

# Louisiana Knight

## Calendar

July 27 Formation & Knighthood Degree, Denham Springs  
August 1 Deadline-SERVICE PROGRAM, Form #365  
August 3 Formation & Knighthood Degree, Alexandria  
August 5 Deadline-ORDERING CANDY, MDF Campaign  
August 6-8 SUPREME CONVENTION, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 12 Birthdate of Fr. Michael McGivney  
August 15 Deadline-SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT, Form #1295  
August 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
August 15 Deadline-Council Order Soccer Challenge Kit  
August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary  
Aug 17-18 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Harahan  
August 17 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Lafayette  
Aug 24-25 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Harahan  
Sept 1 Deadline-Parish Roundtable Report, Form #2629  
Sept 1 Deadline-Council Order Essay Contest Kit  
Sept 1 Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight  
Sept 2 Labor Day  
Sept 7 STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, Plaquemine  
Sept 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
Sept 21 Formation & Knighthood Degree, Bossier City  
Sept 28 Formation & Knighthood Degree, Lafayette  
Sept 30 Deadline-Conduct Council Soccer Challenge  
October 1-30 Respect Life Month  
October 1 **Deadline-Payment STATE PER CAPITA**  
October 1 Deadline - Order Keep Christ in Christmas Kit  
October 4-6 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Lafayette  
October 4-6 ANNUAL MDF CAMPAIGN  
October 5 Formation & Knighthood Degree, Mandeville  
Oct 6 - Nov 10 Silver Rose Program  
October 8 Columbus Day Observed  
October 10 Deadline-Payment SUPREME PER CAPITA  
October 15 Deadline-Conduct District Soccer Challenge  
October 15 Deadline-Conduct Council Essay Contest  
October 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
October 30 Deadline - Conduct Diocesan Soccer Challenge  
November 1 Feast of All Saints Day  
November 1 CYLA Information Mailed to Grand Knights  
November 1 Deadline - Order Free Throw Kits  
November 1 Deadline-Council Submit Essays to DA  
November 2 Feast of All Souls Day  
November 5 National Election Day  
November 9 STATE NINE BALL TOURNAMENT, Lafayette  
November 10 STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE, Baton Rouge  
November 11 Veterans Day  
November 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
November 15 Deadline-Diocesan Cook Off  
November 15 Deadline-IRS Form 990  
November 23 Formation & Knighthood Degree, Prairieville  
November 28 Thanksgiving  
December 1 Submit Articles for Louisiana Knight  
December 1 Deadline-Council CYLA Chairman to CYLA Chair  
December 1 Deadline-DA Submit Essay Winners to Essay Chair  
December 1 Deadline-Councils Submit Soccer Participation Form  
Dec 6-8 STATE FAMILY MEETING, Houma  
December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
December 8 FORMATION/KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE, Violet  
December 10 Deadline-Council Complete Keep Christ in Christmas  
December 15 Deadline-Family of the Month  
December 15 Deadline-Submit Soccer Participation Form 4567  
December 25 Christmas  
December 31 Deadline-Keep Christ in Christmas Poaster to DA



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**Re-Elected State Deputy**



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Greetings and a wish of Blessings to you and your families at the at the beginning of this new Columbian Year. As we enter this new 2019-2020 Columbian Year, we have much to be thankful for, in completing a very productive and successful 2018-2019 Columbian Year. On Behalf of the State Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Brother Knights and their Families for their fantastic support and dedication to the Knights of Columbus and their contributions to the success of the Knights of Columbus in the great State of Louisiana this past Columbian Year. Thank you and Great Job!

This new year is beginning with a Fast Start. We have just completed our Summer District Deputy Organization Meeting in which our Direction, Goals, Incentives and Plans for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year have been defined. District Deputies will soon be contacting Grand Knights to relay the information and begin the Planning Process for Districts and Councils. The Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS) will be held in Dutchtown on July 20, 2019 where Information and Training will be provided to Council Officers and any Knight interested in attending. A Culture of Life presentation and Break-out Session will be held at KCLS and Culture of Life Council Chair Couples are invited to attend. Anyone interest in the Culture of Life presentations are invited to attend.

Membership and Programs are off to Fast Starts as well with our new Incentive Programs, Event Calendar, Program Newsletters, Training Opportunities and much more. We need to keep our momentum moving forward and develop new energy around Membership Recruitment and Retention. We need to promote our Programs and increase our participation in activities, events, projects and initiatives.

Membership Recruitment in every Council needs a Plan. The Plan needs to be formed now. What are the Council Goals? When will they be achieved? Who are the target men for Membership recruitment? How will they be approached? When? Who is the Membership team comprised of? Look at the age groups you plan to attract and look at the age groups on the membership Team. Do they match? There should never be a Council Membership Report "Nothing to report!". That could only happen if there is no Plan and no initiative to recruit new Members for the Future of the Council. District Deputies can help your Council with a Membership Plan. Additionally, training is also available to help Council Officers and Membership Committee Members in planning for Membership Recruitment. Darryl Barrios is our Supreme Regional Training Director and Curtis Constrantiche is our State Training Coordinator. They are available to assist in providing needed Training. Their contact info is in the State Directory

Membership Retention is about being involved in the Council activities. Grand Knights should appoint all new Knights (1 and 2 year Members) to a committee, as a standard practice. Get them involved in at least a couple of the Council's activities and Programs. Use the Faith in Action programs as a list of potential opportunities for Membership participation and involvement. Develop a Membership Program for the new

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I was at Notre Dame Seminary the year Hurricane Katrina came to New Orleans. I left that Friday as I did almost every weekend, just my briefcase and dirty clothes in hand. We heard about the Hurricane coming, but we were sure that it was going to hit Pensacola. But it didn't. The good thing for me, though, was that I was out long before the evacuations and I was home. For those of us not in the city, you remember watching those images in horror. We asked where was the government? Why hadn't emergency assistance arrived? Good news came; people around the world responded. Millions of ours of volunteer time and money were sent to help those who were struggling. I couldn't bear to look at the images anymore.

