



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers in Christ,

As we find ourselves immersed in the rhythm of another month, I am compelled to pause and express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication and hard work throughout this Columbian year. The spirit of service that pulsates through our council is nothing short of inspiring, and it is through your tireless efforts that we continue to make a meaningful impact within our community.

Reflecting on the events and initiatives we have supported this year fills me with immense pride. From fundraisers and charitable drives to community outreach programs and fraternal gatherings, our council has been at the forefront of positive change and service. Together, we have embodied the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, enriching the lives of those we serve and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood among us.

As we approach the culmination of this Columbian year, I encourage each of you to continue your noble efforts with the same fervor and enthusiasm that have defined our council thus far. Let us finish this year strong, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion, generosity, and selflessness in our wake.

Looking ahead, I invite you to begin contemplating ways in which we can further support and serve our beloved church parish in the coming year. Whether it be through volunteer opportunities, spiritual initiatives, or community outreach endeavors, let us channel our collective energy and resources towards enriching the spiritual fabric of our parish community.

In the spirit of unity and fraternity, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to serving a higher purpose, knowing that together, we are capable of achieving remarkable feats of goodness and compassion. Thank you, once again, for your unwavering dedication and for embodying the true essence of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

In Faith and Gratitude,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!

Council polo shirts are once again available for purchase.
Please contact the Grand Knight for more information.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2024

- 3rd Louisiana State Convention - Baton Rouge, LA thru May 5th
- 14th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 21st Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 27th Memorial Day
- 28th 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

June 2024

- 11th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 18th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 25th 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

Relay for Life 2024



FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



DANIEL DUPLANTIS	05-02
DARYL LANDRY	05-04
CLARENCE LA FLEUR	05-05
CLYDE DUPLANTIS	05-08
DANIEL GAUDET	05-15
STEPHEN RICHARD	05-16
TOMMY TANNER	05-18
CRAIG PORTIER	05-20
TIMMY PORTIER	05-20
JAMES LEGER III	05-23
JOHN DE LA BRETONNE	05-24
PETER FOS	05-24
WILLIAM LEOEUF	05-25
GARY LANDRY	05-27
ANTHONY MAIOCCHI III	05-27



James Cabirac addresses Council 7355 Members during the April meeting. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society, which means they can provide financial security to members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact. Contact the Cabirac Agency at (985) 258-0510 for all your insurance, investment, disability, long term care, and retirement needs.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

2024

January

Gerard Vedros

February

Dale Hebert

March

Mark Duplantis

April

Mark Bascle

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

2024

January

Steve & Theresa Becnel

February

Ralph & Denise Mitchell

March

Al & Gretchen Hargis

April

Craig & Susan Portier

RAPHAEL SONGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by St. Bernadette KC 7355 and KC Ladies Auxiliary

The St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355 and the KC Ladies Auxiliary of Houma LA will issue (2) scholarships per year to College or College bound students with the total sum of \$ 500 each. Two payments of \$250 each will be paid to each successful applicant. The first payment will be made in the fall semester and the second payment will be made in the spring semester. (Proof that the successful applicant is still enrolled in school and a copy of previous semester GPA are required to receive the second payment). The minimum GPA for the previous semester is a 2.5 GPA.

The Scholarship is awarded based on:

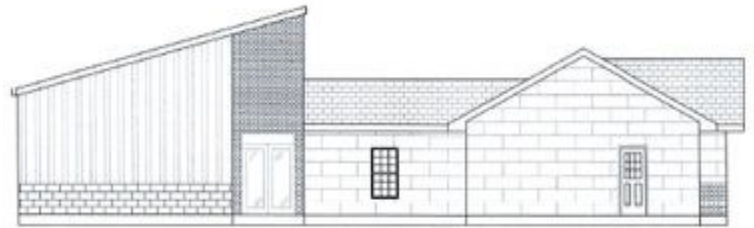
CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP AND PURPOSE.

To obtain a copy of the application and for more information, visit the Council 7355 website at:

www.stbernadettekofccouncil7355.com

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

Council 7355 In Action



St. Bernadette Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 7355 have agreed to an exciting project for the campus at St. Bernadette. The Knights have donated funds to build a new meeting hall to be used by the Knights as well as other church ministries. Parts of the Bernadette House will also remodeled to create a seamless meeting and activity facility. Construction is set to begin Spring of 2024. The views above and to the left are the project drawings. The image to the left is viewing head on from Kenney St. The view on the right is looking from the parking lot behind church at the side of the two building. The buildings will be connected and share meeting, restroom, and storage space. At the very top, members of the Knights Council 7355 along with members of the Kay Cee Ladies Auxiliary present Father Andre Melancon and Father Steven Castille of St. Bernadette with a check for \$282,810.64 for the new building and remodeling of Bernadette House.



UPCOMING RETREATS

JUNE 27-30 WOMEN'S	JULY 25-28 MEN'S
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VISIT JPIIACTS.COM FOR MORE INFO
AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN



The Father Vanderbilt Assembly invites you to join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. There is more to being a Fourth Degree Knight than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen. There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Bernadette on August 10, 2024. Please contact Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle at 985-772-1268 for more information.

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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TIMOTHY PORTIER

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FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

The 2024 State Convention will take place on May 3 - 5 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. The committee meetings will take place on Saturday, April 27.

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