



## St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER September 2024

#### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers in Christ,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. I am writing to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your incredible dedication and hard work over the past month. Your commitment and enthusiasm have truly shone through in our recent events, and it has not gone unnoticed.

From the successful Trivia Night to the community outreach programs, your willingness to volunteer and lend a helping hand has made a profound impact. These activities not only support our local communities but also strengthen the bonds within our own Council. Your contributions embody the spirit of service and fellowship that are the cornerstones of the Knights of Columbus.

As we look ahead, I would like to draw your attention to an exciting upcoming opportunity: the St. Bernadette One Day Men's Conference on October 5 sponsored by our Council. This event is a chance for us to come together in fellowship, engage in spiritual enrichment, and showcase the strength and unity of our membership. Your participation will be crucial to its success. I encourage all of you to sign up and actively support this event. Whether you can assist with preparations, help manage the event on the day, or simply attend to show your support, your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to our ongoing efforts and upcoming events, I also want to emphasize the importance of growing our membership. Join me in welcoming the two newest members to our Council, Bruce Benoit and Mark Hollier. We are always in need of new faces to join our ranks and continue the vital work we do. If you know of any men who might be interested in becoming a Knight, please reach out to them and extend an invitation. Share with them the values we uphold, the service projects we undertake, and the camaraderie we enjoy. Your personal invitation could make all the difference in welcoming new members into our fold.

Together, we are building a strong and vibrant community, one that reflects the ideals of charity, unity, and fraternity. Thank you once again for your dedication, and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Men's Conference and at future events. Your continued support and participation are what make our Council truly exceptional.

In Faith and Gratitude,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## September 2024

- 3rd Council 7355 Officer's Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 10th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 17th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 24th Third Degree Exemplification - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

## October 2024

- 1st Council 7355 Officer's Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 5th One-Day Men's Conference - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Herbert Hall and St. Bernadette Church
- 8th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 15th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM

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

### St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church Men's Conference Registration October 5, 2024

Registration Fee = \$20 per person

Register Online at: [www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com](http://www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com)

(Click on the Men's Conference Flyer or the Parish Soft link, select one time gift, then select One Day Men's Conference from the drop-down box.)

or

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off or leave at the Church Office with Payment.



# Council 7355 In Action

## 2024 COUNCIL 7355 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



## 2024 TRIVIA NIGHT





# Council 7355 In Action

## Donation to Terrebonne ARC



### Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus Council 7355

St Bernadette KC Council 7355 Grand Knight Craig Portier, Brother Knight Barry Lecompte and the Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary members Margaret Rhodes and Bonna Lecompte are shown here presenting representatives from the Terrebonne ARC with a donation of \$2,400.00.

Terrebonne ARC's mission is creating Opportunities for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Terrebonne Parish and is located at #1 McCord Rd. Houma, LA. 70363

**St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355: A 23/24 FY "STAR" Council**

# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



FARRELL AUTHEMENT	09-01
DAN DUGAS	09-05
EDWARD PINELL JR	09-05
MATT TRAHAN	09-09
RALPH MITCHELL JR	09-10
JAMES CHERRY JR	09-13
BRANDON DUPLANTIS	09-16
KYLE BABIN	09-17
JAMES LEFEVRE	09-18
WAYNE SAVOIE	09-21
MITCHELL CHERRY	09-23
RYAN BASCLE	09-25

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**2024**

**January**

**Gerard Vedros**

**February**

**Dale Hebert**

**March**

**Mark Duplantis**

**April**

**Mark Bascle**

**May**

**Mike Delaune**

**June**

**To Be Announced**

**July**

**Mark Landry**

**August**

**Joe Szush**

## 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**

**July**

**John and Becky Brennan**

**August**

**Mike & Christy Maiocchi**

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Annual Men's Conference  
A One Day Conference for Catholic Men

**"Behold the Man"**  
October 5, 2024



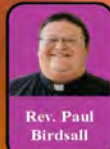
Rev. Andre Melancon



Dr. Brant Pitre



Rev. Patrick Riviere



Rev. Paul Birdsall



Rev. Antonio Farrugia

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

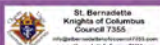
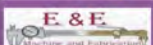
Breakfast and  
Lunch Served

Registration fee = \$20 person

Online Registration Preferred:

[www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com](http://www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com)

or in person at the St. Bernadette Church office.



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](http://kofc.org/join)

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.



### CONTACT US

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## Honorary Lifetime Members

WHITNEY ARMOND JR.

NATHAN AUCOIN

DONALD BASCLE

WAYNE BENOIT

RENE BERNADAS

JOSEPH BOSWORTH

MABUNDA JOHN BWAMBALE

STEPHEN CASTILLE

JAMES CHERRY SR.

ALLEN COLLINS JR.

JOSEPH CROCHET

RICHARD DAIGLE

JOHN DANIGOLE SR.

JOHN DE LA BRETONNE

DOYLE DETIVEAUX

EUGENE DUDEK JR.

JEROD DUET

CLYDE DUPLANTIS

KIRBY FALCON SR.

DANIEL GAUDET

RODNEY GAUDET

JUAN HERNANDEZ

FORREST KORNDORFFER

ALLEN KRAMER SR.

CLARENCE LA FLEUR

DARRYL LANDRY

LOUIS LANDRY JR.

GARY LANDRY

HAROLD LERAY

ARTHUR LONG

ULYSE LOUVIERE

CHARLES LOVE

JOHN MARCEAUX

MICHAEL MARCEL

DANNY MARTIN

ANDRE MELANCON

JOHN PELLEGRIN

TIMOTHY PORTIER

WILSON RHODES

SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

## Pray the Rosary!!

## Officers and Directors

Grand Knight Craig Portier

Deputy Grand Knight James Cherry

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Financial Secretary Maurice Evans

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Advocate Ralph Mitchell

Warden Richard Daigle

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Inside Guard Edward Pinell

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2 Year Trustee Woody Louviere

3 Year Trustee Mark Duplantis

Recorder Mark Bascle

Chancellor Al Hargis