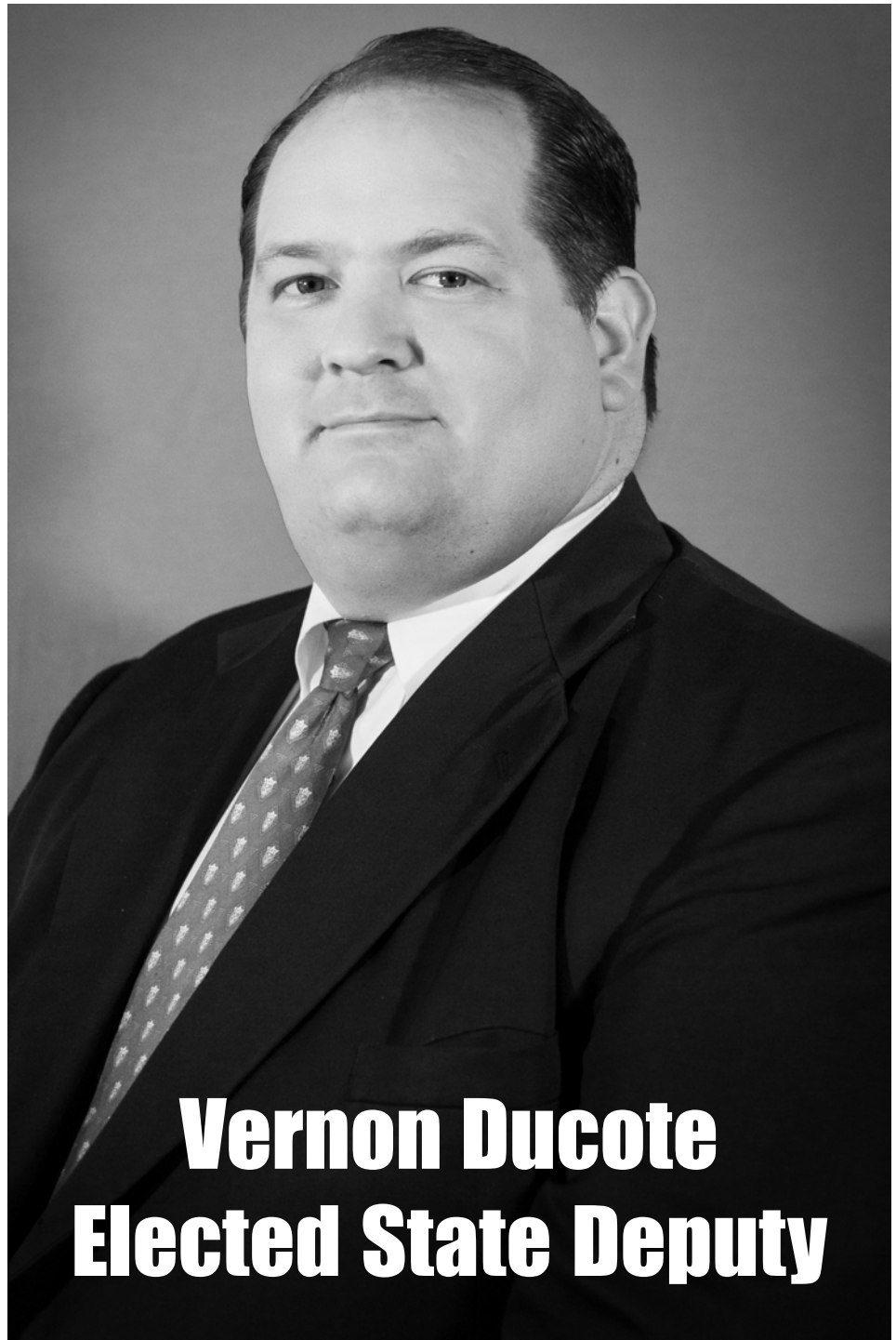


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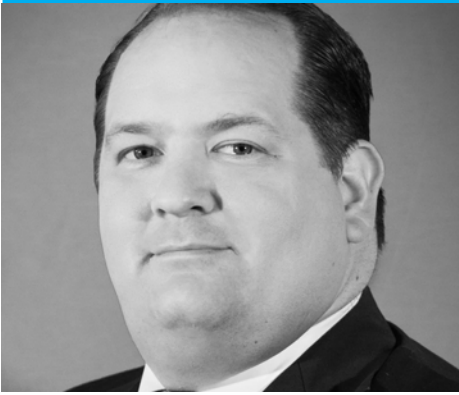


Calendar

- 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 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month State Per Capita Billing Mailed to Financial Secretary*
- July 15 *KCLS, Dutchtown High School Council 8342 Host*
- July 19 *KCLS, Natchitoches Council Council 1357 Host*
- July 26 *Deadline-Service Program Personnel, Form #365*
- August 1 *Deadline - Squire Form #468*
- August 1-7 *SUPREME CONVENTION Orlando, Florida*
- August 8 *Deadline - Order MDF Candy*
- August 9-10 *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*
- 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 1 *Labor Day*
- September 6 *STATE HORSESHOE Tournament Zito Center, Plaquemine*
- September 6 *Major Degree, Houma Council 7355, Host*
- September 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month*
- September 20 *Major Degree, Madisonville Council 15133, Host*
- Sept 26-28 *STATE GOLF Tournament Gray Plantation GC, Lake Charles*
- September 27 *Major Degree, Youngsville Council 6057, Host*
- September 30 *Deadline - Conduct Council Soccer Challenge*
- October 1 *Deadline - PAYMENT STATE PER CAPITA TAX*
- October 3-5 *STATE MDF CAMPAIGN*
- Oct 5-Nov 5 *SILVER ROSE PROGRAM*
- October 10 *Deadline - Payment Supreme Per Capita Tax*
- October 11 *Major Degree, Sulphur Council 8978, Host*
- October 12 *Deadline - Conduct District Soccer Challenge*
- October 13 *Columbus Day Observed*
- October 15 *Deadline - Family of the Month*
- October 27 *Deadline - Conduct Area Soccer Challenge*



Vernon Ducote
Elected State Deputy



Vernon F. Ducote
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First of all, I would like to thank our IPSD John Boudreaux for all the work and effort he has put into the State Council over the last ten years. He has done numerous great things for our state.

