



Knights of Columbus® Louisiana State Council

September 15, 2023

Louisiana Report

KC STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The 51st Annual Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament will take place on Saturday, September 23rd at the Lamar Dixon Activity Center in Gonzales.

Click [HERE](#) to download your entry form, or enter on line by [clicking here](#).

Deadline to enter, TUESDAY, September 19th.

Hope to see you in Gonzales September 23rd.

Grand Knights, please share with your members.



Membership

My Brother Knights,

It has been great seeing many of you over the last 15 days at the diocesan meetings. The interest you show has been fantastic. Remember that State Deputy Vince and I are always here for you and ready to help you put on a membership drive as long as the date is not already taken.

We are doing GREAT this month. The state is at the 50% mark for the middle of the month. Keep the push on as we still need 68 for the next fifteen days.

Remember use that FREE advertisement by using your shirts, name tags, and bulletin statements to help you get where you need to be. Also move those members from the prospect tab into your council. Get credit for the work you have done.

Hope you have a great rest of September and your team comes out a winner. Yes your council and your



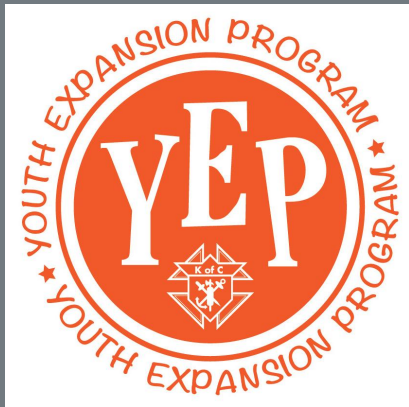
football team. Remember, be that Fisher of Men the way Christ sent his apostle out to do the same. Be that Good and Faithful Servant.

VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh
State Membership Director

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest: New theme.

The essay theme for 2023-2024 is: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?
The deadline for Councils to receive entries is November 15.
Plan to publicize your Council Essay Contest in September and October.
Use Parish Bulletins, Parish Websites, Council Websites, Facebook pages, etc. to publicize the contest.



YEP. Youth Expansion Program

The YEP Quotas are now available.
You can check your Council's YEP Quota [here](#).
All YEP donations are due to the YEP Chairman,
Joel Ocmad, by June 15, 2024.

Diocesan Meetings

Diocesan Meetings have been scheduled as follows:

September 19th – **Lake Charles Diocesan Meeting** – Council 8978
923 Tana St. Sulphur

September 28th – **New Orleans NE Diocesan Meeting** – Council 12906
125 East 19th Ave. Covington

September 28th – **New Orleans SW Diocesan Meeting** – Council 1905
475 Franklin St. Gretna

Grand Knights, Membership Directors and Program Directors should attend. All members are welcome. This is a meeting that will be facilitated by your Diocesan Administrator and will cover topics specific to your particular Diocese.

Look for an email from your Diocesan Administrator detailing times and meeting details.

Safe Environment Compliance

Is your Council Safe Environment Compliant? The Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director are required to take Safe Environment training. To check if your Council is compliant, the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should log in to Officers Online on the Supreme Website. Scroll down to the bottom third of the page and click on Reports. Run the Safe Environment Member Status report. Open the report and check to see if all required members are compliant. If the report does not show the four required roles, you need to re-appoint the missing positions.

To re-appoint any open position, go to Officers Online and update Form 365. Click [here](#) to go to the Fraternal Video Library. Scroll down to Forms, then click on Forms 185, 186, & 365 Online Submission Training.

Pilgrim Icon (St. Joseph)

There are currently two St. Joseph Icons that will travel around the State. The Icon comes complete with Prayer booklets. The schedule is as follows:
Icon #1;

New Orleans North/East – September & October

New Orleans South/West – November & December
Houma – January & February
Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

Lafayette – September & October
Lake Charles – November & December
Alexandria – January & February
Shreveport – March & April

If your Council/District would like to host a Prayer Service with the Icon, please contact your Diocesan Administrator to get on the schedule.

If any Council or District has the third St. Joseph Icon, please contact me at programs@louisianakc.org. This will allow more Councils to have access to the Icons and provide Prayer Services for their parishes.



Soccer Challenge

The deadline for hosting Council Challenge is 09.15.30.
District competitions should be completed by 10.15.23.
Diocesan competition must be completed by 10.30.23.

