

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*
- January 15 *Deadline-CYLA Applications to Individual Councils*
- Jan 15-17 *State Retreat, Maryhill Retreat Center, Pineville*
- January 31 *Grand Knights Day, Lafayette NEW LOCATION!*
- January 31 *State Cook-Off, Lafayette*
- January 31 *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*
- January 31 *Deadline-Special Olympics Profile, Form #4584*
- February 2 *Deadline-CYLA Council Winners to Area Coordinator*
- February 5 *Deadline-Council Substance Abuse Poster to Area Coord.*
- Feb 5-Mar 2 *CYLA Area Competition*
- February 7 *Deadline-Submit Substance Abuse Poster to State Youth Dir*
- February 15 *Deadline-Semi-Annual Council Audit, Form #1295*
- February 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- February 15 *Deadline-District Free Throw Contest Completed*
- February 16 *Mardi Gras*
- February 17 *ASH WEDNESDAY*
- Feb 20-21 *State Bowling Tournament, Tiffany Lanes, Mandeville*
- February 24 *Deadline-Submit Area KC Adult Free Throw Winners to State*
- Feb 27-28 *State Bowling Tournament, Tiffany Lanes, Mandeville*
- 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 6-7 *State Basketball Tournament, Metairie*
- March 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- March 20 *State Youth Free Throw Contest*
- March 21 *Teurlings High, Lafayette*
- March 21 *State Substance Abuse Poster Contest, Lafayette*



**Merry CHRISTmas
Happy New Year**



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Reflect & Renew

Now is the time to REFLECT on what we have done the first six months of our fraternal year. Has your Council been active in promoting our many programs? As Knights of Columbus, has your Council prepared and delivered food baskets, raised funds for people with Mental Disability, conducted events and programs for our youth, took care of the Elderly and our Brother Knights and been the leaders in all of your Parish Programs and functions. Did your Council participate in the State Events? Did your Council have a fall "Blitz" and make your membership goal?

Has your Reflection revealed your accomplishments and your weaknesses? As we start our new year we need to RENEW our efforts and correct our weaknesses and continue with our accomplishments. Now is the time to start planning for the next six months. With proper planning, we can accomplish even more. 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 Cen-

ters 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 your Council and your 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.

Plan now to attend two important State Functions. The first is Grand Knights Day on January 31, 2010, and learn what to expect for the final six months. The second is the streamlined State Convention on April 30 and May 1 & 2, 2010 for the election of your State Officers.

Let us REFLECT and then RENEW on what your Council has done and what it can do in the next six months to be one of the best in the State.

As we END this year and START a new year our wish is for 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.



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I have been trying to keep up with the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program during its long trip from Ontario, Canada to New York down to Louisiana on its way to Monterrey, Mexico, which began May 20th and ends on December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Just recently it was in Baton Rouge for a few days, then traveled through Avoyelles Parish and arrived in Alexandria on Monday, November 16th. A nice crowd came to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral where, along with three Council Chaplains, 4th Degree Knights in uniform, and area Council members, I processed in with the Silver Rose and we recited the prayers and said the Rosary in front of the beautiful painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The weather did not cooperate, as the temperature dipped down to 37 degrees after a beautiful sunny day, but it did not deter the large number of devotees.

After the service, Knights were there to take the Silver Rose to Shreveport to continue its journey. It will travel about 700 miles through Louisiana, stopping in 21 cities.

Through this beautiful Silver Rose Program the Knights of Columbus, with over 1.7 million men, show how they support our Catholic Church and are in solidarity with our Pope, bishops and priests.

Many Catholic men should be influenced by all the good works of the

Knights - helping widows, children, the autistic and handicapped, funding education of seminarians and sending some to South and Central America to learn the Spanish language, providing millions of dollars in recent hurricane relief efforts, giving millions to our Holy Father for work at the Vatican, financing construction of churches in various dioceses, offering insurance under a program that ranks 1st in the States. There are many, many more things that the Knights do to help Catholics.

As Bishop Greco used to say “Every Knight, a new Knight.” His motto was “Vivat Jesu” (Long Live Jesus’ name).

God love you.
Vivat Jesus



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The beginning of a new year is right around the corner. Early each year, we hold “Grand Knight’s Day.” In 2010, it is on Sunday, January 31. On that day, the “Parade of Councils” will take place. This is the time where the majority of the councils present their Youth Expansion Program donation for this fraternal year. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there on that important day.

I would like to remind everyone that council donations provide over 95% of the funds spent supporting the worthwhile programs contained in our state’s youth program. That makes these council Y.E.P. donations critical for the success of the entire youth program. The youth programs in the state would not exist as we know them without your council’s donation. If we do not receive the funding needed, some of these programs may have to be reduced or eliminated. That would be a grave disservice to the youth in our state since these programs directly benefit them. It would also be a disservice to us as Knights.

Given that, I ask all councils throughout Louisiana contribute their Y.E.P. quota. I 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

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YEP

\$150,000

\$125,000

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in the state. Your quota is needed to fully support and expand these programs. If circumstances do not allow your council to donate its full quota, please contribute as much as you are able. Each and every dollar is important.

The funds generated by the Youth Expansion Program are used for many youth programs including recognizing our youth for their outstanding leadership (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. This names only a few of the many youth programs in the state. If one of more of these programs would end, not only would the youth lose out, the Knights of Columbus would too. Our losses would be a loss of some visibility in the church and civic communities as well as the exposure of our great organization to families and their children.

