

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

August 1 Deadline-SERVICE PROGRAM , Form #365
August 1 Deadline-Squires, Form #468
August 4-5 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Lafayette
August 5 Deadline-ORDERING CANDY, MDF Campaign
August 7-9 SUPREME CONVENTION, Baltimore, Maryland
August 11-12 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Lafayette
August 12 Birthdate of Fr. Michael McGivney
August 15 Deadline-SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT, Form #1295
August 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
August 15 Deadline-Council Order Soccer Challenge Kit
August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
August 25 FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Leesville
Sept 1 Deadline-Squires Semi-Annual Audit, Form #247
Sept 1 Deadline-Parish Roundtable Report, Form #2629
Sept 1 Deadline-Council Order Essay Contest Kit
Sept 1 Deadline-Council Order Substance Abuse Kit
Sept 1 Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight
Sept 3 Labor Day
Sept 8 STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine
Sept 8 STATE CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine
Sept 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Sept 22 FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Shreveport
Sept 29 FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Lafayette
Sept 30 Deadline-Conduct Council Soccer Challenge
October 1-30 Respect Life Month
October 1 **Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA**
October 1 Deadline - Order Keep Christ in Christmas Kit
October 5-7 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Lake Charles
October 5-7 ANNUAL MDF CAMPAIGN
Oct 8 - Nov 12 Silver Rose Program
October 10 Deadline-Payment SUPREME PER CAPITA
October 13 FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Gretna
October 14 Columbus Day Observed
October 15 Deadline-Conduct District Soccer Challenge
October 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
October 30 Deadline - Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge
November 1 Feast of All Saints Day
November 1 CYLA Information Mailed to Grand Knights
November 1 Deadline - Order Free Throw Kits
November 2 Feast of All Souls Day
November 5 National Election Day
November 10 STATE NINE BALL TOURNAMENT, Lafayette
November 11 Veterans Day
November 11 STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE, Baton Rouge
November 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
November 15 Deadline-Diocesan Cook Off
November 22 Thanksgiving
November 30 STATE FAMILY MEETING, Sulphur
December 1 Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight
December 1 Deadline-Council CYLA Chairman to CYLA Chair
Dec 1-2 STATE FAMILY MEETING, Sulphur
December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8 FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Violet
December 10 Deadline-Council Complete Keep Christ in Christmas
December 10 Deadline-Council Complete Essay Contest
December 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
December 15 Deadline-Submit Soccer Participation Form 4567
December 25 Christmas

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Rennan J. Duffour
Elected 56th State Deputy



James F. Riente
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I am writing brief article now as your Immediate Past State Deputy.

First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your State Deputy as well as the various other positions that I was elected over the last eight years. I would also like to thank everyone for their support over the years as I worked hard to fulfill those roles and meet your expectations. I really enjoyed my two terms as State Deputy, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to the Louisiana State Council in the years to come.

While we fell short of some goals during my terms, particularly the Circle of Honor (state-wide membership growth and other goals), we



still achieved other goals. We added new programs to replace others that were in decline over that last several years. I hope that these new programs grow and provide fraternal opportunities long into the future. We came to the aid of Brother Knights and widows during a historic flood that affected much of southeast and southcentral Louisiana. I am very proud of everyone's efforts during that trying time, and boy, what an extensive and successful effort it was. Another achievement which is always and outstanding one is that of the individual Councils across the state that earned Star Council. That achievement at the Council level is a difficult one and should always be mentioned.

There is a lot more information regarding the past fraternal year found in this edition under my State Deputy's Report that was presented at the Convention in May. I encourage you to read it along with the rest of the articles in this edition of your State Newsletter.

I will be catching up on many things that had to be delayed over the years now that I have a little more free time. These include items around the house and travel. Rest assure though, you will still see me at various state and other events.

I am excited about the incoming State Officers, and I am looking forward to a great and fruitful fraternal year under their leadership. They have my full support.

I am available always to help if needed. Just reach out to me and I'll help as best I can as I've tried to do each time in the past.

Thank you once again, and I will see many of you in the future!!!
 Vivat Jesus.



Fr. Jamin David
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Sometimes a prophet is not welcome in his hometown; sometimes his prophecy is not welcomed elsewhere either! While he was in high school, a friend of mine was kicked out of the neighborhood drug store. Apparently when he was younger, he got into all kinds of mischief with the owner of the institution. He stole an ice cream cone once; on another occasion, he upset the owner's dog, causing him to wreak havoc during one of the busiest times of the year. The drug store owner had it and he kicked the young lad out, telling him never to return again. Twelve years later, the one-time boy was visiting his hometown, and don't you know, he had been ordained a priest. So his mom sent him over to fetch something at the same drug store. As he walked in, full Roman collar and all, the owner peered over the counter and said, "I thought I told you to get out!"

Prophets and their prophecies can often be overlooked. When purchasing land to build Walt Disney World, Walt Disney asked a friend for a loan to build his grandiose amusement park. What was his response, "You'll never make money

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State Chaplain Message
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off of such a far-flung idea!” In 1900, Wilbur Wright told his brother Orville that man wouldn’t fly for another fifty years.

