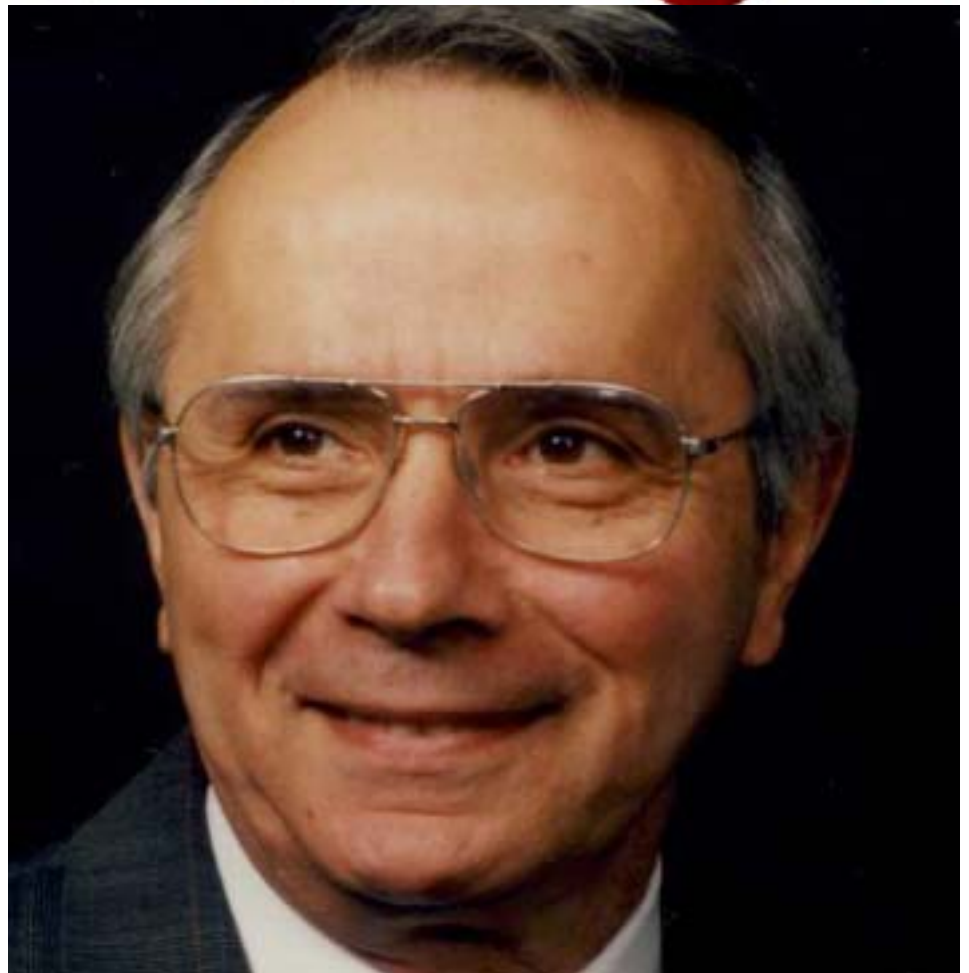


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Calendar

- January 1 *New Years Day*
- January 10 *Deadline-Payment*
Supreme Catholic Advertising
- January 11 *Deadline-Council Substance*
Abuse Poster Competition
- January 15 *State Per Capita Billing Mailed*
to Financial Secretary
- January 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- January 18-20 *State Retreat-Maryhill Retreat*
Center, Pineville
- January 27 *Grand Knights Day*
St. Thomas More HS, Lafayette
- January 27 *Accompano Raffle, Lafayette*
- January 27 *State Cook-Off, Lafayette*
- January 31 *Deadline-Fraternal Activity*
Survey, Form #1728
- January 31 *Deadline-Free Throw*
Participation, Form FT-1
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Free Throw*
- January 31 *Deadline-Council Substance*
Abuse Poster Contest
- February 4 *Deadline-CYLA Council*
Winners submitted to Area Coor
- February 5 *Mardi Gras*
- February 5 *Deadline-Council Substance*
Abuse Poster to Area Coor
- February 6 *Ash Wednesday*
- February 7 *Deadline-Submit Substance*
Abuse Posters to State Youth Dir
- Feb 9-10 *State Bowling Tournament*
Houma
- February 15 *Deadline-Semi-Annual Council*
Audit, Form #1295
- February 15 *Deadline-Family of the Month*
- February 15 *Deadline-District Free Throw*
- Feb 16-17 *State Bowling Tournament*
Houma
- Feb 23-24 *State Bowling Tournament*
Houma
- February 24 *Deadline-Submit Area KC Adult*
Free Throw Winners to State
- February 28 *Deadline-PSD Award*
Nominations to IPSD Cabbage
- March 1 *Deadline-Submit articles for*
Louisiana Knight
- March 1 *Deadline-Area Free Throw*
- March 1 *Deadline-Area Substance Abuse*
Posters to State Youth Director
- March 1-2 *State Basketball Tournament*
Metairie
- March 2 *State KC Adult Free Throw*
Contest-Metairie
- March 3 *Deadline-CYLA Area Winners*
to CYLA Chairman



Past State Deputy Joe Polito Passes

The 45th State Deputy of the Louisiana Jurisdiction, Joseph Francis Polito, died Sunday, December 2, 2007, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Joe, a native of Baton Rouge was 78 years old. He retired from Ethyl Corporation in 1991, after 42 years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

A parishioner of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, Joe served on the Parish Council for many years, chairing several committees and fund-raising events. His community involvement included serving

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State Deputy Don Fontenot

My Brother Knights:

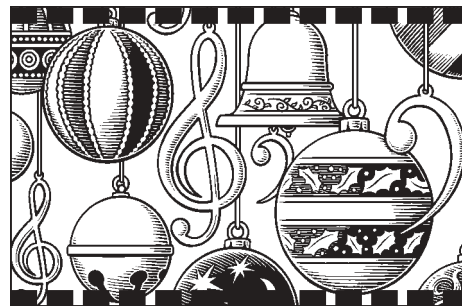
Soon we will be celebrating the momentous event of Christmas followed by the ushering in of a New Year. As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, along with our families let us remember the true reason of Christmas and make every effort to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” We can do this in many ways: Prayer, Daily Mass, by spending time in an adoration chapel. We can also participate in baskets for the less fortunate, and charitable donations to the poor, by sending cards, letters and care packages to our Military personnel stationed in distant lands. All of what the Knights do will help make a difference in our communities, our country, and the world.