As the council donations start coming in, we will begin to move more and more toward our funding level goal. We should see a very large jump at the conclusion of Grand Knight's Day. I look forward to exceeding our goal by the end of the Fraternal Year. Exceeding this goal would be an outstanding testimony to our commitment to serve and provide programs to the youth in our state.

If you are unable to attend Grand Knights Day and need to mail your council's Y.E.P. donation, please mail it to me at PO Box 1456; St. Francisville, LA 70775. This will help save postage costs incurred by the state office by keeping them from having to forward it to me.

As always, 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.



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Acompano Raffle

Acompano tickets have been distributed to the Area Coordinators and District Deputies. If you have not received your tickets, please contact your DD.

This year we are setting a goal of selling 10,000 tickets. This is less than 1/3 of the total State Membership. If we meet this goal, each Seminary will receive just over \$20,000. If each Knight who attended a meeting would purchase one ticket, we would surely reach our goal. These tickets can also be sold at Council functions, such as Lenten Fish Fries, Council socials, etc. Sales are open to the general public, not just members.

Besides helping the Seminarians, ten lucky people will receive some great prizes. The ten prizes (and their approximate value) are as follows:

- 1st prize – 7 Day All Expense Paid Carnival Cruise (\$3000)
- 2nd prize – 47" TV (\$1200)
- 3rd prize – Woman's Watch (\$800)
- 4th prize – Laptop Computer (\$750)
- 5th prize – Sporting Goods Gift Certificate (\$500)
- 6th prize – Wii Game System

(\$250)

7th prize – Digital Camera (\$250)

8th prize – GPS Device (\$250)

9th prize – iPod Nano (\$200)

10th prize – Charcoal Smoker

(\$75)

The total value of the prizes is \$7,275.

As you can see, these are pretty nice prizes. For only \$5, you can help a seminarian and get a chance at one of ten prizes.

Money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets should be sent to Stephen Hart, 123 Iroquois Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420. 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. All money and tickets should be turned in no later than April 15, 2010. This will allow time for us to account for the money and tickets.

Vivat Jesus.





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CYLA

The Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program is one of the most dynamic and rewarding programs that the State Council offers to the Membership. CYLA places an emphasis on Catholic values, scholastic achievement, athletics, and leadership in the areas of church, school and community. Catholic seniors throughout the state of Louisiana are eligible to participate in the CYLA program. The only requirement is that they must be nominated by a council within the Louisiana jurisdiction. Each council that participates in the CYLA program will find it to be both rewarding and fulfilling. Giving outstanding Catholic seniors the opportunity to compete for cash prizes, awards, and recognition is the very foundation of the CYLA program.

The CYLA program begins to take shape at the state officers' meeting held in June. CYLA is discussed at the Knights of Columbus leadership seminar held in July. The CYLA packets are mailed out to the council CYLA chairman or Grand Knight in November. Appeals are made on behalf of CYLA at the state officers' meeting and at Grand Knights' day, encouraging councils to participate in the program. Councils that participate in the program turn in their nomination forms to the Area Coordinators. Area Coordina-

tors conduct their respective area competition and award one boy and one girl the distinction of being an area winner as well as a state finalist. The Area Coordinator then sends the nomination forms the finalist to the state chairman. A total of 24 finalists will compete for the state championship. The state chairman appoints ten state level judges who will grade the nomination forms of the finalists and conduct the verbal competition held in April. Copies are made of the finalist nomination forms, but, the names of the finalists are censored so that the state judges are not aware of the names of the finalist or who nominated the finalist. Then the copies of the nomination forms are mailed to the state judges for grading. Upon completion by the state judges, the scores are tallied by the state chairman and are used as part of the overall score of the finalist.

Every student nominee should utilize the online interactive nomination form found at the state web site. This allows for a neater and more standardized application to be produced, permitting the maximum room for content to describe the nominee's activities and accomplishments. We will continue to streamline the online form and encourage all councils to promote its use.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 1...CYLA Information mailed to Grand Knights and Committee Chairman.

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

January 15...Application deadlines for Students to turn in forms to Councils.

February 2...Deadline for submitting Council winners to the Area Coordinator.

February 5 thru March 2...Area Competition.

March 3...Deadline to submit Area Winners to State CYLA Chairman.

April 11...State Finals...Top 12 Boys & Top 12 Girls.



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KnightLife

As we begin a new calendar year, it is a good time to assess progress on our fraternal year. One area I suggest that you assess is The Year of the Priest. How have you honored your priest? If you are looking for something, consider inviting him to the Friday night activities of our Convention in Lafayette.

Friday we will begin with the Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Fatima. Following mass we will move to Acadian Village for a crawfish boil. The crawfish boil is a separate ticketed event. Registration for the convention is not necessary to attend the crawfish boil. Tickets for the crawfish boil are \$25 per person. Invite your priest(s) to attend and present him with a ticket courtesy of your council.

The event will include musical and comedy entertainment. Louisiana Red will provide the music and Murray Conque will provide the comedy. Priests will be recognized during the event. Take this opportunity to honor your priest in a special way.





