

# Louisiana Knight

## FINAL EDITION

### Calendar

- July 1 *Deadline-Report of Officers, Form 185*
- July 4 *Independence Day*
- July 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- July 15 *State Per Capita Invoice Mailed to FS*
- July 18** **KCLS, Lafayette**
- August 1 *Deadline-SERVICE PROGRAM, Form #365*
- August 4-6 *SUPREME CONVENTION, Virtual, On-Line*
- August 5 *Deadline-ORDERING CANDY, CPID Campaign*
- August 12 *Birthdate of Fr. Michael McGivney*
- August 15 *Deadline-SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT, Form #1295*
- August 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- August 15 *Deadline-Council Order Soccer Challenge Kit*
- August 15 *Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary*
- August 15 *4th Degree Exemplification*
- Aug 15-16** **STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Lake Charles**
- Aug 22-23** **STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Lake Charles**
- Aug 28-30 *4th Degree Regional Provisional Meeting*
- Sept 1 *Deadline-Parish Roundtable Report, Form #2629*
- Sept 1 *Deadline-Council Order Essay Contest Kit*
- Sept 7 *Labor Day*
- Sept 12** **STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine**
- Sept 12 *Master's Installation*
- Sept 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- Sept 30 *Deadline-Conduct Council Soccer Challenge*
- October 1-30 *Respect Life Month*
- October 1 **Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA**
- October 1 *Deadline - Order Keep Christ in Christmas Kit*
- October 2-4** **STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Patterson**
- October 4-6 *ANNUAL CPID CAMPAIGN (formerly MDF)*
- Oct 11-Nov 15 *Silver Rose Program*
- October 12 *Columbus Day Observed*
- October 10 *4th Degree District Promotional Meeting*
- October 10 *Deadline-Payment SUPREME PER CAPITA*
- October 15 *Deadline-Conduct District Soccer Challenge*
- October 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- October 30 *Deadline - Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge*
- November 1 *Feast of All Saints Day*
- November 1 *CYLA Information Mailed to Grand Knights*
- November 1 *Deadline - Order Free Throw Kits*
- November 2 *Feast of All Souls Day*
- November 3 *National Election Day*
- November 7** **STATE NINE BALL TOURNAMENT, Lafayette**
- November 8** **STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE, Baton Rouge**
- November 11 *Veterans Day*
- November 15 *Deadline-Conduct Diocesan Gumbo Cook-Off*
- November 15 *Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH*
- November 15 *Deadline-Diocesan Cook Off*
- November 15 *Deadline-IRS Form 990*
- November 21 *4th Degree Exemplification*
- November 26 *Thanksgiving*
- December 1 *Deadline-Councils Submit Soccer Participation Form*
- Dec 4-6** **STATE FAMILY MEETING, Covington**
- December 5** **State Gumbo Cook-Off Finals, Covington**
- December 5 *Deadline-Councils submit Essay Winners to DAs*
- December 8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
- December 10 *Deadline-Council Complete Keep Christ in Christmas*
- December 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- December 15 *Deadline-Submit Soccer Participation Form 4567*
- December 25 *Christmas*
- December 31 *Deadline-Councils submit SP7 to louisianakc.org*
- December 31 *Deadline-Keep Christ in Christmas Poaster to DA*
- December 31 *Deadline-Councils submit Winning Essay Participation*

## Vernon F. Ducote Elected 57th State Deputy



Louisiana State Council  
Achieves Circle of Honor



**Rennan Duffour**  
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Brothers ...The 2019-2020 Columbian Year has come to an end with many memorable changes, challenges and accomplishments. We have much to be proud of in the State of Louisiana for what we have accomplished during the 2019-2020 Columbian Year, as a State, as Dioceses, as Districts and as Councils.

The Leadership Team of State Officers, State Directors, State Chairman, Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Councils Officers have all worked together with the Council Members to achieve many recognitions and awards from the State Council and the Supreme Council.

All Members in the State of Louisiana have been recognized by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, in the Highest Honor by which a State Jurisdiction can be recognized. The Jurisdiction of Louisiana has been awarded the Circle of Honor Award.

Congratulations, my Brothers! We have all earned the distinction of this great recognition for our Great State of Louisiana. You have my respect, appreciation and gratitude for being a contributing part of this accomplishment, for the responsibili-

ties of the positions you have held and the accomplishments you have completed. You have earned the respect of being a part of the Louisiana Team that has earned the Circle of Honor for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year. That is an Honor you can carry throughout your journey in the Knights of Columbus.

I do wish to express my gratitude not only to you as a Brother Knight on this past year's recognitions, accomplishments and awards, but also extend a big "Thank You" to all our Families as well for the sacrifices and time they have devoted to the Knights of Columbus and our Successes and Accomplishments. So the Circle of Honor Award is to honor all of us, as well as our wives, sons, daughters mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, etc. who were a part of this great achievement and accomplishment.

Time does march on and we have started a new 2020-2021 Columbian Year with a new Leadership Team, under the direction and guidance of our new State Deputy, Vernon Ducote. I ask you give him the same support and dedication that you have given to me this past Columbian Year. We need to carry our momentum into the 2020-2021 Columbian Year, Start Strong and achieve the goals and objectives to make out Order Stronger and more effective. We need a repeat of Circle of Honor recognition for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year. Our new State Deputy will, no doubt, lead us to accomplish that objective for the new Columbian Year.

It has been a great and rewarding experience to serve you as State Deputy for these past two years.

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Let's face it, none of us in this Church have it all together. All of us have a soft under-belly that we try to protect at all costs.

Believe it or not, when I was a kid, I was skinny (start laughing now!) When I was four years old, my sister and I decided to go bike riding. It had come to my attention, though, that all the other kids my age were beginning to ride without their training wheels. That spring day was the one I was going to grow up. I convinced my sister to let me ride her banana seat pink bicycle without the training wheels. So she held the bike for me as I climbed upon it. She gave me a push, and before you know it, I was furiously peddling around the four acres at our home. As I began to tire, I started going back toward the concrete slab where my sister was waiting. But then it hit me – I didn't know how to stop. My bike with the training wheels had brakes on the handle bars. I didn't know that to stop hers, I'd have to peddle backwards. And before you know it, I crashed into a pipe. The wreck was so bad that the bike fell on top of me and I broke the same leg in two places.

Needless to say that when she heard my cries and saw the blood, she started crying too and ran to my grandmother's house where she immediately hid under the bed. In retrospect, I wonder what was running through her head. She probably thought "I wonder

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if I’m going to get a good whipping out of this one!” and “When mom and dad find out, they’re going to kill me” or “They’ll think the big sister let everyone down.” Basically, she really didn’t have it all together.

None of us like to admit our vulnerability because we believe that others need us to have our act together, and we really don’t want to let them down. But maybe the Scriptures are ultimately challenging us to embrace the grace of our imperfections to seek the healing that Christ offers all of us?

None of the folks in Scripture have it all together, but they grow because of their imperfections. Elisha, the leader, finds out that leadership comes in servitude. The apostles come to realize that redemption comes through rejection, and the other disciples recognize that following the Gospel often demands self-giving sacrifice. Our Fraternal Order is filled with folks who don’t have it all together; it starts at the top and works its way down. But that’s the Good News I think. The Gospel today challenges us to be a people who embrace the grace of imperfection so that we may gain newness of life. We tend to avoid our weakness so that others might think we’re strong. But the Gospel serves as a reminder that only in admitting our vulnerability are we able to receive help and to ask for what we might never normally ask for.

Perhaps that should be our homework: to pledge to be a community that accepts limitation and honors vulnerability – a safe place and caring community where we can come as we are rather than pretend to be the person others want us to be. There’s no need to hide under the bed after giving your brother a push on the bicycle. There’s no reason to work toward being someone you’re not. Sure it’s scary, but don’t worry, you never have to have it all together!

We’ll miss the Louisiana Knight publication, but I know as innovative as we are, there will be even better ways for us all to communicate!



**Melvin R. Burrell**  
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It is with deep regret that I must inform you of my decision to resign from my position as Youth Expansion Program Chairman (YEP). I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure, and I appreciated having the opportunity to work with all of you. Thank you for the support, guidance, and encouragement you have provided to me during my time with the Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Family.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to State Deputy Renan Duffour for the opportunity to be the Chairman of YEP from 2019-2020. I would also like to express sincere gratitude to all the Knight of Columbus (KC) Councils and KC Supporters for their generous donation over my tenure.

As a result of our hard work during the 2019-2020 fraternal years, we have made significant strides in funding the YEP. This year we have collected over \$103,563.00.

I will miss each of you. However, I am looking forward to starting a new phase of my life.

