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February 1, 2024

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Louisiana Report

**Brothers, the STATE CONVENTION is but three months away
and this years convention registration process
will be **TOTALLY ELECTRONIC...ON LINE.****

The link below will take you to the registration process.



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THE FAITH WITHIN YOU
CONVENTION



State Convention Registrations Online

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LouisianaKnightsOfColumbusCouncil/StateConventionOnlineRegistration>

State Convention Sponsorship Online

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LouisianaKnightsOfColumbusCouncil/KCConventionSponsorship>

Convention Sponsorship helps with the cost of convention. Consider sponsorship!

Please contact Brett Cormier, State Technology Director, tech@louisianakc.org, if any issues.

CONVENTION INFO PACKET...CLICK HERE!

**Book Your Hotel Room @ the Crowne Plaza
by calling 225.925.2244**

Membership

Brother Knights,

Now that the fun and festivities of Mardi Gras is over it is time for us to remember our Lenten duties during the holiest season of the Catholic church. It is a time for us to bring ourselves closer to Christ and ask any man to join our ranks. Have him join the spirituality that the knights can give him, have him learn ideas for being a better father, but most of all bring him closer to Christ during this Lenten Season. Use the resources you have at hand. Use your QR code, use your yard signs, put stickers on all your fish fry dinners, and of course make sure that everyone knows you are the Knights of Columbus doing the cooking. This is the time to bring men closer to Christ and have his family relive the Passion of Christ and what He did to save us from sin. Be strong and ask some to join the Knights. Be that Fisher of Men that Our Lord ask St. Peter and the apostles to do for Him. Ask me so they can come closer to God thru our Into the Breach program or joining or creating a Cor Program in your parish. The Knights of Columbus is one of the ways the Catholic Church spreads the word of God and what He can do for a family. Go forth and be the Good and Faithful Servant. Bring in some men to our Beloved Order and bring them closer to God thru our programs. Reach out to all the men in your parish and Spread the Good News of Christ to all. Remember your Lenten Duties and remember "I am Knights of Columbus"



VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh

State Membership Director

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



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DOUBLES

1 ST	Dicharry & Migliacio, Co 1817	
2 nd	Faucheux & Lasseigne	2436
3 rd	Richard & Springer	9623
4 th	Becnel & Clement	2436
5 th	Addison & Quebedeaux	2952
5 th	Schultz & Schultz	10176
7 th	Blanchard & Charpentier	9338
7 th	Picou & Tibbs	10176
9 th	Myers & Wainright	12529
9 th	Smith & Waguespack	2409
9 th	Ross & Hattier	12989
9 th	Dragon & Lasseigne	2436
13 th	Beattie & Cooper	10176
13 th	Duplantis & Guidry	9281
13 th	Dufrene & Dufrene	1905
13 th	Falgoust & Pallisi	9247
17 th	Madere & Bourgeois	3465
17 th	Babin & Signorino	8342
17 th	Kimble & Landry	8342
17 th	Hart & Marquardt	12529



SENIOR DOUBLES TEAM

1 st	Avallone & Marcel	12906
2 nd	Taylor & Roussel	8342
3 rd	Duffour & Ducote	2409
4 th	Poyer & Rutherford	12906

SENIOR SINGLES

1 st	Doyle Rogers	3054
2 nd	Hubert Remondet	2436
3 rd	Lawrence Kimble	8342

SINGLES

1 ST	Brent Dicharry	1817
2 nd	Dennis Springer	9623
3 rd	Kenneth Clement	2436
4 th	Tommy Lasseigne	2436
5 th	Scott Becnel	2436
5 th	Chad Dragon	2436
7 th	Mario Migliadio	1817
7 th	Craig Boudreaux	9000



Corn Hole Double Winners are: Migliacio & Brent Dicharry, Council 1817, Gramercy, pictured with State Deputy Vince Whittington.



State Deputy Whittington presents Senior Single Champion Doyle Rogers, Council 3054, Lockport.



Senior Doubles Winners Avallone & Marcel, Council 12906, Covington.



Single Champion Brent Dicharry, Council 1817, Gramercy, accepts award from State Deputy.



Gumbo Cook-Off Winners



South Winners included the members of Gonzales Council 2657. Team members included Craig Braud (Captain), Brian Amedee, Bud Braud and Larry Gainey. State Deputy Vince Whittington (L) presents the award.



Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"





The 77th Annual KC State Bowling Tournament will be held
Saturday/Sunday, March 16-17 & 23-24, 2024,
at Steelwood Lanes, Morgan City.
Click here for your [INFO/ENTRY FORM](#).

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

2024 State Convention Rules & Guidance

This document will prepare delegates, spectators, and guests to attend and participate in the State Convention. The following topics are addressed:

Selecting Delegates;
Who may attend the Convention business sessions;
Who may speak at the Convention;
Dress Code;
Elections and Nominations for State Officers;
Elections and Nominations for Supreme Convention delegates;
Convention Fees and Expenses; and
Resolution Procedures.

