



# St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church  
409 Funderburk Ave.  
Houma, LA 70364



## Grand Knights Message

Fellow Knights,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the service you have rendered to our community. Your unwavering commitment to our mission of serving those in need and building a better world is truly inspiring. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your selfless contributions.

Thanks to all the members who assisted during Holy Week. There was a great Knight's presence in preparing the church, participating in the Masses and other events, and working in the church ministries to assist both old and new Catholics.

As we move forward, I would like to encourage you to continue recruiting new members to join our ranks. Our council's strength lies in the number of members we have and the diversity of skills and experiences they bring to the table. By inviting new members to join us, we can increase our impact and make a greater difference in the lives of those we serve.

Please welcome our newest members to the Council who made their third degree in April. They are Chad Chatagnier, Terry Doughty, and Wayne Savoie. Wayne is a previous Council member who made his third degree. Congratulations and welcome.

Please join us on May 7th for the 11:00 AM Knights Mass. We will welcome Bishop Mario Dorsonville to St. Bernadette. The Fourth Degree will be in attendance with the Honor Guard. Let make a good showing for the Bishop.

Once again, thank you for your service, your dedication, and your commitment to our council's mission. Let us continue to work together to build a better world.

Faternally,

Craig Portier

Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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### SPECIAL INTEREST

- Grand Knight's Message
- Update on Council Activities
- Upcoming Events
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## May 2023

- 4th State Knights of Columbus Convention—Lafayette, LA
- 7th Knights Mass at St. Bernadette—11:00 AM—4th Degree Honor Guard
- 9th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 14th Mother's Day
- 16th Vandebilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM
- 20th 4th Degree Exemplification—Alexandria, LA (Contact Craig Portier or Mark Bascle if interested)
- 23th Third Degree Exemplification—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM



## June 2023

- 13th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 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

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

### COUNCIL POLO SHIRTS

Grand Knight Craig Portier has found a local vendor who can sell 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.

**Nominations for Officers and Directors for Council 7355 are open and will be accepted until the May 9th meeting of the Council. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Grand Knight Craig Portier.**

### Officers and Directors

Grand Knight Craig Portier	Outside Guard Marvin Redmond
Deputy Grand Knight James Cherry	Inside Guard Edward Pinell
Chaplin Andre Melancon	1 Year Trustee Andrew Vedros
Financial Secretary Maurice Evans	2 Year Trustee Woody Louviere
Treasurer Gerard Vedros	3 Year Trustee Mark Duplantis
Advocate Ralph Mitchell	Recorder Mark Bascle
Warden Richard Daigle	Chancellor Al Hargis

***THE MAN WHO STANDS WITH  
US NEVER STANDS ALONE***

# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



DARYL LANDRY	05-04
CLARENCE LA FLEUR	05-05
CLYDE DUPLANTIS	05-08
DANIEL GAUDET	05-15
CRAIG PORTIER	05-20
TIMMY PORTIER	05-20
JAMES LEGER III	05-23
JOHN DE LA BRETONNE	05-24
PETER FOS	05-24
WILLIAM LEBOEUF	05-25
GARY LANDRY	05-27
ANTHONY MAIOCCHI III	05-27



Council 7355 Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, and tree trimming at St. Bernadette.



## DID YOU KNOW?



To make it known that "allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith," Christopher Columbus was taken as the fraternal organization's patron. Known as the explorer who discovered America, Columbus was also a devout Catholic.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

January

**Linwood Liner Jr.**

February

**Ralph Mitchell**

March

**Gerard Vedros**

April

**Ulyse "Woody" Louviere**

May

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

June

July

August

September

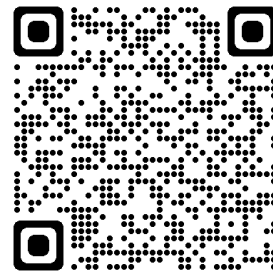
October

November

December

The Knights of Columbus is here to help.

We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be – and your family needs. Use your camera to scan the QR code below for more information.







# Council 7355 at the Houma/Terrebonne Relay for Life



April 24, 2023



## 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

WHITNEY ARMOND JR.	RODNEY GAUDET
NATHAN AUCOIN	JUAN HERNANDEZ
DONALD BASCLE	FORREST KORNDORFFER
WAYNE BENOIT	ALLEN KRAMER SR.
RENE BERNADAS	CLARENCE LA FLEUR
JOSEPH BOSWORTH	LOUIS LANDRY JR.
CULLEN BOUDREAUX	GARY LANDRY
MABUNDA BWAMBALE	BRETT LAPEYROUSE
JAMES CHERRY SR.	HAROLD LERAY
ALLEN COLLINS JR.	ARTHUR LONG
JOSEPH CROCHET	ULYSE LOUVIERE
RICHARD DAIGLE	CHARLES LOVE
JOHN DANIGOLE SR.	JOHN MARCEAUX
JOHN DE LA BRETONNE	MICHAEL MARCEL
DOYLE DETIVEAUX	DANNY MARTIN
EUGENE DUDEK JR.	ANDRE MELANCON
JEROD DUET	JOHN PELLEGRIN
CLYDE DUPLANTIS	WILSIE PICOU
KIRBY FALCON SR.	WILSON RHODES
FERNAND FOLSE	FERNAND VIAL SR.
LEANDRE FOLSE	GREGORY WHITNEY
DANIEL GAUDET	

## Vandebilt 4th Degree Assembly Charter Members

Johnny P. Authement	Francis S. Barrett	Donald A. Bascle	Barry A. Begeron
Cullen P. Boudreaux	Louis W. Breaux	Billy R. Bundy	J. Thomas Campo
Carol A. Cantrelle Sr. PFN	Justilien A. Carlos Jr.	Sterling V. Chaisson	Donald P. Champagne
Milton J. Champton Jr. PFN	Milton J. Champton III	Richard J. Charpentier PFN	Donald J. Chauff
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J. Weldon Dupre'	Edward L. Evans Sr.	Maurice M. Evans	Houston W. Ezell Sr.
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Norman J. Naquin Sr.	St. Martha Davis Naquin	Claude J. Pellegrin	Melvin A. Picou
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Palmer A. Roessle PFN	Ronald J. Savoie	Roy A. Schexnayder PFN	Lynn J. Verret
Fernand A. Vial Sr.			Gary J. Whipple





**Join us for our Blood Drive!**



Knights of Columbus  
- St. Gregory

Friday, May 12, 2023  
02:00 pm - 06:00 pm

1005 Williams Ave.  
Houma, LA 70364

You blood donation can go on to **save up to THREE lives** in your community!  
Donors will receive our "Share Your Love" t-shirt.



*Walk-ins will be welcomed; Appointments  
honored first.*

[https://www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/49226](https://www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/49226)

**Scan the QR code to register!**

Speed up your donation by filling out your medical questionnaire using FastLane before you arrive!



Complete FastLane  
questions the DAY OF  
your donation.

**TheBloodCenter.org**  
**(800)86-BLOOD**