

# Proceedings

Crowne Plaza Hotel Baton Rouge, Louisiana May 5-6-7, 2017

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# **FOREWORD**

These official proceedings of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, held in Baton Rouge, May 5-6-7, 2017, are a year's record of our Order's exemplifying the ideals of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Peruse this report for guidance and inspiration. Keep it available as part of your council's files. To all of you go my sincere appreciation and thanks. God bless you! VIVAT JESUS!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James Riente State Deputy





# ROLL OF STATE DEPUTIES OF LOUISIANA JURISDICTION

NAME	COUNCIL	FROM-THRU
George W. Young+#	714, New Orleans	July, 1906-June, 1908
D. B.Haggerty +	714, New Orleans	July, 1908-June, 1909
L. P. Caillouet, KSG +	1114, Thibodaux	July, 1909-June, 1911
Paul Leche +*	1087, Donaldsonville	July, 1911-June, 1913
Patrick E. Burke +	714, New Orleans	July, 1913-June, 1915
C. O. Mouton +	1286, Lafayette	July, 1915-June, 1917
L. Paul Amiss +	969, Baton Rouge	July, 1917-June, 1919
John X. Weggmann, KSG +	714, New Orleans	July, 1919-June, 1921
L. O. Pecot +	1420, Franklin	July, 1921-June, 1923
Francis L. Knoblock,KSG+	1114, Thibodaux	July, 1923-June, 1925
William J. Guste, Sr, KSG +*	714, New Orleans	July, 1925-June, 1928
Thomas M. Callahan, KSG +	1286, Lafayette	July, 1928-June, 1931
Charles J. Rivet, KSG +	1437, New Orleans	July, 1931-June, 1934
Cliff E. Laborde, KSG +	1217, Marksville	July, 1934-June, 1936
F. Xavier Mouton, KCSG +	1286, Lafayette	July, 1936-June, 1938
Mandeville P. Arnoult Jr. +	1437, New Orleans	July, 1938-June, 1940
William Sonnier, KSG +	1897, Rayne	July, 1940-June, 1942
Gerald A. Zernott, KSG +	1286, Lafayette	July, 1942-June, 1944
Jerry L. Ryan, KSG +	2395, Bunkie	July, 1944-June, 1946
Edward A. Winter +	714, New Orleans	July, 1946-June, 1948
Frank S. Foret +	969, Baton Rouge	July, 1948-June, 1950
Charles C. Jaubert, KSG +	1207, Lake Charles	July, 1950-June, 1952
Emile A. Reggie, KSG, KCHS +	1318, Crowley	July, 1952-June, 1954
Everett G. Collins +	3330, New Orleans	July, 1954-June, 1956
Floyd P. Landry, KSG+	2807, Baton Rouge	July, 1956-June, 1958
Tanos Joseph, KHS +	1420, Franklin	July, 1958-June, 1960
John J. Puissegur +	3465, New Orleans	July, 1960-June, 1962
Thomas N. Ragusa, KSG +	2952, Hammond	July, 1962-June, 1964
William J. Guste, Jr. +	714, New Orleans	July, 1964-June, 1966
Enas T. Lane +	4508, Metairie 2982, Iota	July, 1966-June, 1968
Cursey J. Vidrine +		July, 1968-June, 1970 July, 1970-June, 1972
Jack A. Truxillo + James M. Seghers +	3470, Lafayette 3411, New Orleans	July, 1970-June, 1974  July, 1972-June, 1974
William R. Martinez +	2918, New Orleans	July, 1974-June, 1974  July, 1974-June, 1976
Patrick Huval	4927, Parks	July, 1976-June, 1978
Robert J. Gremillion+	3200, Alexandria	July, 1978-June, 1980
I. J. "Cookie" Gomez	2409, Luling	July, 1980-June, 1982
Ernest J. Cook, Jr, KSG* +	2918, New Orleans	July, 1982-June, 1984
Easton J. Pitre	3150, Cut Off	July, 1984-June, 1986
Thomas L. McGuire Jr, KSG +	4030, Baton Rouge	July, 1986-June, 1988
Ellis Coutee, KHS	5530, Baton Rouge	July, 1988-June, 1990
Leo R. Segalla Sr.+	8601, Baton Rouge	July, 1990-June, 1992
Allen J. Langley*	3015, Sulphur	July, 1992-June, 1994
Edward L. Bonnet III +	2732, Slidell	July, 1994-June, 1996
Joseph F. Polito, KSG +	3298, Baton Rouge	July, 1996-June, 1998
David B. Bakeler	1286, Lafayette	July, 1998-June, 2000
John W. O'Reilly*	4562, Lake Charles	July, 2000-June, 2002
Stephen W. Thomas	9016, Baton Rouge	July, 2002-June, 2004
Donald J. Cubbage	8978, Sulphur	July, 2004-June, 2006
Donald Fontenot	10349, Henderson	July, 2006-June, 2008
Benjamin Davidson	3407, Shreveport	July, 2008-June, 2010
Ronnie L. Boudreaux	10902, New Iberia	July, 2010-June, 2012
John Boudreaux	7557, Broussard	July, 2012-June, 2014
Vernon F. Ducote	8342, Prairieville	July 2014-June 2016

<sup>#</sup> George W. Young served as Territorial Deputy from 1903 to 1906. \* Served on Supreme Board of Directors.

# **Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council**

# 112th ANNUAL MEETING

May 6, 2017, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

# **PROCEEDINGS**

### FIRST DAY'S SESSION

At 10:15 a.m., Saturday, May 6, State Deputy James Riente called to order the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA. Upon the State Deputy's direction, State Warden George Martin and his assistants, having pre-determined the fact, reported that all in the council chamber have been verified and were in possession of a current KC membership card. State Deputy Riente then called upon Msgr. Carson Lacaze, Associate State Chaplain, to lead the assembly in the opening prayer.

The State Deputy then requested the assembly to remain standing for the posting of the national colors, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag, conducted by Master David Lemaire.

In opening remarks, State Deputy Riente states "we would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Brother Vince Whittington and Brother Knights of the Baton Rouge area in welcoming you to the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council." Brother Riente went on to welcome all clergy in attendance.

State Deputy then recognized the Past State Deputies in attendance.

State Deputy Riente noted that 100 Point Certificate Winners would be noted via a powerpoint presentation, that would be repeated throughout the weekend. Riente also commented that "program awards" would be presented throughout the Saturday and Sunday business sessions, as well a during the Saturday evening Banquet. The State Deputy went on to note, that "all certificates would be placed in one envelope, that could be claimed during the voting process on Sunday morning, or at the conclusion of the convention, late Sunday morning.

State Deputy Riente then formally announced the appointment of Mark Carver, New Orleans, as Convention Parliamentarian. rother Brother Carver then reviewed the rules of the 112th Annual Meeting. Brother Carver reviewed all rules and also commented that the rules had been published in the *Louisiana Knight*. Brother Carver then moved for acceptance of the printed rules. The motion was seconded by Angelo Schiro, Council 2878, Metairie.

Brother Carver then explained the process of the elections.

The State Deputy then called upon State Secretary Rennan Duffour for the presentation of the Temporary Roll. Duffour explained the procedure for conducting the Temporary Roll Call will be in effect until the Permanent Roll is developed and presented by the Credentials Committee and approved by the State Council.

Since appointments to convention committees are well displayed on the convention bulletin board located in the foyer by the Registration Desk and since these appointees were notified by personal letters, State Deputy Riente announced that these appointments would not be read unless he was requested to do so by the assembly, and if an appointee is replaced at the convention by his alternate, then the alternate shall serve on the committee.

These appointments are found on pages 17 and 18.

The State Deputy then called upon State Secretary Duffour for the presentation of the minutes of the last State Council Meeting. The State Secretary moved that due to the length of these minutes, that

the minutes be referred to the Minutes Committee without reading them. The motion was seconded by Melvin Burrell, Council 2409, Luling.

State Deputy Riente then recognized Grand Knight Jesse Thibodeaux, Council 4787, Hathaway, Chairman of the Minutes Committee for his committee's report. Upon his conclusion, Brother Thibodeaux moved for the acceptance of the minutes committee report. The motion was seconded by Randy Cart, Council 2878, Metairie.

The State Deputy moved to close the open session to conduct business outside the normal scope of the third degree. The motion was seconded by Melvin Burrell, Council 2409, Luling. Business conducted included Squires, Louisiana Knight Foundation and Bishop Greco Foundation. These reports can be found in the reports section.

Chief Squire Kyle Chauvin presented his report. Lee Roy Dufrene, Council 4663, Metairie, moved for approval of Chauvin's report, while Paul Washington, Council 12115, New Orleans seconded.

CYLA Boy Winner Johnathan Zeringue then presented his CYLA Report. Wayne Arceneaux, Council 8898, Larose, moved for its adoption and seconded by Charles Mehurin, Council 4663, Metairie.

PSD A.J. Langley then presented the Louisiana Knights Foundation report. Moved for its adoption and seconded by John Francis, Council 2878, Port Allen.

PSD Steve Thomas then presented the Greco Foundation report. Moved for its adoption and seconded by Charles Mehurin, Council 4663, Metairie. PSD Steve Thomas then continued, and presented the financial aspect of the Greco Foundation. Thomas moved for its adoption and was seconded by Paul Washington, Council 12115, New Orleans. The complete report of the Greco Foundation can be found on page 70.

The State Council reopened its business session at 11:03am.

CYLA Awards were then presented. A complete list of CYLA Awards can be found in the Awards Section of these proceedings beginning on page 87.

Being recognized for this purpose, State Deputy Riente then announced that a number of communications have been received. He moved that these communications be referred to the Felicitations Committee without reading and/or debate. This motion was seconded by John Francis, Council 2878, Metairie. The report of the Felicitations Committee can be found on page 40.

At this time, the State Deputy then called for reports of State Officers. He requested State Secretary Rennan Duffour assume the chair for the purpose of introducing the State Deputy, and requesting his rendering of the State Deputy Report. State Deputy Riente then presented his report, encompassing the myriad of activities, projects, programs, and undertakings of Columbianism in the Louisiana Jurisdiction during the past fraternal year. Upon completion of that report, Troy Rizzuto, Council 3015, Sulphur, moved for the adoption of the report. Perry Achee, Council 2878, Metairie, seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The complete report of the State Deputy is reproduced in these proceedings beginning on page 19.

State Secretary Duffour then requested that the State Deputy again assume the chair and this was accomplished. State Deputy Riente then called upon State Secretary Rennan Duffour, Council 2409, Luling, to render his report and recognized him for this purpose. The State Secretary then rendered a detailed report to the assembly. Upon his conclusion, Ducote moved that the report be received with thanks, and it be referred to the appropriate committees. The motion to adopt the report was made by Darrell Gonzales, Council 5747, Chalmette, and was seconded by John Francis, Council 2878, Metairie. The motion carried unanimously. Reproduced in these proceedings, the State Secretary report as of June 30, 2017, begins on page 22.

The report of the State Treasurer was then called for by the State Deputy, who recognized State Treasurer Keith Lawson for that purpose. State Treasurer Lawson presented his report, stating that the report to be reproduced in the minutes of this convention would be as of June 30, 2017. When

he concluded his report, questions were raised, thus report was tabled until Sunday for modification. On Sunday, a modified report was presented, and Lawson moved for its acceptance and reference to appropriate committees. Lee Roy Dufrene, Council 4663, Metairie, moved to adopt the report, and it was seconded by Robert Lino, Council 15892, Harvey. The motion carried without dissent. The full report of the State Treasurer, as of June 30, 2017, can be found in these minutes beginning on page 24.

The State Deputy then called for the report of the State Advocate Eric Miller, Council 3298, Baton Rouge. The State Advocate report was read and upon its conclusion moved for the acceptance of his report. Kenny Eberts, Council 3061, Covington, moved for the adoption of the report. Seconded by E. Ralph Formby, Council 10293, Lafayette, the motion unanimously carried. Reproduction of these minutes appear in this report beginning on page 30.

State Deputy Riente then called for the report of the State Warden, recognizing State Warden George Martin, Council 7557, Broussard, for this purpose. State Warden Martin presented his report and upon its conclusion, he moved for its acceptance. The motion for acceptance was then presented by Brandon Hendricks, Council 8442, Violet, and was seconded by John Manes, Council 1208, New Iberia. The motion carried without dissent. The report of the State Warden can be found starting on page 31.

Calling for the report of the State Office Administrator, the State Deputy then recognized Robert Boudreaux, Council 3202, Lafayette, for this purpose. The State Office Administrator then rendered his report. Upon its completion, Phillip Romano, Council 3743, Baton Rouge, moved for its adoption and reference to appropriate committees. Seconded by Pat Lancon, Council 12997, New Iberia. The motion carried unanimously. The full report of the State Office Administrator is reproduced in these proceedings, beginning on page 32.

State Deputy Ducote then called for the report of the Master of the Fourth Degree, recognizing Master Warren J. Deemer for this purpose. Master Deemer presented his report and upon its conclusion, he moved for its acceptance. The motion for acceptance was then presented by Lee Roy Dufrene, Council 4663, Metairie, and was seconded by John Manes, Council 1208, New Iberia. The motion carried without dissent.

State Deputy Ducote then called for the report of the Insurance Department, recognizing General Agent Dan Cabirac. The motion for acceptance was then presented by Darrell Gonzales, Council 5747, Chalmette, and was seconded by Stephen Boudreaux, Council 3061, Covington. The motion carried without objection. His speech can be found on page 83.

Fr. Jeff Bayhi then presented an eye opening discussion on "human trafficking".

MDF Awards were then presented. A complete list of MDF Awards can be found in the Awards Section of these proceedings beginning on page 87.

Supreme Council Michael O'Connor then offered comments on fund raiser that totalled nearly 1 million dollars form 500+ brother knights.

Proceeding to the receipt of convention committees, State Deputy Riente called for the report of the Audit Committee and recognized Grand Knight John M. Fruge, Council 1286, Lafayette, committee chairman, for this purpose. Brother Fruge rendered the full report and having completed the report moved for its adoption. Seconded by Ralph Roger, Council 8147, Gonzales, and the motion carried. The Audit Committee report may be found on page 34.

The State Deputy then called for the report of the Memorials Committee and recognized Grand Knight Duane Martinez, Council 15892, Harvey, for this purpose. Chairman Martinez moved for the adoption of the amended procedure, which was then seconded by Albert Schexnaydre, Council 7226, Marrero.

Calling for the report of the Felicitations Committee, the State Deputy recognized Grand Knight Kurt J. Gunnels, Council 7856, St. Francisville, for this purpose. Gunnels presented the committee report and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Jacob Davis, Council 1819, Bogalusa, the motion car-

ried without dissent. The Felicitation Committee report is reproduced in these minutes and begins on page 40.

The State Deputy then called for the Good of the Order Report. The State Deputy recognized Grand Knight Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Council 9623, Laplace. Grand Knight Abbate presented an amended (short version) committee report and moved for acceptance, and Jamie Ordoyne, Council 6326, Denham Springs, seconded. The motion carried without dissent. The report of the Good of the Order Committee is reproduced in these minutes and begins on page 41. The committee also recommended all future committee members be sent the entire "good of the order" with their "letter of appointment".

The State Advocate was then called upon, as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, to present the committee report and then explained that when the report reached the point of calling for action on the specific resolutions, the chairman would read the purpose and resolved clauses of the resolution and then read the recommendation of the resolution committee. "Your silence would indicate your agreement with that recommendation in which case I will rap the gavel indicating that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee is adopted," the State Deputy announced. "If you wish action other than the committee's recommendation, appropriate motions, seconds, discussion and action are in order," he concluded. He then recognized the Committee Chairman who explained that he would read the purpose of the resolution, then read the resolved clauses, then read the recommendations of the Elected State Officers, that of the Advisory Board, and the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, and if necessary, the rationale of the committee's recommendation. Floor action would be on the recommendation of the resolutions committee. Utilizing this procedure, the chairman then presented the resolutions committee report, and upon its completion, Brother Eric Miller moved for its adoption. Raymond Calandro, Council 3298, Baton Rouge, seconded and the motion carried. The report of the Resolutions Committee can be found beginning on page 50.

For the purpose of rendering his committee report, State Treasurer Keith Lawson, Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee, was recognized. Chairman Lawson presented the comittee's report, and at its conclusion, moved for its adoption. Chairman Lawson moved for the adoption of eight line items, and Robert Newmann, Council 4085, Baker, seconded. Lawson then moved for adoption of the B&F Committee report and was seconded by John Francis, Council 2878, Metairie. The complete text of this committee report is found in these minutes beginning on page 35.

State Deputy Riente then called for the State Secretary to the podium to give the Credential Committee Report. The State Secretary then rendered his report. Upon its completion, Maurice Evans, Council 7355, Houma, moved for its adoption and reference to appropriate committees. Seconded by Justin Lancon, Council 12997, New Iberia. The motion carried unanimously. The full report of the Credentials Committee is reproduced in these proceedings, beginning on page 37.

Under "special orders" of the State Council's By-Laws, in Section 6:1, the State Deputy then called for nomination for officers of the State Council and representative and alternate representatives of the State Council to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting. With the new balloting and counting procedure, all nominations will also be closed on the first day. He explained that our by-laws allow a maximum of three minutes for making a nomination and that nominations shall not be seconded. Ducote emphasized that all nominators must submit a written report of their respective nominees' names along with mailing addresses, council numbers and membership numbers to the State Secretary; and if the nomination is for State Deputy or insurance representative, a Knights of Columbus insurance certificate number of the nominee must also be provided in the written report. The State Deputy further advised that the ballots would list candidates in alphabetical order. Besides those Knights of Columbus already entitled

to the floor, any third degree member in good standing can be granted the privileges of the floor for the purpose of submitting a nomination; however, such action must be approved by the assembly. Printed nomination forms are available at the State Secretary's Registration Desk. Riente then opened the floor for nomination for State Officers and the following nominations were received:

State Deputy: James F. Riente, Jr., Council 7856, St. Francisville

Nominated by: I. J. "Cookie" Gomez, Council 2409, Luling

State Secretary: Rennan J. Duffour, Council 2409, Luling

Nominated by: I. J. "Cookie" Gomez, Council 2409, Luling

State Treasurer: Keith Lawson, Council 5301, Metairie

Nominated by: I. J. "Cookie" Gomez, Council 2409, Luling

State Advocate: Eric Miller, Council 3298, Baton Rouge

Nominated by: I. J. "Cookie" Gomez, Council 2409, Luling

State Warden: George S. Martin, Council 7557, Broussard

Nominated by: I. J. "Cookie" Gomez, Council 2409, Luling

State Deputy Ducote then announced that nominations were officially closed and would not be received Sunday morning. State Deputy Riente then recognized State Advocate Eric Miller for the purpose of reviewing Resolution Number 9, adopted at the 1997 State Council Meeting in Shreveport. State Advocate Miller then explained the purpose and intent of Resolution Number 9.

State Deputy Ducote then opened the floor for nominations for Insurance Delegate to the Supreme Council Meeting August 1-3, in St. Louis, Missouri, and the following were received:

Insurance Delegate: Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Council 9623, Laplace

Nominated by: Dennis F. Cass, Council 2878, Metairie

Curiis J. Constrantiche, Council 5013, Thibodaux

Nominated by: Darryl J. Barrios Council 13819, Houma

Paul J. deMahy, Council 1276, St. Martinville

Nominated by: Vaughn Gibson, Council 1819, Bogalusa

Rennan J. Duffour, Council 2409, Luling

Nominated by: Joel R. Ocmand, Sr., Council 2436, Reserve

Russell J. Ruh, Council 9016, Baton Rouge Nominated by: Kell Luke, Council 1317, Houma

No further nominations were received at this time, however, the State Deputy repeated that nominations were officially closed and that nominations would not be received in Sunday's session.

State Deputy Ducote then called for nominations of Associate Delegate to the Supreme Council Meeting in August and the following were received:

Associate Delegate: George J. Becnel, Council 9623, Laplace

Nominated by: Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Council 9623, Laplace

Darryl J. Fontenot, Council 3857, DeRidder

Nominated by: Carl P. Benoit, Council 2012, Jennings

John M. Francis, Council 2878, Metairie

Nominated by: Angelo V. Schiro, Council 2878, Metairie

David K. Landry, Council 7275, Lafayette

Nominated by: E. Richard Yandle, Council 10293, Lafayette

Robert J. Lino, Council 15892, Harvey

Nominated by: Stephen F. Hart, Council 12529, Abita Springs

The State Deputy then announced that "nominations are now closed."

State Deputy Ducote then moved that all nominees for the offices of insurance and/or associate delegate to the 2017 Supreme Council Meeting be hereby accepted as nominees for alternate representatives in their respective categories and be it further moved that after the elected representatives in

each category, the next one candidate in descending vote position in each category be deemed elected as the alternate representative. Randy Carter, Council 2878, Metairie, seconded the motion and the the proposal was accepted unanimously.

State Deputy Ducote then called for the submission of any resolutions not yet submitted for action. He explained that there was no need to read the resolutions but merely submit them to the State Advocate. He explained further that any resolutions submitted after this point would need the approval of the convention's delegates to be considered for action thereon.

State Deputy Riente made announcements in reference to:

- a) Pro Life Oratory Contest. Crowne Plaza, Mississippi & Delta Queen at 2pm
- b) Convention Banquet would begin at 6:00pm.
- c) Convention Mass would be SUNDAY, 8:00am.
- d) Convention Breakfast would begin at 8:30am.
- e) Voting would take place Sunday, 7:00am to 8:30am.
- f) Family Feud Game, 3pm, Club 337.

State Deputy Riente encouraged everyone remain through the final session in case of run off elections on Sunday.

Riente then called upon Fr. Francis Carabello, Associate State Chaplain to offer a closing prayer. State Deputy James Riente then recessed the convention at 1:17pm.

