

Louisiana Knight

Calendar

- Jan 1 NEW YEARS DAY
- Jan 6-7-8 State Retreat. Maryhill Retreat Center.
- Jan 7 Squires State Retreat. New Orleans.
- Jan 15 STATE PER CAPITA billing mailed to FS
- Jan 15 Deadline-FAMILY OF THE MONTH
- Jan 15 Form 5023. Keep Christ in Christmas
- Jan 28 GRAND KNIGHTS DAY. Baton Rouge.
- Jan 28 STATE GUMBO COOK OFF. Baton Rouge.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Conduct Council Free Throw Contest
- Jan 31 Deadline-CYLA Applications to Councils
- Jan 31 Deadline-Fraternal Activity Survey. Form 1728.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Free Throw Participation. FT1
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Poster Participation. 4001.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Essay Participation. 4216.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Special Olympics Profile. 4584.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Christmas Poster Participation. 5023.
- Jan 31 Deadline-Substance Abuse Posters to DA
- Jan 31 Deadline-Council Essay Winners to DA
- Jan 31 Deadline-DA Submit Winning Christmas Posters
- Feb 4-5 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Baton Rouge.
- Feb 7 Deadline-CYLA Council Winners to Diocesan Admin
- Feb 11 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 10606, Belle Rose
- Feb 11-12 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Baton Rouge.
- Feb 14 Deadline-Conduct District Free Throw Contest
- Feb 15 Deadline-Semi-Annual Council Audit, Form 1295
- Feb 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- Feb 20 State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest-Houma
- Feb 25 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 10564, Simmesport
- Feb 28 MARDI GRAS
- Feb 28 Deadline-Conduct Diocesan Free Throw Contest
- Feb 28 Deadline-PSD Award Nomination
- Feb 28 Deadline-Diocesan Admin Submit Winning Essays
- Feb 28 Deadline-Diocesan Admin Submit Winning Posters
- March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY
- March 1 Deadline-Submit Louisiana Knight Articles
- March 1 Deadline-Diocesan Admin Submit CYLA Winners
- March 11 STATE FREE THROW CONTEST, Lafayette
- March 11 Squires State Bowling Tournament, Houma
- March 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- March 18 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 3642, West Monroe
- March 18-19 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, Lafayette.
- March 19 State Citizenship Essay Contest, TBA
- March 19 State Substance Abuse Poster Contest, TBA
- March 25 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 1208, New Iberia
- March 25 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 13425, River Ridge
- April 1 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 3857, DeRidder
- April 1 Deadline-STATE PER CAPITA PAYMENT
- April 5 DEADLINE-STATE GRADING FORMS to Chair
- April 5 Deadline-Submit YEP Contribution
- April 9 STATE GRADING, Baton Rouge
- April 9 CYLA FINALS, Baton Rouge
- April 14 GOOD FRIDAY
- April 15 Deadline-Family of the Month
- April 16 EASTER
- April 29 Squires State Family Fun Day, Slidell
- May 5-6-7 STATE CONVENTION, BATON ROUGE
- May 5 Feast of the Ascension
- May 13 MAJOR DEGREE. Council 1114, Thibodaux
- May 14 MOTHERS DAY
- May 15 Deadline-Family of the Month





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First, I would like to give an update regarding the August flood in the Baton Rouge and Lafayette metropolitan areas. As one may recall, we had almost 500 brother Knights and widows affected. The Supreme Council received a lot of donations in their call for aid and was able to distribute needed funds to the victims of the flood. Also, the Louisiana State Council received donations from across the country. These funds were used to buy supplies and provide meals immediately after the floods. After those needs and activities were no longer required, the State Council was able to distribute the remainder of the money we had received from throughout the country and within the state to the victims. I could not be prouder of the way the Knights in Louisiana pulled together to aid those affected. We had many councils and individuals step up and work long hours to assist those in need for many weeks. Thanks to all that donated and special thanks goes out to all the brother Knights (and their families) that worked so hard to help fellow Knights, widows, and other people in the affected areas. While these families are on their way to returning to normalcy, they still have a long road ahead. Please continue to support them and keep them in your prayers.

For those that may not have heard, Bishop Ronald Herzog recently resigned as our State Chaplain. He also retired from the Diocese of Alexandria. As many will recall, he became our State Chaplain after the passing of Monsignor

Susi. Bishop Herzog served as our Chaplain in an extraordinary way. He attended all events, provided articles and video messages, and provided great spiritual guidance through them all. He will be missed by the State Council. On behalf of all the brother Knights in Louisiana, I would like to give him heartfelt thanks for all that he did for the Knights of Columbus and wish him the best in his retirement.

Membership growth should be a concern for each and every Knight. Louisiana, and Order-wide, started with slow growth. It has gotten even slower over the last few months. We are adding members, but not at the rate we have been the last few years. At the mid-year meeting of the State Deputies, the message of the Supreme Knights was that it "Growth is our First Responsibility." That is the case to ensure the stability and growth of our order. Remember that growth in membership not only benefits the order as a whole, it has a real and tangible effect on your own Council and the new member. With that in mind, we can make up for our lost ground and be at the top of the order once again. Our Membership Director has also put in place several incentives for top recruiters. Please recall, after recruiting, we need to ensure this new prospect makes it to a First degree (whether it be a team degree or a video presentation) and then, subsequently, a Second and Third-degree. The degrees schedules can be found on our state website.



FAITH IN ACTION

In January, we will conduct our annual Grand Knights Day. At that meeting, we will discuss numerous items of interest to you and your council including membership, upcoming programs, and how to wrap up your earning of the **Star Council** award. Also, information about this year's Convention will be distributed. We will start off with a gumbo lunch from award-winning gumbo cooks. I hope to see each and every council in attendance. You will definitely benefit from attending this event.