Thanks again for being a mentor, and friend; I wish you all the best.

**2020  
YEP FINAL**

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

**\$103,563**



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I hope all are doing well as the pandemic continues. Do your part to keep yourself and your family safe.

I want to thank outgoing State Deputy Rennan Duffour for all his work to keep our great State in the spotlight during these last 2 years. And I want to tell him that I was honored to serve as his Diocesan Administrator and State Faith Director.

Congratulations to Don Ducote for being named State Faith Director for the upcoming 2 years. I hope you enjoy your time as much as I did.

Congratulations to our new State Deputy Vernon Ducote. I ask all brother knights to get behind and support Vernon and his administration as we continue to grow the Order and bring the Knights of Columbus to every parish in our great State.

Let's keep the momentum going and continue to be "Stronger Together".



## The Baby Healed Through Fr. McGivney's Prayers: "Let Michael Be The Miracle"

After extensive medical examination, the unexplained healing of Michael was decreed a miracle that arose through the intercession of Fr. McGivney.

Christine Rousselle/CNA.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Catholics have a whole host of saints to choose from in times of trouble or anguish. There's St. Rita, patroness of the impossible, St. Dymphna, the patroness of anxiety, and when all else fails, there's always the patron of lost causes himself, St. Jude.

But when the Schachle family of Dickson, Tennessee, needed a saint - and a miracle - they went a different route.

When Michelle Schachle found out that her 13th child not only had Down syndrome, but fetal hydrops--an uncommon, typically fatal condition where fluid builds up around the

vital organs of an unborn child--she and her husband appealed to Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, for help.

The unborn Schachle was given "no hope" - the combination of fetal hydrops and Down syndrome meant that he had no chance of survival.

"The doctor that ran the neonatal high risk clinic at Vanderbilt University told us that she had been doing this for 30 years and she had never seen a child survive the diagnosis," Daniel, the baby's father, told CNA. Michelle had already had one stillborn child, and she was overcome with fear at the thought that would happen again.

Asking Fr. McGivney for his intercession was a no-brainer for the Schachle family. Daniel works for the Knights of Columbus and had previously been Grand Knight

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of his local council. The Schachles even dubbed their homeschool the “Fr. McGivney Academy.”

“We’ve worn out his prayer card over the years,” said Daniel. When it came time to invoke some spiritual help during a crisis, there was no question about what they would do next.

“We knew that (Fr. McGivney) looked out over our family, and we looked to him a lot and asked him to pray for us, anyways. So it was more of a natural, I would say, flow,” said Daniel. Michelle concurred, telling CNA that McGivney had answered prayers “many times” for their family.

When they prayed for their unborn baby, Fr. McGivney came through again - in a big way. With hundreds of people praying for McGivney’s intervention for her child, and following a quick pilgrimage to Fatima with the Knights of Columbus, Michelle’s next ultrasound showed no sign of fetal hydrups.

Her doctor that day, initially unaware that her patient was the woman she had heard about - the woman with the terminally ill baby - began to discuss what they would do when the baby was born. Michelle was confused by that development.

“And so I just looked at her and I said, ‘Doctor, I was told there was no hope’,” she told CNA. She said learning her son would likely survive his birth sent her into “a lot of shock” and that the rest of that

day was a blur.

One thing Michelle clearly remembers, however, is being asked by her doctor what she would name her baby. Until that day, she and her husband had planned to name the baby Benedict, and had been referring to him as “Baby Ben.” But when she heard that her child had been healed, Michelle knew he had to be named Michael, in honor of McGivney.

“I just remember weeping and saying, ‘His name is Michael,’” said Michelle. “And we never called him Ben after that.”

On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis confirmed what the Schachles already knew: they had witnessed

a miracle. After extensive medical examination, the unexplained healing of Michael was decreed a miracle that arose through the intercession of Fr. McGivney.

As a result of that miracle, Father McGivney will be beatified, and referred to as Bl. Michael McGivney.

The Schachles told CNA it had crossed their minds that their prayer could lead to the miracle needed to advance Fr. McGivney’s cause for canonization, but that was not their specific goal in asking for his intercession.

“I remember praying the whole, the entire trip (to Fatima), ‘let Mi-

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**75th Annual State Bowling**  
**August 15-16 & 22-23**

**Petro Bowl...Lake Charles**

**Download Entry Form @ [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org)**



**3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament**

**February 6...Msgr. Charles Duke Council 3465, Metairie, Host**

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chael be the miracle,' but like in my heart of hearts, that meant he would live," Michelle explained to CNA. "And I never thought beyond him living...I only wanted him to live."

Daniel told CNA that he remembered thinking, "There's gotta be a baby (who) survives this at some point. Why can't it be ours?" along with "You know, Fr. McGivney needs a miracle. Why can't it be Michael?"

During the investigation into Michael's healing from fetal hydrops, the Schachles were repeatedly asked why they did not pray for Michael's healing from Down syndrome as well. They explained that they viewed a child with Down syndrome as a "blessing" to their family, and that they were only concerned about him being born alive.

Despite the miraculous healing from fetal hydrops, the rest of Michelle's pregnancy did not go entirely according to plan. She delivered her son in an emergency cesarean section after just 31 weeks gestation. Michael weighed only 3 pounds 4 ounces, and spent the first 10 weeks and one day of his life in the hospital.

Michael was born on May 15, 2015. They call him Mikey.

Even with Michael's early arrival into the world, the hand of providence - and Fr. McGivney - was at work with the Schachle family.

Michael's birthday, May 15, is the anniversary of the chartering of the first Knights of Columbus council. Michelle and McGivney have the same birthday. Both Michael and McGivney were born into families of 13 children - McGivney was the eldest, and Michael the youngest.

Michael was born with a heart defect commonly found in children with Down syndrome, and had heart surgery at just seven weeks old. He



had another brush with death at six months old, when he came down with a respiratory illness that landed him in the hospital for six weeks.

But today, Michael is a happy and active five-year-old. He has no conditions related to his prematurity or fetal hydrops, and, by his family's account, he's thriving.

His parents told CNA that while their youngest "definitely knows he is special" and "knows that he is the king of the world," he is not yet aware about the miraculous circumstances surrounding his birth. They say that Michael has strengthened their prayer lives, and has made a "big impression" on his doctors.

"There were times where (the doctors) were like, 'We don't know what's going to happen and he's going to make it or not,'" Michelle said to CNA. "And I'm like, 'I don't think you understand, God has big plans for this child.'"

"When God shows up like that, it changes everything," she said.



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My time as State Deputy has been a memorable and high point in my life. I am grateful for the many new life-long, close friendships that have been developed during my time as State Deputy. There have been challenges, great joyful experiences and accomplishments. You have earned my respect by your dedication, skills and achievements. You have humbled me by your charity and accomplishments. We truly have great men in our Order of the Knights of Columbus for which any hurdle or obstacle can be overcome. Our Great State of Louisiana will be remembered for your accomplishments.

Thank You for your dedicated Service and Support over these past two years and achieving the distinction of Circle of Honor for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!





**75th Annual State Bowling**  
**August 15-16 & 22-23**  
**Petro Bowl, Lake Charles**



**48th Annual State Horseshoe**  
**September 12**  
**Zito Center...Plaquemine**



**73rd Annual State Golf**  
**October 2-3-4**  
**Atchafalaya GC, Patterson**



**15th Annual State Nine Ball**  
**November 7**  
**Max's Pool Hall...Lafayette**



**3rd Annual State Corn Hole**  
**February 6**  
**St. Ann School Gym, Metairie**

# State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council, I hereby submit my Annual Report for this fraternal year.

Worthy State Chaplain, State Officers, District Master, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Past State Deputies, Former Vice Supreme Master, Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies, Former Masters, State Directors, General Agents, Grand Knights, Brother Knights and Guests, on behalf of the State Council and Convention Committee, we would like to welcome you to our Virtual Louisiana State Convention. I would like to acknowledge our State Audio / Video Chairman, Brett Cormier, our State Administrator, Robert Boudreaux and our State Webmaster, Brandon Hendricks and say "thank you" for a job very well done in preparing for the Virtual State Convention. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and his Convention Committee Members and say 'thank you' for all the preparation work and time spent in planning for the physical State Convention originally scheduled in Baton Rouge.