### SECOND DAY'S SESSION

State Deputy James Riente called to order at 10:15am the second day of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus. After State Warden George Martin and his assistants had verified that all in the chamber were in possession of a current K.C. Membership Card. Associate State Chaplain Fr. Francis Carabello led the assembly in the opening prayer. The State Deputy then asked Vice Supreme Master Russell Ruh to lead the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Deputy then commented that the Election Process had been completed, but encouraged all Voting Delegates to remain, as a possible run-off could occur.

State Deputy Riente then recognized Councils who had CYLA Diocesan finalist (14), while providing each council with a commemeative certificate.

The State Deputy then recognized the State's MDF Award winners. Those awards can be reviewed beginning on page 87.

Supreme Representative Michael O'Connor proceeded to give his final comments about the Louisiana Jurisdiction.

The State Deputy then recognized the three (3) "Most Improved Councils" for the previous fraternal year. They were:

Third Most Improved: St. Rita Council 3854, Harahan

Gene P. Hickey, Grand Knight

442 Point Improvement (140 to 582 Points)

Second Most Improved: Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9418, Marksville

Ronald J. Roy, Grand Knight

444 Point Improvement (175 to 619 Points)

MOST IMPROVED: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 9260, Shreveport

Michael J. Torma, Grand Knight

566 Point Improvement (115 to 681 Points)

Fleur de Lis Awards were the next awards presented. This is a NEW AWARD recognizing those councils who scored a minimum of 80 points in ALL eight graded categories. The winners included: St. Charles Council 2409, Luling; St. Hillary of Poitiers Council 8840, Mathews; Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace; St. Edmond Council 10293, Lafayette; and Immacolata Council 13819, Houma.

The State Deputy then distributed "Top 20" Certificates to those councils finishing in the top of the State Deputy scoring.

State Deputy James Riente, with the assistance of YEP Chairman, Melvin R. Burrell, presented certificates to all councils who had made their YEP Quota for the year.

State Deputy Riente then called upon Youth Expansion Program Chairman Burrell to render his report. In his absence, SD Riente made his report, State Deputy emphasized that his report, as it will appear in the proceedings of this meeting, will be inclusive of all receipts through June 30, 2017. He urged councils not yet participating in the YEP to date, to please do so, prior to that June 30th closing date.

Brother Riente then thanked everyone for their great support of the offertory at both Masses and moved for the adoption of the YEP Report. Maurice Evans, Council 7355, Houma, seconded the motion, and the report was accepted by acclamation. The complete YEP report may be found beginning on page 79.

The Convention then presented the following YEP Awards:

John X. Wegmann Memorial Award: Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel Council 5747, Chalmette, Russell J. Serpas, Grand Knight, with a \$17.16 per member contribution.

Arthur Raymond Award was presented to DD George Becnel for his YEP success in his district. Bishop Charles P. Greco Award: Houma Council 1317, Houma, Ludgere Hebert III, Grand Knight,. \$12.77 per member over the past 10 years.

The State Deputy then recognized GK Dennis Bergeron, Council 3015, Sulphur, Chairman of the Elections Committee for his committee report. Brother Bergeron, rendered his report and then moved for its adoption. It was so moved, seconded by John Trevino, Council 6211, Bayou Vista, and carried. The full report of the Elections Committee is found in these proceedings on page 39.

Under UNFINISHED BUSINESS, an amended Treasurer's Report was presented. LeRoy Dufrene, Council 4663, Metairie, moved for its adoption, and seconded by Robert Lino, Council 15892, Harvey.

The State Deputy then called upon 2018 Convention Chairman Vince Whittington, for introductions and comments pertaining to next years convention in Baton Rouge.

The re-elected State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden then rendered closing comments. State Deputy Riente commended the attendees still in attendance and reminded councils scoring sheets could be claimed at the conclusion of the meeting.

State Deputy Riente asked that all Supreme Convention elected delegates remain at the conclusion of the convention to discuss plans for attending convention.

The convention sang "God Bless America".

Associate State Chaplain Fr. Francis Carabello led the delegation in the closing prayer.

State Deputy Ducote then adjourned the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus at 11:22am.

# **2017 Convention Committees**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

John M. Fruge, Council 1286, Chairman Rory Cadres, Council 1905 Charles A. Amiot, Council 2657 Elton J. Perret, Sr., Council 3634 Joseph J. Matherne, Jr., Council 4508 Chester A. Mehurin, Council 4663 Wayne J. Dupre, Council 5013 Ralph T. Roger, Council 8147 David L. Lay, Council 9085 Carlos M. Morales, Council 12906 Steve Thomas, PSD Advisor

# **BUDGET & FINANCE**

Anthony C. Grego, Council 1437
Garland J. Remondet, Jr., Council 2436
Patrick J. Guise, Council 3411
John P. Trevino, Sr., Council 6211
Len Bencaz, Council 6753
August A. Gallo, Council 7275
Dale A. Terrebonne, Council 9000
John R. Graham, Council 9692
Vincent M. Rizzotto, Council 9973, Chair Damian Lecompte, Council 13349
A.J. Langley, PSD Advisor

# **CREDENTIALS**

Barry J. Lamothe, Council 970 Myron C. Romero, Council 3091 Brenna P. Kluka, Council 3743 Jessie J. Stoute, Jr., Council 4085 Curtis A. Darbonne, Council 5755 Elliot J. Waguespack, Council 8342 Joseph J. Cefalu, Jr., Council 8601 Joseph P. Boquet, Council 8616 Frank E. Chase, Council 8840, GK Chair James F. Vance, Council 9107 Rennan Duffour, State Secretary Ronnie L. Boudreaux, PSD Advisor

# **ELECTIONS**

Thaddeus Kapera, Council 1108
Dennis P. Bergeron, Council 3015, Chairman Eulice Marceaux, Jr., Council 5499
Norman J. Lefort, Jr., Council 8898
Leo V. Suane, Jr., Council 9415
Thomas W. Grote, Council 10293
Jeremy C. Thibodeaux, Council 10745
Gerard C. Hymel, Council 11857
David K. Dartez, Council 13632, Chairman
John M. Richard, Council 13931
David B. Bakeler, PSD Advisor

# **FELICITATIONS**

John V. Gibson, Council 1819
Wayne J. Bergeaux, Council 2012
Wayne M. Roy, Jr., Council 3796
Butsie A. Duhon, Council 4222
Eddie J. Jouty, Jr., Council 5935
Travis J. Romero, Council 7557
Ronnie L. Landry, Council 7568
Kurt J. Gunnels, Council 7856, Chairman
Dennis J. Hebert, Council 9110
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John F. Boudreaux, PSD Advisor

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Jerry J. Walker, Council 2409
Ralph J. Sapia, Council 3054
Steven L. Bertrand, Council 3208, Chairman
Michael J. Marcel, Council 7355
James D. LaBauve, Council 9247
Allen J. Duplantis, Council 9281
David J. Neal, Council 13819
Ricky R. Robertson, Council 15133
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Jessie L. Thibodeaux, III, Council 4787
Andrew Guilliot, Council 6057
Clifford L. Bertucci, Council 8442
Werlyn W. Simon, Council 8770
Mark A. Hurst, Council 8878
Charlie M. Moore, Council 8978
Ronald J. Bertucci, Council 9347, Chairman
Brad M. Laguaite, Council 12529
Vernon F. Ducote, PSD Advisor

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Perry C. Achee, Council 2878
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Denis L. Faulk, Council 4873
Raymond E. Cottam, Council 5345
Raymond P. Gaspard, Council 7226
Charles D. Boudreaux, Council 8779
Earl J. Cronin, Council 9016
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# **State Deputy Report**

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 112<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 Officers, Past State Deputies, Fourth Degree Master, Honored Guests, and my brother knights, on behalf of the Convention Committee, I would like to welcome you to Baton Rouge and hope that your stay will be enjoyable. Those that attended our social last night enjoyed the crawfish, music, facilities, and most importantly, the fraternalism. I would like to offer my appreciation to our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and all of his Convention Committee Members for a job very well done. The chairing of our Annual Meeting is a very large undertaking and takes many hours or hard work. As usual, Vince and his all his team members did an outstanding job.

I have had a wonderful time serving as your State Deputy. Thanks again for the opportunity that you have honored me with.

As State Deputies always do to begin the fraternal year, I travelled to New Haven, Connecticut in June where I met with the Supreme Council. There, we were trained and given materials at that time in order to start of the new fraternal year in a way that we could achieve our goals. Also, while there, I attended Mass at Saint Mary's Church. Most of you know this is the church where Father McGivney's tomb is and in its basement is where our wonderful order was founded. In November, I attended the Mid-Year Meeting for State Deputies in Orlando, Florida.

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Organizational Meeting which was held in Baton Rouge on June 25 and 26. The State Family gathered to hear what our plans were for this fraternal year. We held training sessions on Saturday and Sunday regarding membership as well as our programs. At that meeting, each State Family Member received all of the presentations on a DVD. Also occurring that weekend was the installation of the State Officers and the District Deputies.

Following that meetings, we had our Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminars (KCLS) this year. This event was in the town of Plaquemine on July 16. At KCLS, we presented materials similar to what we had at our State Family meeting in order that Councils could be successful and reach each of their goals. Our Culture of Life Couples were also in attendance where Sam and Arline Mistretta conducted the Culture of Life Session. We utilized various breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries. Vernon Ducote, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the chairmen of our various program while Darryl Barrios, Membership Director, and his team presented our membership goals and numerous ideas of how to achieve them.

In early December, we conducted our Mid-year Meeting in Alexandria. At that meeting, we checked on our progress regarding membership and informed those in attendance about upcoming programs.

We held our Grand Knights Day on January 28 in Baton Rouge. Our Membership and Program Teams discussed our membership goals and promoted upcoming programs to all those in attendance. We also discussed and emphasized the requirements for Councils to attain the Star Council award including programs regarding the Domestic Church. That day, we concluded our annual Gumbo Cook-off final and attendees enjoyed Gumbo prepared by winning teams throughout the state.

The Supreme Convention was held in Toronto, Canada the first week of August. The elected Delegates and others that traveled to it attended along with all of the State Officers. Our Past State Advocate, Paul deMahy and his wife Marilyn acted as our hosts for the week, and they took care of the Hospitality Room for us as we attended the meetings. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Programs: As you are aware, these are a very important and an integral part of the Knights of Columbus. It is through our programs where we find charitable works done by Councils and Brother Knights throughout the state. Our Program Directors, Vernon Ducote followed by Darryl Barrios,

have done a great job this year and his Program Team worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefitted the needy, youth, and seminarians. Our programs also offered sporting events that challenge our brother knights. Our MDF Program, Tommy Ruemker, Chairman, promoted the raising of funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the state. Each Council that participates chooses the organizations within their communities that they wish to benefit from their hard work and fund raising. As of March 31, councils have donated just over \$180,000 statewide. I am also happy to inform all that the Monsignor Susi home at St. Mary's Residential Training Center has been fully paid this year. Thanks to each and every Council that contributed to that endeavor.

Frank Zaeringer is our Special Olympics Chairman once again this year. He has been involved with Special Olympics for many years and continues to work to create an even stronger tie between our Order and that organization.

Our youth programs are solely funded through your Councils' contributions to the Youth Expansion Program. These youth programs include the following: Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) Program, Columbian Squires, Seminarians, Soccer and Free Throw, youth retreats, and PULSE (formerly Camp Joshua).

Our CYLA Program is one of our largest programs. It benefits High School Seniors that have been leaders through their work at school, other organizations, and the Catholic Church. As has been done for many years, our CYLA winners will speak at our convention Banquet. Delmas Forbes has done an outstanding job as the CYLA Chairman. Our Columbian Squires Program Chairman, Kerry Williams, has taken a very aggressive role in recruiting and holding activities that will foster the perpetuity of the Squires in Louisiana. Youth Program Chairman, Keith Gros, continues to find outstanding students that have been recognized by the Supreme Council for their Posters and Essays. The State Council has been represented extremely well in the past by producing Supreme Council International winners in Posters and Essays. We continue to offer kids soccer and free throw competitions and will do so in the future. All of the mentioned programs would not be possible if we did not have our Youth Expansion Program Chairman, Melvin Burrell, working to promote YEP. Through YEP we also provide support to college Catholic Student centers and the Seminaries. The State Council also coordinated the following fraternal events: Golf, Horse Shoes, Bowling, and a Nine-Ball Pool Tournament. We have even added another Fraternal Program for this upcoming year. It is a barbeque competition. We have high hopes that it will be a popular event and successful. Robert Boudreaux has the role as Council Activity Chairman this year and has done a great job. He has done this in addition to his role as our State Office Administrator.

Membership: As always, we remained focused on this throughout the year. Each of us is responsible for giving every Catholic male the opportunity to be part of our great order. Your Membership Directors, Darryl Barrios succeeded by George Martin, and their team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at every opportunity they can. Unfortunately, we are behind on our annual goal. This is an indication that most Councils are behind in their annual goals. Each of us must take on the responsibility of recruiting to ensure the viability of our wonderful order. Without members, we cannot impact the areas in which we serve as well as support each other. Please work to ensure every Catholic male is given the opportunity to be a Brother Knight.

Ceremonials is an integral part of our Membership Team and our Order, every new member must go through a Initiation (formerly called First) Degree. The emphasis continued to be that each new member should go through the Formation and Knighthood (formerly called Second and Third) Degrees. Our Immediate Past State Deputy, Vernon Ducote, is our Ceremonials Chairman, and he brings years of experience to Ceremonials. I am thankful for his support in the endeavor. We have major Degree Teams throughout our State, and each team delivers outstanding degrees to its candidates. We have had numerous visits by Joe Benke, a Field Directory for Ceremonials for Supreme, to evaluate the team's

performance and he has rated the teams as doing an outstanding job each time. We have a team in each Diocese with the exception of Shreveport. Shreveport continues to work to form a team. Unfortunately this year, we lost a familiar face to many, Curley Fault. As many know, Curley was a Conferring Officer for many years. I want to thank all those members that serve on the various teams throughout the state. I also wish to also thank the numerous Conferring Officers for their service and dedication.

Robert Boudreaux and Susan Camel comprise our State Office Staff. They provide support for all of our State Meetings as well as many other needs throughout the year. Organization and attention to details is paramount to a successful event and Robert and Susan have, once again, met the challenge. I would like to express my gratitude for all that each of them do to help ensure this jurisdiction's success.

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year has appointed a new District Master for Louisiana, Sir Knight Warren Deemer. District Master Warren and I have the same goal and that is to have more growth in the Fourth Degree and to ensure unity between respective Councils and Assemblies. District Master Warren and/or members of his staff have been at our Formation and Knighthood Degrees to promote the Fourth Degree and, he has held promotional meetings and exemplifications throughout this fraternal year.

Ladies Auxiliaries and the Louisiana Ladies Auxiliary Association (LLAA) continue to work together to support the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. Their President, Shirley Bonaccorso, is doing an outstanding job and has attended our State Family Meetings and other events to promote the Association.

When I became your State Deputy, I expected that there would be numerous challenges; however, I did not expect the challenge of the flood in the Baton Rouge and Lafayette areas. Each of you know about the flood, but what you may not know is that we had over 500 Brother Knights and widows that were impacted. Supreme, along with the State Council, received donations and altogether we distributed over three-quarters of million dollars to our members and widows impacted. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from the damage and restore their lives.

Throughout the year, I enjoyed the cooperation and teamwork of my State Officers. I am thankful for the support that I have received by the State Family, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators, Membership Team, and Program Team. Everyone have taken on their respective responsibilities and performed well throughout the year. I would like to also acknowledge the Past State Deputies for their support and valued suggestions and guidance this fraternal year as well as past years.

Unfortunately, Bishop Herzog retired from his office and resigned as our State Chaplain. I also like to thank Bishop Herzog for his years of outstanding service as our State Chaplain. He was very generous with his time to the State Council and his attendance at every event was appreciated by all. We are very grateful to His Excellency for his service to us. He was an outstanding State Chaplain. I'm sure you would join me in wishing him the best.

Our motto this year is 'Faith in Action.' All of us working together display that with our impact in the areas of our Church, Community, and Youth to name a few. We, as Knights of Columbus (and Squires and Auxiliaries), are having a significant impact on the thousands of lives that we touch. I ask each and every member of the Knights of Columbus to continue to work extra hard for the remaining two months of this fraternal year by recruiting new members and bringing this year's programs to a close.

For so many years, I have been blessed by all your support. I continue to pray that God will bless all of your families and keep you in good health. I also pray that God will continue to bless the Knights of Columbus as well and the United Stated of America!

James F. Riente, Jr., State Deputy

Vivat Jesus,

# **State Secretary Report**

To: The Officers and members of the 112th annual meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, Assembled in Baton Rouge, LA on May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 7.2 of the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council it is my privilege and honor to present this Annual report as State Secretary for 2016-2017 Fraternal year. Section 9:6 of the Louisiana State Council By-Laws, states that a written report must be submitted to the State Deputy and shall include a summary of funds received and transmitted to the State Treasurer from the time of the State Convention to the end of the fiscal year, this report will be updated as per Sec. 9:6 upon conclusion of this fraternal year.

This report is a compilation of all funds received and transmitted from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Summary of Funds received and transmitted to the State Treasurer area as follows:

From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

\$ 311,633.39
\$ 112,013.35
\$ 32,700.00
\$ 0.00
\$ 20,024.58
\$ 0.00
\$ 147,194.06
\$ 178,693.06
\$ 73,656.28
\$ 875,914.72
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Summary of checks issued and forwarded to the State Treasurer from the total of vouchers issued by the State Deputy for disbursement from the following accounts:

\$ 95,672.07
\$ 91,594.21
\$ 32,846.89
\$ 9,329.98
\$ 0.00
\$ 188,813.45
\$ 138,684.29
\$ 68,822.62
\$ 165,306.82
\$ 791,070.33

State Per-Capita Invoices were mailed to Councils on July 15, 2016 and January 15, 2017. The total amount assessed annually are as follows: Inactive Members \$5.00: Honorary Members- \$5.00: Honorary Members and Disabled Member- no charge: Regular Members- \$8.50

The total Per Capita invoiced this fraternal year: \$216,642.88. The total invoiced for K.C.L.S. \$4,410.00 and \$4,410.00 for Grand Knights Day. The total invoiced for the Exemplification Fund was \$20,323.19. Total of all per collections through June 30, 2017 is \$242,982.48 (which includes money owed from prior billings that councils paid this fraternal year). Some councils still owe Per Capita from previous billing cycles; they are included in the list below.

As of June 30, 2017, seventeen (17) councils that have not paid their assessments. The total receivable is \$4,133.18, as of June 30, 2017.

No council owing money to the State Council or Supreme will be seated at the Annual State Meeting.

The Louisiana Jurisdiction has six (6) suspended councils that owe Supreme Per Capita, and they are as follows: Council 3465 for \$152.92, Council 3923 for \$284.50, Council 8032 for \$218.25, Council 9415 for \$363.21, Council 15228 for \$341.25 and Council 15615 for \$448.50.

All checks were written for the State Council through our server located at the State Office. Quick-Books software is used to work all book keeping functions for the State Council. The State Council uses a voucher and receipts system similar to the system used in councils. The State Deputy issues a voucher in the form of "Pay Bills" in QuickBooks to authorize checks to be written. The State Secretary then writes the checks, signs and forwards the checks to the State Treasurer who countersigns the checks and mails the checks to the payee.

Serving as your State Secretary has been an honor and a privilege this past year. During this time, I was able to visit numerous Councils throughout the state. I always enjoy doing so and, every Council has been very gracious when I attended. I thank all for their hospitality.

To our State Deputy James Riente, Jr, thank you for all of your support and assistance in the various forms you have given me throughout the years. Your leadership and your efforts are evident with all the successes in the jurisdiction. To my fellow State Officers Keith Lawson, Eric Miller, and George Martin, it has been a pleasure working with you this year. I wish you well for years to come. I would like to thank Bishop Herzog for his many years of service and support of the State Council. God has truly blessed our State Council to have had him as our Spiritual Advisor and leader.

I am also thankful to all of the PSD's for their support, encouragement, and wisdom. Your advice and ideas help to foster a smooth running State Council.

To Robert Boudreaux and Susan Camel, thank you for your service to the State Council. I appreciate your hard work and dedication..

Finally to my Brother Knights of Louisiana, thank you for allowing me to serve as your State Secretary as well as my other past positions. It truly has been a great honor for me to serve you.

I pray that God will bless each member of the State Council and their families, may God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus, and may God bless the United States of America.

**VIVAT JESUS** 

Respectfully submitted

Rennan J Duffour State Secretary



# **State Treasurer Report**

To the Officers, Past State Deputies of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus End of Columbian Year 2016-2017.

In accordance with Section 7.2 of the by-laws of the Louisiana State Council, all Officers of the State Council shall be required to submit a complete written report to the State Council of their official acts. I am privileged to present the Annual Report of the State Treasurer to my fellow Brother Knights of the Louisiana Jurisdiction for the Fraternal Year 2016-2017.

The accounting procedures established for handling the funds of the State Council are sound and have internal controls built into the system. In accordance with Section 9:2 of the by-laws of the Louisiana State Council, the State Secretary shall receive all funds due to the State Council. He shall then prepare a transmittal and then the funds and transmittal over to the State Treasurer for deposit into appropriate bank accounts. Referencing Section 10:1 of the by-laws, the State Treasurer is the custodian of all State Council funds and is required to keep a true and accurate record of all funds. In accordance with this, I have done my due diligence in order to comply with our by-laws and I hereby certify that the financial statements presented in this report represents a true and accurate accounting of the financial condition of the Louisiana State Council.

The State Council has three active checking accounts that are balanced monthly by the State Treasurer. These accounts are the following: *General Fund Checking, State Convention Checking, and MDF Checking.* Funds are deposited in each of the three accounts to facilitate the payment of expenses directly related to each aforementioned account. Additionally, the State Council has two active savings accounts that are balanced monthly by the State Treasurer. The funds in these savings accounts are comprised of trust accounts listed below.