Prophets are still rejected today even in our midst. Sometimes we might be the ones who reject the prophets – we’re closed to the insights of others, insights that can open our lives to new and exciting possibilities. Sometimes we might feel like the rejected prophet – our abilities and gifts seem overlooked.

In the Gospels, we read about Jesus beginning to preach on the Sabbath in his hometown synagogue. Mark’s gospel doesn’t tell us what he was preaching about, but Luke’s Gospel does. Jesus was telling them that the prophecy he was reading was being fulfilled in their midst. There was no celebration that day, though. Everyone only has negative things to say. Don’t we know this family? Isn’t he just a carpenter? The people of Jesus’ hometown rebel against the idea that someone so familiar to them could possibly fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. And as a result, Jesus doesn’t work as many miracles there and his community misses out on some potentially great prophecy.



Melvin R. Burrell
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I would like to thank State Deputy James F. Riente, Jr. for choosing me as the Chairman of the Youth Expansion Program (YEP). I would also like to express sincere gratitude to all of the Knight of Columbus (KC) Councils and KC Supporters for their generous donations to the 2017-2018 YEP funds.

As a result of our hard work during the 2017-2018 fraternal years we have made significant strides in funding the Youth Expansion Program. As of July 30, 2018, the councils have donated \$102,184.50 to the State’s Youth Expansion Program. Added to these funds are miscellaneous monies that have been collected this year of \$4,803.00. This now gives us a grand total of \$106,987.50 collected.

I will start to collect donations for the New Year Youth Expansion Program starting on July 1, 2018. This will allow us to be well on our way to reach our goal for 2018-2019 fraternal years to support these trusted programs. It has been a pleasure serving as the YEP chairman this Columbian Year.

In the words of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt “Let’s turn from spectators into participants. He further said that we have much to do to sit on the sideline.” Yes, as Knights of Columbus we have way too much to do to sit on the sidelines and not encourage our Councils to donate to the Youth Expansion Program. These programs not only help the children and young adults in the State of Louisiana but directly in your Council with scholarships, trophies, medals, disaster relief. By becoming active participants in raising money we can drastically change the lives of the children and young adults in the State of Louisiana. Every donation has a significant impact upon the lives of the participants of our programs. Together we can effectively raise enough funds to supplement our programs. Together we can, together we will.

2018
YEP FINAL

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

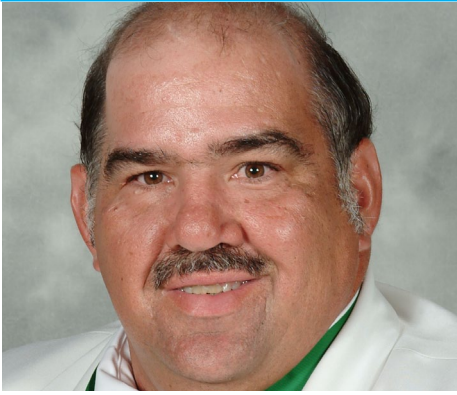
\$50,000

\$25,000

\$106,988



Plan. Promote. Participate.



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There is a brand-new program being rolled out this fraternal year that is designed to pay Catholic School Tuition. The student name will be entered in the drawing. The State Council will conduct 4 drawing a year and the check will be sent to the school of the winner to help supplement the cost of school tuition.

Any existing Brother Knight who has children in a Catholic School in Louisiana in grades K-11 and participates in at least one Council program throughout the year, is eligible to receive one entry per child. Any Brother Knight that has children in a Catholic school that recruits a Brother Knights into a Council is also eligible to get one entry per child in the drawing. In addition, a new Brother Knights that joins a Council between July 1, 2018 and June 2019 regardless if he participated in any Council program and a child in a Catholic School in grades K-11 is eligible to receive two entries per child. There is an entry form that must be completed and returned to our State Youth Activity Chairman. To obtain a form please email chairman- Delmas Forbes at dforbes1@cox.net, call him at 225-939-2980 or go on the State Website

and look on the Youth Page under programs. There will be four (4) drawings a year and each drawing we will announce four (4) lucky winners per drawing and our first drawing will occur in October of 2018. A student can win more the once in a single quarterly drawing. Names of winning students will not be removed from future drawings. Thus, a previous winning student can win future quarterly drawings.



Arline & Sam Mistretta
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On July 1, 2018, Arline and I will step down as State Culture of Life chair couple after four years of serving in this position. Current District Deputy Chris Davis from Council 10728 in Shreveport will take over as State Culture of Life Director. Chris is a pro-life veteran, and he is very involved as a leader in 40 Days for Life and Sidewalk Advocates for Life. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, so we could not be more pleased with this choice.

It is appropriate at this time express our gratitude to God for the people that we have worked with to build a Culture of Life.

First, we want to thank PSD Vernon Decote and State Deputy James Riente for giving us this opportunity to serve. They were very supportive of our efforts and provided us with the resources needed. We have really enjoyed meeting so many dedicated

pro-life people and council chair couples throughout the state. By the grace of God, their energy and drive have fed us in our day-to-day work to save human lives from the moment of conception to natural death.