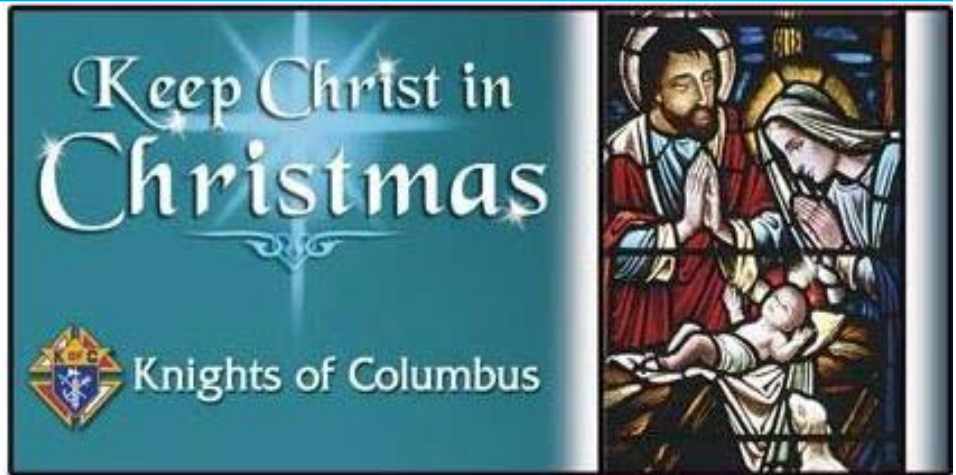
In Memoriam

*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 3246, Metairie: Duggan H. McCrary, Jr., August 10, 2009
- Co No 5545, Houma: Peter J. Brunet, November 26, 2009
- Co No 7050, New Iberia, Dewey P. Touchet, New Iberia, December 27, 2009
- Co No 9347, Metairie: Ronald L. Shannon, November 18, 2009

*Please Note
These are the Only
Deceased Members
Submitted to the State Office.*

*Financial Secretaries.
Please submit a Copy
of the Form 100,
so we can recognize our
Deceased Brothers!*



The Christ in Christmas Committee of New Orleans is proud to announce that 33 billboards were displayed in the New Orleans area with the message “Keep Christ in Christmas”. Ten billboards are sponsored in whole or part by KC Councils and Fourth Degree Assemblies. The Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association also sponsored a billboard again this year. We will also had 7 digital billboards carrying our message in the Hammond area. The Christ in Christmas Committee consists of members of the Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic School Co-Operative Clubs, the

Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Societies, Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association and the Clarion Herald newspaper. The committee promotes the display and projection of the Christian message of Christmas, which is the birth of Christ. This is done by displays on outdoor billboards, yard signs, bumper stickers, car magnets and posters in schools, Councils, Churches and businesses. They all send the message “*Keep Christ in Christmas*” with a pictorial nativity scene of the Holy Family.

**HAVE A VERY BLESSED
AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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.

- Kirk Duplantis - 225.295.1090 - kirk.duplantis@kofc.org
- Terry Kennedy - 985.649.2703 - terry.kennedy@kofc.org
- Scott Willis - 337.562.2128 - scott.willis@kofc.org





Catch the KnightFever

CDC confirms outbreak of "KNIGHT FEVER"

It is official. The CDC (Chairman of the District (LA) Convention) has confirmed a major outbreak of "Knight Fever" in Louisiana. The CDC has determined that the cause of the outbreak is the excitement being generated by a total revamping of the State Convention as we know it.

The 105th Convention of the Louisiana District of the Knights of Columbus is scheduled for April 30- May 2, 2010 at the Lafayette Cajundome Convention Center. The Convention will begin with the annual Golf Tournament at Acadian Hills CC in Lafayette fol-

lowed by a mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 5:00 pm. This will be followed by a "Knight Fever" Crawfish Boil and Concert at Acadian Village. This event will require a separate ticket and anyone can attend, even if they are not registered to attend the convention. We will have boiled crawfish along with music by Louisiana Red and Cajun Comedian Murray Conque for your entertainment enjoyment. In addition, we will have fun jumps and a video game trailer with supervision for children who will be attending the convention.

We will have early registration for the convention at the State Office on

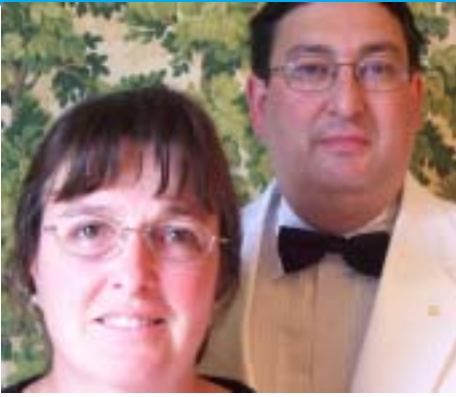
Pinhook for those arriving on Friday. As part of the revision to the convention agenda, the Credentials Committee will verify those voting delegates and prepare an official voting register to be used for voting on Sunday morning. You will not have to stand in a long line waiting to vote during the meeting. Voting will take place on Sunday morning before the business meeting begins.

We will have entertainment for the ladies attending the convention with their spouses. The ladies will be treated to a wine tasting and floral demonstration on Saturday. Following the business meeting on Saturday and the ladies entertainment there will be a Knight Life Picnic at 12:30 pm for all attendees. The video trailer and fun jumps will be available for children attending the convention on Saturday and Sunday. The Convention Mass will be at 5:00 pm in the Convention Center. Immediately following the Mass, all will be allowed to enter the dining area and be seated for the banquet. The banquet will begin at 6:30 pm.

