



**Chairmen & Directors
Annual Reports
2020 Virtual State Convention**



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Athletics Chairman

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 115th 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.

Barbecue Cook-Off: The Barbecue Cook-Off was held at Dutchtown High School in conjunction with our annual KCLS training. There was nine (9) great teams participating in the cook-off. Some super good ribs were on the menu, no one left hungry. The winner was Council 13931, Herman Leger, David Tebo, and John Nunez were the winners and took a nice trophy home. Thanks to all of the participating councils.

State Bowling Tournament: On August 17-18 and 24-25, 2019, the bowling tournaments was held at Colonial Lanes in Harahan, Louisiana. Another good turnout for this event with 46 four-man teams, 55 double teams, 115 single teams and 30 mixed double teams. Thanks again goes out to Marshall Miller and Kevin Dominique for keeping them rolling. Great Job.

State Horseshoe Tournament: The tournament was held at the Mike Zito Center in Plaquemine, Louisiana, hosted by Plaquemine Council 970, on September 7, 2019. The facilities are great to with a covered area. Horseshoe, Golf and Bowling are the most popular events. Some 140 members participated in the tournament. Many Great horseshoe pitchers show up to put on a good show.

72nd State Golf Tournament: 72nd State Golf Championship was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, at the Wetlands Golf Course, on October 4-5-6, 2019. The course was in good shape and the weather cooperated. Turnout was down from previous years. The price of participating in the tournament may have been a factor. We will try and fix that in the future. We had 60 members to play this year, which is way down from previous years. Thanks, Robert for handling the tournament.

State Nine Ball Tournament: The State Nine Ball tournament was held on November 9, 2019, at Max's Pool Hall in Lafayette, Louisiana. Thanks to Max for accommodating us and for having good food. This year we had 31 players. We had some excellent pool players. The entries have been hanging around 30 player mark each year. Hopefully we will have Max's as host next year.

Gumbo Cook-Off: The annual gumbo cook-off was conducted at Grand Knights Day in Lafayette. St. Leo Council 5345 captured first place. Congratulations to all teams that competed as the competition was extremely difficult to judge with so many quality entries. Thanks to St. Pius Council 8901, Grand Knight Brian Decou for their assistance with the cook-off. It would not be possible without those brothers.

2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament: The Corn Hole tournament was held in Metairie, and hosted by Msgr. Charles Duke Council 3465. Outstanding job as Grand Knight David Wilson served as the DJ for the music background throughout the competition.

Texas Hold 'Em and Disc Golf tournaments were canceled due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ralph Comeaux

Ralph Comeaux

Athletics Chairman



Community Program Director

To the Clergy, Officers and KC Members of the 115th Annual State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

First of all, I would like to thank the State Deputy and State Program Director for having the trust and confidence in me to allow me to be the State Community Director for the last 2 years. I also want to thank the Councils for doing a great job with the Community Programs throughout the State. The Programs is what makes our KC Councils grow and the eyes of others see what the Knights of Columbus are doing for the Youth, the Elderly, the Homebound people, the poor people, the victims of the Coronavirus now, the Church, and Community.

Looking at the Programs / Grading forms for Community, we had 73 KC Councils that turned in the Grading Forms for Community, 30 Councils scored 100%, 60 Councils scored 80% or above. This was great, which means a lot of KC Councils are doing the required and featured programs.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Michael A. Abbate, Sr.

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Community Program Director



Convention Chairman

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 115th 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.

Welcome to all of my Brother Knights, their wives, and their families to the 115th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention. The State Family, the Convention Chairman and the Convention Committee have been working very hard for the past year to make this convention a truly outstanding and memorable event. Their hard work, planning and coordinating of all the facets of such a statewide event has been usurped by a tiny virus. But such is the life of humans since the first sin and the great fall. Yet our God has loved us so much that He gave His only Son to be our salvation and hope. I congratulate Vince Whittington, Event/Convention Chairman, and the outstanding Convention Committee Members for their thorough planning for this convention.

Brighter days are ahead of us. We are now looking forward to the 116th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention in the year 2021. This Convention will be held in the “Heart of Acadiana” in the city of Lafayette, Louisiana. The last time our State Convention was held in this city was in the year 2016. I look forward to working with the Convention Committee Members to present an excellent Convention Program for your pleasure in Lafayette, Louisiana.

