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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Fellow Knights,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the outstanding efforts and unwavering commitment each of you has demonstrated throughout the past year. It has been a year marked by triumphs, camaraderie, and a shared dedication to our mission as Knights of Columbus.

Our accomplishments in 2023 exemplify the strength of our brotherhood and the impact we can make when we stand together. The generous support you've provided to events like the St. Bernadette Catholic Men's Conference and numerous other initiatives has not only strengthened our council but has also echoed the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism that define us.

As Grand Knight, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your tireless efforts and selfless contributions. It is because of your dedication that we have achieved so much, and I am confident that together we can build upon this foundation for an even more successful 2024.

Looking ahead, the challenges and opportunities before us are significant. In 2024 during lent, we will begin to host our fish fry fundraisers, which not only serve as a source of financial support for our council but also bring our community together in fellowship. The planning of our new meeting hall is progressing well, and I encourage you dedicate your time and skills to ensure its completion in 2024, as it will serve as a lasting testament to our commitment to service.

Additionally, let us renew our commitment to supporting the St. Bernadette Catholic Men's Conference and other events that align with our principles. These occasions provide us with the platform to demonstrate our faith and make a positive impact on our community.

In the spirit of the Knights of Columbus, I challenge each of you to set ambitious goals for 2024. Let us strive for excellence in every endeavor, fostering an environment of growth, unity, and service. Together, we can make 2024 a year that defines our council as a beacon of light in our community.

As we embark on this journey together, I am confident that the camaraderie, dedication, and brotherhood that define the Knights of Columbus will guide us to new heights of success and service.

May God bless each of you and your families abundantly in the coming year.

Craig Portier Grand Knight St. Bernadette Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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- Update on Council Activities
- Upcoming Events
- For the Good of the Order



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2024

- 1st New Years Day
- 9th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - Rosary 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 16th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

February

Council Monthly Meeting to be rescheduled. Currently falls on Mardi Gras.

- 13th Mardi Gras
- 14th Ash Wednesday
- 16th Potential Fundraiser Fish Fry—Time to be determined.
- 20th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 23rd Potential Fundraiser Fish Fry—Time to be determined.

Council 7355 Knight and Family of the Year



The St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355 Knight and Family of the Year Awards were presented at the Council/Assembly Christmas Social by Grand Knight Craig Portier. Ralph Mitchell was awarded Knight of the Year and Al and Gretchen Hargis were awarded Family of the Year.

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

St. Bernadette Parish Christmas Party 2023



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

The St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355 embodied the true meaning of Christian charity by conducting a food drive and supporting those less fortunate. Our faithful community came together to provide food baskets to those in need, spreading love and compassion to all. May God bless you and your loved ones this in 2024.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

2023

January

Linwood Liner Jr.

February

Ralph Mitchell

March

Gerard Vedros

April

Ulyse "Woody" Louviere

May

Maurice "Mo" Evans

June

Sydney Robichaux

July

Paul Prejean

August

George Swindel

September

Andy Dufrene

October

Peter Fos

November

Terry Doughty

December

Buddy Pinell

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

2023

January

Jansen & Amanda Callais

February

Al & Gretchen Hargis

March

Andy & Darlene Dufrene

April

Mark & Tina Chauvin

May

Gerard Vedros Family

June

Craig Foret Family

July

Peanut Doiron Family

August

Terry and Lillie Doughty

September

Ben Cherry Family

October

Sonny Falgout Family

November

Mike Delaune Family

December

Linwood and Lori Liner

Please pray for those Council 7355 Knights who left us in 2023: Wilsie J. Picou, Cullen P. Boudreaux, Dave W. Billiot, and Fernand "Butch" Folsie. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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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