



# St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

**Vivat Jesus!**

### Grand Knights Message

Fellow Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude for those of you accepting the responsibility that comes with being an officer of the Knights of Columbus. Your willingness to step forward and take on these important positions demonstrates your unwavering belief in our mission to uphold the core values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Your leadership skills and commitment to service will undoubtedly inspire our members and guide them towards even greater accomplishments.

One of the primary functions of our officers is to be good stewards of the finances of the Council. That being said, we have appointed Ralph Mitchell to lead the effort to use the funds made from the sale of the old building to develop a plan to convert the Bernadette House on campus to a multi-use meeting/event center. Please get with Ralph to relay any ideas or suggestions you have and keep an eye out for meeting notices to begin soon.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the contributions you have made to the growth of our membership. Our Council added 11 new members this past fraternal year. The success of any organization lies in its ability to attract and retain individuals who are passionate about its cause. Your enthusiasm and persuasive skills have undoubtedly played a crucial role in attracting new members to our council. By sharing your own experiences and highlighting the meaningful work we do as Knights, you have inspired others to join our ranks and become part of something greater than themselves.

I am honored to have each of you as a member of our council, and I am confident that your passion and dedication will lead us to new heights of achievement. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any other member of the leadership team if you ever need guidance or support.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue to serve our council and our community.

Fraternally yours,

Craig Portier Grand Knight St. Bernadette Council 7355

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#### SPECIAL INTEREST

- Grand Knight's Message
- Update on Council Activities
- Upcoming Events
- For the Good of the Order



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## July 2023

- 11th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM  
 18th Vanderbilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM  
 29th Installation of 4th Degree Officers—St. Anthony Catholic Church After 4PM Mass  
 Note: The garage sale and building maintenance in July may necessitate meeting location changes!

## August 2023

- 4th Council Work Event to support the Diocesan Teachers Meeting at Herbert Hall - TBD  
 8th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM  
 12th Fourth Degree Exemplification - Zachary, LA Contact Mark Bascle  
 15th Vanderbilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM  
 19th Knights of Columbus Council 7355 Trivia Night—Herbert Hall—5:00 PM



### NAMES OF SPECIFIC PARTS OF A CHURCH

**Vestibule:** The foyer between the outside doors leading off the street, and the inside doors opening into the church itself.

**Nave:** Area of the church in which the faithful attend Mass. In early churches, the nave is a wide, unbroken space; in most churches now, it is divided into aisles and sections of pews. The four walls of the nave symbolize the four Gospel writers.

**Transept:** Many churches are built in the form of the cross. The wings intersecting the nave are called the transept. Similar to the nave, the transept's four walls also represent something—the four cardinal virtues.

**Sanctuary:** Like the Holy of Holies in Scripture, the sanctuary is separated from the lay faithful, usually with steps; it is the sacred space in which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass takes place.

**Altar:** The consecrated stone—traditionally containing relics of the saints—on which the Sacrifice of Mount Calvary is again offered. The altar is stone because it represents Christ, "the stone whom the builders rejected" who became the cornerstone.

**Sacristy:** The priest and altar servers prepare for Mass in this room, which is usually attached to the sanctuary. Symbolically, the sacristy is considered the Blessed Mother's womb, from which Christ—in the person of the priest—goes out to His flock.

**Baptistry:** The baptismal font usually stands against a wall in the church now, but in the earlier centuries of the Church, it was housed in its own special room. This unique arrangement can still be seen in many famous churches and cathedrals.

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

## Officers and Directors

Grand Knight Craig Portier	Outside Guard Marvin Redmond
Deputy Grand Knight James Cherry	Inside Guard Edward Pinell
Chaplin Father Andre Melancon	1 Year Trustee Andrew Vedros
Financial Secretary Maurice Evans	2 Year Trustee Woody Louviere
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Advocate Ralph Mitchell	Recorder Mark Bascle
Warden Richard Daigle	Chancellor Al Hargis
Lector Gerald Michel	

***Our faith offers a coherent—and attractive—vision of the human person. It makes clear to our children that they have inherent dignity and are deeply loved by God, who has willed them into existence for a purpose.***

# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

**Coming Soon!!!**

Exciting news about a Council 7355 sponsored COR event at St. Bernadette Church in November 2023. Stay tuned for more information.



## 5th Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, August 19th, 2023

Doors Open 5 pm, Trivia 6 pm

409 Funderburk Avenue

Herbert Hall, Behind St.

Bernadette Church

Door Prizes

Mini Games

Team Costume Contest

Dinner & Concessions Available

50/50

Raffle

**BYOB**

**\$25 PER  
PLAYER,  
TEAMS UP  
TO SIX  
MEMBERS**

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**January**

**Linwood Liner Jr.**

**February**

**Ralph Mitchell**

**March**

**Gerard Vedros**

**April**

**Ulyse "Woody" Louviere**

**May**

**Maurice "Mo" Evans**

**June**

**Sydney Robichaux**

**July**

**August**

**September**

**October**

**November**

**December**



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

**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**

**August**

**September**

**October**

**November**

**December**

Pope St. John Paul II



*Men's Retreat  
July 20-23*

St. Bernadette • Annunziata • St. Ann • Holy Family • St. Eloi



## 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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MABUNDA BWAMBALE

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DOYLE DETIVEAUX

EUGENE DUDEK JR.

JEROD DUET

CLYDE DUPLANTIS

EDWARD EVANS JR.

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LEANDRE FOLSE

DANIEL GAUDET

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ULYSE LOUVIERE

CHARLES LOVE

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STEVE MICHEL

ANDRE MELANCON

JOHN PELLEGRIN

WILSIE PICOU

TIMOTHY PORTIER

WILSON RHODES

SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

## COUNCIL 7355 POLO SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE

The Knights of Columbus logo and St. Bernadette Council 7355 are embroidered on the shirt. If interested, please let Grand Knight Craig Portier know your size. Cost is \$32



Style and Color May Vary