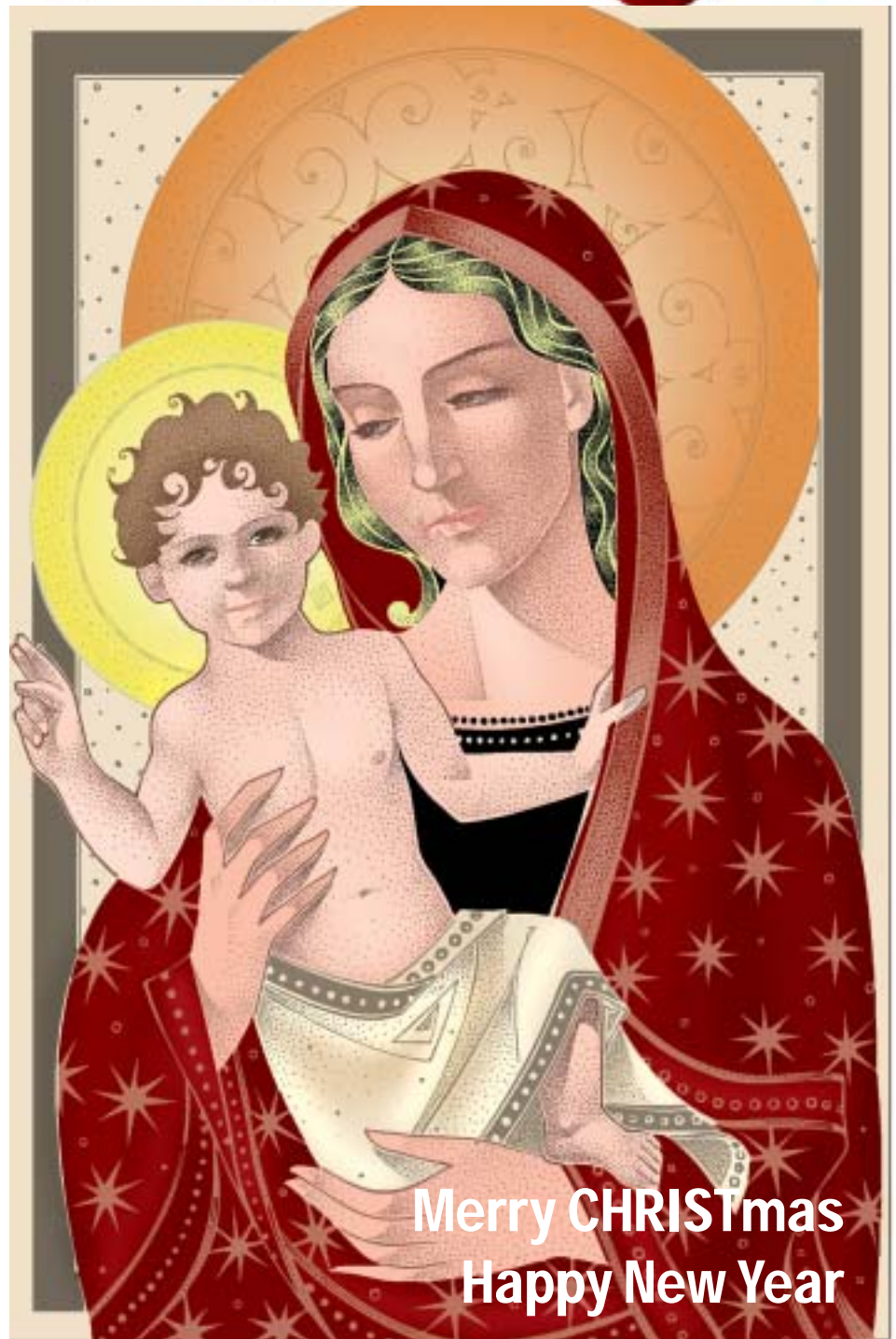


Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- January 10 *Deadline-Payment Supreme Catholic Advertising*
- January 11 *Deadline-Council Substance Abuse Poster Competition*
- January 15 *State Per Capita Mailed to FS*
- January 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- Jan 16-18 *State Retreat, Maryhill Retreat Center, Pineville*
- January 25 *Grand Knights Day, Lafayette*
- January 25 *State Cook-Off, Lafayette*
- January 25 *Parade of Councils, Lafayette*
- January 31 *Deadline-Fraternal Activity Survey, Form #1728*
- January 31 *Deadline-Free Throw Participation, Form #FT1*
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Free Throw Contest Completed*
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Substance Abuse Poster Contest*
- February 2 *Deadline-CYLA Council Winners to Area Coordinator*
- February 5 *Deadline-Council Substance Abuse Poster to Area Coord.*
- February 7 *Deadline-Submit Substance Abuse Poster to State Youth Dir*
- Feb 7-8 *State Bowling Tournament, Acadiana Lanes, Lafayette*
- Feb 14-15 *State Bowling Tournament, Acadiana Lanes, Lafayette*
- February 15 *Deadline-Semi-Annual Council Audit, Form #1295*
- February 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- February 15 *Deadline-District Free Throw Contest Completed*
- Feb 21-22 *State Bowling Tournament, Acadiana Lanes, Lafayette*
- February 24 *Deadline-Submit Area KC Adult Free Throw Winners to State*
- February 24 *Mardi Gras*
- February 25 *Ash Wednesday*
- February 28 *Deadline-PSD Award Nomination*
- March 1 *Deadline-Submit Articles & Photos for Louisiana Knight*
- March 1 *Deadline-Area Free Throw Contest Completed*
- March 1 *Deadline-Area Substance Abuse Poster Winners to State*
- March 3 *Deadline-CYLA Area Winners to CYLA Chairman*
- March 7-8 *State Basketball Tournament, Metairie*
- March 8 *State KC Adult Free Throw Contest, Delta Gym, Metairie*
- March 14 *State Youth Free Throw Contest*
- March 15 *Teurlings High, Lafayette*
- March 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*



Merry CHRISTmas
Happy New Year



State Deputy Ben Davidson
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End. Start.