The State Council maintains ten trust accounts: General Fund Trust, YEP Current Trust, YEP Fund Raiser Trust, Exemplification Trust, General Fund Unallocated Trust, YEP Unallocated Trust, Louisiana Knights Foundation Trust, Benefit Reserve Trust, Disaster Relief Trust, and Convention Reserve Trust. These accounts are monitored and reports are given on the earnings or losses monthly. Referencing Section 10:4 of the state council by-laws, the State Treasurer shall segregate and keep in a separate depository funds designated as the Youth Expansion Program.

A voucher system is used for all disbursement of funds. The voucher is prepared by the State Deputy and sent to the State Secretary for recording and the production of checks. The State Secretary then forwards the voucher along with the checks to the State Treasurer. An alternative voucher system utilizing the accounting system to enter an electronic voucher in order to pay bills is done by the State Deputy. The checks are listed as entered and are printed by the State Secretary. The State Treasurer ensures that this activity is recorded in the accounting system of the State Council. Finally, he signs and mails the checks to the appropriate parties. In accordance with Section 8:1 of the state by- laws, all checks issued are required to have the signature of two of the following State Officers: State Deputy, State Secretary, and/or State Treasurer.

The State Treasurer ensures the recording of all receipts and expenditures to the financial accounting records are in the appropriate accounts. Each month, he prepares a report of all accounts for review by the State Deputy, Elected State Officers, and Past State Deputies.

Banking accounts are reconciled to the accounting records for the checking, savings and trust accounts. The reconciled trust statements are included in the monthly reports to the State Deputy, Elected State Officers, and the Past State Deputies each month.

# Financial Summary Ending June 30, 2017

# Funds on hand as of June 30, 2017

Operating Funds	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 34,162.78
Trust Reserve	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 39,893.93
	Total	\$ 74,056.71

TOTAL FUNDS TRUST & CHECKIN	IG/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$563.732.20
Total of Savings Investment Trust A	Accounts	<u>\$458.790.84</u>
Convention Reserve Trust	Capital One Trust Account	\$10.058.53
Benefits Reserve Trust	Capital One Trust Account	\$5,029.26
Disaster Relief Fund Trust	Capital One Trust Account	\$21,277.59
LA Knights Foundation Trust	Capital One Trust Account	\$103,582.40
YEP Unallocated Trust	Capital One Trust Account	\$129,204.57
Total		<u>\$ 104.941.3</u>
State Convention Acct	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 5,286.74
MDF Checking	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 20,632.66
General Fund Savings (GF Unalloc)	Capitol One Savings Account	\$ 4,965.25
General Fund Checking Acct	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 74,056.71

Receipts from the State Secretary (as of 6/30/17)

General Fund (GF, PC, SOA)	\$311,633.39
YEP Fundraiser	\$112,013.35
Youth Event Income	\$0.00
Seminarian Missionary Fund	\$32,700.00
Exemplification Fund	\$20,024.58
MDF Program	\$178,693.06
Disaster Relief	\$147,194.06
State Convention Account	\$ <u>73,656.28</u>
Total Receipts from the State Secretary	\$875.914.7 <u>2</u>

# **Disbursements**

General Fund	\$95,672.07
YEP Current	\$91,594.21
Seminarian Mission Fund Checking	\$32,846.89
Exemplification Checking	\$9,329.98
MDF Program	\$188,813.45
Disaster Relief Fund	\$138,684.29
State Convention Account	\$68,822.62
SOA	<u>\$165,306.82</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$791.070.33</u>





# **Interest and Service Charges**

Account		Bank Charges
General Fund (*)	(\$270.45)	
YEP Current	\$411.69	
YEP Fund Raiser	\$312.52	
Exemplification Fund	\$123.12	
GF Unallocated	\$391.89	
YEP Unallocated	\$751.79	
LA Knight Foundation	\$586.67	
Disaster Relief Fund	\$212.51	
Convention Reserve	\$58.53	
Benefits Reserve	\$29.26	
TOTAL TRUST		
	\$2,607.53	
Addt'l GF Unallocated Capitol One Savings		
TOTAL INTEREST		
BANK SERVICE CHARGES		\$57.84
Total Interest/Service Charges		<u>\$57.84</u>

# **DEPOSITS & TRANSFERS TO TRUST**

Account	DEPOSITS IN
General Fund Trust	\$239,608.48
YEP Current Trust	\$0.00
YEP Fund Raiser Trust	\$112,013.35
Exemplification Fund Trust	\$20,024.58
GF Unallocated Trust	\$15,000.00
YEP Unallocated Trust	\$0.00
LA Knight Foundation Trust	\$5,000.00
Disaster Relief Fund Trust	\$147,194.06
Convention Reserve Trust	\$0.00
Benefits Reserve Trust	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL Deposits & Transfers to TRUST	<u>\$538.840.47</u>



### TRANSFER FROM TRUST TO ACCOUNTS

Account	TRANSFER OUT
General Fund Trust	\$279,231.99
YEP Current Trust	\$91,594.21
YEP Fund Raiser Trust	\$0.00
Exemplification Fund Trust	\$9,329.98
GF Unallocated Trust	\$0.00
YEP Unallocated Trust	\$0.00
LA Knight Foundation Trust	\$0.00
Disaster Relief Fund Trust	\$138,684.29
Convention Reserve Trust	\$0.00
Benefits Reserve Trust	\$0.00
TOTAL Transfers from TRUST	<u>\$518.840.47</u>

### BALANCE OF CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AS OF 6/30/2017

General Fund	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 74,056.71
General Fund Savings (GF Unalloc.)	Capital One Savings Account	\$ 4,965.25
MDF Checking	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 20,632.66
State Convention Account	Capital One Checking Account	\$ 5,286.74
Total		\$ 104,941.36

# **SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS**

Balance as of:	July 1, 2016	June 30,2016		
General Fund Current Checking	\$ 44,337.86		\$ 74,056.71	
General Fund Savings (GF Unallocated)	\$ 19,954.53	\$	4,965.25	
MDF Account Balance	\$ 21,442.97	\$	20,632.66	
State Convention Checking Acct.	\$ 11,842.96	\$	5,286.74	
Total Checking/Savings Accounts	\$ 97,578.32		\$ 104,941.36	

General Fund Trust	\$ -	\$ (39,893.93)
YEP Current Trust	110,100.09	\$ 18,917.55
YEP Fundraiser Trust	-	\$ 112,325.87
Exemplification Fund Trust	13,296.55	\$ 24,114.27
General Fund Unallocated Trust	59,854.60	\$ 75,246.47
YEP Unallocated Trust	128,452.77	\$ 129,204.57
LA Knights Foundation Trust	97,995.75	\$ 103,582.40
Disaster Relief Fund Trust	11,483.55	\$ 20,205.85
Benefits Reserve Fund Trust	5,000.00	\$ 5,029.26
Convention Reserve Fund Trust	10,000.00	\$ 10,058.53
Total Savings/Trust Investments	\$436,183.31	\$458,790.84

**TOTAL VALUE OF TRUST & CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS** 

\$563,732.20

Serving as State Treasurer for the past fraternal year has been an honor. The learning experience as State Treasurer has been challenging, and it has allowed me to learn many things regarding the finances and operating processes of the State Council.

First, to all of my Brothers in the Louisiana Jurisdiction, I thank you for your confidence and support to allow me to serve as your State Treasurer for the past fraternal year. Serving in this role has been a most rewarding and gratifying experience. I hope and pray that I have met your expectations and satisfactorily served the State Council as your State Treasurer.

To the Worthy State Deputy, James Riente, and my fellow State Officers, I thank you for your guidance, assistance and support which has aided me greatly in fulfilling the responsibilities as State Treasurer. I am proud to serve as an officer of the State Council with you and look forward to being a part of this great team in the future.

I also wish to thank the Past State Deputies for their advice, guidance and encouragement. You have been there for me and provided advice based on your past experience and leadership of the State Council of Louisiana. As the State Officers, we are privileged to have your mentorship and assistance in performing the duties and responsibilities of the State Council.

I would like to also thank Robert Boudreaux and the Staff of the Louisiana State Office for their time, patience, understanding, and support over the past year. The State Administrator's position and support was a key contribution to the success of the State Council in accomplishing its goals and objectives this year.

To my Brothers Knights of Louisiana, I wish to thank you for inviting me to your activities and events. The functions that I have been able to attend were very special to me, and I was always treated with respect and honored as your guest. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend and participate in all of the functions for which I was invited, due to other commitments, but was always honored to have received your invitation.

May God continue to bless each one of you, your families, the Knights of Columbus, our great State of Louisiana and the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully Submitted,

Keith Lawson State Treasurer

Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus

# **State Advocate Report**

To: The Officers and members of the 112th annual meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, Assembled in Baton Rouge, LA on May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2017.

In compliance with section 7.2 of the by-laws of the Louisiana State Council, it is my privilege to submit an annual report as your State Advocate for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the State Advocate for the Louisiana Jurisdiction this past fraternal year.

I made presentations at the June State Family Meeting, at the Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar in Plaquemine, the December State Family Meeting, and at Grand Knights Day in Baton Rouge.

Copies of 11 Resolutions were mailed to the Elected State Officers, Past State Deputies, and Grand Knights, for their review, prior to the State Convention. All resolutions will be presented to the Resolution Committee, plus one, for consideration at the State Convention and then presented to the Sate Council for approval, with Resolution No. 12 read.

During this past fraternal year I responded to thirty-five requests for opinions. I reviewed nine contracts, presented to the State Deputy for execution.

To my fellow elected state officers, I am truly grateful for your help, advice and comraderie. It has made serving with you a distinct pleasure.

To my loving wife, Carla, I am very grateful for your patience, support and understanding.

May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus, I remain,

Fraternally,

Eric R. Miller

Louisiana State Advocate



# **State Warden Report**

To: The Officers and members of the 112<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, Assembled in Baton Rouge, LA on May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2017.

As we started out this year with having to deal with a Natural Disaster that effected several communities, where many Brothers worked together to help others. Aside from the devastation our area endured by many families. We definitely want to thank the Cajun Navy for helping coordinate relief efforts where possible and the "Pokey Man Group" from across the state helped picked up and Deliver supplies from several Councils in the state and delivered where possible. Thanks to all the States that sent funds, supplies or volunteers to help the state members in need. Thank you to Supremes for the funds and supplies that was sent to us and the checks and gift cards that was sent to members in need.

Thanks to all those who came out to promote the first principle of our Order "Charity".

With all the challenges that was faced by our State and Order this year, we may have had differences in small ways, but ultimately, differences were set aside and challenges were met. Not all challenges were as successful as others. Learning from issues or differences helps build character and builds "Unity" the second principle of our Order.

This year was another year of learning for me as being elected to the State Warden's position and as always, more responsibilities, along with Forms Chairman and Star Council Chairman. As we moved further into the fraternal year, there was more responsibilities taken on in my part as Membership Director as asked by the State Deputy in January. Which is something that I have had success with.

As far as this Fraternal year is going, we still have much work ahead of us to get New members in before June 30, along with Star Council quota of 43

Traveling to each of the 7 Diocese in March across the state, it was exciting to see many Brother Knights, but was hoping to see more as the turnout was a little low, but know we will see more next year.

The Membership Meetings are done to reach out to Brother Knights that serve in an Officer's Position for their Council, District Deputies who are having trouble or, are new to the position, Membership Chairman for their council, for those who want to serve as an officer in their Council, and Field Agents/ General Agents to meet with Councils in their areas. Brother Knights working for a common goal of membership, increasing each year to offset the loss of members for many reasons, but some are in control of a council by retention, the other protecting our Brother Knights and their families. Naturally the most is to protect our Pope Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As we work together, we work together as a "Fraternity.

"Patriotic Degree" is always a welcome sight at National, State, Diocese, Assembly, and Church functions. The State of Louisiana is so blessed to be able to exhibit all principles of the Order Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism. Seeing the" Good Works" in action and seeing members working together side by side to face life's challenges daily, allows us to live up to Fr. McGivney's Legacy and vision that he laid forth for future generations. Special thanks to the Warden's Aids for helping at State Convention, they will do a great job serving in their position.

Vivat Jesus! Sincerely,

Segre Martin

State Warden

# **State Office Administrator Report**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Director, Rt. Rev. Monsignors, Rev. Fathers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy State Officers and members of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus. In accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of the Louisiana State Council, I herby submit my annual report as your State Office Administrator for your consideration.

I would like to thank State Deputy James Riente for his support as State Deputy, under the moniker of "FAITH IN ACTION". His dedication to the Order is passionate, and his desire to see each council succeed is unparralled. It has been a pleasure serving him during his first year of his administration.

Susan Camel and myself create the support staff for the State Council and I stand before you today, to assure the State Council, we continue to serve in all aspects required, despite being relagated to part time status, four years ago.

As I have mentioned in all past convention reports, the State Office is involved, to some degree, in almost every undertaking of the State Council. I am quite confident the reports of your elected and appointed officials will discuss details, thus I will limit my remarks to specific responsibilities of your State Office.

# State Officers Meetings/KCLS/Grand Knights Day

It is the responsibility of this office to prepare ALL printed material (hard copy & informational discs) for these meetings, and through the help of brother knights at the meeting sites, this important information is distributed during these conferences. A constant concern however, would be the NO SHOWS. The mailing cost to send the 180-200 packets to councils who choose not to attend drives the meeting cost extremely high.

In recent meetings, the majority of support material is being placed on CDs for the convenience of the attendees.

# **State Directory**

Current information is key to this Louisiana Council product being effective. Form 185s must be submitted to the State Deputy and/or State Council for the info to be correct. The State Directory is posted on our State Website, and is updated weekly, where as the printed document is only updated annually. Please note, council submission of Form 185 electronically, does not suffice the State Council needs, as the file goes to New Haven, and NOT Lafayette. We need councils to submit their traditional hard copy 185 to the State Office.

This document is available for download at the KC State Website.

The Louisiana Knight

The Louisiana Knight newsletter continues to be published quarterly, however submission of council articles and photographs has become non-existent, and without council info, the newsletter becomes ordinary, at best.

Of note, the Louisiana Knight now publishes only four times per year. March, June, September and December are the publication months, while the deadline for submitting articles and photos will be the 15th of the publication month.

Unlike the early days, where the state office would create a document and send to the printer, now the State Office produces all facets of the publication, including the printing of, and the distribution via the postal system, as well as an attempt to circulate to members who have submitted email address to the state council.

### **Athletic Bids**

The 2017-2018 athletic schedule is as follows:

2017 Bar-B-Q Cook Off July 15 Louisiana State Council to Host at Dutchtown High School 2017 Texas Hold 'Em August 5 Plaquemine Council 970, Plaquemine, Host 2017 Horseshoe September 9 Plaquemine Council 970, Plaquemine, Host 2017 Golf September 22-24 Louisiana State Council to Host in Laplace 2017 Nine Ball November 11 Louisiana State Council to Host in Lafavette 2018 Cook-Off Louisiana State Council to Host in Lafayette January 27 2018 Bowling February 10-11, 17-18 Louisiana State Council to Host in Hammond Louisiana State Council to Host in Lafayette 2018 Free Throw March 10 2018 Texas Hold 'Em March 24 Plaquemine Council 970, Plaquemine, Host 2018 Disc Golf April 21 Louisiana State Council to Host in Lafayette

### **Mailings**

This administration has tried extremely hard to consolidate mailings in an attempt to save the rank and file money and I would think you would agree that we have achieved this. You would also agree that receiving mail on a need basis, makes your task of reading it all, a lot easier. From an administrative point of view, it made our task of communicating to the 34,000 members a lot more manageable.

### **State Calendar**

The State Calendar continues to be a popular item among councils as it list all upcoming events as well as the pending deadlines. Several dates changed after the publication of the calendar, due to unplanned conflicts, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### Web Site

I would like to THANK Brandon Hendricks as the State Council's webmaster. Brandon has volunteered to manage the web site at no cost to the State Council. His dedication to the Order is appreciated.

Our plan for the web site....a BRAND NEW LOOK and feel. Brother Knights should see the changes now.

Lastly, we encourage ALL COUNCILS to secure an email account. We believe that within the very near future, all communications will be conducted electronically. The dawn of the new era is NOW.

25 years ago. The Information highway was taking shape, and the Knights of Columbus were limited to an Underwood typewriter and a Multilith 1250 printing press. 2017-2018 will provide Brother Knights in Louisiana a unique opportunity to take their local councils down the Information SUPER HiWay.

The concern of the State Council is electronic communication is not taken as serious as old fashion snail mail, so for the time being, we will continue to use the United States Postal System.

### **State Convention**

I would like to thank Vince Whittington, Convention Chairman, and his committee, for their commitment in making the 112th Annual State Convention, an extraordinary Knight of Columbus event.

The 113th Annual State Convention is scheduled for Baton Rouge, and Vince Whittington will serve as Convention Chairman. I look forward to working with Vince and Brother Knights of the Baton Rouge area.

### Conclusion

25 years serving as your State Office Administrator has been a rewarding opportunity. With a work force of 2 part time employees, your state office has answered every challenge placed before it and we stand ready to serve the needs of the Louisiana Jurisdiction.

In closing, I would like to challenge each of you to go out and make Columbianism a high priority in your council. I implore you to make the 2017-2018 Columbian Year, twelve months that will set the standard for all future administrations. The future is in your hands. Seize the opportunity.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Boudreaux State Office Administrator

# **Audit Committee Report**

To: Clergy, officers and members of the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus.

The AUDIT COMMITTEE met in the RIVER BOAT room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6, at 9:00 a.m. The committee's responsibilities were to verify that a certified audit has been completed by competent auditors for the fraternal year 2015 – 2016 and that there were no significant variances with the State Treasurer's Financial Statement of the State Council as of June 30, 2016.

The auditing firm has not yet completed the certified audit at this time. The Committee requests that upon receipt of the audit by the State Council, said audit be forwarded to the members of this committee, who will then review and report to the Committee Chairman.

The Committee Chairman will then sign the report and send to the State Deputy and State Council. The committee on Audit recommends that the State Council continue to perform an audit of all the funds of the Louisiana State Council. The committee further recommends that the State Deputy continue to select a committee of three (3) Past State Deputies, three (3) Grand Knights, the State Financial officers and up to two (2) at large members to oversee the audit.

The committee would like to recognize in a special way, David Grego for the extra effort he provided to the Audit Committee to prepare this audit.

The Audit Committee moves that this report be accepted. Respectfully submitted, /s/ John M. Fruge
John M. Fruge
Council 1286, Chairman

Rory Cadres, Council 1905 Charles A. Amiot, Council 2657 Elton J. Perret, Sr., Council 3634 Joseph J. Matherne, Jr., Council 4508 Chester A. Mehurin, Council 4663 Wayne A. Dupre, Council 5013 Ralph T. Roger, Council 8147 David L. Lay, Council 9085 Carlos M. Morales, Council 12906 Steve Thomas, PSD Advisor



# **Budget & Finance Committee Report**

To: The Officers and Members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In accordance with Section 19 Committee on Budget and Finance of the By Laws of The Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus the following report is presented.

On March 10th, the Elected State Officers and Past State Deputies met to discuss the proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 Columbian year. A copy of the previous year's budget and the income/expense through December 31, 2016 were furnished to this group in advance, for their preparation for this meeting.

The proposed Budget was submitted to the Elected State Officers and Past State Deputies at the Advisory Board Meeting on March 10. The Past State Deputies offered their views and changes or comments that were then incorporated into the proposed Budget.

After this meeting, according to the By-Laws of the State Council, two copies were mailed by the State Office administrator to all Councils of record.

The Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held on Saturday, May 6, in the CREOLE QUEEN room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 9:00 AM. This meeting was for the purpose of continuing the review of the proposed Budget.

Included in this review of the proposed Budget for the Louisiana State Council was: General Fund; Youth Expansion Funds; Youth Expansion Fund Raiser, Seminaria Mission Fund Raiser; State Council Office Operations; and Investment Transactions.

By accomplishing this task – the committee on the Budget and Finance has complied with the State Council By-Laws-Section 19-Committee on Budget and Finance.

The Committee took into account that the Proposed Budget carried the approval of the State Deputy and the Elected State Officers. Prior approval was given by the Advisory Board of Past State Deputies at their meeting in March 2017. Based on the review of the Budget and Finances of the State Council, the Budget and Finance Committee offers the following recommendations to you for your considerations here today.

I would ask that the Budget and Finance Committee please come and join me.

- 1. The Committee recommends that the State Council continue to perform an audit of the funds of the Louisiana State Council with the Committee of three (3) Past State Deputies, (3) seated Grand Knights, the State Financial Officers and up to (2) two at large members to oversee the audit.
  - 2. The State Per-Capita Tax should stay the same as outlined in the Budget Proposal
- 3. The Seminarian Mission Fund should continue to assist with the funding of the Seminarian Mission program.
- 4. Due to the uncertainty of receipts for the 2016-2017 Youth expansion Program Budget. The Committee recommends that the following: If total income for the 2016-2017 Fund Raiser does not equal budgeted income, selected Accounts will be decreased with the approval of the Elected State Officers. If funds exceed budget, selected accounts will share in the increased gain with the approval of the Elected State Officers.
- 5. Excess Funds in the General Fund and YEP be placed in existing investment accounts. Any shortfall resulting in the General Fund Budget: funds may be transferred from the General Fund Unallocated (G30.0 General Fund Unallocated) with the concurrence of the State Officers.
- 6. The State Treasurer presented a report of the performance of the Capitol One Bank Trust Group investment account for the Louisiana State Council. This Trust account has experienced poor performance, resulting in a loss of value during the 2014 and 2015 years. Based on this report, the State Council resovled to transfer the remaining funds in the Trust Account to a Louisiana State Council

Savings account. The Committee has review the Capitol One Trust performance and Resolution of the State Council to transfer the funds to a Capitol One Savings account and concurs with the transfer of funds to cease the devaluation of the Capitol One Bank Trust Group investment account and earn interest in the Capitol One Savings account and request the continued effort to optimize earned interest on investments.

