair Couples. 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 learned from those who met with success in their programs.

If you're a Grand Knight or Council Program Director, we hope that you send you Culture of Life Chair Couple to KCLS. This is our one opportunity to meet your Couple and help educate them in Pro-Life matters. If you're a Culture of Life Chair Couple, we hope you do your best to attend KCLS this year. Our program area is unique in that it is the only area where the State Chairman (Chair Couple) is given the opportunity to meet with the representatives in their program area from each Council. We greatly appreciate being given this special privilege by our State Deputy and hate to see such a valuable opportunity go to waste, so please make an effort to join us at 9:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, July 20th at Dutchtown High School Bandroom, 13165 Hwy 73, Geismar, LA 70734.

If you are unable to attend KCLS, please at least send us an e-mail and provide us with your contact information. If you've already done this in years past, please send us the information anyway so that we can check our records and make any necessary updates. It is critical that we have contact information for each Council Chair Couple so that we can send them important information throughout the year. We do a pretty good job of keeping our e-mail traffic to a bare minimum and we do not send junk, just articles we

write about Pro-Life matters and e-mails we forward from reliable sources that we feel should be shared with the Chair Couples and the membership in each Council.

Hope to see you at KCLS!

Together We Are - "Building a Culture of Life"



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Grand Knights, this is the 39th Annual Campaign to Aid Mental Disability Fund. The campaign runs from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. The State Wide Campaign is set for the weekend of October 4, 5, 6, 2013. At the KCLS you will receive additional information in your packets on this worthy campaign. Please put these dates in your planning manual that you should receive through your DD.

This year our goal is again set for \$350,000.00. Last year the total net amount the State Received was \$383,233.57

For your information if your council needs candy or aprons they must get with the DD and order. But remember you must send payment for what you order at the time you order, and this has to be done no later than AUGUST 9, 2013. No Phone-orders will be accepted. The cost of candy is \$19.50 per case of 300. Aprons are \$7.25 each

plus \$9.00 postage.

For delivery please give physical location. (No PO Boxes accepted) where candy is to be delivered. Shipment of 33 cases per order delivery is to a business street address. Please get with your DD and together read the instructions on the order form.



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ONE LIFE, ONE ROSE

Worthy Area Coordinators, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Brothers,

Just to provide you an update about the 2013 Silver Rose Program: it will be in our state for the fifth consecutive year from September 22 to November 3, 2013. This program is one of the many ways the Knights of Columbus show their support for the Catholic Church.

The challenge before us is to teach the world that the life of each human being begins at the moment of conception and ends by natural death. Through Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and this program, we seek the strength to proclaim the gospel of life until respect for the sanctity of human life is restored throughout the world.

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Besides the English and Spanish program pamphlets to accompany the Rose, we have other material (media alert and releases, organization tips, procedures, program history, runner, if you are running the Rose, safety) to assist you to coordinate this activity.

Please go and visit our website (Programs/Church/Running of the Silver Rose/Schedule) and checkout the current 2013 Louisiana State Silver Rose Program schedule.

As you can see of the 42 days that the program is in our State, there are nine dates without entries or blank. For those 29 councils who had joined and taken part, thanks, and may God through the intercession of Our Lady continue to bless you.

Our hope for this year is to increase the participation by all councils, districts and Areas throughout our state. Please discuss this very spiritual program with your council and parish pastor so that we can get commitments to fill the schedule honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please prayerfully consider having Our Lady of Guadalupe grace your council or parish this year.

If you have questions, please call me (225-266-3165) or email me (vicen.alvarez729@gmail.com). Thanks again and I look forward to your response, take care, and God bless.



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As we finish our 2012-2013 fraternal Year and start our new fraternal year, we must take the time to thank God for watching over us and guiding our young men to become great Catholic Leaders of tomorrow. We want to thank the Councils and Counselors who work hard to support this great youth program year round. We have completed another year of growth as he finish with a positive in membership for the first time in 4 years and look forward to exceeding these numbers next year.

Our only down fall is that we had 75 Squires turning 18 years of age and only one becoming a Knight. We need Councils to work with these Circles and recruit these trained leaders. The most important thing to remember about these Squires becoming Knights is that you must fill out the Form 100 properly. Squires are assigned a membership number at Supreme. Write that number under membership number on the form, check the box Juvenile to Adult, and check the box if he was a Squire, and check yes. All other information needs to be filled out as normal. He does not have to be voted on to become a Knight. Properly fill the form, get him to his 1st Degree, and fax his form into Supreme. Help us increase our membership with trained Catholic Leaders!

This year's State Squires Convention was held this past June in Houma, La. We had a great meeting, prepared for next year's events, had elections, handed out awards to a very deserving Counselors, Squires, and projects, and held an initiation of new Squires. We had an opportunity to take a Swamp Tour with a Brother Knight in between our business meeting and our Mass. It opened the eyes of these young men and Counselors as to how our heritage lives off the land.

Please help me congratulate our newly elected State Squire Officers for the upcoming fraternal year. State Chief Squire- Dylan Barrios- Houma, Deputy State Chief Squire- Kyle Williams- New Orleans, State Bursar- Nicholas Gerald- Broussard, State Notary- Kameron Williams- New Orleans, State Marshal- Kristopher LeBlanc- Carencro, and State Sentry- Matthew Massey- Houma. I look forward to working with these young men as they work hard to be better than last year. Listed below are our award winners. If you like what you see, or what you hear about our Squires Program, go to louisianasquires.org and contact us to start a Squires Circle. Look for our link for the first ever Squires App in the world. Tre Williams is in the final stages of setting this up for easier access to our Squires!

Squires Circle of the Year: 1st Place - Broussard Circle #4444- Broussard, LA; 2nd Place - Manual Joseph Mayers Circle #2558- Gonzales, LA; 3rd Place - St. Anthony of Padua Circle #5346 - Broussard, LA

Squires Choice Project of the Year: 1st Place- Manual Mayers Circle #2558- Gonzales, LA; 2nd Place- Broussard Circle #4444- Broussard, LA; 3rd Place- St. Anthony of Padua Circle #5346 - Houma, LA.

Don Schmidt Memorial Junior Squire of the Year; Matthew Massey-St. Anthony of Padua Circle #5346 - Houma, LA.

Jarrold Kimble Memorial Senior Squire of the Year (renamed); Corey Alleman- Manual Joseph Mayers Circle #2558 - Gonzales, LA.