Our Calendar year is about to END, but our fraternal year is only half over. As we look back over the past six months we realize that our State has suffered two storms and a slow economy. We are thankful that our people can survive and continue to function against many obstacles. I am proud of the way our Brother Knights have stepped forward and helped those in need. We have several Councils that have lost their homes, but knowing my Cajun Brothers, I know they will find a way to continue to function.

Christmas is the Birth of Jesus Our Savior and this Christmas season we can count our blessings that we have received this past year. As Knights of Columbus you have spoken up for those who cannot speak for themselves. You have been able to prepare and deliver food baskets, to repair our Parish churches, Council Homes and our Brothers Houses. You have continued to be the back bone for our Parish Churches. You have conducted events for our youth. You have raised funds for people with Mental Disability. Yes, we have been blessed.

As our Year 2008 ENDS we can be proud of what we have been able to accomplish, but now is the time

to START planning for next year. With proper planning, we can accomplish even more this coming year of 2009. We need to start our planning for our spring Blitz. With an increase in membership we will be able to accomplish much more for our Church, Community and our Youth. Yes, new members bring new and fresh ideas.

Plan now for our spring programs. Support our Youth Expansion Program that funds the many youth programs, such as the Catholic Youth Leadership Award, Poster Contest, Student Centers and Free Throw. Continue to support our Church and Parishes, Pray for Vocations and help our Seminarians. Support the many Community programs in your area. Don't forget to plan events and programs for our Council and our families. Take part in the State Athletic Events, the Bowling, Basketball and Adult Free Throw Contests. Yes, a little planning now can make for an active spring and Council.

As we END this year and START a new year our wish is for A MERRY and HOLY CHRISTMAS to all and A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Remember to SMILE!
 VIVAT JESUS!!



smile

service. membership. involvement. leadership. enthusiasm.

SMILE is the official moniker for State Deputy Ben Davidson. Davidson noted the importance of the five items in the success of local councils, as well as the State Council. For additional information on the current administration, contact the State Office in Lafayette.



State Chaplain Joseph Susi
 msgrjsusi@suddenlink.net

When the Knights of Columbus Board members met the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican in Rome during a private audience on the 3rd day of October in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight they were privileged to enter a special guest room for outstanding dignitaries and special groups.

The Pope welcomed the Knights with outstretched hands and special blessings. He was overjoyed to see them and greeted them with beautiful words, and thoughts about his recent trip to the United States. He recalled that he was amazed to see so many 4th Degree Knights in their outstanding regalia. He saw the beautiful bell tower donated by the Knights at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and was deeply touched by the beautiful paintings completing the Shrine Chapel after so many years of waiting.

The Board was able to observe the many repairs made by the Knights these past few years at the Vatican. It was during the reigns of the late Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II that most of this came about.

Then the Pope turned his thoughts to this year, dedicated to St. Paul. He asked the Knights to read a chapter every day from the Bible and learn what he had to say.

Finally, the Pope had a phrase ready for the Knights to reflect on because he was certain that Venerable Michael McGivney must have read and reflected on it, too. The words he selected were: "We are called to Holiness", from St. Paul to the Romans of his time.

He believes that Venerable McGivney used these words or had them in mind when he was inspired to form an order of Knights to be a fraternal association of Christian laymen and leaders to do charitable works and be in concrete solidarity with the successor of St. Peter in his ministry to the Universal Church. As a result, our Order has given to the Holy See during the reigns of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II and our present Pope Benedict XVI \$44.8 million for the "Vicarious Christi Fund".

In addition, the 13,485 plus Councils have given \$1.8 million for the increase of vocations. Since the start of RSVP groups in 1981, a total of \$41 million has enabled nearly 66,000 men and women to pursue their vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The Holy Father told the Knights he heard of many, many other works of charity performed by the Knights by listening to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on Mother Angelica's EWTN.

Our Holy Father concluded by calling the Knights dear friends, and asked them to convey to all Knights of Columbus his Apostolic Blessings and good wishes for being outstanding Catholic men and continue to remember him and the Church. He said we all received a wonderful gift when we became a Knight and that we should continue to pray the beautiful rosary at all of our Council meetings and conventions.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



James Riente
Y.E.P. Chairman
 jriente@yahoo.com

It is hard for me to believe that the beginning of a new year is right around the corner. One Sunday in every January is "Grand Knight's Day." One of the various events that occur that day is the 'Parade of Councils' where many present their Youth Expansion Program donation for this fraternal year. I look forward to seeing each of you there on that important day.

These council YEP donations are the lifeblood for the entire youth program. Without your council's donation, the youth programs in the state would not exist as we know them. Council donations account for over 95% of the funds spent supporting the worthwhile programs contained in our youth program as a whole. If we do not receive the funding needed, some of these programs may have to be reduced or eliminated. This would be heartbreaking to say the least. The main reason being is that these programs directly benefit the youth in our state.

Our youth programs that the YEP funds includes recognizing our youth for their outstanding leader-

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YEP

\$150,000

\$125,000

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ship (CYLA), helping to provide them a Catholic program at universities through donations to Catholic student centers, and providing athletic events to them such as the Free Throw and Soccer Competitions. These are only a few of the many youth programs in the state. Coupled with the losses that the youth would have would be our losses of being visible in the church and civic communities as well as the exposure of our wonderful organization to families with children.

I would like to assure everyone that all of their council's donations directly benefit the youth of this state through our State Council supported youth programs and that all of these funds remain in the state. I ask all councils throughout Louisiana contribute their Y.E.P. quota. Your quota is what is needed to fully support and expand these programs. If circumstances do not allow you to donate full quota, please contribute as much as you can.

We are beginning to rise more and more toward our goal. I look forward to the very large jump that we will see at the conclusion of Grand Knight's Day and I look forward to it exceeding the goal.