As time passed, interest in the storm decreased and people's attention moved on. Psychologists have a term for what happens as these large disasters fade from our memory. Compassion fatigue. After a while, we don't want to handle it anymore, and our minds move on to other things. Wouldn't you love to never see another image of the planes hitting the World Trade Center in New York? What was worse was that when we went back to seminary, we had to talk about it. We had to sit in groups and rehash the whole thing. And we moved back to New Orleans in January, being the only persons around in the neighborhood.

There's lots in the first few lines of Mark's Gospel. First having spent time spreading the Good News of the Gospel, the disciples gathered together to discuss with Jesus all that they had done and

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taught.” Jesus may have even asked them, “How did things go today?” Too often we think that God already knows what we’ve done and said, so we conclude that there is no need to bring our lives to God in prayer. Jesus encourages reporting – even when we’re tired of it. Report what they saw, what they heard, and what they experienced. God wants to hear about our lives. Why? God knows how important it is to share our experiences. It brings us into deeper communion with him while allowing us to feel God’s support, reminding us that we are not in this alone. God wants us to be part of it – like a friend who wants to hear our daily experiences.

Jesus also invites the disciples to discuss these things in a group. Mark says they gathered together. The communal dimension of the retelling is important since these things happened to us – not just to me. Jesus could have chosen just one person to help him. Instead, he called a group. He knew how important individual talents are for the community, but the group dynamic was itself valuable. We are social beings. He also invites the disciples, after their work, to “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” This is a part we all need. We need to withdraw from the busyness of the day. We need to do it with an attitude of solitude. The deserted place, whether it’s your room or a retreat house, is sometimes essential for prayer. We all need rest. The disciples needed it; so did Jesus; and so do we.

I wonder if the same type of fatigue plagues us in our spiritual life. Perhaps the reasons we don’t want to bring it to God in prayer or even talk about it in a group is that we’ve lost the sense of Sabbath. We teach our kids to always be active and on the go. We tell them to acquire achievements and proudly put them on the resume to get more money and good jobs. But do we take the time to reflect, to go away, to heed Jesus’ invitation to learn once more how to establish ties with God and others?

Perhaps if we took such time to rest, our compassion would never grow weary. So use these summer months, brothers, to rest in the Lord so that you can go out soon as brother Knights to spread the Good News about God and our Fraternal Order!



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I would like to thank State Deputy Rennan Duffour for choosing me as the Chairman of the Youth Expansion Program (YEP). I would also like to express sincere gratitude to all the Knight of Columbus (KC) Councils and KC Supporters for their generous donation to the 2018-2019 YEP funds.

As a result of our hard work during the 2018-2019 fraternal years we have made significant strides in funding the Youth Expansion Program. As of June 21, 2019, the councils have donated \$92,217.25 to the State’s Youth Expansion Program. Added to these funds are miscellaneous monies of \$3,483.00. This now gives us a grand total of \$95,700.25 collected.

I am collecting donations for the New Year Youth Expansion Program of 2019-2020. This will allow us to be well on our way to reach our goal for 2019-2020 fraternal years to support these trusted programs. It has been a pleasure serving as the YEP chairman this Columbian Year.

As Knights of Columbus our first principle is one of Charity. It is our obligation to encourage our Councils to give to the Youth Expansion Program. It is essential that we support the youth programs that provide scholarships, trophies, medals, and disaster relief. Every donation helps to raise enough funds to supplement our programs.

**2019**  
**YEP FINAL**

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

**\$95,700**



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It is time to begin the new fraternal year July 1, 2019. Of course our State year and the grading forms period started April 1, 2019 and concludes March 31, 2020. Always be mindful of the State period so as not to waste the months of April, May and June every year.

This years 4 major program categories-Faith, Community, Family and Life will only award 100 points each. Last year it was 200 points each. More emphasis is being placed on Administration.

Once again the Mandatory program under the Faith category is the Spiritual Day of Relection Program. To meet the requirements of this mandatory program, a council must participate in prayers and reflection together as a fraternity, such as sending 10 or more members to the State KC Retreat at Maryhill or an ACTS retreat. Or you can organize your own event with a priest or deacon leading a full day event with a minimum of 10 members. A Church Mission will not satisfy this requirement.

Also, an emphasis is being placed on submitting Service Program reports describing your best program in each of the 4 major categories. These are worth 25 points each this year.

And, all grading forms must be submitted online by April 5, 2020. NOTE: We will not accept grading forms mailed through the Postal Service.

I look forward to seeing you at KCLS in Dutchtown on July 20.

Vivat Jesus



**Keith Gros**  
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Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. His vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength. The majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call

Here is a list of the Family programs our councils need to participate in thru-out this 2019-2020 Fraternal Year to receive your points as we assist those in need.

Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Fully Alive, Family of the Month and Family of the Year

Family Prayer Night, Family Week, Food for Families, Good Friday Family Promotion and Keep Christ in Christmas. (Please do not get this confused with poster contest

We have a new reporting form for the Family of the Month form 10668, please start using the new form and let's make sure we are getting them into Supreme prior to the 15th of each month. We are leading the way with approximately 52- 54 councils on an average reporting to Supreme.

By the 15th day of the month following recognition, complete and submit the Family of the Month Report Form (#10668). For example, the Report Form for the September Family of the Month should be submitted by October 15. So as we charge into the new Fraternal year let's see if we can increase our participation for recognizing our Brothers as Family of the month winners from Supreme.

