



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers in Christ,

As we conclude another remarkable Colombian year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the outstanding achievements of our Knights of Columbus council. This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by numerous impactful events and initiatives that have truly enriched our community and strengthened our commitment to service.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts throughout the year.

Our council's involvement in several church work days has not only beautified our parish grounds but has also demonstrated our commitment to supporting St. Bernadette Church in a tangible way. The donation towards the ultrasound machine for Hope Restored underscores our dedication to promoting a culture of life, a cause that is close to our hearts as Knights of Columbus.

The family Christmas party and the Lenten meals provided moments of joy and fellowship for our parish community, fostering a sense of unity and belonging. The Battle Ready Men's Conference and our participation in Relay for Life exemplified our commitment to personal and communal growth, as well as our dedication to supporting those in need.

Furthermore, our council's generous donation towards the new Bishop Latino Hall and the restoration of the Raphael Songe Scholarship demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the long-term sustainability and flourishing of our parish and community.

It is through your hard work, generosity, and selflessness that we have been able to achieve all of this and more. Your dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism truly embodies the spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

As we look ahead to the future, I encourage each of you to maintain this same level of enthusiasm and energy. Let us continue to be a beacon of hope and service in our community, standing strong in our faith and commitment to the Knights of Columbus and St. Bernadette Church.

Thank you once again for your outstanding contributions and unwavering support. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact and uphold the noble mission of our order.

In Faith and Gratitude,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 2024

- 4th Fourth of July
- 5th Garage Sale Set Up Day
- 9th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 16th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 25th St. Bernadette Men's ACTS Retreat

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

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



UPCOMING RETREATS

**July
25-28
MEN'S**

VISIT JPIIACTS.COM FOR MORE INFO
AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

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

for more info.



St Bernadette KC Council 7355 Grand Knight Craig Portier and Scholarship Committee Chairman Mark Duplantis present the Raphael Songe Memorial Scholarship to Madison Chauvin, Emily Pellegrin and Antoinette Savoie. Congratulations ladies for a job well done and well deserved.

Congratulations to all the Council Officers Elected for the 24-25 Columbian Year. May God Bless each of you as you work to bring pride and admiration to our Council.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

2024

January

Gerard Vedros

February

Dale Hebert

March

Mark Duplantis

April

Mark Bascle

May

Mike Delaune

June

To Be Announced

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

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

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St. Bernadette's Annual Garage Sale

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in NEED of men, women, and teens to help make our Annual Garage Sale a success. This sale not only benefits our parish and teens financially, but it helps build community within our parish.

Come, have some fun, and build a stronger St. Bernadette Community. From July 8th-20th we could use your help. Please call the church office to volunteer. Volunteer Meeting is June 26th at 6PM in Herbert Hall.

COLLECTION DATES	SETUP DATES	SALE DATES
JULY 8TH - 12TH 1 PM - 7 PM	JULY 15TH - 17TH 8 AM - 4 PM	JULY 18TH - 19TH 9 AM - 5 PM
JULY 13TH 8 AM - 4 PM		JULY 20TH 9 AM - 12 PM

JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be at St. Bernadette in Houma on August 17, 2024. Please contact FN Mark Bascle at 985-772-1268 if interested.

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.



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Pray the Rosary!!

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