If you ever have any questions about this program, would like information that can be used in your council's discussions, or would like me to attend a meeting in order to discuss this program, please do not hesitate to contact me.



John Boudreaux
State Treasurer
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Pris and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and share with you in the hope of a prosperous and blessed New Year.

A few weeks ago, at our December State Family Meeting, we introduced a new membership program,

"Welcome Back," this is a state-wide initiative offered by the Brother Knights of the Louisiana State Council. We have acquired over 16,000 prospects of "in-active," and suspended members of the State Council. We intend to send out letters to 10,000 prospects over a period of time beginning in early January. *Please read the letter inserted in this publication of the Louisiana Knight.* Included with the letter will be a questionnaire that the prospect can fill out or he will be able to go to our website and fill out the questionnaire on line. Each prospect will go through a screening process to find a phone number and to ensure that the address is accurate. Please help us if you are called upon to do so. Once the initial mail out of about 3,000 is done, we will have teams contact each prospect to follow up with the letter. Each council in Louisiana has prospects on this master list. Your Area Coordinators have a CD with this information and can share it with each council. Every brother knight shares the responsi-

bility of membership, *recruit, retain, reinstate.*

My dear brothers, in order for this program to be successful we must change our mind set. We are members of the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. We should be proud of our heritage and should feel a significant loss when we lose a member. In order for this to come about, we need to learn more about The Knights of Columbus and The Catholic Church. Our Supreme Council has an abundance of information available to us. Go to kofc.org, and you will find new programs that are really great. Some of the programs are **Fathers for Good** and **Headline Bistro**.

Fathers for Good, is designed to help fathers and husbands migrate through the turbulent waters of everyday life and offer advice and encouragement to fathers in matters of faith, daily trials, and future obstacles. It will certainly help us to deal with the age disparity of our membership, enticing younger Catholic men to join our Order. Here is an excerpt from *Fathers for Good*: "*Love your wives as Christ loves His Church, (Ephesians 5:25) that's a tall order, but your sons will relate to women in much the same way you relate to your wife; and your daughters will learn from your example what to desire and expect from men.*" Take time to log on and do a little reading, you will really enjoy this web site.

Headline Bistro offers Catholic news and a lot of information about what is currently happening worldwide in the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. We are in the process of updating our website, louisianakofc.org; we hope to offer "Headline Bistro, LA." providing current news about the State Council, council activities, a calen-

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dar of events, and much more information that we can update regularly. Most of you receive Columbia Magazine. There are always great articles and a wealth of information found in this publication, please use this magazine to broaden your knowledge about the Knights of Columbus, along with the information that you can gather from websites, kofc.org and louisianakofc.org.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict the XVI visited the U.S. this year and he encourages us to live a wholesome Catholic Family life, protecting life from conception to natural death and to EVANGELIZE.

When we “Welcome Back,” brother knights and retain our members, when we learn more about our Faith and the Knights of Columbus we are preparing ourselves to evangelize. When we live our lives as faithful Catholics we are setting an example for others to emulate. All of this is EVANGELIZING.

In closing, dear brothers, our founder Father Michael McGivney, the venerable servant of God, and the founding fathers of the Knights of Columbus, as well as Knights before us left us a very rich heritage, they fought in wars and are currently fighting, fought for the dignity of life, help to train our war hero’s to enter the work force, our founding fathers and brother knights before us did not follow history, they created history! Will we create history? I believe we will, together. Please work with us in the “Welcome Back” program.

God bless you and Vivat Jesus,



Stephen Hart
Acompano Chairman
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The New Acompano Raffle

Each year, the first year seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and Notre Dame Staff spend 8 days with the people of Nicaragua. This year’s trip will take place from January 2 through January 10, 2009.

The Knights of Columbus hold an annual Acompano Raffle to raise funds to help pay for the seminarians’ trip. Fr. Jose Lavastida, Rector of Notre Dame Seminary, says that the trip costs between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The proceeds from our raffle provide a large portion of these funds.

Ticket prices again this year will be \$5 per ticket. The winning tickets will be drawn at the State Convention on Saturday, May 2, 2009 rather than Grand Knights Day in January. This will allow more time to sell tickets and hopefully provide more money to the Seminary for the trip. Another change this year will be merchandise prizes rather than money prizes. The ten prizes (and their approximate value) are as follows:

- 1st prize – 7 Day All Expense Paid Carnival Cruise (\$2500)
- 2nd prize – 42” TV (\$1200)
- 3rd prize – Men’s Watch (\$750)
- 4th prize – Sporting Goods Gift Certificate (\$500)
- 5th prize – Women’s Necklace (\$450)
- 6th prize – Wii Game System (\$300)
- 7th prize – Digital Camera (\$250)
- 8th prize – GPS Device (\$250)
- 9th prize – iPod Nano (\$180)
- 10th prize – Charcoal Smoker (\$75)

The total value of the prizes is \$6,455.

The District Deputies were provided with packets of tickets for each Council at the State Family Meeting the weekend of Dec. 5-7. Each Council will be given 80 tickets. Area Coordinators also have extra tickets in the event a Council needs more.

Money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets should be sent to Stephen Hart, 123 Iroquois Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420. All money and tickets should be turned in no later than April 15, 2009. We are asking that each Council collect for the tickets and write a Council check for the total amount of tickets sold. All checks should be made out to Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus. This will allow time for us to account for the money and tickets.

Remember that this program benefits the Seminarians who will someday baptize our children, marry the young, give absolution and consecrate the Host. They are our future priests!