It is an honor to have been elected as your State Deputy. We have begun this Fraternal Year on a very positive note and I and all of your State Officers, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies, and all other State Family members are going to work hard at keeping this positive momentum going and strive for the State Council to have a great year!

Tuesday, July 1, we begin a new fraternal year. On June 28, we installed the State Officers, Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies, and Program Director, Paul Gagnet and his chairmen, Membership George Martin and his team. We presented our Membership program and the State Programs for this new fraternal year. Next on the calendar, we have the important seminar known as KCLS. Grand Knights and others will soon be receiving information regarding it very soon. We have two dates for KCLS this year. The first one will be held on July 19 at Dutchtown High School. The second KCLS will be held the next week (July 26) in Natchitoches. The goal of KCLS is to provide the resources and information

needed to ensure that every council will be successful this year. It will also provide information regarding the important programs that the State Council will have this year. We will provide you the resources and information that will help you be successful with membership recruitment and retention. The Cultures of Life couples are invited to attend and our Culture of Life couple, Sam and Arline Mistretta has an awesome program planned for all who attend. Finally, Supreme will have a trainer for Financial Secretaries and Fourth Degree Comptrollers. This training will be only offered at Dutchtown and all Financial Secretaries and Comptrollers need to attend it. It is very important for attendance to be very good at KCLS. The information presented and given there will be a great benefit to the overall well-being of your respective councils.

We have many challenges this year, but, by working together, we will overcome all obstacles be STRONGER TOGETHER. Working together, we will reach our membership and program goals.

In closing, I am very grateful and very excited to be your State Deputy. I am very optimistic about the new fraternal year and what we can achieve. So please come out to KCLS and see for yourselves, I am confident you will not be disappointed.

Vivat Jesus,



Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain
 "Bringing the Light of Christ"

In his address to state deputies at the annual organizational meeting, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori stressed the importance of state leaders to have courage in going forth in their states, jurisdictions and councils and to become "missionary disciples" of Christ.

Three main topics were given in carrying-out this mission: religious freedom, marriage and Pope Francis' "call that we become 'missionary disciples' of Christ."

The supreme chaplain explained that religious freedom and the federal government's HHS mandate has resulted as an appeal to brother Knights, the Order and Catholics in the United States and around the world, to unite with the efforts of bishops to promote and defend Religious Liberty. He encouraged the Order to support and participate in programs such as the Fortnight for Freedom, beginning June 21st and ending on July 4th. This year's theme is "The Freedom to Serve."

Archbishop Lori continued on the topic of marriage, stressing the importance that the sacramental union between a man and woman plays in today's society, as compared with the threat of new state laws that have been passed defending the rights of same-sex marriages. While the HHS mandate

has become a battle and “stoutly resisted,” the greatest domestic threat to religious freedom is that of the redefinition of marriage, the archbishop stated. “There is reason to fear that next year about this time the Supreme Court may declare unconstitutional all laws protecting marriage as between one man and one woman.”

Our response, especially as Knights of Columbus, must be to “be on the front lines” in promoting and defending marriage and family life. The Archbishop echoed the words of the Holy Father, reminding brother Knights how important the family is for the Church, for society and the poor. He charged Knights to reach out to the Order on the local level and councils to strengthen families.

In conclusion, the Supreme Chaplain explained the third part of his talk – Pope Francis’ call that we become missionaries and disciples of Christ. In today’s challenging times of our society, Archbishop Lori thanked the Knights of Columbus, saying that in his role as bishop in the church, he stands “shoulder-to-shoulder with my brother knights as leaders and servants of the Order.”



Joel Ocmand
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My fellow brothers Knights. I am writing to you today for your consideration of continued support of the YEP program. I can only ask your council to do what it can for the support of our youth programs in Louisiana. Quotas/goals are established by formulating a \$10.00 charge for each active member on your council’s roster. Knights of Columbus Council membership numbers are determined at the start of the Columbian year.

Each year the Youth Expansion Program money is spent on the youth of our great state of Louisiana. Our program team has developed many ways to aid the youth of our state. Starting with our own Squires program to develop our future Knights of Columbus members, the CYLA scholarship program honoring our outstanding youth. Donation to the college student centers around the state, financial aid to the Scouting programs, support of St. Mary’s Training Center, Youth Retreats, Pro-Life training, as well as Free-Throw Contest and the Soccer challenge and many more. With each of the council’s support we can not only achieve our goals for the youth programs but also enhance each program.

By reaching your quota or becoming quota plus you are investing in the youth of Louisiana. Our Youth Expansion Program could well be our Youth Investment Program. Thank you in advance for your continued help in this Columbian year. If you have question are need additional information please do not hesitate to call me.