- 7. Since the 2017-2018 Budget was mailed to each Delegate to the State Council Meeting the Budget and Finance Committee recommends discontinuing the line item reading.
- 8. A final Financial Statement as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, be distributed to each council of record by no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

Worthy State Deputy – the committee on Budget and Finance moves for the adoption of these line items before concluding this report.

Items 1 – 8 ADOPTION

The committee agrees that the Budgets for the General Fund, Youth Expansion Fund, Youth Expansion Fund Raiser for 2017-2018, Seminary Mission Fund Raiser for 2017-2018, Exemplification Fund, the Investment Transactions and the State Council Office Operation will be included in the minutes of this State Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Keith Lawson Keith Lawson State Treasurer, Chairman

Anthony C. Grego, Council 1437
Garland J. Remondet, Jr., Council 2436
Patrick J. Guise, Council 3411
John P. Trevino, Sr., Council 6211
Len Bencaz, Council 6753
August A. Gallo, Council 7275
Dale A. Terrebonne, Council 9000
John R. Graham, Council 9692
Vincent M. Rizzotto, Council 9973, GK Chairman
Damian A. Lecompte, Council 13349
A. J. Langley PSD Advisor



# **Credential Committee Report**

To: The Officers and members of the 112th annual meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Baton Rouge, LA on May 6, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 7.2 of the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council it is my privilege and an honor for me to present this report of the credential committee of the convention.

It should be noted that no council owing money to the State Council will be seated at the State Meeting.

As of the 30th of April 2017, there is a total of 25 councils that still owe the State Council money for Council Per Capita. Please note three (3) councils paid at registration.

The Credentinals committee recognized 159 officers and delegates for the convention.

The committee met again on Sunday morning to register the delegates to vote.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Rennan Duffour Rennan Duffour State Secretary, Chairman

Barry J. Lamothe, Council 970
Myron C. Romero, Council 3091
Brenna P. Kluka, Council 3743
Jessie J. Stoute, Jr., Council 4085
Curtis A. Darbonne, Council 5755
Elliot J. Waguespack, Council 8342
Mickey Brown., Council 8601
Joseph P. Boquet, Council 8616
Frank E. Chase, Council 8840, GK Chairman
James F. Vance, Jr., Council 9107
Ronnie L. Boudreaux, PSD Advisor



Michael Abbate, Council 9623 Perry Achee, Council 2878 Percy Allen, Council 8147 Vicen Alvarez, Council 13145 Charles Amiot, Council 2657 Calvin Arceneaux, Council 9623 Nathan Arceneaux, Council 8898 Jonathan Barre, Council 4030 Daniel Bascle, Council 8779 Larry Beaubouef, Council 1108 Gary Beilman, Council 9240 Lloyd Bellaire, Jr., Council 9415 Carl Benoit, Council 2012 David Benoit, Council 8906 Dennis Bergeron, Council 3015 Robert Bewick, Council 10744 Joseph Bodi, Council 9016 Joseph Boquet, Council 8616 Don Boudreaux, Council 8779 George Boudreaux, Council 10057 Jami Boudreaux, Council 6958 Raymond Boudreaux, Co 7050 Stephen Boudreaux, Council 3061 Robert Bradeen, Council 4873 Craig Braud, Council 2657 Thomas Brehm, Council 4874 Harley Brown, Council 5530 Mickey Brown, Council 8601 Melvin Burrell, Council 2409 Rory Cadres, Council 1905 Raymond Calandro, Council 3298 Frank Chase, Council 8840 Albert Chauvin, Jr., Council 1905 Brent Citty, Council 1278 Mitch Clement, Council 8743 Ralph Comeaux, Council 970 Brian Decou, Council 8901 Warren Deemer, Council 3091 Ricky DiMarco, Council 4222 Gerald Doucet, Council 2732 Duane Dubret, Council 4508 Rennan Duffour, State SecretaryLeroy Dufrene, Council 4663 Chris Dufrene, Jr., Council 7350 Butsie Duhon, Council 4222 Al Dupre, Council 1114 Marvin Dupre, Council 10612 Wayne Dupre, Council 5013 Kenneth Duval, Council 12179 Kenny Eberts, Council 3061 Anthony Enterante, Council 1437 Maurice Evans, Council 7355 Darryl Fontenot, Council 3857 Craig Foret, Council 7355 Lynn Foret, Council 13819 Ralph Formby, Council 10293

John Fruge, Council 1286 Raymond Fuenzalida, Co 14822 August Gallo, Council 7275 Jerry Gautreaux, Council 6389 Vaughn Gibson, Council 1819 Julian Gluck, Council 9085 Randolph Gonzales, Council 9973 Michael Grady, Council 12245 John Graham, Council 9692 Joseph Gremillion, Council 9217 Marvin Gros, Jr., Council 1087 Thomas Grote, Council 10293 Harry Guillory, Council 3857 Patrick Guise, Council 3411 Alden Hagardorn, Council 3411 Patrick Hart, Council 3407 Stephen Hart, Council 12529 Michael Haskins, Council 9247 Ludgere Hebert, Council 1317 Brandon Hendricks, Council 8442 Eddie Jouty, Council 5935 Patrick Kelly, Council 1134 Brennan Kluka, Council 3743 James LaBauve, Council 9247 Robert Lachney, Council 14657 Vincent Lacombe, Council 9217 Justin Lancon, Council 12997 Barnibi Landry, Council 3068 James Landry, Council 5499 Jonathan Landry, Council 10606 Keith Landry, Council 10606 Keith Lawson, State Treasurer Joseph Lazaro, Council 3246 Norman Lefort, Jr., Council 8898 Robert Lino, Council 15892 Peter Mahfouz, Council 1134 John Manes, Council 1208 Paul Maraist, Council 4927 Eulice Marceaux, Council 5499 George Martin, State WardenDuane Martinez, Council 15892 Clarence Mascarenhas, Co 3246 Joseph Matherne, Council 4508 Chester Mehurin, Council 4663 Marvin Menard, Council 8770 Eric Miller, Council 3298 Randall Millet, Council 6753 Charlie Moore, Council 8978 Chico Morales, Council 12906 Donald Naguin, Council 8932

David Neal, Council 13819 Robert Newman, Council 2436 Robert Newman, Council 3068 Joel Ocmand, Council 2436 Elton Perret, Jr., Council 3634 Elton Perret, Sr., Council 3634 Vincent Pillaro, Council 1208 Earl Price, Sr., Council 4676 Garland Remondet, Council 2436 Don Resweber, Council 4927 James Riente, State Deputy Bart Rivere, Council 1114 Ralph Rivet, Jr., Council 970 Vincent Rizzotto, Council 9973 Troy Rizzuto, Council 3015 Ernest Robichaux, Council 1317 Rupert Rodriguez, Council 4030 Ralph Roger, Council 8147 Doyle Rogers, Council 3054 Phillip Romano, Council 3743 Robert Rome, Council 8840 Travis Romero, Council 7557 Michael Roy, Council 3779 Thomas Ruemker, Council 8342 Russell Ruh, Council 9016 Ralph Sapia, Council 3054 Albert Schexnaydre, Council 7226 Angelo Schiro, Council 2878 Rayward Segura, Council 7050 Russell Serpas, Council 5747 Minos Simon, Council 1276 Jessie Stoute, Council 4085 Terry Suire, Council 8901 Corey Tabor, Council 8616 Dale Terrebonne, Council 9000 Gally Thibodeaux, Council 3091 Jeremy Thibodeaux, Co 10745 Jesse Thibodeaux, II, Council 4787 Paul Tholen, Council 6211 Vance Thomas, Council 2807 Donald Tivet, Council 5013 Louis Trahan, Council 8978 John Trevino, Council 6211 James Vance, Council 9107 Jacob Verdin, Council 9000 Ricky Villar, Sr., Council 6389 Elliot Waguespack, Council 8342 John Walker, Council 3779 Paul Washington, Council 12115 Frank Zaeringer, Council 9692



# **Election Committee Report**

To: The Officers and Members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 5-6, 2017.

Your Committee on Elections, upon possession of the ballot box containing all ballots properly cast met to tally of said ballots. 134 ballots were cast. Zero determined to be spoiled.

Your Committee on Elections finds the following to be an accurate accounting of the votes:

The following were elected by acclamation:

State Deputy: James Riente (7856), 129 votes, elected. State Secretary: Rennan Duffour (2409), 129 votes, elected State Treasurer: Keith Lawson (4508), 129 votes, elected Eric Miller (3298), 129 votes, elected State Advocate:

State Warden: George S. Martin (7557), 128 votes, elected

Insurance Representative to the Supreme Council (elect 4) Rennan Duffour, Council 2409, Luling, 129 votes, elected Paul deMany, Council 1276, St. Martinville, 126 votes, elected Michael Abbate, Council 9623, Laplace, 114 votes, elected Curtis Constrantich, Council 5013, Bourg, 101 votes, elected Russell Ruh, Council 9016, 79 votes, alternate

Associate Representatives for Supreme Council (elect 4) David Landry, Council 7275, Lafayette, 131 votes, elected John Francis, Council 2878, Metairie, 123 votes, elected George Becnel, Council 9623, Laplace, 122 votes, elected Robert Lino, Council 15892, Harvey, 113 votes, elected Darryl Fontenot, Council 3857, DeRidder, 52 votes, alternate

Your Committee on Elections wishes to thank the entire assembly for its cooperation in the election procedure. We also wish to thank the local convention committee under Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington. We especially want to thank Past State Deputy Advisor David Bakeler for his appreciated advice.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Dennis Bergeron **Dennis Bergeron** Council 3015, Elections Replacement Chairman

Thaddeus Kapera, Council 1108 Dennis P. Bergeron, Council 3015 Eulice Marceaux, Jr., Council 5499 Norman J. Lefort, Jr., Council 8898 Leon V. Suane, Jr., Council 9415 Thomas W. Grote, Council 10293 Jeremy C. Thibodeaux, Council 10745 Gerard C. Hymel, Council 11857 David K. Dartez, Council 13632, Original Chairman John M. Richard, Council 13931 David B. Bakeler, PSD Advisor

# **Felicitation Committee Report**

To: The clergy, officers and members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus.

The Felicitation Committee met on Saturday, May 6, at 9:00am in the CYPRESS 1 ROOM of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Committee Meeting was presided over by Kurt J. Gunnels, Grand Knight, Council 7856, St. Francisville.

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered for the canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney; for the safe travel for all brother knights and for brothers sick and in distress.

After review of all communications provided and consulting with State Deputy James Riente, the Felicitations Committee deems it proper that the appropriate messages, both regrets and appreciations, over the signature of the State Deputy be forwarded to:

His Holiness Pope Francis

Rev. Gregory Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

Bishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain

Fr. Scott Chemino, Associate State Chaplain

Fr. Mark Derise, Associate State Chaplain

All other members of the Hierarchy in Louisiana

All Diocesan chaplains, State 4th Degree Faithful Friar, and State Father Prior

Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight

Virgil Dechant, Retired Supreme Knight

Sharon W. Broome, Baton Rouge Mayor President

Governor John Bel Edwards

All Past State Deputies absent

Widows of Past State Deputies absent

All Catholic Diocesan Newspapers

All Local News Media

### SAMPLE OF SUCH LETTER

Personally, and in the name of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, it is my honored privilege to bring you greetings and felicitations from our 112th Annual Meeting conducted in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on May 5-7, 2017. We regret your personal schedule prevented your being with us at this time, yet we fully understand the demands placed upon the members of the hierarchy in the state.

During the year our knights have extended all their efforts in fulfilling our administration and convention theme, "Faith in Action" We prayerfully hope that this theme and our actions in its quest, will adequately convey our expression of filial devotion and fealty to Holy Mother Church.

Respectfully, /s/ James Riente State Deputy

Respectfully Submitted: /s/ Kurt J. Gunnels Kurt J. Gunnels Council 7856, Chairman

John V. Gibson, Council 1819 Wayne J. Bergeaux, Council 2012 Wayne M. Roy, Jr., Council 3796 Butsie A. Duhon, Council 4222 Eddie J. Jouty, Jr., Council 5935 Travis J. Romero, Council 7557 Romnie L. Landry, Council 7568 Dennis J. Hebert, Council 9110 Romnie L. Boudreaux, Council 10902 John F. Boudreaux, PSD Advisor

# **Good of the Order Committee Report**

To: The Officers and Members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Baton Rouge, La.

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, May 6th at 9am, 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 reommends each council appoints a Pro-Life Chairman or Chair-Couple; supports a youth Pro-Life Retreat as sponsored by the State Council; and offer a Pro-Life prayer at business meetings.

### **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 it's 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 schools. 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 teams 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 the members they now have. Council leaders and members should promote patriotism and encourage members of the third degree to join the fourth degree. Councils should make an effort to form 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 <u>committee urges the State Deputy to insure that all councils receive and display</u> a copy of this report, and that a summary of this report be published in the June issue of the <u>LOUISIANA KNIGHT</u>. 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.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Michael A. Abbate, Sr. Michael A. Abbate, Sr. Council 9623, Chairman

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# **Memorial Committee Report**

# To: The Officers, Rev. Clergy and Brother Knights of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, in 112th Annual Meeting assembled.

The Committee on Memorials has carefully examined the reports received from the Financial Secretaries of the subordinate councils of the Louisiana Jurisdiction, along with the listings of deceased members published in the quarterly issues of the *Louisiana Knight* and the death notices from Form 100's received in the State Office from our General Insurance Agents. From this careful examination, we have found that during the period from April 1, 2016 through and including March 31, 2017, a total of 341 Brother Knights departed from our earthly midst and began their eternal reward.

Realizing that our religious are held in high esteem by members of the Knights of Columbus, the Memorial Committee of the 2017 Convention, further recommends that in future reports, all religious, who are reported as deceased Brother Knights, be reported as a special listing prior to the listing of council by council deceased brothers.

#### CLERGY:

Rev. Claude P. Boudreaux, Council 1437 Rev. Curtis Wood, Council 3779 Fr. Thomas Panthalani, Council 3857 Rev. Raymond R. Robitaille, Council 7050 Deacon George Shartle, Council 12072

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### **RESOLUTION ON CLERGY**

WHEREAS, since our last annual meeting, Almighty God, in His Infinitive Wisdom, has called Brother Knights who served us as priests and deacons.

WHEREAS, in their personal missions as representatives of Christ on earth, they made immeasurable contributions to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth and through such roles made countless contributions to the Order;

THEREFORE, the Louisiana State Council. Knights of Columbus, in its 112th Annual meeting assembled, does hereby rejoice in their victories over death, through extending our fraternal and prayerful sympathy to the members of their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by spreading a copy of this resolution in the minutes of this Convention, we do express our gratitude to Almighty God for the valuable instances of services these noble brothers rendered to us.

### **General Memorial Resolution**

WHEREAS, these departed brothers distinguished themselves as upright and outstanding citizens of their communities and as true Catholic gentlemen in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, their absences are a material loss, not only to those of us who were privileged to know them, but also to their families, to their respective own councils, and to our great Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Knights of Columbus, duly assembled in State Council Meeting, do humbly submit to the will of Almighty God in calling these, our brothers, to their eternal rewards; that we pay prayerful tribute to their memory; and that through this medium, we convey to their families and loved ones, our deepest sympathy on their material loss, assuring them of our prayers and devotions that their souls may rest in peace.

The Committee further recommends that the Memorials Committee be appointed as early as our State Council by-laws allow, and that a deadline prior to the Annual Meeting again be given to the Financial Secretaries of the Jurisdiction to submit their respective lists of deceased members so that a complete necrology can be compiled, printed, and distributed subsequently at the annual meeting's Memorial Mass and further resolve that a special listing of Clergy be made.

The Committee also would like to extend its appreciation to our State Office Administrator, Robert Boudreaux and his staff.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Duane E. Martinez Duane E. Martinez Council 15892, Replacement Chairman

Pete Mahfouz Council 1134
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# **Minutes Committee Report**

# To: The Officers and Members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus

When the State Office Administrator and State Office staff had completed and prepared the final draft of the proceedings of the 111th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus, conducted in Lafayette, Louisiana, April 29-30, May 1, 2016, members of the committee on minutes were each forwarded reading assignments consisting of twenty (20) pages. The assignments overlapped so as to insure complete coverage of the entire minutes of our 111th Annual meeting. Each committee member was to proofread his respective segment and bring the corrected copy to the minute's committee meeting.

The Minutes Committee then met at 9:00am on Saturday, May 6th, in the SAMUEL CLEMENS room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. During the course of this meeting, it was revealed that a few pages needed correction. It should be noted that all corrections were minor in nature having only to do with reference, and typographical or grammatical error. The proofread segments with necessary corrections were then incorporated into the proceedings. Our committee wishes to report that we found the proceedings of the 111th Annual meeting as circulated to be an accurate copy, with the proofread corrections, of the minutes of said meeting.

For the confidence placed in us by our appointments, we wish to express our appreciation to our Worthy State Deputy, Brother James Riente for this opportunity to serve. We hope his faith and trust in us has been confirmed by our endeavor. We also wish to thank our State Office Administrator, Brother Robert Boudreaux and Susan Camel for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Ronald J. Bertucci Ronald J. Bertucci Council 9347, Chairman

Patrick Hart Council 3407
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Vernon F. Ducote, PSD Advisor



# **Resolution Committee Report**

To: The Officers and Members of the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus.

In compliance with the directive of the State Deputy James Riente, your Resolutions Committee met at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, May 6, in Crowne Plaza Hotel, NATCHEZ room. The Committee carefully considered each Resolution submitted, taking into account the recommendations of the Elected State Officers and the Past State Deputies. Your Committee concluded by approving this report, which contains the recommendations and actions of the Resolution Committee on all resolutions presented during the meeting.

The time and meeting place were announced in the April 2017 issue of the Louisiana Knight and in the Convention Agenda. Time was made available to interested parties for personal discussion of any resolution. We trust our consideration adequately served the Louisiana Jurisdiction and the interested parties responsible for submitting these resolutions for consideration.

In general the recommendations of the Resolution Committee are expressed by use of the following words: "Adoption," "Adoption as Amended," "Rejection," "No Action," or "Refer to Committee."

The recommendation of "No Action" or "Rejection" does not necessarily mean that a resolution lacks merit. I may mean that a particular subject has already been dealt with or the idea expressed is not advisable at the present time. Any resolutions that concerned ceremonials were to be presented to the State Deputy without debate or discussion. There were no resolutions on ceremonial matters.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Twelve (12) resolutions were received and mailed prior to the Convention.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO THE STATE COUNCIL

Only the purpose and resolve clauses of the first eleven resolutions will be read and then the recommendations of the Elected State Officers, the Past State Deputies and the Resolution Committee. Then action of the State Council will take place. Also, Resolution 12 will be read in its entirety.

READ RESOLUTIONS

Worthy State Deputy and my Brother Knights, this concludes the report of the Resolution Committee. The Committee wishes to thank you, the members of the State Council, for allowing us to serve you and our Order.

Respectfully submitted, s/ Eric R. Miller Eric R. Miller State Advocate

Chad P. Dauzat, Council 1217
Perry C. Achee, Council 2878
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Marvin J. Dupre, Council 10612
Patrick Lancon, Council 12997

BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

PURPOSE: To declare that the knights from the great State of Louisiana believe in and put all of their trust in the Order's insurance program and to encourage all knights to participate in the insurance program.

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus has an excellent record of providing life insurance to the members of the Order according to the highest standards possible; and

WHEREAS: Regulators have stated that they found evidence of very strict and ethical marketing practices, and complimented the Knights of Columbus on their market leadership in the area of ethics and sales practices; and,

WHEREAS: The Order has always worked hard to ensure that the needs of its members are met and that problems are resolved quickly and fairly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017 of their 112th Annual Meeting completely in all respects join together in support of the Order's insurance program, its leaders and the fraternal insurance agents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council encourage every knight to meet with his insurance agent and purchase insurance through the Order's insurance program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council submit this resolution at the 135th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council seeking support and endorsement of all other jurisdictions regarding support of the Order's insurance program, its leaders and the fraternal insurance agents.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

ACTION TAKEN

BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

PURPOSE: To pledge our total support and reaffirm solidarity with our priests, bishops and all our religious.

WHEREAS: The brother knights of the Louisiana Jurisdiction recognize that the great majority of our religious follow their vows in an honorable and righteous manner, exhibiting love for the Catholic Church and its teachings, dedication to the people they serve, loyalty to the Holy Father Pope Francis and their bishops, and

WHEREAS: In addition to our four basic principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, there exists a fifth principle that unites our members and is vital to the life and strength of our Order and that principle is respect for the priesthood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017 of their 112th Annual Meeting, and the members of Louisiana Knights of Columbus reaffirm solidarity with our priests and bishops, and pledge our total support, our loyalty, and gratitude to these shepherds of our faith, and stand shoulder to shoulder with them;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The State Council urge each council to publicly demonstrate its total support, loyalty, and gratitude for our priests and bishops;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: This resolution be distributed to the bishops and diocesan newspapers within Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

#### **ACTION TAKEN**

BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

Purpose: To offer our respect, support and gratitude to the men and women serving in the United States military at home and abroad, in their efforts to defend our country.

Whereas: The men and women of our military have volunteered to defend America from enemies who wish to do harm through acts of terrorism against the citizens of United States; and

Whereas: The members of the armed forces of the United States place their lives in harm's way to defend our way of life each and every day, and

Whereas: The members of the United States military are working hard each and every day to ensure that our lives at home are safe; and

Whereas: The members of the United States military are committed to the ideals of freedom found in the United States constitution. We pray that God shall bless and protect these brave men and women and that "God Bless America."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017 of their 112th Annual Meeting, offer our respect, support and thanks to the men and women of the military in their efforts to defend our country.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council forward a copy of this offer of support to President Donald J. Trump and ask all jurisdictions of our Order to join our resolution supporting the men and women of the military of the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted:

/s Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

### **ACTION TAKEN**

BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

Purpose: To offer our respect, support and gratitude to the men and women serving in the local, state and federal first responders.