I have had many memorable experiences serving as your State Deputy this past year. One of my first orders of business was to travel to New Haven, CT in June where I was installed by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson for a second year. We were trained and given materials at that time in order to begin the new fraternal year in a unified direction. The Mass and the State Deputy Installation was held at Saint Mary's Church. This is the church where the tomb of Father McGivney is located, and it is in the basement of this fantastic Church that our great order was founded. In November 2019, I attended the Winter Organizational Meeting for State Deputies located in Orlando, Florida.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Summer District Deputy Organization Meeting, held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Lafayette on June 28 and 29. The State Family gathered and was presented the plans and Programs for the State of Louisiana for the 2019 - 2020 fraternal year. The Supreme Initiative, Faith in Action, was promoted to the Louisiana Leadership Team, as well as the Safe Environment compliance requirements. Additional training sessions were offered on Saturday and Sunday regarding successful Membership recruitment and Programs initiatives. State and Supreme Incentives for Membership were introduced for the 2019-2020 Columbian year. The new State Deputy Shield of Excellence Award was introduced to the Leadership Team at the Meeting. The new Louisiana State Deputy's Award was announced to replace the State Deputy's Fleur De Lis Award. This new Award is similar in concept to the Supreme

Star Council Award.

The Installation of State Officers took place at the Wyndham Garden Hotel following a Mass at St Pius Catholic Church in Lafayette where I installed our State Chaplain, State Officers, Diocesan Administrators, and District Deputies. It was an honor to install all that served in these Leadership positions this past year.

The annual Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS) was conducted in Geismar, at Dutchtown High School, on July 20, 2019. During that day, we presented material similar to what was presented at our Summer District Deputy Organizational Meeting with an emphasis on what would be required for Councils to be successful in Membership and Programs to reach their goals and objectives. Also in attendance were our Culture of Life Couples. Chris Davis conducted the Culture of Life Session. We utilized breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries. Our Membership Director, Bobby Charpentier, and his team presented our Membership goals and incentives with numerous ideas of how to achieve them. Online Membership was promoted. Mark Carver, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the chairmen of our various Programs. A commitment to electronic communication, online transactions and virtual Meetings was emphasized to the Membership.

Our Mid-year District Deputy Organization Meeting was held the first weekend in December (November 30 thru December 2, 2019) at the Holiday Inn in Houma, LA. The meeting format included working sessions to identify, address and present solutions to issues in the State of Louisiana. The meeting began at 2:45pm on Friday, November 30 and continued through 10:55am on Sunday, December 2. This was a three day/two night session, which was approved by the Supreme Council and implemented in the State of Louisiana. As a result of this focused agenda only those in Leadership positions making presentations, Diocesan Administrators and District Deputies were requested to attend. The meeting was open to all Members who wished to attend. The feedback from the attendance was very positive. Requests were made to continue this format in the future for the Mid-Year District Deputy Organization Meetings.

The Supreme Council introduced a new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in December 2019. The Louisiana State Council implemented the new Exemplification in January 2020 with a live performance of the thirty (30) minute ceremony at Grand Knights Day in Lafayette. This new Exemplification was designed to bring a new Candidate for Membership through to the 3rd Degree at the end of the ceremony. Any 1st or 2nd Degree Members can advance to

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Brothers, after March 31st eight our special brothers, sisters, and nine staff members at St. Mary's came down with covid 19 during this pandemic. One of our special residents went to be with Our Heavenly Father due to covid 19. Brothers, the rest of the seven residents and staff have recovered fully, and as of June 17th St. Mary's is covid 19 free. Brother's by the grace of God, and the staff at St. Mary's let us continue to pray that St. Mary's is protected against this pandemic. St. Mary's has set up a zero visitation during this pandemic, which means no family members can come to St. Mary's to visit, and no residents can make home visits at this time either. Brother's I also ask you to pray for these very emotional and stressful times for our residents and their families of St. Mary's that Our Lord may grace them with the spiritual and physical strength to endure these very trying times.

St. Mary's Group Homes are complete, and ready for the special Brothers and Sisters to move in. At this time forty-eight of them have moved into the first six group homes, and now we are waiting for the State to make reapplications for each client so they can move into the remaining group homes. This has taken some time, because each client has to be interviewed again, and now with the pandemic this takes even more time. All of our brothers and sisters of St. Mary's are very excited about moving into their new homes.

Brothers, I personally want to thank each and every one of you and your councils for your support for St. Mary's by way of C.P.I.D. (formally M.D.F.) and other fund raisers that you and your councils have for St. Mary's. I can promise you that your donations do make a difference in each one of these special children of God's lives each and every day, please continue to be the loving, compassionate, and dedicated councils for St. Mary's and Our Special Children.

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the 3rd Degree as well by participating in the new Exemplification. On April 15, 2020, Members and new candidates from Louisiana participated in an online Supreme video performance of the new Exemplification which was attended by 13,936 participants. 2,461 new Members became 3rd Degree Knights upon completion of the Exemplification. Another 7,009 Members advanced from either the 1st or 2nd Degree to the 3rd Degree in the Order. It is our expectation that this new Exemplification will be widely utilized at the Council level either through live performance or video to bring in new Members, as well as advance existing Members to the 3rd Degree. The State Council is promoting the new Exemplification by providing financial assistance of \$200 per District to a Council in the District that has purchased the ceremonial baldrics and completed a live performance of the new Exemplification.

On January 25, 2020, Grand Knights Day was held at Teurlings Catholic HS in Lafayette. The meeting was well attended (500+ participants) and the program was on time, well managed and effective. A live performance of the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was performed and introduced to the Membership in Louisiana. New candidates became 3rd Degree Members and existing 1st Degree Members attained their 3rd Degree in the Order, witnessed by the entire Grand Knights Day audience. Our Membership and Program Teams discussed our membership goals and promoted upcoming programs. The District Warden Position was promoted to assist the District Deputy and as a training opportunity for future District Deputy responsibilities. A new Louisiana District Warden Jewel was designed and unveiled to the Membership. All District Wardens present at the Grand Knights Day Meeting were presented with their Jewel. Also, we conducted our annual State Gumbo Cook-off Contest and attendees enjoyed Gumbo prepared by winning teams throughout the state.

The Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 (Coronavirus) was initially reported in late February 2020. In March 2020, governmental restrictions were imposed with strong recommendations from the Supreme Council and from the Louisiana State Council to practice Social Distancing. These restrictions resulted in the postponement or cancellation of all Knights of Columbus events which required a gathering of members or the public. Catholic Church activities were also discontinued. Social Distancing became the norm, with home isolation being required, except for essential activities or services. This quickly changed our lives and the way we conducted our Knights of Columbus meetings and activities. Close interaction with others was, and still is now, a memory or vision for the future. Six feet apart from the

next person is the norm for the time being. The Supreme Council and the Louisiana State Council had to quickly move to another means to conduct Knights of Columbus business. Fortunately, the Louisiana State Council had been moving to electronic communication and virtual meeting capabilities for the past eighteen (18) months. Our State was positioned to move to a virtual world of communications and meetings. The State Council had contracted with the Go-To-Meeting service which had been used many times for Leadership Meetings, Disaster Response, Activity /Event Planning Sessions and many more. Additionally, the Cognito service had been under contract for online sales of merchandise, credit card transactions, event registrations, questionnaires and much more. With the current application and use of these two platforms, the Louisiana State Council was prepared with a quick and easy transition to virtual communications and meetings. As we are still under Social Distancing and Stay at Home restrictions. We are currently using these facilities to conduct the Louisiana State Council's Business.

In addition to the other scheduled State Meetings, the State Deputy organized and co-ordinated Diocesan Meetings in each Dioceses twice per this Columbian Year. The first series of Diocesan Meetings were conducted from of September 16 and September 28, 2019. The second Series of Diocesan Meetings were conducted via Virtual Go-To-Meeting from March 18 and March 26 through April 2, 2020. The topics discussed at the Diocesan Meetings were tailored to the specific Diocese and included Communication, Training, Membership, Programs, Coronavirus Impacts, Virtual Meetings, Forms, Finance, Insurance and 4th Degree. The Diocesan Administrators discussed specific topics that were related to the Diocese.

The 2020 State Convention was scheduled for May 3 thru May 5, 2020. This was planned to be the biggest State Convention in recent history with a focus on fraternalism and fun with two (2) bands, a shrimp boil, Hospitality rooms and more. The plans for a physical state convention were cancelled in March 2020 with the onset of the worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic. A solution had to be quickly found to hold a 2020 Louisiana Virtual State Convention. The Supreme Council was tasked with developing a solution that could be utilized Order wide. The Supreme Council began developing criteria for large virtual meetings/voting requirements, interviewing contractors and different Services to roll out to the Order. The Louisiana State Council pursued our own solution to develop a platform that could hold a virtual Louisiana State Convention to include the meetings, registrations, nominations and elections. The Supreme Council finalized their virtual State Convention platform with FLS -Connect, a phone conference service to hold the meetings and elec-

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# Good of the Order

**To: The Officers and Members of the 115th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held via Virtual Meeting.**

Your committee on the Good of the Order met virtually on Saturday, April 23rd and fully discussed at length the following activity areas. After due deliberation, the committee urges all council, district and state leaders to see that the following recommendations are fully implemented.