Vivat Jesus,

YEP

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

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\$25,000

FINAL
For Year

\$101,104



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Frank Chase
Community Director
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Brother Knights as we begin this new Fraternal year it is time to review last years achievements. Your council can set plans for new projects and hopefully learn new ways to help the community. The time is now to have a planning session. Survey your local community and search out its needs. Councils work within your council's budget and manpower. Don't be afraid to think outside the box. Be creative! If you want to do bigger projects work in with other nearby councils, Rotary Clubs, V.F.W., Lions Club, etc... Be very visible when working in the community. Your council could wear name tags, shirts, caps, have signs, and publicize the event. Let's get out there and show our K.C. pride and what dedicated knights can do. Make a difference in your community. God Bless America!



Clifton Guillot
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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 Training 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 - 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 or can be purchased at State K of C meetings.

Fundraiser - **St. Mary's Challenge Walk/Run Event:** This is St. Mary's main fundraiser. 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. Address: St. Mary's Training School, P. O. Drawer 7768 Alexandria, Louisiana 71306. Fax 318-449-8520. More information will be published when date is set.

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 23, 2014. Tickets are \$75.00 each and in-

clude dinner. Please contact Megan Vets at 318-445-6443 ext. 2313 to purchase tickets. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. The Paragon will be reserving rooms at a special rate. Don't know the rate 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.*



Arline & Sam Mistretta
Culture of Life Chaircouple
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Arline and I are grateful and excited to have this opportunity to serve you as your new Culture of Life chair couple. We know that building a Culture of Life is a very important effort for the Knights of Columbus. We are humbled by the task before us, but we are confident that we can make a positive difference because we have each brother knight standing with us. We are "stronger together!"

We want to recognize and thank the previous Culture of Life chair couple: Peter and Edna Mae Sahuc for their commitment and service to the

Pro-life cause. We certainly hope to build upon the work that they have faithfully and admirably done for so many years.

We are particularly looking forward to meeting and getting to know the Culture of Life chair couples throughout the state and partnering with them to develop a solid program. To facilitate this, I thought that we would tell you a little about ourselves. Arline and I have been married for nearly 24 years and have two children: Matthew (18 years old) and Nicole (15 years old). I have a Chemical Engineering degree from LSU and conduct scientific research for the Dow Chemical company in Plaquemine. I have been a member of Council 3743 at St. Aloysius Church since 2005 where I have held the positions of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Advocate. I am presently the Program Director and a Trustee for the council. I am also a 4th Degree Knight and a member of Bishop Ott Assembly 2241 where I currently hold the title of Admiral. Arline has an MBA from Nicholls State University, and she is presently the Finance Assistant at St. Aloysius School in Baton Rouge after having been a stay at home mom for 15 years. Arline has been very active in St. Aloysius Parish over the years, and she is presently a reader and chair of the Giving Tree ministry. Our son Matthew is a recent graduate of Catholic High School in Baton Rouge and will be entering LSU in the fall majoring in Civil Engineering. Our daughter Nicole will begin her Sophomore year at St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge.

Obviously, we are presently focused on learning and gaining a deeper understanding of current Knights of Columbus Culture of Life activities in

the state of Louisiana. One of our first tasks is to obtain contact information for the Culture of Life chair couples at each council, so we are asking the Grand Knights to help us in this regard. Our short term plans are oriented toward gaining a deeper understanding of current activities and needs. To help us do that, we are preparing to conduct an anonymous on-line survey. We also intend to reach out to Pro-life leaders in our state to understand their perspectives and identify needs that could be met by the Knights of Columbus.

Abortion is the most heinous attack on human life. Unfortunately, there is more than one moral threat to human life. Therefore, we intend to increase the emphasis on other moral evils. This will be discussed in more detail during KCLS. As our State Program Director Paul Gagnet emphasized during the recent State Family meeting, we must "Plan, Promote, and Participate." So, more to come...

May God bless you and your families.





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“An Act of Love and Hope for God’s Special Citizens”

Let us renew our commitment to the support of this most worthy and just campaign. The Mentally Disabled Citizens Fund Raiser Campaign of 2014-2015 fraternal year. I know The Mentally Disabled Citizens Fund Raiser Campaign will again this year be a huge success. Because of you Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Members of the State Family, with your leadership, dedication and unselfish charitable hearts, you will not let these needy citizens down.

This is the 40th Annual Campaign to Aid Mental Disability Fund. The campaign runs from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. The State Wide Campaign is scheduled for the weekend of October 3, 4, and 5, 2014. At the KCLS you will receive additional information in your packets on this worthy campaign. Please put these dates on your calendars or planning manual.

This year our goal is \$325,000. Last year the total net amount the State raised nearly \$330,000.

If your council needs candy or aprons you must meet with your District Deputy to place your order. Please remember you must send payment for

what you order at the time of your order. This has to be done by August 8, 2014. No phone orders will be accepted.

If your council has not already selected their beneficiary, now is the time to select one. I greatly recommend someone from your Council to take time to visit these beautiful people. It will make all the difference in making your Council’s fund drive a success. Your Council should look into what your beneficiary does with the funds given to them. Ask that they let you know for what the funds are being used and then inform your council membership. Publish your beneficiary donations in your council’s news letter and local newspapers.

Please consider St. Mary’s Residential Training school as your beneficiary. The St. Mary’s mission is to provide every person the opportunity to develop to his or her potential, intellectually, spiritually, mentally, physically, vocationally and socially. St Mary’s help each of the 202 children and young adults, from all over the State of Louisiana, realize greater possibilities and attain higher levels of performance. Add all or a percent 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 Statement Form, there is a line item listing St. Mary’s Residential Training School.