Please click here for the Rules and Guidance.

Mark Carver
State Advocate

Selecting State Convention Delegates

[\(Click here for details\)](#)

The Council should select two (2) primary (voting) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to attend the State Convention.

Delegates must be a Third-Degree Knight in good standing.

Any Third Degree Knight in good standing can attend the Convention business sessions as a “spectator.” Spectators do not have to pay the registration fee to attend the Convention business sessions.

Any individual (3rd Degree, 1st Degree Knight, non-member, spouse, etc.) can attend all social events, banquets, and functions, if the individual pays the required registration fee.

Councils should strive to have both voting delegates attend the State Convention and encourage the two alternates and all other members to attend the State Convention.

Grand Knights and Council Recorders will get emails to confirm their delegates when they register. If you do not confirm your delegate prior to convention check in your delegate may not be allowed to vote. If your delegate registers and you do not get the email please contact State Technology Director Brett Cormier at tech@louisianakc.org

Submitting Resolutions

[\(Click here for details\)](#)

Resolutions must be in State Advocate's hands by March 1st.

Resolutions must be in writing and signed by three 3rd Degree members.

The email address for the State Advocate is https://StateAdvocate@LouisianaKC.org.

Mark Carver

State Advocate



KC International Golf Tournament

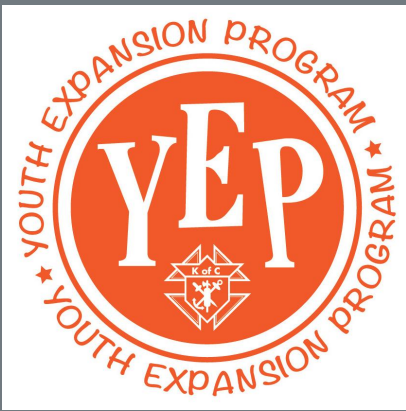
We have news about the upcoming 2024 “Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Association” golf tournament. This year the tournament will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Highlands Golf Course on June 11th, 12, and 13th. Special room rates for all Knights of Columbus golfers and quest are available at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Lincoln, located just a few miles from the Highlands Golf Course. All activities surrounding the golf tournament (*Tuesday night social, Thursday night awards banquet*) will also be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. If you are interested in attending the Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Association (K.C.I.A.G.A.) tournament, please contact Paul Allemand (*KCIAGA board director*) at 337-385-2560 for entry package and detailed hotel information.



Free Throw Contest

Diocesan Free Throw Competitions should be completed by February 28th.

The State Competition will be held Saturday, March 16th in Lafayette.



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 Ocmnd, by June 15, 2024.

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

Send checks to:

Joel Ocmnd

273 West 2nd Street

Reserve, LA 70084



K.C. State Retreat...FINAL NOTICE

- **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](#)

[Register on line here:](#)

**[https://www.cognitofrms.com/louisianaknightsofcolu
mbuscouncil/stateretreat](https://www.cognitofrms.com/louisianaknightsofcolu
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STAR TRACKER

The Star Tracker Report dated 01-02-2024 is [here](#).

STATE DEPUTY AWARD WORKSHEET

The State Deputy Award Worksheet has been updated as of 2-12-2024. 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](#).

Spiritual Conferences

If you cannot attend the State Retreat, try to attend one of the following Spirituality Conferences.

ALEXANDRIA

To find out more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#).



**Real Presence,
Real Power!**
Eucharistic Life and the
"Science of Sainthood"

February 23-25, 2024

Randolph Riverfront Center
707 Second St. | Alexandria, LA

NEW ORLEANS

NOLACatholic Men's Conference "I Have Called You Friends"

Saturday, February 24, 2024 8:30 am – 3pm

Location: St. Catherine of Siena

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. This year's conference theme is "I Have Called You Friends". Recent studies indicate that the percentage of adult men with at least 6 close friends has been cut in half since 1990 and as many as 20% of men report having no close friendships at all. It is growing a problem not only for the life of the Church, but one which is gaining attention and causing concern even within secular society. Our Catholic faith is rooted in friendship. Even as the Apostles were sent out into the whole world to proclaim the good news, it was their friendship with Christ and with one another that held them together in the unity of faith. That same friendship holds us together today. Our men need friends to live up to their calling as men of God and as men of the Church. Please help us call all the men of our local Church of New Orleans to this important event! The conference will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Please be on the lookout for a mailing from the Office of Marriage and Family Life to the parishes containing more information and promotional materials. Register and learn about Group Discounts at nolacatholicmen.org. For more information, contact 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org. Find us on Facebook/Instagram @nolacatholicmen!

BATON ROUGE

Calling all Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters of America! On March 9th, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be hosting a Day of Prayer, Fellowship and Reflection for members of your groups, and we want YOU to be there.