The committee would also ask that at future conventions, each member of the Good of the Order Committee, as appointed, be forwarded a copy of the previous year's Good of the Order report to prepare committee members as to what is to be discussed.

## FIRST AND FOREMOST WE ARE CATHOLIC

The committee recommends the recitation of the Serran Prayer for Vocations, or another appropriate vocations prayer, at each council meeting and that the council chaplain should encourage the recitation of this prayer at all Masses. The committee further recommends that a prayer be offered at each council meeting for the beatification of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. The council chaplain should be encouraged to be actively involved in council activities. In the absence of the council Chaplain, a deacon shall be asked to bring the message of our faith. The committee urges all councils to participate in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Each council should consider sponsoring a speaker on vocations to the various parochial schools. Recognizing that some clergy may still be apprehensive to Knights of Columbus involvement, the committee recommends each council strongly consider implementation of the Parish Round Table Program and thus show evidence of our belief that VOCATIONS ARE OUR BUSINESS and that each Grand Knight has a dialogue with each Pastor of churches in his council area. Each council should consider having a speaker on evangelization, to encourage each member to promote the Catholic faith to non-Catholics, and to help fallen-away Catholics to become again active in the Church. One way this can be done effectively is by supporting evangelization through the RCIA program.

## PRO-LIFE

The committee recommends increased efforts from the state level to provide more timely and specific information to the council level about upcoming activities such as Pro-Life Rallies. The committee encourages area, district and local Right to Life Masses and demonstrations. It is also recommended that continued active exposure to the public by each council be pursued. The committee encourages each council to construct a monument to the unborn in a prominent place, preferably on the church grounds and those that have one to maintain and have programs to bring Pro-Life to parishioners attention. We urge right-to-life education, to fight abortion, and specific projects, such as enforcement by members and Grand Knights of letter writing campaigns from council members to state and federal governing bodies. We also urge the use of the vast amount of material that is available about the AIDS Virus, and promoting abstinence and chastity as a way of decreasing the threat of AIDS as well as decreasing abortions and moral decay.

The committee also recommends that councils become involved with local Right-To-Life organizations by way of participating in their events and getting on their mailing lists. The committee urges use of material available to them from the Supreme Council pertaining to Pro-Life. The committee also urges members to fight pornography at the council, family and school levels. The committee further recommends that the State Council provide updated information of current Federal and State legislation on Pro-Life and Euthanasia.

The Committee recommends each council appoints a Pro-Life Chairman or Chair-Couple; supports a youth

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Brothers,

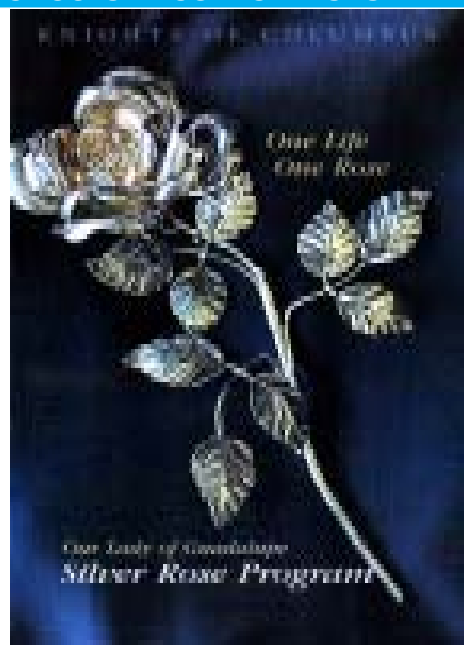
Where does the time go? It's hard to imagine that another fraternal year has come to an end. And what a year it has been. We started the year with high hopes and aspirations, and we ended the year with joyful exuberance because the state has made its Circle of Honor goals. However, let's not forget all the stuff that happened in between. Due to COVID-19, we had a lot of issues to deal with. Most of our councils have been in isolation since the pandemic began. We have been forced out of regular routines, forced out of our churches, forbidden to gather in large groups, and have had a hard time recruiting new members into our folds. Our State Convention was held virtually, our degrees have been taken on-line, and most of our upcoming Officer Installations may be virtual as well. Let's face it; we have had a very rough year. Despite these trying times, our councils have persevered and have remained faithful to the charitable works that we are best known for.

While the near future remains bleak, I have no doubt that all my brothers will remain resolute and that we will continue to march forward

and serve God by our good works and marvelous deeds. This organization is as strong as ever, and I am very proud of all of you for your hard work and determination that led Louisiana to accomplish our goals that Supreme set for us. The State Leadership Team could not have accomplished this goal without your help. I would like to send a special thank you to all of our Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies, State Directors, and especially to our two General Agents, Dan and Dustin, and all those Field Agents who have worked tirelessly to make this happen. We couldn't have done it without your unwavering support. You guys are what keep this organization alive and well.

It seems like just yesterday when our Worthy State Deputy asked me to be his Membership Director for the years 2018-2020, and the journey has had its ups and downs. I have learned a lot along the way and I would like to thank him for placing not only his, but your trust as well in my hands. Although, we didn't accomplish all our goals along the way, we have left the state of Louisiana better than we found it. I leave the post as Membership Director having more members in Louisiana than when I started. When you look back at things, I guess that is all you could ask for. I look forward to serving you in my new role as State Warden, and I hope to see all of you in person very soon.

Vivat Jesus,



**Silver Rose Program**  
**October 11-November 15**



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# Membership Statistics from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3061	Covington	9	-2
0969	Baton Rouge	8	3	3068	New Orleans	7	2
0970	Plaquemine	20	11	3088	Hessmer	5	1
1087	Donaldsonville	11	0	3091	Westwego	7	1
1099	Napoleonville	16	2	3150	Cut Off	10	0
1108	Shreveport	6	0	3200	Alexandria	6	4
1114	Thibodaux	19	0	3202	Lafayette	9	-3
1134	Alexandria	10	6	3208	Lake Charles	7	2
1173	Opelousas	4	-5	3246	New Orleans	7	1
1199	Cottonport	5	0	3298	Baton Rouge	6	2
1207	Lake Charles	4	3	3331	Baton Rouge	5	0
1208	New Iberia	10	-1	3353	Oberlin	5	-2
1217	Marksville	10	4	3356	Cecilia	5	0
1276	St. Martinville	8	2	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
<b>1286</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	3407	Shreveport	13	2
1317	Houma	9	1	3409	Opelousas	6	4
<b>1337</b>	<b>Monroe</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	3411	New Orleans	6	2
1357	Natchitoches	14	0	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	4	0	<b>3465</b>	<b>Metairie</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
1420	Franklin	4	1	3470	Lafayette	6	3
1425	Jeanerette	6	5	3475	Elton	11	0
<b>1437</b>	<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	3496	Port Barre	10	0
1514	Vacherie	15	0	3528	Kenner	6	1
1710	Patterson	11	-20	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1724	Algiers	6	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	1
1745	Eunice	6	3	3622	Moss Bluff	12	2
<b>1754</b>	<b>Ville Platte</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	3634	Norco	19	3
1817	Gramercy	15	3	3642	West Monroe	7	2
<b>1819</b>	<b>Bogalusa</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	03662	Basile	5	0
1897	Rayne	8	-3	3729	New Orleans	16	5
1905	Gretna	13	8	3743	Baton Rouge	14	7
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	13	1
<b>1998</b>	<b>New Roads</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	3796	St Gabriel	8	2
2012	Jennings	11	2	3854	Harahan	10	-9
2142	Plaucheville	6	1	3857	DeRidder	7	3
2150	Morganza	5	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	9	0	3872	Erath	10	2
2395	Bunkie	7	2	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	12	1	4010	Mansura	4	1
2409	Luling	15	5	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	15	4
2436	Reserve	8	6	4085	Baker	10	4
<b>2504</b>	<b>Church Point</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	13	-1	4156	Leesville	12	2
2675	Mamou	4	0	4222	Marrero	7	2
2732	Slidell	17	12	4309	Centerville	8	6
2807	Baton Rouge	15	4	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	2	4508	Metairie	6	3
2875	Port Allen	9	0	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	-5	4562	Lake Charles	14	8
2893	Kinder	9	0	4663	Metairie	8	1
2913	Kaplan	8	-2	4676	Loreauville	6	1
2925	New Orleans	6	-5	4683	Lafayette	5	-1
2952	Hammond	17	0	4761	Raceland	6	0
2972	Moreauville	5	3	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	0	4791	Estherwood	12	0
3006	Iowa	9	6	4818	Zwolle	4	0
3012	Lake Arthur	9	-1	4873	Bossier City	25	9
3014	Creole	8	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	10
3015	Sulphur	9	4	4906	Evangeline	4	1
3048	Bell City	7	2	<b>4927</b>	<b>Parks</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
3054	Lockport	12	3	5013	Chauvin	18	1
3055	Gueydan	9	4	5022	Lake Charles	6	0