What a great feeling you will have when you take time to have a Fund Drive, and helping God’s special children! “Thanks”



Robert W. Boudreaux
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When State Deputy Vernon Ducote asked if I would serve in his State Family as Council Activity Director, I was a bit hesitant at first, but have taken the additional task to heart.

During our State Family Meeting in late June, Program Director, Paul Gagnet, proclaimed our rallying point.

**Plan.
 Promote.
 Participate.**

And Plan, Promote and Participate is exactly what we plan to do!

First, Councils will need to PLAN their calendar of events for the year.

Second, the Council MUST promote the upcoming event among their members.

And Third, Councils will need to participate in the local, district, area or state function.

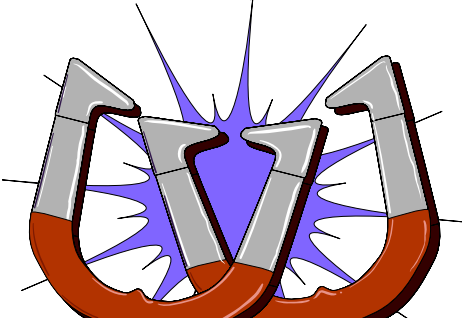
Council Activities will be my main area to PPP, so please consider the following items for your Council’s consideration.

As you can see, all of our remaining 2014 State Events have storied pasts. All we need now if for your Council to PPP!

Entry Forms are available on the state website, and they will also be mailed to all Grand Knights and past participants approximately six weeks before each event.



66th Annual State Softball
August 9-10
Pelican Park, Carencro



42nd Annual State Horseshoe
September 6
Zito Center, Plaquemine



67th Annual State Golf
September 26-27-28
Gray Plantation Golf Course
Lake Charles



9th Annual State Nine Ball
November 8
Fast Eddie's Billards,
Lafayette

State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 109th 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, Worthy Supreme Board Member, 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 Kenner 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, Gerard Thomas 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 Gerard and his Team did an outstanding job.

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 the time spent in New Haven was very enjoyable. Especially Mass at St. Mary's Church where the tomb of Father McGivney is located. 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 Quebec City, Canada and once again, the State Chaplains were also invited to attend. So I was able to spend time with Bishop Herzog. Pris and I truly enjoyed his company. We joined in the celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Quebec City. It was cold and snowing, but it was a wonderful experience.

The ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNALACTIVITY, compiled by the Supreme Council indicates that the

Louisiana Jurisdiction has consistently donated cash annually in various categories of about **\$2.7million** and estimated hours of volunteer service equal to about **2.1** million; Supreme uses a value of \$20 per hour as an economic impact value factor for volunteerism. So the total value of contributions statewide is about **\$45,000,000**. This is an outstanding 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 Covington the last weekend of June 2013. 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 new membership goals and programs. Each State Family Member received all of the presentations on a DVD. 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. The Supreme Council sent Planning Binders for DD's and State Family Members. Abbot Brown from St. Joseph's Seminary and Abbey was our guest speaker at our Banquet. Abbot Brown was very gracious and thanked the Knights of Columbus for their service to God and to the community.

The Knights of Columbus Leadership 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; about 650 attended. We utilized breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Finan-

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State Deputy Report

Kerry Williams Squires Chairman

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Mark Twain once said, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." My name is Kerry Williams, Jr, I am the new Squires Chairman for the 2014-2015 fraternal year. Thank you Worthy State Deputy, Vernon Ducote, for appointing me to this position. I would also like to thank my predecessor, George Martin, for his work as Squires Chairman for the last 4 years. He did an exemplary job! I hope to continue his good works as well as expand the Squires program. It is my fervent belief that without the squires program, The Knights of Columbus will surely die because squires are knights-in-training.

Over the past 32 years, I have coached and mentored youth through sports and after-school programs. My years of coaching has afforded me expertise in youth programming. I have been involved with the squires program for 14 years. My vision for this program is for it to fully encompass its creed of spirituality, intelligence, civic-mindedness, and physicality. With the

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cial Secretaries, in a rotation format. Membership Director, Richard Yandle and his Team, presented our membership goals and ideas of how to achieve the goals. Jose Jimenez, our Supreme MPC, assisted us and also presented a membership power point presentation. Program Director, Vince Whittington 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 also conducted a mini KCLS in Natchitoches for our brother knights in the northern parishes.

Our Mid-Year Meeting was hosted by Area H Coordinator, Larry Comeaux, in Lafayette. We introduced our KC Net TV Station. 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 to grow in membership the second half of the year. We encouraged Corporate Communion, Church Drives, Welcome Back, and serious retention measures to facilitate membership growth.

The Supreme Convention was held in San Antonio, Texas 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. San Antonio weather was extremely hot, but the air conditioning in the hotel worked fine. The Supreme Council focused on Religious Freedom and most of the speakers gave their ideas about Religious Freedom. Many Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests, attended the conven-

tion. Our Delegation was joined by our Associate Chaplain Father Mark Derise. Bishop Provost of the Lake Charles Diocese also attended for the first time. DD Tim Helbling attended as a guest of the Supreme Council for attaining Star District; Brother Tim was recognized at convention and received an award.

MEMBERSHIP is the focal point of every 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. Paul Gagnet, known by all as "Uncle Paul" serves as New Orleans Metro Area Membership Director. Lee Allen Simon serves as our Welcome Back Program Chairman. I am truly grateful to Richard, Uncle Paul, and Lee Allen for your very hard work and your friendship.

DD Albert Schexnayder established a new Council in Harvey, Council 15892, Father Jonathon Parks Council; we have delegates in attendance, so we welcome our newest council to their first convention.