We are experiencing a great year in our activities, in our help to those in need our Seminarian support is moving along well but one area we are lagging in is our membership. And so it is that I would ask each Brother Knight of Louisiana, are we doing all we can by asking those eligible Catholic men to join our order? What could our councils achieve if each member would recruit just one Brother Knight? I can only wonder what and additional 34,000 Knights in Louisiana could achieve, but we must, for the good

of the Order, the good of our state and especially the good of our councils continue to recruit new members. With membership growth comes new and fresh ideas and more hands to help with all of our council projects both local and state. I challenge each and every Louisiana Knight to ask another Catholic man to join our Order. This message does not reach all members of our State, so I ask each Grand Knight, each District Deputy, each Area Coordinator, and each State Officer to pass the information to all corners of our state. We can make a difference to insure growth in our Order, now is the time for each one of us to “Invest, Promote and Communicate”, the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana.

Verline and I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Christ child bring peace and happiness to all Knights and their Families.

Vivat Jesus.



Invest. Promote. Communicate.



Invest. Promote, Communicate. is the official moniker for State Deputy Donald Fontenot. Fontenot noted the importance of the three items in the success of local councils, as well as the State Council. For additional information on the current administration, contact the State Office in Lafayette.



State Chaplain Joseph Susi

I was privileged to attend several Council meetings presided over by either a Grand Knight or another officer and was amazed that the beautiful motto given to us by Bishop Greco to conclude our meetings, “Vivat Jesus”, was not mentioned. This prominent motto, “Vivat Jesus”, was Bishop Greco’s motto when he became Bishop of Alexandria, and it means “May Jesus live”. It is a great privilege of a Grand Knight to close the Council meeting by saying, “Vivat Jesus”, to which all the members reply “Vivat Jesus”.

It was a great surprise to find in the November *Columbia* magazine an article by Retired Bishop Emeritus Frank J. Rodimer of the Diocese of Patterson, New Jersey about the Mass installing the New Jersey State Officers for 2008. His Excellency told the Knights, “The Order’s celebration of 125 years of faith in action is a time to live out the truth of the words, “Vivat Jesus”. Please read the wonderful article by Bishop Rodimer and let us continue to hold fast to those wonderful words, “Vivat Jesus”.

Not so long ago two young new Knights were wondering what the words meant after hearing two or three Knights saying them. So I explained the meaning to them.

Another thought comes to me when I recite the rosary at our Convention or Council meetings. I wonder what happened to the rosaries our Knights received. It is okay to use your two thumbs and 8 fingers, but how much more pleasing to our Blessed Mother if we use a rosary. It is easy to buy a black leather case and keep it in your pocket. Don't be afraid to carry it in your pocket, and be proud to display it every time you use it. One never knows when one will have an accident, and when medical personnel come across a rosary or medal they immediately know you are Catholic and call for a priest.

It is recorded that more than 3.6 million rosaries with the Knights of Columbus emblem as the centerpiece have been distributed since the Knights use the rosary for many occasions. Some Councils say the rosary 15 minutes before their meeting commences.

Once a priest was visiting a nursing home and an elderly grandmother told him she says 13 rosaries daily, one for each grandchild, asking Our Blessed Mother to watch over them and to please see that they hold on to their Catholic faith.

Recently the Knights began an hour devotion to Mary's Icon for all graces she bestows. This year every Council will continue this devotion to Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, Cuba for a year long Marian Hour of Prayer.

Have a blessed Christmas!
 God love you.
 Vivat Jesus.

Membership 24/7



Joel Ocmand
Y.E.P. Chairman

**GRAND KNIGHTS DAY
 PARADE OF COUNCILS**

I would first like to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray that that you have found peace in your life and happiness in the people you touch each day.

On Grand Knights day the YEP program will sponsor the Parade Of Councils. Councils are encouraged to bring to Grand Knights day their donation to the Youth Expansion Program to be presented in person to the Worthy State Deputy Don Fontenot. Your council will be given the opportunity to support the ongoing efforts of our youth programs as well as take center stage to announce your donation amount.

Our programs to support the youth of our state are second to none. Your donations are the lifeblood of these programs. Without your continued support our programs for the youth would have to be cut back or even worse some programs could have to be discontinued. Below you will see listed a few of the many programs that your donations support.

· Year long support of our youth program the Columbian Squires.

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YEP

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$8387



Joe Polito
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as President of the Executive Committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Baton Rouge. Joe always enjoyed working for a good cause.

Brother Polito was a charter member of Msgr. Dominic Blasco Council 3298 Knights of Columbus in Baton Rouge. A member of the KC's since 1950, he was extremely dedicated, serving faithfully in many local and state positions, attaining the office of State Deputy of Louisiana from 1996 -1998.