Diocesan Winners will meet on Sunday, November 12th, in Baton Rouge for the State Championships.

Star Tracker

The first Star Tracker Report for 2023-2024 is [here](#).

State Deputy Award Worksheet

The State Deputy Award Worksheet has been updated as of 9-1-2023. If you find any errors or have any questions about the data in this report, please let me know ASAP. The worksheet can be found [here](#).



KC STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 6-7-8, 2023

Friday is a optional scramble format event.

Saturday/Sunday is 36 hole medal play.

Cane Row Golf & Turf Club, New Iberia

Deadline to enter is Wednesday, September 27

Pulse Immersion Retreats

WHAT IS PULSE IMMERSION?

Pulse Immersion Retreats are Saturday retreats designed to educate and empower pro-life students with the basics to be leaders in their local communities. Through educational opportunities and hands-on activism, students will be empowered to carry the pro-life message back to their schools, churches, and peers.

FALL '23 PULSE IMMERSIONS

HOUMA/THIBODAUX PULSE IMMERSION...October 14th, 2023

LAFAYETTE PULSE IMMERSION...October 28th, 2023

NEW ORLEANS PULSE IMMERSION...November 4th, 2023

Councils should look to sponsor students to attend these retreats. Students can register [here](#).

Retreat/Spirituality Conferences

There are several Spirituality Conferences coming up in the next couple of months. These count as electives for the State Deputy Award.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC RALLY
CAJUNDOME CONVENTION CENTER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023
6:00PM-9:30PM

- MASS
- DINNER
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS
- ADORATION
- MUSIC
- BENEDICTION

FREE ADMISSION

GUEST SPEAKER
DR. RALPH MARTIN
REAL PRESENCE: WHO IS PRESENT AND WHAT DOES HE WANT?

CELEBRANT
MOST REV. DOUGLAS DESHOTEL
Bishop of Lafayette

HOMILIST
REV. ALEX ALBERT
Director of the Office of Worship

Lafayette Diocesan Eucharistic Rally
Thursday, October 5, 2023
Cajundome Convention Center
Free Admission – No Registration Required

"BATTLE READY"
A One Day Conference for Catholic Men

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church
Men's Conference
November 18, 2023

"You will not have to fight in this encounter. Take your places, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD; he will be your God, Judah, and Jerusalem. Do not fear, do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out to meet them, and the LORD will be with you." - Chronicles 20:17

Bishop Mark Demko, Fr. Paul Berthel, Fr. Anthony (Spence) Furrage, Fr. Joseph (Fisher) Fisher

409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70360

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM - Breakfast and Lunch Served

Registration fee - \$20 person

For planning purposes, please Pre-Register:
www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com

Please click the Men's Conference banner then select "One Day Men's Conference" in the Fund Dropdown Box
or in person at the church office.

The St. Bernadette Catholic Men's Conference is a day of prayer and education using the word as reference to give a true love to the Church. It is a time of spiritual healing and renewal. It is a time to reflect on what it means to be a Catholic man. Our mission is to provide an opportunity for the dignity & respect of men in service to God's Kingdom, encouraging them to share in our God and see their gifts to enter their own lives in community.

SPONSORED BY:

Houma/Thibodaux
St. Bernadette Men's Conference
Saturday, November 18, 2023
7:30AM – 2:30PM

Upcoming Deadlines

- September 15 – Deadline for August Family of the Month submission
- September 23 – State Horseshoe Tournament – Gonzales
- September 30 – Deadline to Conduct Council Soccer Challenge
- October 1 – Deadline to pay State Per Capita
- October 6-8 – State Golf Tournament – New Iberia
- October 10 – Deadline to pay Supreme Per Capita
- October 15 – Deadline to Conduct District Soccer Challenge
- October 15 – Deadline for September Family of the Month submission
- October 30 – Deadline to Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge





Gumbo Cook Off

The Annual State Cook-Off has indeed been an enjoyable event by many throughout the state; however, many of our Brother Chefs share specialties of different varieties. To allow participation by a greater number of brothers, the menu for the cook-off has been changed often however this year the menu will remain the same. This year, Brothers will have the opportunity to share their best recipes for **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo**.

The Council & District level of competition has been eliminated. A council will be allowed to enter as many teams as desired into their respective Diocesan competition. All entry fees have also been eliminated.

Contact your Diocesan Administrator for dates & locations.

[Download your ENTRY FORM here.](#)

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