Gerard Thomas and The New Council Development Team are working on several more potential councils that are currently in the development stages. Vicen Alvarez our Ethnic Council Development Chairman has done a great job for us and has two Spanish Councils under development for this year. 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. I am very happy to report that we are on track to attain our membership goals this fraternal year, but we must continue to work hard so that we will achieve

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Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 109th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Kenner, La.

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, May 3rd, 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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George S. Martin
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I want to thank Richard Yandle for his two years of service as Membership Director and all of his membership team for all their hard work. It takes a lot of time and effort to make our State Council as successful as we can be. It takes team work, motivation, passion, effort, and a game plan. Here are the results from 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. These 35 Councils out of 310 Councils in the state, which comes out to 11% who promoted and achieved **ONE MEMBER, PER MONTH, PER COUNCIL**. Here are the successful Councils- 1208, 1286, 1437, 1897, 1905, 2732, 3015, 3634, 3729, 3779, 4156, 4222, 4873, 5755, 6103, 6170, 6326, 6389, 6753, 7350, 7557, 8342, 8442, 8601, 8898, 8901, 9973, 10080, 12072, 12529, 13505, 15006,

15064, 15133, and 15676 “Planned their work, and their plan worked”. **Congratulations on making every effort to achieve their goal!**

Sadly, 89 Councils did not recruit one new member this past year. We missed our intake goal by 57 members, which could have been obtained, just by these Councils recruiting one, new member. Our quota for intake was 1415 and we gained 1358, which is a great effort by the Membership Team. We also had 617 suspended members, 181 withdrawals, giving us a net of 560. We also have 2413 inactive members (members that are suspended, yet have insurance with the Knights of Columbus) that we need to make every effort to contact and find a way to get them back in your Council. Did you know that if you make this happen, you get the member and insurance back as active and it goes toward your numbers for your quota? Finally, but most importantly, we said good bye to 627 Brother Knights as they went onto their eternal rest this past fraternal year. Our prayers go out to their family and we are there to help the Widows and Orphans as we uphold Fr. McGivney’s Dream to help those families in need.

Moving forward, I look forward to this Fraternal Year as we strive for success in recruiting new members, retaining members, and readmitting mem-

bers that are inactive. Every member of the Knights of Columbus is responsible for the continued growth of the order. Numbers are not the sole reason why recruit, but a measure of how we are growing. “Plan your work, and work your plan” has been said for many years, yet we fail to recruit enough members to overcome the deaths, withdrawals, and suspensions of Brother Knights. We need to be “Stronger Together” for more new members to come into the order to become active members in their Councils, Church and Community!

There will be new incentives for Members, Councils, District Deputies, and Field Agents that will recruit, family members, friends, parishioners, leaders in our community, and so many other Catholic Men that deserve to become Brother Knights. When can we recruit? **24/ 7/ 365!** What approach will we take? **ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH!** When can we start? **YESTERDAY!**

“**STAND AS ONE, ONE DREAM, ONE TEAM**” is this year’s theme for recruiting and standing as one as a team to protect Fr. McGivney’s Dream! Please be a team player and attend KCLS and start off the fraternal year on a positive note and get the “**GAME PLAN**” to a successful year!

Vivat Jesus!

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the second and third degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy Vernon Ducote. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
09.06.14	DD Maurice Evans	Council 7355, Houma
09.20.14	DD Bill McCrossen	Council 15133, Madisonville
09.27.14	DD Larry Comeaux	Council 6057, Youngsville
10.04.14	DD Robert Nolan	Council 6326, Denham Springs
10.11.14	DD Brad Picard	Council 8978, Sulphur
10.25.14	DD Matthew Couvillion	Council 4156, Leesville
11.16.14	DD Don Arceneaux	Council 4873, Bossier City



Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	1	3068	New Orleans	8	4
0969	Baton Rouge	7	2	3088	Hessmer	4	-1
0970	Plaquemine	19	2	3091	Westwego	9	-16
1087	Donaldsonville	12	1	3150	Cut Off	14	1
1099	Napoleonville	18	-17	3200	Alexandria	7	3
1108	Shreveport	6	1	3202	Lafayette	9	-5
1114	Thibodaux	22	-3	3208	Lake Charles	8	7
1134	Alexandria	7	6	3246	New Orleans	8	2
1173	Opelousas	4	3	3298	Baton Rouge	6	2
1199	Cottonport	4	-1	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1208	New Iberia	8	16	3353	Oberlin	5	-2
1217	Marksville	11	2	3356	Cecilia	4	6
1276	St. Martinville	8	4	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	8	10	3407	Shreveport	13	7
1317	Houma	11	2	3409	Opelousas	7	1
1337	Monroe	8	4	3411	New Orleans	5	8
1357	Natchitoches	16	3	3425	New Iberia	8	-1
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	9	0
1420	Franklin	5	0	3470	Lafayette	5	1
1425	Jeanerette	4	8	3475	Elton	4	0
1437	New Orleans	19	-13	3496	Port Barre	9	0
1514	Vacherie	15	1	3528	Kenner	6	3
1710	Patterson	12	5	3534	Oakdale	4	-6
1724	Algiers	6	1	3621	Arnaudville	6	2
1745	Eunice	4	10	3622	Moss Bluff	10	1
1754	Ville Platte	6	-1	3634	Norco	17	4
1817	Gramercy	17	-7	3642	West Monroe	8	2
1819	Bogalusa	8	7	3662	Basile	4	0
1897	Rayne	7	18	3729	New Orleans	16	22
1905	Gretna	15	2	3743	Baton Rouge	11	4
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	12	12
1998	New Roads	4	2	3796	St Gabriel	7	4
2012	Jennings	12	9	3854	Harahan	10	5
2142	Plaucheville	5	9	3857	DeRidder	7	8
2150	Morganza	6	-1	3870	Duson	21	0
2281	Abbeville	13	-11	3872	Erath	11	-8
2395	Bunkie	6	5	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	11	-5	4010	Mansura	4	1
2409	Luling	15	3	4023	Leonville	6	-3
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	18	-22
2436	Reserve	8	-11	4085	Baker	7	2
2504	Church Point	10	0	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	16	-11	4156	Leesville	11	-2
2675	Mamou	5	0	4222	Marrero	7	15
2732	Slidell	18	28	4309	Centerville	9	0
2807	Baton Rouge	13	0	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	-10	4508	Metairie	4	2
2875	Port Allen	9	0	4547	New Orleans	4	1
2878	Metairie	10	1	4562	Lake Charles	16	1
2893	Kinder	6	9	4663	Metairie	8	4
2913	Kaplan	8	0	4676	Loreauville	6	-2
2925	New Orleans	6	6	4683	Lafayette	6	3
2952	Hammond	22	-22	4761	Raceland	9	0
2972	Moreauville	5	9	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	13	0
3006	Iowa	8	-2	4818	Zwolle	4	-4
3012	Lake Arthur	10	9	4873	Bossier City	20	25
3014	Creole	7	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	1
3015	Sulphur	11	26	4906	Evangeline	4	2
3048	Bell City	7	0	4927	Parks	6	2
3054	Lockport	16	1	5013	Chauvin	18	3
3055	Gueydan	10	0	5022	Lake Charles	7	0
3061	Covington	9	6	5048	Pine Prairie	4	-4