Sunday morning will begin with breakfast and voting for the voting delegates. The general session will take place from 9:00 am to Noon. The ladies will have a cooking demonstration by chef Cajun Karl Breaux, as well as Cajun Humorist Joe Lillie will entertain the ladies.

The CDC has announced that they will have an ample supply of vaccines on hand at Grand Knights Day to treat all those who want to "Catch the KNIGHT FEVER". Make your plans now to attend this great event. ALLONS A LAFAYETTE-ENJOY THE KNIGHT LIFE!!!

Experience the KnightLife in Lafayette



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Pro-Life

Since our last article in the Louisiana Knight, we hope each of you took the opportunity to contact your Congressmen and voice displeasure with their healthcare reform bills, which we expect to have an adverse affect on Pro-Life issues. As of this writing, it does appear that our Pro-Life supporters in Congress have been defeated to a great extent; however, we did find one article on the Internet that we thought was encouraging. This article which appeared in the New York Times referred to the abortion issue as “*the issue that most complicates their* (the House & Senate’s) *drive to merge the*

Senate & House bills and send final legislation to President Obama.”

With all the separate issues that constituents had voiced their displeasure with at town hall meetings and bombarded their elected officials with via cards & letters and e-mail, the abortion issue was the issue that “most complicates” getting the Senate & House bills merged so that the President can sign the bill into law. This tells us that just maybe, our elected officials may have actually heard what Pro-Life constituents said and that our Pro-Life Congressmen were having an effect on their ability to simply “railroad” the bills through Congress without opposition.

At this point, we need to recognize that we can make a difference by voicing our opposition to issues like healthcare reform and showing our support of Pro-Life issues. With this in mind, we encourage everyone to make a sincere effort to attend at least one Pro-Life walk in January. Walks are planned across our State and most are scheduled for either the week before or the week of January 22nd. With the 22nd of January falling on a Friday this year, most areas will have at least one walk on Saturday the 23rd. Please check with your District Deputy to find out when Pro-Life walks are scheduled in your area and please let your Coun-

cil members & their families know when & where they are. Promote the Pro-Life walks in your area by sending out e-mails to your Council members and including information about nearby walks in you Council newsletter. We’re sure the sponsoring KC Council or Pro-Life organization will appreciate your effort. Plus, participation in Pro-Life walks can earn your Council points on your State Activity Grading Forms.

While we’re on the subject of forms, our Supreme Council continues to place greater emphasis on the Pro-Life cause. Recently, Supreme announced that “Pro-Life” joins the other five categories (Church, Community, Council, Family, & Youth) as a separate category on certain forms completed by your Council. This includes Form STSP used for the State Service Program Awards and SP7 used for the Columbian Award. You may visit the Supreme website www.kofc.org for an article which explains the changes. From the home page simply click on the “For Officers” link, then locate the article entitled “*Pro-Life a Separate Service Program Category*” and click on that link. While the article explains how to alter your existing form, we encourage our Councils to simply print the newly revised forms from the Supreme website and use these new forms. Both forms (STSP & SP7) have been changed to accommodate the increased emphasis on Pro-Life Programs.

This change along with the changes made last year to our (Louisiana) State Activity Grading Forms will certainly help generate more frequent

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 Distributed @ Grand Knights Day.
 This is an EXCELLENT Fund Raising
 Opportunity for Every Council!**



& more effective Pro-Life programs in our jurisdiction. We hope all Councils have made an effort to incorporate these changes in their Service Programs. If not, we encourage you to get a copy of the guidelines and review them soon. Forms completed at the end of this fiscal year must follow the new guidelines in order to provide the Council with the maximum points available to them. For a copy of the guidelines, please visit our State KC website at www.louisianakc.org and follow the Pro-Life link to *Guidelines – State Activity Grading Forms* where you will find a list of suggested Pro-Life programs & activities.

We hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and that you are enjoying this wonderful New Year.

Vivat Jesus.



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Scouting Mid-Year Report

As we reach the halfway point of the second year of the State Scouting Program for the Louisiana State Council, it would be easy to be a bit disappointed in the slow growth of the program and the lack of use by many councils. However, it is important to remem-

Happy New Years from Your State Officers



ber that the Worthy State Deputy and myself decided that while the national program of starting new Scouting units was a great starting point, we felt that the Knights of the State of Louisiana could do so much more. So while the main focus of the national initiative is unit retention and growth, our state program actually has five areas of concentration:

1. Retention of Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units that are in danger of folding due to the loss of their chartering partner;
2. The creation of new Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units to bring the Scouting program to underserved areas;
3. The promotion and sponsorship of the Catholic Religious Emblems program;
4. The promotion of increased volunteerism in the Scouting program by our Brother Knights, at the unit, district and/or diocesan levels;
5. Recognition of Brother Knights who have given years of service to the Boy Scouts of America through a new state award, the Francis J. Parater Award.