At the end of the fraternal year, complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and your Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) and send to the location as listed on the form.

Leaders, lets continue to correspond with our WGK's to ensure they are passing the word to our program chairmen and we follow up with them in a timely manner to ensure the form was turned in to the proper location. Remember the world is a busy place for all and a reminder could always be used as we head thru the fraternal year 2019-2020.





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The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Campaign to aid the mentally challenged is scheduled for the weekend of October 5-7, 2019. The changes that the State made last year with M.D.F. work out pretty good for the first year. I am sure councils were glad that they did not have to mail their checks to the state.

Last year's total was short from 2017-2018 year's total of \$186,454.23 with 2018-2019 total of \$139,995.00; this is understandable considering that the old M.D.F Resolution for St. Mary's had been paid off. The \$139,995.00 was a direct and total commitment from the Knights of Columbus Councils through our great state of Louisiana, and to me this a very good total, and I believe we will have higher totals this Fraternal Year. In the past with the old resolution to St. Mary's, the state put up a percentage above what the councils raised in the state each year. I tell you truthfully that Our Councils in Louisiana have done an outstanding job in raising monies for their needy citizens in their Hometowns and for St. Mary's, and I know that the councils of Louisiana will continue help Our Special Brothers and Sister through M.D.F.

The ordering of tootsie roll and aprons will remain the same as in years past. Councils will place their orders with their District Deputy, and pay for tootsie rolls and aprons when ordering. Aprons are \$8.50 each with a \$12.00 per order handling charge, and candy will

be \$19.50 a case of 300. The deadline to order tootsie rolls, aprons shall be post marked no later than August 5, 2019.

Brother's your councils "WILL NOT HAVE TO SEND ANY CHECKS TO THE STATE OFFICE". Councils will make out your own checks to their beneficiaries. Some councils last year still wrote checks to the State, and they were in turn sent to me. The first year of change is always confusing, so I hope this year will be easier and less confusing.

Brother's this year councils WILL NOT be filling out any MFD information on the Life Grading Forms they will just fill out the Financial Report Statement, and send them to me for recording, and tabulating. This year

Brandon and I are making it easier to submit the Financial Report Statement online through the State Website, fill it out and hit submit, and the report will come to me. I do hope that the councils will like this better than mailing, but councils can still mail your reports to me. I am always interested in seeing where their hard work and monies goes to, and in turn I can help mentioning to other councils where they may be able to send their funds to in their area.

In the near future I will be sending out information and M.D.F. Program information to the Grand Knights, and District Deputies, by way of KCLS.

My Brothers I thank you for your kind and continued support.

Vivat Jesus!



**74th Annual State Bowling**  
**August 17-18 & 24-25**  
**Colonial Lanes...Harahan**

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



**2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament**

**February 8....SEEKING COUNCIL to HOST**

**Contact State Office for Bid Form....[lakc@bellsouth.net](mailto:lakc@bellsouth.net)**



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Brother Knights, a new Seminarian Mission Raffle Campaign was launched at the 2019 State Convention in May. We strongly encourage all Councils throughout the State to assist the Louisiana State Council with this fundraiser. Each year seminarians from St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington take Mission trips to Guatemala and Ecuador and seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans take mission trips to Puerto Rico. Every year these mission trips become extremely valuable to these seminarians in their formation to become our future priest and is a required part of the priestly formation.

All net proceeds of our Seminarian Mission Fundraiser are used to financially support the cost of these Mission Trips and the money is evenly split between Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. The program that the Louisiana State Council sponsor has been around for many years.

We are asking Councils to please consider participating in our Statewide Raffle. Our prizes consist of five prizes-\$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. We encourage Councils to get their membership involved in helping sell these tickets, to consider having a drive where the Council is selling tickets after all Masses or encourage the Council to buy the raffle tickets. Councils that conduct these church drives have been proven to be successful in raising large

amount of money, because of the idea of supporting seminarians is not a hard subject to sell.

This year we have made a couple of noticeable changes to this program. One of the major changes was going back to conducting our raffle at Grand Knights Day on January 25, 2020. We are hoping this will give a little more time for Brothers and Councils to support this fundraiser. Another change is the points given towards the State Deputy Award. Each Council will now receive ½ point for every \$1 donated or each \$1 of raffle tickets sold. If Council donates \$200 or sells 40 Raffle tickets, then the Council earns the maximum 100 points. We will continue to award Councils that sell at least 50 tickets, 4 free incentive tickets for every 50 tickets the Council sells.

We encourage Councils who may not want to get involved in trying to sell raffle tickets to consider making a donation, payable to: "Knights of Columbus La. State Council". Over the last years there have been several KC Councils that has been the lucky winners of this raffle and by winning one of the prizes, it could serve as a great fundraiser for your Council.

Our raffle tickets are \$5.00 a piece and winners does not have to be present for the drawing.

We also encourage Council to advertise and promote our online tickets sales that can be located on our state website by going to: <http://louisianakc.org/programs/seminaryfund/tickets.php>.

Anyone including KC Members, family members, relatives, neighbors, co-workers or friends can purchase these raffle tickets online, and all fees connected with online sales have been waived.



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Members to help introduce them to the Knights of Columbus and your Council. Some Members are great Mentors and Motivated to help other Brother Knights. It may not be the Members that recruited them, but Members who are focused on that objective of grooming, encouraging and motivating new Members.

Every Council should have in their sights set on Star Council as their Goal at this time. Membership, Insurance and Programs ... put a plan in place and work the plan. Use the Faith in Action Program Model, contact your Insurance Field Agent, use the State Program Newsletters, get Training where needed and consult with your District Deputy. It is possible and probable to achieve Star Council if you set your targets, plan early and work your plan. The State Council wants to see your Council to be successful in this new Columbian Year and Recognized for your Achievements. We want to ensure the Training and resources are available to you to accomplish the goals you strive to achieve.