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5048	Pine Prairie	4	4	8843	Leroy	4	0	11491	Mowata	4	0
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11576	Hackberry	4	0
5111	New Iberia	9	1	8878	Lakeland	12	4	11792	New Iberia	4	3
5166	Delcambre	7	0	8898	Larose	15	3	11814	Pearl River	4	0
5301	Metairie	4	0	<b>8901</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	11857	Vacherie	8	0
5345	Lafayette	4	0	8906	Thibodaux	7	2	12060	Thibodaux	8	3
5352	Pierre Part	5	1	8932	Bourg	7	0	12061	Many	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	<b>12068</b>	<b>Grosse Tete</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
5499	Crowley	11	0	8978	North Sulphur	10	-3	12072	Mandeville	12	11
5530	Baton Rouge	13	4	9000	Golden Meadow	10	-2	12103	Lecompte	4	1
5532	Lawtell	5	1	9007	Metairie	6	0	12115	New Orleans	4	1
5627	Independence	8	2	9016	Baton Rouge	0	0	12163	Milton	6	2
5747	Chalmette	14	8	9085	Barksdale AFB	4	0	12179	Morgan City	4	0
5755	Westlake	9	1	9107	New Orleans	7	1	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
<b>5935</b>	<b>Laplace</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	9110	Jennings	4	0	12245	Franklinton	4	1
6057	Youngsville	9	2	9217	Belle Deau	4	2	12285	Schriever	7	0
6103	Vinton	11	3	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12529	Abita Springs	12	0
<b>6170</b>	<b>Houma</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	9240	Mandeville	18	7	12686	Metairie	6	3
6211	Bayou Vista	6	0	<b>9247</b>	<b>Baton Rouge</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	12906	Covington	13	9
<b>6324</b>	<b>Monroe</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	9260	Shreveport	8	2	12989	Lacombe	11	2
6326	Denham Springs	18	11	9281	Lacassine	4	0	12997	New Iberia	9	-1
6357	Belle Chasse	11	9	<b>9294</b>	<b>Echo</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13145</b>	<b>Baton Rouge</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
6369	Avondale	5	0	9338	Houma	6	4	13192	Natchitoches	24	0
6389	St Amant	10	7	9347	Metairie	6	2	13296	Kolin	4	-2
6496	Abbeville	14	0	9384	Marrero	4	0	<b>13349</b>	<b>Waggaman</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
6531	Baton Rouge	0	0	9415	New Orleans	5	1	13397	Thibodaux	8	2
6746	Kenner	4	0	<b>9418</b>	<b>Fifth Ward</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
6753	French Settlement	10	2	9436	Richard	23	0	13425	River Ridge	8	5
6870	Terrytown	5	1	<b>9623</b>	<b>Laplace</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	13505	Alexandria	6	4
6873	Baldwin	5	2	9692	Baton Rouge	12	-5	13632	Baton Rouge	5	3
6958	Carencro	7	1	9753	Tioga	5	1	13819	Houma	7	5
6959	Egan	7	6	9769	Slidell	4	3	13931	Lake Charles	10	-8
7033	Ragley	4	1	9912	Grand Prairie	4	0	14542	Lafayette	6	-3
7050	Rynella	6	0	9933	Luling	9	6	14614	Covington	7	6
7084	Berwick	4	0	9935	Duralde	4	0	14657	Pineville	7	2
7226	Marrero	5	0	9973	Slidell	16	2	14822	Kenner	7	5
7275	Lafayette	13	9	10045	Winnfield	23	0	15006	Lake Charles	8	0
7350	Barataria	17	2	10057	Harvey	4	1	15064	Baton Rouge	6	0
7355	Houma	11	8	10080	Zachary	7	5	15133	Madisonville	8	-5
7411	Mire	4	0	10156	New Orleans	24	0	15228	Fishville	4	0
7557	Broussard	20	-9	10176	Folsom	5	4	15390	Marrero	19	0
<b>7568</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	10178	Albany	7	0	15477	Lafayette	4	0
7657	Bayou Blue	5	0	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15501	New Orleans	4	1
7722	Dulac	7	0	10269	Fenton	22	0	15615	Amelia	4	0
7856	St Francisville	6	-1	10293	Lafayette	12	1	<b>15676</b>	<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
8029	Alexandria	7	0	10349	Henderson	4	0	15731	Pineville	4	0
8030	Livonia	4	0	<b>10428</b>	<b>Eunice</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	15892	Harvey	4	0
8031	Swartz	4	2	10455	Baton Rouge	9	3	<b>16094</b>	<b>Shreveport</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10564	Simmesport	4	0	16182	Metairie	6	0
8058	Carlyss	10	-4	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	16355	Bossier City	4	1
8147	Gonzales	9	-2	10612	Houma	6	1	<b>16362</b>	<b>Houma</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
8322	Maplewood	7	5	10613	Baton Rouge	4	0	16849	Abbeville	4	1
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10645	Lacombe	4	0	17205	St. Benedict	4	20
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10717	Mermentau	5	0	17413	New Orleans	0	12
<b>8342</b>	<b>Prairieville</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	10721	Judice	7	0				
8371	Amelia	4	3	10728	Shreveport	7	4				
8438	Campti	18	0	10744	Brusly	6	4				
8442	Violet	4	0	10745	Cankton	5	2				
8546	Metairie	8	0	10800	Kraemer	7	2				
8583	Morse	7	0	10824	Ruston	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	8	5	10902	Lydia	4	0				
<b>8615</b>	<b>Gretna</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	10911	Amite	6	1				
<b>8616</b>	<b>Pointe Aux Chenes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	10912	Hammond	24	0				
<b>8703</b>	<b>Port Sulphur</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	11060	Tickfaw	4	0				
8743	Chackbay	9	1	11061	Labadieville	5	-5				
8770	Maurice	8	1	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0				
8779	Theriot	13	2	11212	Cow Island	4	0				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11270	Opelousas	7	2				
8840	Mathews	6	2	11407	Grand Lake	4	2				

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These Membership statistics  
are reflective  
of the initial quotas issued  
prior to COVID-19.

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## BISHOP GRECO MEMORIAL FUND

The committee recommends that all councils use the memorial cards to memorialize deceased council members. The card can be filled in with the name of the deceased and the name of the donating council. The card is mailed to the member's family. A suggested donation of \$25.00, however any amount is accepted, and sent to the Greco Foundation for the trust fund.

The committee also recommends that councils make a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per member, on annual basis, to the Bishop Greco Memorial Fund..

## RETREATS

The committee recommends that each council have a guest speaker with Catholic Retreats as the subject, and schedule retreats for its members, individual as well as couples, encouraging husband and wife retreats whenever offered.

## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

The committee recommends continual family involvement in council activities. The committee also recommends each council have a monthly Family Communion. The committee strongly recommends that widows of deceased council members be included and recognized in every aspect of the council's life and activity. This committee further recommends that the council members make themselves available to provide assistance to widows and receive a copy of the council news letter and provide transportation if needed.

## YOUTH EXPANSION PROGRAM

The committee urges each council to actively support the Youth Expansion Program by annually exceeding its YEP quota, and by involvement in a youth organization such as Columbian Squires, Boy or Girl Scouts and/or Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). The committee recommends that all members in each council be asked to make a personal contribution to our Youth Expansion Program and councils should not depend on fund-raisers only. Each council should consider either making it a part of the dues or adding to their billing a \$10.00 voluntary contribution by each member. The committee recommends that all councils participate in the CYLA Program and that efforts be made to properly recognize the applicants and winners on the council level.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE-HEALTH SERVICES

The committee recommends each council sponsor an educational program on substance abuse by the law enforcement agencies to local junior and senior high schoolstudents. The committee urges all Knights to recognize local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The committee further recommends that councils establish blood donation drives, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training programs and community blood pressure surveys.

## FRATERNAL MEMBERSHIP-NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

The committee wishes to compliment the first degree and major degree teams in the Louisiana Jurisdiction for their excellent exemplifications which act as catalysts in encouraging all councils to obtain new, active members. The committee wishes to remind all members that it is our Supreme Council's desire that we have a KC presence in every church parish and that we should aid all efforts to form a new council or a Parish Round Table. It is also recommended that all members proposing new members into our Order assume responsibility for insuring the first-degree member receives his major degree as soon as possible, and remains an active member. Also, we congratulate all councils that sponsor a first degree team and we strongly recommend that every council make an attempt to establish a team, and that all ceremonials be performed with the proper dignity. The committee recommends that every council make an effort to bring in new members, but that no less effort be expended to retain

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Brother Knights the Mental Disability Fund will have a new name this year, and I have changed it to be in union with Supreme. The new name will be Campaign For People With Intellectual Disabilities. The 46th Annual Campaign For People With Intellectual Disabilities is scheduled for the weekend of October 3-4, 2020.