I hope that my service to the incoming State Deputy, as Event/Convention Chairman will meet the standard of quality set by Vince Whittington during his term in this position. If you have any suggestions for the next convention, please let me know. I can be contacted at the following email address: gerard.thomas124@att.net. May we all be spared the effects of the COVID-19 virus and may God Bless the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

/s/ Gerard Thomas

Gerard Thomas

Event/Convention Chairman



City of Lafayette

CYLA Chairman

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 115th 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.

The Louisiana State Catholic Youth Leadership Awards were scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at St. Patrick's Family Life Center in Baton Rouge. However, due to the corona virus pandemic it was decided to cancel the event. As a result, the scholarship funds were divided equally among the 14 Diocesan winners from the Dioceses. Each of the State Finalists received a check for \$2,000 and a certificate.

The seven Diocesan Female Finalist were:

Lafayette: Amelia Hebert
Baton Rouge: Juliette LeRay
Alexandria: Hailey Tigner
New Orleans: Sydney Pfister
Lake Charles: MariaFontenot
Houma: Anna LaRose
Shreveport: Riley Runkle

The seven Diocesan Male Finalist were:

Lafayette: Donald Stemmans, III
Baton Rouge: Luke Bella
Alexandria: Hynson Luke
New Orleans: Emmanuel Levy
Lake Charles: Kane Miller
Houma: Gavin Clements
Shreveport: Keegan Coon

I wish to thank our State Deputy Renan Duffour and all the Councils who supported and participated in the CYLA program and for all who donated to YEP. We hope that we can return to our normal format next year.

Fraternally,

/s/ Richard Yandle

Richard Yandle

CYLA Chairman



Faith Program Director

To the Officers and Members of the 115th Annual State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held Virtually on May 2, 2020.

While this was the first ever Virtual State Convention, we need to be reminded of the reason. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made us rethink of all the ways we live and interact with each other. Our Faith in God and each other is the only way we can and will get through this. I want to thank all the KC members in Louisiana for engaging in the Faith Programs this past fraternal year. I hope you all saw the benefits. We had 72 councils fill out State Grading Forms and about half of those submitted an STSP form for Faith. Thank you.

I want to thank State Deputy Rennan Duffour and State Program Director Mark Carver for all their help and support this year. It has been a pleasure to serve as the State Faith Director.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mike Rose

Mike Rose

State Faith Director



Family Program Director

To The Officers and Members of the 115th Annual State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held Virtually on May 2, 2020.

During this fraternal year we have seen about the same as last year in councils participating by sending in the Family of the Month forms to the State and Supreme. Good job! things changed by allowing 1 family a month from our councils to be selected by Supreme as Family of the Month for our Louisiana Jurisdiction. However, I feel we can and must fill out the form by more councils as we move into 2020-2021 and get them sent into Supreme with a copy to the State. Sending it just to the State does not give our brother a chance of being selected by Supreme if it was not submitted to Supreme. Lets try to use the online submission to Supreme with out any duplication's to the State.

Family of the Year, again this year we had about just over a quarter of our council's submit names for selection to being the Family of the Year for our Louisiana Jurisdiction and then being sent up to Supreme for a chance to become the Supreme Family of the Year. This is something I am sure we can continually build on as we go into 2020-2021. By not submitting and recognizing our Families we are leaving a brother and his family out of the selection for possibly being the Family of the Year. Let's not sit back and say "oh they will never be selected so no need to submit". This is not a good way to think of things. Give them the recognition one deserves and let the committee's pick and score your nomination to see who will be the family of the Year winner. This year we had councils submitting online and thru email. The online version from your council when completed is all which needs to be done. No need to duplicate with a email version to the Family Director

Grading forms were coming in for the most part on time and a head of the deadline, however there were a couple which came in after the deadline not only by a day or two but by almost a month. The new method used this year did eliminate and reduced any confusion of when it was sent out since they were time stamped into the on line system.

Again this year, I enjoyed seeing and speaking with everyone I met with at certain State Family and local meetings and answering your questions and taking in some of your thoughts.

Great job to all who continually push to get all of our Family programs moving forward, not only for the council's awards, but for all of the participants. I thank everyone for a good 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

Wishing you, your families and council a healthy and safe Fraternal Year in 2020-2021!

