



## St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER January 2026

#### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

As we begin a new year, I extend my sincere best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy, and faith-filled year ahead. May the coming months strengthen our fraternity, renew our commitment to service, and deepen our witness to Christ through the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 18, when our parish will host the Choose Life Mass, along with the Baby Bottle Fundraiser supporting local pregnancy resource centers. This is an important opportunity for our council to stand publicly for the dignity of life. Your participation—through attendance, volunteering, and supporting the fundraiser—makes a meaningful difference.

I also ask for your continued cooperation and support as we approach the upcoming church renovations. These improvements are vital to the long-term life of our parish and will require patience, flexibility, and helping hands. As details become available, we will be reaching out for assistance where needed, and I encourage everyone to step forward as they are able.

Finally, please be aware that our annual Lenten Meals fundraiser will kick off on February 20. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year and a cornerstone of our charitable work. More information will follow soon, but now is the time to begin planning your involvement and inviting others to support this effort.

Thank you for all you do for our council, our parish, and our community. I look forward to serving alongside you in the year ahead.

Vivat Jesus!

Craig Portier  
Grand Knight Council 7355



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## January 2026

6 JAN, TUE	● All day	Epiphany
	● 6:30 – 8pm	Council 7355 Officers Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
10 JAN, SAT	● 1 – 2pm	Council/Assembly Public Rosary Unborn Child Memorial at St. Bernadette
11 JAN, SUN	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Remove Church Decorations
12 JAN, MON	● 8 – 9am	Work in Church - Construction
13 JAN, TUE	● 6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
18 JAN, SUN	● 11am – 12:30pm	Choose Life Mass
20 JAN, TUE	● 6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
27 JAN, TUE	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360

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



## Council 7355 News



**Council 7355 Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Ralph Mitchell gave a presentation on the Council COR Faith Formation activities to the Winter Meeting of the District Deputies for the Louisiana State Council in Kenner on December 6, 2025.**



# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



RHETT McCANN	01-04
BARRY LECOMpte	01-06
JAMES BARLOW	01-08
OSCAR ROBICHAUX	01-16
PAUL PREJEAN	01-17
JOSHUA PORTIER	01-19
CHARLES MC ELROY III	01-22
HERVEY STEIN	01-24
STEPHEN CASTILLE	01-29
DONNIE LANDRY JR	01-31

2025	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
August	Andre Benoit	Mike & Amy Delaune
September	Donn Pickering	Mason & Lindsey Authement
October	Andrew Vedros	Chad & Jenny Charpentier
November	Torrin Domangue	Reggie & Becky Landry
December	Linwood Liner	Brian & Lauren Boudreaux



**December Knight of the Month Linwodd Liner and Family of the Month Brian and Lauren Boudreaux**

# Council 7355 Christmas Meal for the Public



# Council 7355 Information

## Choose Life Mass



St Bernadette  
Knights of  
Columbus

Pro-Life  
Rosary

Blessing of  
Unborn Child  
Memorial



Baby Bottle  
Fundraiser for  
Hope Restored  
and Crossroads  
Pregnancy  
Centers



Sunday, January 18, at 11:00 Mass

## 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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## Honorary Lifetime Members

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ALLEN KRAMER SR.

DONALD BASCLE

CLARENCE LA FLEUR

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RENE BERNADAS

LOUIS LANDRY JR.

JOSEPH BOSWORTH

GARY LANDRY

MABUNDA JOHN BWAMBALE

DALE LEBOUEF

JAMES CHERRY SR.

HAROLD LERAY

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CHARLES LOVE

JOHN DANIGOLE SR.

JOHN MARCEAUX

JOHN DE LA BRETONNE

MICHAEL MARCEL

MICHAEL DELAUNE

DANNY MARTIN

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DANIEL GAUDET

LOUIS ROBICHAUX

RODNEY GAUDET

SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX

JUAN HERNANDEZ

BOBBY TRAHAN

FORREST KORNDORFFER

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

## Pray the Rosary!!

## Officers and Directors

Grand Knight Craig Portier

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