Vivat Jesus



In Memoriam

*We join the survivors
in remembering the following members
who recently died.
We offer our prayers for them
and their families.
May their souls rest in peace.*

- Co No 1217, Marksville: Thomas E. Papale, Sr., August 23, 2008
- Co No 1317, Houma: Leroy M. Theriot, November 2, 2008
- Co No 2398, Breaux Bridge: William W. Dupuis, August 31, 2008; James Dupuis, October 24, 2008
- Co No 3729, New Orleans: Peter G. Wilbert, December 11, 2008
- Co No 3870, Duson: Earl J. Alleman, October 21, 2008
- Co No 5111, New Iberia: Jenn B. Maturin, February 9, 2008; Michael R. Piro, March 11, 2008
- Co No 6211, Bayou Vista: Lucius J. Troclair, Jr., August 14, 2008
- Co No 8616, Poine-Aux-Chenes: Henry Dardar, November 17, 2008
- Co No 8779, Theriot: Robert (Bobby) P. Aycok, October 14, 2008; Emelina J. "E.J." Theriot, Jr., November 1, 2008; Charles E. Madere, PGD, November 4, 2008
- Co No 9000, Golden Meadow: Mavis A. Orgeron, August 3, 2008; Linton J. Rebstock, October 25, 2008; Peter W. Callais, November 2, 2008; Joffrey J. Cochernic, November 9, 2008; Alex J. Plaisance, December 10, 2008; Anthony J. Guilbeau, December 15, 2008



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**A Career as a
KC Insurance
Agent**

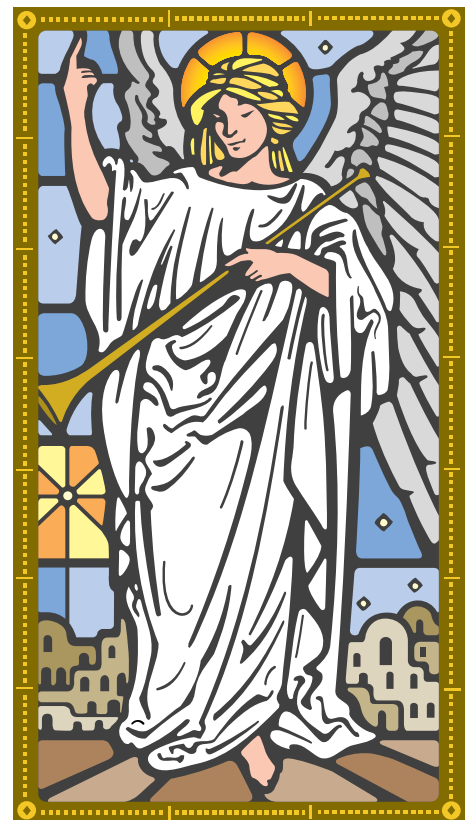
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to do good for other families while you do good for yourself and your family? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to lay your head down on your pillow at night knowing you have made the world a better place? Have you ever wondered if there is more to your working life than just showing up and working? Have you ever wondered what it's like to work in a position that pays you for your successful efforts, with no limit? Have you ever wondered? Have You?

REASONS TO CONSIDER A CAREER AS A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE ADVISOR

- Competitive compensation with no limit when you succeed
- Flexible work schedule allows some freedom
- Work with fellow Catholics who share the organization's vision
- Do well for yourself while doing good for others
- Independence

- Exclusive faith-based market
- Local, national and web-based training
- AAA rated company backs your products
- Non-contributory pension plan
- Bonuses, incentive trips, sales contests offered

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact:
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Scott Willis 337-477-0933 or scott.willis@kofc.org
Ray Albarado 504-812-5955 or ray.albarado@kofc.org



**The State Council
has a NEW
Toll Free Phone Number!**

1.877.442.2379

Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus Welcome Back Initiative

Dear Former Brother Knight,

Please consider this letter as a formal request inviting you to become an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Your former Council will be happy to reinstate your membership or you may chose to become a member of another Council. The choice is yours to make and your Brother Knights will support your decision. Membership Information has been forwarded to the Grand Knight of your former Council and the District Deputy. Please speak with them if they should call you to follow up.

Brother Knight, we are at a threshold in our Nation's future and we all share in this very important responsibility. The Knights of Columbus will always be very active in supporting the Catholic Church, Pro-Life, The Sanctity of Marriage, and encouraging a, "Civilization of Love." Pope Benedict XVI visited the USA in 2008 and his message to all of us is to be "Faithful Citizens," and to promote a "Culture of Life," by respecting life from conception to natural death and Brother Knights throughout America offer their heartfelt support prayerfully to our Holy Father. It is in this spirit that the Supreme Council has launched a new program called "Fathers for Good,"



www.fathersforgood.org.

The Supreme Council web-site: kofc.org

This is an outstanding program to help one another grow in faith and to navigate the turbulent waters of modern society together. This new source of information will provide some of the tools and encouragement that we all need to realize our potential as husbands and fathers. It will also help to bridge the age disparity of our membership, by encouraging younger men to join our great Order.

Human Rights have always and will always be in the forefront of the Knights of Columbus' worthy causes and we need your support in these endeavors. Please join with us and together we will work to improve spirituality within our communities, to encourage a wholesome Catholic Family Life, and to follow and live by the Principles of our Order; **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. We believe that we should live each day as faithful Catholics and by following the Principles of the Knights of Columbus, we will become better citizens and better men, Catholic gentlemen striving to be more pleasing to God, because it is by our deeds and charitable works that we will all be judged.



United in Charitable works, together we make contributions to the needy, our youth, our churches and our communities. The Knights of Columbus will always provide aid to the less fortunate, we volunteer as ministers in our Church Parishes, fight for human rights, and support our Priests and Religious through prayer and financial contributions. We donate our labor, time, and all of our resources in these most worthy endeavors.

