



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BIENVILLE PROVINCE

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To: All Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Former Masters, Master's Staff, and the Elected State Officers of the Louisiana State Council

Re: 37th Biennial Meeting and Nominations for the appointment of the officer of District Master

The 37th Biennial Meeting of the District of Louisiana Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree is scheduled for April 13, 2024 at the St. Pius X Family Life Center, located at: 600 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette, LA. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM, Rosary at 10:00 AM, meeting called to order at 10:30 AM. Msgr. Gouaux ASM 2199 will host the event.

Pursuant to the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Article VI, Section 17, which states:

“The Master of each District shall be appointed by the Supreme Master. The District Assembly at each regular biennial meeting may select by ballot from the Fourth Degree membership in the District three recommendations and forward them to the Supreme Master for his consideration. The Master shall reside in the District and when he changes residence there-from, the Supreme Master shall declare the office vacant and appoint a successor from the membership in the District, for the unexpired term. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office for any other reason, the Supreme Master shall fill the vacancy from the membership in the District.”

Any sir knight, in good standing, wishing to submit his name as a candidate must complete the application that will be provided with his resume' and submit it to the District Master via **CERTIFIED MAIL or E-Mail**. This application must be received by the District Master **no later than March 1, 2024**.

PLEASE NOTE: Any sir knight considering the office of District Master MUST have the new uniform. This is not an option. Any applicant who does not have the uniform or is opposed to wearing or promoting it, need not apply.

Biennial Meeting Delegates:

Pursuant to the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Article V, Section 14b, which state:

“Be composed of the Faithful Navigator of each Assembly in the District and one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof of each Assembly which delegates shall be elected by ballot at the February meeting in the year in which such district assembly is convened and after prior notice of the holding of such election has been given to the members by notice or publication.

Assemblies shall have the right to elect alternate delegates for the Faithful Navigator and for any delegates to which they are entitled.”

Example:

Assembly Membership as of January 1, 2024:
50 or less: 1- Delegate (Faithful Navigator or his proxy)
51-100: 2- Delegates (Faithful Navigator plus one more delegate)
101-150: 3- Delegates (Faithful Navigator plus two more delegates)
151- 200: 4- Delegates (Faithful Navigator plus three more delegates)

Please note that the additional delegate (s) DO NOT have to be a Past Faithful Navigator. The delegates will cast a “Ballot of Consensus” for the 3- nominees for the next District Master. It doesn’t matter how many nominees submit their application, the delegates will have their say. The District Marshals will serve as the Election Committee and will tally the ballots. The top three (3) nominees will be submitted for consideration to the Vice Supreme Master.

Resolutions: Any resolutions for the Biennial Meeting must be submitted to the District Master via **certified mail or e-mail** and received by **March 1, 2024**. The resolution must be in the proper resolution format, must be signed by the Faithful Navigator and the document must have the Assembly seal.

Dress Protocol: Anyone wishing to wear their uniform in social attire (no beret, baldric, sword, or gloves) is welcome to do so. Casual attire, 4th Degree or assembly shirt with slacks is acceptable. Remember, this is the biggest and most important 4th Degree meeting at the District level that is held once every two years. All members should dress appropriately.

I hope that everyone who is supposed to attend will make plans to do so. This is definitely an obligation for all Faithful Navigators.

Fraternally,

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