One traditional (and important) event at Grand Knights Day is the YEP collections. We will recognize the Councils that have contributed (either before or at Grand Knights Day) throughout the meeting. To the detriment of our Youth Programs, the amount collected each year for several years has gone down. Please recall that all of the State's Youth Programs are funded solely by the YEP contributions. These include the Soccer and Free Throw Challenges, Squires program, and College Catholic Centers to name a few. Please strongly consider contributing this year if you have not done so recently. To those that plan to contribute, thank you.

We also have numerous state programs coming up very soon including the bowling tournament. Please consider participating in them. I know you will enjoy the event and the fraternity found at them.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you once again for all that you do for this order. Please continue to take care of the required forms as the year goes on and keep the goal of Star Council in your sight. That award is the symbol of a thriving, successful, and growing council. Also remember that I, the State Officers, your District Deputy, and the other various members of the State Family are always here for you. We are here to help, and we desire to see you succeed in all you do.

I hope that each and every one of you had a safe and Merry Christmas!



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I would like to begin by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank you for the generous contributions that you have made to the Youth Expansion Program. For those of you who have not donated to the Youth Expansion Program, there is still time.

2016 was a special year to me because I met so many new people. It was also special because I was able to witness the true meaning of charity from my brother Knights of Columbus. I have noticed this wonderful idea of charity by watching the Councils donate so generously to the Youth Expansion Program. I have never been so proud to be a part of an organization as when I see my brother Knights helping out the children, young adults, and seminarians. I would like for your Council to please send in some of the ways that you have raised funds for the YEP. If you have photos please send them to me also.

I am anxiously looking forward to your continued support for the 2017 year. With your continued support we can successfully achieve our target goal. As you gather together with your family giving thanks for everything you have, I want you to think about all those less fortunate than us. By providing your contribution to YEP you will be helping some of those less fortunate.

I know that this is the part that everyone is looking forward to. It is a pleasure for me to share how much we have collected. As of now, we have collected a total of \$25,808.75. This was all made possible with your hard work and dedication.

'17 YEP Goal

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

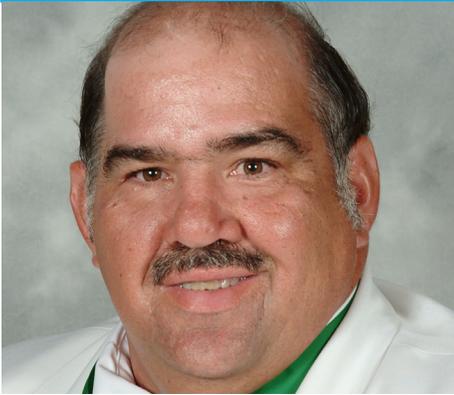
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Plan. Promote. Participate.



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We would like to sincerely thank all Knights of Columbus Councils, Brother Knight, Auxiliaries, Ladies, Assemblies and Sir Knights who supported our **2016 Seminarian Mission Fund Drive**. Again, all net proceeds from the fund raiser will be go to both Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary in Covington to help fund Mission Trips that Seminarians are required to take as part of their priestly formation.

This year, funds collected from this state- wide fundraiser was lower than we collected the year before. However, we still were able to collect over \$32,000.00.

We would like to congratulate the following raffle winners from this fund raiser:

1ST Place- Bobby Green from Lafayette- \$5000.00, **2ND Place-** Pete Pfiiffner from Hammond- \$2500.00, **3RD Place-** Eddie Dugas from Pierre Part-1000.00, **4th Place-** Judy Broussard from Kaplan-\$500.00 and **5th Place-** Drues Lapeyrouse from Chauvin -\$250.00.

Our Louisiana State Council hopes we can continue to count on many of you to continue to support this very worthwhile fund raiser again next year. Proceeds from this fund raiser goes to provide valuable experiences for our future priest in their priestly formation and most of us know there continues to be a shortage of priest.

Leonard Captures Nine Ball Title



Jason Leonard, Council 970, Plaquemine (L) accepts Championship Check from State Secretaru Rennan Duffour at conclusion of play at recently completed 11th Annual Knights of Columbus Nine Ball Championship, played in Lafayette, November 12th.



Nine Ball Finalists included (L-R): Second Place Joey Hebert, Council 7557, Broussard; Third Place Aubrey Neeb, Council 1905, Gretna; and Fourth Place Mitchell Simon, Council 1276, St. Martinville.

LAFAYETTE, La - Jason Leonard, Plaquemine Council 970, Plaquemine, wasted no time in capturing the 11th Annual KC Nine ball Championship played on Saturday, November 12th at Fast Eddie's Billiards, Lafayette, Leonard captured six (6) straight contests to lay claim the the Championship prize.

Leonard's wins included Minos Simon, Council 1276; Eddie Jouty, Council 5935; Keith Gautreau, Council 8147; Joe Ropollo, Council 1905; Aubrey Neef, Council 1905 in

the winners bracket final; and Joey Hebert, Council 7557, in the Championship Match.

Joey Hebert, Runner-Up, Council 7557, Broussard, posted an 8 & 2 record. Hebert claimed his first match to John Louviere, Co. 2012, then dropped his second match to fourth place finisher Simon, then proceeded to capture seven (7) wins in the losers braceckt before falling to Leonard in the Championship match.

Tournament newcomer Aubrey Neeb, Council 1905, Gretna, recorded a 4 & 2 record, as the Gretna player captured his first four contests then dropped consecutive losses to Leonard and Hebert.

Mitchell Simon road to fourth place included a 5 & 2 record with losses to Joe Ropollo, Co. 1905, and Joey Hebert.