Joe's commitment to the Order included the following positions:

- 1969 Grand Knight Co 3298
- 1972 Chair TIP Program
- 1972 Chair TRAP Day
- 1980 District Deputy
- 1981 Chair CYLA Program
- 1981 Chair State Convention
- 1982 Chair RCF
- 1985 Chair CYLA
- 1986 Chair State Convention
- 1986 Chair State Programs
- 1988 State Warden
- 1990 State Advocate
- 1992 State Treasurer
- 1994 State Secretary
- 1996 State Deputy

He was honored by the Pope in 1992 as a Knight of St. Gregory the Great.

He is survived by his wife of 52

years, Merle Alello Polito, two daughters Donna Bell and husband, Chip, of Westlake Village, CA, Michelle Polito of Baton Rouge, and one son, Michael A. Polito of Baton Rouge; 8 grandchildren: Brian, Chris, David, and Lauren Bell, Bailey Page, and Brice, Davis, and Miles Polito; 2 sisters-in-law, Mary A. Polito of Baton Rouge, and Diane Polito of Dallas, TX; Brother-in-law, Robin Alello and his wife, Gloria of Baton Rouge, daughter in law Suzette Polito, numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends in his "KC Family". Preceded in death by parents, Tony and Mary Polito, brothers Carlo Polito and Phil Polito, sister "Nu" DeJohn and her husband Louis, and niece Margaret Diane Polito.

Pallbearers included Louis DeJohn, Jr., Ronnie Polito, Ray Polito, Gary Polito, Robin Alello, Derek Fife, Brett Alello and Johnny Fife. Memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas More Catholic Church Pre-school, 11441 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, 70815.

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- Scholarships for outstanding Boy and Girl Seniors through our CYLA program.
- Support of our college students through donations to the Catholic Youth Centers.
- Participation in the Order wide Free Throw Contest
- Participation in the new Soccer Challenge
- Sponsoring of evangelization programs in each Dioceses
- Diocesan Scouting Awards in each of the 7 dioceses of our state
- Religious retreats for our Squires and youth of our state.
- Support of our seminarians.
- Pro-Life oratory contest and education.

As you can see the YOUTH programs of the State depend on all of us for support. Please don't delay send in your Councils donation or better yet be a part of the PARADE OF COUNCILS.





Leonce Waguespack, Jr.
President - F.S. Association

The Association wishes to express its condolences to the wife and family of Past President Uray J. Michot, Sr. who passed away on November 5, 2007. Bro. Michot served the Association as President from 1982-1984 and was a former financial secretary of Father Francis Seelos Council 2878 In Metairie.

We are almost halfway through the fraternal year. Now is the time to reflect on our achievements and we should look forward to the remainder of the year. In the final month of 2007, please ensure that you send billings for dues promptly before the end of December, preferably by December 15th. Ensure that both Supreme and State Council per capita billings are processed promptly.

In January, the Fraternal Activity Questionnaire is due on the 31st. Please provide assistance to the Grand Knight to ensure that the information required is available for the form to be sent prior to the deadline. On January 27th is Grand Knights Day in Lafayette. Please make an effort to attend to witness the State Gumbo Cook Off competition and to hear the winners of the Accompano Raffle.

The deadline for the Semi-Annual Council Audit is February 15th. Again, provide assistance to the Grand Knight and Trustees of your

council to ensure that Form #1295 is submitted on time. Another financial item, new this coming year, is the "2008 Annual Electronic Notice Filing Requirement" required by the IRS. It is a new requirement for organizations (councils, assemblies, home corporations) with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less. A copy of the notice is available for viewing on our web site at: <http://lsfsa.org> under the section "DOCS" and is titled "2008 Annual Filing Notice". Also in the same section is "2006 Federal Tax Information (Form 990)" which should be similar for the 2007 year.

As a reminder you can find, on the web site, a listing of Association Officers with email address links (just click on the link to send an email to an officer). Documents, such as Association By-Laws, an electronic copy of the Financial Secretary Handbook, a copy of the F.S. Handbook Supplement, a copy of the 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes, and others are available in PDF format. Also pertinent dates can be found under the section "EVENTS". We will strive to ensure that the information is updated and current. Additionally we are asking for your help in improving the site and you can direct those comments by email to: webmaster@lsfsa.org. Please view the list of Association Past Presidents under the section "DOCS" and let inform us if you know of any inaccuracies or omissions.

In closing, Linda and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please keep **Christ in Christmas!**

VIVAT JESUS!



John Boudreaux
State Advocate

The message of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Man," is a very special blessing for everyone. It is in this spirit that Pris and I offer our heartfelt, "Merry Christmas," to all of you and your families.

By now everyone should know that we are celebrating our 125th anniversary. From our humble beginnings in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has grown to over 14,000 councils and over 1.7 million members worldwide. Throughout our wonderful history the Knights of Columbus faced many trials and tribulations, and always emerged triumphant. How did our Forefathers and past Brother Knights throughout history attain so much success? By following the "Principles," of the Order, "Unity, Fraternity, Charity, and Patriotism." These principles are the foundation of our Order and have with stood many trials and tribulations throughout history. Our Forefathers and former brother knights not only honored these Principles, but lived by the Principles of our Order each and every day. It is because of their commitment to these Principles they advanced the perpetuity of our Order for 125 years.