Eric Bergman Memorial Chief Squire of the Year: Tre LeBlanc- Father Roy Edwards #5530- Houma, LA.

Charles Miceli Memorial Chief Counselor of the Year; Chris Fruge-Broussard Circle #4444- Broussard, LA.

Squires Senior High School Scholarship; Michael Richard – Father Roy Edwards Circle #5530 - Carencro, LA.



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The Most Reverend Charles P. Greco created St. Mary's Training School for children and young adults with personal mental disabilities "as a garden into which young lives are transplanted". It is a safe, protected environment in which they are able to live, to flourish and to bloom into their fullest maturity, nurtured by the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows. Without the work and wisdom and watchfulness of these dedicated servants and staff, the fullest harvest would not be realized. The parents come with their children to St. Mary's Train-

ing School, in bewilderment and pain. Here the healing and recovery begins, as their children set down roots and begin to grow.

The St. Mary's mission is to provide every person the opportunity to develop to his or her full potential, intellectually, spiritually, mentally, physically, vocationally and socially. St. Mary's help each of the 202 children and young adults realize greater possibilities and attain higher levels of performance. Now more than ever, St. Mary's is needed to be a place where severe challenges are met with profound love.

St. Mary's mission is accomplished through the generous support of parents, other individuals, civic and religious organizations, corporations and foundations.

Here are some of the ways you can help the children and young adults of St. Mary's have a life filled with love, joy, and hope:

- Online donations
- Gifts of cash
- Memorial gifts
- Gifts in-kind
- Friends of St. Mary's
- Bequests
- Life insurance
- Charitable gift annuity or trust
- Matching gifts
- Securities

· Fundraiser - **Note Cards:** Four of St. Mary's students have drawn beautiful pictures which you can purchase as note cards. For \$5, you can purchase a pack of 8 note cards (2 of each picture) including envelopes.

· Fundraiser - The Bishop's Bounty Cookbook : All proceeds from the sales of the cookbook will be used by St. Mary's to fund special projects to perpetuate the existence of St. Mary's Training School for children and young adults with severe and profound developmental disabilities. The cookbook cost is \$15. Any donation over \$15 is appreciated. Please contact me for cookbooks.

· Fundraiser - **St. Mary's Challenge Walk/Run Event:** This is St. Mary's main fundraiser. This year, Sat-

urday, March 29, 2014 in Alexandria, parents, staff, civic and religious organizations and businesses will join St. Mary's children and young adults for a three mile run and one mile walk. Hundreds of supporters walk hand in hand with the St. Mary's children as they raise money for the many programs and services offered at St. Mary's. This event was chosen because it is an activity that St. Mary's residents can be active participants in a community-wide event. St. Mary is seeking sponsors for each St. Mary's children, who will wear a special badge identifying their sponsors and their appreciation for their support. St. Mary's invites you to join them through a \$100 sponsorship of a St. Mary's child for the Challenge Walk. For more information, call Megan Vets 318-445-6443 ext. 2102 or register online @ www.stmarys-rts.org or active.com. Address: St. Mary's Training School, P. O. Drawer 7768 Alexandria, Louisiana 71306. Fax 318-449-8520. More information will be published as the date draws near.

· Benefit Show – David Magee, a slight of hand artist, <http://www.davidmagee.com/>, will be performing a benefit show at the Paragon Casino at 7:00 p.m. on August 24, 2013. Tickets are \$75.00 each and include dinner. Please contact Megan Vets at 318-445-6443 ext. 2102 to purchase tickets. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. The Paragon will be reserving rooms at a special rate. Don't know the rate is at this time.

· Mental Disability Fund (MDF or "Tootsie Roll Drive") – Add all or a % of the total amount of the "Tootsie Roll" money received or from a special council fundraiser on the MDF Financial Statement Report Form. *Note: at the bottom of the MDF Financial Statement Report Form, there is a line item listing St. Mary's Residential training School.*



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Fall/Winter 2013
Youth Program Overview

Brothers, first let me thank State Deputy John Boudreaux for giving me the opportunity to take on the challenge of being the State Youth Activities Director. For those of you who know me you know that working with youth is my passion and to have the opportunity to coordinate things at the state level is my greatest challenge ever. I hope that together with our youth we can make our state proud!

I'd like to give you a brief overview of the state youth program for the fall and winter of 2013. Specific dates can be found on the calendar on the state website. In addition, specific information about all youth programs can be found there under the "Programs" tab.

In August, councils that sponsor Soccer Challenges (and if you don't...Why Not?) need to order their kit of supplies from Supreme and start promoting the event in your local schools, parishes and youth soccer programs. Also happening in August, students begin returning to school making this an excellent time to get involved in Scouting by helping with school recruiting drives.

Things really start to pick up in September when councils need to order both their Essay Contest Kit and Substance Abuse Poster Contest from Supreme. Even though the deadlines for these contests aren't until January you need to start promoting them NOW to avoid getting lost in the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday breaks. In addition, all council level Soccer Challenges need to be completed by the 29th of the month.

In October councils should continue to promote the essay contest and the substance abuse poster contest...Entry deadlines are approaching quickly. Also, consider doing some sort of youth activity to celebrate Columbus Day. Has your council considered sponsoring a Squires Circle or a Scouting Unit (or both)? Our youth are the future of our organization...what better way to reach them than through one of these worthy youth organizations.

November starts with a deadline...The 1st is the last day to order your Free Throw Kits from Supreme. Remember, when it comes to ordering any of these kits from Supreme the earlier the better. If you wait until the last minute your kit may be delayed in shipping due to the volume of last minute requests. Also, the State Soccer Challenge will be held this month. It will held on Sunday, November 10th

at the Burbank Soccer Complex in Baton Rouge. Don't forget to continue to promote your essay and poster contests...and now add the Free Throw contest in!

December is a relatively quite month for our youth programs with just a couple of form deadlines. Councils need to submit their CYLA chairman's information to the State Chairman by December 1st and submit their Soccer Challenge participation forms (Form 4567) to Supreme by the 15th. This would be a great time of year to sponsor a program for needy or underprivileged children in your area. Keep promoting the free throw, essay and poster contests...Those deadlines will be here before you know it!

Brothers, this is just a brief overview of the slate of activities that Supreme and your State Council provide for our youth. These programs are supplemented by the many worthwhile programs that are put on by individual councils. I'd love to hear about some of your local programs. We are always looking to expand what we can do at the state level and your council may have the next great idea!