Whereas: The men and women of our first responder agencies have volunteered to provide public safety in our communities, and

Whereas: The members of our local, state and federal first responder agencies place their lives in harm's way to protect our way of life and property each and every day, and

Whereas: The members of our local, state and federal first responder agencies are working hard each and every day to insure that our lives and property are safe; and

Whereas: We pray that God shall bless and protect these brave men and women and that "God Bless America."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017 of their 112th Annual Meeting, offers its respect, support and thanks to the men and women of our local, state and federal first responder agencies.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

### **ACTION TAKEN**

BY: Elected State Officers and Past State Deputies

PURPOSE: To Commend Supreme Council Officers, Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly, Deputy Supreme Knight, Michael J. O'Connor, Jr., Supreme Secretary, Ronald F. Schwarz, Supreme Treasurer, John A. Marrella, Supreme Advocate, Michael P. Victorino, Supreme Warden, Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain, and Past Supreme Knight, Virgil C. Dechant for their many years of dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS: These brother knights have provided exemplary leadership and guidance in fostering new council development and outstanding membership growth during their tenure, and

WHEREAS: These brother knights leadership continues to strengthen the Order's support of Holy Mother Church, the Pope, all members of the hierarchy, all priests and religious, proudly proclaiming the Order as the right arm of the Catholic Church, and

WHEREAS: These brother knights have been supportive in the Order's commitment to the leadership in the "RESPECT LIFE" movement, and

WHEREAS: These brother knights have seen the Order's Insurance Program continued growth that has far exceeded its original intent of our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017 of their 112th Annual Meeting, commends the Order's Supreme Officers for their outstanding leadership, dedication to our church and their sincere concern for the Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council submit this Resolution at the 135th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, seeking the endorsement of all jurisdictions in this salute to our Supreme Officers.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

### **ACTION TAKEN**

BY: Elected State Officers and Past State Deputies

PURPOSE: To commend, His Excellency Ronald Herzog, Bishop of Alexandria, former State Chaplain for his dedicated service to the Louisiana Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS: Bishop Herzog has served our Church in many roles as a Priest and Bishop with extreme devotion and an unwavering faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS: Bishop Herzog is recognized as a loving and compassionate spiritual leader by his flock and the entire membership of the Louisiana Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: Bishop Herzog exemplifies the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism by living by the principles of our great Order and has graciously supported the many programs, activities and projects of the Louisiana State Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017, of their 112th Annual Meeting commends, His Excellency Ronald Herzog, State Chaplain, for his outstanding dedication to our church and his true dedication to the Knights of Columbus of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus of the Louisiana State Council, pledge their continued prayers and unwavering support to our beloved former State Chaplain Bishop Ronald Herzog.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Elected State Officers and Past State Deputies

### **ACTION TAKEN**

BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

Purpose: To support and promote the canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS: On December 18, 1997, at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Hartford, the cause for sainthood for the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was formally opened which initiated the Diocesan investigation into his life, works and virtues; and

WHEREAS: We believe that Father McGivney was especially saintly and that he understood the social teaching of the church. He had a deep concern for the welfare of widows and the needy which was reflected in his heart and is reflected today by his actions, programs and membership of the knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS: The Diocesan Phase of the cause for canonization has been completed; and

WHEREAS: The commission has studied all available historical evidence pertaining to Father McGivney, determined its authenticity and made a judgment about the heroic virtue of this servant of God and the tribunal is satisfied that all material is complete and accurate. The commission has turned over material to the Archbishop. The Archbishop has turned Father McGivney's case over to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for the Roman phase; and

WHEREAS: The results of Diocesan and Roman phases of this investigation have been presented to the Holy Father for his decision regarding the canonization of Father McGivney; and

WHEREAS: Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed Father McGivney as, Venerable Servant of God, one more approved miracle shall complete the cause for sainthood; and

WHEREAS: When Father McGivney is eventually raised to the Honors of the Altar, he may be the first parish priest of the United States to be declared a saint.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017, of their 112th Annual Meeting, support and promote the canonization of our beloved founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council submit this resolution at the 134th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, seeking the support and endorsement of all other jurisdictions regarding this cause for sainthood.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

### **ACTION TAKEN**

BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

PURPOSE: To express Order's defense of religious liberty.

WHEREAS: The Catholic Church teaches that the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which is known through both reason and divine revelation; and

WHEREAS: The right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Religious freedom means that all persons are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience, and that no person should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS: During his visit to the United States in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that it should never be necessary to deny God in order to enjoy our rights and that it is inconceivable that believers should have to suppress their faith in order to be active citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Church consistently teaches that religious freedom is an inalienable right which should be recognized in the governing laws of each country in such a way that it is acknowledged as a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS: Religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance and that can be removed, but rather it is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS: Religious freedom is at the very heart of human rights because it encompasses freedom of speech, assembly and conscience, which together form the basis of civil society and respect for the individual; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: We will never waver in our efforts to defend religious freedom as an inherent right of all Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: As American citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will steadfastly support the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together in the great struggle to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We call upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that will protect the constitutional right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in health care and all other matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We will remain steadfast in our opposition to any future governmental action or policy that forces Catholic institutions and individuals to violate our most deeply held moral and religious convictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our nation's history is not only for our sake, but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

**ACTION TAKEN** 

Elected State Officers
Past State Deputies
Resolutions Committee
State Council
Approved
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Approved

PURPOSE: To memorialize the Clergy, who died during the past fraternal year.

WHEREAS, since our last annual meeting, Almighty God, in His Infinitive Wisdom, has called Brother Knights who served us as priests and deacons; and

WHEREAS, in their personal missions as representatives of Christ on earth, they made immeasurable contributions to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth and through such roles made countless contributions to the Order; and

WHEREAS, the names of our deceased brothers are include in the written report of the Memorial Committee and the memorial booklet distributed at the memorial mass.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Council. Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017, in its 112th Annual meeting assembled, does hereby rejoice in their victories over death, through extending our fraternal and prayerful sympathy to the members of their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by spreading a copy of this resolution in the minutes of this Convention, we do express our gratitude to Almighty God for the valuable instances of services these noble brothers rendered to us.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

### **ACTION TAKEN**



BY: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

PURPOSE: To memorialize brother knights who died during the past fraternal year.

WHEREAS, the names of our deceased brothers are include in the written report of the Memorial Committee and the memorial booklet distributed at the memorial mass, and

WHEREAS, these departed brothers distinguished themselves as upright and outstanding citizens of their communities and as true Catholic gentlemen in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, their absences are a material loss, not only to those of us who were privileged to know them, but also to their families, to their respective own councils, and to our great Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6-7, 2017, in its 112th Annual meeting duly assembled do humbly submit to the will of Almighty God in calling these, our brothers, to their eternal rewards; that we pay prayerful tribute to their memory; and that through this medium, we convey to their families and loved ones, our deepest sympathy on their material loss, assuring them of our prayers and devotions that their souls may rest in peace.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

### ACTION TAKEN



BY: St. John the Evangelist Council 8342

Purpose: To help St. Mary's Residential Training School with their planned expansion Group Homes Capital Campaign by supporting with a voluntary percentage as determined by each council within the Louisiana Jurisdiction of our annual Citizens with Mental Disabilities Fund Drive for the project in honor of our State Chaplain Most Reverend Bishop Ronal Herzog.

Whereas: In 1954, our beloved Bishop Charles P. Greco built a beautiful residential facility for people with mental disabilities from ages 3 to 21; and

Whereas: St. Mary's has served God's most vulnerable people in this beautiful facility for 63 years, and

Whereas: St. Mary's now finds it necessary to build fifteen new group homes to serve children, and adults with mental disabilities and autism; and

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus of Louisiana Jurisdiction helped with the original construction of St. Mary's in Boyce, Louisiana; and

Whereas: The St. Mary's Board of Directors through our State Chaplin, Most Reverend Bishop Ronald Herzog, has asked for volunteer donations for the Group Homes Capital Campaign to assist them; and

Whereas: In order to insure that this request is fulfilled the Louisiana State Council wishes to set up a specific funding method; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on May 5, 6 and 7, 2017 for their 112th Annual Meeting vote to support a voluntary percentage as determined by each council within the Louisiana Jurisdiction of proceeds from each council's campaign for people with mental disabilities to St. Mary's Residential Training School's Group Homes Capital Campaign. These funds will be deposited in St. Mary's Development Account as a holding account until Group Homes Construction commences, and funds will then be deposited into the appropriate account used to pay construction and/or mortgage costs not to exceed ten years.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Elliot Waguespack, Grand Knight Council 8342 /s/ Matthew LeBlanc Deputy Grand Knight Council 8342 /s/Thomas Ruemker Advocate Council 8342

**ACTION TAKEN:** 

80th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Blood Donor Program Celebration Resolution

Purpose: To celebrate the value of the Knights of Columbus Blood Donor Program and to proclaim the importance and value of this program through the prism of its 80th Anniversary milestone by designating 2018 as the "Year of the Blood Donor Program."

Whereas, the Blood Donor Program will celebrate its 80 th anniversary in 2018 and should be recognized for the significant contributions that this program represents as an enabler of the order's principles of charity, fraternity, and unity; and

Whereas, in 1938, after conducting successful blood drives on the local level for almost a decade, the Knights of Columbus established what many regard as the first blood donor program sponsored by a national organization. Hundreds of councils began blood donor groups, and the program soon became international in scope; and

Whereas, Dr. Edward Fahey, Supreme Physician, introduced the first national blood donor program in 1938 at the Supreme Council Meeting in Cincinnati, OH; and

Whereas, Dr. Fahey called for councils and chapters to form groups of voluntary donors to be available when members and their families were in need of blood transfusions; and

Whereas, the resulting Blood Donors Program led to the formation by 600 Councils of donor groups with some 13,000 donors who gave 6,000 transfusions; and

Whereas, Knights of Columbus councils sponsored Red Cross Mobile Units at the onset of World War II to meet a critical demand for blood for the military, which became a national priority, and broadened the Blood Donors Program to include recruiting non-members for blood donations; and

Whereas, the post-war Knights of Columbus focused on re-establishing the knights' blood donor program that provided for members, family, and others in dire need, re-energizing the performance of this great work of charity and fraternity in a most personal way; and

Whereas, knights are pledged to help one another and few indeed are the times when someone needs more help than when they are in medical distress, possibly near death; an ideal situation for the Blood Donors Program; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus has long assured that lifesaving blood is available for all in dire health through blood donations by members of the Order, according to the highest standards possible; and

Whereas, from these beginnings, the Knights of Columbus program for blood drives has continued to grow. In 2012, the Knights of Columbus helped provide a vital lifeline to those undergoing medical treatment by enlisting the support of some 423,575 blood donors, and

Whereas, the program is an outstanding vehicle to foster/share Pro-

Life/Respect Life/Culture of Life fervor as the Blood Donor Program actively supports the tenet, human life is sacred from its very beginning to its end, and

Whereas, it affords the community a means to exercise and proclaim this commitment through council, parish, and local blood drives, and provides a venue for turning good intentions into actions for the entire family of potential donors, and

Whereas, it heralds the many benefits of an active blood donor program that can be a valuable activity for parish roundtables, member recruitment and retention, faith community commitment and growth, and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus continues to encourage all members to support the Blood Donor Program; including support of blood drives, both council and community, and other local or related drives, and repeat donations, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Louisiana State Council designate 2018 as the "Year of the Knights of Columbus Blood Donor Program" in celebration of the 80 th anniversary of the program's origination at the 1938 Supreme Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio by Supreme Physician Dr. Edward Fahey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Every Louisiana State Council, accordingly, should energetically sponsor an 80 th Anniversary blood drive or program-related event, emphasizing the great value of this Awesome Act of Kindness of a blood donation, marked by the deepest charity, fraternity, and unity, for the benefit of our members, their families, and others in dire danger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Louisiana State Council submit this resolution at the 135 th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council seeking support and endorsement of all other jurisdictions regarding the Celebration of the Order's 80 th Anniversary of the Blood Donor Program, respecting its leadership, and heralding the donors and volunteers who have made its success possible.

Respectfully submitted /s/ Mark Carver Past Grand Knight /s/ Waynne Hanley Past Grand Knight /a/ David Grego Past Grand Knight

**ACTION TAKEN:** 



# **Wardens Committee Report**

To: Officers and members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus.

The WARDENS COMMITTEE met in PREMIER 3 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. The committee's responsibilities were to verify that only convention registered individuals were allowed to attend any and all ticketed events. The Wardens Committee also served as guards during the business sessions of the State Council.

The Warden Committee would like to thank State Deputy James Riente for the opportunity to serve the order, as well as Convention Chairman Vince Whittington for his efforts in securing a functional facility for the convention.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ George S. Martin George S. Martin State Warden

John A. Manes, Council 1208, GK Chair Paul W. Citty, Council 1276 Ludgere J. Hebert, III, Council 1317 Ricky P. Villar, Sr., Council 6389 Joseph W. Lacombe, Council 6958 Ivy J. Dupre, Jr., Council 8932 Thomas Berner, Council 9240 Jimmy Leblanc, Council 10721 Mark E. Owens, Council 10728 Michael K. Davis, Council 12989



# **Report of Community Director**

To: Officers and members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus.

Upon my reappointment as Community Director is when I put together a power point presentation for community projects. The power point was to help councils develop community projects. A lot of the ideals was presented in the presentation to help councils participate in the State Deputy's Award Program. The ideals should help the knights find meaningful programs for those most in need in the community. Our year began at KCLS at MDA West Academy School in Plaquemines, LA. I answered questions and tried to help Grand Knights as much as possible within the 15 minutes allowed. My Community Presentation was included on the state disc or memory stick for programs. The disc or memory stick is given to all councils in the state. They are also given out again to the Grand Knights at Grand Knights Day. All councils are encouraged to participate in the State Deputy's Award Program. This year 116 of the councils participated in the State Deputy's Award for community. Laplace Council 9623 won the State Community Service Award. My brother knights I encourage all councils to continue to work in your community and help those who need the knights help. Remember you are the most visible when you are helping your communities. It will be helpful to your council to gain new membership.

Vivat Jesus, /s/ Frank Chase Frank Chase State Community Director



# **Report of Council Director**

To: The Officers and Members of the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This year was an average year for the Louisiana Knights of Columbus in Council Activity. It is always a pleasure to see and meet brother knights at our various events. We need to get our younger brother knights involved in all aspects of the Knights of Columbus.

Our year started with the State Softball Tournament. 2016 marked the year where this annual event failed to occur, and was subsequently removed from future consideration.

The State Horseshoe Tournament was held in Plaquemine, Louisiana. The tournament was held at the Mike Zito Activity Center. This is one of the most consistent tournaments, with many brothers participating in Doubles, Singles and Senior Divisions. Under the roof of the center assures us a dry day. Thanks to Plaquemine Council 970 for helping to put on this event. You could have a tournament at your council and encourage all age groups to get involved.

The Golf Tournament which was held at Farm d'Allie GC in Carencro, Louisiana. The State Office, hosted this tournament. This is another activity that has a very high attendance. Brothers from all over the state attend and enjoy this event.

From Golf we move on to the State Nine Ball Tournament. This event is held at Fast Eddie's Billards in Lafayette, Louisiana. The tournament has had between 35-40 participants for the last several years. This event is also handled by the State Office. Brothers of all ages can participate in this event.

The next is the Gumbo Cook-Off. Areas throughout Louisiana have cook-offs to qualify two teams to move on to the State Competition at Grand Knights Day in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This event is held in January. We crown our best Gumbo Cooks in the State.

The State Bowling Tournament is normally held the first two weekends in February. This year's tournament was held in Morgan City, Louisiana. We had about the same amount of teams as in the previous years. Thanks to Marshall Miller and his dependable crew.

Our last event was to be Basketball. As with softball, the participation no longer exist, and was removed from the calendard.

The State Council is entertaining the possibility of adding a Texas Hold 'Em event and a Disc Golf Tournament. Look out for particulars in the future.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Robert W. Boudreaux Robert W. Boudreaux State Council Director

# **Report of Culture of Life Chair Couple**

To the Officers and members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Brother Knights, and guests assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

The Knights of Columbus in Louisiana is actively working to build a Culture of Life. The Culture of Life program has existed for many years, and knights have played a key role in making Louisiana one of the most pro-life states in the Union.

Historically, pro-life activities have focused mostly on abortion. Abortion is the most heinous attack on human life. Unfortunately, there is more than one threat to human life. Therefore, the Culture of Life program was designed to increase the emphasis on other intrinsic evils, namely: human embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, contraception, In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), surrogacy, redefinition of marriage, and euthanasia. This fraternal year, we added human trafficking to the list of evils. Of course, abortion will continue to be an area of emphasis.

There was an extended breakout session at KCLS in July 2016 for the Culture of Life chair couples. The session started with a brief outline of this year's KCLS program and Culture of Life goals for the upcoming fraternal year. Next, a new area of emphasis was introduced: Human Trafficking. Our special guest speaker was Fr. Jeff Bayhi who gave an impassioned speech about human trafficking. Prior to his talk, attendees watched a short video on human trafficking in Louisiana and the Metanoia Manor. You can watch the video on-line, learn more about human trafficking, and find out more about their work at the web site: <a href="https://www.metanoia-inc.org">www.metanoia-inc.org</a>. We were also blessed to have with us Sisters Norma Nunez, Alexandrine Rasoanirina, and Ann Maria Mathew who will be running the Metanoia home. We also provided attendees with a copy of the book *Persuasive Pro-Life* by Trent Horn to help council Culture of Life couples engage our fellow citizens on these important life issues. A presentation was also made on the topic of Gender Ideology, and it was well received. This part of the session provided a significant amount of time for discussion, and we were impressed with the insights and knowledge of the attendees.

We have continued to publish a monthly Culture of Life newsletter. The newsletter contains resources and articles by people and organizations active in pro-life work. There are articles by council chair couples sharing their activities so that best practices can be shared with other councils. The newsletter provides educational materials and pro-life news articles and commentaries. It also provides a mechanism to promote upcoming pro-life events around the state. This newsletter is a resource for all councils to facilitate their efforts to build a Culture of Life. The newsletter is also being used to promote the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative and increase awareness of pro-life resources from Supreme.

The Knights of Columbus was instrumental in obtaining ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy centers in Louisiana. The ability to show pregnant women their child in the womb has a huge influence on their decision to not have an abortion. Therefore, this work is critical to our effort to build a Culture of Life.

Grand Knight Louis Gaudet from St. Martin de Porres Council 15006 in Lake Charles led the successful placement of a 4D ultrasound machine for the New Life Counseling Center through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. This was a team effort involving fundraising efforts by other area councils from Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St. Margaret, St. Henry, Christ the King, and St. Theodore in Moss Bluff.

One pregnancy resource center, Caring to Love Ministries, was directly impacted by the great flood in Baton Rouge in 2016. The center lost three ultrasound machines obtained through the Ultrasound Initiative. Another team effort was need to raise half of the necessary funds to purchase another ultrasound machine for the center through the Ultrasound Initiative. Donations were received from Council 4442 in Salem, NH, Council 9431 in Jackson WY, and Council 3743 in Baton Rouge, LA. Councils were also involved in providing labor to help the center clean-up and fully recover from the flood. This work was highlighted in February 2017 issue of Columbia magazine.

We have had an opportunity to meet many council Culture of Life chair couples from around the state, and we have been impressed by the pro-life activities by individual councils and the leadership and dedication of so many chair couples. We have also participated in pro-life activities throughout the year such as attending the Louisiana Life Marches in Baton Rouge, Alexandria, and Shreveport. We were also able to coordinate the Baby Shower Collection drive at the State Convention in Baton Rouge to benefit Catholic Charities and the crisis pregnancy centers around the state.

It has truly been a pleasure and privilege to serve as Culture of Life Chair Couple for the Louisiana State Council. We are thankful for the support from so many in the Knights of Columbus, and we are looking forward to continuing our work.

May God bless you and your families. /s/ Sam & Arline Mistretta Sam and Arline Mistretta State KC Culture of Life Chair Couple



# Report of CYLA Chairman

To the Officers and Members of the 112 Annual State Convention of the Louisiana State Council assembled in Baton Rouge on May 5-7, 2017.

Thanks to our Worthy State Deputy James Riente for appointing and allowing me to serve this year as Catholic Youth Leadership Award Chairman. For many years, I have been involved in this program and I am honored to have this opportunity to continue to be involved in our State Youth Programs. Many thanks to the elected State Officers for their support and encouragement they offered to me throughout the year. Finally, I want to express my gratitude to our State Office Administrator Robert Boudreaux and Susan Camel, for their help and assistance.

Early in the year, I was eager to present the changes I wanted to propose to this program. Early in the year, I presented this idea at our State Officers Meeting in June and during our KCLS in July. However shortly after these meetings, I became a victim of the 2016 Flood and although I did implement all of the changes I wanted to do, I wanted to remain as of the chairman of this program. I also tried to promote this program at our Winter State Family Meeting. Throughout the year, I received many questions concerning this program and I tried my best to answer these questions and offer my suggestions to these Councils.

Early in the beginning of the year, I enjoyed trying to fulfill our State CYLA Committee. During this time, I tried to find volunteers from all of the Catholic Diocese throughout our State.

This year, we held our State CYLA Finals at St. Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge on April 9, 2017. This location has continued over the last few years to serve as a great venture for this event. This year all eligible Seniors attended our Finals and competed for top prize of \$4,000.00. Again, this year, there were some very strong candidates competing in the Finals. St Aloysius Council 3743 from Baton Rouge did an excellent job in preparing the meal for this event.

After our finals, I tried my best to stay in close contact with our two CYLA Finals and their families. Unfortunately, our BOY State Winner Jonathan Zeringue was not able to able to attend our Convention Banquet and he was presented his awards during the opening session of the Convention. Our girl winner Lucia Boyd and members of her family were able to attend our Convention Banquet. One remarkable thing to note about this winner was that she was the third member of her family that had been declared a State CYLA Winner. Again, congratulations to our all of our Finals and especially to our two State CYLA Winners. One of the highlights of this program was hearing the speeches of our two winners as their accepted their prizes. Brother Knights and ladies throughout our State finally was able to meet our State CYLA Winners during our State Convention that was held at Crown Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge during the weekend of May 5-7, 2017.

