



## St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER January 2025

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

As we welcome the New Year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the past year. It has been a year full of blessings and achievements, and I am proud that our Council has earned several prestigious awards, including STAR Council, a direct reflection of your dedication and hard work.

Thanks to your efforts, we've already reached our membership quota for this fraternal year, a tremendous milestone! However, let us not rest on our laurels. We still encourage new members to join us, as each new Brother Knight helps keep our Council vibrant and strong, ensuring that our work in service to God and community continues to grow.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the members of the Council and St. Bernadette Parish. Your generous donations allowed us to purchase 19 gift cards, each worth \$175, for local grocery stores. These cards are a direct blessing to families in need, and your compassion has made a real difference.

As we step into the New Year, I challenge all of you to continue supporting the Council's work, so we can keep reaching those in need. Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the upcoming move into our new Bishop Joseph Latino Hall, and we will continue our improvements at Bernadette House to better serve our community.

Please join us on January 19 after 11 am Mass as we bless and dedicate the Memorial to the Unborn Child, now installed in the prayer garden.

Thank you for your dedication, your prayers, and your service. May the New Year bring peace, health, and continued blessings to you and your families.

In Christ's Service,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2025

- 1st Happy New Year!! - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation
- 7th Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 14th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM - Bishop Latino Hall - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 19th Blessing and Dedication of Unborn Child Memorial - 11:00 Mass then Procession
- 20th National March for Life Pilgrimage thru January 25th - Washington DC
- 21st Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM - Bishop Latino Hall - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 27th Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity 3rd Degree - Bishop Latino Hall - 6:30 PM

**January is Pro-Life Month**

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



## Council 7355 Information



**Visit the Council 7355 Website to submit a prayer request for those person who are sick or in need of assistance.**

**Please welcome the newest members of the Council, John Fos, Nick Cerny, Scott Vise, and Joe Boudreaux. We are happy to have our new Brother Knights.**

**Dedication of the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Memorial to the Unborn Child**

**January 19, 2024**

**11:00 AM Mass**

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



# Council 7355 In Action

## Christmas Social and St. Bernadette Christmas Party



**St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355: A 23/24 FY "STAR" Council**



# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



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
STEPHEN CASTILLE	01-29
DONNIE LANDRY JR	01-31

## *Pope Francis' Prayer Intention*

### **For Pilgrims of Hope**

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



UPCOMING RETREATS

**January 30 -  
February 2, 2025**

**MEN'S**

VISIT [JPIIacts.com](http://JPIIacts.com) FOR MORE INFO  
AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH 2024**

**January**

**Gerard Vedros**

**February**

**Dale Hebert**

**March**

**Mark Duplantis**

**April**

**Mark Bascle**

**May**

**Mike Delaune**

**June**

**No Meeting**

**July**

**Mark Landry**

**August**

**Joe Szush**

**September**

**Ben Cherry**

**October**

**Bruce Beniot**

**November**

**Andy Dufrene**

**December**

**Andrew Vedros**

## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH 2024**

**January**

**Steve & Theresa Becnel**

**February**

**Ralph & Denise Mitchell**

**March**

**Al & Gretchen Hargis**

**April**

**Craig & Susan Portier**

**May**

**Albert and June Gonzales**

**June**

**No Meeting**

**July**

**John and Becky Brennan**

**August**

**Mike & Christy Maiocchi**

**September**

**David Cherry Family**

**October**

**Terry and Lillie Doughty**

**November**

**Joe & Sue Szush**

**December**

**Mike & Amy Delaune**

A new membership year is now upon us. Please ask your Catholic friends to join our Council. First year membership is free and the new member may visit:

**[kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) for more info.**

## 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.



### CONTACT US

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RENE BERNADAS

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MABUNDA JOHN BWAMBALE

JAMES CHERRY SR.

ALLEN COLLINS JR.

JOSEPH CROCHET

RICHARD DAIGLE

JOHN DANIGOLE SR.

JOHN DE LA BRETONNE

MICHAEL DELAUNE

DOYLE DETIVEAUX

EUGENE DUDEK JR.

JEROD DUET

CLYDE DUPLANTIS

KIRBY FALCON SR.

DANIEL GAUDET

RODNEY GAUDET

JUAN HERNANDEZ

FORREST KORNDORFFER

ALLEN KRAMER SR.

CLARENCE LA FLEUR

DARRYL LANDRY

LOUIS LANDRY JR.

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ANDRE MELANCON

JOHN PELLEGRIN

TIMOTHY PORTIER

WILSON RHODES

SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

## Pray the Rosary!!

## Officers and Directors

Grand Knight Craig Portier

Deputy Grand Knight James Cherry

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