Thanx go out to Marshall Miller and Rennan Duffour for their assistance in making the 11th Annual Nine Ball Championship a success.



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The anniversary of the dreadful Supreme Court decision of Roe v Wade is January 22nd, so it is fitting that the month of January is filled with special pro-life activities across the country. In the state of Louisiana, there are a number of major events.

The major public pro-life marches will take place at three locations:, 1) Life March South starts at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 21, 2016 at 10 AM, 2) Life March North starts at Bossier City's Louisiana Boardwalk on Saturday, January 28, 2016 at 10 AM and 3) Life March Central will start on the grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville on February 4, 2016 at 10 AM. More information on these marches can be found at the Louisiana Right to Life web site (www.prolifelouisiana.org).

Your state Culture of Life chair couple will attend all three of these marches. Please come out and join us, and let us know if you will be there so that we can look for you. We want to meet as many of the Knights and their families as we can.

There are also smaller, local marches taking place in Louisiana such as: 1) the March for Life in Broussard on January 14th, 2) St. Edmond Regional Pro-Life walk in Lafayette on January 21st, 3) the Eunice Right to Life March in Eunice on January 22nd, and 4) the South Deanery "March for Life" in New Iberia on January 24th.

I hope that all of the councils in our state will have representation at one or more of these marches. Please ask

your brother knights, family members, and friends to join you at one or more of these marches.

The news media often try to ignore these pro-life efforts, but the number of participants can be so large that they cannot do so. The marches send a strong message to our fellow citizens that it is terribly wrong for a society to legally allow the killing of innocent human beings. Please stand up for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

As always, please pray for an end to abortion.

May God bless you and your family.



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Our CYLA program provides an opportunity to high school seniors to be awarded for their hard work and dedication to offer to their schools, church parishes and communities. However, Councils must be willing to participate in the CYLA program in order for these outstanding Senior boys and girls to have a chance to excel and receive the recognition that they rightful deserve.

All information concerning the Catholic Youth Leadership Award Program is available on our State Website at; www.louisianakc.org . On the bottom, left portion of the front page of our State Council Website there is CYLA link anyone can click to get all the CYLA Application and all important information concerning this program. We encourage all Councils and applications to go to our website to be able get access

to the CYLA Applications.

Two of the most important deadlines concerning the Council competition are: January 25, 2107 is the deadline that we encourage all Councils to have their CYLA Applications turned into either their CYLA Chairman or to the Council and February 7, 2017 is the deadline for Councils to have their winning boy and girl applications submitted to your Diocesan Administrators.

There are couple of changes that we made to this program this year that we would point out to the Councils and Brother Knights. First, we are not requiring Councils to submit a form that would indicate who the Council CYLA Chairman is. Instead points towards the State Deputy Award will be awarded to the Council who submit CYLA applications to the Diocesan Administrator. Lastly, there were changes we made to this year grading formula to try to make the grading easier for the Councils and Diocesan Administrator. We went back to utilizing the old formula that had been successful for many years and utilizing the grading formula that used the last few years only for a tie breaker.

Our Louisiana State Council will continue to award \$4,000.00 to our winning boy and girl State Winners, \$3,000.00 to boy and girl who finishes in 2nd Place at the State CYLA Finals and \$2, 000.00 to boy and girl who finishes 3rd place at the State CYLA Finals. We also award all Diocesan Winners with additional \$500.00. All Diocesan Awards will be awarded to the respective winners during the State CYLA Finals which will take place on Sunday April 9, 2017 at St. Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge. Our top CYLA boy and girl will be invited and honored at our State Convention in Baton Rouge of the weekend of May 5-7, 2017.





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As Christmas approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Precious Lord, let us be reminded of the Holy Family. The Church holds up the Holy Family as a role model to families. Christmas reminds us that even with the Holy Family things did not always go smoothly. In fact, Holy Scriptures shows us how the Holy Family endured hardships, poverty and dangers during Christ's infant years. Yet, with faith in God and love for one another, Mary and Joseph held together as a family through these difficult times to create a home for our Lord where "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52)

This example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph shows us all that even in difficult times, faith in God and love for our family can guide and protect us in the most difficult of times. Let us pray for families this Christmas season and lift up those families in our councils who are worthy examples to others by participating in the Family of the Month and Family of the Year programs. And may all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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The theme for this fraternal year's state convention will be the State Deputies theme for his year, "**Faith in Action**". We want to ask you to continue your action of cultivating the Knights of Columbus by serving your parish and communities as we do the work of Father McGivney. Our State Deputy, the Director, of the convention production of the Knights in Action would like to collect your pictures of how you have been giving a service to others. Please send us your pictures to use to vawhitt@cox.net.

The Convention this year will be held in Baton Rouge on May 5 -7, 2017 at the Crown Plaza. We will again continue with a new revised agenda promising shorter meetings, shortened banquet and more free time for fun, games and fraternalism. Also again this year we will be having a Baby Shower Collection drive to benefit the local Crisis Pregnancy Center. This year we will have children's entertainment on Saturday so feel free to bring your whole family to enjoy the weekend.

We will start the weekend off on Friday with our Convention four man golf scramble at the LSU golf course for all the golfers. Also again this year for ALL you bowlers we are having a singles "NO TAP" Bowling Tournament at Circle Bowl. Then we will have our annual Memorial Mass followed by a fantastic Crawfish boil on the "The Deck at St Jude the Apostle

Church" with a promise to have plenty of crawfish and a band. We will close out our Friday night at the famous State Deputy Hospitality room where you can have a drink and more food with time to catch up with Brothers from across the state. Saturday we will take care of our business with a promise to wrap up around 12:30, have the Pro Life Oratory contest at 2:00, followed by a game of Family Feud at 3:00. We will resume Saturday with the Convention Banquet from 6:00 to 8:30 and then plenty of time for you to relax and enjoy four friends at the State Deputy Hospitality room. On Sunday we will start off with the Convention Mass at 7:30 followed by breakfast and elections with a couple of hours in the general session to wrap up the weekend.