To RSVP your council/chapter, visit <https://www.diobr.org/pfr>.

PAST STATE DEPUTY AWARD

Do you know a Brother Knight who exhibits dedicated service to the Church, Country and Columbianism? If so, consider nominating him for the Past State Deputy Award.

The Award Criteria is as follows:

1. Any Louisiana Knight of Columbus member in good standing at the time of the exemplary service. If

awarded posthumously, or at some length of time after the exemplary service, nominee must have been in good standing at the time of death or now, if still living.

2. Any Louisiana Knight who has exemplified loyal service to the Church, responsible citizenship to the country and outstanding dedication to the principles of Columbianism.
3. Past State Deputies are not eligible for this award.

Nomination forms can be found on the State Website or by clicking [here](#).



Special Olympics

As we are approaching the second half of the fraternal year, many of the local Special Olympics events (mostly Track & Field) will be taking place. Visit the Special Olympics Louisiana website <https://specialolympicsla.org/> to find a local program / event your council can assist. The State Summer Games will take place May 17 – 19 at SLU in Hammond and volunteers will be needed for this event.

Be sure to submit your Council's Special Olympics Activities (Volunteer Hours / Dollars Donated) on Form 10784 for the calendar year 2023 by January 31. This serves two purposes: 1) The Supreme Council makes a donation to Special Olympics Louisiana based on the activities / donations reported; 2) This form indicates your council's participation in Special Olympics for the State Deputy's 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.

The deadline to receive credit for the State Deputy Award has been extended to May 31, 2024. With this extended deadline, there is no reason every Council should not be compliant.

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;

Houma – February
Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;
Alexandria – 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.

Cor Updates

The "Cor in the New Year" webinar is now available to view on demand. Please encourage your council leaders who are still looking to start up Cor this fraternal year to take advantage of this valuable webinar. Register [here](#)

Upcoming Training

Online training sessions are conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, and are available to watch on demand after the live viewing. Encourage members in your Councils to register for upcoming online sessions or on demand training by visiting [kofc.org/training](https://www.kofc.org/training), or by clicking on the links below.

Upcoming Online Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Central)

February 20, 2024 [Recruitment...7:00pm](#)

February 21, 2024 [Activity Drive...7:00 PM](#)

Diocesan Administrators

This is a list of the Diocesan Administrators to send forms/applications to:

NE New Orleans

Arthur McDowell, Jr. (14614)

70287 10th Street

Covington, LA 70434

985.502.8519

da-no-ne@louisianakc.org

SW New Orleans

Glenn F. Esteve (1905)

728 Newton Street

Gretna, LA 70053

504.361.1829 Residence

504.405.2576 Cellular

da-no-sw@louisianakc.org

Houma Thibodaux

Frank Chase (8840)

105 St. Joseph

Raceland, LA 70395

985.532.2903

da-ht@louisianakc.org

Baton Rouge

Kevin Heltz (8601)

7061 Belle Christi Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70817-4870

225.747.3495

da-br@louisianakc.org

Lafayette

David Landry (7275)

1021 Rosedown

Lafayette, LA 70503-5832

337.207.0009

da-laf@louisianakc.org

Lake Charles
Troy Rizzuto (3015)
529 South Lebanon Street
Sulphur, LA 70663-6215
337.532.7658 Cellular
[**da-1c@louisianakc.org**](mailto:da-1c@louisianakc.org)

Alexandria
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179 Robins Lane
Bunkie, LA 71322
318.240.0007 Cellular
[**da-alex@louisianakc.org**](mailto:da-alex@louisianakc.org)

Shreveport
Ronald Dupuis, Sr. (3779)
3853 Christy Drive
Shreveport, LA 71129
318.469.5140
[**da-sh@louisianakc.org**](mailto:da-sh@louisianakc.org)



Upcoming Deadlines

February 23-25 – State Retreat – Lumen Christi Center – Schriever
February 28 – Deadline to conduct Diocesan Free Throw Contest
March 1 - Deadline-CYLA Diocesan Winners to State CYLA Chairman
March 15 - Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
March 16 - STATE YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST, Lafayette
March 16-17 - STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Morgan City
March 23-24 - STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Morgan City
March 24 - Palm Sunday
March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY
March 31 - EASTER
April 1 – Deadline – Payment of State Per Capita
April 5 – Deadline to submit STSP Forms to State Office
April 5 – Deadline to submit Family of the Year Nominations to State Family Director (Glenn Ray)
April 6 – CYLA Finals. St. George Baton Rouge
April 15 – Deadline for March Family of the Month Submission
April 22 – Deadline to submit SMF Raffle Tickets & Money to Vernon Ducote

**FOR ANY PROGRAM QUESTIONS PLEASE DIRECT
TO STEVE HART, programs@louisianakc.org
504.615.1303**

[Website](#)



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