Also, at KCLS your Grand Knight will be receiving copies of the state grading forms. Please be sure to read over the youth booklet carefully as their have been some small changes.

In closing, I would like to give a special "Thank You" to my predecessor Brother Delmas Forbes. He put many years of effort and hard work into building the state youth program into what it is today. I am looking to build upon his many successes!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions at djbarrios00@yahoo.com or 985-790-1053.

Vivat Jesus!

State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 108th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council I hereby submit my Annual Report for this fraternal year.

Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Herzog, State Officers, Past State Deputies, 4th Degree Master, Honored Guests, and my dear brother knights, on behalf of the Convention Committee, we would like to welcome you to Lafayette and hope that your stay will be enjoyable. If you attended our Social last night, I am sure that you enjoyed the crawfish and entertainment, but most of all the fraternalism. I would like to acknowledge our Convention Chairman, Mike Malagarie and his Convention Team and offer my heartfelt gratitude for a job very well done. Chairing our Annual Meeting is a very large undertaking and Mike and his Team did an outstanding job. I would like to also acknowledge Carol Riente for designing the Convention logo as well as many other contributions. Carol traveled from St. Francisville to attend every convention meeting and offered her support to the Convention Team, thank you Carol for your volunteerism. I also wish to thank Council 7557 for taking care of the State Deputy Hospitality Room and Rummel Council for hosting a hospitality room.

It has truly been an honor to serve as your State Deputy this fraternal year. As State Deputy, I traveled to New Haven, CT, in June for training and to be installed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, something that I will cherish for the rest of my life. The entire week spent in New Haven was very enjoy-

able. Especially Mass and the Installation at St. Mary's Church where the tomb of Father McGivney is found. Following Mass we had breakfast in the basement of St. Mary's Church, where the Knights of Columbus was founded. In November, I attended the Winter Meeting for State Deputies in Grapevine, Texas. This fraternal year, the State Chaplains were also invited to attend. So I was able to visit with Bishop Herzog and Pris and I truly enjoyed his company. We shared ideas about the State Council, as well as ideas regarding our new Seminarian Mission Fund Program. Bishop Herzog has been very gracious and generous with his time to the State Council and we are very grateful to His Excellency for his support of his brother knights in Louisiana.

The 2011 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY, the most current available, compiled by the Supreme Council indicates that the Louisiana Jurisdiction has donated the following in various categories: CHURCH ACTIVITIES; COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES; and YOUTH ACTIVITIES; THE TOTAL MONEY DONATED IS **\$2.7 million dollars.**



State Deputy John Boudreaux

The ESTIMATED HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES and of FRATERNAL SERVICES is **2.3 million volunteer hours.** Supreme uses a value of \$20 per hour as an economic impact value factor for volunteerism. So the total value of contributions statewide is **\$46 million.** This is a wonderful testimonial of the generosity of the brother knights in Louisiana. Just think of the possibilities if we could double our membership.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Summer Meeting, held in Lafayette the last weekend of June 2012 and concluding on July 1st. The State Family gathered to hear what our plans entailed for the new fraternal year. We held training sessions on Saturday and Sunday and introduced a new idea of presenting information. Each State Family Member received all of the presentations on a DVD; this will save the State Council several thousand dollars annually. Presentations were created by the Officers, Program Chairmen and Directors in a Power Point Format, in order to save time and to provide information that would be usable for the first 6 months of the fraternal year. We introduced our new Media Department Team, Earl Bulot, Dwayne Dupre, Brandon Hendricks, and Robert Boudreaux. Dwayne created a few videos that we used as infomercials. The videos are available on our State Website. Bishop Herzog is providing us with a monthly inspirational video that is also available on our website. The Media Department is continuing to grow and develop; more videos have been added about programs and events conducted throughout the State. We also developed a new Website in order to

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**We Are One
 The Power of One!**

“As a rule, we find what we look for, we achieve what we get ready for.” James Cash Penney- founder of J. C. Penney.

My Brothers, as we end another fraternal year and begin a new one, we look back on our past accomplishments and review and evaluate our performance to continue to GROW THE ORDER. Together we have accomplished so much; with the help of new Brother Knights, we can do much more. Each of us, the fibers, working together, form the strong cord that is the Knights of Columbus.

This past fraternal year, we had intake of 1,231 new brother knights for our Jurisdiction and placed us 29th in

the Order for Intake. Our goal for intake was 1488. We ended with a Net gain of 330 and our goal was 997. That put us in 56th place in the Order for Net gain. We finished with a Net/Net gain of negative 278 and our goal was 100. We ranked 64th out of 72 jurisdictions in the Order. We ended the year with 767 suspensions and had 599 deceased brother knights this fraternal year.

39 Councils achieved 100% of their membership quota this year. 21 Councils achieved an average of at least ONE MEMBER PER MONTH this year. 14 Councils achieved 100% of their NET membership quota for this past fraternal year. We also had 5 District Deputies who achieved 100% of their District membership quota. GREAT JOB MY BROTHERS! Thanks to all of those brother knights who went out and recruited a new brother into our Jurisdiction. You are a “SHINING ARMOR” BROTHER KNIGHT!

We now enter into a new fraternal year with new goals and challenges. Our theme for this fraternal year will still be: **ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH.** However, we are going to expand on that theme. Our goals for the 2013-14 Fraternal Year are:



ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH=3,420 new members

INTAKE=1415
NET=991 NET/NET=100

STAR COUNCILS=43 ONE PER DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR

NEW COUNCILS=7 ONE PER DIOCESE FOR THE YEAR

COUNCIL REACTIVATION=8 ROUND TABLES=75

ONE FIRST DEGREE PER DISTRICT PER MONTH!

In order to achieve our goals, as stated by Mr. J. C. Penney, we must **GET READY!!** We must all be working together as a TEAM, each fiber bound together in UNITY for our common goals! We have the tool to do just that. **YOUR FRATERNAL PLANNER will be your GUIDE TO SUCCESS!** If you GET READY for your activities by following your planner **YOU WILL ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS!** That planning must begin now.