In closing, many thanks to all of the Knights of Columbus Council who participated in our Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program and all they did in trying to expose this program to our Catholic Seniors throughout our State. We continue to encourage all Council to support and participate in one of our premier youth program.

Vivat Jesus, /s/ Delmas Forbes, Jr. Delmas Forbes, Jr. CYLA Chairman



# **Report of Greco Memorial Foundation**

To: The Officers and members of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus and Members of the Bishop Charles P. Greco Foundation assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Bishop Charles P. Greco Foundation continues to grow in dollar amount and support over the years in our support for vocations in the State of Louisiana. We have over 1.3 million dollars in our core investments and we continue to move toward the two million dollar mark each year.

This year we gave financial support of \$ 52,260.00 dollars to the young men studying for a religious life and we hope to continue over fifty thousand dollar mark in future years. These successes are due to your support and the direction given by the Brother Knights of the Louisiana Jurisdiction.

The Foundation gave \$ 335.00 in support this year by disbursing the same dollar amount to each seminarian, without regards to the amount of support given by the local councils. The board of directors continues to ask that every Council in our jurisdiction use the RSVP program through the Supreme Council and support those young people studying for a religious life.

The memorial cards are working well and we ask that everyone continue to use the card program to remember our deceased and continue to grow the core funds of the Greco Foundation with your donations. Father Francis Carabello offers our Mass intentions each week from the names submitted.

This past year we began with myself as chairman of the board, Rennan Dufour as Secretary and Steve Thomas as Treasurer, who has done a great job handling the money and cards. The board is all elected state officers and the past state deputies living in Louisiana.

Reports will be given by Brother Rennan Dufour, Secretary and Brother Steve Thomas, Treasurer at our meeting here in Baton Rouge, La.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully submitted, /s/ David B. Bakeler David B. Bakeler, PSD Chairman Bishop Greco Foundation



# **Report of Greco Memorial Foundation**

To: The officers and Members of the 112th Annual State Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6 & May 07, 2017

Report of the Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation as of June 30, 2017. In fraternal year 2016-2017 the Foundation utilized the Christopher Fund at Supreme as well as maintaining an account with UBS. All totaled, UBS is yielding an estimated 4.52% based on 4 invested instruments in U.S. Treasury Bonds or United States T-Bills. The financial report as of June 30, 2017 is as follows:

BALANCE ON JULY 1, 2016	\$1,223,606.82
INCOME	
DONATIONS	\$ 7,570.00
GAINS/LOSSES – UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES	(30,076.91)
INTEREST FROM UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES	15,475.00
VOID CHECKS, SEMINARIAN LEFT FORMAT	ION 1,305.00
CHRISTOPHER FUND INTEREST	28,419.26
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,692.35
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EXPENSES	
POSTAGE/COPY EXPENSES/BANK CHECKS	\$ 287.62
CHECK TO FR. CARABELLA FOR MASSES	520.00
CHECK TO DAVID GREGO TAX PREPARATION	N 0.00
DISTRIBUTION TO 156 RELIGIOUS	52,260.00
CARD STOCK ORDER	0.00
CHECK TO SEMINARIAN	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$53,067.62
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2017	\$1,193,231.55
BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS	
SUPREME CHRISTOPHER ACCOUNT	\$ 797,000.00
UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES ACCOUNT	348,979.05
CAPITOL ONE CHECKING ACCOUNT	47,252.50
TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS AS OF MAY 01, 2017	\$1,193,231.55

This fraternal year the Greco Foundation issued financial support checks to 156seminarians. This number included all religious studying to become a diocesan priest, or a brother with intentions of returning to their respective diocese regardless of where they were studying.

The Board of Directors are sincerely grateful to those councils and those individuals that contributed to this burse and we pray that those councils and individuals will again take advantage of the opportunity to continue this practice in the future. The continued use of the Greco Memorial cards results in the success of this foundation.

In conclusion, functioning as the treasurer of the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation has been extremely enjoyable because of the relationships that have been formed with the seminarians at both Notre Dame as well as St. Joseph's. The fund is growing, only because of the participation by the Knights and their friends. With your continued support we are making a difference.

Respectfully Submitted /s/ Steve Thomas, Past State Deputy Steve Thomas, Past State Deputy Treasurer, Greco Memorial Foundation

# **Report of Louisiana Knights Foundation**

To: The officers and Members of the 112th Annual State Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6 & May 07, 2017

The annual membership meeting of the Louisiana Knights Foundation was called to order on Saturday morning May 6, 2017, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by President Donald Cubbage.

Chairman Cubbage, Council 8978, moved for the dispensation of the reading of the previous year minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Cubbage then called upon A. J. Langley, Foundation Treasurer to render the financial report.

The bank balance as of 7-31-16 was \$6910.90.

The book balance as of 7-31-16 was \$6910.90

The only disbursement was to Louisiana Secretary of State in the amount of \$10.00 for it's annual fee, leaving the book and bank balance at \$6900.90.

One deposit in the amount of \$5000.00 was made.

This represents the first installment from the State Council for it's rental of the Foundation property on Pinhook Road in Lafayette. This brought the book and bank balances to \$11900.90. There have been no other transactions to date.

Consequently the book balance and the bank balance thru 4-30-17 are in agreement at \$11900.90 This concludes all activity of the Louisiana Knight Foundation for the year 2016-2017.

The Louisiana State Council maintains a trust account for the foundation with a balance on this date of \$

Langley made a motion to accept the financial reort as rendered.

Donald Cubbage, President moved for adjournment as no other business was conducted.



### **Report of Membership Director**

To: The officers and Members of the 112th Annual State Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6 & May 07, 2017

It is my pleasure to serve the Jurisdiction of Louisiana as State Membership Director! As most of you know, I only was asked by the State Deputy James Riente to take on the responsibility the last 6 months of the fraternal year. From Grand Knight's day, State Membership meetings in each Diocese, Admission, Formation, and Knighthood Degrees, and State Convention; it was a pleasure to meet members across the State. Many Councils along with members have worked hard this year to make it the best year possible, others struggled to obtain new members. All we can ever ask is to do your best to achieve your goals.

Many Councils are great at somethings, but not as good as others, but they need to continue the good fight and improve themselves every year. A Good example is the Wisdom Council at University Lafayette Louisiana, they are on their way to achieving 4- Star Council, in which they are at 475% of membership and 200% of Insurance Quota's. Last year they achieved Double Star Council. It takes Team work to Achieve these goals. It takes an outstanding Council, Grand Knight Cory Stewart, Priest Fr. Bryce Sibley, District Deputy Peter Sahuc, and Field Agent Derek Faust as they had a great year and thank you for all the hard work! This is just one example of many Councils that are hard at work recruiting and are very active with programs in their Church.

In January, we had less than 700 new members and as of today we are over 1068 new members. We have the Month of May and June left to Recruit to Achieve our State Goal of 1400. With everyone working hard, we can do it. Membership is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year, just as it appears to be said. It is a constant necessity for the Knights of Columbus as a Council, District, Diocese, State Jurisdiction, and as to the Whole Order worldwide. Not only are we seeking new Members, but future leaders of tomorrow that will one day replace me, you, or anyone else in a leadership role. You never know who will become that leader of today or tomorrow.

The year has brought many ups and downs this year as far as membership. I want to thank those District Deputies that have sent copies of their form 450 report and copies of form 100's, thus it has been a great tool on tracking and monitoring Councils who have had issues at Supreme. This allows me to assist those Councils to get those forms 100's into Supremes' system ASAP. Thanks to all the members and Council Officers across the State for all their hard work this fraternal year!

Sincerely, /s/ George S. Martin George S. Martin State Membership Director

### **Report of Retention Director**

To: The officers and Members of the 112th Annual State Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6 & May 07, 2017

I received close to 120 communications from Supreme staff Kathleen Egan throughout the Columbian year. Each one of these communications was information on possible suspension of members due to non-payment of dues. When appropriate I contacted the Financial Secretary on record concerning these suspensions. The majority of the members had provided written request to the Financial Secretaries requesting removal from our ranks. It was disappointing to read request for removal from our ranks due to financial hardships, and then have the Financial Secretary still process request. It is truly an area we need to work on.

As for the process.

- -Retention begins with making sure that a Council is meeting the needs and interests of its current members.
- Retention begins during the recruitment process
- -The Form #100-LA contains a section listing the applicant's interests and preferences
- -Member Interest Survey (form 1842) also lists Service Program Involvement interests
- -Establish a Retention Committee
- -Before a Form 1845 "Notice of Intent to Suspend" is mailed the member should be contacted by telephone to discuss any problems that may exist

I believe it is more important for each "Council" Retention Chairman/Retention Committee to contact the member. I am sure this is being done; but, am not sure how thorough or effective this process is.

Also, it is important that every Council have a Retention Committee and that they contact each member to determine if there is something that the Council can do to prevent the suspension. Maybe it is a matter of the member not getting dues notices, not being able to pay the dues, etc. This should be mentioned at each State Event such as KCLS, State Family Meetings, etc.

Sincerely, /s/Joel R. Ocmand, Sr. Joel R. Ocmand, Sr. Retention Chairman

### **Report of Round Table Director**

To: The officers and Members of the 112th Annual State Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6 & May 07, 2017

The goal for the State of Louisiana for the Columbian Year 2016-2017 was to establish 75 Round-tables throughout the State. As of this writing a total of 27 have been established. It should be noted that an attempt was made at Grand Knights Day to sign up additional councils with Roundtables, during that day an additional 21 Round table forms were filled and mailed to Supreme as a bulk mailing. I can only surmise since the mailing was in one envelope Supreme decided not to give us credit for these councils. This will not be attempted again.

Living in service to all is one of the most dynamic qualities of being a Knight. A unique way for Knights to serve is by helping out in local parishes, especially in those churches that do not have a Knights of Columbus presence. The Order requests council members to extend services to such parishes. This can be accomplished by establishing a Parish Round Table in which current member Knights help local parishes. The parish priest will identify the services he requires. The Parish Round Table Coordinator will then work with members of the Parish Round Table and the council to fulfill his wishes• Aided by his officers, the Grand Knight decides which area parishes will be served.

The Grand Knight and his officers make lists of council members who belong to those area parishes. All will automatically become part of that Parish Round Table. New members of the parish may be recruited, as well.

The Grand Knight, with the help of his officers, informs all council members who belong to the designated parish, that the Order would like to set up a Parish Round Table and then explains the benefits to them.

The Grand Knight and a Knight parishioner call on the pastor to offer help. — Since the pastor assigns the projects, there will be no conflict with existing groups.

The Grand Knight presents the priest with a Knights of Columbus overview brochure (Form# 4519), a Parish Round Table program brochure (Form# **2632**) and a list of Knights who are parishioners.

If the pastor is receptive, the Grand Knight appoints a Parish Round Table coordinator.

The Grand Knight completes the Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator (Form #2629), mails it to the Supreme Secretary and sends copies to the state and district deputies.

Formation of the Parish Round Table and appointment of the coordinator are communicated to those involved, and announcements are published in the parish and council bulletins.

Vivat Jesus, /s/ Joel R. Ocmand, Sr. Joel R Ocmand Sr. State Retention/Round Table

# **Report of Seminary Mission Fund Director**

To the Officers and Members of the 112 Annual State Convention of the Louisiana State Council assembled in Baton Rouge on May 5-7, 2017.

After coming off a very successful fund raiser the year before there was every reason to think that the 2106 Seminarian Mission Fund was going successful again this year. After enjoying so much success, we raised our goal of trying to raise \$55,000.00.

We tried to impress upon members of our State Family during our Summer State Family Meeting of the importance of trying to help us reach this goal. We also presented our goals and program to all Council leaders that attended the KCLS. However, no one knew that shortly after the beginning of the fraternal year, we would face one of the worst disaster in the State History- the Flood of 2016. There was no doubt that this disaster had an effect on our Fundraiser, as we fell way short of our goal. However, we were still able to rise and contribute over \$11,000.00 to Norte Dame Seminary in New Orleans, La. and St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, La.

Near the end of the 2016 Winter State Family we conducted the drawing for this raffle to determine our winners. Congratulations to the following winners of 2016 SMF Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Bobby Green from Lafayette- a \$5000.00 Winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Pete Pfiiffner from Hammond, La.- a \$2500.00 Winner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Eddie Dugas from Pierre Part, La.- a \$1000.00 Winner, 4<sup>th</sup> Place- Judy Broussard from Kaplan, La.-a \$500.00 Winner and 5<sup>th</sup> Place- Drues Lapeyrouse- a\$250.00 winner. We

In closing I want to express my sincere thanks to our Worthy State Deputy James Reinte for asking me to serve as chairman of this program. Thanks, all of the State Officers for their assistance and supportthey offered to this year. We are also want to express our sincere thanks to all of the Knights of Columbus Councils, Ladies Auxiliaries and Assemblies who assisted in selling these Raffle tickets.

Vivat Jesus, /s/ Delmas Forbes, Jr. Delmas Forbes, Jr. Seminarian Mission Fund Chairman

# **Report of Special Olympics Director**

To the Officers and Members of the 112 Annual State Convention of the Louisiana State Council assembled in Baton Rouge on May 5-7, 2017.

This year saw the completion of a major project in putting ALL relevant information the councils would need to run a successful SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM in one place. Now under the link 'SPECIAL OLYMPICS' on the state KC web site, councils can access the Supreme form (i.e. PARTNERSHIP in PROFILE REPORT), have direct access to the state Special Olympics website and a couple of power point presentations (updated annually) giving an overview of Special Olympics as it relates to what is happening throughout the state for events, activities and fundraisers showing how the KC'S participate in those events.

In conclusion we were awarded the 2016 *OUTSTANDING CIVIC ORGANIZATION AWARD* recognizing the achievements and dedication of the Knights of Columbus throughout the state in making a difference in the lives of the athletes and the positive impact on the communities.

As well as repeating at the *MEDALLION SPONSORSHIP LEVEL*, the second highest level of sponsorship that Special Olympics offers.

Vivat Jesus! /s/ Frank Zaeringer Frank Zaeringer Special Olympics Director



## **Report of Webmaster**

To the officers and members of the 112th State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State-Council assembled in Baton Rouge on May 5, 6, and 7, 2017.

The most significant change in the past year was the new design of the site. The site is now responsive on mobile devices and takes advantage of newer technologies that were not available during the previous redesign in 2010.

Program information, officer information, council information, newsletters, events, forms, and degree schedules were posted / updated as received.

The state continues to use social media, publicizing important news and pictures of past events to our Facebook page, and sharing videos on YouTube.

Following the flooding in August, information on how to both provide and request assistance was posted to the site as well as Facebook. I hope this helped make communication more efficient in our brothers' time of need.

Once again, we utilized electronic forms for the state program grading forms. As there were minimal issues with the grading forms last year, the changes required this year were simple. A few suggestions were given and a few minor issues were found and they will be resolved for next year's grading forms. 71 councils used electronic forms this year. One interesting note was that the number one council in the state used paper forms.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Brandon Hendricks Brandon Hendricks State Webmaster



# Report of Y.E.P. Director

To the officers and members of the 112th State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State-Council assembled in Baton Rouge on May 5, 6, and 7, 2017.

I would like to begin by thanking State Deputy James F. Riente, Jr. for his appointment of myself as Chairman of the Youth Expansion Program Fundraiser drive. I have enjoyed the many meetings and invitations that the councils of Louisiana have shared with me. Our goals were centered on informing the councils and membership of the Jurisdiction of Louisiana of the many programs and benefit to the youth of our state that their donations make possible.

In July of 2016 an email was sent out to the Councils notifying them of their YEP quota. This quota was derived using a \$10.00 fee for each active member on the Councils roster. Another email was sent to the Councils highlighting the programs that their donations would be supporting for the next Columbian Year. A copy of the Council's YEP quotas and the budget was published in the Louisiana Knight which was mailed to each Grand Knight.

During the Annual KCLS meetings packets were provided to each council participating of the annual programs being funded and their goals to fund these programs. The information contained was intended to be used to enhance the council's awareness of the youth programs as well as pat ourselves on the back for having these great programs.

The Parade of Councils was held at Grand Knights Day on January 28, 2017. Each council was given the opportunity to turn in their contribution. Upon turning in their donation their Councils slides were updated for everyone to see how much they donated. Surprisingly many Councils were able to obtain the status of quota plus. Grand Knights Day was a very good day for the Youth Expansion Program we were able to collect over \$27,061.00.

In the months following Grand Knights Day councils were reminded to make their donations towards the youth programs of the State. Each council was asked to remember the need for an investment in our youth and donate as much as they could to the program.

As of this date May 7, 2017, the councils have responded in a great fashion. We have 296 councils (45 Quota Plus, 36 Quota and 31 Partial) that have donated \$ 102,888.35. This leaves 184 councils that have not donated to the program. Added to these funds are miscellaneous monies that have been collected this year of \$ 4,341.00. This now gives us a grand total of \$104,503.35 collected so far. The program will run until the end of June for this Columbian year. I do not however consider the program coming to a close this soon. I will continue to push and inform the importance of reaching our goals so that our youth programs can survive in these changing times.

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New Orleans	\$84,090.00	\$42,027.00
Houma/Thib	\$26,750.00	\$9,763.00
Baton Rouge	\$49,100.00	\$22,352.60
Lafayette	\$50,850.00	\$15, 244.75
Lake Charles	\$24,310.00	\$11,698.00
Alexandria	\$16,620.00	\$3,785.00
Shreveport	\$12,000.00	\$4,081.00



Vivat Jesus, /s/ Melvin Burrell Melvin Burrell YEP Chairman

# Lucia Boyd

Good Evening. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for honoring me tonight as the Catholic Youth Leadership Award recepient. I am grateful for this accomplishment and the opportunity to be here with all of you this evening. A special thanks to Mr. Forbes for his kindness to me and my family during this special time in our family.

Receiving the honor of the Catholic Youth Leadership Award is very significant to me, as I am very passionate about my catholic faith. Faith has always been an integral aspect of my family life, and I believe that is evidenced by the fact that both of my brothers also once received this prestigious award. So, thank you to my parents who are both sitting here today for their love, support, and encouragement as I continue to grow in my catholic faith. They are the reason I am so connected to my catholic values, and I would not be where I am today without their guidance.

A heartfelt thanks to the clergy of my parish who influence my faith, one of whom is here tonight, Monsignor Lacaze. I am extremely grateful to the St.John Berchmans Cathedral Knights for nominating me, as well as the Council Diocese.

I believe that this honor reminds me of my devotion to my catholic faith as I continue my education into college. I am attending Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, and I am looking forward to educating myself with the purpose of contributing my talents to God's kingdom. I already have visited the Catholic Center on campus and I was elated that there are daily Masses, as well as 4 Masses on Sunday. I am looking forward to cantoring and getting involved with the other students at the Catholic Center. I firmly believe that faith should be intertwined in every aspect my life, and I understand that God has a plan and purpose for me in this world. While there will be many challenges in a secular society, I am eager to bring a beacon of light into the world with my catholic faith.

The four core principals of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, are crucial virtues to living a fulfilled life of faith.

Charity: Helping those in need is what Jesus calls us to do. I have been actively involved in community service for as long as I can remember. It has become natural for me volunteer through serving and inspiring others. While I have a wide-range of service outlets such as my own project Gluten Freedom, the most rewarding service has been teaching catechism to first graders with my mother at my parish. It is such a joy to mentor young children and to be one of the first educators of their faith. It is special to know that one day the children I taught will grow up to be Catholic Leaders. Serving others truly does create a chain-reaction. Charity is enriching and a principal especially close to my heart. I know that I will continue my community service in the future, especially during my college years.

Unity: uniting as diverse children of God allows us to be change-makers. I have had the privilege of being involved in numerous extra curricular activities. I am a performer, and I have been in over 30 different community theatre productions. I also sing, play the violin, and play golf. I am also learning the Spanish language, and I have high hopes of becoming fluent in the near future. I even had an opportunity last summer to go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Throughout these different activities, I am able to connect with various people of different walks of life, with each person having their own unique God-Given talents. While each person in the world is diverse, we, as Catholics, can unite together with our catholic faith. I feel most unified to my fellow Catholics when I cantor at mass and lead others in prayerful song. I know that God wants me to use my talents to glorify Him and unify Catholics.

Fraternity: sharing our lives with friends creates joy. Throughout my school years, I have met many different people who I have been able to share precious experiences with. These people add sparkle and excitement to life because human lives are wonderful gifts of God. It can be easy to forget friendship in challenging and busy times, however, friendship is the essence of humanity. God intended for all of us to experience camaraderie and teamwork as we contribute to the world. My friends have supported me and encouraged me as I live my catholic life.

Patriotism: being proud and confident of our nation and faith motivates us to better society. America certainly does have obstacles to overcome, but we are lucky to live in such a progressive, mighty, and exuberant nation. I am proud to be an American, and although there is still a fight for pro-life issues and equality, my patriotism fuels my desire to infiltrate America with my catholic values. I will continue to be an advocate for the Pro-Life movement, and I happily served as the Flyers for Life President at my high school for the past two years. I also marched in the Northwest Louisiana March For Life, and it was a proud moment for me as I connected with my local christian community and stood up for a cause so dear to my heart. I firmly believe in the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death, and it is my hope that in my lifetime, America accepts this principal, too.

Each morning, I hope to reflect upon these core principals of the Knights of Columbus, and I will always remember the profound impact this organization has had on my faith. It is amazing what each of you do for the youth in Louisiana. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, from the bottom of my heart. I am blessed and honored to be a Catholic Youth Leader.



### Dan Cabirac

#### K.C. Insurance General Agent

Good morning, I am Dan Cabirac, and I am your General Agent for Southeast Louisiana. It is a great honor for me to be here with you this weekend and to represent our state's Insurance Program.