The State Council has developed a comprehensive Incentive Program for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year. Incentives are extended to Members, Councils, Grand Knights, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators and KC Field Agents. The list of Incentives are outlined in the State Deputy's DD Presentation, under the State Family Meeting section on the State Website. All presentations for the 2019 Summer DD Organization Meeting are provided for your review on the State Website under the State Family Meeting Section.

The Supreme Council is embarking on a new Branding Campaign this year and we should see more exposure of the Knights of Columbus on a national level later this year. A new Public Relations Department has been instituted by the Supreme Council and a

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**74th Annual State Bowling**  
**August 17-18 & 24-25**  
**Colonial Lanes...Harahan**



**47th Annual State Horseshoe**  
**September 7**  
**Zito Center...Plaquemine**



**72nd Annual State Golf**  
**October 4-5-6**  
**The Wetlands GC, Lafayette**



**14th Annual State Nine Ball**  
**November 9**  
**Max's Pool Hall...Lafayette**



**2nd Annual State Corn Hole**  
**February 8**  
**Accepting Council Bids**

# State Deputy Report

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council, I hereby submit my Annual Report for this fraternal year.

Worthy State Chaplain, Deputy Supreme Knight, State Officers, District Master, Past State Deputies, Former Vice Supreme Master, Diocesan Administrators, District Deputies, Former Masters, State Directors, General Agents, Grand Knights, Brother Knights and Guests, on behalf of the State Council and Convention Committee, we would like to welcome you to Baton Rouge and hope that your stay will be both enjoyable and memorable. All those who attended the State Convention's Social activities on Friday, to include our Crawfish Social last night have enjoyed the opportunity for Fraternalism, food and entertainment. I would like to acknowledge our Convention Chairman, Vince Whittington, and his Convention Committee Members and say 'thank you' for a job very well done in preparing for the State Convention. The Chairing of our Annual Meeting is a large undertaking and Vince and his Team have done an outstanding job for all of us.

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

We began this fraternal year with our Annual Summer District Deputy Organization Meeting, held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Kenner on June 23 and 24. The State Family gathered and was presented the plans and Programs for the State of Louisiana for the 2018 - 2019 fraternal year. The new Supreme initiative, Faith in Action, was introduced to the Louisiana Leadership Team, as well as the Safe Environment compliance requirements. Additional training sessions

were offered on Saturday and Sunday regarding successful Membership recruitment and Programs initiatives.

The Installation of Officers took place at the St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church in Kenner where I installed our State Chaplain, State Officers, Diocesan Administrators, and District Deputies. It was an honor to install all that served in these Leadership positions this past year.

The annual Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS) was conducted in Geismar, at Dutchtown High School, on July 21. During that day, we presented material similar to what was presented at our Summer District Deputy Organizational Meeting with an emphasis on what would be required for Councils to be successful in Membership and Programs to reach their goals and objectives. Also in attendance were our Culture of Life Couples. Chris Davis conducted the Culture of Life Session. We utilized breakout sessions for Membership, Programs, and Financial Secretaries. Bobby Charpentier, Membership Director, and his team presented our membership goals and numerous ideas of how to achieve them. Mark Carver, Program Director, conducted the Program presentations which involved the chairmen of our various Programs.

Our Mid-year District Deputy Organization Meeting was held the first weekend in December at the Holiday Inn in Sulphur. The meeting format was changed from the past and included working sessions to identify, address and present solutions to issues in the State of Louisiana. The meeting began at 3:00pm on Friday, November 30 and continued through 10:00am on Sunday, December 2. This was the first time a three day/two night session was approved by Supreme and implemented in the State of Louisiana. As a result of this focused agenda only those in Leadership positions making presentations, Diocesan Administrators and District Deputies were requested to attend. The meeting was open to all Members who wished to attend. The feedback from the attendance was very positive. Requests were made to continue this format in the future for the MID-Year District Deputy Organization Meetings.

On January 26, Grand Knights Day was held at Teurlings Catholic HS in Lafay-

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new Public Relations Chairman position will be created on the State Level. The purpose of this position will be to create a network of Public Relation representatives throughout the State to promote events and publicize the good works of the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. Grand Knights will be contacted soon on this initiative with further information.

The State Council is promoting an increase in the Spiritual Content for our Council Meetings and Activities. An emphasis to communicate more closely with our Council Chaplains and Parish Priests is being prioritized. The Faith in Action Programs should be discussed with the Pastors to determine what Programs are preferred for his Parish. The State Chaplain, Fr Jamin David, will be working closely with the State Council to develop opportunities to support this initiative.

As we are now in Hurricane Season, we must be vigilant and pray for protection for our Family, Property, Church, Community and State. We must be prepared for the worst situations in the event of a major disaster. In the past, as residents of the State of Louisiana, we have been on both the receiving and giving sides of Charity. We have a State Disaster Relief Chairman, Bill McCrossen, Jr., who oversees a network of Coordinators in each Diocese. This team is ready to respond on a State Level, but your assistance at the Council Level is the most important component of any response effort. Please be prepared and have a plan in place should the disaster involve your area or to be of support to Brother Knights in other areas who are affected by a substantial loss due to major disasters.

The Insurance Benefits of the Knights of Columbus is Fr McGivney's Vision in Action. Our KC Field Agents and General Agents are trained Pro-

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ette. The meeting was well attended and the program went very well. Our Membership and Program Teams discussed our membership goals and promoted upcoming programs. Also, we concluded our annual State Gumbo Cook-off Contest and attendees enjoyed Gumbo prepared by winning teams throughout the state.