So far during this second year of

the program we have had some slow down in the actual use of the program by councils, but we have still had some progress in the areas of concentration:

1. In terms of unit retention we have only been contacted by one unit (a Cub Scout Pack) so far this year that was looking for help in finding a new chartered partner. As this contact was only recently made, we are still searching for a council (or other Catholic organization, if necessary) to link up this unit with;
2. We have had no new units chartered to Councils or Assemblies to date this year but one council has expressed interest in bringing Scouting to their area;
3. A major change was undertaken in the scoring for the State Deputy's Award this year. While we still want councils to promote and sponsor the Catholic Religious Emblems program, some councils have not been able to participate in this program due to lack of interest from their local Scouting units. The scoring is now based on councils explaining how they have sup-

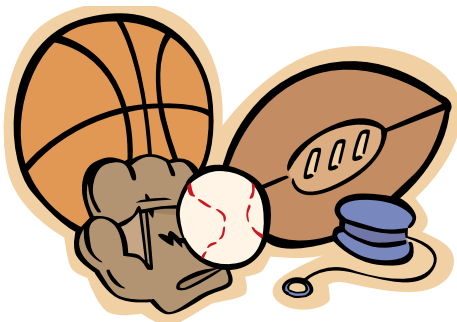
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The State Council recently conducted the State Nine Ball Tournament in Lafayette. 42 Brother Knights signed up for this, the Fourth Annual Nine Ball Championship. 40 Brothers actually participated, and we would like to thank them for their participation. 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 20-21 State Bowling Mandeville
- Feb 27-28 State Bowling Mandeville
- March 6-7 State Basketball Kenner
- March 20 State Youth Free Throw, Lafayette

State Nine Ball Produces New Winner



State Council Activity Director Ralph Comeaux (L) congratulates Foster Fontenot, Council 3208, Lake Charles, on his capturing the Fourth Annual KC Nine Ball State Championship.



State Council Activity Director Ralph Comeaux (L) congratulates Minos Simon, Council 1276, St. Martinville, 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 James Fogarty, Council 1905, Gretna Third Place; and on the right is Kenneth Cheek, Council 3872, Erath,, Fourth Place.

STATE NINE BALL RESULTS

- 1-Foster Fontenot Council 3208
- 2-Minos Simon Council 1276
- 3-James Fogarty Council 1905
- 4-Kenneth Cheek Council 3872
- 5-Jason Leonard Council 970
- 5-Keith Babineaux Council 2657
- 7-Chris LaRue Council 10293
- 7-Kade Leonard Council 970
- 9-Keith Viator Council 3015
- 9-Ricky Arceneaux Council 2398
- 9-Bryson Louviere Council 4791
- 9-Scott Abshire Council 4791
- 13-Jerry Cherry Council 8371
- 13-Doyle Rogers Council 3054
- 13-Patrick Twohig Council 3407
- 13-Matthew Comeaux Council 970
- 17-Leeward Roger Council 5755
- 17-Blake Landry Council 4683
- 17-Mike Rodrigue Council 13819
- 17-Charles Mejia Council 3779
- 17-Steve Turner Council 4030
- 17-Robert Mabe, Jr. Council 8371
- 17-Elvin Michaud, Jr. Council 3872
- 17-Jimmy Dowdall Council 3779
- 25-Bobby O'Quain Council 3015
- 25-Michael Krennerich Council 8147
- 25-Donald Alleman Council 6389
- 25-Clem Sparkman Council 6870
- 25-Ralph Rivet, Jr. Council 970
- 25-Mitchell Simon Council 1276
- 25-Dan Guidry Council 1710
- 25-John Vercher Council 1357
- 33-Martin Harrison Council 4683
- 33-Joseph Viator Council 3015
- 33-Ronnie Delatte Council 6389
- 33-Frank O'Quain Council 3015
- 33-Franklin O'Quain Council 3015
- 33-Steven Thibodeaux Council 5755
- 33-Devin St. Germain Council 3872
- 33-Ernest Bonoccorso Council 9016

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Scouting Report

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ported the Scouting program throughout the year. Promotion and sponsorship of the Catholic Religious Emblems program is just one way to meet this item. While statistics are not yet available from all of the Diocesan Scouting Committees in the state, a large increase of emblem program sponsorship has been noted in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux;

4. While many of our Brother Knights are very visible in their volunteerism with the Scouts, there are many more that fly under the radar. This makes it very difficult to track how we are doing in increasing the number of Knights who are volunteering with the Scouts at various levels. We will be emphasizing the crossover potential of Knights and Scouting volunteers during the remainder of this Fraternal year;

5. We recently received our first nomination for the new award and I am looking forward to the opportunity to award the first medallion to Brother George Martin. I hope to receive more nominations in the near future.

While the state Scouting program is still in its infancy, we are making great strides in turning this into one of the state's preeminent programs. The Boy Scouts of America is one of this country's great youth programs and we will find many of our future Knights in their ranks.

Vivat Jesus!



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Alexandria Anniversary

The dedication of the Immaculate Conception as Minor Basilica in Natchitoches Deanery.

Beginning January 10th, 2010, the Diocese of Alexandria will kick off its year-long celebration of its 100th Anniversary.

On that day, Bishop Ronald P. Herzog will open the year-long celebration with the dedication of Immaculate Conception Church in Natchitoches as Minor Basilica, a huge honor for our diocese extended by Pope Benedict XVI.

Celebration which begins at 2:00 p.m., will include numerous bishops, priest, special quest, and at least one representative from each parish. Bishop Ronald P. Herzog will be the main celebrant.

