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December 15, 2023

*****GRAND KNIGHTS. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS*****

Louisiana Report



My Brother Knights,

It is my hope that all of you are having a Blessed Advent season in preparation for the coming of our Lord. Part of our calling as Knights is to care for our brothers- not just in the physical sense, but the more important spiritual sense as well. Pray that we all discover Gods saving mission and good graces. Remember we are called to be his Knights and serve others less fortunate, let us help others have a Blessed Christmas season.

The fraternal year is halfway over, and as I reflect on the many things you have accomplished doing God's work. I am overjoyed for what you have done here in Louisiana. I thank you for the service to others and our great order. I just ask you not to do this alone or just with the brothers in your own council. Please bring the gift of Knights of Columbus to other catholic men. The Knights of Columbus helps men be better men, husband, and fathers; It empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

Please enjoy your family and friends during this holiday season and i would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas.

Vince Whittington
State Deputy

Membership

Worthy Grand Knights,

We are in the Christmas season and It is time for all of us to reach out and give a family that gift of a Knight Before Christmas. Your council maybe close to its goal of 50% for the first half of the year. Give that final push and "Go to the Well" and try to meet your quota.



With that being said I want to Wish ALL my Brother Knights and families a Safe and Merry Christmas.

Enjoy your time with your family and help those in need as well as attempting to bring new members into our Beloved Order.

Remember use your QR code as this give you a faster count, whereas; the form 100 takes 7 to 10 days for you to receive credit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and May God Bless your family during this holy time of the year.

VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh
State Membership Director

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Any Brother Knight
who recruits FIVE (5) NEW MEMBERS
between December 1st and December 25th,
he will receive a
TOP FISHERS OF MEN shirt
from the State Council!!!



CYLA. Catholic Youth Leadership Award

The CYLA process is going completely online this year. There will be no hardcopy form for students to fill out. The link to the new CYLA form on the website is now available. The deadline for students to submit a completed application to the Council is January 25th. Councils should grade the forms and send winning entries to their DA by February 7th.

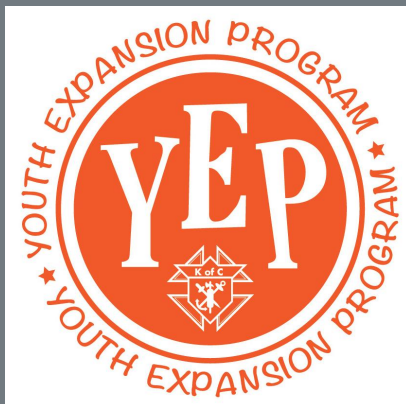


Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Councils should send winning essays to their Diocesan Administrator by December 5. Diocesan Administrators have until January 5, 2024, to submit winning essays to State Chairman, Delmas Forbes.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Councils should conduct the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in December. All entries should be received by December 5th. Councils should grade and send winning Posters to their DA's by December 31st.



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 Ocmand, by June 15, 2024.

Please make your check out to Louisiana State Council and put YEP in the memo line.

Send checks to:

Joel Ocmand
273 West 2nd Street
Reserve, LA 70084

Star Tracker Report

The Star Tracker Report dated 12/4/2023 is [here](#).

State Deputy Award Worksheet

The State Deputy Award Worksheet has been updated. 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](#).



K.C. State Retreat

- **WHEN:** Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm thru Sunday late morning
- **DATES:** February 23-24-25, 2024
- **WHERE:** Lumen Christi Retreat Center, 100 Lumen Christi Lane, Schriever, LA, 70395

This is a directed retreat led by Fr. Jamin David, State Chaplain. Ample time is provided for individual reflection. (This is NOT a silent retreat.)

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

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

Please note, everyone will need to bring their toiletries.

The cost is Onsite single - \$205.00,
Onsite double - \$180.00, or Commuter - \$115.00.
The State Retreat Chairman is Don Ducote.

REGISTRATION FORM HERE

Free Throw Contest

Councils should start planning for their Free Throw Contest. The deadline to host a Council Free Throw Contest is January 31st. Be sure to fill out Form 10784 with your Council's participation. District Free Throw Competitions should be completed by February 14th.

State Championship to be held Saturday, March 16, in Lafayette.



Grand Knights Day

There will be two Grand Knights Day meetings this year.
January 27th for the South to be held in Prairieville.
January 28th for the North to be held in Alexandria.

Councils are required to have two members attend KCLS/Grand Knights Day to receive credit toward the State Deputy Award.

**PLEASE NOTE A NEW LOCATION FOR NORTH LOUISIANA!
NEW LOCATION...ST. RITA'S.
4401 Bayou Rapides Road, Alexandria**

Special Olympics

Be sure to submit your Council's Special Olympics Activities (Volunteer Hours/Dollars Donated) on

The State receives a portion of money from Supreme based upon our activities/donations to Special Olympics. It is important to send your Form 10784 to Supreme by January 31st to receive credit toward the State Deputy Award.

Fraternal Activity Reports

Councils are required to fill out Form 1728 (Fraternal Activity Report) by January 3rd. This form helps the Knights of Columbus keep its tax-exempt status with the IRS. Councils should consider all dollars spent and volunteer hours for the calendar year 2023.

If you need any help filling out Form 1728, watch the training video on Supreme's website. It can be found [here](#). This form is required for both Star Council Award and the State Deputy Award.

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.

NOTE: To receive credit for the State Deputy Award, your Council must be fully compliant by December 31, 2023.

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 South/West – December

Houma – January & February

Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

Lake Charles – 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. Once your Council hosts the Icon, please remember to fill out Form 10784 to report your participation.

Upcoming Deadlines

December 15 – Deadline for November Family of the Month Submission

December 31 – Deadline for DA's to Conduct Diocesan Gumbo Cook-Off

December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Keep Christ in

Christmas Posters to DA's

December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Form 10784 for Essay

Participation

January 4 – Deadline for DA's to submit Diocesan Gumbo Winners

January 5 – Deadline for DA's to submit Essay Winners to State Chairman

January 15 – Deadline for December Family of the Month Submission

January 18 – Deadline for DA's to Submit Winning Keep Christ In

Christmas Posters to State Chairman

January 25 – Deadline for Students to Submit CYLA Applications to

Councils

January 27 – Grand Knights Day South – Prairieville

January 28 – Grand Knights Day North - Alexandria

February 3 – State Cornhole Tournament – Reserve

February 7 – Councils to submit CYLA winners to DA's

February 14 – Deadline to conduct District Free Throw Contest





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..](#)



The 6th Annual KC State Corn Hole Tournament will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at St. Peter's Catholic School, Reserve. Click here for your [INFO/ENTRY FORM](#).

To enter on line, [CLICK HERE!](#)

FOR ANY PROGRAM QUESTIONS PLEASE DIRECT
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