Dear former Brother Knight, we are the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization, will you accept our invitation to be an active member? If you need any information, please call the State Council Office in Lafayette, LA. The toll free phone number is **877-442-2379**. Please do not hesitate contacting your former Council for reactivation. If you experience any difficulty, call the State Council Office. Find information for reactivation on our web-site: louisianakofc.org Your Brother Knights will pray for you and your family, we will pray for an end to the atrocities of humanity, we humbly ask God to continue to bless the Knights of Columbus through His Venerable Servant, Father Michael J. McGivney, and May God Bless America.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully Submitted By,

The Brother Knights of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus



Lloyd Meyers
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Has your Council had it's fund drive for Citizens with mental disability. If not have one now because this is the Season of Giving. Also, it is the time of year that the Beneficiary of your fund drive needs the money. Budgets are being cut, taxes are going up out of this world and money is needed Now more than ever before. I know everyone is hurting for time to get done all that must be done. I'm asking all of us to put forth greater effort to have a fund drive.

Have a Holy and Merry Christmas to all of you and your family.
 God Bless,



Edna & Peter Sahuc
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With the national elections now behind us, our focus has changed, returning primarily to what it was prior to the election process. Support of our local pregnancy resource centers remains at the top of the list as the most effective means for us as volunteers to help prevent abortions right here in Louisiana. Please visit your nearest center, ask what assistance you as Knights of Columbus can provide and offer to host a Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign in your church parish soon.

Another very important issue at this moment, is the effort to help prevent passage of FOCA, the Freedom

of Choice Act. Before the election, Barrack Obama promised one group that passage of this bill would be his first act as President. Whether he will try to do this remains to be seen; however, we cannot wait to see if he will keep his promise. Please take a few moments of your time to visit two websites. One, to sign a petition against the Act, the other to send a message directly to President-elect Obama that you feel very strongly against this legislation. The sites are <http://www.fightfoca.com> and <http://change.gov>

If FOCA passes, what can we expect ? (1) public funding of abortion, (2) overturning of laws protecting the rights of medical & non-medical personnel who refuse to participate in abortions, (3) overturning of laws protecting facilities including Catholic hospitals that refuse to provide abortion services, (4) elimination of the requirement that only medical doctors (physicians) perform abortions, (5) removal of restrictions that provide for parental notification when a minor seeks an abortion, (6) removal of restrictions prohibiting a minor from crossing State lines to have an abortion without parental consent, (7) overturning of all laws by States that would ban abortions within their State if Roe v Wade is one day overturned by the Supreme Court, (8) elimination of laws protecting a baby that survives an abortion, & (9) elimination of laws banning the intact dilation and extraction procedure, commonly referred to as the "partial birth abortion".

Again, please take a few minutes to prevent passage of this bill.

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Career Opportunities

Available with Knights of Columbus

Looking for practical Catholic men who have some sales experience, an outgoing personality, trustworthy, competitive, aggressive and is looking for a career serving brother knights & their families.

Position includes group life, medical insurance, disability insurance, plus a pension plan and 401K.

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 Scott Willis - 337.562.2128 - scott.willis@kofc.org

Next, please try to attend at least one of the many Pro-Life Walks that will be sponsored by our Councils and other groups throughout our State during the month of January, in recognition of the anniversary of Roe v Wade. Most walks will occur on the weekends before & after January 22nd. Some are as early as January 10th. Each of these walks will be peaceful gatherings which simply demonstrate our strong desire to overturn Roe v Wade and support other Pro-Life initiatives. If you are unsure of the location of the walks in your area, please contact your District Deputy or Area Coordinator. Grand Knights and Pro-Life Chairmen & Chair Couples, please promote these walks within your Councils, Assemblies, & Church Parishes.

Finally, our Louisiana State Council website is undergoing a few changes, please visit the site and check the Pro-Life link. We hope to keep this section up-to-date and informative. One change is the addition of a section, which displays our many Memorials & Tombs to the Unborn located throughout Louisiana. All Councils, Assemblies, & Women's Auxillary Chapters with memorials are invited to send pictures of their memorial with a brief description to the State Council Webmaster at leeroycates@camtel.net We hope to keep Mr. Cates very busy posting these photos over the next few months.

Remember . . . We are advocates for those with no voice. We work to protect those with no rights. We assist those who feel that they have no other choice.

Merry Christmas from Your State Officers



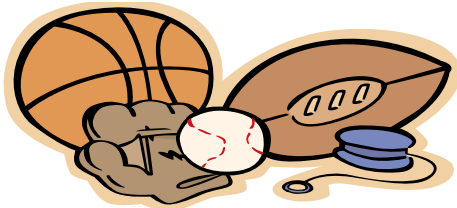
Immaculate Conception Council 1357, Natchitoches Celebrates 100 Years!



Ralph Comeaux
Council Activity Chairman
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The State Council recently conducted the State Nine Ball Tournament in Lafayette. 41 Brother Knights signed up for this, the Third Annual Nine Ball Championship. 37 Brothers actually participated, and we would like to thank them for their participation. We would also like to thank Chris Miller and The White Diamond Billiard Parlor for their assistance in making this an outstanding KC function.

Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year. See you at the State Bowling in February.



K.C. Sports Calendar

- Feb 7-8 **State Bowling**
 Lafayette
- Feb 14-15 **State Bowling**
 Lafayette
- Feb 21-22 **State Bowlinig**
 Lafayette
- March 7-8 **State Basketball**
 Kenner
- March 8 **State Free Throw**
 Kenner

State Nine Ball Produces New Winner



State Council Activity Director Ralph Comeaux (L) congratulates Jason Leonard, Council 970, Plaquemine, on his capturing the Third Annual KC Nine Ball State Championship.



State Council Activity Director Ralph Comeaux (L) congratulates Chris LaRue, Council 10293, Lafayette, on his Runner-Up finish in the State Nine Ball tournament.