This year the Goal will be set at \$200,000.00, and I know with the Knights of Columbus Councils through out our great state of Louisiana we can achieve this goal for the 2020-2021 campaign. I know that it will be challenging this year with Covid-19, but I have complete confidence in our councils in our great state of Louisiana to come up with ways to make this goal. I tell you truthfully that Our Councils in Louisiana have done an outstanding job in raising monies for their needy citizens in their Hometowns and for St. Mary's, and I know that the councils of Louisiana will continue help Our Special Brothers and Sisters through C.P.I.D.

The ordering of tootsie roll will remain the same as in years past. Councils will place their orders with their District Deputy, and pay for tootsie rolls when ordering.

After more than two decades of supplying aprons for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID - "Tootsie Roll Program"), Developmental Service Center (DSC) has made the decision to cease production and supply.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has taken over production and supply of new CPID vests. These vests will be available for purchase starting February/early March 2020 on Supplies Online, the supply portal for Council Officers (available via Officers Online) The price can vary, please remember when ordering, shipping is extra.

Brothers. I ask that you help promote this worthy Campaign that we may reach our goal so we continue help Our Special Brothers and Sisters, and St. Mary's.

Vivat Jesus!

# State Deputy Report

tions. The Louisiana State Council with the IT Technical expertise of our State Audio/Video Chairman, Brett Cormier, developed the solution with video and audio capability to hold the virtual meeting, handle electronic registrations, handle electronic nominations and handle electronic voting. The Go-To-Meeting and Cognito platforms were used to design and develop this solution for the 2020 Virtual Louisiana State Convention. The Supreme Council was mandating that all State Councils use the FLS-Connect for the Virtual State Convention meetings. The Louisiana State Council submitted the Louisiana proposal for a virtual State Convention to the Supreme Council for approval to be used for the 2020 Virtual Louisiana State Convention. There was much discussion with the Supreme Office, answering technical questions, phone conferences and vetting of the proposed platforms. On April 16, 2020, the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson approved the Louisiana State Council proposal for the 2020 Virtual Louisiana State Convention. This is a significant accomplishment, as Louisiana is the only Jurisdiction in the Order to be approved to use another platform other than the FLS-Connect Platform developed by the Supreme Council for virtual State Conventions. Our State Council proposal not only has more performance capability and flexibility, but we can allow guest Members to view the virtual state convention, have a ballot for elections and appreciate a \$3,000 savings in utilizing the Louisiana State Council proposal. The primary contributor to the success of this achievement is our State Audio/Video Chairman, Brett Cormier. Please join me in congratulating him for accomplishments in this brand new virtual service for the Louisiana State Council. The Supreme Council has provided a script to be used for the virtual State Conventions which will be significantly reduced from the script used our past physical State Convention Meetings. The Virtual 2020 Louisiana State Convention Meeting is planned to be less than two (2) hours, which includes a thirty (30) minute session for voting.

The 2019 Supreme Convention was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota during the first week of August, 2019. The Louisiana Delegation included the elected Louisiana Delegates, some of our State Officers and Members from the State of Louisiana with their spouses. Our Supreme Convention Chairman, Paul deMahy, his wife Marilyn, Russel Ruh, FVSM and his wife Tammy coordinated and handled the Louisiana Hospitality Room and were very effective in making the Supreme Convention an enjoyable and memorable event. The Louisiana Hospitality Room is a very popular and well attended activity by the Supreme Convention attendees, from all states and territories. The Louisiana Hospitality room was open to the Convention Attendees on the Monday of the Supreme Convention. King

Cake, Hurricanes and Mardi Gras beads were flowing freely. All had a great time, thanks to the effort of Paul, Marilyn Russel and Tammy. The number of members in attendance from Louisiana has been growing each year. We are hopeful that that trend will continue and encourage anyone to attend who is interested.

Membership is the ongoing focus throughout the year. Each of us is responsible for giving every Catholic male the opportunity to be part of our great Order. Your Membership Director, Bobby Charpentier, and his Team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at every opportunity they could. Additionally, New Council Development (NCD) has been a focus for the State Council. I am very please to report that during this Columbian Year, Louisiana has installed a second Seminarian Council in the State of Louisiana. Fr. John Arnone Council 17413 is the new Seminarian Council at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. There are other opportunities for new Councils and reactivations of Suspended Councils that are in the development stages, but have not been finalized at the time of this report.

Under Membership, the State has focused on recruiting Members of all ages (young and older). In order to address the gap of younger members in our Councils, the State Council has promoted the activities and support of the Young Adult Development Committee, Co-Chaired by Julian Gluck and Cody Reed. Participation in this committee is compiled of Brother Knights of age 18 to 40 years old. The purpose of this committee is to identify and promote opportunities for younger men to join the Knights of Columbus and determine what is needed to maintain their interest in the Knights of Columbus as active members. Many good ideas have been proposed from this committee and a budget has been granted to implement new ideas to attract the younger adults. A big benefit to Councils is the development of a pool of younger Knights available to assist in Council recruiting, especially targeting young adults. The Seminarians of both Seminarian Councils, Fr Joseph LaFleur Council 17205 and Fr. John Arnone Council 17413 have also offered their assistance during Council recruiting drives to promote the Knights of Columbus and target the young adult population as well.

The Louisiana State Council extensively promoted Online Membership this year. This has been a very successful opportunity for the State of Louisiana and is the preferred method of joining the Knights of Columbus by younger Members. Over 260 Members have signed up online through Online Membership for this Columbian Year. Online Members can join a Council upon request, but must go through the

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and support a Columbian Squires Circle which can be a future source of membership and Ladies Auxiliary. The committee recommends the promoting of young members and make officers and active members promote young ideas. "Turn over the power". Make the KC's a place for young and old to blend and provide babysitters whenever possible. The committee also recommends that all councils send out bulletins monthly or quarterly, and that copies of the bulletin or newsletter be sent to five councils in the state, on a random basis, for the purpose of spreading and stimulating new ideas.

## INSURANCE

In view of our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney's purpose to form a Fraternal Benefit Society so that the widows and children of members in the group when the member dies would not find themselves in dire financial straights, Knights of Columbus Insurance was instituted. As the insurance program not only provides this coverage but also helps to finance many of the programs of the Knights of Columbus, we encourage all members to become insurance members, especially State and Council leaders. The committee recommends that all councils have adequate liability insurance as recommended by Supreme.

## PROTOCOL

The committee recommends that members of the clergy and Knights of Columbus State Family and officers be properly recognized as to their titles or positions at all Knights of Columbus meetings and functions. Also, we remind members of all the important aspects of protocol as explained in the protocol booklet. The committee also recommends that the State Officers reinstate the policy of visiting subordinate councils and protocol be strictly adhered to.

## SERVICE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus are to be complimented for the tremendous support of the annual statewide fund raising program benefiting the learning impaired. Each council is called upon to continue this important work and to utilize to the fullest the involvement of families, Boy Scouts, Columbian Squires and Ladies Auxiliaries in the fund raising campaign. The committee recommends that councils use publicity to promote the Knight of Columbus donations by secular and religious newspapers. It is recommended that councils become more involved with activities of the learning impaired citizens at the local level and present the funds to them in a personal manner. The committee also urges councils to actively support the Special Olympics Program, as well as St. Mary's Training Facility in Alexandria.

## SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY AND INFIRMED

The committee urges each council to become actively involved in providing support for the elderly and infirmed citizens of our communities through such activities as weekly or monthly bingos at the retirement or health care facility, also Christmas-Thanksgiving Dinners, sponsoring Masses and communion services at the facility or just plain visitations. The committee also recommends that councils try to promote these programs at all times of the year, not only holidays and special occasions.

## CONCLUSION

The committee urges all councils to implement to the fullest extent, the foregoing recommendations. In order to obtain the fullest implementation of these recommendations, the committee urges the State Deputy to insure that all councils receive and display a copy of this report, and that a summary of this report be published in the July/August issue of the *LOUISIANA KNIGHT*. As a chairman of the Good of the Order committee, I would like to thank all committee members for their attendance, input, and participation at our meeting Saturday morning. I would also like to thank the State Deputy for the privilege of serving on this committee.