Get with your Pastor and schedule your Quarterly Communion. Schedule your membership Church Drives. Plan your Council activities that you will be conducting during the year. Provide your members with dates for the events so that they can plan to attend and help with them. Schedule your FIRST DEGREES now so that you can let your prospects know when you recruit them when the next FIRST DEGREE will be held. District Deputies and Area Coordinators will need to

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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

<u>Date</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Host Council</u>
08.17.13	D.D. Bob Gassman (42)	Opelousas 11270
09.15.13	tba	Baton Rouge
09.29.13	tba	Plaucheville
10.05.13	tba	DeRidder
10.06.13	tba	Gretna

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	3	0	3068	New Orleans	7	8
0969	Baton Rouge	7	-1	3088	Hessmer	4	2
0970	Plaquemine	20	-4	3091	Westwego	9	4
1087	Donaldsonville	12	5	3150	Cut Off	15	1
1099	Napoleonville	18	2	3200	Alexandria	7	0
1108	Shreveport	6	1	3202	Lafayette	9	-1
1114	Thibodaux	25	-32	3208	Lake Charles	8	4
1134	Alexandria	10	-43	3246	New Orleans	8	0
1173	Opelousas	4	1	3298	Baton Rouge	7	0
1199	Cottonport	4	4	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1208	New Iberia	7	16	3353	Oberlin	5	3
1217	Marksville	11	6	3356	Cecilia	3	1
1276	St. Martinville	8	2	3399	Krotz Springs	33	0
1286	Lafayette	8	7	3407	Shreveport	14	4
1317	Houma	11	2	3409	Opelousas	7	0
1337	Monroe	8	9	3411	New Orleans	5	2
1357	Natchitoches	16	7	3425	New Iberia	8	-1
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	11	0
1420	Franklin	5	-1	3470	Lafayette	6	-1
1425	Jeanerette	4	-4	3475	Elton	13	0
1437	New Orleans	18	14	3496	Port Barre	9	2
1514	Vacherie	15	7	3528	Kenner	6	4
1710	Patterson	12	3	3534	Oakdale	4	-7
1724	Algiers	6	5	3621	Arnaudville	6	8
1745	Eunice	5	0	3622	Moss Bluff	10	4
1754	Ville Platte	6	-1	3634	Norco	16	15
1817	Gramercy	17	6	3642	West Monroe	8	3
1819	Bogalusa	8	9	3662	Basile	4	6
1897	Rayne	8	-6	3729	New Orleans	16	2
1905	Gretna	15	5	3743	Baton Rouge	10	8
1988	Washington	3	0	3779	Shreveport	12	-3
1998	New Roads	4	1	3796	St Gabriel	7	3
2012	Jennings	12	3	3854	Harahan	9	7
2142	Plaucheville	4	15	3857	DeRidder	8	-3
2150	Morganza	6	0	3870	Duson	30	0
2281	Abbeville	12	2	3872	Erath	12	-9
2395	Bunkie	6	2	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	10	9	4010	Mansura	9	2
2409	Luling	15	2	4023	Leonville	6	-5
2432	Mansfield	15	-18	4030	Baton Rouge	19	1
2436	Reserve	8	2	4085	Baker	7	6
2504	Church Point	9	1	4088	Minden	11	0
2657	Prairieville	17	0	4156	Leesville	12	-8
2675	Mamou	4	3	4222	Marrero	8	-7
2732	Slidell	17	17	4309	Centerville	9	1
2807	Baton Rouge	14	2	4346	White Castle	32	0
2855	Welsh	10	2	4508	Metairie	4	1
2875	Port Allen	10	-1	4547	New Orleans	3	2
2878	Metairie	10	6	4562	Lake Charles	16	-1
2893	Kinder	6	3	4663	Metairie	8	2
2913	Kaplan	8	-1	4676	Loreauville	6	0
2925	New Orleans	6	-3	4683	Lafayette	6	0
2952	Hammond	24	-20	4761	Raceland	9	2
2972	Moreauville	4	5	4787	Hathaway	9	-35
2982	Iota	3	-1	4791	Estherwood	12	8
3006	Iowa	8	3	4818	Zwolle	3	0
3012	Lake Arthur	10	3	4873	Bossier City	19	20
3014	Creole	7	2	4874	Ponchatoula	12	2
3015	Sulphur	11	-1	4906	Evangeline	4	-6
3048	Bell City	10	-33	4927	Parks	6	2
3054	Lockport	16	6	5013	Chauvin	18	3
3055	Gueydan	10	5	5022	Lake Charles	7	0
3061	Covington	9	3	5048	Pine Prairie	4	0