Vivat Jesus

/s/ Keith Gros

Keith Gros

State Family Director



Greco Foundation Chairman

To : The Officers and members of the 115th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus and Members of the Bishop Charles P. Greco Foundation held Virtually on May 2, 2020.

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

This year we gave financial support of \$44,480.00 dollars to the young men studying for a religious life and we hope to be back over the fifty thousand dollar mark in future years. These successes are due to your support and the direction given by the Brother Knights of the Louisiana Jurisdiction.

The Foundation gave \$ 410.00 in support this year by disbursing the same dollar amount to each seminarian, without regards to the amount of support given by the local councils. The board of directors continues to ask that every Council in our jurisdiction use the RSVP program through the Supreme Council and support those young people studying for a religious life.

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David B. Bakeler

David B. Bakeler, PSD

Chairman Bishop Greco Foundation



Ladies Auxiliary President

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 115th 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.

The LLAA and our members are here to assist the Knights of Columbus in any way that we can, such as giving guidance in forming new auxiliaries for councils that would like to reform or start an auxiliary. At our last meeting, we had forty auxiliaries with a total of 1,165 members in those auxiliaries.

The annual LLAA Spring Raffle (formerly Msgr. Weber raffle), gives half of the proceeds to the State Council for use toward the Youth Expansion Program (YEP). Due to this year's coronavirus pandemic, we anticipate ticket sales will be impacted. We will know around April 24 exactly how many tickets we have sold, and we will make a decision then about whether we will postpone the May 2 drawing. A check will be sent to the State Deputy when we have finished the raffle.

On behalf of the LLAA, I say thank you to all the Knights who have purchased our raffle tickets. Your support has been tremendous. The Knights' support of the cross raffles at the various state meetings during the past year has been fantastic. Without the cooperation of the Knights of Columbus, we would not be able to be as successful as we have been in past years.

May God Bless You and Your Family,

Submitted by:

/s/Ellen Ledet

Ellen Ledet

President LLAA



Life Program Director

To: The officers and Members of the 115th Annual State “Virtual” Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held on May 2, 2020

This was the second year for me as the State Life Director. I have enjoyed the somewhat daunting experience of following great previous State Life Chair Couples, Sam and Arline Mistretta and Peter and Edna Mae Sahuc. I hope one day we can fill their extraordinary shoes. And I am very pleased to have a Co-Director Vaughn Gibson to help us do that.

The new Faith in Action model in place for two years now has expanded the role of Life Director in the councils to include many programs that in the past we have called secondary life issues. Because they do not involve the direct death of a child in abortion or the elderly in euthanasia, they can be overlooked. Supreme understands the importance of the Catholic mantra; “Life should be respected from conception to natural death and every moment in between.” And after reviewing the state programs, I am very proud say the Knights in the state of Louisiana understand it as well! Never before have I seen such a great response to the Silver Rose program, Special Olympics, Mass for people with Special Needs, and many others! You are all doing an outstanding job!!

The greatest tragedy however still remains abortion in our state, throughout the country, and the rest of the world. Our great state stands alone as the most pro-life state in the nation. And the Knights of Columbus is a huge part of that recognition. I have seen multiple new pregnancy resource centers opened with help from the Knights. I have witnessed firsthand many ultrasound machines purchased every year by the Knights. There has never been a greater participation in pro-life marches throughout the state and in our nation’s capital. Hundreds of Knights have prayed on the sidewalk outside abortion facilities. We have taken part and led literally thousands of people in prayer every year to end abortion. We have partnered with Louisiana Right to Life and taken part and/or led campaigns for pro-life legislation. These efforts and many others have led to an unprecedented possibility of our state being the first abortion-free state in the country.

And so I congratulate each of you for the work you have done and I call for you to continue these efforts. I also call for you to add just one more thing. This year I plan to organize another statewide Novena for Life in May before the release of the Supreme Court decision in June v Russo (formerly June v Gee). This lawsuit which originated in Shreveport could end abortion in our state and pave the way for ending Roe v Wade in the near future. Look for details in the coming days.

Work like it all depends on you. Pray like it all depends on God.– from Sts. Augustine and Ignatius

**Vivat Jesus,
/s/ Chris Davis
Chris Davis
State Life Director**



Louisiana Knight Foundation Chairman

To the Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 115th 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.

The annual membership meeting of the Louisiana Knights Foundation was called to order on Saturday May 2, 2020 by President James Riente.

Eric Miller, Foundation Treasurer, rendered the financial report.