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In Memoriam

*We join the survivors
in remembering the following members
who recently died.
We offer our prayers for them
and their families.
May their souls rest in peace.*

- Co 970, Plaquemine: Dr. Herman A. Samson, September 28, 2007
- Co 2504, Church Point: Dr. Ward M. Bellard, November 10, 2007
- Co 2807, Baton Rouge: John L. Torrance, Jr., April 15, 2007
- Co 3246, Metairie: Arthur L. Bayer, Jr., October 14, 2007
- Co 3622, Lake Charles: Paul J. Leger, November 21, 2007
- Co 3634, Norco: Roland C. Brady, September 30, 2007; Arnold A. Hymel, Sr., October 30, 2007
- Co 10606, Paul J. Cancienne, August 31, 2007
- Co 11061, Labadieville: Alvin J. Oubre, October 6, 2007



On October 12, 2007 Helen Daviet presented her deceased husband, Claude's sword to Archbishop Alfred Hughes at his office in New Orleans. The sword was presented to Claude on his Papal appointment to the Order of St. Gregory. The Msgr. Gassler Assembly built a carrying case, and provided the wall mount and the plaque. Sir Knight Earl Bulot provided the transportation for the group traveling to New Orleans the day of the presentation. Claude developed a very close relationship with Bishop Hughes when he was the Bishop of the Baton Rouge Diocese. Bishop Hughes visited with Claude at his home the night that he passed away.

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- Terry Kennedy - 985.649.2703 - terry.kennedy@kofc.org**
- Randy Lee - 225.291.6205 - johnrleega@aol.com**
- Scott Willis - 337.562.2128 - scott.willis@kofc.org**



2008 K.C. Sports Calendar

- Jan 27** State Cook-Off
Lafayette
- Feb 9-10** State Bowling
Houma
- Feb 16-17** State Bowling
Houma
- Feb 23-24** State Bowling
Houma
- March 1-2** State Basketball
Kenner
- March 2** Adult Free Throw
Kenner
- March 15** Youth Free Throw
Lafayette
- Aug 9-10** State Softball
Carencro
- Sept 13** State Horseshoe
Plaquemine
- Oct 3-5** State Golf
Lafayette
- Nov 8** State Nine Ball
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Frank Chase
Program Director

My family and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are approaching a new year. Is your council getting ready for Grand Knights Day? Members requested to attend are the Grand Knights, Program Directors, Financial Secretaries, and Youth Directors from each council. You will acquire important information to benefit your council. There will be some great gumbos cooked for you to sample. As always, there will be a parade of councils for Y.E.P. and Acompano Raffle. Those attending will be able to pick up their Convention information. Remember these deadlines for January 31, 2008 which are the Fraternal Activity Survey, the Council Youth Freethrow Contest and the Substance Abuse Contest. Is your council in the process of pre-

paring for the Service Program Award? Please consider entering at least one of the five categories and may enter in more than one. Please submit the Service Program Award form and the grading forms by April 5, 2008 to the various directors. I hope to see you in Lafayette on Grand Knights Day.



Lloyd Meyers
M.D.F. Chairman

Brother Knights, I know you and your council members are doing the best you can for this annual fund raising campaign for God's Special Citizens, and I want to thank all of you for your dedicated effort given in this campaign. We all know of God's Special Citizens from within our own families and or those of our neighbors and friends, we know they require special attention in every-



Louis Infant Crisis Center, Houma...A MDF Benefit Recipient

thing that they do. That is why I ask all Councils to have a fund drive. The money that you raise and donate to the Schools, Agencies and Organizations for God's Special Citizens helps in training them to be and do the best that they can for them selves. We will continue to look for our goal of \$300,000.00 and we can still do it if every council has a fund drive. Please send your fund drive money to the State Office as soon as possible. To those Brothers in those Councils that have not had a fund drive as of now, please, I beg you to have a fund drive as soon as possible.

Brothers what ever the amount of your fund drive the Beneficiary that receives Your funds are grateful for your efforts, hard work and dedication, as well as your financial support. God's Special Citizens THANK YOU Brother Knights for supporting this program because they are the ones that benefit from this campaign.

Don't forget you must remember to complete and turn in your "FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT FORM" with the funds raised to the State Office on or before March 31, 2008. Also read over the information being requested from you on this form. We need the information in order to process the check that is returned to you for your Beneficiary.

Grand Knights please be on the lookout for your Beneficiary's check that the State Office will return to you. I give this warning because through the years we have had many checks lost that were sent to the Grand Knight. Your council members and family have worked very hard raising the money to have the check lost or misplaced. Remember your Beneficiary is counting on receiving this money they so desperately need. When you make the presentation of the check to your Ben-

eficiary ask them to deposit the check as soon as possible. The reason is this helps the State office in closing out each fraternal year's campaign. We also must have a Zero (0) balance in the MDF bank account every June 30th for the previous fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!!!



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**Wade Dupuis
McGivney Guild**

The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established the Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause of canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. The guild's goal is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God.

The Guild is doing well and **slowly** growing. In July 2006 the Guild's membership was 108,000. Membership increased to 117,679 in April 2007 and to 122,000 members as of October 22, 2007.

In January 2007 the Louisiana District had 5,095 Guild Members out of 34,737 members of the

Knights of Columbus. In April 2007, membership rose to 5,160, and as of October 22, 2007, we have 5387 members in our jurisdiction.

Why are we so slow in joining the Guild? After all it is absolutely FREE! All you have to do is sign up! You can go on the Internet and log on to WWW.kofc.org, find Catholic Highlights, and click on the McGivney Guild. You can enroll by going directly to the Guild's website WWW.fathermcgivney.org or you could telephone 1-203-752-4087.

Finally, as a last resort you can fill out the application below and mail it.



YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Country _____

Mail to:
The Father McGivney Guild,
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326





Wade Dupuis
Marian Hour of Prayer

The Marian Hour Prayer Program within the Louisiana District began on August 1, 2007 and ending in the spring of 2008. Each Grand Knight should have a copy of the Marian Hour schedule. Area Coordinators and District Deputies should have a schedule for the entire Region that they are in such as Region I, II, or III. They should also have a directory of who to contact for information or to resolve any problem that may arise. You may contact me at my home phone number 1-337-332-4800 at anytime or e-mail me at wwdjr@cox.net.