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5084	Chataignier	8	0	8743	Chackbay	8	4	10824	Ruston	3	0
5111	New Iberia	9	3	8770	Maurice	7	5	10902	Lydia	3	-1
5166	Delcambre	7	1	8779	Theriot	15	-42	10911	Amite	4	2
5301	Metairie	4	-15	8805	DeQuincy	3	2	10912	Hammond	33	0
5345	Lafayette	6	1	8840	Mathews	10	-12	11060	Tickfaw	4	3
5352	Pierre Part	7	1	8843	Leroy	3	-1	11061	Labadieville	8	-2
5461	Cameron	3	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11096	Coteau Holmes	3	0
5499	Crowley	13	-3	8878	Lakeland	8	11	11212	Cow Island	3	1
5530	Baton Rouge	8	1	8898	Larose	13	2	11270	Opelousas	7	4
5532	Lawtell	8	2	8901	Lafayette	12	0	11407	Grand Lake	3	0
5627	Independence	8	0	8906	Thibodaux	6	2	11491	Mowata	4	0
5747	Chalmette	16	12	8932	Bourg	7	2	11576	Hackberry	3	0
5755	Westlake	9	10	8971	Thibodaux	33	0	11792	New Iberia	4	0
5935	Laplace	13	2	8978	North Sulphur	10	1	11814	Pearl River	3	3
6057	Youngsville	9	4	9000	Golden Meadow	10	1	11857	Vacherie	8	5
6103	Vinton	7	13	9007	Metairie	5	4	12060	Thibodaux	6	8
6170	Houma	9	8	9016	Baton Rouge	8	5	12061	Many	3	1
6211	Bayou Vista	5	1	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	1	12068	Grosse Tete	3	2
6324	Monroe	3	0	9107	New Orleans	7	5	12072	Mandeville	14	6
6326	Denham Springs	19	-9	9110	Jennings	3	0	12103	Lecompte	4	2
6357	Belle Chasse	14	-25	9217	Belle Deau	3	-1	12115	New Orleans	3	1
6369	Avondale	3	0	9219	Bayou Pigeon	33	0	12163	Milton	6	1
6389	St Amant	10	7	9240	Mandeville	19	3	12179	Morgan City	5	-1
6496	Abbeville	3	0	9247	Baton Rouge	8	1	12209	Bordelonville	3	0
6531	Baton Rouge	6	0	9260	Shreveport	7	7	12245	Franklinton	5	0
6746	Kenner	5	1	9281	Lacassine	5	-1	12285	Schriever	8	7
6753	French Settlement	4	8	9294	Echo	4	1	12529	Abita Springs	11	-4
6870	Terrytown	6	-1	9338	Houma	7	5	12686	Metairie	5	-2
6873	Baldwin	6	-7	9347	Metairie	5	5	12906	Covington	8	3
6958	Carencro	7	4	9384	Marrero	3	0	12989	Lacombe	9	8
6959	Egan	6	-2	9415	New Orleans	6	-28	12997	New Iberia	7	-4
7033	Ragley	3	0	9418	Fifth Ward	4	2	13145	Baton Rouge	3	-11
7050	Rynella	6	2	9436	Richard	3	-4	13192	Natchitoches	33	0
7084	Berwick	3	0	9623	Laplace	7	-2	13296	Kolin	4	2
7226	Marrero	6	3	9692	Baton Rouge	13	4	13349	Waggaman	3	3
7275	Lafayette	12	10	9753	Tioga	6	1	13397	Thibodaux	7	4
7350	Barataria	12	-8	9769	Slidell	4	14	13411	Thibodaux	3	0
7355	Houma	12	13	9912	Grand Prairie	3	0	13425	River Ridge	6	-7
7411	Mire	9	-36	9933	Luling	8	2	13505	Alexandria	3	4
7557	Broussard	22	-2	9935	Duralde	4	6	13632	Baton Rouge	5	3
7568	Scott	8	-5	9973	Slidell	13	19	13819	Houma	4	3
7657	Bayou Blue	7	-13	10045	Winnfield	33	0	13931	Lake Charles	6	5
7722	Dulac	11	-33	10057	Harvey	33	6	14542	Lafayette	4	0
7856	St Francisville	6	-3	10080	Zachary	3	5	14614	Covington	6	3
8029	Alexandria	7	9	10176	Folsom	5	0	14657	Pineville	4	8
8030	Livonia	4	0	10178	Albany	7	3	14822	Kenner	7	-5
8031	Swartz	3	1	10185	Catahoula	5	0	15006	Lake Charles	5	12
8032	Oak Grove	3	0	10269	Fenton	27	0	15064	Baton Rouge	4	6
8058	Carlyss	12	8	10293	Lafayette	14	9	15133	Madisonville	6	11
8147	Gonzales	9	13	10349	Henderson	3	0	15228	Fishville	3	9
8322	Maplewood	8	3	10428	Eunice	5	0	15390	Marrero	3	6
8323	Johnson Bayou	3	0	10455	Baton Rouge	10	1	15477	Lafayette	3	0
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10564	Simmesport	4	3	15501	New Orleans	3	3
8342	Prairieville	19	5	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	15615	Amelia	0	21
8371	Amelia	5	28	10612	Houma	7	3	15676	New Orleans	0	15
8438	Campiti	24	0	10613	Baton Rouge	5	0	15731	Pineville	0	0
8442	Braithwaite	3	3	10645	Lacombe	5	5				
8546	Metairie	6	4	10717	Mermentau	11	0				
8583	Morse	15	0	10721	Judice	6	4				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	-2	10728	Shreveport	3	0				
8615	Gretna	9	4	10744	Brusly	7	-4				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	6	4	10745	Cankton	5	2				
8703	Port Sulphur	4	12	10800	Kraemer	6	0				

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schedule their District and Area Meetings as well as the District and Area Competitions. Remember to invite non Knights to open events and work projects. EVERY COUNCIL EVENT IS A MEMBERSHIP EVENT!! DON'T PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY!

Use the tools and resources available to you. Promote the SHINING ARMOR to all new brother knights. If you recruit one member and that member recruits a member, every council can achieve the ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH GOAL. Have you Pastor promote the Knights of Columbus and have him provide you with names of prospects. Welcome new parishioners to the Parish, recruit RCIA graduates, and sign up a SQUIRE who has turned 18. Set up a ROUNDTABLE in a neighboring parish that does not have a Knights of Columbus Council. Honor married couples in your Parish and invite the husband to join. Hold a Parish Appreciation Night to honor those parishioners who serve the Parish. Use it as a recruiting opportunity to recruit these Catholic men. Schedule an Insurance Night for the Parish. Have the Field Agent give a presentation on the importance of life insurance and the different types of life insurance. Recruit those Catholic men that are not Knights and explain to them the benefits of the Knights of Columbus Insurance. Use your General Agents to help with REINSTATING suspended brother knights. Contact our "WELCOME BACK" chairman, Lee Allen Simon, for assistance as well.

As our Supreme Knight has told us, "It is our moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every practical Catholic Gentleman". Now more than ever, our Parish, our Church, our Country and our Order need us! We must not let the forces of evil prevent us from practicing our faith. We must evangelize by spreading the good works of the Knights of Columbus to

everyone! We cannot do it alone-but, each of us, working together for a common goal, CAN!

EVERY DAY A KNIGHT! USE YOUR PLANNER DAILY! MEMBERSHIP 24/7/365!

ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH!

ONE FIRST DEGREE PER DISTRICT PER MONTH!

ONE STAR COUNCIL PER DISTRICT!

ONE NEW COUNCIL PER DIOCESE!



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Brothers, I would like to recap the past year for New Council Development around the state. Since May of 2012 there have been four new Councils developed. There were two developed in the New Orleans Area by District Deputy #1 Darrel Gonzales. They are:

- Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Council 15501 located at Mary Queen of Viet Nam Church

- Mater Dolorosa Council 15676 located at Mater Dolorosa Church

There were also two Hispanic Councils developed by the hard work of Brother Vicen Alvarez and District Deputy #21 Wade Bourg and District Deputy #52. They are:

- Amelia Council 15615 located at St. Andrew Church

- Pineville Council 15731 located at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church

We are also actively pursuing two potential new Councils both located in the New Orleans Area. They are:

- St. Rosalie Church in Marrero which is being developed by District Deputy #8 Albert Schexnaydre

- St. Agnes Church in Marrero being developed by District Deputy #1 Darrel Gonzales

In addition to these New Councils and active prospects, Area B Coordinator George Boudreaux is actively working on reactivation of St. John Bosco Council 10057.

Brothers if you talk to a Parish Pastor of a church that does not have a Knights of Columbus Council please ask him if he would like the help of a Knights of Columbus Council at his church. You can get him started on his way to having a Knights of Columbus Council with strong resources to assist him in this new ministry access.