Church of the Immaculate Conception. Established 1728 (Natchitoches Deanery). Pastor Rev. James Foster. Parochial Vicar Rev. Ryan Humphries. 145 Church Street. Natchitoches, LA 71458-0013. 1-318-352-3422

Faithful Navigators and Honor Guard Commanders contact : Msgr. S. J. Dekeuer /Natchitoches Assembly 2078. FN. Fernand M. Menou, Jr. 209 Stephen Ave. Natchitoches LA 71457. 1-318-352.3954

Vivat Jesus !!!



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The Home Stretch

We are about to turn the last quarter pole on the racetrack to the State Deputy Award. The pack of 303 horses is made up of multiple groups of ponies. Leading the pack are those councils who are administratively sound. They have turned in their form 185, their form 365, and their semi annual audits. Bunched in the middle of the field are those ponies that aren't sure if they are going in the right direction. 52 of them have not yet turned in their form 185, 56 of them have not turned in their fraternal activity reports, 86 of them have not turned in their form 365 directors report, 64 are delinquent in their semi annual audits, and headed for the glue

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

factory are the 130 councils who to date have not recruited one, not one, new brother knight. The finish line is only one quarter away for the completion of the state Columbian year. March 31st is the last day in the competition for the State Deputy Award. Begin now to complete your questionnaires on the six points program survey. Don't wait till the last minute to try and resurrect all of your council's activities for the year. Get excited about this award and one day it could be your councils.

So, what does this have to do with membership? Everything that we do is related to the membership programs and the multiple council, state and supreme sponsored programs. It is time to finish up the state Columbian year with huge surge in membership. During this past year I asked for all to review their rosters in order to cleanse them of departed brothers and those that are delinquent in dues. This is a work in progress and is a continuous effort by all concerned. Quotas are directly linked to the most current roster for your council. If it is inflated so will be your quotas. We have three short months to recruit, retain and readmit qualified brothers into our order. We have till July to earn the Star Council award.

The Star council award requires 100% quota attainment, 100% insurance quota attainment, and completion of the Columbian Award questionnaire. Per Capita goes without saying, needs to be current. There is actually a Double Star Award if you double your quota attainments. If you need more information on this program go to your surge with service book and read up on it. Lets see if we can fill Louisiana with multiple stars.

The March Blitz is just around the corner. Start now! Order your literature early to have ready for your Blitz.



Remember, a blitz is anything that you do collectively to secure new brother Knights into our order. I try to blitz every day, everywhere I go I ask someone to join the Knights. You will find that if you make a concentrated effort that the new brothers will flock to your councils. You may even enjoy getting them to their first degree. Has your council hosted a degree lately? Is there a degree team readily available to perform? If not, why not start a degree team. Need help? Call me, I will get you started.

The major degree teams need our help. Please step up to the plate and learn a character's part on the team. It's a lot of fun, it is very educational, and the more you do it the more you want to do it. The more you do it the better you will get. Get in touch with the Team Captains and tell them that you want to participate. Remember, Ceremonials are THE most important part of Membership. I wish all of you the best of luck in this New Year with regards to recruiting. The bottom line is that, "If you don't recruit for your council, who will?"

Lets see if we can get all the ponies back to the paddock. If your council is not running with the pack do something about it. Lets head to the finish line with all the intensity with which we began this race.

I am Knights of Columbus.

Membership

Membership Statistics from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	5	2	3055	Gueydan	10	5
0969	Baton Rouge	8	1	3061	Covington	9	-3
0970	Plaquemine	18	0	3068	New Orleans	7	18
1087	Donaldsonville	12	2	3088	Hessmer	3	0
1099	Napoleonville	19	0	3091	Westwego	8	5
1108	Shreveport	7	1	3150	Cut Off	15	1
1114	Thibodaux	28	-3	3200	Alexandria	6	1
1134	Alexandria	10	3	3202	Lafayette	10	1
1173	Opelousas	5	-2	3208	Lake Charles	9	5
1199	Cottonport	4	0	3246	New Orleans	8	0
1208	New Iberia	6	-1	3298	Baton Rouge	11	0
1217	Marksville	11	1	3331	Baton Rouge	7	0
1276	St. Martinville	8	-10	3353	Oberlin	5	0
1286	Lafayette	7	3	3356	Cecilia	3	0
1317	Houma	11	9	3399	Krotz Springs	13	0
1318	Crowley	6	0	3407	Shreveport	12	1
1337	Monroe	9	1	3409	Opelousas	8	0
1357	Natchitoches	14	-1	3411	New Orleans	5	8
1373	Morgan City	6	0	3425	New Iberia	9	-1
1420	Franklin	6	-3	3465	Metairie	4	1
1425	Jeanerette	5	1	3470	Lafayette	6	1
1437	New Orleans	16	2	3475	Elton	3	0
1514	Vacherie	15	7	3496	Port Barre	8	7
1710	Patterson	14	3	3528	Kenner	7	0
1724	Algiers	7	1	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1745	Eunice	5	5	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1754	Ville Platte	7	0	3622	Moss Bluff	11	-7
1817	Gramercy	16	1	3634	Norco	16	5
1819	Bogalusa	8	5	3642	West Monroe	8	0
1897	Rayne	5	7	3662	Basile	3	0
1905	Gretna	17	3	3729	New Orleans	17	6
1988	Washington	3	0	3743	Baton Rouge	7	-2
1998	New Roads	4	0	3779	Shreveport	13	4
2012	Jennings	11	6	3796	St Gabriel	7	3
2142	Plaucheville	4	-2	3854	Harahan	8	5
2150	Morganza	6	0	3857	DeRidder	9	1
2281	Abbeville	17	0	3870	Duson	8	0
2395	Bunkie	7	0	3872	Erath	12	8
2398	Breaux Bridge	9	5	3923	Jefferson	4	5
2409	Luling	16	4	4010	Mansura	5	-1
2432	Mansfield	3	0	4023	Leonville	7	3
2436	Reserve	9	0	4030	Baton Rouge	19	17
2504	Church Point	9	6	4033	Buras	3	0
2657	Prairieville	17	2	4085	Baker	7	3
2675	Mamou	4	7	4088	Minden	11	0
2732	Slidell	12	6	4156	Leesville	11	3
2807	Baton Rouge	15	5	4222	Marrero	9	-1
2855	Welsh	10	4	4309	Centerville	9	0
2875	Port Allen	9	4	4346	White Castle	5	0
2878	Metairie	12	-21	4508	Metairie	5	6
2893	Kinder	6	1	4547	New Orleans	4	2
2913	Kaplan	10	1	4562	Lake Charles	22	2
2918	New Orleans	3	0	4663	Metairie	8	3
2925	New Orleans	6	-3	4676	Loreauville	5	0
2952	Hammond	26	-18	4683	Lafayette	6	4
2972	Moreauville	5	-1	4761	Raceland	8	1
2982	Iota	3	0	4787	Hathaway	7	1
3006	Iowa	10	0	4791	Estherwood	10	13
3012	Lake Arthur	8	5	4818	Zwolle	4	-2
3014	Creole	9	0	4873	Bossier City	19	5
3015	Sulphur	12	6	4874	Ponchatoula	11	5
3048	Bell City	10	1	4906	Evangeline	4	0
3054	Lockport	13	10	4927	Parks	5	6

