



# Knights of Columbus<sup>®</sup> Louisiana State Council



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November 15, 2023

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

## Louisiana Report



## Membership

Worthy Grand Knights:

We have one and half months left to reach our goal of 50% for the year. We are needing 130 members for the months of November and December. I realize that things get tough during the holidays but we cannot give up. We need to keep the push on and keep Louisiana in the top 25 for the Order. Many of you have seen some special gifts for making your council quota and this will continue to happen as you reach your quota or double your quota. Remember that we are here to help you for your membership drives all you need to do is request with a reasonable amount of time before. We will come prepared to help you and promote your council anyway needed. If you have special events that you would like us to attend do not hesitate to contact as we will attend if possible and promote things for you. Remember to use your QR code when possible. Use it with the cards, on church bulletins, and even on Facebook to advertise what your council has done. Send us pictures and information of your council events and we will get them put on the state website. Enjoy you family and friends and have a safe and memorable Thanksgiving. Let's make Louisiana that Good and Faithful Servant with the fishers of Men program and help your council reach Star Council.



## VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh  
State Membership Director



## STATE SOCCER WINNERS

Age & Gender, Contestant Name, Council Number

9 Old Girl, Emily Perkins, Vinton Co. 6103

9 Old Boy, Jackson George, St Jean Vianney Co. 9247

10 Old Girl, Mary Decuir, Pope John XXIII Co. 3743

10 Old Boy, Ayden Breaux, Ascension of Our Lord Co. 9623

11 Old Girl, Peyton Belgard, St Pius X Co. 8901

11 Old Boy, Ryan Gordon, St Mathew the Apostle Co. 13425

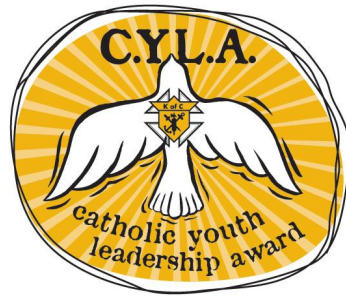
12 Old Girl, Kynedi Perkins, Vinton Co. 6103

12 Old Boy, Corbin Wolley, St Jean Vianney Co. 9247  
13 Old Girl, Mary Ruckert, Pope John XXIII Co. 3743  
14 Old Boy, Ethan Fontenot, Ascension of Our Lord Co. 9623

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## **CYLA. Catholic Youth Leadership Award**

The CYLA process is going completely online this year. There will be no hardcopy form for students to fill out. The link to the new CYLA form on the website is now available.



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## **Star Tracker**

The Star Tracker Report dated November 2, 2023 is [here](#).



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## **State Deputy Award Worksheet**

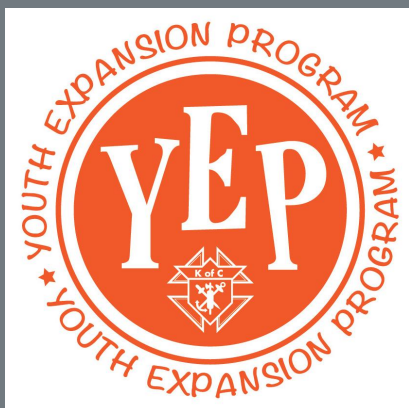
The State Deputy Award Worksheet has been updated as of 11-11-2023. If you find any errors or have any questions about the data in this report, please let me know ASAP. The worksheet can be found [here](#).

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## **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest; NEW THEME**

The essay theme for 2023-2024 is: **How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?**  
The deadline for Councils to receive entries is November 15. Plan to publicize your Council Essay Contest in September and October. Use Parish Bulletins, Parish Websites, Council Websites, Facebook pages, etc. to publicize the contest.



## **YEP. Youth Expansion Program**

The YEP Quotas are now available. You can check your Council's YEP Quota [here](#). All YEP donations are due to the YEP Chairman, Joel Ocmand, by June 15, 2024. Please make your check out to Louisiana State Council and put YEP in the memo line.

Send checks to:  
Joel Ocmand  
273 West 2nd Street  
Reserve, LA 70084

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## **Special Olympics**

There are several Special Olympics Regional Events coming up.  
November 17

## **Acadia Parish Schools Bocce Competition**

Crowley High School 263 Hensgens Rd Crowley, LA, United States

November 29

## Capital Area Bowling Competition – Middle School

All Star Lanes 9701 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA, United States

December 1

## Acadiana Bowling Tournament

Acadiana Lanes 3227 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy Lafayette, LA

December 1

## Capital Area Bowling Competition – Elementary School

All Star Lanes 9701 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

December 4

## Capital Area Bowling Competition – High School

All Star Lanes 9701 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

December 9

## State Flag Football

Pelican Park/Recreation District #1 63350 Pelican Blvd, Mandeville, LA

To volunteer at any of these events or to see more local events, click [here](#).

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## Safe Environment Compliance

Is your Council Safe Environment Compliant? The Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director are required to take Safe Environment training. To check if your Council is compliant, the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should log in to Officers Online on the Supreme Website. Scroll down to the bottom third of the page and click on Reports. Run the Safe Environment Member Status report. Open the report and check to see if all required members are compliant. If the report does not show the four required roles, you need to re-appoint the missing positions.