Please call me if I can help in any way. With your help we can grow the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana.

Vivat Jesus!



Special Olympics Louisiana THANKS Knights of Columbus

A special thank-you to the Knights of Columbus for their support with the Team Louisiana picnic on April 6, 2013. State Deputy, John Boudreaux, along with fellow Knights, generously dedicated their time and service to make the event possible. The qualifying members of the Special Olympics Louisiana Unified Flag Football Team were recognized for their outstanding achievement of advancing onto the 2014 National Games in New Jersey! The members will be attending training camp in November to prepare for the Games.



Contact: April Knopf 1-800-345-6644

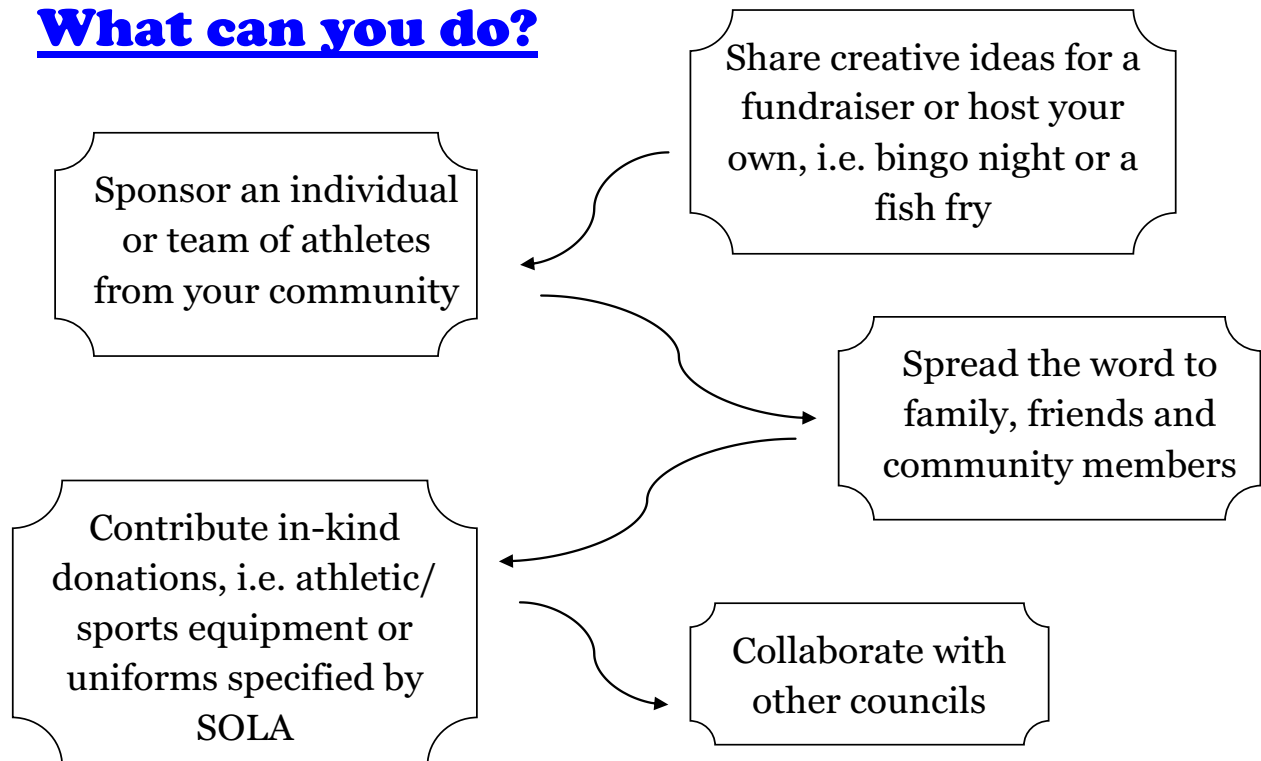
Special
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How can your council help send Team Louisiana to National Games?

Special Olympics Louisiana needs your support to give members of Team Louisiana the experience of a lifetime! Currently 70 Athletes and Unified Partners have qualified to attend camp in November, but it's anticipated by July there will be approximately 150 qualifiers. Upon completion of camp, the official members of Team Louisiana will be selected to attend the 2014 National Games in New Jersey. Team Louisiana members will represent all areas of the state and participate in 8 different sports against athletes from all over the country.

What can you do?



Contact: April Knopf 1-800-345-6644



Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 108th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Lafayette, La.

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, April 27, 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 writing 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.

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better provide information, pictures, and have the ability to update information much faster and more efficiently than on the old website. OUTREACH, is the goal that I have tried to establish this year. Through OUTREACH, we provide visible signs of our generosity and good works. We also show communities our faithfulness to the Catholic Church. We have established synergies with Catholic Radio stations in Baton Rouge and Lafayette, whose broadcast will cover most of the southern parts of Louisiana. We will also work with The Glenn Armentor Pay It Forward Foundation, through our CYLA Program, by providing information to CYLA Candidates, on how to qualify and apply for this scholarship program. We plan to continue to develop our Media Outreach to be a benefit to every council, assembly, auxiliary, and squire circle throughout Louisiana.

The Installation of Officers took place at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Broussard, my home parish. I would like to publically thank Father Louis Richard, Pastor of Sacred Heart for his hospitality and support of the Knights of Columbus. My council, 7557, has been truly gracious to Pris and I, my brother knights and the Ladies Auxiliary took charge of the event and did an outstanding job. Because of their kindness and support, I will cherish this memory for the rest of my life. We had a usual event take place during the installation of Officers. According to the Supreme Constitution, when the Bishop of the hosting Diocese is present, he shall install the State Chaplain. So Bishop Jarrell of the Lafayette Diocese installed Bishop Herzog as our State Chaplain. Both Bishops enjoyed this moment very much.

The Knights of Columbus Lead-

ership Seminar, KCLS, was conducted in Geismar, at Dutchtown High School, in mid-July. We planned the day with power point and video presentations; we also invited our Culture of Life Couples for the day. Peter and Edna Mae Sahuc conducted the Culture of Life Program. Attendance was outstanding; we fed 650 people for lunch. We utilized breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries, in a rotation format. Richard Yandle, Membership Director, and his Team, presented our membership goals and our ideas of how to achieve the goals. Jose Jimenez, our Supreme MPC, assisted us and also presented a membership power point presentation that was inspirational. Vince Whittington, Program Director, managed the Program presentations and was joined by his Program Team. I am truly grateful to Vince and his Team for doing a very fine job presenting Programs. The State Officers along with

Robert Boudreaux, conducted a mini KCLS in Bossier City. Area Coordinator Larry French and PSD Ben Davidson took care of all of the details; so that all we had to do is show up; thank you Ben and Larry for setting this event up for the State Council.

