



# St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers in Christ,

It is with great enthusiasm that I address you today, not only as your Grand Knight but as a fellow brother committed to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism that define our Order. Our Knights of Columbus Council has a rich history of serving our community and supporting our Church, and it is our duty to ensure this legacy continues to thrive.

I invite each of you to consider taking your commitment to the Order to the next level by joining the Fourth Degree. As Fourth Degree Knights, we embody the highest ideals of patriotism and service. We have the privilege of participating in honor guards, supporting our veterans, and actively promoting Catholic citizenship. It is a truly rewarding experience that deepens our faith and strengthens our bond with our country.

To support our Council's ongoing charitable work, we are excited to announce our upcoming Trivia Night fundraiser. This event is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy some friendly competition, and raise funds for worthy causes. I encourage each of you to participate, recruit friends and family, and help make this event a resounding success.

As we look to the future, our Council's strength and impact depend on our ability to grow. I challenge each of us to identify potential new members within our circles. Whether it's a friend, neighbor, or coworker who shares our values, let us extend an invitation to join our brotherhood. By expanding our membership, we can increase our capacity to serve and make an even greater difference in our community.

Remember, our Order is not just about attending meetings; it's about living our faith through service. At our July monthly meeting, Father Andre' expressed the desire to incorporate men's faith formation into our meetings. We are excited about this as we offer our full support and backing to Father Andre' on this endeavor. It ties perfectly into the Knights of Columbus COR campaign which is to continue to make the Knights "First in Faith, First in Charity."

Let us strive to be exemplary Knights, inspiring others through our actions and our witness. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Council that leaves a lasting legacy.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events.

In the spirit of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism,

In Faith and Gratitude,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## August 2024

- 13th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 17th Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Bernadette
- 20th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 24th Annual Trivia Night - 5:00 PM in Herbert Hall

## September 2024

- 10th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 17th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

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

# 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Join the 4th Degree

**August 17, 2024**

Houma, LA

The Knights of Columbus Exemplification of members into the 4th Degree will be held at St. Bernadette in Houma, LA on August 17th. Please note, you do not have to purchase a uniform to join the 4th Degree. Contact the Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle at 985-772-1268 for more info.



# Council 7355 In Action

Council 7355 Knights prepared Fried Shrimp and Catfish for the Father Stephen Castille going away dinner. Best wishes to Sir Knight Father Stephen on you new assignment at Our Lady of the Rosary in Larose, LA.

Council members also put in many hours supporting St Bernadette Church for the Annual Garage Sale. Knights assisted in the set up of the gym and Herbert Hall, worked as volunteers during the sale and assisted with the final clean up and storage of all the racks and hanger structures. Work continues on the Bishop Latino Hall and Bernadette House renovation project.





# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



BRANDON ZENTHOEFER	08-04
ALVIN HARGIS JR	08-05
ALLEN KRAMER SR	08-05
LOUIS ROBICHAUX	08-07
TIMOTHY FOURNIER	08-08
MABUNDA BWAMBALE	08-10
ANDRE MELANCON	08-10
WAYNE BENOIT	08-11
HERBERT ORGERON JR	08-11
LINWOOD LINER, JR	08-19
KEEGAN MELANCON	08-20
JOHN PELLEGRIN	08-20
BOBBY TRAHAN	08-22
WILSON FALGOUT	08-27
VICTOR LEFORT	08-27
MARK BASCLE	08-28
EUGENE DUDEK JR	08-29

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**2024**

**January**

**Gerard Vedros**

**February**

**Dale Hebert**

**March**

**Mark Duplantis**

**April**

**Mark Bascle**

**May**

**Mike Delaune**

**June**

**To Be Announced**

**July**

**Mark Landry**

## 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**

**To Be Announced**

**July**

**John and Becky Brennan**

You Are Invited To

## 6TH ANNUAL KofC TRIVIA CONTEST

**24TH AUGUST : 5PM - 10PM**

409 FUNDERBURK AVENUE, 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  
FREE PARKING | \$25 PER PLAYER, UP TO SIX  
MEMBER TEAMS

RSVP : 985-637-4726



## Mark your Calendars!!

**The 2024 St. Bernadette Annual One Day Men's Conference will be Saturday, October 5, 2024. More info to come.**

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](https://kofc.org/join)**

for more info.

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

## 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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STEPHEN CASTILLE

JAMES CHERRY SR.

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RODNEY GAUDET

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FORREST KORNDORFFER

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GARY LANDRY

HAROLD LERAY

ARTHUR LONG

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DANNY MARTIN

ANDRE MELANCON

JOHN PELLEGRIN

TIMOTHY PORTIER

WILSON RHODES

SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

## Pray the Rosary!!

## Officers and Directors

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