In addition to the Meetings above the State Deputy organized and coordinated Diocesan Meetings in each Dioceses twice per this Columbian Year. The first series of Diocesan Meetings were conducted during the weeks of September 17 and September 24, 2018. The second Series of Diocesan Meetings were conducted during the weeks of March 18 and March 25, 2019. The topics discussed at the Diocesan Meetings were tailored to the specific Diocese and included Communication, Training, Membership, New Programs, Forms, Finance, Insurance and 4th Degree. The Diocesan Administrators discussed specific topics related to the Diocese.

The Supreme Convention was held in Baltimore, Maryland during the first week of August. The Louisiana Delegation included the elected Louisiana Delegates, some of our State Officers and Members from the State of Louisiana with their spouses. Our Supreme Convention Chairman, Paul deMahy and his wife Marilyn coordinated and handled the Louisiana Hospitality Room and were very effective in making the Convention an enjoyable and memorable event. The Louisiana Hospitality Room is a very popular and well attended activity by the Supreme Convention attendees from all states and territories. The Louisiana Hospitality room was open to the Convention Attendees on the Monday of the Supreme Convention. King Cake, Hurricanes and Mardi Gras beads were flowing freely. All had a great time, thanks to the effort of Paul and Marilyn. The number of members in attendance from Louisiana has been growing each year. We are hopeful that that trend will continue and encourage anyone to attend who is interested.

Membership is the ongoing focus throughout the year. Each of us is responsible for giving every Catholic male the opportunity to be part of our great order. Your Membership Director, Bobby Charpentier, and his Team, have done an outstanding job this year in promoting membership at

every opportunity they can. I am very please to report that during this Columbian Year, Louisiana has installed the first Seminarian Council in the State of Louisiana. Fr. Joseph LaFleur Council 17205 is the new Seminarian Council at St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, LA. There are other opportunities for new Councils and reactivations of Suspended Councils that are in the development stages, but have not been finalized at the time of this report.

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

Online Membership is a new initiative this year. This has been a very successful opportunity for the State of Louisiana and is the preferred method of joining the Knights of Columbus by younger Members. Over 200 Members have signed up online through Online Membership for this Columbian Year. Online Members can join a Council upon request, but must go through the same Council review process and complete the Admissions Degree before becoming a First Degree Member in the Council. Curtis Constrantiche, our Online Membership Chairman has done a great job in managing the Online Membership Process for the Louisiana State Council.

Ceremonials is an integral part of our Membership Team and our Order, every new First Degree Council Member must go

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# Good of the Order

**To: The Officers and Members of the 114th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council held in Baton Rouge, La.**

Your committee on the Good of the Order met on Saturday, May 4th, and fully discussed at length the following activity areas. After due deliberation, the committee urges all council, district and state leaders to see that the following recommendations are fully implemented.

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

## FIRST AND FOREMOST WE ARE CATHOLIC

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

## PRO-LIFE

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

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

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

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**Robert Charpentier**  
**Membership Director**  
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As we close the books on another Fraternal year, I would like to thank all those councils who went out and found new Brother Knights to join our ranks. Our goal to start the year was 1,410, but we finished the year with 1,254. Even though we didn't make our quota, I am encouraged by the commitment that you have shown in recruiting for your Council, the State of Louisiana, and our Order.

I know that we always place emphasis on recruiting, but if we don't recruit, we will slowly shrink until we die. Those 1,254 new recruits did not increase our ranks because we not only suspended 757 of our brothers, but nearly 600 of our brothers passed away. We finished the fraternal year 111 members less than when we started. We should ask ourselves **WHY**. **Why** are our brothers leaving the order? **Why** are we as council leaders allowing this to happen? **What** can we do to ensure

that our brothers are satisfied with their membership in the greatest organization in the world? **Retention is the key**, and it is not that hard to implement a plan in your council to keep your members *interested and engaged*.

**Retention starts before the member even signs the Form 100.** Get to know your prospective members and find out as much about them as possible. With that information, **you must find a program that will keep him interested.** A successful council has mentors that will follow that member throughout his first year, and bring him up to speed about your council and the Order. Make sure every member is happy and fulfilled. Never let months go by without making contact. Show him you care; show him that he is an important part of your council and of our Order. We must **nurture all new members and cultivate their membership**, or that membership will wither and die.

I want all of you to have a successful year. I encourage all of you to **attend KCLS**, and I look forward to meeting with each and every one of you as I travel throughout our great state. The State Officers and members of the State Family are here and will assist you at every turn. All you have to do is reach out and ask for assistance. Don't get bogged down with the details, and **remember why** we do what we do. Together we can achieve all our goals, and together we can show the world that **the Knights of Columbus is and always will be the right arm of the Church.**



On May the 15th, The Ascension of Our Lord, Knights of Columbus, Council 9623, awarded our annual Piovan Memorial Scholarship Program, to Aimee Dauenhauer and Katherine Bergeron.

These deserving awards were presented at The Ascension of Our Lord Catholic School 7th grade Graduation Ceremony.

These Scholarships will help defray some of the tuition costs at St Charles Catholic High School!

Pictured from Left to Right: Dauenhauer, GK Mike Abbate and Bergeron.



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**EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE**

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the FORMATION and KNIGHTHOOD degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy Rennan J. Duffour. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are:

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
07.27.19	DD Robert Nolan	Co 6326, Denham Springs
08.03.19	DD Robert Michiels	Council 3200, Alexandria
09.21.19	DD Michael Torma	Council 4873, Bossier City
09.28.19	DD Bobby Bennett	Council 1286, Lafayette
10.05.19	DD William McCrossen	Council 12017, Mandeville
01.04.20	DD Darryl Fontenot	Council 2893, Kinder
02.01.20	DD Paul Eckert	Council 3729, New Orleans
02.08.20	DD Joseph Gremillion	Council 9418, Marksville

# Membership

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

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

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

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## BISHOP GRECO MEMORIAL FUND

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

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

## RETREATS

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

## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

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

## YOUTH EXPANSION PROGRAM

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

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE-HEALTH SERVICES

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

## FRATERNAL MEMBERSHIP-NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

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

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professionals available to Councils and Members as resources. But they are also Brother Knights who want to help Members achieve their personal Goals and Councils achieve their Church and Community goals. Remember KC Field Agents are an excellent resource for Membership Recruitment and Retention, they want to be involved in your Council activities ... extend an invitation and use them!