If you read this newsletter on a regular basis, you know that we have taken advantage of information and resources provided by the USCCB and Diocesan pro-life offices. We want to especially recognize and thank Danielle Van Haute, Debbie Shinskie, and Trista Littell who have each worked closely with us.

Over these four years, we have had an opportunity to work closely with Louisiana Right to Life. This has to be one of the finest pro-life organizations anywhere. They have organized innovative events, and they have been so effective in enabling the passage of pro-life legislation in our state. We strongly encourage everyone to support their efforts through donations and participation in their events. You will definitely see Arline and me at many of their future events.

We are also grateful for the councils who led efforts to obtain ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers in Louisiana through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, as well as all of the councils and individuals who made monetary donations to those efforts. Within the past year, we have worked with Council 8147 in Gonzales, Council 1905 in Gretna, Council 13632 and Council 9016 in Baton Rouge to successfully obtain funding for three ultrasound machines. We are now focused on placing ultrasound machines in north Louisiana, and Chris Davis will be working to make that a reality. Please support these new efforts to save lives.

We are really looking forward to continuing our pro-life work and supporting the new initiatives from Chris. We will keep you in our prayers, and we hope to see many of you at upcoming pro-life events.

Vivat Jesus!

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As I am writing this, it has been almost a month since our state convention where our Past State Deputy, James Riente Jr., rolled out the new eMembership Program. Since then, nearly 30 men have joined our ranks as members of the Knights of Columbus. That is an average of almost one per day. Think about that for a moment. This time next year we can have an extra 365 more brothers in our Order because of Online Membership.

The State Deputy has honored me with the task of contacting these online members and guiding them and assigning them to a specific council. The council will then work with the online member to schedule a first degree after being approved by the assigned council.

It has been a pleasure to speak with these new brothers and find out why and how they have come to join our ranks. Some were never asked, some are recent converts who thought the Knights of Columbus was a great way to do the good works of the Church. Others, may have had difficult work schedules or may have had some disability that kept them from joining the conventional way.

For your part in this I ask that you are out there promoting this new and innovative method of men joining our Order as well as welcoming to those who wish to be assigned to your council. Remember that this is a tool—it does not replace the conventional method of recruitment. However, if you promote the program and follow-up on those assigned to your council, it can be the driving force that puts you over the top at the end of the fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus.



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The 44th Annual Campaign to aid the mentally challenged is scheduled for the weekend of October 5-7, 2018. This year we are changing the M.D.F. Program, and after you read these changes, I am sure that you find it better than before.

First of all “The State Officers and I” have decided to place the M.D.F. Program on the Life Grading Form which councils will have to fill out just as you do on all grading forms. On the Life Grading Form their will be a section for councils to complete, of how much \$\$\$ their council has donate in time and monies to M.D.F. They will need to fill out this form and turn it in to gain

state points, and determine who wins in the three group categories.

The ordering of tootsie roll and aprons will remain the same as in years past. Councils will place their orders with their District Deputy, and pay for tootsie rolls and aprons when ordering.

Brothers starting this year councils “WILL NOT HAVE TO SEND ANY CHECKS TO THE STATE OFFICE”. Brothers your councils will make out their own checks to their beneficiaries. This will also stop all confusion, and mistakes that have happened in the past. Brothers your councils will be on the honor system with M.D.F. just like the councils have been on the honor system for all activities that they do all year, and record them on their grading forms. If councils leave that section blank, or if we do not receive the grading form, then your hard work for M.D.F. will not count, so please fill that grading form out.

I will still require that councils send me the Financial Statement Report Form instead of to the State Office. I am always interested in

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TOURNAMENT
1st Annual Corn Hole Tournament

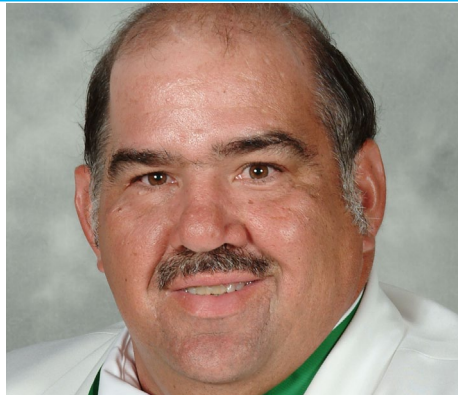
September 8...Zito Center...Plaquemine
Entry Forms on State Website. Enter Today!

seeing where your hard work and monies go to, and in turn I can help mentioning to other councils where they may be able to send their funds to in their area. This will also aid me in tabulating all councils, and determine which councils in each group win their respective group for the awards at State Convention.

I truly feel that this is a very positive change for the M.D.F. Program and many more councils will participate this year. We feel that these changes have been long overdue. In the near future I will be sending out information and M.D.F. Program information to the Grand Knights, and District Deputies, by way of KCLS.

My Brothers I thank you for your continued support, and have a successful M.D.F. Campaign.

Vivat Jesus!



Delmas Forbes
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During our last State Convention in May, Councils who attended the event were given this year's Seminarian Mission Fund packages. For the Councils who were not able to attend the convention their packages were given to their District Deputies and/or Diocesan Administrators.

