



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knights Message

Fellow Knights,

I hope each of you are well. I am writing to emphasize the significance of attending this month's meeting, which will involve the crucial election of officers for the coming year. Your presence and active participation are of utmost importance for the smooth functioning and continued success of our esteemed organization.

The Knights of Columbus has always stood as a beacon of unity, service, and fraternity, committed to supporting our communities and promoting the values we hold dear. Central to our mission is the election of officers who will lead and guide us in upholding these principles throughout the upcoming year.

During this meeting, we have the opportunity to choose individuals who will take on leadership roles and serve as examples for our members. These officers will be entrusted with important responsibilities, such as coordinating charitable initiatives, organizing events, and fostering a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere within our council. They will play a pivotal role in shaping the direction of our organization and ensuring that our mission continues to thrive.

Additionally, attending the meeting provides an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood within our organization. It allows us to come together as a community, share our thoughts and concerns, and collectively work towards our common goals. Your presence will inspire and motivate fellow members, demonstrating your commitment to the Knights of Columbus and reinforcing the spirit of unity that defines us.

I understand that life can be busy and schedules can be demanding, but I urge you to prioritize this meeting. Your involvement and participation are instrumental in shaping the future of our organization and ensuring its continued success. Let us gather as a united front, select capable leaders, and collectively embark on another year of impactful service to our communities.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and witnessing your active involvement in the election process. Together, we can build a stronger Knights of Columbus and make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Fraternally yours,

Craig Portier

Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus 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



June 2023

- 3rd KC Support of Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Crossroads Pregnancy Center (6-3 & 6-4) Masses
- 13th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 18th Fathers Day
- 20th Vandebilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM
- 27nd Third Degree Exemplification—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM

July 2023

- 11th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 18th Vandebilt 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

August 2023

- 12th Fourth Degree Exemplification - Zachary, LA Contact Mark Bascle
- 19th Knights of Columbus Council 7355 Trivia Night—Herbert Hall—5:00 PM



COUNCIL POLO SHIRTS

Grand Knight Craig Portier has found a local vendor who can sell and polo shirts to members of the council. The shirts come in different colors and will have a pocket. The Knights of Columbus logo and St. Bernadette Council 7355 will be embroidered on the left side of the shirt. It is the intent of these shirts to let people know who we are and to gain support and membership for the organization. If you are interested, please let Grand Knight Craig Portier know your size. An exact cost is not yet know but should be in the \$35 neighborhood.



Note: Style and color may vary.

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
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THE MAN WHO STANDS WITH US NEVER STANDS ALONE

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



LEANDRE FOLSE	06-01
CHRISTOPHER ARMOND	06-09
LOUIS LANDRY JR	06-11
BENJAMIN CHERRY	06-20
RANDAL ISAACS	06-21
ANDY DUFRENE	06-25
RANDELL KNIGHT	06-25
JEFF MILLER	06-25
DALE LEBOEUF	06-26
STEVEN CHAMPTON	06-28
MARK CHAUVIN	06-30

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT DOES "SOUBIROUS" IN THE NAME OF ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH REPRESENT?

St. Bernadette was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. There were 18 appearances in all. During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette was canonized in 1933.

Bernadette's parents were François and Louise Soubirous.

So the answer, "Soubirous" is St. Bernadette's last name!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

January

Linwood Liner Jr.

February

Ralph Mitchell

March

Gerard Vedros

April

Ulyse "Woody" Louviere

May

Maurice "Mo" Evans

June

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

July

August

September

October

November

December



*Men's Retreat
July 20-23*

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

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Website at:

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For the latest news, events, and information about the 3rd Degree Council 7355 and the Father Vandebilt 4th Degree Assembly 2322.

We welcome the newest member to Council 7355 George Swindel, who made his 3rd Degree in May.



The Knights of Columbus Council 7355 Mass May 7, 2023 at St. Bernadette Catholic Church was celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville. Also pictured is Father Andre Melancon, Father Stephen Castille, Deacon Jimmy Brunet along with members of the Houma/Terrebonne Diocese 4th Degree Patriotic Honor Guard.

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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EDWARD EVANS JR.

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BRETT LAPEYROUSE

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WILSIE PICOU

WILSON RHODES

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

5th Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, August 19th, 2023

Doors Open 5 pm, Trivia 6 pm

409 Funderburk Avenue

Herbert Hall, Behind St.

Bernadette Church

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

Door Prizes

Mini Games

Team Costume Contest

50/50
Raffle

BYOB

Dinner & Concessions Available