



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

As we bring this Columbian year to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible accomplishments of Council 7355 and to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

Together, we have truly lived out our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity. Here are just a few highlights from this remarkable year:

Faith in Action: We organized and participated in numerous prayer services, rosaries, and faith formation events, including support for our parish retreats and Men's conference.

Charitable Giving: Through Lenten Meal fundraisers and special collections, we raised and donated thousands of dollars to support pro-life initiatives, Relay for Life, seminarian support, and local families in need.

Community Engagement: We sponsored youth activities, supported our local school, honored our veterans, and provided meals for those less fortunate in our community.

Building the Domestic Church: Our members took part in spiritual enrichment programs, including "Into the Breach" and other initiatives designed to strengthen Catholic men in their vocations.

Membership Growth: We exceeded our recruitment goal welcoming new brothers into our Council and strengthening our bonds of fraternity.

Historic Milestones: We celebrated the 46th anniversary of our Council, and were honored to take part in the dedication and blessing of the new Bishop Joseph Latino Hall at St. Bernadette—a project made possible by a generous donation from our Council.

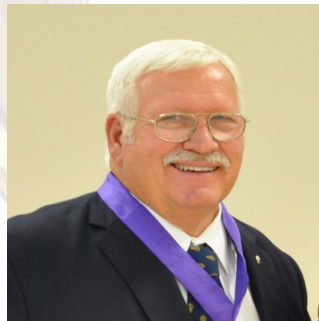
None of these achievements would have been possible without you—the faithful, hard-working men who continue to say "yes" to service, brotherhood, and the Gospel.

As we look forward to a new Columbian year beginning July 1, let us recommit ourselves to the good work ahead. I am deeply grateful for the privilege to serve as your Grand Knight and humbled by the strength and spirit of this Council.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Vivat Jesus!

Craig Portier



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 2025

- 1st Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 4th Happy 249th Birthday to the United States of America!
- 8th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 12th Public Rosary - 1:00 PM - Veterans Park LA 311 Houma
- 15th Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 22nd Third Degree CUF Exemplification - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 29th COR Men's Formation Event - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall

August 2025

- 16th 7th Annual Trivia Night - 5:00 PM - Herbert Hall

Council polo shirts are available for purchase. Please contact the Grand Knight Craig Portier at 985-985-637-7407 for more information.



Council 7355 Information

St. B K of C presents

Our 7th Annual Trivia Night!

16th August : 5pm - 10pm
409 Funderburk Ave, Houma
behind Church in Herbert Hall



Trivia, 50/50, Mini-Games, Door Prizes

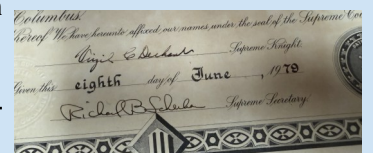
Entrees, Concessions, Drinks, Team Costume Contest, BYOB

Free Entry | Family Event | Games
\$25 per Player, Teams up to Six Members

**Please RSVP:
985-637-4726**



Above: June 8th, 2025 was a very special day in the history of Council 7355. It was the 46th anniversary of the signing of the original Charter of the Council. The Council also dedicated and had Father Andre Melancon bless our new Latino Hall and remodeled Bernadette House. In attendance was the Knight's Fourth Degree Honor Guard, St. Bernadette parishioners, and 5 original charter members of the Council. See additional photos on the Council Website.



Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or in need of prayer.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



JOHN MARCEAUX	07-05
BRYAN TOUPS	07-09
RENE BERNADAS	07-10
ALLEN COLLINS JR	07-11
GLYNN PORTIER	07-13
IAN DOMBROWSKI	07-14
MILHADO LEE SHAFFER III	07-15
RONALD ESCHETE	07-16
ALBERT GUIDRY JR	07-20
SIDNEY ROBICHAUX	07-21
DONOVAN BABIN	07-24
JAMES LEGER	07-24
ANDREW VEDROS	07-24
JEROD DUET	07-26

2025	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
January	Ralph Mitchell	John & Wanda Fos
February	Dale Hebert	Buddy and Nadine Pinell
March	Matt Trahan	Nick & Jade Cerny
April	Barry Breaux	Bruce, Candace & Emma Beniot
May	Carroll Lirette	Peter and Debbie Fos
June	James Cherry	Mark and Becky Landry



St Bernadette KC Council 7355 Grand Knight Craig Portier and Scholarship Committee Chairman Mark Duplantis presented the Raphael Songe Memorial Scholarship to Zander Lirette and Antionette Savoie.



Above R: The Council 7355 Family of the Month is Mark and Becky Landry.

Above L: The Council 7355 Knight of the Month is Jame Cherry.

Additional Council News can be found at:

stbernadettekofccouncil7355.com/news

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

What are the benefits in becoming a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you and your family enjoy many benefits, including 12 free issues annually of the Columbia magazine, the world's largest Catholic family magazine, eligibility to join the Knights of Columbus top-ranked life insurance program, and many more family and personal benefits

How do I become a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application blanks are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.



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JOSEPH BOSWORTH	LOUIS LANDRY JR.
MABUNDA JOHN BWAMBALE	GARY LANDRY
JAMES CHERRY SR.	HAROLD LERAY
ALLEN COLLINS JR.	ARTHUR LONG
JOSEPH CROCHET	ULYSE LOUVIERE
RICHARD DAIGLE	CHARLES LOVE
JOHN DANIGOLE SR.	JOHN MARCEAUX
JOHN DE LA BRETONNE	MICHAEL MARCEL
MICHAEL DELAUNE	DANNY MARTIN
DOYLE DETIVEAUX	ANDRE MELANCON
EUGENE DUDEK JR.	JOHN PELLEGRIN
JEROD DUET	DANIEL PORTIER
CLYDE DUPLANTIS	TIMOTHY PORTIER
KIRBY FALCON SR.	WILSON RHODES
DANIEL GAUDET	SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX
RODNEY GAUDET	FERNAND VIAL SR.
JUAN HERNANDEZ	GREGORY WHITNEY

Pray the Rosary!!

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