On behalf of my fellow general agents – Scott Willis and Mickey Dougherty – and on behalf of all of the Louisiana Field Agents, I say this to you.....We are *truly blessed* to be able to work with such tremendous fraternal leaders.

2016 was an outstanding year for the Knights in Louisiana.....and an outstanding year for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program, overall.

I'd like to share with you... a glimpse of the successes of the Insurance program... in 2016, - starting first with the accomplishments of the whole organization.... and then, by breaking down for you... of how we... in Louisiana, have contributed to the greater good of the Order.

This past year marked our *sixteenth* consecutive year of growth. For 16 consecutive years.... despite economic turmoil and uncertainty....the Knights of Columbus has issued a record volume of insurance:

In 2016 alone, we issued *more than <u>70,000 life insurance</u>* contracts....protecting Brother Knights and their families with a total issued volume of *\$8.54 billion*. This is just in 2016.

At the close of 2016, we had a total of *two million active life insurance contracts*...bringing us to a total of more than *\$105 billion of life insurance in force*, at year's end.

Now...in Louisiana in 2016....your Field Agents contributed to this tremendous feat of the Order by issuing over 1,800 new life contracts..... protecting Louisiana Brother Knights and their families with a total issued volume of \$184.8 million!

These are impressive achievements by any measure..... but these numbers are more than numbers to us.....these numbers represent lives protected and that is what matters to us the most.

This achievement is a tremendous testament to our commitment to fulfill Father McGivney's founding vision of providing financial protection for Catholic families.

And this achievement is also a testament to our members' trust in the Knights of Columbus.

And why do our members trust us? Three reasons: our size, our stability, and our standard.

When it comes to size, you all know that we are one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world. With more than \$105 billion of life insurance in force and more than \$22 billion in assets under management, the Knights of Columbus is also tops in the industry.....we are in the top five percent of life insurers in North America.....as well as being a Fortune 1000 company.

When it comes to stability, the Knights of Columbus has an impressive track record. For 41 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength..... A++, Superior.... from A.M. Best. There is no more highly-rated life insurer in North America.

And, when it comes to our standard, the Knights of Columbus is committed to putting ethics first. It's not just our *wish*, it's our *duty*. We owe it to our members and to our Catholic heritage and identity.

This March, for the fourth year in a row, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the **World's Most Ethical Companies** by the Ethisphere Institute.

This is a great honor, and it is one that we intend to continue living up to.

### **Kobe Chauvin**

#### State Chief Squire, Louisiana Columbian Squires

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, District Deputies, State Committee Chairmen, Grand Knights and Knights; Good Morning and greetings from your Louisiana Columbian Squires and Squire Roses. Mr. Kerry Williams, our Chairman for the Louisiana State Columbian Squires, sends his deepest regrets for not being present this weekend. For those who don't know me, I'm Kobe Chauvin. I have enjoyed being a Squire since I was 10, but I have been involved with the Squires since I was 4 years old, as an honorary Squire.

The Louisiana Columbian Squire Circles have been busy over this Columbian Year. Both Saint Luke's Squire Circle and Saint Maria Goretti's Squire Roses of Slidell; have been busy with hosting their monthly pancake breakfast, assisting their 4th Degree Assembly by serving Dinner at a 4th Degree Exemplification, and helped with the Silver Rose Program, when it made a stop in Slidell this past November. Saint Maria Goretti Squire Roses have also been active in the mission of Pro-Life; in August they helped rebuild the Access Pregnancy Center in Slidell. Marion Circle #786 in Gretna, has helped their Council by serving dinner at the Council 's monthly Family Socials, helped collect toys for "Toys for Tots" and Children's Hospital in New Orleans, collected can goods for Second Harvest, and collected small bears for the Gretna Police Department to comfort children who are traumatized on a crime scene. Maria Goretti Circle #4857 in New Orleans helped with celebration for Msgr. Gautheauxor's 60th Anniversary of being a Priest, by helping with the setup and cleanup after. In November, they conducted a food drive to help with Saint Maria Goretti Parish Food Pantry. These are just a few of the things our Squires and Squires Roses have been doing over the last year. The Squire Roses have added a new circle to their ranks, St. Joan of Arc Squire Rose Circle in Gretna was formed.

Our Squire's program in Louisiana is going through some changes over the next year as we grow with our Squire Rose program. We are having our State Convention on June 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, in Gretna at Archbishop Blenk Council #1905. I would like to invite all of you to attend the convention even if it is for a day or a few hours to see what the Squire Program is all about. I would love to see more circles developed in our State. We need your support and guidance as we move forward to grow the Program.

The main goals that I have for my term as State Chief Squire are to get more of the Councils to sponsor a Squire Circle or a Squire Rose Circle; and to get more boys and girls into the Circles that have been active for years. I am looking forward for the Knights to help us, because the Squires and Squire Roses are our future. We want to help with the building of the Domestic Church & this is why the Squires Program is essential; it's a great way to keep Teens close to & involved with their Faith and also, we can use the Program to evangelize to our friends who may be weak in their Catholic Faith or bring them to our Faith. Our program is also a great way for the Knights of Columbus to get new Knights when they turn 18.

I would like to thank you, for the time that you have given me to speak to you today. If you have any questions, please visit our website or you can speak with me during the week-end.

Esto Dignus!

### **Gabrielle Gremillion**

**Pro Life Oratory Winner** 

People don't know, what they don't know. I've been told this from an early age as my mother is one who likes to teach my life lessons through cute little sayings such as this one. But it wasn't until recently that I have realized the meaning of this one in particular. I cannot count on both hands how many times I have been told that abortion is Pro-Woman. Thankfully, I never believed this because of my background and what I've always been taught. But it only just hit me, that some woman are told this, and this is all their told. And that's where this saying comes in, they don't know, what they don't know. Our society, has become infamous for telling this nauseating lie to women everywhere, and simply put, its propaganda. Abortion is a tragedy to women because it minimizes motherhood and victimizes women.

Motherhood. Let's talk about being a mother and a woman for a second. What exactly does it mean to be a woman? What's the difference between men and women anyway? It's not their pay. It's not their right to vote. It's the fact that woman were given the ultimate responsibility the ultimate privilege, to bring a new life into existence. The gift of life is something that should be valued, respected, loved, and cherished. But you see, in order to have life, you have to have sex. And that's where the problem is. God gave it to us, as a way to become mothers and fathers, to create families. But society has decided, that that's not all it' good for. Sex has become idolized. It's no longer the act between a man and a women in marriage to procreate. Society is defrauding women of motherhood by telling them that it isn't about creating life. That, it's not really a baby. So just in case your birth control didn't prevent you from creating that piece of tissue, never fear, abortion is always here. Abortion has become a real option for women and men who just want the pleasure, not the responsibility of sex. In the 21st century, its encouraged among woman. Abortion ultimately strips women of the most powerful gift to have ever been given to mankind by minimizing motherhood.

A lot of times in today's society you'll hear people talk about how abortion is for the women – but in reality, abortion victimizes women. A study from the UnChoice said, "Immediate complications can lead to long-term reproductive damage. Reproductive risks are higher for women who abort their first pregnancy. A study of first pregnancy abortions found that nearly half had abortion-related complications in later pregnancies. These women had 2.3 miscarriages for each live birth. Another study found that, among teens who aborted their first pregnancies, 66% later experienced miscarriages or premature birth." Krissi Danielson, the founder of Recurrent Miscarriage Information Center, tells us that, on average, under normal conditions, the chances of miscarrying are somewhere between 8 and 22%. Isn't it ironic how the pro-abortion movement is all about being pro-woman, yet the most important, but not only attribute that distinguishes women, is at risk? Abortion violates women. The abortion procedures completely and utterly disregard and disrespect the anatomy of a woman, it is an invasion. How can a movement be pro-woman when they have no respect for the woman's body? Abortion destroys womanhood by ultimately harming the single most significant thing that distinguishes women. So you see when you are for abortion, you can't be for women to, because abortion victimizes women.

Abortion is a tragedy to women because it minimizes motherhood and victimizes women. People don't know, what they don't know, and in today's culture, girls, and women, are pretty easily misled to believing the propaganda of the abortion industry. So your job, no matter if you're a brother, sister, aunt, uncle, father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, or even just a friend, is to build up the women around you. Remind them that they are loved by the Lord because they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Teach them that while it's difficult to stand up for the truth, which is Christ and His teachings that their reward in the end, will be well worth it. Instruct them on how to not become submissive to the worlds view that sex is something everyone does and that it's the norm. Abortion is an epidemic whose fire to succeed is fueled by uninformed scared women who don't know where to go and are seeking love in all the wrong places. Women are being robbed of the truth of just exactly what it means to be a woman, and that their bodies are temples, and are not to be poked and prodded. I think the following quote by Senator Robert Casey sums it up best. "The abortion license has not brought freedom and security to women. Rather, it has ushered in a new era of irresponsibility toward woman and children, one that now begins before birth."

### **Darrell Meche**

Family of the Year

Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights, Ladies, Guests

My family and I are very appreciative and humbled by this great honor. Let me begin by thanking everyone responsible for making this a reality. A huge THANK YOU goes out not only to the State Nominating Committee, but also to Gerald Hoffman from the St. Pius X Council in Lafayette (which is my charter council) for taking the time to gather the data submitted to State.

As a past Fin. Secretary for many years, my wife and I made yearly trips to the State Convention. I would attend the daily meetings and we would share time together at the Convention banquet just as all of you are doing this evening. When I think back to the conventions attended, the one thing I remember most were the various speeches. I sat in the audience just as all of you are doing and I remember being amazed at the eloquent speeches from the FOTY, KOTY, and the young man and woman chosen as the Pro Life winners. The speeches were generally polished and well delivered. I can't remember any specific topic, but what I remember so vividly is the length of those speeches. There was no such thing as a 2 minute speech. I have a choice of following my predecessors with a lengthy speech or changing things up. TONIGHT, YOU WILL BE SPARED!

After receiving the telephone call about being chosen as FOTY and it finally sinking in, I began pondering what message could be given to a room full of Catholics. The answer is "each brother knight in this room and his family could easily be up here receiving this award". Let me repeat myself "each brother knight in this room and his family could easily be up here receiving this award". It is not until one begins to list his family's achievements before he realizes just how involved his family really is. Stop for one moment and think about what you have accomplished in all your years as a Knight as well as all the religious and charitable involvement from your family. Many of you will leave this banquet tonight saying "I agree with Darrell - that could easily be our family receiving the FOTY award".

God works in mysterious ways and has such a sense of humor. 2 weeks before receiving notice of this award, I received a telephone call from Gerald Hoffman who said he was gathering information on our family to submit as the 2017 State FOTY. I told Gerald he had the wrong family and he needed to look elsewhere as there were many families more deserving of this award. Gerald was persistent and commenced to asking lots of questions of which several had to be answered by my wife. The rest is history which is being made tonight. So Brother Knights, there is only one question that I have for each of you. The question is "What is the difference between your family and mine?" The answer is "NOTHING".



# Johnathan Zeringue

**CYLA Boy Winner** 

Hello, it's a pleasure meeting all of you this morning. My name is Johnathan and as you know, I was selected as the male recipient of the CYLA scholarship this year. First and foremost, I cannot thank the CYLA and Knights of Columbus organizations for their substantial generosity in providing me with this award. I feel I definitely represent a highly qualified Catholic student, and I will forever cherish the journey I have had while earning this scholarship.

Secondly, I'd like to thank my wonderful family who has been with me every stop of the way. My dad, especially has put in countless hours helping me reach my ultimate goal of attending Mississippi State in the fall. They are the reason I have grown to be a respectable and mature young man of Christ.

Last but not least, I like to thank my Church and local community for guiding me along the path towards my faith. They allowed me to become a lector, altar server, member of the CYM and opened up many more opportunities for me as well. Without my priest and parishioners of the Church, I would not be here before you today.

Thus, to everyone in the audience, once again I am sincerely grateful for this scholarship I have been given and the once-in-a-lifetime experience I have embarked. I have learned to never stop believing in my faith and always follow in the Lord's footsteps. Also, it is important to never give up on your dreams and persevere because the rewards in the end are worth the effort. In conclusion, I want to end with a simple but vital message. A well-known author by the name of Dr. Seuss once wrote in his famous children's book, *Oh*, *The Places You'll Go!* "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so....get on your way!



### **Awards**

### ARTHUR RAYMOND, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

George C. Becnel, DD 7, \$10.06 per member

#### JOHN X. WEGMANN MEMORIAL AWARD

Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel Council 5747, Chalmette, Russell J. Serpas, GK, \$17.16 per member

#### CHARLES P. GRECO MEMORIAL AWARD

Houma Council 1317, Houma, Ludgere Hebert, III, Grand Knight. \$12.77 per member.

11 Eligible Councils: 970, 1317, 2436, 2657, 4663, 8901, 9000, 9247, 9347,, 10293 & 13819

#### PAST STATE DEPUTY AWARD

Presented to Honorable Paul J. deMahy, Council 1276, St. Martinville.

#### 2016-2017 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Darrell Meche, St. Pius Council 8901, Lafayette.

**C.Y.LA.** Girl: Lucia B. Boyd, Sponsored by Council 10728, Shreveport

Boy: Johnathan L. Zeringue, Sponsored by Council 2409, Luling

### 2016-2017 THIRD PLACE COUNCIL

St. Hillary of Poitiers Council 8840, Mathews, Frank E. Chase, Grand Knight, 985 Points.

### 2016-2017 SECOND PLACE COUNCIL

Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, David J. Neal, Grand Knight, 995 Points.

#### 2016-2017 STATE DEPUTY AWARD WINNER

Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace. Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Grand Knight. 1000 Points.

### SUPREME COUNCIL ACTIVITY AWARDS

Church Activity: Lafayette Council 1286, Lafayette, John Fruge, Grand Knight.

Community Activity: Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace. Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Grand Knight.

Council Activity: Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace. Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Grand Knight.

Family Life Activity: Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, Laplace. Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Grand Knight.

Culture of Life Activity: St. Hillary of Poitiers Council 8840, Mathews. Frank E. Chase, Grand Knight.

Youth Activity: Lafayette Council 1286, Lafayette, John Fruge, Grand Knight.

### CYLA PROGRAM

GIRLS: Mallory Brignac, nominated by Red Church Co 3634, Norco, Elton J. Perret, Sr., Grnd Knight; Elise Zeringue, nominated by Genevieve of Paris Col 13397, Thibodaux, Dean P. Matherne, Grand Knight; Camryn Brouillette, nominated by Most Blessed Sacrament Co 10455, Baton Rouge, Mark S. Adamski, Grand Knight; Mackenzie Habetz, nominated by Sacre Coeur Co 5499, Crowley, Eulice Marceaux, Jr. Grand Knight; Kyla Baudoin, nominated by Sulphur Council 3015, Sulphur, Dennis P. Bergeron, Grand Knight; Hannah Wilson, nominated by Marksville Council 1217, Marksville, Chad P. Dauzat, Grand Knight; Lucia Boyd, nominated by Cathedral of St. John Berchman Council 10728, Shreveport, Mark E. Owen, Grand Knight.

**BOYS:** Johnathan Zeringue, nominated by St. Charles Council 2409, Luling, Jerry J. Walker, Jr., Grand Knight; Michael LaRose, nominated by Houma Co 1317, Houma, Ludgere J. Hebert, III, Grand Knight; Daniel Ourso, nominated by Most Blessed Sacrament Council 10455, Baton Rouge, Mark S. Adamski, Grand Knight; Eric Bedel, nominated by Sacre Coeur Council 5499, Crowley, Eulice Marceaux, Jr. Grand Knight; Kyle Dupre, nominated by Vinton Council 6103, Vinton, Danny Dupree, Grand Knight; Ian Belsha, nominated by St. Michael Co 4156, Leesville, Raymond Navarro, Grand Knight; Benjamin Haddock, nominated by Holy Family Council 9085, Barksdale AFB, David L. Lay, Grand Knight.

**MDF PROGRAM** For the 44th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana have rendered assistance to God's chosen ones by means of our annual K.C. Campaign to Aid the Mentally Challenged. The Louisiana Knights exhibited our true family spirit as 86 councils participated, with those councils distributing \$170,059.08. Particularly noteworthy were the accomplishments of our award-winning councils to whom we will present their campaign awards now. GROUP I COUNCILS: (110 or more regular members) Fourth Place: St. John the Evangelist Council 8342, Prairieville, Elliot J. Waguespack, Grand Knight, \$19.25 per member; Third Place: St. Theresa Council 2657, Gonzales, Charles A. Amiot, Grand Knight, \$42.51 per member; Second Place: Lasalette Council 5755, Westlake, Curtis A. Darbonne, Grand Knight, \$74.29 per member; First Place: John F. Kennedy Council 2952 Hammond, Michael J. Pearson, Grand Knight, \$108.43 per member GROUP II COUNCILS: (60-109 regular members) Fourth Place: Holy Family Council 2875, Port Allen, Joseph R. Guidroz, Grand Knight, \$32.59 per member; Third Place: St. Martin de Porres Co 15006, Lake Charles, Curtis Primeaux, Grand Knight, \$33.75 per member; Second Place: Covington Council 3061, Covington, Kenny G. Eberts, Grand Knight, \$37.36 per member; First Place: Ludovicum Council 4663, Metairie, Chester A. Mehurin, Grand Knight, \$93.50 per member. GROUP III COUNCILS: (59 or less regular members) Fourth Place: Edward J. Stoulig, Sr. Council 3528, Kenner, Ralph Vitale, Grand Knight, \$28.84 per member; Third Place: Fr. Van Winkel Council 9294, Echo, Danny Joffrion, Grand Knight, \$33.33 per member; Second Place: Holy Cross Council 12179, Morgan City, Keith J. Thibodeaux, Grand Knight, \$37.73 per member; First Place: St. Thomas More Co 7226, Marrero, Raymond P. Gaspard, Grand Knight, \$39.73 per member.

**YEP PROGRAM**: The JOHN X. WEGMANN MEMORIAL AWARD is given in memory of PSD Wegmann for his un-tireless work for the youth in his church parish as well as with Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. This award and honor goes to the council regardless of membership size that gives the HIGHEST DOLLAR PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTION. The 2017 winner, with a per member donation of \$17.16 is Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel Council 5747, Chalmette, Russell J. Serpas, Sr.., Grand Knight.

Probably no former state leader of Columbianism is better known than our late Bishop Charles P. Greco. Our MOST prestigious award for Y.E.P. is given to honor our beloved Bishop, State Chaplain and Supreme Chaplain for his dedication and devotion to the youth in the state of Louisiana.

The CHARLES P. GRECO MEMORIAL AWARD recognizes that council who has attained or exceeded campaign goals for the PAST 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. The winner is Houma Council 1317, Houma, Ludgere Hebert, III, Grand Knight. The Houma Council has averaged donating \$12.77 per member over the past ten years. 11 councils were eligible for this award.

YEP TOP Gun Award: Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel Council 5747, Chalmette, Russell J. Serpas, Sr., Grand Knight, \$3500 donation.

YEP Group Awards. GROUP I COUNCILS: (110 or more regular members) Third Place: Notre Dame de la Paix Council 11857, Vacherie, Gerard C. Hymel, Grand Knight, \$10.35 per member; Second Place: St. Mark Council 8147, Gonzales, Ralph T. Roger, Grand Knight, \$11.16 per member; First Place: Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel Council 5747, Chalmette, Russell J. Serpas, Sr., GK, \$17.16 per member. GROUP II COUNCILS: (60-109 regular members) Third Place: Houma Council 1317, Houma, Ludgere J. Hebert, III, Grand Knight, \$11.11 per member; Second Place: Msgr. Peter Wynhoven Council 3091, Westwego, Myron C. Romero, Grand Knight, \$11.29 per member; First Place: Fr. Maynard E. Hurst Council 9016, Baton Rouge, Earl J. Cronin, GK, \$12.20 per member. GROUP III COUNCILS: (59 or less regular members) Third Place: St. Jules Council 4683, Lafayette, Leo W. Satchez, Jr., Grand Knight, \$10.38 per member; Third Place: Msgr. Dominic Blasco Council 3298, Baton Rouge, Raymond S. Calandro, Grand Knight, \$10.38 per member; Second Place: Fr. Van Winkel Council 9294, Echo, Danny Joffrion, Grand Knight, \$10.42 per member; First Place: Sacred Heart Council 1754, Ville Platte, Curt Saucier, Grand Knight, \$13.95 per member

MOST IMPROVED: Third Most Improved: St. Rita Council 3854, Harahan, Gene P. Hickey, Grand Knight going from 140 to 582 with an increase of 442 points. Second Most Improved: Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9418, Marksville, Ronald J. Roy, Grand Knight, going from 175 to 619, with an increase of 444 points. MOST IMPROVED: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 9260, Shreveport, Michael J. Torma, Grand Knight, going from 115 to 681, with an increase of 566 points.

**FLEUR DE LIS AWARDS:** Fleur de Lis Awards, This is a an AWARD recognizing those councils who scored a minimum of 80 points in ALL eight graded categories. St. Charles Council 2409, Luling, Jerry J. Walker, Jr., Grand Knight; St. Hillary of Poitiers Council 8840, Mathews, Frank E. Chase, Grand Knight; Ascension of Our Lord, Council 9623, Laplace, Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Grand Knight; Edmond Council 10293, Lafayette, Thomas W. Grote, Grand Knight; Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, David J. Neal, Grand Knight.