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5013	Chauvin	20	-5	8615	Gretna	9	1	10744	Brushly	7	0
5022	Lake Charles	7	0	8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	7	1	10745	Cankton	5	0
5048	Pine Prairie	5	-4	8703	Port Sulphur	4	18	10800	Kraemer	6	7
5111	New Iberia	11	-30	8743	Chackbay	7	2	10824	Ruston	3	0
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8770	Maurice	7	2	10902	Lydia	3	0
5301	Metairie	3	2	8779	Theriot	14	2	10911	Amite	5	-6
5345	Lafayette	5	1	8805	DeQuincy	3	1	10912	Hammond	7	1
5352	Pierre Part	6	0	8840	Mathews	12	4	11014	Branch	3	0
5461	Cameron	3	0	8843	Leroy	6	3	11060	Tickfaw	4	6
5499	Crowley	13	0	8861	Shreveport	5	0	11061	Labadieville	7	2
5530	Baton Rouge	9	4	8878	Lakeland	7	1	11096	Coteau Holmes	3	0
5532	Lawtell	8	0	8898	Larose	13	4	11212	Cow Island	3	0
5545	Houma	3	0	8901	Lafayette	10	10	11270	Opelousas	6	3
5627	Independence	8	0	8906	Thibodaux	5	-3	11407	Grand Lake	3	1
5747	Chalmette	19	23	8932	Bourg	8	-3	11491	Mowata	4	0
5755	Westlake	8	3	8978	North Sulphur	11	4	11576	Hackberry	3	0
5935	Laplace	14	-1	9000	Golden Meadow	11	7	11792	New Iberia	4	1
6057	Youngsville	13	1	9007	Metairie	4	2	11814	Pearl River	3	1
6103	Vinton	9	5	9016	Baton Rouge	8	-2	11857	Vacherie	8	0
6170	Houma	11	-2	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	4	11921	Kenner	5	0
6211	Bayou Vista	5	0	9107	New Orleans	8	0	12060	Thibodaux	5	2
6324	Monroe	3	0	9110	Jennings	4	0	12061	Many	3	1
6326	Denham Springs	19	16	9217	Belle Deau	3	0	12068	Grosse Tete	3	1
6357	Belle Chasse	14	0	9240	Mandeville	19	-58	12072	Mandeville	12	11
6369	Avondale	3	0	9247	Baton Rouge	8	0	12103	Lecompte	3	5
6389	St Amant	9	7	9260	Shreveport	5	0	12115	New Orleans	3	4
6496	Abbeville	3	-1	9281	Lacassine	4	1	12163	Milton	6	4
6531	Baton Rouge	7	3	9294	Echo	4	0	12179	Morgan City	5	0
6746	Kenner	6	0	9338	Houma	6	2	12209	Bordelonville	3	0
6753	French Settlement	4	2	9347	Metairie	6	3	12245	Franklinton	5	-1
6870	Terrytown	8	0	9384	Marrero	3	6	12285	Schriever	6	-2
6873	Baldwin	7	5	9415	New Orleans	7	5	12529	Abita Springs	10	-13
6958	Carencro	5	1	9418	Fifth Ward	5	0	12686	Metairie	5	1
6959	Egan	7	-7	9436	Richard	4	0	12734	Bossier City	3	0
7033	Ragley	3	2	9623	Laplace	8	2	12906	Covington	8	6
7050	Rynella	6	0	9692	Baton Rouge	14	10	12989	Lacombe	8	-1
7084	Berwick	3	0	9753	Tioga	6	5	12997	New Iberia	7	0
7226	Marrero	6	3	9769	Slidell	4	1	13145	Baton Rouge	3	8
7275	Lafayette	11	1	9912	Grand Prairie	3	0	13192	Natchitoches	3	0
7350	Barataria	11	1	9933	Luling	9	-17	13296	Kolin	4	5
7355	Houma	14	3	9935	Duralde	4	2	13349	Waggaman	3	4
7411	Mire	10	0	9973	Slidell	15	8	13397	Thibodaux	6	8
7557	Broussard	23	8	10057	Harvey	3	0	13411	Thibodaux	3	0
7568	Scott	7	-3	10080	Zachary	4	0	13425	River Ridge	6	1
7657	Bayou Blue	6	2	10123	Kenner	5	0	13505	Alexandria	4	4
7722	Dulac	12	16	10156	New Orleans	3	0	13632	Baton Rouge	4	5
7856	St Francisville	7	4	10176	Folsom	6	2	13819	Houma	4	3
8029	Alexandria	9	4	10178	Albany	6	4	13931	Lake Charles	6	7
8030	Livonia	4	0	10185	Catahoula	5	0	14542	Lafayette	4	6
8031	Swartz	3	0	10269	Fenton	3	0	14614	Covington	3	5
8032	Oak Grove	3	0	10293	Lafayette	14	6	14657	Pineville	3	0
8058	Carlyss	11	1	10349	Henderson	5	1	14882	Kenner	3	0
8147	Gonzales	9	5	10428	Eunice	4	1				
8322	Maplewood	8	1	10455	Baton Rouge	11	-1				
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10554	Arabi	3	0				
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10564	Simmesport	3	-2				
8342	Prairieville	15	5	10606	Belle Rose	4	4				
8371	Amelia	5	1	10612	Houma	8	-1				
8438	Campiti	3	0	10613	Baton Rouge	4	1				
8442	Violet	3	1	10645	Lacombe	4	1				
8546	Metairie	6	1	10717	Mermentau	8	0				
8583	Morse	12	0	10721	Judice	5	7				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	5	10728	Shreveport	3	0				