For several years now, the State Council has tried to conduct a state-wide raffle. The top prize for this raffle is \$5,000.00, 2nd place prize is \$2,500.00, 3rd place prize is 1,000.00, 4th place is \$500.00 and 5th place is \$250.00. Last year, there were three Knights of Columbus Councils that were lucky winners of these prizes, including our top prize of \$5,000.00. This raffle could serve as a great fund raiser. If your council purchases any of these raffle tickets and if any of these tickets are pulled as one of our lucky winners. Every Council that can sell at least 50 tickets will be given four (4) free tickets for every 50 tickets that Councils sells.

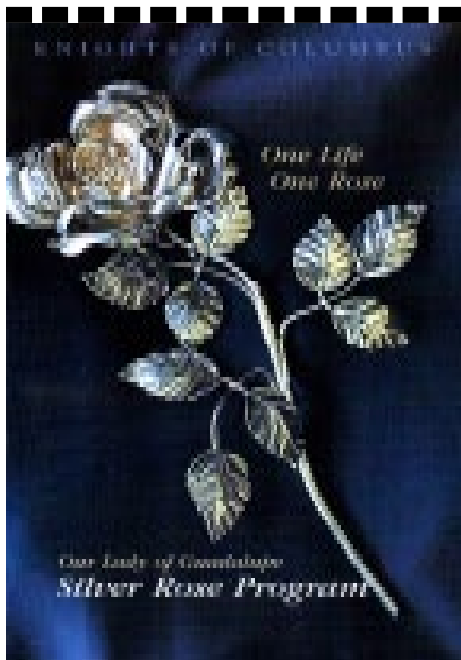
Every year Seminararians from Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College are asked to attend Mission Trips, as part of their priestly formation. All the net proceeds that the State Council generates from our fundraiser is used to financially

support the cost of these Mission Trips. These yearly cost is nearly \$110,000.00.

We encourage every Council to consider participation in this annual fundraiser. We continue to ask Councils to ask permission from their pastors to be able to sell tickets after the weekend Masses. There are some Councils that have been very successful in conducting these church drives. Another way to get your Council to assist with this fundraiser, is ask your Council to consider a financial donation. Some Councils may want to try to conduct another type of fundraiser- for example selling dinner or conducting a church envelope drive.

Recently, the State Council created Online Ticket sells. Any Brother Knight or any person can also now purchase raffle tickets online. All addition charges linked with online sales have been waived. To get to this page- simply click on the program link, then click the Seminary Fund Program link and go to the link just above the picture or click on the following link: <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/seminaryfund/>.

The cost of each raffle ticket is \$5.00 and our drawing will occur on December 2, 2018 in Sulphur. Our goal is to be able to be successful in raising \$50,000.00 and we feel this is areal realistic goal if most Council will embrace the idea of wanting to help the State Council with this fundraiser.



Silver Rose Program
October 8-November 12

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73rd Annual State Bowling
August 4-5 & 11-12
Lafayette Lane...Lafayette



First Annual State Corn Hole
September 8
Zito Center...Plaquemine



46th Annual State Horseshoe
September 8
Zito Center...Plaquemine



71st Annual State Golf
October 5-6-7
Gray Plantation..Lake Charles



13th Annual State Nine Ball
November 10
Max's Pool Hall...Lafayette

State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 113th 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 Officers, Past State Deputies, Fourth Degree Master, Honored Guests, and my brother knights, on behalf of the Convention Committee, I would like to give you a heartfelt welcome to Baton Rouge. I believe you will find your stay enjoyable. Those that attended our social last night enjoyed the crawfish, music, facilities, and most importantly, the fraternalism.

Firstly, I would like to offer my appreciation to our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and all of his Convention Committee Members for a job very well done. The chairing of our Annual Meeting is a very large undertaking and takes many hours of hard work. As always, Vince and his entire team did an outstanding job. Please take a minute to thank them as you encounter them.

I have had a wonderful time serving as your State Deputy over the last two years. Words cannot describe the gratitude I have for that opportunity that you honored me with.

As I did last year, I travelled to New Haven, Connecticut in June where I met with members of the Supreme Council. There, I was trained and given materials at that time in order to start of the new fraternal year in a way that we could achieve our goals. Also, while there, I attended Mass at Saint Mary's Church once again. This church houses Father

McGivney's tomb. In its basement, Father McGivney founded our order. During November, I attended the Mid-Year Meeting for State Deputies in Washington, DC.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Organizational Meeting which was held in Baton Rouge on July 15 and 16. This year, we combined that meeting with our annual Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminars (KCLS) meeting. The State Family gathered with Council Leaders on Saturday to hear what our plans were for this fraternal year regarding membership as well as our programs. On Sunday, we held additional training with the State Family. Also occurring that weekend was the installation of new District Deputies.

As aforementioned, on Saturday, July 15, we held our KCLS meeting. This event was in the town of Geismar. We utilized various breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries. Darryl Barrios, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the chairmen of our various program while Mark Carver, Membership Director, and his team presented our membership goals and numerous ideas of how to achieve them. Also, our Culture of Life Couples were also in attendance where Sam and Arline Mistretta conducted the Culture of Life Session.

In early December, we conducted our Mid-year Meeting in Houma. At that meeting, we checked on our progress regarding membership and informed those in attendance about upcoming programs.