The Fourth Degree has been undergoing some challenging directives over the past Columbian year. As of July 1, 2019, the new Uniform will be the formal attire utilized for all Dressouts and Honor Guard. The State Council has stood with the District Master, Don Ducote, through this past year in support of the Fourth Degree and will continue to do so throughout this new Columbian year. It is our common goal to exhibit KC Leadership through improved communications, promotion and participation in the activities of the 3rd and 4th Degrees, but not as separate entities but as one Order of the Knights of Columbus. The new 2019-2020 State Pin and Logo has both the 3rd Degree and 4th Degree insignias to demonstrate the Unity we all stand for as Knights of Columbus. We are truly *“United in Spirit”*.

May God Bless you and your Family.

*Vivat Jesus!*



through an Admission Degree Exemplification. The emphasis continues that each new member should go through the Formation and Knighthood Degree Exemplification after achieving his First Degree through the Admission Degree Exemplification. Scott Willis and Bill Marcantel have been our Ceremonials Chairman during this past Columbian Year. They bring years of experience to Ceremonials and I am thankful for their support in Managing the Ceremonials activities. A new initiative in Ceremonials this year has been implemented to better organize and schedule the Major Degree dates and locations. Each Diocese has been given preselected months to schedule their Major Degrees. Additional Major Degrees can be scheduled throughout the year based on need and availability of the team. We have Major Degree Teams throughout our State, and each team delivers outstanding ceremonials to its candidates. There is one team in each Diocese with the exception of Shreveport. I am happy to report that actions have begun in Shreveport to form a team as well. To all those members that serve on the various teams throughout the state, I thank you for your dedication and service. I wish to also thank the numerous Conferring Officers for their service and dedication.

Programs are a very important and an integral part of the Knights of Columbus. It is through our programs where we find charitable works performed by Councils and Brother Knights throughout the State of Louisiana. Our Program Director, Mark Carver has been very effective in implementing the new Supreme Faith in Action Initiative this year and his Program Team has worked very hard to ensure the success of our programs that benefitted the needy, youth, and Seminarians. Mark has excellent in his responsibility in planning and communications to Councils concerning the Faith in Action initiatives and Programs for the State of Louisiana. Mark has provided a very useful and informative Program Newsletter twice per month to assist District Deputies, Grand Knights and Councils in Program preparation and implementation.

Our programs also offered sporting events that challenge our Brother Knights and provide the Fraternal Spirit opportunity we all enjoy. The State Council has streamlined the MDF Program in that Councils may now donate their charitable contributions

directly to the Council's charity of choice. It is no longer necessary to send a check to the State Office, be processed at the State Office and then the State Council would send the check back to the Councils. This new process has been much more effective and less costly for all involved in the process. Thomas Ruemker, our MDF Chairman, has promoted the raising of funds to support the mentally challenged throughout the State. Each Council chooses the organizations within their communities that they wish to benefit from their hard work and fund raising. Seventy Seven (77) Councils have reported donations of over \$140,000 statewide for MDF related charities. Tim Helbling became our Special Olympics Chairman this year. His involvement with Special Olympics is working to create an even stronger tie between our Order and the Special Olympic organization.

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

Our Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program (CYLA) is one of our premier Youth Programs. It benefits High School Seniors that are seen as leaders through their work at school, other organizations, and the Catholic Church. As has been scheduled for many years, our CYLA winners will speak at our State Convention Banquet. Richard Yandle is our State CYLA Chairman this year and has done an outstanding job. The First Place CYLA award for each boy and girl has been raised to \$5,000.00 each this year. Our Youth Program Director, continues to find outstanding students that have been recognized by the Supreme Council in International Competitions. The State of Louisiana is proud to have the Champion of the 2018-2019 International Soccer Challenge, Katherine Bergeron, representing

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

## INSURANCE

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

## PROTOCOL

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

## SERVICE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS

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

## SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY AND INFIRMED

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

## CONCLUSION

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



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**Youth Director**  
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Even though the Catholic Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest and the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest are no longer part of the State Grading form, we encourage Councils to continue to participate in these programs. These continue to be programs that the Youth will enjoy participating in. Now is a good time to order the program kits for these programs are free, and especially for the Essay Contest and the Soccer Challenge that came will be started early in the fraternal year.

Last year, we experienced some problems with participations that plagiarized images and posters from the Internet. Each student participating in this program should be responsible for creating their own ideas and images. Any participant that is caught plagiarizing from the internet or any other source, his or her poster will be disqualified.

As of now the Supreme Council is evaluating the Catholic Essay Contest. One of the questions that your State Youth Chairman proposed was rather than the Supreme Council was planning to keep the same topic as last year or where they planning

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Council 9623 in LaPlace. Additionally, the State of Louisiana is proud to have the winner of the International Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Emily Landry, representing Council 12163 in Lafayette and the second runner-up in the International Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Blake Broussard, representing Council 3054 in Galliano. The State Council has been represented extremely well in the past by producing Supreme Council International winners in many competitions. We continue to offer the Youth Programs and Competitions in the future. All of the mentioned programs would not be possible without the funding provided by our Youth Expansion Program.