Our program consisted of the Image of Our Guadalupe, and a white three-ring book entitled Marion Hour Program. The notebook includes a schedule for the entire region, a directory, log sheets, and suggested program guides.

In October we received the Order's Marian Prayer Program consisting of Our Lady of Charity image, with a case containing program books, prayer cards, and log sheets.

Now your council should receive the image, case and notebook. You are free to choose which program you want to use or make up your own program. The idea is to devote one hour of prayer honoring Our Lady. Brother Knight, make sure that you fill out your log sheet and include how many people attended. We need this information when we make our report to Supreme. Please account for the books, and pass them on to the next council. The prayer cards can be given to the people. Transference of the Marian Hour Prayer Program includes the Image, the case containing the prayer books and cards, and the notebook.

There are some councils, for whatever reason, that did not get a chance to participate. I apologize for that. We shall try to make some kind of arrangement towards the end of the program to accommodate you. Please let me know who you are.

The program, for the most part, is successful. There are problems that arise as usual and We shall work to correct them

AVE MARIA



Ralph Comeaux
Council Activity Director

As the days become shorter, it can only mean that Christmas is right around the corner, and half of the fraternal year has flown by.

I would like to congratulate Msgr. Teurlings Council 3202 for hosting succesful State Softball and State Golf events, as well as Welsh Council 2855 for conducting a successful State Horseshoe tournament.

On Saturday, November 3rd, the State Council hosted the State Nine Ball tournament at White Diamonds Billiards Parlor in Lafayette. The State Council would like to thank the staff and management of White Diamonds for their assistance in making this a highly successful event.

Entries into the event were up 25% over the inaugural 2006 event, and by all comments, the event will grow even more in 2008



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Y.E.P. Parade of Councils

**Sunday, January 27, 2008
Grand Knights Day
St. Thomas More High School
Lafayette**



State Deputy Don Fontenot presents Kristal Breaux her International Soccer Challenge Award for her accomplishments in the 2006 Competition. Kristal competed in the 13 Year Old Division and represented St. Charles Council 2409, Luling.



Baton Rouge Hosts Second State Soccer Challenge

Baton Rouge graciously hosted our second annual State Soccer Challenge on November 10, 2007 at the Burbank Soccer Complex. Thirty two boys and girls between the ages of 10-14 year old from the various parts of the state competed in this event.

All boys and girls that participated in this event really enjoyed participating in this event. Each boy and girl received a souvenir T Shirt for participating in this event and all participations and their family members were treated to a lunch. In addition the event only lasted a little over couple hours.

In addition some of the elected State Officers attended this event. Those guests that attended this event were our State Deputy- Donald Fontenot, State Treasurer- Earl Bulot and State Warden- Ronnie Boudreaux. In addition our State Officer Administrator- Robert Boudreaux attended this event.

This year's State Soccer Winners were as following;

10 Year Old Girl- Lauren Schexnaydre representing Co. 8342 in Prairieville with a score of 130

10 Year Old Boy-Austin Wiles

representing Co. 9240 in Mandeville with a score of 220

11 Year Old Girl-Marcela Caraved representing Co. 13505 in Alexandria with a score of 150

11 Year Old Boy- Alex Gisclair representing Council 7557 in Broussard with a score of 175,

12 Year Old Girl- Kristen Bergeron representing Co. 8978 in Sulphur with a score of 180

12 Year Old Boy- Daniel Broussard representing Co. 2657 in Gonzales with a score of 160

13 Year Old Girl- Kayla Riecke representing Co. 12906 in Covington with a score of 135

13 Year Old Boy- John Brown-ing representing Co. 6326 in Denham Springs with a score of 190 14 Year Old Girl- Michelle Pellegrin representing Co. 10612 in Houma with a score of 145

14 Year Old Boy- Grant Wooley representing Co. 7557 in Broussard with a score of 160.

All of the State Winners Scores has been submitted to the Supreme Council and these scores will be used to select the Knights of Columbus International Soccer Challenge Winners.

Council 9016 Baton Rouge



Members of Fr. Maynard E. Hurst, Jr. Council 9016 helped the St. Louis King of France Parish Happy Hearts ministry by providing hamburgers and hot dogs to "at risk" kids. These children came from all parts of the East Baton Rouge civil parish to enjoy an afternoon of fun and games. Pictured (l-R) are Grand Knight John Meyer flipping the burgers with Deacon Paul Yi, Ellen and Ed Falgoust and Joe Mannino.



Fr. Maynard E. Hurst, Jr. Council 9016 honored retiring Financial Secretary Brother John Ellis. John has served Fr. Hurst Council as charter Financial Secretary from May 29, 1985 through June of 2007 taking two years off to serve as Grand Knight. Pictured are Grand Knight John Meyer (R) handing a clock plaque to John Ellis.



Terry Kennedy
Insurance General Agent

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With more than \$64 billion of life insurance in force, our insurance program is growing. In order to sustain this growth, we need to continue to attract high-quality men to our field force of professional field agents.

Our ideal candidate is highly motivated, has a proven record of success, likes meeting new people and believes strongly in the value of Knights of Columbus insurance. He's currently employed, but may be looking for a career change or to take more control of his career.

THE ORDER NEEDS HIGH-QUALITY MEN TO GROW ITS FIELD FORCE

Are there men in your council who fit the above description? Give their names to your general agent or field agent. In addition to being one of your general agent's "centers of influence," if the man signs an agent contract with us, you'll have the opportunity to earn some extra money for yourself and your council through our "Fraternal Fistful of Dollars" program.

I also encourage you to check out the "Career Opportunities" sec-

tion of the Order's Web site, www.kofc.org, where you will be able to view a short video presentation on "A Day in the Life of a Knights of Columbus Field Agent" as well as hear from three successful field agents on what attracted them to their career and how it provides them with a sense of fulfillment they can't get anywhere else.