The bank balance as of July 1, 2019 was \$11,769.53.

The disbursements during the fraternal year to date.

Brown & Brown of La. Ins. (Building Ins.)	\$1,802.00
PSD Advisory Board Meeting	\$1,349.40
Compass Financial LLC (HVAC Repair)	\$1,045.35

The deposits during the fraternal year to date.

Rent (Dec 2019)	\$750.00
Rent (Jan 2020)	\$825.00
Rent (Feb 2020)	\$825.00
Rent (Mar 2020)	\$825.00

Consequently, the book balance and the bank balance through March 30, 2020 are in agreement at \$10,797.78.

Balance in savings held in State Council Trust end of March 31, 2020, \$112,363.00.

This concludes all activity of the Louisiana Knights Foundation for the year through March 30, 2020. A final report will be given at the end of the fraternal year on June 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James Riente

James Riente, IPSD

Chairman



M.D.F. Chairman

To the officers and members of the 115th Annual State Convention meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

First I would like to thank our State Deputy and Program Directors for placing their trust and confidence in me for MDF Chairman. Also thanks to the many Brother Knights who have supported and helped with the MDF Campaign.

The 45th annual campaign to aid Mental Disability Fund (MDF Campaign) ran from April 1st, 2019 through March 31st, 2020. For the many councils that participated in the MDF Campaign, I thank you very much!! For councils that did not participate in the fund drive, I invite you to please consider joining us in next year's MDF Campaign 2020-2021 beginning April 1st 2020. Our commitment to support this worthy and just campaign is of high importance for the many special Brothers and Sisters who benefit from our good deeds of charity.

This year our goal was \$200,000.00. The total reported through council's Financial Reports was \$129,725.35 Please always remember that this is "an act of love and hope for God's special citizens" God Bless"

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Thomas Ruemker

Thomas Ruemker

MDF Chairman



Membership Director

To: The officers and members of the 115th Annual State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held Virtually on May 2, 2020.

This was my second year serving as your State Membership Director under the guidance and direction of our State Deputy Rennan Duffour. This year the State Membership team put our concentrated efforts on Star Council awards with the hope of accomplishing our primary goal of achieving Circle of Honor. We started the year very well and were indeed on pace to accomplish our goals before we forced to stand down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even before we were forced to shutter our efforts, numerous councils had already attained their membership and insurance quotas.

I would like to thank all the councils who stood with me and made membership an important part of their council's success, and I would like to thank all the members of the membership team, and especially our State Deputy who has placed his trust in me!

No one knows exactly how the remaining months of this fraternal year will play out, and I can only pray for good health and safety to all the councils throughout the great state of Louisiana. It has been a privilege to serve the councils and the state officers as your membership director for the last two years, and I will continue to serve in any capacity in which I am tasked. Hopefully, I will see all of you soon, and I wish you well in these trying times!

Vivat Jesus,

/s/ Bobby Charpentier

Bobby Charpentier

State Membership Director



Program Director

To: The officers and Members of the 115th Annual State “Virtual” Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held Virtually on May 2, 2020.

This was the second year for the new Faith in Action model which replaced Surge with Service, which was introduced nearly 50 years ago. The new Faith in Action program model reflects a strong call to action and a focus on quality faith-filled family programs. The programs center on Family, Faith, Life and Community.

The new Faith in Action model was introduced in June of 2018, and State Council and local councils continued to assist councils to become familiar with the new programs. Our State Deputy’s Award criteria was drafted to be consistent with Supreme’s new programs and new Columbian Award requirements.

I commend all the councils for implement these new programs and changes. Outstanding job!

This past year the Program Team sought to be more proactive and provide frequent communications, information and status reports to the local councils to aid them with understanding the new programs and their requirements.

I appreciate State Deputy Rennan Duffour for giving me the opportunity to serve as State Program Director. My goal was to provide prompt assistance and accurate information to the councils, and I am hopeful our team helped to make the councils more active and effective in their Parish and community. I extend my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all the directors and chairman who comprise the Program Team. Thank you all for a job well done.

Fraternally Yours,

/s/ Mark C. Carver

Mark C. Carver

State Program Director

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Seminarian Mission Fund Chairman

To the Officers and Members of the 115th Annual State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held Virtually on May 2, 2020.

Annually the Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council conducts a fund raiser to help financially support Mission Trips taken by seminarians at both Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington.