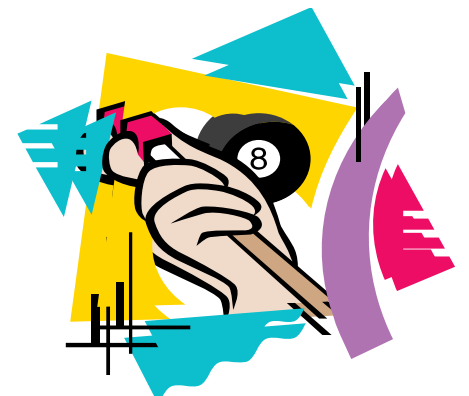


Pictured above are the Third and Fourth Place Finishers in the recent KC State Nine Ball tournament. On the left is Jimmy Dowdall, Council 3779, Shreveport Third Place; and on the right is Milton Folse, Jr. Council 3054, Lockport, Fourth Place.

STATE NINE BALL RESULTS

- 1-Jason Leonard Council 970
- 2-Chris LaRue Council 10293
- 3-Jimmy Dowdall Council 3779
- 4-Milton Folse, Jr. Council 3054
- 5-Robby Navarre Council 970
- 5-Robert Wygle Council 4030
- 7-Jerry Cherry Council 8371
- 7-Corey Gonzales Council 5747
- 9-Keith Babineaux Council 2657
- 9-Jason Comeaux Council 10293
- 9-Minos Simon Council 1276
- 9-Bradley O'Quain Council 3015
- 13-Justin Gonzales Council 5747
- 13-Kearn Schouest Council 3150
- 13-Kerry Chenier Council 8371
- 13-Darrell Gonzales Council 5747
- 17-Charles Mejia III Council 3779
- 17-Shannon O'Quain Council 3015
- 17-Nolan LeBlanc Council 1087
- 17-Joseph Viator Council 3015
- 17-Bobby O'Quain Council 3015
- 17-Gordon Plaisance Council 3150
- 17-Franklin O'Quain Council 3015
- 17-Ralph Rivet, Jr. Council 970
- 25-Rickey Arceneaux Council 2398
- 25-Mitchell Simon Council 1276
- 25-Don Arceneaux Council 4873
- 25-Ralph Rivet, Sr. Council 970
- 25-Milton Folse, Sr. Council 3054
- 25-Doyle Rogers Council 3054
- 25-Forrest Russell IV Council 5747
- 25-Larry Fertitta Council 9240
- 33-Anthony Vavasseur Council 10606
- 33-Leeward Roger Council 5755
- 33-Mike Rodrigue Council 13819
- 33-Earl Boudreaux Council 3054
- 33-Joey Hebert Council 7557

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Joel Ocmand
CYLA Chairman
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

With the celebration of the birth of our Christ we acknowledge our faith with family and friends.

Our CYLA program also acknowledges our faith, it gives every Catholic Senior in the State of Louisiana the chance to practice and profess their faith in our Saviour and Lord.

Now is the time for each council to actively pursue a outstanding Girl and Boy graduating from High School in 2009. The process is

simple for your council to participate.

1. Actively search for Catholic High School Seniors through your Church and local High Schools.

2. Have the Senior's fill out the application for the CYLA scholarship online. www.louisianakc.org

3. Each senior should have their parish priest sign the form and turned over to the Council for judging.

4. The council will then pick 1 Girl and 1 Boy winner to send to their Area Coordinator by February 2nd Deadline.

5. The Area Coordinator will pick 1 Girl and 1 Boy winner to represent your Area by the deadline of March 3rd, 2009

6. And finally the State Competition on April 19,2009 will award each of the Area winners as well as our State Finalist Cash awards.

Let's put a great start to 2009 for your Council by having the next State CYLA winners picked from your council.

God Bless you and have a Great New Year.



Ismael "Gus" Agosto
Bishops Program Chairman
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What are Bishop's Programs we ask ourselves?

I was told "My understanding of the Bishop's Program is just that.

The chairman contacts each Bishop to determine what each Bishop would like the Knights of Columbus to do within their respective diocese."

That was an excellent answer. Do you agree? I do.

Contacts for how we may help with the Bishop's Programs:

The Most Reverend Bishop within your respective diocese and, or

A) Director of Pastoral Ministry
 B) Director of Development and Public Affairs

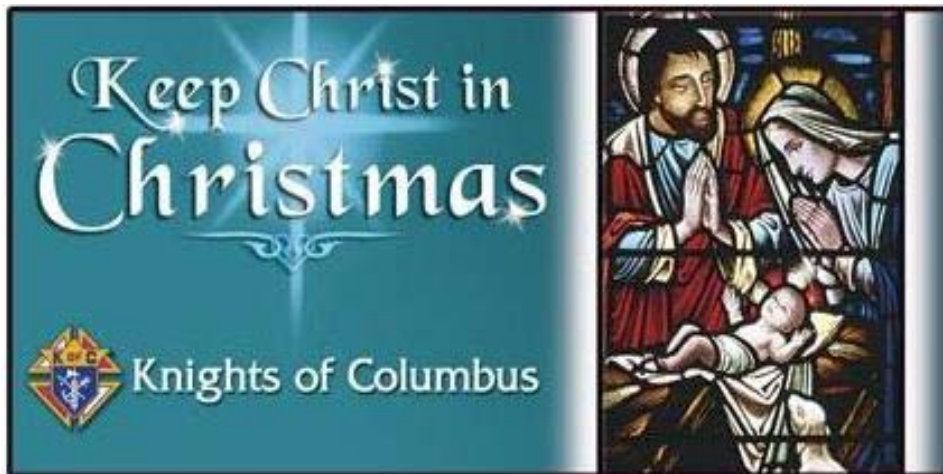
C) Your Diocese Chancellor
 D) Diocese Serra Club President – Their mission is to foster and promote vocation. Ask how you may help the Chaplain assigned by the Bishop for the Seminarians.

E) Chaplain of Campus Ministry. Visit with him the Campus in your area

F) Your Knights of Columbus State officers are ready to advice you.

I want to express my appreciation to my brother knights and spouses that are out searching for ways to participate in the Bishop's Programs.

Vivat Jesus!!!



Pictured above is the Billboard being utilized for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program in the New Orleans area. For additional information, please contact Stephen Hart, Acompano Chairman.