There has never been a more exciting time to be involved with Knights of Columbus Insurance! Why not make that opportunity available to qualified men in your council?

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 Randy Lee, General Agent – 225-291-6205
 Scott Willis, General Agent – 337-562-2128



Hasenkampf & Theriot Complete Insurance Training

Mel Hasenkampf (Lee Agency) of Abita Springs and Jamie Theriot (Kennedy Agency) of Chauvin recently completed an intensive week-long training school at the organization's international office in New Haven, Conn. They are shown here with Carl A. Anderson, the organization's CEO and Supreme Knight.

Hasenkampf and Theriot qualified to attend the school based on successful completion of an eight-week self-study program and by achieving sales and production goals during their first 90 days as agents. They received instruction from the Order's home office staff in such areas as understanding clients' life insurance needs, recommending appropriate products to address those needs, and providing quality post-sale customer service, while maintaining the high ethical standards of the life insurance industry and the Knights of Columbus.

With more than \$64 billion of life insurance in force, the Order annually earns the highest ratings from both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, and has received multiple "Best Practices" citations from the Insurance Marketplace Standard's Association. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, visit the Order's Web site at www.kofc.org.



Joel Ocmand
Membership Director

As I write this article for the December issue of the Louisiana Knight I am surrounded by reminders of the Christmas season. Sonya and I have set up our Christmas tree and decorated the fireplace mantel with stockings. But most importantly we have started our journey in this Advent season awaiting the celebration of the birth of our Christ.

With so much going on it is hard to keep your focus on what is the real meaning for which we celebrate the season. But through preparation and keeping Christ as the center of attention we reap the benefits of our faith and have a Merry Christmas with friends and family.

As your Membership Director I am asking you to prepare your Membership Program in order to encourage other to reap the benefits of

our order. Share with them our visions,

FAITH- We support our religious parishes and our local priest, we are supporters of vocations in our parishes and our State.

COMMUNITY- Through membership in our order we enhance the communities we live in by supporting Pro-Life functions and marches, Special Olympics and the special children, Our environment by encouraging others and educating our school children about our world.

FAMILY- We bring our faith and Brotherhood home to our families and the council's support our efforts through Family of the Month programs, Insurance program to gain peace of mind, as well as family outings and special nights.

YOUTH- We enable the young men of our parishes to gain insight into our faith as well as our organization through our leadership training program called the Columbian Squires, We conduct soccer challenge competition as well as free throw competitions and substance abuse poster contest.

FELLOWSHIP-As Catholic men we meet regularly to conduct business, have social gatherings, support each other in time of need, support our Catholic Church and local

parishes.

With so much to offer to a prospective member we need to take the next step to encourage others to join our order. Whatever the motivations, we the Knights of Columbus offer a man the opportunity to play a significant role in building a better community and world.

Now is the time to share these visions with others in our parishes. How about starting the New Year off with a Bang and recruit new members into your Council. Remember there is no better place to recruit new members than in your Church parishes. Grand Knights, set up a meeting with your pastor and plan your next membership drive. Our local pastors are our biggest ally and a little encouragement by Father at the end of mass may be the catalyst your council needs.

As I end this message, Sonya and I wish you the very Merriest of Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you enjoy the Season and experience a new love of God and all he has given us in our lives.

VIVAT JESUS



EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the second and third degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy Don Fontenot. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are urged to present their candidates to the Exemplification in their areas.

<u>Date</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Host Council</u>
01.06.08	D.D. Paul McKeough (27)	Baton Rouge 969
02.17.08	D.D. Keith Lawson (5)	River Ridge 13425
03.30.08	TBA	Lafayette Area
04.13.08	D.D. Pete Snatic (50)	Lake Charles 3208
04.20.08	TBA	Marksville Area