On January 27, we held our

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Brothers, we are truly ending the year on a high note. Recently we were recognized by Special Olympics Louisiana Inc. as a “**PLATINUM SPONSOR**” for 2018 acknowledging our generous support throughout the year. The HIGHEST sponsor level given. Many thanks to all those councils throughout the state for their volunteering efforts, donations and fundraising activities.

We were not done yet. John F. Kennedy council 2952 in Hammond was recognized as the “**OUTSTANDING CIVIC ORGANIZATION**” in the state... a very prestigious honor. CONGRATULATIONS for all your council does for Special Olympics over the years. A well-deserved and well-earned award.

So this was a banner year for the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics in receiving top recognition in two key areas. Let’s hope we can continue our success going into the New Year.

**Special
 Olympics
 Louisiana**



State Deputy Report

Grand Knights Day. We were back in Lafayette this year for this meeting. Our Membership and Program Teams discussed our membership goals and promoted upcoming. We also discussed and emphasized the requirements for Councils to attain the prestigious Star Council award including programs regarding the Domestic Church. That day, we concluded our annual Gumbo Cook-off final and attendees enjoyed Gumbo prepared by winning teams throughout the state.

This year’s Supreme Convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri from August 1 to 3. The elected Delegates and others traveled to it attended along with several of the State Officers. Our Past 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. Everyone who attended had a great time and enjoyed visiting a beautiful city. Many even attended a Cardinals baseball game.

Programs: Programs are a very important and an integral part of the Knights of Columbus. It is through our programs where we find charitable works done by Councils and Brother Knights throughout the state.

Our Program Director, Darryl Barrios, has done a great job this year and his Program Team worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefitted the needy, youth, and seminarians. Our programs also offered sporting and other fraternal events that challenged our brother knights. Our MDF Program, Tommy Ruemker,

Chairman, promoted the raising of funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the state. Each Council that participates chooses the organizations within their communities that they wish to benefit from their hard work and fund raising. As of April 9, councils have donated just over \$185,000 statewide.

Frank Zaeringer is our Special Olympics Chairman once again this year. He continued to be involved with Special Olympics as he has for many years and he continued to work to create an even stronger tie between our Order and that organization.

Our youth programs are solely funded through your Councils’ contributions to the Youth Expansion Program. These youth programs include the following: Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) Program, Columbian Squires, Seminarians, Soccer and Free Throw, youth retreats, and PULSE (formerly Camp Joshua).

Our CYLA Program is one of our largest and most prestigious youth program. It benefits outstanding High School Seniors that have been leaders through their work at school, other organizations, and the Catholic Church. As has been done for many years, our CYLA winners will speak at our convention Banquet. Delmas Forbes has done an outstanding job as the program’s Chairman. Youth Program Chairman, Keith Gros, 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

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Good of the Order

To: The Officers and Members of the 113th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Baton Rouge, La.

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, May 5th, 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

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The 2017/2018 Fraternal Year has come to an end and so has my time as the State Membership Director. I have enjoyed every moment of it, especially getting to know and work with you. This year brought new and exciting challenges for us, especially with the launching of Online Membership. In the begin-

ning, I think many of us were skeptical and concerned whether Online Membership would actually work. But after talking to eMembers and Grand Knights who had eMembers join their councils, I can honestly say that it is a great program. It has already brought several good Catholic men into our Order. I encourage you to promote Online Membership. Promote it on your Facebook Pages, websites, and in your Church bulletins. I appreciate Immediate Past State Deputy James Riente appointing me to serve as State Membership Director. It has been an honor and a great experience. I now look forward to my new role as the State Program Director. Bobby Charpentier will be taking over as the State Membership Director, and he will do a great job. Keep up the great work and have a successful 2018/2019 Fraternal Year!



1st Annual Corn Hole Tournament

September 8...Zito Center...Plaquemine
Entry Forms on State Website. Enter Today!

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

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

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
08.25.18	DD David Parker	Council 4156, Leesville
09.22.18	DD Michael J. Torma	Council 9260, Shreveport
09.29.18	DD John Fruge	Council 1286, Lafayette
10.13.18	DD Arthur L. Newby	Council 1905, Gretna
12.08.18	DD Barnabi Landry	Council 8442, Violet
01.19.19	DD Robert Lachney	Council 14657, Pineville
03.30.19	DD Martin DeSeamus	Council 3642, West Monroe
04.06.19	DD Kenney Matherne	Council 3054, Lockport