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8743	Chackbay	8	3	10800	Kraemer	6	3
5111	New Iberia	9	1	8770	Maurice	7	2	10824	Ruston	4	0
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8779	Theriot	11	6	10902	Lydia	4	0
5301	Metairie	4	0	8805	DeQuincy	4	1	10911	Amite	4	6
5345	Lafayette	4	9	8840	Mathews	9	-1	10912	Hammond	24	0
5352	Pierre Part	7	0	8843	Leroy	4	0	11060	Tickfaw	4	0
5461	Cameron	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11061	Labadieville	7	0
5499	Crowley	12	4	8878	Lakeland	9	4	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0
5530	Baton Rouge	8	1	8898	Larose	13	13	11212	Cow Island	4	0
5532	Lawtell	8	-40	8901	Lafayette	12	11	11270	Opelousas	7	7
5627	Independence	7	7	8906	Thibodaux	6	2	11407	Grand Lake	4	-1
5747	Chalmette	16	-14	8932	Bourg	7	1	11491	Mowata	4	0
5755	Westlake	9	10	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5935	Laplace	12	-4	8978	North Sulphur	10	9	11792	New Iberia	4	-1
6057	Youngsville	9	-1	9000	Golden Meadow	10	1	11814	Pearl River	4	3
6103	Vinton	7	12	9007	Metairie	5	11	11857	Vacherie	8	1
6170	Houma	10	13	9016	Baton Rouge	8	0	12060	Thibodaux	7	1
6211	Bayou Vista	5	0	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	4	12061	Many	4	4
6324	Monroe	4	0	9107	New Orleans	8	2	12068	Grosse Tete	4	0
6326	Denham Springs	18	-6	9110	Jennings	4	3	12072	Mandeville	14	6
6357	Belle Chasse	12	2	9217	Belle Deau	4	1	12103	Lecompte	4	2
6369	Avondale	4	0	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12115	New Orleans	4	1
6389	St Amant	10	12	9240	Mandeville	19	-28	12163	Milton	6	-4
6496	Abbeville	4	0	9247	Baton Rouge	8	-17	12179	Morgan City	4	0
6531	Baton Rouge	6	1	9260	Shreveport	7	0	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
6746	Kenner	5	1	9281	Lacassine	5	-1	12245	Franklinton	5	-5
6753	French Settlement	4	17	9294	Echo	4	2	12285	Schriever	8	7
6870	Terrytown	6	4	9338	Houma	7	4	12529	Abita Springs	10	12
6873	Baldwin	5	1	9347	Metairie	5	1	12686	Metairie	5	-7
6958	Carencro	7	3	9384	Marrero	4	2	12906	Covington	8	9
6959	Egan	6	3	9415	New Orleans	4	1	12989	Lacombe	10	-6
7033	Ragley	4	0	9418	Fifth Ward	4	1	12997	New Iberia	7	1
7050	Rynella	6	4	9436	Richard	4	-1	13145	Baton Rouge	4	10
7084	Berwick	4	0	9623	Laplace	7	7	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
7226	Marrero	6	4	9692	Baton Rouge	14	3	13296	Kolin	4	6
7275	Lafayette	13	-3	9753	Tioga	6	1	13349	Waggaman	4	0
7350	Barataria	11	0	9769	Slidell	5	3	13397	Thibodaux	7	0
7355	Houma	13	6	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
7411	Mire	7	1	9933	Luling	8	8	13425	River Ridge	6	1
7557	Broussard	21	-6	9935	Duralde	4	2	13505	Alexandria	4	11
7568	Scott	7	5	9973	Slidell	14	19	13632	Baton Rouge	5	6
7657	Bayou Blue	6	1	10045	Winnfield	24	1	13819	Houma	4	1
7722	Dulac	8	-15	10057	Harvey	4	3	13931	Lake Charles	7	7
7856	StFrancisville	6	2	10080	Zachary	4	12	14542	Lafayette	4	-1
8029	Alexandria	8	3	10156	New Orleans	24	0	14614	Covington	6	-3
8030	Livonia	4	0	10176	Folsom	5	-2	14657	Pineville	4	4
8031	Swartz	4	0	10178	Albany	7	-2	14822	Kenner	6	3
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15006	Lake Charles	6	12
8058	Carlyss	12	2	10269	Fenton	18	0	15064	Baton Rouge	4	12
8147	Gonzales	9	6	10293	Lafayette	15	-14	15133	Madisonville	6	18
8322	Maplewood	7	0	10349	Henderson	4	2	15228	Fishville	4	0
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10428	Eunice	5	2	15390	Marrero	4	-1
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10455	Baton Rouge	10	0	15477	Lafayette	4	0
8342	Prairieville	19	8	10564	Simmesport	4	2	15501	New Orleans	4	6
8371	Amelia	5	-3	10606	Belle Rose	4	1	15615	Amelia	4	3
8438	Campti	15	0	10612	Houma	7	0	15676	New Orleans	4	13
8442	Violet	4	12	10613	Baton Rouge	5	2	15731	Pineville	5	3
8546	Metairie	7	6	10645	Lacombe	5	1	15892	Harvey	0	10
8583	Morse	6	0	10717	Mermentau	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	14	10721	Judice	6	7				
8615	Gretna	9	9	10728	Shreveport	4	-2				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	6	1	10744	Brusly	6	3				
8703	Port Sulphur	5	-1	10745	Cankton	5	0				