This year again, we are offering Councils, Squires and Louisiana Ladies Auxiliaries a 25% discount on sponsorships and ads in our program book. The prices are as follows:

- \$5000 Platinum Sponsorship
- \$2500 Gold Sponsorship
- \$1000 Silver Sponsorship
- \$500 Bronze Sponsorship
- \$250 Sponsorship
- \$150 Sponsorship
- \$100 Sponsorship

Let's keep up the good works of our Faith in Action by our service to others!

Please come out and enjoy what should be a wonderful and memorable weekend.





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Still Time to Appoint your Round-Table Coordinators for this Columbian Year

The State of Louisiana has a goal of 75 Roundtable coordinators for this Columbian Year. As of the end of November 2017 we have established 21 Roundtable coordinators.

I will have the RoundTable Coordinators Forms at Grand Knights Day and be able to assist you in filling out the form. In addition I have access to members information to facilitate submissions to Supreme.

During Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's first address to the state deputies, he stated that "we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order." He also stated, "We must have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish." Therefore, councils serving more than one parish are urged to implement the Parish Round Table program in each of the parishes. They serve there by establishing a Knights of Columbus presence. In addition you can have an outreach program in your council that only supports 1 Church parish. You should implement a Round Table and appoint a coordinator for that outreach. Examples of outreach programs are, members who work shift work and cannot attend regular functions (ability to keep them informed of Church activities), Members who are home bound and need assistance (these members can become create prayer lines for your church parish. Etc....

Each council is allowed to appoint multiple coordinators to meet the needs of the council and Church parishes.

1. Council members belonging to each parish will become members of the Parish Round Table developed to assist the pastor with any project that he may assign to the group.

2. However, the coordinator must be a member from the council that sponsors the Round Table.

3. Round Tables should also be offered to small parishes and missions within your area that cannot sustain their own council.

4. Grand Knight appoints Chairman for the Parish Round Tables of the council.

5. Grand Knight can create Round-Tables Coordinators even though you only have 1 Church parish, see examples above.

State Councils will continue to be urged to form new councils in those parishes large enough (over 150 families or 600 parishioners) to support a council. Additional information on the Parish Round Table program may be obtained by contacting the Supreme Council Department of Membership Growth and Ceremonials. Form 2629 must be filed each year even if the Coordinator is the same member.

Link to Form--http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf



FAITH IN ACTION



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Brothers, I wanted to personally thank ALL councils statewide for supporting Special Olympics this year. The number of activities are increasing as well as the size of the athletic events.

For example we just finished a Regional Bowling Tournament earlier this month with over 950 special athletes. The event took over four days to complete.

Please remember the Supreme form "Partnership in Profile Report" due at the end of January. It can be found on the louisianakc.org site under Special Olympics. I hope you will take the time to complete the form as it generates dollars from Supreme directly to the state Special Olympic office.

Wishing all a very happy and safe holiday season. Looking forward to a banner year in 2017.

Special Olympics Louisiana



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Kerry Williams
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I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy and the State Officers for their support of and commitment to this program. Many thanks as well to the Squires State Committeemen and to the Squires State Officers. I could not do this without them. I want to give a very special thanks to Tre Williams for all of his dedication and inspiration to the Squires program. He became a Squire at age of eight. He has truly been everyone's right hand and our web developer, communications director, and a huge role model to many Squires and Roses! He will still be our web developer and will be missed!! We thank you for all your contributions to the Squires Program! "Squire Power!" I'm so very proud to be your Dad! We would like to thank everyone who supported our Fall Raffle we truly appreciate it! Drawing will be at our State Squires Retreat in New Orleans! The proceeds will enable us to expand our programming. If you did not get a chance to purchase a ticket you will have an opportunity to do so during our spring Raffle or just send us a donation! Please refer to our



website for de-tails! Please go back to your councils and assemblies and consider supporting your State Squires Circle! Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

During the months of August through December our Squires and Roses Circles have been very busy by serving in their Church parishes doing community service, playing sports, playing music, conducting food drives, and so much more! With half the fraternal year almost over we set our sights on our upcoming State Events!

On January 7, 2017, our State Squires Retreat will be held at St. Maria Goretti in New Orleans. This will be the first Retreat that will have both Squires and Roses in attendance! Please go to our website for details and pictures!

Attention all chief counselors and counselors, if you have not attended a safe environment course for your perspective Diocese please do so and send me a copy. Also if you have not completed form #468 (found on our website) and the safe environment training, background check by Supreme by January 16, 2017 you will be removed from that role. It's all about the safety for our children. Please refer to our website for more details and feel free to contact me as well.

Our Saint Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

In conclusion, my Brother Knights if we DO NOT invest in our Squires and Squire Roses we WILL do irreparable damage to the great works that we do today, did yesterday and will do tomorrow! It's that critical it's that dire or the Knights of Columbus as we know and love it, in the words of Benny Grunch and the Bunch, " ain't there no more!!

Together
 Everyone
 Achieves
 More!!