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Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	1	3061	Covington	9	4
0969	Baton Rouge	7	12	3068	New Orleans	8	0
0970	Plaquemine	19	16	3088	Hessmer	4	6
1087	Donaldsonville	12	1	3091	Westwego	7	-1
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1108	Shreveport	6	4	3200	Alexandria	6	7
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1337	Monroe	11	21	3411	New Orleans	6	6
1357	Natchitoches	14	4	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	15	46
1420	Franklin	5	0	3470	Lafayette	6	0
1425	Jeanerette	6	8	3475	Elton	11	0
1437	New Orleans	18	4	3496	Port Barre	10	4
1514	Vacherie	15	4	3528	Kenner	6	3
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1724	Algiers	6	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	6	0	3622	Moss Bluff	11	14
1754	Ville Platte	5	2	3634	Norco	19	0
1817	Gramercy	16	-5	3642	West Monroe	9	4
1819	Bogalusa	7	5	3662	Basile	4	11
1897	Rayne	7	0	3729	New Orleans	17	2
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1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	12	6
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2150	Morganza	6	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	9	3	3872	Erath	10	8
2395	Bunkie	7	-4	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	11	13	4010	Mansura	4	2
2409	Luling	15	1	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	16	1
2436	Reserve	7	9	4085	Baker	7	0
2504	Church Point	9	9	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	14	-1	4156	Leesville	12	12
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	-1
2732	Slidell	17	6	4309	Centerville	8	2
2807	Baton Rouge	14	5	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	1	4508	Metairie	5	7
2875	Port Allen	10	-3	4547	New Orleans	4	2
2878	Metairie	8	-4	4562	Lake Charles	13	-1
2893	Kinder	8	3	4663	Metairie	8	9
2913	Kaplan	9	4	4676	Loreauville	6	-1
2925	New Orleans	6	-4	4683	Lafayette	5	0
2952	Hammond	18	-4	4761	Raceland	8	0
2972	Moreauville	6	-12	4787	Hathaway	6	2
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	13	-3
3006	Iowa	8	4	4818	Zwolle	4	2
3012	Lake Arthur	9	4	4873	Bossier City	23	20
3014	Creole	9	3	4874	Ponchatoula	12	2
3015	Sulphur	11	-17	4906	Evangeline	4	0
3048	Bell City	7	3	4927	Parks	6	2
3054	Lockport	12	-3	5013	Chauvin	19	2
3055	Gueydan	9	1	5022	Lake Charles	7	0

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5048	Pine Prairie	4	-2	8843	Leroy	4	5	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11792	New Iberia	4	-1
5111	New Iberia	8	0	8878	Lakeland	12	-4	11814	Pearl River	4	1
5166	Delcambre	7	2	8898	Larose	16	2	11857	Vacherie	8	0
5301	Metairie	4	6	8901	Lafayette	12	6	12060	Thibodaux	8	2
5345	Lafayette	4	1	8906	Thibodaux	7	7	12061	Many	4	1
5352	Pierre Part	5	0	8932	Bourg	8	-1	12068	Grosse Tete	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	12072	Mandeville	13	11
5499	Crowley	11	4	8978	North Sulphur	11	-4	12103	Lecompte	4	1
5530	Baton Rouge	8	9	9000	Golden Meadow	10	2	12115	New Orleans	4	0
5532	Lawtell	5	7	9007	Metairie	6	2	12163	Milton	5	3
5627	Independence	8	0	9016	Baton Rouge	7	-5	12179	Morgan City	4	0
5747	Chalmette	14	1	9085	Barksdale AFB	5	-13	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
5755	Westlake	10	-8	9107	New Orleans	7	2	12245	Franklinton	5	-9
5935	Laplace	11	3	9110	Jennings	4	0	12285	Schriever	9	-18
6057	Youngsville	9	2	9217	Belle Deau	4	5	12529	Abita Springs	12	-7
6103	Vinton	10	6	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12686	Metairie	5	2
6170	Houma	11	3	9240	Mandeville	17	9	12906	Covington	12	7
6211	Bayou Vista	6	3	9247	Baton Rouge	9	9	12989	Lacombe	10	13
6324	Monroe	4	0	9260	Shreveport	8	1	12997	New Iberia	9	3
6326	Denham Springs	17	6	9281	Lacassine	5	1	13145	Baton Rouge	4	-6
6357	Belle Chasse	11	5	9294	Echo	4	0	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
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6870	Terrytown	6	-5	9623	Laplace	10	24	13632	Baton Rouge	5	-5
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7722	Dulac	7	0	10293	Lafayette	14	7	15676	New Orleans	5	5
7856	St Francisville	6	-6	10349	Henderson	4	2	15731	Pineville	4	0
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8779	Theriot	12	17	11270	Opelousas	7	-2				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11407	Grand Lake	4	9				
8840	Mathews	7	0	11491	Mowata	4	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 schoolstudents. 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

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Brothers here are some updates on St. Mary's that you will find very interesting, and will make you glad that we are a part of St. Mary's love and growth.

During this past year M.D.F. Campaign, the councils from all over the state of Louisiana have raised \$25,501.00 to help toward St. Mary's construction of fifteen group homes. I am pleased to tell you that construction is becoming a reality. This past June 28th 2018, St. Mary's hosted the ground breaking ceremony to begin construction. All fifteen group homes will be constructed and ready for the residents to move in a little over one year from now. Brothers I want to thank you for your hard work in supporting St. Mary's, and please continue to help God's special children.

St. Mary's Challenge Walk was held on April 26, 2018, in Downtown Alexandria. For many years, the Challenge Walk has been a hallmark event to not only help raise funding, but also bring awareness for St. Mary's program and the impact they make in communities all across the state of Louisiana. St. Mary's walk Planning committee did a wonderful job to make sure this year's event was bigger than ever before! In addition to the competitive 5K and the 1 Mile Fun Run, St. Mary's transforms the Fulton Mini Park in Downtown Alexandria into a street fair filled with family activities, games, and live entertainment throughout the day.