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

I am Knights of Columbus.

Membership Statistics from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	5	1	3055	Gueydan	7	0
0969	Baton Rouge	6	0	3061	Covington	7	-1
0970	Plaquemine	13	-2	3068	New Orleans	5	2
1087	Donaldsonville	9	1	3088	Hessmer	5	-2
1099	Napoleonville	13	-1	3091	Westwego	6	2
1108	Shreveport	5	2	3150	Cut Off	12	1
1114	Thibodaux	21	3	3200	Alexandria	5	1
1134	Alexandria	7	0	3202	Lafayette	8	-2
1173	Opelousas	5	0	3208	Lake Charles	6	3
1199	Cottonport	5	2	3246	New Orleans	7	0
1208	New Iberia	5	0	3298	Baton Rouge	8	0
1217	Marksville	8	2	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1276	St. Martinville	6	2	3353	Oberlin	5	2
1286	Lafayette	5	-2	3356	Cecilia	5	0
1317	Houma	9	0	3399	Krotz Springs	1	-2
1318	Crowley	5	0	3407	Shreveport	9	-19
1337	Monroe	6	9	3409	Opelousas	6	1
1357	Natchitoches	9	7	3411	New Orleans	5	1
1373	Morgan City	5	-2	3425	New Iberia	7	5
1420	Franklin	5	-2	3465	Metairie	5	0
1425	Jeanerette	5	0	3470	Lafayette	5	1
1437	New Orleans	11	11	3475	Elton	5	0
1514	Vacherie	10	6	3496	Port Barre	5	0
1710	Patterson	9	9	3528	Kenner	5	0
1724	Algiers	5	2	3534	Oakdale	5	-2
1745	Eunice	5	3	3621	Arnaudville	5	1
1754	Ville Platte	5	3	3622	Moss Bluff	8	0
1817	Gramercy	11	-1	3634	Norco	12	4
1819	Bogalusa	6	1	3642	West Monroe	5	5
1897	Rayne	5	0	3662	Basile	5	0
1905	Gretna	12	5	3729	New Orleans	12	10
1988	Washington	5	0	3743	Baton Rouge	5	0
1998	New Roads	5	2	3779	Shreveport	8	2
2012	Jennings	7	2	3796	St Gabriel	5	0
2142	Plaucheville	5	1	3854	Harahan	5	4
2150	Morganza	5	0	3857	DeRidder	6	10
2281	Abbeville	12	4	3870	Duson	1	-2
2395	Bunkie	5	8	3872	Erath	8	3
2398	Breaux Bridge	6	3	3923	Jefferson	5	0
2409	Luling	11	4	4010	Mansura	0	0
2432	Mansfield	5	-5	4023	Leonville	5	0
2436	Reserve	7	0	4030	Baton Rouge	13	5
2504	Church Point	6	0	4033	Buras	5	0
2657	Prairieville	12	2	4085	Baker	5	3
2675	Mamou	5	-8	4088	Minden	1	0
2732	Slidell	8	7	4156	Leesville	8	-1
2807	Baton Rouge	10	4	4222	Marrero	7	-1
2855	Welsh	7	3	4309	Centerville	6	2
2875	Port Allen	7	1	4346	White Castle	5	0
2878	Metairie	9	1	4508	Metairie	5	0
2893	Kinder	5	-2	4547	New Orleans	5	-1
2913	Kaplan	7	-1	4562	Lake Charles	16	0
2918	New Orleans	5	0	4663	Metairie	6	-1
2925	New Orleans	5	-3	4676	Loreauville	5	0
2952	Hammond	18	5	4683	Lafayette	5	5
2972	Moreauville	5	5	4761	Raceland	6	1
2982	Iota	5	0	4787	Hathaway	5	4
3006	Iowa	7	1	4791	Estherwood	5	7
3012	Lake Arthur	5	9	4818	Zwolle	5	0
3014	Creole	7	0	4873	Bossier City	13	-5
3015	Sulphur	8	3	4874	Ponchatoula	8	1
3048	Bell City	6	4	4906	Evangeline	5	0
3054	Lockport	9	0	4927	Parks	5	2