George Martin
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This year has been one of tragedies for all who was effected by the great flood, then again recently in certain flooding again areas. With friends and families pouring out to lend a hand, the Knights of Columbus arose to the challenge. Members from all over the world, states, and individuals, came together to offer charity to those in need. Churches, Dioceses, personal homes, and KC Halls were effected. Supreme stepped up immediately after State Deputy James Riente notified them. Thank you to IPSD Vernon Ducote for helping us when State Deputy could not be there because of work. Many members were on the phone communicating on where to send supplies, where to get supplies, and set up a way to send funds to Supreme and or our State through State Secretary Rennan Duffour. State Treasurer Keith Lawson was able to secure many pallets of MRE's and water to distribute where we was told it needed it most. He and another man drove from New Orleans Area to Shreveport to pick up free furniture at a Hotel that was giving it away, thanks Mike Rose for helping loading it up with little help except for those three men. Thanks to Joe Henn for finding a warehouse to house these supplies. Thank you Vince Whittington for picking up the torch when I could not be there physically, after his business was flooded. As most of you know I kept up with the emails, texts, and phone calls to communicate where and when for drop off and pick up points, Brothers and Widows in distress, I was able to make one pick up at Moss Bluff Council who had a large load to pick up, I left Lafayette to Moss Bluff. Then Moss Bluff to Denham Spring to drop off Supplies that was picked up. I was Physically unable to make any more deliveries, Vince was able to step in. Over 450 plus Brother Knights was effected personally from the Flood, or flooding. Many didn't ask for help and took care of themselves. Others were way over their head in water and needed help. A Brother from Lake Charles had two medium size U- Haul trucks from Toys for Tots Make a delivery to help the Youngsville kids have some hope and thank the Grand Knight from that area very much for the Supplies that was dropped at Green

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Grand Knights, Membership Directors
& Program Directors.
Culture of Life Chaircouple
are Encouraged to Attend!!

Grand Knights Day

SATURDAY, January 28, 2017
Most Blessed Sacrament School
Baton Rouge

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



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Plan. Promote. Participate.



**The Livelihood
of the KC State Basketball
State Tournament
is in Jeopardy!**

**68 Years
of KC Basketball History
May Go By The Wayside,
If We Do Not Draw
An Adequate Number
of Teams This Year.**

**Saturday/Sunday
March 18-19
Teurlings Catholic High
Lafayette**





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Brothers...The holiday season can seem like a difficult time to recruit new members with everything that we all have going on, but it is the perfect time to recruit “A Knight Before Christmas!” Give the gift of Knights of Columbus membership this Christmas. Use your “Journey to the Inn” or “Light Up for Christ” programs, or any other holiday celebrations your council sponsors to tell qualified men about the Order and ask them to join. At your events distribute Knights of Columbus promotional materials, Columbia magazine, council newsletters and other items of interest, to nonmembers. Sponsor a reception, an evening of caroling or a similar event after your events and invite nonmembers to attend. Have K of C promotional flyers and posters on hand. Also, show one of the Order’s promotional DVDs. If your council is planning a Christmas social or similar activity, set a date and time for the event well in advance to ensure a positive turnout from your council and their family members. Also invite

your pastor and other members of your parish and the Catholic community, and recruit volunteers from your council to set up for the event, run activities, serve food, clean up, etc. Be sure to consider all the details of your event. Will it be a sit-down meal or a standing social with a variety of snacks? What about advertising? Announce your event at Mass and in church bulletins to spread the word to all possible prospects. Write out all the different aspects of your celebration. Plan entertainment for both adults and children. Contests, raffles, sing-a-longs and holiday videos are just the type of things to keep the families of both council members and prospects entertained. To get prospects and their families interested in the Order, have display materials and items that show your council’s history and the various types of projects you conduct. Have plenty of recruitment flyers and other information on hand for prospective members to quickly read while at your event, sparking interest and generating a desire to learn more about the Order. Also, have a supply of Membership Documents (#100) available for interested prospects. Along with members and prospects, invite former and inactive members and their families. Ask for assistance from the financial secretary, past grand knights and trustees in collecting information about these former members and the circumstances of their leaving the Order. Review the list to determine which former members still live in your area and invite them to your celebration. Finally, ask prospects to attend a council volunteer effort — such as an evening of working in a soup kitchen, cleaning the church,

or a clothing and food drive for needy families — to show prospects firsthand what the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and the community.

Earlier this month an article was distributed by the Supreme office from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson titled “**Growth is Our First Responsibility.**” Here it is in its entirety in case you missed it:

“Time and again, I have stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. To accomplish this, I am asking dedicated brother Knights like you to be ambassadors, to reach out to Catholic men and their families and invite them to become part of our Order.

The Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order more than 134 years ago, and yet we have only just begun to realize our true potential. New members are essential to our success; the Order’s tomorrow depends on our recruitment today!

We must be creative in our recruitment efforts, and I am pleased to promote an exciting web site feature that we hope will facilitate membership recruitment. Please visit the Why Join? (<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/join/index.html>) feature and see how it can help in your recruitment efforts. This multimedia presentation offers powerful testimonials from Knights like you about their experiences in the Order.

Please encourage prospective members and their families to visit the “Why Join?” feature at their convenience and in the comfort of their own homes. In so doing, they can see why being a Knight of Columbus truly is an experience of a lifetime.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to bring new members into our ranks. Working together, I am confident that the Knights of Columbus will continue to thrive as the preeminent lay Catholic organization in the world.”