Membership

Membership Statistics from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	5	0	3055	Gueydan	7	-2
0969	Baton Rouge	6	0	3061	Covington	7	-1
0970	Plaquemine	13	2	3068	New Orleans	5	2
1087	Donaldsonville	9	3	3088	Hessmer	5	0
1099	Napoleonville	14	-13	3091 Westwego	6	9	
1108	Shreveport	6	0	3150	Cut Off	12	-2
1114	Thibodaux	21	0	3200	Alexandria	5	4
1134	Alexandria	7	0	3202	Lafayette	9	1
1173	Opelousas	5	0	3208	Lake Charles	6	3
1199	Cottonport	5	1	3246	New Orleans	7	1
1208	New Iberia	5	-7	3298	Baton Rouge	7	0
1217	Marksville	7	3	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1276	St. Martinville	6	5	3353	Oberlin	5	4
1286	Lafayette	6	-6	3356	Cecilia	5	0
1317	Houma	9	1	3399	Krotz Springs	1	0
1318	Crowley	5	0	3407	Shreveport	10	-5
1337	Monroe	6	2	3409	Opelousas	6	0
1357 Natchitoches	8	14		3411	New Orleans	5	4
1373	Morgan City	5	2	3425	New Iberia	7	1
1420	Franklin	5	-7	3465	Metairie	5	0
1425	Jeanerette	5	0	3470	Lafayette	5	2
1437	New Orleans	11	-1	3475	Elton	5	0
1514	Vacherie	10	7	3496	Port Barre	5	1
1710	Patterson	8	4	3528	Kenner	5	0
1724	Algiers	5	1	3534	Oakdale	5	0
1745	Eunice	5	2	3621	Arnaudville	5	-1
1754	Ville Platte	6	3	3622	Moss Bluff	9	-4
1817	Gramercy	11	5	3634	Norco	12	-5
1819	Bogalusa	6	2	3642	West Monroe	5	2
1897	Rayne	5	0	3662	Basile	5	0
1905	Gretna	13	0	3729	New Orleans	13	11
1988	Washington	5	0	3743 Baton Rouge	5	5	
1998	New Roads	5	0	3779	Shreveport	8	4
2012 Jennings	7	8		3796	St Gabriel	5	2
2142	Plaucheville	5	-1	3854	Harahan	5	6
2150	Morganza	5	0	3857	DeRidder	7	-4
2281	Abbeville	13	0	3870	Duson	1	0
2395	Bunkie	5	1	3872	Erath	8	7
2398 Breaux Bridge	5	8		3923	Jefferson	5	0
2409	Luling	11	4	4010	Mansura	0	0
2432	Mansfield	5	1	4023	Leonville	5	-1
2436	Reserve	6	2	4030	Baton Rouge	13	6
2504	Church Point	6	0	4033	Buras	5	0
2657	Prairieville	13	1	4085	Baker	5	0
2675	Mamou	5	3	4088	Minden	1	0
2732	Slidell	8	2	4156	Leesville	8	3
2807	Baton Rouge	10	7	4222	Marrero	8	0
2855	Welsh	6	3	4309	Centerville	6	0
2875	Port Allen	6	0	4346	White Castle	5	0
2878	Metairie	9	5	4508	Metairie	5	0
2893	Kinder	5	3	4547	New Orleans	5	2
2913	Kaplan	7	2	4562	Lake Charles	16	9
2918	New Orleans	5	0	4663	Metairie	6	3
2925	New Orleans	5	2	4676	Loreauville	5	2
2952	Hammond	18	8	4683	Lafayette	5	-1
2972	Moreauville	5	-1	4761	Raceland	6	1
2982	Iota	5	0	4787	Hathaway	5	0
3006	Iowa	7	3	4791	Estherwood	5	3
3012	Lake Arthur	5	4	4818	Zwolle	5	0
3014	Creole	7	0	4873 Bossier City	12	18	
3015	Sulphur	9	-3	4874	Ponchatoula	7	4
3048	Bell City	6	0	4906	Evangeline	5	3
3054 Lockport	9	9		4927	Parks	5	4

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5013	Chauvin	15	-9	8615	Gretna	7	0	10744	Brusly	5	0
5022	Lake Charles	5	0	8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	5	3	10745	Cankton	5	0
5048	Pine Prairie	5	-1	8703	Port Sulphur	5	0	10800	Kraemer	5	16
5111	New Iberia	8	1	8743	Chackbay	5	2	10824	Ruston	5	0
5166	Delcambre	5	-3	8770	Maurice	5	2	10902	Lydia	5	8
5301	Metairie	5	-25	8779	Theriot	10	2	10911	Amite	5	1
5345	Lafayette	5	-1	8805	DeQuincy	5	0	10912	Hammond	1	1
5352	Pierre Part	5	1	8840	Mathews	8	9	11014	Branch	5	0
5461	Cameron	5	0	8843	Leroy	5	2	11060	Tickfaw	5	1
5499	Crowley	9	0	8861	Shreveport	5	1	11061	Labadieville	5	1
5530	Baton Rouge	7	-3	8878	Lakeland	6	1	11096	Coteau Holmes	5	0
5532	Lawtell	5	7	8898	Larose	10	0	11212	Cow Island	5	1
5545	Houma	5	0	8901	Lafayette	7	2	11270	Opelousas	5	1
5627	Independence	6	0	8906	Thibodaux	5	-2	11407	Grand Lake	5	-1
5747	Chalmette	14	0	8932	Bourg	5	4	11491	Mowata	5	0
5755	Westlake	6	-1	8978	North Sulphur	9	3	11576	Hackberry	5	0
5935	Laplace	11	4	9000	Golden Meadow	7	0	11792	New Iberia	5	1
6057	Youngsville	9	2	9007	Metairie	5	0	11814	Pearl River	5	-5
6103	Vinton	6	4	9016	Baton Rouge	7	2	11857	Vacherie	5	1
6170	Houma	9	4	9085	Barksdale AFB	5	-8	11921	Kenner	5	-15
6211	Bayou Vista	5	1	9107	New Orleans	7	4	12060	Thibodaux	5	2
6324	Monroe	5	0	9110	Jennings	5	2	12061	Many	5	0
6326	Denham Springs	13	-22	9217	Belle Deau	5	6	12068	Grosse Tete	5	0
6357	Belle Chasse	14	0	9240	Mandeville	17	12	12072	Mandeville	7	8
6369	Avondale	5	0	9247	Baton Rouge	7	-26	12103	Lecompte	5	1
6389	St Amant	6	1	9260	Shreveport	5	-2	12115	New Orleans	5	2
6496	Abbeville	5	1	9281	Lacassine	5	-2	12163	Milton	5	2
6531	Baton Rouge	5	-5	9294	Echo	5	0	12179	Morgan City	5	-4
6746	Kenner	7	3	9338	Houma	5	3	12209	Bordelonville	5	0
6753	French Settlement	5	0	9347	Metairie	5	1	12245	Franklinton	5	7
6870	Terrytown	6	4	9384	Marrero	5	-2	12285	Schriever	5	0
6873	Baldwin	5	0	9415	New Orleans	5	0	12529	Abita Springs	7	4
6958	Carencro	5	0	9418	Fifth Ward	5	0	12686	Metairie	5	2
6959	Egan	5	6	9436	Richard	5	0	12734	Bossier City	5	0
7033	Ragley	5	-3	9623	Laplace	6	6	12906	Covington	5	5
7050	Rynella	5	-4	9692	Baton Rouge	9	-3	12989	Lacombe	5	3
7084	Berwick	5	1	9753	Tioga	5	7	12997	New Iberia	5	9
7226	Marrero	5	0	9769	Slidell	5	-17	13145	Baton Rouge	5	-4
7275	Lafayette	7	0	9912	Grand Prairie	5	0	13192	Natchitoches	5	0
7350	Barataria	8	2	9933	Luling	6	0	13296	Kolin	5	1
7355	Houma	11	3	9935	Duralde	5	1	13349	Waggaman	5	2
7411	Mire	7	-26	9973	Slidell	9	9	13397	Thibodaux	5	2
7557	Broussard	13	-7	10057	Harvey	5	0	13411	Thibodaux	5	0
7568	Scott	7	5	10080	Zachary	5	-1	13425	River Ridge	5	7
7657	Bayou Blue	6	-9	10123	Kenner	5	0	13505	Alexandria	5	0
7722	Dulac	8	3	10156	New Orleans	5	0	13632	Baton Rouge	5	8
7856	St Francisville	5	2	10176	Folsom	5	6	13819	Houma	5	1
8029	Alexandria	5	2	10178	Albany	5	1	13931	Lake Charles	5	-1
8030	Livonia	5	0	10185	Catahoula	5	0				
8031	Swartz	5	1	10269	Fenton	0	0				
8032	Oak Grove	5	0	10293	Lafayette	8	-7				
8058	Carlyss	7	9	10349	Henderson	5	0				
8147	Gonzales	7	-3	10428	Eunice	5	2				
8322	Maplewood	6	3	10455	Baton Rouge	7	4				
8323	Johnson Bayou	5	5	10554	Arabi	5	0				
8324	Grand Chenier	5	0	10564	Simmesport	5	1				
8342	Prairieville	9	4	10606	Belle Rose	5	1				
8371	Amelia	5	2	10612	Houma	7	-10				
8438	Campti	5	0	10613	Baton Rouge	5	1				
8442	Violet	2	0	10645	Lacombe	5	0				
8546	Metairie	5	4	10717	Mermentau	0	0				
8583	Morse	5	0	10721	Judice	5	-2				
8601	Baton Rouge	6	2	10728	Shreveport	5	1				