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5013	Chauvin	14	8	8615	Gretna	6	0	10744	Brushly	5	4
5022	Lake Charles	5	3	8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	5	2	10745	Cankton	5	0
5048	Pine Prairie	5	3	8703	Port Sulphur	5	8	10800	Kraemer	5	-1
5111	New Iberia	8	2	8743	Chackbay	5	1	10824	Ruston	5	0
5166	Delcambre	5	0	8770	Maurice	5	4	10902	Lydia	5	0
5301	Metairie	5	4	8779	Theriot	10	2	10911	Amite	5	1
5345	Lafayette	5	-4	8805	DeQuincy	5	0	10912	Hammond	5	4
5352	Pierre Part	5	5	8840	Mathews	9	6	11014	Branch	5	0
5461	Cameron	5	0	8843	Leroy	5	0	11060	Tickfaw	5	2
5499	Crowley	9	1	8861	Shreveport	5	0	11061	Labadieville	5	0
5530	Baton Rouge	7	1	8878	Lakeland	6	0	11096	Coteau Holmes	5	0
5532	Lawtell	6	2	8898	Larose	10	-17	11212	Cow Island	5	0
5545	Houma	5	0	8901	Lafayette	7	0	11270	Opelousas	5	1
5627	Independence	6	0	8906	Thibodaux	5	0	11407	Grand Lake	5	-1
5747	Chalmette	13	31	8932	Bourg	6	-2	11491	Mowata	5	0
5755	Westlake	6	2	8978	North Sulphur	9	3	11576	Hackberry	5	0
5935	Laplace	10	0	9000	Golden Meadow	7	2	11792	New Iberia	5	-3
6057	Youngsville	9	2	9007	Metairie	5	4	11814	Pearl River	5	-1
6103	Vinton	6	0	9016	Baton Rouge	7	2	11857	Vacherie	5	5
6170	Houma	8	3	9085	Barksdale AFB	5	-3	11921	Kenner	5	0
6211	Bayou Vista	5	1	9107	New Orleans	8	-42	12060	Thibodaux	5	5
6324	Monroe	5	0	9110	Jennings	5	0	12061	Many	5	0
6326	Denham Springs	14	5	9217	Belle Deau	5	0	12068	Grosse Tete	5	0
6357	Belle Chasse	11	0	9240	Mandeville	17	6	12072	Mandeville	8	15
6369	Avondale	5	1	9247	Baton Rouge	6	4	12103	Lecompte	5	1
6389	St Amant	6	5	9260	Shreveport	5	-13	12115	New Orleans	5	-5
6496	Abbeville	5	0	9281	Lacassine	5	-1	12163	Milton	5	3
6531	Baton Rouge	5	2	9294	Echo	5	1	12179	Morgan City	5	-1
6746	Kenner	8	-50	9338	Houma	5	3	12209	Bordelonville	5	3
6753	French Settlement	5	1	9347	Metairie	5	1	12245	Franklinton	5	2
6870	Terrytown	6	2	9384	Marrero	5	0	12285	Schriever	5	-1
6873	Baldwin	5	7	9415	New Orleans	5	9	12529	Abita Springs	7	4
6958	Carencro	5	-2	9418	Fifth Ward	5	0	12686	Metairie	5	-8
6959	Egan	6	-2	9436	Richard	5	0	12734	Bossier City	5	0
7033	Ragley	5	0	9623	Laplace	6	4	12906	Covington	5	3
7050	Rynella	5	2	9692	Baton Rouge	9	-3	12989	Lacombe	5	1
7084	Berwick	5	0	9753	Tioga	5	6	12997	New Iberia	5	6
7226	Marrero	5	1	9769	Slidell	5	1	13145	Baton Rouge	5	2
7275	Lafayette	7	6	9912	Grand Prairie	5	0	13192	Natchitoches	5	0
7350	Barataria	9	-5	9933	Luling	6	2	13296	Kolin	5	2
7355	Houma	11	-23	9935	Duralde	5	0	13349	Waggaman	5	1
7411	Mire	7	18	9973	Slidell	9	1	13397	Thibodaux	5	4
7557	Broussard	14	16	10057	Harvey	5	0	13411	Thibodaux	5	0
7568	Scott	7	3	10080	Zachary	5	1	13425	River Ridge	5	2
7657	Bayou Blue	6	-32	10123	Kenner	5	-8	13505	Alexandria	5	0
7722	Dulac	8	4	10156	New Orleans	5	0	13632	Baton Rouge	5	1
7856	St Francisville	5	0	10176	Folsom	5	8	13819	Houma	5	3
8029	Alexandria	6	6	10178	Albany	5	2	13931	Lake Charles	5	1
8030	Livonia	5	0	10185	Catahoula	5	0	14542	Lafayette	0	45
8031	Swartz	5	2	10269	Fenton	0	0	14614	Covington	0	21
8032	Oak Grove	5	1	10293	Lafayette	9	4	14657	Pineville	0	25
8058	Carlyss	7	-2	10349	Henderson	5	3				
8147	Gonzales	7	-12	10428	Eunice	5	0				
8322	Maplewood	6	-3	10455	Baton Rouge	8	1				
8323	Johnson Bayou	5	0	10554	Arabi	5	0				
8324	Grand Chenier	5	0	10564	Simmesport	5	0				
8342	Prairieville	10	3	10606	Belle Rose	5	0				
8371	Amelia	5	-1	10612	Houma	7	-3				
8438	Campiti	5	0	10613	Baton Rouge	5	1				
8442	Violet	5	0	10645	Lacombe	5	0				
8546	Metairie	6	-27	10717	Mermentau	0	0				
8583	Morse	5	0	10721	Judice	5	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	7	2	10728	Shreveport	5	-10				

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Council 2952 Hammond

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Novena Service was held on November 9, 2008 at 1:00 pm at John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus Hall 1700 N. Oak Street, Hammond, Louisiana. After the Novena Disciples of Blessed Seelos was on hand for those wishing individual prayers and Blessings. This Novena will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council 2952. Father Byron Miller C.Ss.R. Executive Director of Blessed Seelos Center said Novena.

Blessed Seelos was born Fussen, Germany on January 11, 1819. He came to the United States in 1843. He moved to different cities. He finally came to New Orleans, Louisiana where they had an outbreak of yellow fever. Father Seelos

worked tirelessly among the sick and dying. He was stricken with the yellow fever virus in 1867. He died October 4, 1867. He was buried in St. Mary's Assumption Church 2020 Constance Street New Orleans, Louisiana. His remains are in a relic quire located in the Church. He is visited by people from all over praying for his intercession.

The Blessed Seelos Shrine is also on the Church grounds.

Gaspar T. Corpora District Deputy 12 is a Blesser of Blessed Seelos for Tangipahoa Parish. A man in Loranger, Louisiana was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Cancer. He was blessed with a Blessed Seelos Cross by Gaspar T. Corpora. He went through six weeks of radiation and chemo and then had surgery to remove the remainder of the tumor. He is now cancer-free. His surgeon was the great Dr. Anna Pou, who has also visited the Seelos Shrine.

May This
Holy Season
Be Filled
With the Grace
of God.



Merry CHRISTmas & Happy New Year
from Your Office Staff in Lafayette



December 11th Snow!

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

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

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
01.11.09	D.D. John Luquette (18)	Thibodaux 1114
02.08.09	AREAS "E" & "F"	TBA
03.01.09	AREA "G"	TBA
03.08.09	AREA "K"	TBA

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1.877.442.2379

Grand Knight, Membership Director,
Program Director & Youth Director.

Grand Knights Day

Sunday, January 25, 2009
St. Thomas More High School
Lafayette

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