Brothers, currently our state is headed in the wrong direction! We have dropped in all three categories, including a 43% plummet in Net/

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EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

All exemplifications in this schedule shall be conducted in the second and third degrees ONLY, by order of State Deputy James Riente. Only those exemplifications approved by the State Deputy are listed and councils are:

Date	District Deputy	Host Council
02.11.17	DD Tony Vavasseur	Council 10606, Belle Rose
02.25.17	DD Marvin Guillot	Council 10564, Simmesport
03.18.17	DD Dennis Bratton	Council 3642, West Monroe
03.25.17	DD Patrick Lancon	Council 1208, New Iberia
03.25.17	DD Henry Richardson	Council 13425, River Ridge
04.01.17	DD Harry Guillory	Council 3857, DeRidder
05.13.17	DD Michael Rhodes	Council 1114, Thibodaux

Membership

Membership Statistics from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
0714	New Orleans	4	0	3061	Covington	10	-2
0969	Baton Rouge	7	0	3068	New Orleans	8	0
0970	Plaquemine	19	-1	3088	Hessmer	4	8
1087	Donaldsonville	12	2	3091	Westwego	7	0
1099	Napoleonville	16	0	3150	Cut Off	13	0
1108	Shreveport	6	3	3200	Alexandria	8	1
1114	Thibodaux	21	-3	3202	Lafayette	9	6
1134	Alexandria	8	1	3208	Lake Charles	7	1
1173	Opelousas	4	0	3246	New Orleans	8	1
1199	Cottonport	5	1	3298	Baton Rouge	6	2
1207	Lake Charles	4	5	3331	Baton Rouge	6	0
1208	New Iberia	9	4	3353	Oberlin	5	-5
1217	Marksville	11	0	3356	Cecilia	4	5
1276	St. Martinville	8	1	3399	Krotz Springs	24	0
1286	Lafayette	10	4	3407	Shreveport	14	3
1317	Houma	10	0	3409	Opelousas	6	2
1337	Monroe	10	11	3411	New Orleans	6	1
1357	Natchitoches	17	-2	3425	New Iberia	7	0
1373	Morgan City	5	0	3465	Metairie	15	0
1420	Franklin	5	1	3470	Lafayette	6	0
1425	Jeanerette	5	7	3475	Elton	9	-1
1437	New Orleans	18	-2	3496	Port Barre	10	0
1514	Vacherie	15	4	3528	Kenner	6	1
1710	Patterson	12	1	3534	Oakdale	4	0
1724	Algiers	7	0	3621	Arnaudville	6	2
1745	Eunice	5	5	3622	Moss Bluff	10	10
1754	Ville Platte	5	0	3634	Norco	18	7
1817	Gramercy	16	1	3642	West Monroe	9	2
1819	Bogalusa	8	2	3662	Basile	4	0
1897	Rayne	7	0	3729	New Orleans	16	2
1905	Gretna	13	5	3743	Baton Rouge	12	4
1988	Washington	4	0	3779	Shreveport	13	-1
1998	New Roads	4	2	3796	St Gabriel	7	0
2012	Jennings	13	-14	3854	Harahan	10	-4
2142	Plaucheville	5	-1	3857	DeRidder	9	3
2150	Morganza	6	0	3870	Duson	24	0
2281	Abbeville	10	0	3872	Erath	10	1
2395	Bunkie	7	1	3923	Jefferson	4	0
2398	Breaux Bridge	10	3	4010	Mansura	4	3
2409	Luling	15	0	4023	Leonville	5	0
2432	Mansfield	24	0	4030	Baton Rouge	16	1
2436	Reserve	7	0	4085	Baker	7	0
2504	Church Point	10	-1	4088	Minden	4	0
2657	Prairieville	16	6	4156	Leesville	12	5
2675	Mamou	4	1	4222	Marrero	7	-2
2732	Slidell	17	2	4309	Centerville	8	1
2807	Baton Rouge	13	3	4346	White Castle	24	0
2855	Welsh	10	7	4508	Metairie	4	1
2875	Port Allen	10	1	4547	New Orleans	4	0
2878	Metairie	8	7	4562	Lake Charles	14	-9
2893	Kinder	8	9	4663	Metairie	8	1
2913	Kaplan	8	3	4676	Loreauville	6	1
2925	New Orleans	6	-4	4683	Lafayette	5	-2
2952	Hammond	19	0	4761	Raceland	8	0
2972	Moreauville	6	1	4787	Hathaway	6	0
2982	Iota	4	1	4791	Estherwood	13	0
3006	Iowa	7	-2	4818	Zwolle	4	1
3012	Lake Arthur	10	1	4873	Bossier City	22	11
3014	Creole	9	0	4874	Ponchatoula	12	0
3015	Sulphur	12	0	4906	Evangeline	4	2
3048	Bell City	7	1	4927	Parks	7	0
3054	Lockport	14	1	5013	Chauvin	18	8
3055	Gueydan	9	0	5022	Lake Charles	7	0

Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET	Co#	Location	Quota	NET
5048	Pine Prairie	4	0	8843	Leroy	4	4	11576	Hackberry	4	-1
5084	Chataignier	4	0	8861	Shreveport	4	0	11792	New Iberia	4	2
5111	New Iberia	9	0	8878	Lakeland	12	11	11814	Pearl River	4	2
5166	Delcambre	7	4	8898	Larose	14	6	11857	Vacherie	8	2
5301	Metairie	4	7	8901	Lafayette	13	-11	12060	Thibodaux	7	3
5345	Lafayette	4	1	8906	Thibodaux	7	2	12061	Many	4	3
5352	Pierre Part	6	0	8932	Bourg	7	0	12068	Grosse Tete	4	0
5461	Cameron	24	0	8971	Thibodaux	24	0	12072	Mandeville	13	9
5499	Crowley	11	0	8978	North Sulphur	10	18	12103	Lecompte	5	0
5530	Baton Rouge	9	-4	9000	Golden Meadow	10	1	12115	New Orleans	4	0
5532	Lawtell	5	0	9007	Metairie	6	0	12163	Milton	5	-1
5627	Independence	8	0	9016	Baton Rouge	7	0	12179	Morgan City	4	0
5747	Chalmette	16	-25	9085	Barksdale AFB	5	0	12209	Bordelonville	4	0
5755	Westlake	10	1	9107	New Orleans	7	0	12245	Franklinton	5	0
5935	Laplace	11	0	9110	Jennings	4	0	12285	Schriever	10	0
6057	Youngsville	8	2	9217	Belle Deau	4	0	12529	Abita Springs	12	3
6103	Vinton	9	2	9219	Bayou Pigeon	24	0	12686	Metairie	5	2
6170	Houma	11	3	9240	Mandeville	16	3	12906	Covington	11	3
6211	Bayou Vista	6	0	9247	Baton Rouge	8	5	12989	Lacombe	10	2
6324	Monroe	4	0	9260	Shreveport	8	0	12997	New Iberia	9	0
6326	Denham Springs	17	2	9281	Lacassine	5	1	13145	Baton Rouge	4	2
6357	Belle Chasse	11	0	9294	Echo	4	0	13192	Natchitoches	24	1
6369	Avondale	4	0	9338	Houma	7	0	13296	Kolin	4	-10
6389	St Amant	12	0	9347	Metairie	6	1	13349	Waggaman	4	0
6496	Abbeville	4	0	9384	Marrero	4	0	13397	Thibodaux	6	0
6531	Baton Rouge	5	0	9415	New Orleans	5	0	13411	Thibodaux	4	0
6746	Kenner	4	0	9418	Fifth Ward	5	-1	13425	River Ridge	7	3
6753	French Settlement	8	0	9436	Richard	21	0	13505	Alexandria	4	1
6870	Terrytown	6	0	9623	Laplace	9	10	13632	Baton Rouge	5	3
6873	Baldwin	5	4	9692	Baton Rouge	13	0	13819	Houma	5	2
6958	Carencro	7	0	9753	Tioga	6	2	13931	Lake Charles	10	2
6959	Egan	6	0	9769	Slidell	5	0	14542	Lafayette	4	4
7033	Ragley	4	5	9912	Grand Prairie	4	1	14614	Covington	5	0
7050	Rynella	7	0	9933	Luling	9	1	14657	Pineville	5	7
7084	Berwick	4	0	9935	Duralde	5	0	14822	Kenner	6	2
7226	Marrero	5	0	9973	Slidell	17	5	15006	Lake Charles	7	5
7275	Lafayette	11	4	10045	Winnfield	23	0	15064	Baton Rouge	7	0
7350	Barataria	12	3	10057	Harvey	4	0	15133	Madisonville	10	-7
7355	Houma	13	0	10080	Zachary	6	1	15228	Fishville	4	0
7411	Mire	6	0	10176	Folsom	5	0	15390	Marrero	4	0
7557	Broussard	21	3	10178	Albany	7	2	15477	Lafayette	4	0
7568	Scott	8	1	10185	Catahoula	4	0	15501	New Orleans	4	0
7657	Bayou Blue	5	0	10269	Fenton	22	0	15615	Amelia	4	0
7722	Dulac	7	0	10293	Lafayette	13	4	15676	New Orleans	4	5
7856	St Francisville	6	0	10349	Henderson	4	0	15731	Pineville	4	0
8029	Alexandria	7	2	10428	Eunice	5	3	15892	Harvey	4	0
8030	Livonia	4	0	10455	Baton Rouge	11	1	16094	Shreveport	4	0
8031	Swartz	4	0	10564	Simmesport	4	3	16182	Metairie	4	-1
8032	Oak Grove	4	0	10606	Belle Rose	4	0	16355	Bossier City	4	2
8058	Carlyss	13	3	10612	Houma	6	1	16362	Houma	4	0
8147	Gonzales	9	-1	10613	Baton Rouge	4	2				
8322	Maplewood	7	0	10645	Lacombe	6	1				
8323	Johnson Bayou	4	0	10717	Mermentau	4	0				
8324	Grand Chenier	4	0	10721	Judice	7	0				
8342	Prairieville	21	9	10728	Shreveport	6	4				
8371	Amelia	4	1	10744	Brusly	6	2				
8438	Campti	18	0	10745	Cankton	5	2				
8442	Violet	4	3	10800	Kraemer	7	0				
8546	Metairie	7	-3	10824	Ruston	4	0				
8583	Morse	7	0	10902	Lydia	4	0				
8601	Baton Rouge	9	-6	10911	Amite	5	0				
8615	Gretna	9	2	10912	Hammond	24	0				
8616	Pointe Aux Chenes	6	0	11060	Tickfaw	5	0				
8703	Port Sulphur	6	4	11061	Labadieville	7	0				
8743	Chackbay	8	7	11096	Coteau Holmes	4	0				
8770	Maurice	8	1	11212	Cow Island	4	0				
8779	Theriot	11	1	11270	Opelousas	7	5				
8805	DeQuincy	4	0	11407	Grand Lake	4	3				
8840	Mathews	8	-10	11491	Mowata	4	0				

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FAITH IN ACTION

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Net. While the holiday season may not seem like a time to bring in new members, we should all be trying to bring in a new "Knight Before Christmas!" Ask the young family man you see at Mass each week with his wife and kids...Ask your sons, grandsons, nephews, etc. while they are home from college or the military for the holidays...Ask the gentleman at Mass who helps usher each week...The possibilities are endless! And while most of your councils are not planning to have an Admission Degree between now and January 1st, DO NOT make a prospective member wait until January to join...Utilize the DVD to get him into the Order and invite him to attend an Admission Degree after the first of the year. The longer we make someone wait to go through the Admission Degree the greater the chance they will not join. Please take a moment to read this letter from Al Cala, Director of Membership Development at Supreme, on the Spiritual component to recruiting:

"As we approach the midpoint in the month of December it becomes clear that membership growth is our primary way to evangelize our Catholic population; and as this is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, so too, do we realize, how much she did to convert more than 10 million Native Americans in 1531.