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

The State Council has also coordinated the following Fraternal events: Golf, Horse Shoes, Bowling, Texas Hold Em, Disc Golf, Corn Hole Toss and a Nine-Ball Pool Tournament. Ralph Comeaux is our Council Director this year and has done a great job with these events.

A big challenge this year was the initiative to reduce our State Council Overhead. This was accomplished by moving out of the state office building and leasing to a third party, reducing the state office staff, streamline administrative processes, reduce the printed materials required and move more to an electronic mode of communication. With the support and hard work of many, but especially George Martin and Robert Boudreaux, I am proud to say that these initiatives have been accomplished and the State Council is now appreciating process efficiencies and cost reductions. As of January 2019, the State Council has begun to appreciate savings and has shared those savings with the Councils in Louisiana by eliminating the assessments to the Councils for the Knight of Columbus Leadership

Seminar (KCLS), Grand Knights Day and Major Degree Exemption Fees.

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

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

The Fourth Degree this fraternal year has appointed a new District Master for Louisiana, Don Ducote. Sir Knight Donald and I have worked together to foster growth in the Third and Fourth Degrees and to ensure unity between Councils and Assemblies. Don has traveled to many of our Major Degrees, Meetings and Events to promote the Fourth Degree and has held promotional meetings and exemptions throughout the year.

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to name a new topic for the Essay Contest? They responded by saying this is a decision they are still evaluating. The Supreme Council promised that the decision on the topic will be made before our KCLS seminar. As soon as this decision is made, we will try our best to get this information to the various Councils.

Our Catholic Tuition Assistance Lottery Program will continue to occur. The Louisiana Catholic School Supplemental Tuition Lottery Program is only open to Knights of Columbus in good standing who are members of a local council in Louisiana or an Online Member assigned to Louisiana Division. Widows of Louisiana knights who were in good standing at the time of their death are eligible. There will be four drawings and four winners announced at each one of the drawings, Each, winner will receive \$500 paid directly to the child's school. Eligible children must be attending a Catholic school (Pre-Kindergarten thru 12th Grade) for the 2019- 2020 school year. There is one more drawing that occur on July 20, 2019 and applications can be found on our state website and submitted up until the time of the drawings. The new application for 2019-20 fraternal year will be posted on our state website on July 21, 2012.



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

This year, as your State Deputy, was filled with numerous challenges and new opportunities. I am grateful for the cooperation and hard work by our State Officers. Each Officer has accomplished his duties and responsibilities in excess of my expectations. Our State is truly Blessed to have them serving as your State Officers. As a first year State Deputy, I needed guidance and advice through this busy and challenging year. I relied heavily on my PDS Advisor, Vernon Ducote, to fill that gap in knowledge or background that I was lacking as a new State Deputy. For that I am very grateful for the advice and support provided. I am thankful for the support that I have received in all of our endeavors by the State Family Directors and Chairman, District Deputies, Diocesan Administrators, Membership Team, and Program Team. Each of these individuals have taken on their respective responsibilities and performed at a high level. I am very grateful to the Councils and Membership in the Great State of Louisiana that have responded to every request for assistance and support that the State Council has made. The Success of the State Council would not be possible without the support of the Councils and their Members. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Past State Deputies and their valued suggestions and guidance during this fraternal year.

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

It is with regret that I must report the passing of Bishop Ronald P. Herzog, our former State Chaplain who had stepped down for Health reasons. Bishop Herzog served the State for many years and was our spiritual leader and advisor. We will miss him dearly, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Our State Motto this year is "United

in Spirit". The Theme for the State Convention this year is "We are on Mission from God". The State Motto and Theme for the State Convention complement each other. As Catholics we all have a purpose and Mission in the eyes of God. Some of us may be well along our way to fulfilling our Missions and some of us may just be understanding what those Missions are that God has given to us through Divine Inspiration. Some of those Missions that God has in mind for us may be a one time accomplishment and some may be a life long work. As Knights we have the opportunity to work on fulfilling those Missions together through the many good works our Councils perform for our Churches, Communities and Families. We are truly United in the Spirit of accomplishing our Missions assigned by God. We work together as Knights to support each other in achieving Council Missions as well as our personal Missions. Brothers, I ask you to keep our Councils active, keep our Members involved so that we can continue the good works so desperately needed in our world today. We further need to give the opportunity of Membership to every Catholic man so he may also work on his Mission, become a better Catholic and become an important part of the future for our Councils and the Order. Let us complete this year with a Finish Strong attitude in Membership recruitment and program completions and to look forward to maintaining that momentum in the 2019-2020 Columbian Year.

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

Vivat Jesus!





**Tommy Ruemker**  
**St. Mary's Chairman**  
 truemker@eatel.net

Brothers here are some updates on St. Mary's that you will find very interesting, and will make you glad that we are a part of St. Mary's love and growth.

I am proud to say that the Knights of Columbus Councils of Louisiana and you my brothers have contributed \$44,030.80 towards the construction of the fifteen group homes this past Fraternal Year. My Brothers you and you councils have done an outstanding job in your support for St. Mary's and our special brothers and sisters. While St. Mary's Group Home Project's timeline has been impacted by the frequent winter rains, St. Mary's did host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of Phase I of the project on May 1, 2019. With the completion of Phase I, being the homes were ready except punch list work, and putting in the new roadway to the homes which weather has delayed road work, there for substantial completion for phase 1 will be early July. Once this milestone is met St. Mary's will begin the licensing process with the State of Louisiana, and when approved the 48 residents will transition from St. Mary's dormitories into a group

home setting. Phases II and III of the project are slated to be complete by mid-summer, 2019. Mrs. Christi Guillot and Mrs. Tamara McNulty said that St. Mary's hope to have all of their clients transitioned from dormitories into group homes by this fall. Brothers I personally want to thank each and every one of you and your councils for your support for St. Mary's. I can promise you that your donations do make a difference in each one of these special brothers and sisters of God's lives each and every day. I ask that you please continue to support St. Mary's and our special brother and sisters with your compassionate works and generous donations to the Group Home Project so all of our special brothers and sisters lives can be enriched by a home environment that they soon will be able to live in, excel in independence, and have a better life.