Our Mid-Year Meeting was hosted by Area D Coordinator, Curtis Constrantiche, in Houma. We tried a different approach this fraternal year. We incorporated Grand Knight's Day with the Mid-Year Meeting. So Grand Knights Day was held on the Sunday. The meetings went very well; once again we incorporated power point presentations and videos to illustrate our plan and introduced the programs for the second half of the year. We also evaluated our membership goals and how we planned to continue with the second half of the year. We encouraged Corporate Communion, Church Drives, Welcome Back, and serious retention measures to facilitate membership growth. The turnout for both meetings was a little weak. I expected to have better attendance, but we will continue to work through this year to attain our goals.

The Supreme Convention was held in Anaheim, CA, in August. All of the elected Delegates attended along with all of the State Officers. Our State Advocate, Paul deMahy and his wife Marilyn acted as our hosts for the week. They took care of the Hospitality room for us as we attended the meetings. They were very hospitable and all attendees were very grateful. During our stay in Anaheim, we witnessed several earthquakes, a first for yours truly. That was an interesting experience to say the least. The Supreme Council focused on Religious Freedom and most of the

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speakers gave their ideas about Religious Freedom. Cardinal Dolan was Key Note Speaker at the Banquet and spoke about Marriage and Family. Many Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests, attended the convention. Our Delegation was joined by our State Chaplain, Bishop Herzog and Associate Chaplains', Father Mark Derise, and Father Frank Carabello.

MEMBERSHIP is the focal point of every new fraternal year. We all share in an obligation to continue to add new members to our great Order. The theme for membership this year is "ONE MEMBER PER MONTH PER COUNCIL" and our Membership Director, Richard Yandle, and his Team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership each month. Later this year Paul Gagnet, known by all as "Uncle Paul" was asked and accepted a membership role in the New Orleans Metro Area. This year has been an unusual year for retention Order wide and Louisiana is suffering with large amounts of suspensions, but we are also bringing in new members. New Council Development Chairman, Gerard Thomas, and his Team have done an outstanding job working to establish new councils. In Amelia, Vicen Alvarez, and DD Wade Bourg, established a new Hispanic Council, whose membership has grown to about 50. DD Darryl Gonzales in the New Orleans area established Mater Delarosa Council and is working on several more with Gerard Thomas. The New Council Development Team is working on several more potential councils currently in the development stages. We have the potential of establishing 6 or 7 new councils this fraternal year. Area Coordinator George Boudreaux has reactivated Council 10057 on the west bank of

New Orleans. Councils are beginning to conduct membership drives with spring in the air and the Lenten season behind us. So I am very hopeful that we will bring in copious amounts of new members, work our Welcome Back Program and reactivate suspended members. Our membership goals are still attainable this fraternal year.

CEREMONIALS are an integral part of our Order, every new member must go through a 1st degree exemplification and this fraternal year we emphasized that each new recruit should go through the 2nd and 3rd degree. Since retention is a major concern, new candidates who go through all three degrees will most likely, remain in the Order much longer and perhaps, for life. So it is critical to the perpetuity of our Order that we insist that every new recruit go through all three degrees. Our IPSD Ronnie Boudreaux is our Ceremonials Chairman, he brings years of experience to Ceremonials and I am truly grateful for his volunteerism and support in Ceremonials. We have Degree Teams throughout our State. This facilitates a savings on travel expense, and it also allows us to host multiple major degrees on the same day. I wish to thank all of the degree teams in our Jurisdiction for performing a great service for their brother knights, every team is outstanding and a credit to Columbianism in Louisiana.

PROGRAMS are a very important and an integral part of the Knights of Columbus, without programs we would not be able to recruit new members; it is through our programs where we find charitable works done by faithful brother knights throughout the state. Our Program Director, Vince Whittington has done a great job this year and his Program Team has worked

very hard to provide programs that will benefit the needy, youth, seminarians, and offer sporting events that challenge our brother knights. We modified an existing program, Acompano, and created a new program, The Seminarian Mission Fund Program. Bishop Herzog added his suggestions to the program and sent out letters to Council Chaplains asking them to consider supporting the new program. Dwayne Dupre created a great video that illustrates the program and our goal to provide the necessary funds to support the annual mission trip taken by seminarians. We hope to have a surplus of funds generated by contributions and we will keep an accounting of the surplus funds in each diocese. The funds will be sent at the discretion of the Bishop of each diocese, to the seminaries and seminarians of our state. Our MDF Program, Lloyd Meyers, Chairman, raises funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the state. Councils choose worthy organizations within their communities that will benefit from their hard work and fund raising. As of April 2nd councils have donated about \$360,000 statewide and will continue to donate until June 30. Louisiana Special Olympics has asked the State Council to support TEAM LOUISIANA, we launched the TEAM on April 6, with a picnic, the team will participate in the 2014 National Games, so we will continue to ask councils to support Team Louisiana with donations so that every special needs child will be able to participate in the National Special Olympic Games in 2014. Jerry LaSalle is our Special Olympics Chairman and has chaired this position for several years; Jerry and his wife attended many National Special Olympic Games and have

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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 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 its 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 fund-raisers 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 school students. 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 Order 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 team 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

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dedicated their lives to this most worthy cause. Youth Expansion Program is funded through the generosity of our councils. Each year we provide budgeted funds that benefit our Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program, Columbian Squires, Seminarians, Soccer and Free Throw, youth retreats, and Camp Joshua. We lost a very dear friend and Past State Deputy, Leo Segalla this fraternal year. Leo started Camp Joshua in Louisiana.

Leo volunteered his time and talents to many very worthwhile causes, he will be dearly missed. Camp Joshua has evolved into a dynamic program, conducted in Baton Rouge and Ruston, Vince Whittington, chairs this program. Our CYLA Program is one of our most fulfilling programs, benefitting High School Seniors. Each year we find outstanding Catholic high school seniors who are role models for their peers and an inspiration to all of us. This year is no different and our CYLA Champions will speak at our Banquet this evening.