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October 24th was a very special day for the Louisiana State Squires. ON this date, St. Basil Circle 3310 celebrated its 25th anniversary. The celebration was held at Maryhill, with State Father Prior, Father Scott Chemino celebrating Mass and leading us in the rosary. A special thanks goes out to Chief Counsellor Alvin Broussard for working with the circle for twenty-five years.

The State Circle is now working with those councils whose Squire



Circles are in danger of becoming inactive. Too many times we find that the easiest thing to do is to let the circle become inactive. As of this date, we have two circles that were kept from becoming inactive. If any council needs help with their circle please let me know.

This Fraternal year has been very active in the starting of new circles. New Squire Circles have been started in Kolin, St. Amant, and Bayou Black. The State Circle says thank you to those councils for starting Squire Circles. We are also working with another eight councils in starting a Squires Circle. Once again, if any council is interested in starting a Squire Circle, please contact me.

The Louisiana State Circle had circles winning awards from the Supreme Council this year. Simmesport Circle 4114 won the Corps d'Elite Award. This award is given for excellence in programming as a circle must plan and complete four programs in each of the four areas Squires work in. The Louisiana State Circle had two circles to win a Brother Barnabas Award. This award is given to the twenty-five best projects in the order. The winners of these awards were Simmesport Circle 4114 and Vacherie Circle 4676. Congratulations go out to these circles, their counselors, officers, and members.

To all my Brother Knights, may the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family this Christmas and the entire year. Esto Dignus, Be Worthy.

Council 10293 Lafayette

The St. Edmond Knights of Columbus Council 10293 in Lafayette was recently awarded the 2nd Place International Knights of Columbus Youth Award for their efforts in support of the Louisiana Special Olympics "Young Athlete Program: YAP". The program is an innovative sports play program for children with intellectual disabilities, designed to introduce them to the world of sports prior to Special Olympics eligibility at age 8. The Young Athletes program strengthens physical development and self-esteem for children ages 2 through 7 by building skills for future sports participation and socialization. Under the leadership of Pat Laborde of the St. Edmond Knights of Columbus and Charmaine Welborn of the Acadiana Area Special Olympics, this special group of volunteers has helped to make a difference in the lives of these "special children of God". These children have also provided these volunteers with the special love and blessing that they offer.

Any parent who has a child with intellectual disabilities is encouraged to contact their local Special Olympics representatives to learn more about how their child can participate in these activities and take advantage of this free program



Pictured are members of St. Edmond Knights of Columbus YAP volunteers along with Charmaine Welborn and Teri Perkins of Special Olympics along with one of the YAP participants displaying the Knights of Columbus 2nd Place International Award for Youth.

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
02.21.10	DD Pete Peragine (28)	Baton Rouge, 9016
03.07.10	DD John Luquette (18)	Thibodaux, 1114
03.14.10	DD Donald Laurent (48)	Kinder, 2893
03.21.10	DD Bobby Deen (55)	Natchitoches, 1357
04.18.10	DD Havard Bonnette (45)	Mamou, 4222

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

*****Please Note: NEW LOCATION!*****

Grand Knights Day

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Sunday, January 31, 2010
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Lafayette

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Plan to Attend & Encourage Council Participation!