Brothers the next upcoming fund raising event for St. Mary's will be The Greco Bowl with Chef John Foles which scheduled for August

27<sup>th</sup>. My wife Pam and I have been to every one of the Greco Bowl's since I have been honored to serve as St. Mary's State Chairman, and I can tell you the meal is wonderful, and the fund raiser is a complete success every year. Brothers Knights if you would like to go to the Greco Bowl please go to St. Mary's website and buy your ticket, and join us there.

St. Mary's residents also kicked off their summer break with their annual trip to Splash Kingdom in Shreveport, LA. Thanks to the generosity of the parents of our special brothers and sisters St. Mary's is able to buy out the water park one day a year for their clients to enjoy.

Brothers if any of you or your councils would like to tour St. Mary's please let St. Mary's or I know, and we will be more than happy to show you St. Mary's facility and you will see where your generous works, love, and compassion goes to, and I promise that you will always want to be one of St. Mary's supporters, and part of St. Mary's family.

Vivat Jesus!



**New St. Mary Group Home**  
[www.stmarysalexandria.org](http://www.stmarysalexandria.org)



**Richard Yandle**  
**C.Y.L.A. Chairman**  
knightyandle@gmail.com

Did you know that there is over \$27,000 at stake in the State CYLA competition? Now is the time to begin your search for candidates to compete for your Council CYLA awards. You should begin with any of the members of your council who have a son or daughter that will be a Senior this coming Fall. You should then look to parishoners of your parish who have young men and women who will be Seniors this Fall-what a great recruiting opportunity for the DADS of these outstanding young people. You should also be contacting the Senior CCD teachers in your Parish and asking them for potential candidates for the award.

Here is a breakdown of the monetary awards given by the State Council:

First Place-\$5,000 to the Male and Female

Second Place-\$3,000 to the Male and Female

Third Place-\$2,000 to the Male and Female

Each Diocesan winner (Male and Female) are awarded \$500 each

There is a total of \$27,000 up for grabs from the State Council alone!!

This is in addition to any awards given at the Council and Diocesan level.

Let's see if we can have every Council in the State send one Male and one Female applicant to the Diocesan competition. We need to recognize our outstanding Catholic Youth.

[www.louisianake.org](http://www.louisianake.org)



**Grand Knight, Membership Director,  
Program Director & Financial Secretary Training  
Culture of Life Chaircouple are Encouraged to Attend!!**

# KCLS

**Knights of Columbus Leadership  
SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019  
Dutchtown High School  
Geismar, Louisiana**

**Officer Training & Bar-B-Q Cook-Off Finals.  
Plan to Attend & Encourage Council Participation!**





Maryhill Renewal Center, founded in 1948 by the Most Reverend Charles P. Greco, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, is now under the leadership of the Most Reverend David Talley, D.D.

Easily accessible from major highways, Maryhill is located just northeast of Alexandria, Louisiana. The Center's personalized hospitality and gentle ambiance year-round are accentuated by 186 acres of pine forest with walking paths and stocked lake.

Southside accommodations provide 44 rooms, each with a double bed and private bath, along with two partly handicapped-accessible rooms, each with a single bed and private bath. Also on the Southside are two chapels, a dining hall, and comfortable meeting space for groups numbering from 4 to 80.

Northside overnight accommodations include 5 dormitory-style sleeping cabins with a total of 80 beds, and the Cedar Building, which consists of 12 rooms, each with 2 single beds and a private shower.

Also on the Northside of the lake is the Youth Ministry Center which consists of a meeting room that will seat up to 200 persons, a full commercial kitchen, dining rooms and a pavilion with picnic tables and a barbeque pit. The Northside has its own chapel and, depending on the season, a group can use the in-ground swimming pool and bathhouse.

Directed—Provides time for prayer, solitude and guidance from a personal Spiritual Director. This retreat calls for a willingness to discuss one's prayer experience with the Director. Except for the daily meeting with the Director, the time is spent in silence.

Preached—Offers two or three daily conferences, Mass, common prayer, and the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and prayerful.

**Maryhill Renewal Center**  
600 Maryhill Road, Pineville, LA 71360  
For More Information,  
504.615.1303 Stephen Hart  
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**\*\*\* Please Note \*\*\***  
**you will need to bring**  
**your own towels**  
**& toiletries!**

# Knights of Columbus State Wide Retreat

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

**Where** Maryhill Renewal Center  
600 Maryhill Road, Pineville, 71360

**Dates** January 10-11-12, 2020

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

This is a directed retreat led by Fr. Chad Partain. Ample time is provided for individual reflection. (This is NOT a silent retreat.)

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

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

**Please note, everyone will need to bring their own towels and toiletries.**

**Registration for Knights of Columbus Statewide Retreat**  
**January 10-11-12, 2020**  
 On-Site Single: \$200     On-Site Double: \$175     Commuter: \$110.  
 Deposit (*Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable*) required with Registration: \$25.00  
 Return to: Stephen Hart, 123 Iroquois Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420  
**Make check payable to: Knights of Columbus.** Balance due at Check-In.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indicate a specific room request here: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (This is not a guarantee. Rooms will be assigned based upon receipt of deposit in full.)  
 Will you be arriving in time for dinner at 6:00pm, Friday evening?  Yes  No  
 Do you have any food allergies or special diet needs?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please provide details on reverse.  
 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For office use only: Date Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Deposited: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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