Joel Ocmand is our State CYLA Chairman this year and has done an outstanding job, Joel has held this position for several years and each year he has provided outstanding Catholic Seniors, thank you Joel for a job very well done. Our Columbian Squires Program Chairman, George Martin, has taken a very aggressive role in developing new Squire Circles, recruiting, and creating activities that will foster the perpetuity of the Squires in Louisiana. George was instrumental in establishing the squire website; we have a link to this site available on our state website; Great job George. Youth Program Chairman, Delmas Forbes, continues to find outstanding students that have been recognized by the Supreme Council for their Posters and Essays. The State Council has been represented

extremely well in the past by producing Supreme Council International winners in Posters and Essays. We continue to offer kids soccer and free throw competitions and will do so in the future. All of the mentioned programs would not be possible if we did not have our Youth Expansion Program, Kenny Gonzales, Chairman. YEP provides the necessary funds for all of the youth programs. Through YEP we also provide support to college councils, and a donation of \$75,000 to St. Mary's Residential Center in Msgr. Susi's honor, Msgr. Susi was a former State Chaplain and his memory lives on through St. Mary's in Alexandria. The State Council also sponsored many sporting events; Softball, Golf, Horseshoes, Basketball, Bowling, and a 9 Ball Pool Tournament. Ralph Comeaux is our Chairman, great job Ralph. We also hosted our annual Gumbo Cook off Contest, the finals held on Grand Knights Day. Most of the mentioned events were managed through our state office administrator, Robert Boudreaux. Robert is also working our new website and will be



assisted by Brandon Hendricks and other brother knights as necessary. Our State Office Staff provides us with support for all of our State Meetings. Organization and attention to details is paramount to a successful event and Robert and Susan have, once again risen to the challenge.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year has appointed a new District Master for Louisiana, Ron Fogarty. Sir Knight Ron and I have worked closely together to foster growth in the fourth degree and to ensure unity between respective councils and assemblies. Ron has traveled to most of our Major Degrees to promote the fourth degree and has held meetings and degrees throughout this fraternal year. The membership time restriction has been rescinded by Supreme, so a third degree knight can become a fourth degree sir knight immediately following his third degree.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association are working together to support the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. We have introduced a resolution this year that will clarify membership requirements for auxiliary members throughout the state, with the hope that it will also stimulate growth in both organizations. We also encourage all auxiliaries to start youth auxiliaries. By doing so, we will have an organization for the entire family to join and will benefit their respective Church Parishes and the Knights of Columbus. So no family member will be left behind.

My first year as State Deputy was filled with challenges as we incorporated new ideas. I am truly grateful for the support that I have received in all of our endeavors, by the State Family, DD's, Area Coordinators, Membership Team, Program Team, and the State Officers. Every State Officer has taken on their respective responsibilities and has con-

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ducted the business of the state council in a professional and appropriate manner. I would like to also acknowledge the Past State Deputies for their support and valued suggestions and guidance this fraternal year as well as past years, when I was working my way up the ladder. I would be remiss in offering my gratitude if I did not thank my lovely wife, Pris, for her support and prayers, Pris has been an outstanding wife and travel companion.

Now more than any other time in our lifetime, we need Catholic Unity. Pope Francis, in his first Easter message, called for Catholic unity. We must not only live by the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, but we must be a voice for religious freedom, Culture of Life, and openly support our Priests, Bishops, Cardinals, and Pope Francis as defenders of the Faith. Every Catholic Church Parish will have the opportunity to have a Knights

of Columbus Council, Assembly, Squire Circle, Ladies Auxiliary, and Junior Auxiliary. The entire family will have the opportunity to engage in charitable works for the benefit of their church parish and community. Through the Knights of Columbus, we can change the course of our future and I believe that our best years are still to come. We will continue to fight for the right to worship God without government interference; we will fight to protect the most vulnerable among us through Culture of Life Programs, we will encourage and teach our youth to be faithful Catholics through YEP Programs, we will volunteer to be Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Choir Members, Religious Instructors, and Outreach Ministers. We will support the seminaries in Louisiana through the Seminarian Mission Program and The Bishop Greco Foundation. The Knights of Columbus will continue to be the visible alternative to

corruption throughout our state and country. Together we are making a significant difference in our communities and we will only be more aggressive in this most important endeavor. I challenge every member of the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana to work extra hard for the remaining months of this fraternal year. Recruit more members and help us grow, there is definitely strength in numbers. The more members we have, the stronger our great Organization will become.

I am truly blessed by all of you who supported me through the years, I pray for you every day and I also pray that God will bless all of your families and keep you in good health, that God will bless the Knights of Columbus through his Venerable Servant, Father McGivney, and that God will Bless America!

Vivat Jesus.



Dylan Barrios
State Chief Squire

Worthy Knights:

Let me take this time to introduce myself to you. My name is Dylan Barrios and I will be serving as the State Chief Squire for the Louisiana State Columbian Squires. I have been a Squire since I turned 10 in 2006 and have served in most of the local circle offices. At the state level I have previously served as State Notary and State Deputy Chief Squire. I am 17 years old and I am going into my senior year at Terrebonne High School in Houma. I am an Eagle Scout and serve in a num-

ber of positions at my church, my school and in my community.

I have two main goals for the Columbian Squires this fraternal year: 1.) To grow the order, both in the number of circles and the number of Squires and 2.) To create a closer relationship between the Squires and our benefactors, the Knights!

Much like you have KCLS each year, we Squires have a state planning meeting, which this year will be held on July 28th at the state office in Lafayette. At this meeting, the elected state officers, the state committeemen and counselors and Squires representing all of the Circles come together to plan a year of activities. This planning actually began back at our state convention which was held June 7-9 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Houma. Circles bid on the events that they would like to host and have taken that information back to their membership to continue planning.

Our first event is already scheduled. Our state bowling tournament is scheduled for August 17 & 18 at Creole Lanes in Houma. Please promote this event to the Squires in your area. And if you have a group of young men ages 10-18 who might like to become Squires...let us know and they can join us for the fun and see what we are all about.

In closing, I hope that over this fraternal year we can grow the Squires program in the state together. Remember that an 18 year old Squire just needs to fill out a Form 100 to become a Knight and that young man already has some knowledge of the workings of the order and some leadership experience. What a great way to build your membership!

Gentlemen, I am always open to new ideas so feel free to contact me at starwarsscoutboy@yahoo.com if you have any questions or comments about the Columbian Squires!

Esto Dignus!

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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 children 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 chairman 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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