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Do we live by the Principles of the Knights of Columbus each and every day, are we Catholics on weekends and Holy Days and become something else from Monday through Friday. The challenge for all of us is to change how we treat each other and the people around us. By following the principles of our order in all of our endeavors, we will make our respective worlds a much better place. If councils would insist that each event or activity that they host would meet the scrutiny of the Principles of our Order; then the members would reap the benefits of unity, fraternity, charity and patriotism. Ask these questions, how does this event or activity foster fraternalism, does it promote unity, who will benefit from the charity of this event or activity, and how does it promote patriotism. I have noticed over the past 18 months, behavior that is unbecoming and deplorable, by some of our brother knights. Thank God this behavior is not common, and is isolated. But none the less, it does exist and will not be tolerated. Dear brothers, remember the lessons that you received at each degree of the Order. Since our degrees are private, I cannot discuss this matter any further, suffice to say that we should love one another, and act according to the Principles of the Knights of Columbus each day. If you treat your brother knight justly and charitably, he will reciprocate. If you treat him unjustly, you will cause disunity within both your lives and your council. Nothing good will ever be accomplished by seeking revenge, or instigating any malicious act against a brother knight or any person. Do not allow anger to determine how you will address any situation, think about; Fraternity, Unity, Charity, and Patriotism. How would Jesus, Our Lord, or Father McGivney handle this situation? They would not make any threats towards this person or brother knight, rather, they would calmly speak to the perpetrator and find a suitable solution to the prob-

lem. They might seek the arbitration of an officer of the council or of the State Family, in other words they would do whatever is necessary to resolve the situation in a charitable, unified, and fraternal way.

Divisiveness is a serious detriment to our Order, or any organization. It fosters hatred, dishonestly, and rudeness. Attributes that will never be allowed in the Knights of Columbus, nor should any Catholic Gentleman want as part of his life. I have the utmost confidence in and respect for the Knights of Columbus throughout our state and world wide. Because our forefathers lived by the Principles of our Order, we have become the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. We have gained the respect of Catholic Leaders worldwide, and will continue to grow through our Principles. It is the only way that we will survive the many trials and tribulations that we will face in the future. We will face them together, united as one powerful force, through love and respect for one another, we will defend the honor of the Catholic Church, the Order of the Knights of Columbus, and we will defend our Holy Catholic Clergy. We will increase the membership of our Order by exemplifying the Principles of the Knights of Columbus; thus fostering significant improvement in retention. Catholic men will want to join our or-

der and Catholic youth will want to im-molate the examples that we set forth in our communities. These young men will be excellent candidates for the Squires and will become future Knights. The perpetuity of our Order will depend upon this taking place.

I truly believe that all this is possible if we follow the Principles of Fraternity, Unity, Charity, and Patriotism each day. Never falter in this endeavor, and you will see a great improvement in your own lives and in the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

In closing I would like to inject a statement made by one of Americas most trusted and faithful allies, former Prime Minister Tony Blair. The Prime Minister was asked this question by a Member of Parliament, "Why are you so in favor of America?" The Prime Minister answered, "A simple way to measure the worth of a country is by the amount wanting in and the amount wanting out. There have been only two defining forces ever willing to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American GI, one died for your soul and one died for your freedom!" What a great lesson for all of us to always remember.

May God bless you and keep you safe from harm, may He continue to bless the Knights of Columbus, and may God Bless America. Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!



Grand Knight, Membership Director,
Program Director & Financial Secretary

Grand Knights Day

Sunday, January 27, 2008
St. Thomas More High School
Lafayette

Officer Training, Gumbo Cook-Off Finals, Acompano Raffle.
Plan to Attend & Encourage Council Participation!