Our Catholic lay people need re-evangelization because they have lost the purpose and mission of Christianity and are lapsing quicker than our Hispanic and ethnic populations are filling the pews.

The Knights, always there to respond to the needs of the Church, has to lead the way in rescuing each other's relatives and expose them to the light of the world, which is Christ through the sacraments and our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. Through the literature of the Catholic Information Service, its New Evangelization series and our latest Domestic Church Kiosk series, every council in partnership with its chaplain/pastor can begin the conversation of "why and how" it is necessary to avail ourselves of the Church in order to not only save lives, but most importantly to save souls.

Look at it this way: the more you recruit members and the more we expand our programs, perhaps some of those new

members will come to see the value of the teachings of the Church and see the reason why it teaches the truth of Christ, and they in turn, will invite those who were in their position not long ago. Many books could be written on the subject, however, this wonderful organization that a priest, Father Michael McGivney, inspired by the Holy Spirit 134 years ago founded, can and should be a vehicle to attracting all men of good will to God.

During this holiday season, please reflect on this aspect and realize the importance of recruitment, it is not merely to win awards but to practice our mission as Catholics and Knights!"

A couple of final reminders:

Please ensure that your councils' financial secretaries are submitting Forms 100 from previously held degrees and that they are following-up with their rosters to ensure that the new members have been properly registered in Membership Records. We have heard about several parts of the country where this may be the case, so please follow-up with them. This may especially be the case for regional degrees, where several councils have combined Admission Degrees. The easiest method is to scan or photograph every Form 100 and e-mail them to BOTH membershipspre-records@kofc.org and form100@louisianakc.org. Get into the habit of doing this on a daily basis as necessary.

Remember that both councils and districts have the incentive from Supreme of the canonization portrait of St. Teresa of Calcutta:

For Councils - If they recruit at least one member in the second quarter, they earn the portrait.

For Districts - If every active council in the district recruits at least one member each in the second quarter, they would earn the portrait.

(For the purposes of this contest, an active council is a council that was not suspended on July 1, 2016. The second quarter runs from October 1 through December 31, 2016)

It is up to each and every one of us to build our order! Recruit! Retain! Readmit! As always, please reach out to me with any questions or comments.

Brothers, on behalf of myself and my family, I want to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year! Vivat Jesus!

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T Lindon Elementary School and dispersed in that area. Thanks to Brother Richard Yandle in helping coordinate this effort. Many thanks go out to Brother Knights and their Councils for picking up Supplies, cooking for those in need, or delivering supplies, or even donating monetary funds. Thanks to Laplace and Chalmette Councils for cooking and serving food for Church Parishes, sometimes more than once. Thanks to State Advocate Eric Miller for helping Vince Whittington in the Baton Rouge Area rounding up help and pointing the help in the right direction. Thank you to all who helped make this work. We are sorry if we didn't get to everyone, but we tried through emails and phone calls to help those in need. Thank you to the Pokeman Group, Jessica that Traveled from Shreveport to all over the State picking up and delivering supplies at no cost to us. As she was dealing with her own flooding in Shreveport months before. Thank you to Jason Cannon, he came all the way from Colorado to help the Cajun Navy in helping those in St. Martinville - Catahoula area on a late Sunday evening as 20-25 Families that was untouched and flooded in. I received a call to get that many cases of water for them ASAP as families stayed stranded, because nobody knew they was out there in need. Thanks to Broussard Council for paying for the Water to be delivered that very night by the Cajun Navy by boat. Thank you to Brother Peter Dutter for coming all the way from Pennsylvania on his own to assist with insurance paperwork, which the State of Louisiana never gave him a License to be there. He did what he could for free to help his Brother Knights. The many States who drove in to offer services or supplies to others is overwhelming. Supreme who collected funds and then in turn sent money to the Diocese for all the damaged they received, the several Church Parishes that was flooded received funds from Supreme from Carl Anderson from a personal trip he took down here to see the damage first hand. Supreme even sent checks to members to those names that was collected and turned in by a certain time. I can say the out pouring of Charity was tremendous to see there is goodness in the world. This is not to brag, but to ensure that the active service of the Knights of Columbus is and will be at hand when our members are in need. Thank you to all the Councils and members not mention, who helped those in need, who are nameless as others who could not be mentioned because of space in this article. I remember the motto "Service to one, Service to all" is what we really do everyday, but in silence, not beating our chests, but giving freely in a world that recently has so much hate. To help prepare for the next emergency, please, each council select a member of from our Council as a key contact that can be reached by a good working phone number and can be reached by a good email account. Then turn that persons name I to me far a emergency contact to help your Council needs, or another part of the State. Please send this in to help those in need, you never know if it is you in need. Thank you! May God Bless you all! Vivat Jesus! Merry Christmas! Happy New Years!



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 Ronald P. Herzog, 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
For More Information,
318.715.2140 Donald Hebert
donbear1949@gmail.com*

***** Please Note ***
you will need to bring
your own linens
& towels!**

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 6-7-8, 2017

Brother Knights, NOW is the time to make your plans for JANUARY 2017. If you missed last years RETREAT, you missed the most spiritual weekend with fellow knights.

All information is included in the registration form, including a return address and on-line registration 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 linens & towels.

Cut on dotted line & mail to address as indicated with your deposit of \$25.

Registration for Knights of Columbus Statewide Retreat
 January 6-7-8, 2017 On-Site: \$175 Commuter: \$110.
 Deposit (Non-Refundable & Non-Transferrable) required with Registration: \$25.00
 Return to: Donald L. Hebert, Sr., 360 Luke Martin Road, Bunkie, LA 71322
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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