## Council 7226



MARRERO, La - While most aspects of life have recently been tenuous, it's been a great time to be a Knight. There has been an increased need for our services to the Church and we have filled it. We will continue to support our Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Deacons, and Community in any way we can.

Attached is a photo from a recent cleaning day at church.

## Council 9217

BELLEDEAU, La -On Thursday May 7, 2020 District Deputy Joe Ed Gremillion, Grand Knight Ronald Belanger, and Treasurer Tom Wacker of Council 9217 in Belledeau cooked hamburgers with the trimmings for the nurses and other staff at the Hessmer Nursing Home. They were very appreciative of the meal.



**48th Annual State Horseshoe  
September 12  
Zito Center...Plaquemine**

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same Council review process and complete the Admissions Degree before becoming a First Degree Member in the Council. Our Online Membership Chairman, Curtis Constrantiche, has done a great job in managing the Online Membership Process for the Louisiana State Council.

Ceremonials is an integral part of our Membership Team and our Order, every new First Degree Council Member must go through an Admission Degree Exemplification. The emphasis continues that each new member should go through the Formation and Knighthood Degree Exemplification after achieving his First Degree through the Admission Degree Exemplification. The 2019 - 2020 Columbian Year was a year of transition for Ceremonials in the Knights of Columbus. The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was introduced in January 2020 to the Order. This new Exemplification is a public ceremony and the candidate achieves his 3rd Degree in the Order after a 30 minute Exemplification. This significant change is a positive step towards attracting younger men to the Order. The State Council had decided to continue with the schedule of traditional separate Exemplifications through the end of June 2020, while implementing the new Exemplification Ceremony in January 2020. Diocese, Districts and Councils would have the option of which Exemplification they would like to use for their Members to achieve their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Degrees through the end of June 2020. Beginning July 1, 2020, only the new Exemplification will be performed in Louisiana. Bill Marcantel has been our Ceremonials Chairman during this past Columbian Year and has addressed the challenges of the change in Degree Exemplification. He brings years of experience to Ceremonials and I am thankful for his support in Managing the Ceremonials activities. Schedules for Ceremonials for the 2019-2020 year are pre-planned and implemented to better organize and schedule the Major Degree dates and locations. Each Diocese has been given preselected months to schedule their Major Degrees. Additional Major Degrees can be scheduled throughout the year based on need and availability of the team. To all those members that serve on the various Degree teams throughout the state, I thank you for your dedication and service. I wish to also thank the numerous Conferring Officers for their service and dedication.

Programs are a very important and an integral part of the Knights of Columbus. It is through our programs where we find charitable works performed by Councils and Brother Knights throughout the State of Louisiana. Our Program Director, Mark Carver has been very effective in promoting the Supreme Faith in Action Initiative this year and his Program Team has worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefitted the needy, youth,

and Seminarians. Mark has been excellent in his responsibility in planning and communications to Councils concerning the Faith in Action Initiatives and Programs for the State of Louisiana. Mark has provided a very useful and informative Program Newsletter twice per month to assist District Deputies, Grand Knights and Councils in Program preparation and implementation. The Supreme Council has implemented a new Program upon the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic. It is titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind". The program focuses on five types of service activities.

1. Support Your Brother Knights
2. Support Your Parish
3. Support Your Community
4. Feed the Hungry
5. Participate in Blood Drives

Mark has communicated and promoted this new program to all Councils and Brother Knights as it is fitting and appropriate to the current situation we are all experiencing. By participating in this Program we will focus our resources and prioritize our efforts toward the most critical need in our Churches, our Families and our Communities.

Our programs also offered sporting events that challenge our Brother Knights and provide the Fraternal Spirit opportunity we all enjoy. The State Council has streamlined the MDF Program in that Councils may now donate their charitable contributions directly to the Council's charity of choice. It is no longer necessary to send a check to the State Office, be processed at the State Office and then the State Council would send the check back to the Councils. This new process has been much more effective and less costly for all involved in the process. Our MDF Chairman, Thomas Ruemker, has promoted the raising of funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the State. Each Council chooses the organizations within their communities that they wish to benefit from their hard work and fund raising accomplishments. Sixty three (63) Councils have reported donations of over \$129,700 statewide for MDF related charities. Our Special Olympics Chairman is Tim Helbling. His involvement with Special Olympics is working to create an even stronger tie between our Order and the Special Olympic organization.

Our Youth Programs have been managed by our State Youth Director, Delmas Forbes, which are solely funded through the Youth Expansion Program (YEP), where goals are set for Council donations throughout the year. The programs funded by YEP include Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) Program, Youth Support Groups, College Catholic Student Centers, Seminary, Seminarians, Soccer and Free Throw, Youth Retreats, and Culture of Life Initiatives. The collections for YEP are coordinated by our

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LAPLACE, La - On May the 27th, 2020, 2- Father Benjamin Piovani, Memorial Scholarship Awards, were presented at the Ascension of Our Lord School, 7th- Grade, Promotion Ceremony.

This Scholarship award is presented annually and is sponsored, by the Knights of Columbus, Ascension of Our Lord, Council 9623.

It is awarded to two seventh graders that will be attending the 8th Grade, at St Charles Catholic, High School, for the 2020/2021, school year.



Kaylee Brown (l) and Grand Knight Michael Abbate.



Caleigh Remondet (l) and Grand Knight Michael Abbate.



**73rd Annual State Golf  
October 2-3-4  
Atchafalaya GC, Patterson**

Youth Expansion Program Chairman, Melvin Burrell. Melvin has done a great job with this program.

The Seminary Mission Fund (SMF) Program is a Fund Raising Program coordinated by our State Youth Director, Delmas Forbes, to help the Seminaries in Louisiana send Seminar-ians to under-developed Countries to learn and experience the challenges of living and working in locations of poor societies. I am pleased to report, as a result of the Seminary Mission Fund Program, the Louisiana State Council was able to donate \$40,000, on behalf of the Councils and Members in Louisiana, to Seminaries in Louisiana to assist in the expenses to send the Seminar-ians on their Mission Trips. The Notre Dame Seminary was given \$20,000 towards their Mission Trip and the St Joseph Seminary was given \$20,000 towards their Mission Trip. In addition to the Seminary Mission Fund, the State Council has Budgeted \$17,000 to support the Seminaries and Seminar-ians.

Our Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program (CYLA) is one of our premier Youth Programs. It benefits High School Seniors that are seen as leaders through their work at school, other organizations, and the Catholic Church. Our State CYLA Chairman is Richard Yandle, and he has done an outstanding job. The Budget for CYLA was increased this year to increase the First Place CYLA award for each boy and girl to \$5,000.00 each. Unfortunately, due to the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic, our CYLA Finals were cancelled this year and all fourteen (14) Diocesan Winners were awarded a \$2,000.00 Award for their successful achievement as Diocesan boy and girl winners.

Our Youth Director, Delmas Forbes, continues to find outstanding students that have been recognized by the Supreme Council in International Competitions. The State Council has been represented extremely well in the past by producing Supreme Council International winners in many competitions. We continue to offer the Youth Programs and Competitions in the future. All of the mentioned programs would not be possible without the funding provided by our Youth Expansion Program.

The Catholic School Tuition Assistance Lottery Program has been coordinated by our Youth Director, Delmas Forbes. The Catholic School Tuition Assistance Lottery Program is eligible to all students attending Catholic School who are children of Knights of Columbus Members in Louisiana. This has been a very successful program and growing throughout the year, as it promotes Catholic school tuition assistance, Membership recruitment and Membership participation in Council Activities. We have attributed numerous Membership recruitments as a result of this new program. This Program is also funded through YEP.

The State Council has also coordinated the

following Fraternal events: Golf, Horse Shoes, Bowling, Corn Hole Toss and a Nine-Ball Pool Tournament. Our Council Director, Ralph Comeaux and our State Administrator, Robert Boudreaux have done a great job with these events. Our Texas Hold-Em and Disc Golf events were cancelled this year due to the restrictions for gatherings imposed from the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The State Council has implemented overhead cost savings and efficiency initiatives. These opportunities were identified last year and we have been able to realize the savings from the initiatives this year. This was accomplished by moving out of the state office building and leasing to the KC Dean Insurance Agency, by reducing the state office staff, by streamline administrative processes, by reducing printed materials requirements and move communications to an electronic mode vs printing and mail process. With the support and hard work of many, but especially George Martin and Robert Boudreaux, I am proud to say that these initiatives have been implemented and the State Council is now appreciating process efficiencies and cost reductions. The State Council wanted to share this cost reduction benefit with the Councils in Louisiana and has reduced the billing to the Councils in Louisiana by eliminating the assessments to the Councils for the Knight of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS), Grand Knights Day and Major Degree Exemplification Fees.

