



## Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

February 4-5	State Bowling Tournament Hammond
February 5	Deadline Council Substance Poster to Area Coor
February 13	Deadline CYLA Winners Submit to Area Coor
February 14-Mar 5	CYLA Area Competition
February 15	Deadline Semi-Annual Council Audit Form # 1295
February 15	Deadline Family of The Month
February 15	Deadline District Free Throw
February 11-12	State Bowling Tournament Hammond
February 18 Hammond	District 12 Meeting John F. Kennedy
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 24-25	Camp Joshua Ruston
February 28	Deadline PSD Award Nomination
February 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree St. Margaret Council 10178 Albany

1<sup>st</sup> Degree Wednesday February 22, 2012 has been changed to Wednesday February 29, 2012 due to Ash Wednesday on February 22.

The Semi-Annual Council Audit Report due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. This report must be turned in on time. DO NOT TURN IN LATE, SEND IN February 10<sup>th</sup>.

February 18<sup>th</sup> District 12 Meeting John F. Kennedy Council Hammond. All Grand Knights, Membership Directors, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors. All councils are expected to attend. The meeting will start at 9:00A.M. Sharp.



## General Agents & Field Agents

### Duplantis Agency

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Call your General Agents and Field Agents invite them to your meetings and socials.

### **Annuities**

The beauty of our annuity products lies squarely in their simplicity and security.

Simple from the standpoint that they're fixed in nature. They provide long-term accumulation of wealth, specifically designed for retirement needs. There are no hidden management fees or annual charges. (Surrender charges may apply).

Secure because they are backed by the Knights of Columbus, an organization that earns the highest ratings from independent rating services while maintaining high ethical standards.

Our investment philosophy is consistent with the nature of the funds entrusted to us. We invest in vehicles that generate competitive rates for you, while assuring absolute safety of your retirement nest egg.

Whether you're looking to start a retirement savings program or moving substantial, more volatile funds into 'safer waters', the Knights of Columbus offers programs that can help you achieve your goals.

## **Family Fraternal Benefits**

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of

these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

## Long Term Care

### For the Unexpected

Record numbers of people are living well into their 80s, 90s...and even past the age of 100. That translates into more time to do the things you want to do, to spend time with the people you love. It also poses new challenges. In aging, you change in some familiar ways — and some ways that might be completely unexpected. In your 60s and 70s, tasks and activities that you once performed routinely or with ease might become increasingly difficult. And, over time, you may need more and more assistance with such activities. You might also experience a sudden, acute need for such help after a debilitating illness — such as stroke.

Everyone is potentially at risk. A 2005 study<sup>1</sup> found that 69% of people turning 65 years of age will need some long-term care before they die. Women are at a higher risk than men with 79% of women turning 65 years of age needing some long-term care and 58% of men turning 65 needing some long-term care. Among those turning 65 years of age, 44% will need less than 1 year; 30% will need 3-5 years; 12% will need 5 or more years. On average, private nursing home care can cost upwards of \$78,000 per year.<sup>2</sup> You may be able to manage with at-home nursing care. Yet this option, too, can be quite expensive: such services can cost over \$55,480 per year in the U.S.<sup>3</sup> for eight hours of service, 365 days a year.

These figures can be expected to increase over time. 40% of those receiving Long-Term Care services are adults between the ages of 18 and 64.<sup>4</sup>

## Permanent Plans

Do you need life insurance that lasts as long as you live? Our permanent plans give you the security of:

- Knowing your family is protected, as long as all premiums are paid as they come due.
- Knowing your premium will stay the same, regardless of your future health.

- A guaranteed cash value that will grow over time and can provide a source of funds for future needs.

Another valuable feature of our permanent life insurance plans is the opportunity to earn policy dividends. While dividends are not guaranteed and are declared annually by the Order's board of directors, our dividend scale has been - and continues to be - among the very best in the life insurance industry.

Our permanent plans include:

- **Whole Life** – premiums payable for all of life.
- **Limited Payment Life** – premiums payable for a shorter period.
- **Discoverer** – a custom blend of whole life and term insurance.
- **DuaLife** – a custom blend of whole life and term, insuring two lives, payable upon the 2nd person's death.

A Word About Policy Dividends

Policy dividends represent a distribution to policyowners of surplus funds resulting from favorable investment, expense or claims experience. Because of this, they cannot be guaranteed, and may increase or decrease based on the Order's actual and anticipated results.





District 12  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplifications

Council & Date	Address
January 25, 2012  4874	Father Vander Hayden 1701 Pecan Ct. Ponchatoula, LA 70454

February 29, 2012 10178	St. Margaret Hall 30300 Catholic Hall Rd Albany, LA 70711
March 27, 2012 11060	Our Lady of Pompeii Hall 14450 Highway 442 Tickfaw, LA 70446

April 25, 2012 2952  2952	John F, Kennedy Council Hall 1701 Oak St. Hammond, LA 70401 Hammond, LA 70401
May 23, 2012 4874	Father Vander Hayden 1701 Pecan Ct. Ponchatoula, LA 70454
June 27, 2012 10178	St. Margaret Hall 30300 Catholic Hall Rd Albany, LA 70711

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CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WEAR SHORTS TO ANY DEGREES**

## **Membership Growth**

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.

# **RECRUIT AND RETAIN MEMBERS HAVE MORE MEMBERSHIP DRIVES**

**PROMOTE NAME BADGES IN YOUR  
COUNCILS. WEAR THEM AT MASS,  
SOCIALS AND MEETINGS.**

## **"Be Not Afraid!"**

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is conducting the "Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign in honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II. Participating in the campaign is easy! All a member has to do is recruit new members

## **Program Planning**

The Service Program is designed to establish each council as an influential and important force within the community, elevate the status of the programming personnel, provide more meaningful and relevant programs of action, establish direct areas of responsibility, build leadership, and ensure the success of council programs.

## **Automated Honorary/Honorary Life awards**

The Supreme Council office has automated the processing of Honorary/Honorary Life awards and the issuing of the appropriate cards for council/assembly members. This change includes the new Fourth Degree Honorary distinction. With this, notification to



the Supreme Council office requesting these updates is no longer needed. After the initial run, the cards will be sent to FSs/FCs weekly for presentation at a suitable occasion.



## Promote the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in your councils.

STARTING THIS MONTH I NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY CANDIDATES WILL ATTEND MONTHLY DEGREE. I NEED TO KNOW AT LEAST 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

All Grand Knights need to start working on State Grading forms. These Reports need to be turned in on Time.

State Convention is May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> make plans to attend. It will be in Baton Rouge. All council are expected to attend. This is a election year of State Officers.

## The History of Saint Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honour Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia.

The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the

customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 270. At that time it was the custom in Rome, a very ancient custom, indeed, to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, feasts in honour of a heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.

The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavoured to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of saints for those of maidens. And as the Lupercalia began about the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine's Day for the celebration of this new feast. So it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year, arose in this way.

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