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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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help of the Committeemen I have selected, I am confident that we can elevate the program to new heights in membership and participation. I have many ideas for new programs and activities. For example, this year we will begin the year with CSLS (Columbian Squires Leadership Seminar) patterned after KCLS to ensure squires and counselors understand how to do their jobs effectively. For more information regarding the Squires program, state circle events or contact information visit the State Circle website at <http://www.lasquires.org/>

I look forward to working with the state officers, committeemen, counselors, and the squires and their families to keep the program moving forward to new heights because I know the power of teamwork. This endeavor will not be without its challenges but it is my vow to give it my all. So, as Mark Twain said, let's dare to dream an awesome vision of increased activities, membership, and squires becoming knights. Let's explore together those avenues that will make the vision a reality and discover the joy of helping more young men along their path of reaching their full potential.

ESTO DIGNUS!

Make a Friend a Squire



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our membership goals.

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 be encouraged to 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 for the perpetuity of our Order that we insist that every new recruit go through all three degrees. 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 in 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 an outstanding 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.

Our MDF Program 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 14th councils

have donated over \$200,000 statewide and will continue to donate until June 30. MDF Chairman is Lloyd Meyers, Lloyd has dedicated many years serving as MDF Chairman, thank you Lloyd for your dedication and service to the State Council. 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 please continue 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 are very dedicated this most worthy cause. Youth Expansion Program is funded through the generosity of our councils. Each year we provide funds that benefit our Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program, Columbian Squires, Seminarrians, Soccer, Free Throw, youth retreats like Camp Joshua, that has evolved into an awesome program, conducted in Baton Rouge, Ruston, and at Camp Abbey. Vince Whittington chairs this program. Our CYLA Program is one of our most dynamic youth 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. Darrell Ourso is our State CYLA Chairman this year and participated in CYLA when he was a senior in high school. Darrell has done an outstanding job.

Our Columbian Squires Program Chairman, George Martin, has taken a very aggressive role in developing new Squire Circles, recruiting, and creating

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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.



Mathew Massey
Chief Squire

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Hello Worthy State Officers and Knights, as the newly elected Louisiana State Chief Squire I am excited to begin this new fraternal year and introduce myself to you. I am Mathew Massey from Circle 5346 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Houma, Louisiana. I have grown in my faith and developed leadership skills during my two years as Notary of my Circle, and the past year I served as State Sentry. I am also a past Jr. Squire of the Year award winner. I find joy in serving my community and the church in many activities, including being an Altar Server. I am blessed to be homeschooled, along with my sister and two brothers, and will be in 7th grade this new school year.

Since my election at the Squires State Convention on June 1st, I have thought and prayed about the goals for this fraternal year. I have two goals for the Squires this year: 1) I want to grow our Circles, not just in number, but also to inspire increased activity of our current members. 2) I want to continue to cultivate a close relationship between the Squires and the Knights. I have many ideas on how to accomplish these goals, but the first step will be to attend

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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, Darrell Barrios, 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 and this year I am proud to announce that *Charlotte Bradley* from Hammond is the International Winner of the *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest; Charlotte competed against over 2,000 contestants worldwide. We also host kid's soccer and free throw competitions state wide and conduct state finals events that award trophies and prizes to the participants and winners. All of the mentioned programs would not be possible if we did not have our Youth Expansion Program, Kenny Gonzales is our Chairman. YEP provides the necessary funds for all of the youth programs. Through YEP we also provide support to college councils and the seminarians. The State Council also sponsored many sporting events; Softball, Golf, Horse Shoes, Basketball, Bowling, and a 9 Ball Pool Tournament. Ralph Comeaux is our Chairman, great job Ralph. We hosted our annual Gumbo Cook off Contest, the finals held at Grand Knights Day, Judice Council 10721 won 1st place. All of the mentioned events were managed through our state office administrator, Robert Boudreaux. Our State Office Staff provides us with support for all of our State Meetings and State Events. Organization and attention to details is paramount to a successful event and Robert and Susan have, once again risen to the challenge. I am truly grateful to Robert for his loyalty and friendship for many years.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year is under the leadership of District Master Ron Fogarty. Ron worked very hard to foster growth in the fourth degree and to ensure unity between 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 encourage all auxiliaries to start youth auxiliaries. By doing so, we will have an organization for the entire family to join and will be a benefit to their respective Church Parishes and the Knights of Columbus. So no family member will be left behind.