To re-appoint any open position, go to Officers Online and update Form 365. Click [here](#) to go to the Fraternal Video Library. Scroll down to Forms, then click on Forms 185, 186, & 365 Online Submission Training.

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

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## Pilgrim Icon (St. Joseph)

There are currently two St. Joseph Icons that will travel around the State. The Icon comes complete with Prayer booklets. The schedule is as follows:

Icon #1;

New Orleans North/East – September & October

New Orleans South/West – November & December

Houma – January & February

Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

Lafayette – September & October

Lake Charles – November & December

Alexandria – January & February

Shreveport – March & April

If your Council/District would like to host a Prayer Service with the Icon, please contact your Diocesan Administrator to get on the schedule. Once your Council hosts the Icon, please remember to fill out Form 10784 to report your participation.

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## Retreat/Spirituality Conferences

This counts as an elective for the State Deputy Award.

# "BATTLE READY"

A One Day Conference for Catholic Men

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church  
Men's Conference  
November 18, 2023

"You will not have to fight in this encounter. Take your places, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD: he will be with you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear or be dismayed. Tomorrow go out to meet them, and the LORD will be with you."  
Chronicles 20:17



Bishop Mario Durosoy



Very Rev. Andre' Melancon



Rev. Paul Bouchard



Rev. Antonio (Speedy) Estrada



Rev. Patrick Rikve

409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70360

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM - Breakfast and Lunch Served

Registration fee - \$20 person

For planning purposes, please Pre-Register:  
[www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com](http://www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com)

Please click the Men's Conference banner then select "One Day Men's Conference" in the Fund Dropdown Box

or in person at the church office.

The St. Bernadette Catholic Men's Conference is a day of prayer and adoration calling the men in attendance to give their best to the Church. It is a time of spiritual healing and renewal. It is a time to celebrate what it means to be a Catholic man. Our mission is to foster an appreciation for the dignity & vocation of men as made in God's image, encouraging them to know & love God and use their gifts to better their families & community.



Houma/Thibodaux  
St. Bernadette Men's Conference  
Saturday, November 18, 2023  
7:30AM – 2:30PM

## Into The Breach

The Knights of Columbus is excited to announce the release of its new *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* video series. This dynamic five-part series proclaims the truth and beauty of Catholic family life and seeks to inspire viewers to live it in the modern world. All five episodes can be viewed on the *Into the Breach* website at [kofc.org/missionofthefamily](http://kofc.org/missionofthefamily).

Each 12-minute episode of *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* focuses on a different aspect of Catholic marriage and family life and features expert interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the powerful personal story of a Catholic couple who has lived the theme of the episode in their own marriage. The series follows the Knights of Columbus' highly successful *Into the Breach* video series, which has been viewed nearly 1.5 million times.

Included among the series' prominent speakers are:

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- EWTN host Dr. Ray Guarendi
- Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray
- Sister of Life Sr. Maris Stella
- Speaker and author Sarah Swafford
- Major League Baseball player Trevor William
- Former Major League Baseball player Mike Sweeney
- Former Major League Baseball player Darrell Miller

## Upcoming Deadlines

- November 15 – Deadline for October Family of the Month Submission
- November 15 – Deadline for Students to Submit Essay Entries to Council
- December 1 – Deadline-Councils to Submit Form 10784 Soccer Participation
- December 1-2 – DD Organizational Meeting
- December 5 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Essays to DA's
- December 10 – Deadline-Students Submit Keep Christ Christmas Posters to Council
- December 15 – Deadline for November Family of the Month Submission

December 31 – Deadline for DA's to Conduct Diocesan Gumbo Cook-Off  
December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Keep Christ in Christmas Posters to DA's  
December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Form 10784 for Essay Participation  
January 4 – Deadline for DA's to submit Diocesan Gumbo Winners  
January 5 – Deadline for DA's to submit Essay Winners to State Chairman  
January 15 – Deadline for December Family of the Month Submission  
January 18 – Deadline for DA's to Submit Winning Keep Christ In Christmas Posters to State Chairman  
January 25 – Deadline for Students to Submit CYLA Applications to Councils  
January 27 – Grand Knights Day South – Prairieville  
January 28 – Grand Knights Day North - Alexandria



## Gumbo Cook Off

The Annual State Cook-Off has indeed been an enjoyable event by many throughout the state; however, many of our Brother Chefs share specialties of different varieties. To allow participation by a greater number of brothers, the menu for the cook-off has been changed often however this year the menu will remain the same. This year, Brothers will have the opportunity to share their best recipes for **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo**.

The Council & District level of competition has been eliminated. A council will be allowed to enter as many teams as desired into their respective Diocesan competition. All entry fees have also been eliminated.

Contact your Diocesan Administrator for dates & locations.

[Download your ENTRY FORM here..](#)



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

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

## K.C. State Wide Retreat

- WHEN: Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm thru Sunday late morning
- DATES: February 23-24-25, 2024
- WHERE: [Lumen Christi Retreat Center](#), 100 Lumen

Christi Lane, Schriever, LA, 70395

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

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

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

Please note, everyone will need to bring their toiletries.

The cost is Onsite single - \$205.00, Onsite double - \$180.00, or Commuter - \$115.00.

The State Retreat Chairman is Don Ducote.

- [Info & App Form](#).....[CLICK HERE](#) to register online



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