This year St. Mary's will host the Greco Bowl again on September 19,

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International winners in Posters and Essays over the years. 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 Chairman, Melvin Burrell, working to promote YEP. Through YEP we also provide support to college Catholic Student centers and the Seminaries. The State Council also coordinated the following fraternal events: Golf, Horse Shoes, Bowling, and a Nine-Ball Pool Tournament. This year, we added a Barbeque Competition that was conducted at KCLS. We also added a Disc Golf Tournament which was held in April. Robert Boudreaux has the role as Council Activity Chairman this year and has done a great job once again. He has competed this role this in addition to his role as our State Office Administrator.

Membership: We remained focused on membership throughout the year. Each and every one of us is responsible for giving every Catholic male the opportunity to be part of our great order. Your Membership Director, Mark Carver, and his team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at every opportunity they could. Unfortunately, we are behind on our annual goal, but we could still reach it by the end of the Fraternal Year. Being behind as a state indicates that many Councils are behind in their annual goals. Each of us must take on the responsibility of recruiting to ensure that our wonderful order grows and continues in the future. Without members, we cannot impact the areas in which we serve as well

as each other. Please work to ensure every Catholic male is given the opportunity to be a Brother Knight.

Ceremonials is an integral part of our Membership Team and our Order, every new member must go through an Initiation Degree. The emphasis continued to be that each member should go through the Formation and Knighthood Degrees. Our Ceremonials Chairman is Bobby Charpentier and he brings years of experience to Ceremonials. I am thankful for his support and enthusiasm. We have major Degree Teams throughout our State, and each of our six teams delivers outstanding ceremonies to its candidates. We have had several visits by Joe Benke, a Field Director for Ceremonials for Supreme, to evaluate the team's performance and he has rated the teams as doing an outstanding job each time. I want to thank all those members that serve on the various teams throughout the state. I also wish to also thank the numerous Conferring Officers for their service and dedication.

Robert Boudreaux and Susan Camel comprise our State Office Staff. They provide support for all of our State Meetings including this Convention as well as many other administrative needs throughout the year. Organization and attention to details is paramount to a successful event and Robert and Susan have, once again, met the challenge. I would like to express my gratitude for all that both of them do to help ensure this jurisdiction's success.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year continued to grow under the

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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 July/August 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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The State Deputy has asked that I be the director for council officer training. Being a leader in a council can at times be a daunting task. Because of this, Supreme has created a series of training videos to help council officers not only know their jobs but the duties of those around them.

To encourage councils to take these courses, the State Deputy has allowed that those councils who provide proof of taking their courses may earn bonus points toward the State Deputy's Award.

Most of these courses can be taken through your Officers Online portal with Supreme. However, some webinars can be accessed without it by searching on Supreme's website.

Please be sure to discuss this with your DD's and ensure you go to KCLS and Grand Knight's Day in order to learn more. You can also email me if you have any questions at: curtisc@tpsd.org

Vivat Jesus.



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leadership of our District Master, Warren Deemer. District Master Warren and I once again shared many goals. These include the growth in the Fourth Degree (and Order as a whole) and to ensure unity between respective Councils and Assemblies. District Master Warren (or a member of his staff) has been at our Formation and Knighthood Degrees to promote membership in the Patriotic Degree. He has held promotional meetings and exemplifications throughout this fraternal year as well as the District's Biennial Meeting earlier this year.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association (LLAA) continue to work together to support the Knights of Columbus throughout Louisiana. Their President, Cheryl Thomas, has done an outstanding job and has attended our State Family Meetings and other events to promote the Association.

Throughout these past two years, I enjoyed the cooperation and teamwork of my State Officers. I am thankful for the support that I have received by them, the State Family, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators, Membership Team, and Program Team. Everyone have taken on their respective responsibilities and performed well throughout the year. I would like to also acknowledge the Past State Deputies for their support and valued advice and guidance this fraternal year as well as past years.

Also this year, a new State Chaplain was appointed. He is Father Jamin David. He currently serves as pastor of St. Margaret Queen of Scotland in Albany. He has taken to this new role and has done an outstanding job. I hope each

of you get to visit with him over the weekend. We are fortunate as a state to have him. I wish to thank him for taking on this office.

I would also like to thank my wife Ami for all her love, support, and understanding of the times that I was not able to spend time with her due to my duties taking me away.

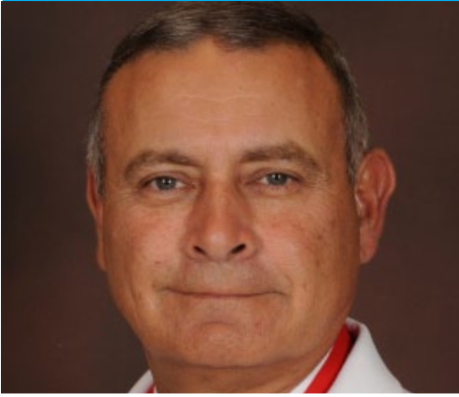
Our motto this year continued to be 'Faith in Action.' All of us working together display that with our impact in the areas of our Church, Community, and Youth to name just a few. We, as Knights of Columbus (and Squires and Auxiliaries), have had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on the thousands of lives that we touch. I ask each and every member of the Knights of Columbus to continue to work extra hard for the remaining two months of this fraternal year by recruiting new members and bringing this year's programs to a close. Without new members, our good works may not be able to continue at their current level in the future.