My two years as State Deputy was filled with many challenges as we incorporated new ideas and implemented programs. 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 conducted 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 this fraternal year as well as in past years. I would be remiss in offering my gratitude if I did not thank my lovely wife, Pris for her support, Pris has been a loving wife and travel companion. Pris and I attend many Council Events and also traveled to New Haven and Quebec City Canada. But most of all it is the friend-

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ships that we made with fellow State Deputies that we will enjoy for a very long time. I also very much hold all of the brother knights that have become my dearest friends in very high esteem. I will cherish your friendship for the rest of my life. My Council 7557 has been so gracious to me. My brother knights have never said no to anything that I have asked of them. In fact there were many times when I did not need to ask, they were ready willing and available to assist me with any project or event. I am so honored to be a member of council 7557 and look forward to spending time and working with my brother knights. So I will be bidding you farewell as State Deputy on June 30th, I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served you as State Deputy and I offer my complete support to our next State Deputy and the State Officers.

My dear brother knights, now more than any other time in our lifetime, we need Catholic Unity. Pope Francis, in his 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 Bishops, Priests, Cardinals, and Pope Francis as defenders of the Faith. Every Catholic Church Parish has the opportunity to have a Knights of Columbus Council, Assembly, Squire Circle, Ladies Auxiliary, and Junior Auxiliary. The entire family should have the opportunity to engage in charitable works for the benefit of their church parish and community, with the help of the Knights of Columbus. 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 Pro-

grams, 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 impact in our communities and we will continue to be 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 Michael McGivney, and that God will Bless America!

Vivat Jesus,
Respectfully submitted by,
John F. Boudreaux, State Deputy



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as many Knights of Columbus and Squires events as possible.

These goals will be in mind during the Squires State Planning Meeting which will be held on July 27th. During this meeting we will be planning state wide events that focus on the building of fraternity among the squires and the service of our community. We will also be holding Columbian Squires Leadership Seminars (CSLS) during the month of August in four locations: New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Alexandria. These seminars are meant to inspire and guide our squires, working toward one of my main goals.

In closing I ask you, Worthy Knights, to walk along side me this year and to keep not only me, but all Squires and the Knights who work closely with us, in your prayers. Esto Dignus!

**Plan.
Promote.
Participate.**





Maryhill Renewal Center, founded in 1948 by the Most Reverend Charles P. Greco, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, is now under the leadership of the Most Reverend Ronald P. Herzog, D.D. Easily accessible from major highways, Maryhill is located just northeast of Alexandria, Louisiana. The Center's personalized hospitality and gentle ambiance year-round are accentuated by 186 acres of pine forest with walking paths and stocked lake. Southside accommodations provide 44 rooms, each with a double bed and private bath, along with two partly handicapped-accessible rooms, each with a single bed and private bath. Also on the Southside are two chapels, a dining hall, and comfortable meeting space for groups numbering from 4 to 80. Northside overnight accommodations include 5 dormitory-style sleeping cabins with a total of 80 beds, and the Cedar Building, which consists of 12 rooms, each with 2 single beds and a private shower. Also on the Northside of the lake is the Youth Ministry Center which consists of a meeting room that will seat up to 200 persons, a full commercial kitchen, dining rooms and a pavilion with picnic tables and a barbeque pit. The Northside has its own chapel and, depending on the season, a group can use the in-ground swimming pool and bathhouse. Directed—Provides time for prayer, solitude and guidance from a personal Spiritual Director. This retreat calls for a willingness to discuss one's prayer experience with the Director. Except for the daily meeting with the Director, the time is spent in silence. Preached—Offers two or three daily conferences, Mass, common prayer, and the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and prayerful.

*Maryhill Renewal Center
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*****Please Note***
you will need to bring
your own linens
& towels!**

Knights of Columbus State Wide Retreat

When Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm
thru Sunday late morning dismissal

Where Maryhill Renewal Center
600 Maryhill Road, Pineville, 71360

Dates January 30, 31, February 1, 2015

Brother Knights, NOW is the time to make your plans for JANUARY 2015. If you missed last years RETREAT, you missed the most spiritual weekend with fellow knights.

All information is included in the registration form, including a return address and on-line registration address. Include a \$25 DEPOSIT to hold your space. Each individual is responsible for their registration and deposit.

Please note, everyone will need to bring their own linens & towels.

Cut on dotted line & mail to address as indicated with your deposit of \$25.

Registration for Knights of Columbus Statewide Retreat
 Jan 30,31, Feb 1, 2015 On-Site: \$150 Commuter: \$110.
 Deposit (*Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable*) required with Registration: \$25.00
 Return to: Donald L. Hebert, Sr., 106 Clark Street, Pineville, LA 71360
Make check payable to: Knights of Columbus. Balance due at Check-In.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact Info: _____
 Indicate a specific room request here: _____
 (This is not a guarantee. Rooms will be assigned based upon receipt of deposit in full.)
 Will you be arriving in time for dinner at 6:00pm, Friday evening? Yes No
 Do you have any food allergies or special diet needs? Yes No
 If yes, please provide details on reverse.
 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact: Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 For office use only: Date Deposit Received: _____ Check No.: _____ Amt Deposited: \$ _____

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