20th Stanley S. Hebert, Sr., Council 8770, Maurice, Werlyn W. Simon, Grand Knight; 18th St. Martin de Porres Council 15006, Lake Charles, Curtis Primeaux, Grand Knight; 18th Pope John XXIII Council 3743, Baton Rouge, Brennan P. Kluka, Grand Knight; 17th Fr. Francis X. Seelos Council 2878, Metairie, Perry C. Achee, Grand Knight; 16th Sacred Heart Council 7557, Broussard, Travis J. Romero, Grand Knight; 15TH Archbishop Blenk Council 1905, Gretna. Rorv Cadres, Grand Knight; 13th St. Eloi Council 8779, Theriot, Charles D. Boudreaux, Grand Knight; 13th Ludovicum Council 4663, Metairie, Chester A. Mehurin, Grand Knight; 12th St. Luke Council 9973, Slidell, Vincent M. Rizzotto, Grand Knight; 11th St. Matthew the Apostle Council 13425, River Ridge, Steven E. Geiling, Grand Knight; 10th Msgr. Carrol Badeaux Council 3054, Lockport, Ralph J. Sapia, Grand Knight; 8th Fr. Shahrigian Council 8978, Sulphur, Charlie M. Moore, Grand Knight; 8th Sulphur Council 3015, Sulphur, Dennis P. Bergeron, Grand Knight; 7th Marquette Council 1437, New Orleans, Anthony C. Grego, Grand Knight; 6th Lady of Lasalette Council 9000, Golden Meadow, Dale A. Terrebonne, Grand Knight; 5th St. Charles Council 2409, Luling, Jerry J. Walker, Jr., Grand Knight; 4th St. Edmond Council 10293, Lafayette, Thomas W. Grote, Grand Knight; 3rd St. Hillary of Poitiers Council 8840, Mathews, Frank E. Chase, Grand Knight; 2nd Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, David J. Neal, Grand Knight; 1st Ascension of Our Lord Council 9623, LaPlace, Michael A. Abbate, Sr., Grand Knight.

# **State Grading**

CO.NO.	LOCATION A	DMIN	YEPCH	URCH	COMMCC	DUNCIL	FAMILY C	ULTURE	SO.	YOUTH	TOTAL	PLACE
714	NEWORLEANS	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
969	BATONROUGE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
970	PLAQUEMINE	200	100	65	95	95	85	45	40	30	755	37
1087	DONALDSONMILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
1099	NAPOLEONMLLE	130	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
<u>1108</u>	SHREVEPORT	165	51	78	75	72	65	45	20	40	611	64
<u>1114</u>	THIBODAUX	140	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	152
1134	ALEXANDRIA	135	0	75	70	69	70	0	40	25	484	83
<u>1173</u>	OPELOUSAS	120	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	118
<u>1199</u>	COTTONPORT	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
<u>1208</u>	NEWIBERIA	170	0	75	75	75	87	95	100	35	712	46
<u>1217</u>	MARKSVILLE	105	0	58	40	47	30	0	0	20	300	95
<u>1276</u>	ST.MARTINMLLE	155	0	75	80	82	70	85	0	20	567	73
<u>1286</u>	LAFAYETTE	155	50	85	85	85	90	90	80	90	810	29
<u>1317</u>	HOUMA	190	100	95	70	78	95	95	40	100	863	21
1337	MONROE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>1357</u>	NATCHITOCHES	110	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	133
1373	MORGANCITY	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	253
1420	FRANKLIN	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
1425	JEANERETTE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
1437	NEWORLEANS	185	100	100	100	95	95	100	100	70	945	
<u>1514</u>	VACHERIE	130	0	45	50	52	0	0	0	10	287	100
<u>1710</u>	PATTERSON	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	<u>253</u>
1724	NEWORLEANS	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>1745</u>	EUNICE	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	276
<u>1754</u>	VILLEPLATTE	130	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	114
<u>1817</u>	GRAMERCY	140	5	60	85	90	70	30	20	65	565	74
<u>1819</u>	BOGALUSA	160	100	60	50	61	42	40	0	25	538	<u>78</u>
1897	RAYNE	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	246
<u>1905</u>	GRETNA	200	100	85	80	95	87	95	100	55	897	15
<u>1988</u>	WASHINGTON	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	239
<u>1998</u>	NEWROADS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
2012	JENNINGS	145	100	20	95	95	95	50	80	40	720	45
2142	PLAUCHEVILLE	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	219
2150	MORGANZA	110	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	136
2281	ABBEVILLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
2395	BUNKIE	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
2398	BREAUXBRIDGE	150	27	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	192	128
2409	LULING	200	100	95	95	95	95	80	100	100	960	5
2432	MANSFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
2436	RESERVE	155	100	85	75	73	50	0	20	50	608	66
2504	CHURCHPOINT	145	0	55	40	70	85	60	0	20	475	84
2657	GONZALES	185	100	80	95	68	95	75	60	50	808	30
2675	MAMOU	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	275
2732	SLIDELL	165	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	60	340	92
2807	BATONROUGE	195	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	210	123
2855	WELSH	140	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	155	153
2875	PORTALLEN	145	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	160	146
2878	METARIE	180	100	85	95	80	95	95	100	55	885	17
2893	KINDER	130	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	114
2913	KAPLAN	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	281
2925	NEWORLEANS	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	157
	HAMMOND	155	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	170	138

CO.NO.	LOCATION	ADMIN	YEPCH	<u>IURCH</u>	COMMO	OUNCIL	FAMILY (	CULTURE	S.O.	YOUTH	TOTAL	PLACE
2972	MOREAUVILLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>2982</u>	IOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
3006	IOWA	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
3012	LAKEARTHUR	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>3014</u>	CREOLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	<u>172</u>
<u>3015</u>	SULPHUR	190	100	90	100	100	100	100	60	100	940	8
<u>3048</u>	BELLCITY	130	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
3054	LOCKPORT	170	100	95	100	95	100	65	100	100	925	<u>10</u>
<u>3055</u>	GUEYDAN	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	219
<u>3061</u>	COVINGTON	175	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	290	97
<u>3068</u>	NEWORLEANS	165	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	121
<u>3088</u>	HESSMER	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	<u>172</u>
<u>3091</u>	WESTWEGO	115	100	95	85	74	90	100	0	30	689	<u>50</u>
<u>3150</u>	CUTOFF	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	246
<u>3200</u>	ALEXANDRIA	140	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	128
3202	LAFAYETTE	160	<u>100</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260	106
3208	LAKECHARLES	165	48	44	35	<u>52</u>	80	<u>35</u>	0	35	494	81
3246	METARIE	105	0_	40	0	<u>28</u>	40	40	0	0	253	108
3298	BATONROUGE	170	100	<u>80</u>	60	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>65</u>	0	0	578	72
3331	BATONROUGE	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	<u>261</u>
3353	OBERLIN	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
3356	CECILIA	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	<u>168</u>
3399	KROTZSPRINGS	<u>0</u>	0	<u> </u>	0_	0_	<u>0</u>	0	0	0	0	283
3407	SHREVEPORT	90	0	<u>75</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>85</u>	80	100	100	35	650	60
3409	OPELOUSAS	120	0	0	00	0_	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	0	120	207
<u>3411</u>	NEWORLEANS	180	100	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>45</u>	832	<u>25</u>
3425 3465	NEWIBERIA METARIE	<u>50</u> 0	0	0	0	0	0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>50</u> 0	273
<u>3465</u> 3470	METAIRIE LAFAYETTE	105	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0	0	0	105	<u>283</u> 229
3475	ELTON .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
3496	PORTBARRE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
3528	KENNER	150	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	265	104
3534	OAKDALE	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
3621	ARNAUDVILLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
3622	LAKECHARLES	165	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	280	101
3634	NORCO	185	100	80	<u>75</u>	80	95	65	100	 55	835	23
3642	WESTMONROE	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
3662	BASILE	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
3729	NEWORLEANS	155	0	75	90	83		100	40	75	693	49
3743	BATONROUGE	200	50	100	100	85	85	100	80	75	875	18
3779	SHREVEPORT	200	100	100	95	83	15	95	100	45	833	24
3796	ST.GABRIEL	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
3854	HARAHAN	105	0	75	70	80	87	80	80	5	582	69
<u>3857</u>	DERIDDER	130	100	90	70	78	75	45	50	25	663	<u>59</u>
3870	DUSON	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	<u>261</u>
3872	ERATH	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
3923	JEFFERSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
<u>4010</u>	MANSURA	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	223
<u>4023</u>	LEONMLLE	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
4030	BATONROUGE	190	100	75	85	72	85	75	0	40	722	44
<u>4085</u>	BAKER	150	100	68	80	57	40	65	0	5	565	74
4088	MINDEN	95	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	110	223
<u>4156</u>	LEESVILLE	115	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	121
<u>4222</u>	MARRERO	200	0	80	85	90	80	85	100	30	750	37
<u>4309</u>	CENTERMILLE	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	146
<u>4346</u>	WHITECASTLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283

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4508	METARIE	190	21	90	75	75	80	100	0	50	681	53
<u>4547</u>	NEWORLEANS	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	168
<u>4562</u>	LAKECHARLES	130	0	53	50	25	0	35	0	0	293	96
<u>4663</u>	METARIE	190	100	100	90	80	100	100	100	40	900	13
<u>4676</u>	LOREAUMLLE	130	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
<u>4683</u>	LAFAYETTE	140	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	112
<u>4761</u>	RACELAND	65	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	180	131
<u>4787</u>	HATHAWAY	170	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	270	103
<u>4791</u>	ESTHERWOOD	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	261
<u>4818</u>	ZWOLLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>4873</u>	BOSSIERCITY	170	100	90	65	65	95	65	60	30	740	12
4874	PONCHATOULA	200	0	<u>65</u>	<u>20</u>	62	<u>55</u>	0	20		442	87
4906	EVANGELINE	<u>75</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	253
<u>4927</u>	PARKS	120	0	0	0_	<u>0</u>	0	0	<u> </u>	0	120	207
<u>5013</u>	CHAUMN	185	0	95	<u>85</u>	80	100	100	20	30	695	48
<u>5022</u>	LAKECHARLES	115	0	0	0	0	0_	0	0	0	115	219
5048 5094	PINEPRAIRIE CHATAICNIED	<u>115</u> 0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0	<u>115</u> 0	219
<u>5084</u> 5111	CHATAIGNIER COTEAU	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	<u>283</u> 276
5166	DELCAMBRE	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	276
5301	METARIE	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	244
5345	LAFAYETTE	130	19	62	60	25	50	40	40	15	<u>35</u> 441	88
5352	PIERREPART	120	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	118
<u>5461</u>	CAMERON	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
5499	CROWLEY	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	125
5530	BATONROUGE	170	100	77	40	<u></u>	60	25	0	30	580	71
5532	LAWTELL	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	273
5627	INDEPENDENCE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
5747	CHALMETTE	155	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	255	107
5755	WESTLAKE	150	29	0	15	0	0	55	0	0	249	110
<u>5935</u>	LAPLACE	160	100	90	85	0	90	100	100	30	755	37
6057	YOUNGSVILLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>6103</u>	VINTON	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>6170</u>	HOUMA	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	261
6211	BAYOUVISTA	140	0	18	50	46	45	40	0	25	364	91
6324	MONROE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
<u>6326</u>	DENHAM SPRINGS	<u> 175</u>	0	85	70	72	95	50	100	30	677	56
<u>6357</u>	BELLECHASSE	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
<u>6369</u>	AVONDALE	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	279
<u>6389</u>	ST.AMANT	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	134
<u>6496</u>	ABBEVILLE	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	<u>253</u>
<u>6531</u>	BATONROUGE	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	<u>141</u>
6746	KENNER	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	239
6753	FRSETTLEMENT	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>165</u>	<u>141</u>
6870	TERRYTOWN	165	0	80	80	<u>81</u>	65	65	0	15	<u>551</u>	76
6873	BALDWIN	<u>85</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>85</u>	249
<u>6958</u>	CARENCRO	<u>155</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>155</u>	<u>153</u>
<u>6959</u> 7022	EGAN RAGLEY	80 145	0 15	<u>0</u> 30	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> 20	<u> </u>	0 20	<u>0</u> 0	<u>0</u> 5	80 330	<u>251</u>
7033 7050	RAGLEY RYNELLA	145 165	<u>15</u> 0		35 30		<u>60</u> 15	65	20	<u>5</u> 0	330 397	93 90
<u>7050</u> 7084	RYNELLA BERWICK	<u>165</u> 0	0	<u>45</u> 0	<u>30</u> 0	<u>57</u> 0	<u>15</u> 0	<u>65</u>	<u>20</u>	0	<u>39/</u> 0	283
7084 7226	MARRERO	185	0	90	<u> </u>	35	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0	40	<u> </u>	<u>283</u>
<u>1226</u> 7275	LAFAYETTE	155	100	90	95	<u>35</u> 89	<del>7</del> 0	70 95	60	35	789	32
<u>7350</u>	BARATARIA	200	0	<u> </u>	<del>0</del>	0	0	<u> </u>	0	<u> </u>	200	<u>32</u> 125
<u>7355</u>	HOUMA	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	141
7411	MIRE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172

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<u>7557</u>	BROUSSARD	185	100	70	85	95	95	95	100	70	895	<u>16</u>
<u>7568</u>	SCOTT	130	100	30	70	77	70	85	80	45	687	<u>51</u>
<u>7657</u>	HOUMA	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
7722	DULAC	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	138
<u>7856</u>	ST.FRANCISVILLE	155	100	73	70	51	70	95	40	25	679	<u>55</u>
8029	ALEXANDRIA	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
8030	LIVONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
<u>8031</u>	SWARTZ	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
<u>8032</u>	OAKGROVE	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	268
<u>8058</u>	CARLYSS	150	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	165	141
<u>8147</u>	GONZALES	185	100	50	75	93	88	95	80	45	811	<u>28</u>
8322	SULPHUR	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	<u>253</u>
8323	JOHNSON BAYOU	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
8324	GRANDCHENER	0_	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
8342	PRARIEVILLE	155	100	100	100	85	100	90	60	50	840	<u>22</u>
8371	AMELIA	<u>95</u>	100	0_	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	127
8438	MONTGOMERY	0	0	0_	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
8442	<u>VIOLET</u>	<u>175</u>	100	<u>65</u>	<u>50</u>	65	100	<u>75</u>	100	35	765	35
8546	METARIE	170	0	0_	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	138
8583	MORSE	0_	0	0_	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
8601	BATONROUGE	<u>175</u>	100	80	<u>75</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>95</u>	100	45	829	26
8615	GRETNA	<u>160</u>	0	0	0_	0_	0	0	0	0	160	146
<u>8616</u>	POINTE-AUX-CHEN		0	48		<u>52</u>	0	0_	0		290	97
8703	PORTSULPHUR	145	0_	0	0	0	0	0_	0	0_	145	159
8743	CHACKBAY	130	100	0	0	<u> </u>	0_	0_	0	0	230	114
8770	MAURICE	190	<u>57</u>	<u>95</u>	100	<u>87</u>	100	100	100	45	874	20
8779	THERIOT	<u> 170</u>	<u>50</u>	90	100	90	100	100	100	100	900	<u>13</u>
8805	DEQUINCY	75 40E	400	400	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	400	<u>0</u>	400	<u>0</u>	75 005	<u>253</u>
8840 8843	<u>MATHEWS</u> LEROY	<u>195</u> 130	<u>100</u> 0	<u>90</u> 0	985 130	<u>3</u> 172						
8861	SHREVEPORT	<u>130</u> 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u> 130</u> 0	283
8878	LAKELAND	165	0	0	0	95	0	0	0		315	94
8898	LAROSE	190	33	<u> </u>	15	<u>35</u> 77		0	0	0	470	<del>54</del> 85
8901	LAFAYETTE	145	100	<u>83</u>	<u>15</u>	62	60	75	60	40	675	<u> </u>
8906	THIBODAUX	165		90	<u> </u>	72		0	<del></del> _0	<del></del> 0	509	<u> </u>
8932	BOURG	200	100	<u> </u>	<u></u>	<u> </u>	<u>75</u>	0	0	60	685	<del>73</del> 52
8971	THIBODAUX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
8978	SULPHUR	200	100	90	100	 95	100	100	100	<u></u>	940	8
9000	GOLDENMEADOW		100	80	100	100	100	100	100	70	950	6
9007	METARIE	105	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	124
9016	BATONROUGE	175	100	<u> </u>	35	<u> </u>	90	<u></u> 95	100	0	775	33
9085	BARKSDALEAFB	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
9107	NEWORLEANS	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	155	153
9110	JENNINGS	90	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	130
9217	BELLEDEAU	145	0	56	15	77	85	50	0	10	438	89
9219	BAYOUPIGEON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
9240	MANDEVILLE	190	0	85	80	85	75	95	40	60	710	47
9247	BATONROUGE	185	100	90	80	51	95	95	100	25	821	27
9260	SHREVEPORT	120	11	80	80	80	85	75	80	70	681	53
9281	LACASSINE	130	0	60	95	84	70	0	0	20	459	86
9294	ECHO	105	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	220	118
9338	BAYOUBLACK	175	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	111
9347	METAIRIE	180	100	0	80	60	95	80	0	75	670	58
9384	MARRERO	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	134
9415	NEWORLEANS	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	146
9418	MARKSVILLE	130	0	75	95	74	60	70	80	35	619	63
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9436	RICHARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
9623	LAPLACE	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000	1
9692	BATONROUGE	155	74	50	55	57	30	80	80	50	631	61
9753	TIOGA	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
9769	SLIDELL	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
9912	GRANDPRAIRIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
9919	CLINTON	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
9933	LULING	55	39	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	109	<u>228</u>
<u>9935</u>	DURALDE	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	<u>253</u>
9973	SLIDELL	200	100	100	90	80	100	100	80	60	910	12
<u>10045</u>	WINNFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
<u>10057</u>	HARVEY	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	239
10080	ZACHARY	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
<u>10176</u>	FOLSOM	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
<u>10178</u>	ALBANY	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	141
<u>10185</u>	CATAHOULA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
10269	FENTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
10293	LAFAYETTE	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	80	980	4
10349	HENDERSON	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>10428</u>	EUNICE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
10455	BATONROUGE	140	<u>68</u>	0	<u>15</u>	0	0	0	0	0	223	<u>117</u>
10564	SIMMESPORT	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	223
10606	BELLEROSE	160	100	65	<u>85</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>95</u>	80	10	760	36
10612	HOUMA	165	<u>57</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>75</u>	90	80	<u>75</u>	100	30	767	34
10613	BATONROUGE	130	0	<u>56</u>	15	0	0_	30	0	0	231	<u>113</u>
10645	LACOMBE	155_	0	0	0	0	0	0_	0	0_	155	153
<u>10717</u>	MERIMENTAU	0_	0	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	0	<u> </u>	0	<u> </u>	0	283
10721	JUDICE	130	100	33	<u>45</u>	69_	<u>65</u>	60	60_		582	69
10728	SHREVEPORT	130	400	0_	<u>0</u>	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>10744</u>	BRUSLY	160 490	100	0	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u> 25	0	0 20	<u>275</u>	102
<u>10745</u> 10800	CANKTON	<u>180</u> 120	<u>100</u> 0	<u>80</u> 0	<u>60</u> 0	<u>61</u> 0	<u>55</u> 0	<u></u>	<u>40</u> 0	0	621 120	<u>62</u> 207
10824	KRAEMER RUSTON	<u>120</u> 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>120</u> 0	283
10902	NEWIBERIA	145	100	<u></u>	<u>U</u> 95	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	60	80	35	723	43
10911	AMITE	140	0		<u></u> 0	<u> </u>		0	0	<u> </u>	140	168
10912	HAMMOND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
11060	TICKFAW	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
11061	LABADIEVILLE	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	260
11096	COTEAUHOLMES		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
11212	COWISLAND	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	<u> 261</u>
11270	OPELOUSAS	150	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	265	105
11407	BIGLAKE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
11491	MOWATA	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	246
11576	HACKBERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
11792	NEWIBERIA	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
11814	PEARLRIVER	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
11857	VACHERIE	140	100	65	75	77	0	0	40	0	497	80
12060	THIBODAUX	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	<u>271</u>
12061	MANY	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
12068	GROSSETETE	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	244
12072	MANDEVILLE	175	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	290	97
12103	LECOMPTE	65	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	80	251
<u>12115</u>	NEWORLEANS	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
<u>12163</u>	MILTON	130	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	146
<u>12179</u>	MORGANCITY	95	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	110	223
12209	BORDELONVILLE	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	261

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12245	FRANKLINTON	85	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	100	239
12285	SCHRIEVER	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
12529	ABITASPRINGS	165	100	70	15	95	70	95	0	0	610	65
12686	METARIE	100	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	136
12906	COVINGTON	185	0	85	80	85	95	85	60	55	730	42
12989	LACOMBE	180	100	78	70	85	70	95	80	35	793	31
12997	NEWIBERIA	150	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	109
<u>13145</u>	BATONROUGE	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
13192	NATCHITOCHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
13296	KOLIN	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
13349	WAGGAMAN	150	0	58	70	88	15	65	20	20	486	82
13397	THIBODAUX	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	223
13411	THIBODAUX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
13425	RIVERRIDGE	185	100	90	90	85	100	100	100	70	920	11
13505	ALEXANDRIA	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	249
13632	BATONROUGE	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	131
13819	HOUMA	200	100	100	100	95	100	100	100	100	995	2
13931	LAKECHARLES	150	100	70	15	73	70	20	80	25	603	67
14542	LAFAYETTE	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
14614	COVINGTON	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	157
14657	PINEVILLE	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	172
14822	Kenner	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	168
<u>15006</u>	LAKECHARLES	175	100	100	100	83	92	100	60	65	875	18
<u>15064</u>	BATONROUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
<u>15133</u>	MADISONMLLE	165	100	85	55	79	85	95	60	25	749	40
15228	JONESVILLE	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	268
<u>15390</u>	MARRERO	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	280
<u>15477</u>	LAFAYETTE	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	261
<u>15501</u>	NEWORLEANS	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	229
<u>15615</u>	AMELIA	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	268
<u>15676</u>	NEWORLEANS	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	207
15731	PINEVILLE	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	281
15892	HARVEY	180	100	81	20	77	55	60	0	30	603	67
16094	SHREVEPORT	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	239
<u>16182</u>	METAIRIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283
<u>16355</u>	BOSSIERCITY	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	271
<u>16362</u>	HOUMA	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	159
17201		160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	146





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