Seminarians in their final year of formation at St Joseph Seminary College are required to participate in the Mission Immersion Program. This past year these Seminarians participated in mission trips in Guatemala, Chicago Illinois and Eldorado, Texas. The focal point of their program is to expand the pastoral vision of those recommended for outgoing studies at the theologate level.

First year seminarians attending Notre Dame Seminary participated in Mission Trips in El Paso Texas and Puerto Rico. In Puerto Rico part of the mission was to assist families with homes who had been affected by Hurricane Maria and to minister to those families. In El Paso these Seminarians spent time assisting people in need at the border by ministering to the poor and preparing meals to those need at the border. These mission trips provide these seminarians with an opportunity to encounter people in challenging pastoral situations in other parts of the world and to missionary dimension of pastoral ministry.

This past year the La. State Council conducted a state-wide raffle to raise fund to help financially support these mission trips. We encouraged all Councils and Auxiliaries throughout the state to either participate in this raffle or encouraging them to donate money to help support this worthwhile cause. This fundraiser officially started in May of 2019 and ended at Grand Knight Day on January 25, 2020.

Throughout this fund raiser the La. State Council was able to raise a little over \$41,000.00 enabling the State Council to donate \$20,000.00 each to Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College.

These mission trips continue to serve as an important and valuable part of the formation of our future priest. Our annually fund raiser provides Councils throughout the state to assist in fostering vocations and has assisted men answer the call to become a priest.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Delmas Forbes

Delmas Forbes

Chairman



St. Mary's Chairman

To the officers and members of the 115th Annual State Convention meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

First I would like to thank our State Deputy and Program Directors for placing their trust and confidence in me for St. Mary's Chairman. Also want to say thanks to the State Council, Councils throughout the state, and Brother Knights who have supported St. Mary's with your love and your generosity.

I am very happy to report that from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 the Louisiana State Council and Knights of Columbus Councils of Louisiana has contributed \$54,416.38 towards the construction costs resolution of the fifteen group homes. Most of the donations are from the M.D.F. Campaign contributions. Brothers this is outstanding, and surely proves your love and dedication to St. Mary's and our special children who make St. Mary's home. Brothers since the Resolution for St. Mary's construction costs that was adopted in May of 2017 the Louisiana State Council and Louisiana Councils of Knights of Columbus have contributed a total of \$103,984.30 to St. Mary's. 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 children of God's lives each and every day, please continue to be the loving, compassionate, and dedicated councils for St. Mary's and Our Special Children.

Please always remember that this is "an act of love and hope for God's special citizens" God Bless"

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Thomas Ruemker

Thomas Ruemker

St. Mary's Chairman



Webmaster

To the officers and members of the 115th State Convention Meeting of the Louisiana State Council assembled all over Louisiana in front of their computers on May 2, 2020

I began slowly rolling access out to the portal. State officers were granted access.

The Mental Disability Fund form was converted to an online form (with a printable form still available for those who prefer to use a physical form). Access to view the data was granted to state MDF chairman Tommy Ruemker. Other state forms will follow in the future.

The state program grading forms were done online as usual. Access for the state program directors to grade the forms was also moved to the portal.

This year the state council also began using GoToMeeting to conduct virtual meetings. The service became useful right away in July when Hurricane Barry threatened Louisiana. Meetings were conducted during the year using the service. GoToMeeting became extremely critical to help keep the state council functioning during the coronavirus outbreak. GoToMeeting was used to plan the convention and then used to run the convention itself.

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



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Y.E.P. Chairman

To the officers and members of the 115th Annual State Convention meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Worthy Reverends, State and Supreme Officers, Dear Friends Brother Knights, as we close another great Columbian Year I would like to thank State Deputy Rennan J. Duffour for choosing me as the Chairman of the Youth Expansion Program (YEP) Fundraiser drive. I would also like to express sincere gratitude to each and every Knight of Columbus (KC) Council and KC supporters for their generous donation to the 2019-2020 YEP Fundraiser.

Your donations have been a tremendous help in sustaining the YEP programs. For example your donations will help to improve and enrich the lives of children with profound developmental disabilities at the St. Mary's Training Facility. The St. Mary's Training Facility provides a safe and loving environment for the children to grow and develop mentally so that they can reach their full potential. Your willingness to help children at the St. Mary's Training Facility and throughout our State is very commendable.