For so many years, I have been blessed by all your support. I continue to pray that God will bless all of your families and keep you in good health. I also pray that God will continue to bless the Knights of Columbus as well and the United States of America!

Vivat Jesus



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As we close out this fraternal year of 2017-2018, I would have to say it was again a successful year for the youth of Louisiana and our Knight of Columbus. This could have not been made possible without the assistance of all our Worthy Brother Knights who spread the word around the communities in which we live to cause the interest and activity. At each level competition was keen. We recognized many talented participants as we went thru our KofC Youth Activities. Although only a select few could be winners in each category they were all winners for taking the challenge of the competition Soccer, Poster, Essay, Free Throw contest etc.

I would like to again say and offer a Hearty Thanks!! to all the Worthy Brother Knights who assisted in one way or another with our State Youth Activities.

Many things have changed for us this year and I have moved on as the State Family Director for this fraternal year 2018-2019. I look forward to serving and assisting everyone who will be in need of assistance.

Wishing everyone a great 2018-2019 Fraternal year!

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2018, in Alexandria. This fund raiser is very successful every year also. Chef John Folse, will be preparing a wonderful meal and I am sure that they will have a silent auction as in the past. Seating will be limited so if you wish to attend, go to St. Mary's web-site, and order your ticket. Last year St. Mary raised forty thousand dollars during their Greco Bowl.

Brothers, St. Mary's wrote this statement to all of the councils who have supported them this past fraternal year. Thank you so much for your commitment to our mission at St. Mary's. We truly wouldn't be able to accomplish what we do for these special individuals with developmentally disabilities without partnerships like the one we have with you, your councils, and the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

Divine Mercy
Council 14822
Hard @ Work

The Knights of Columbus at Divine Mercy Parish in Kenner, Louisiana really got to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday properly. Everything came together for a wonderful day of service to our Parish in a way that just doesn't happen every day.

Little bit of background here is that our Pastor, Father David DuFour, is very supportive and strongly encourages any activity that foster community and togetherness. So the Knights at Divine Mercy sponsor "Donut Sundays" for the entire Parish. The second Sunday of every other month, the Knights provide free coffee and donuts for the entire Parish - after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. masses. And we always do them in the Parish Community Center.

Father David loves nothing more than having ALL of the Parishioners sitting down together and chatting after mass - often with someone new - and building/maintaining a true sense of community.

So, this recent Divine Mercy Sunday became a wonderful day for our Church, our Parish (we are Divine Mercy Parish of course) and the Knights. Since it was the second Sunday of the month, we had our

regular every other month Donut Sunday. Free coffee, white and chocolate milk for the kids and of course donuts. That was just after the 8:30 and 10:30 am. masses. Always well attended and very popular.

Then, because it was Divine Mercy Sunday, there was an additional opportunity to worship starting at noon. And of course, it was more important and special (at least to us) because we are Divine Mercy Parish. Father David had asked the Knights to provide a free lunch for the entire Parish. So we did. The ceremony started at noon and ended with a procession around the entire Church property with everyone participating going to our Parish Community Center for lunch, close to 2:00 p.m.

The only downside is that most of the Knights were busy preparing for the lunch and so were not able to participate in the actual Divine Mercy celebration - we have not been able to figure out how to do both.

It was a wonderful day. The Knights engaging in service to the Church as a whole and to our Parish of Divine Mercy in particular. And it was pretty much an all day affair. It's just what we do.





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Knights of Columbus**



**Grand Knight, Membership Director,
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Culture of Life Chaircouple are Encouraged to Attend!!**

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**Knights of Columbus Leadership School
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018
Dutchtown High School
Geismar, Louisiana**

**Officer Training & Bar-B-Q Cook-Off Finals.
Plan to Attend & Encourage Council Participation!**





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 David Talley, 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
For More Information,
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***** Please Note ***
you will need to bring
your own towels
& toiletries!**

Knights of Columbus State Wide Retreat

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

Where Maryhill Renewal Center
600 Maryhill Road, Pineville, 71360

Dates January 11-12-13, 2019

Starts on Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm and runs thru Sunday late morning.

This is a directed retreat led by Fr. Chad Partain. Ample time is provided for individual reflection. (This is NOT a silent retreat.)

Join with Brother Knights from around the state and enjoy fraternity, prayer, daily Mass and learn more about our faith. Bring your Rosary and take the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and prayerful.

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

Please note, everyone will need to bring their own towels and toiletries.

Registration for Knights of Columbus Statewide Retreat
January 11-12-13, 2019
 On-Site Single: \$200 On-Site Double: \$175 Commuter: \$110.
 Deposit (*Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable*) required with Registration: \$25.00
 Return to: Stephen Hart, 123 Iroquois Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420
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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