The State Council no longer has employees employed to perform administrative functions for the State Council and now has a contractual arrangement with our State Administrator, Robert Boudreaux, to provide services on a monthly basis. Robert provides support for all of our State Meetings and State Convention as well as many other administrative needs throughout the year. Organization and attention to details is paramount to a successful event and Robert has risen to the challenge.

With the impact of Social Distancing from the Coronavirus Pandemic. The State Council is anticipating a loss in Council revenue from fundraising events while the Social Distancing requirement is in effect. With this realization, the State Council is proposing a \$25,000 of unused 2019-2020 Budget funds for the State Convention be transferred to the 2020-2021 Budget line item for PerCapita Income and reduce the assessments charged to the Councils by 25% in the July 2020 PerCapita Billing. Additionally, the State Council is proposing a \$10,000 transfer from the Unallocated YEP Account to the 2020-2021 YEP Income Budget line item to offset anticipated YEP funds not received from the State Convention collections and any Council YEP fundraising deficiencies. These State Council proposals are included in the 2020-2021 Budget Proposal which is expected to be approved at the 2020

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## MIRACLE APPROVED! FATHER MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED!

*Priest launched international lay movement, died in 19th century pandemic*

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful "to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need."

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains

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Virtual Louisiana State Convention.

The Insurance General Agents and Field Agents have been very supportive of the State Council Initiatives throughout this Columbian Year. I would like to thank Dan Cabirac, Dustin Dean and Mickey Dougherty for their unwavering support and cooperation. Whenever they have been asked for advice, resources or manpower to support an initiative or event, they have responded in a positive manner with assistance and resources to make the initiative or event a success.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year has been led by the District Master for Louisiana, Sir Knight Donald Ducote. Don and I have worked together to foster growth in the Third and Fourth Degrees and to ensure unity between Councils and Assemblies. Don has ensured that there has been 4th Degree representation at all 3rd Degree functions and has traveled to many of our Major Degrees, Meetings and Events to promote the Fourth Degree and has held 4th Degree Promotion Meetings and 4th Degree Exemplifications throughout the year.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association (LLAA) are working together to support the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. The LLAA President, Ellen Ledet, and I have worked together to ensure our organizations support one another and reach our common goals.

This year, as your State Deputy, was filled with numerous challenges and new opportunities. I am grateful for the cooperation, teamwork and dedication by our State Officers, IPSD, State Directors, State Family Members, Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies and Council Officers. Each State Officer has accomplished his duties and responsibilities in excess of my expectations. Our State is truly Blessed to have these Leaders serving as your State Officers. As the State Deputy, I needed guidance and advice through this busy and challenging year. I relied heavily on my PDS Advisor, Vernon Ducote, PSD, to fill that gap in knowledge or background that I may have been lacking. For that I am very grateful for the advice and support provided. I am thankful for the Leadership, dedication and support the State Council has received in all of our endeavors by our Membership Director, Bobby Charpentier and our Program Director, Mark Carver. The State Family Directors and Chairman, Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies, Membership Team, and Program Team have all been key to the success of our Membership and Program initiatives. Each of these individuals have taken on their respective role and responsibilities and have performed at a high level. I am very grateful to the Council Officers and Council Membership in the great State of Louisiana that have responded to every request for help, assistance and support that the State Council has made. The Success of the State Council would not be possible without

the support of the Councils and their Members. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Past State Deputies and their valued suggestions and guidance during this fraternal year.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Fr. Jamin David for his service as State Chaplain. He has been very gracious, generous and dependable with his time to the State Council and his attendance at State Council events is appreciated. We are very grateful to Fr Jamin for his support of his brother Knights in Louisiana. He is an outstanding State Chaplain.

Our State Motto is "United in Spirit". As Catholics we all have a purpose and Mission in the eyes of God. Some of us may be well along our way to fulfilling our Missions and some of us may just be understanding what those Missions are that God has given to us through Divine Inspiration. Some of those Missions that God has in mind for us may be a one time accomplishment and some may be a life long work. As Knights we have the opportunity to work on fulfilling those Missions together through the many good works our Councils perform for our Churches, Communities and Families. We are truly United in the Spirit of accomplishing our Missions assigned by God. We work together as Knights to support each other in achieving Council Missions as well as our personal Missions. Brothers, I ask you to keep our Councils active, keep our Members involved so that we can continue the good works so desperately needed in our world today. We further need to give the opportunity of Membership to every Catholic man so he may also work on his Mission, become a better Catholic and become an important part of the future for our Councils and the Order. Let us complete this year with a Finish Strong attitude in Membership recruitment and Program completions, and to look forward to maintaining a strong momentum in the 2020-2021 Columbian Year.

I am truly blessed and thankful to have the support of our Leadership Team and the Members of the Knights of Columbus. I pray that God will bless all of you and your families and keep you safe and in good health. I also pray that God will continue to bless the Knights of Columbus, our Great State of Louisiana and the United States of America!

Vivat Jesus!



Rennan Duffour

**Miracle Approved...continued**

an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy.

Born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Father McGivney was a central figure in the dramatic growth of the Church in the United States in the late 19th century. Ordained in Baltimore in 1877, he ministered to a heavily Irish-American and immigrant community in the then-Diocese of Hartford. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to keep his flock close to the faith in part by finding practical solutions to their many problems – spiritual and temporal alike. With a group of the leading Catholic men of New Haven, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary’s Church to provide spiritual support for Catholic men and financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of their breadwinner.

The fledgling group soon became a major force in the areas of evangelization, charity, racial integration, and the defense of religious freedom.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a coronavirus.

Known by his contemporaries for his devotion to the faith and his embodiment of the characteristics of the “Good Samaritan,” his cause for sainthood was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997. St. John Paul II – who was pope at that time – lauded Father McGivney’s principles, stating in 2003, “In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth.”

In March 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral cited the “remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”

Two recent books also tell the story of Father McGivney and his legacy: Parish Priest (2006), his biography; and the The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History (2020).



**~~Grand Knight, Membership Director,  
Program Director & Financial Secretary Training~~**

**~~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~~**  
**~~CANCELLED~~**

**~~Knights of Columbus Leadership  
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020  
St. Genevieve Middle School  
Lafayette, Louisiana~~**

**~~Officer Training  
Councils Limited to Three (3) Attendees~~**





# Knights of Columbus State Wide Retreat

**When** Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm  
thru Sunday late morning

**Where** Lumen Christi Center  
100 Lumen Christi Lane, Schriever, LA 70395

**Dates** JANUARY 15-16-17, 2021

Starts on Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm and runs thru Sunday late morning.

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 own towels and toiletries.

Cut on dotted line & mail to address as indicated with your deposit of \$25.

Lumen Christi opened in 1985, is the name and the theme of the Retreat complex which means "The Light of Christ." The complex is situated on 50 acres, consists of a main retreat facility for adults, Pere Menard Building, and a youth and group retreat facility, Souby Building. The complex is well named because of the natural lighting in the corridors, chapel, library and dining areas. The corridors and private rooms display over 100 oil paintings on local topics by local artists. An outdoor Way of the Cross portrays in a moving way, the passion and death of Jesus. The beauty of the Louisiana landscape reflects the brilliance of Christ, the CENTER and the MEANING of all creation. What is a Retreat? The tradition of making a spiritual retreat is in every religion. Jesus led the apostles to quiet places to pray and prepare for their work. Since the beginning of Christianity, Christians have gone in the desert, mountains and other serene settings to be spiritually renewed and become more aware of the presence of God in their lives. We too need to retreat. God has given us wonderful gifts of life including family, friends, job, school and recreation. Sometimes these everyday commitments are capable of taking too much time, attention and energy. Our lives get out of balance.

*Lumen Christi Retreat Center For  
More Information  
Donald Ducote  
504.330.4048  
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**\*\*\* Please Note \*\*\***  
**you will need to bring  
your own toiletries!**

**Registration for Knights of Columbus Statewide Retreat**  
**January 15-16-17, 2021**  
 On-Site Single: \$200     On-Site Double: \$175     Commuter: \$110.  
 Deposit (Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable) required with Registration: \$25.00  
 Return to: Don Ducote, 321 South Jamie Blvd., Avondale, LA 70094  
 Make check payable to: Knights of Columbus. Balance due at Check-In.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indicate a specific room request here: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (This is not a guarantee. Rooms will be assigned based upon receipt of deposit in full.)  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLE ROOMS**  
 Will you be arriving in time for dinner at 6:00pm, Friday evening?  Yes  No  
 Do you have any food allergies or special diet needs?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please provide details on reverse.  
 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For office use only: Date Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Deposited: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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