Here are some of the other programs that your donations help make available:

- Seminary Donations
- Columbian Squires
- Catholic Student Centers in each Archdiocese
- Pro-Life Camp
- Soccer Challenge
- Free Throw
- Youth Retreats
- Catholic Youth Leadership Awards

As of this date April 17, 2020, the councils have given unselfishly to YEP. We have a total of 102 councils that have donated to the State's Youth Expansion Program, giving us a grand total of \$92,602.00 collected. The program will run until the end of June for this Columbian year. I will continue to collect donations because it is crucial for us to reach our goal and support these programs. It has been a pleasure serving as the YEP chairman this Columbian Year.

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



Youth Program Director

To the officers and members of the 115th Annual State Convention of the Louisiana State Council on May 2, 2020.

As soon as the new fraternal year had begun in July 2019, we started immediately focusing on trying to get all Brothers Knights who still had children that was eligible to participate in the Catholic School Tuition Program, to recommit to participate in this program again this year. On July 1, 2019 we sent the new applications out to all Brother Knights that had previously participated in this program. Our goal was to try to get all interested Brother Knights to complete the new application before our first drawing in October. Our State Deputy had allocated some extra funds in the State Budget to be able to select one extra winner in each quarter for a total of 20 winners.

During the KCLS seminar in July we promoted our youth related programs such as Soccer Challenge, Knights of Columbus Essay Program, Keep Christ in Christmas Program, Free Throw Contest and our Catholic School Tuition Lottery Program. We also provided Brother Knights attending the seminars with additional references they could use to later obtain additional information concerning these programs.

In September, we begin to promote the Soccer Challenge Program throughout the State and we provided District Deputies and Diocesan Administrator with the information that they needed to conduct their District and Diocesan events. In October, District Deputies and Diocesan Administrator conduct their District and Diocesan Soccer Challenges. On November 10, 2019 we conducted the State Soccer Challenge at the Burbank Soccer Complex. Even though the [participation at the State Challenge, we have competition in all age groups except the 14-year-old Girls division.

During one of the State Officers that was held in Baton Rouge in October of 2019, we conducted the first drawing of the Catholic School Program for the 2019-2020 year. There were winners selected for this drawing and during the months of October and November a representative of the State Council conducted presentations at the schools of our winners.

After a couple of months into the new Fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus Essay Program had begun. During the month of December, we conducted the State Grading for this contest. This year we had received essays from all Dioceses throughout the state. All diocesan and state awards were given to the Diocesan Administrators at the winter State Family to distribute at their earliest convenience. This year we received essays from all Dioceses.

Closer to the end of calendar 2019 year, the Keep Christ In Christmas program had begun. Early in the program we started hearing that many Councils felt like they were going to receive more posters than they had in previous years. There seem to be many more Councils that were promoting this program in their local Catholic Schools. There were many Councils throughout the State that reported that had received 50 or more posters. The state grading for this program was conducted on February 1, 2020.

During January we conducted our second Catholic School drawing and all five winners were recognized during school presentations we made at all the schools of our winners. At the end of April, we conducted our third Catholic School Drawing and we pulled five more winners. We begun to set presentations for all our winners and were able to make three of these presentations, however the Corona Virus prevented us from completing all the presentations that had been scheduled. All winners of this program throughout were presented with a \$500 check to go toward the winners of the Catholic School Tuition Program. All checks of our April winners had to be mailed directly to the schools of our winners. Our final drawing of this fraternal year will be conducted at the end of June of 2020. The State Councils plans to continue to make personal presentations at the schools of our winners as soon as it is safe to so.

Councils throughout the State conducted Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest during the months of December and January. District Deputies conducted their District Free Throw and Diocesan Administrators conducted their events during the month of February of 2020. However unfortunately due to the Corona Virus, the State Council had to cancel its State Free Throw Contest. Even though it was not safe to conduct this event. This mark the first year this event had not occurred in many years.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the State Deputy Rennan Deffour for allowing to serve me in this role. I also would like to thank the State Program Director Mark Carver and State Officer Administrator Robert Boudreaux for all help they gave me throughout the year. However most importantly, thanks to all the Councils who participated in our programs. Finally, thanks to all the Brother Knights and Ladies who assisted with our State Events.

Vivat Jesus

/s/ Delmas Forbes

Delmas Forbes

Youth Program Director





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