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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Brothers in Christ,

I am truly honored and delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every member of our council on achieving the Star Council Award. You should be proud of what we have accomplished together, as it speaks to the very heart of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it is fitting to reflect on the deeper Catholic meaning of thanksgiving. This season is more than an occasion for feasting and family gatherings—it is a moment to acknowledge the profound blessings God has bestowed upon us and express our gratitude for His constant love and guidance. Our faith teaches us that true thanksgiving is rooted in the Eucharist, which means “thanksgiving” in Greek. Each time we participate in Mass, we are part of this great act of giving thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the source of all our hope and joy. In this spirit of gratitude, I wish you and your families a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving.

Looking ahead, I encourage all of you to remain active in our council’s upcoming events. Your participation not only strengthens our community but also allows each of us to grow in faith and brotherhood. Whether through service projects, council meetings, or fellowship activities, these moments are opportunities to deepen our connection with one another and reinforce our commitment to our core principles: charity, unity, and fraternity.

I would also like to take a moment to discuss the importance of the *COR* initiative in the Knights of Columbus. The name of the initiative is drawn from the Latin word for heart, *COR*, and is inspired by the motto of St. John Henry Newman, *Cor ad Cor Loquitur*, which means “Heart Speaks to Heart.”

Brothers, receiving the Star Council Award is a tremendous achievement, but it should not mark the pinnacle of our efforts. Instead, let it serve as motivation to continue addressing the *COR* and ensuring our council remains a vibrant, inclusive, and spiritually fulfilling group. By staying mindful of this, we will not only sustain our council’s health but also inspire more men to join us in our mission.

Thank you once again for your hard work, faithfulness, and dedication. Let us continue to build on this success with hearts full of gratitude and eyes set on future opportunities for service and fellowship. Happy Thanksgiving, my brothers, and may God bless you and your families abundantly.

In Faith and Gratitude,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2024

- 9th Church Clean Up Day - Meet at 8:00 AM in Herbert Hall
- 9th Silver Rose Mass—St. Bernadette Church - Rosary 3:30 PM - Mass 4:00 PM
- 12th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 19th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 26th Third Degree Exemplification for H/T Diocese - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 28th Thanksgiving Day

December 2024

- 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

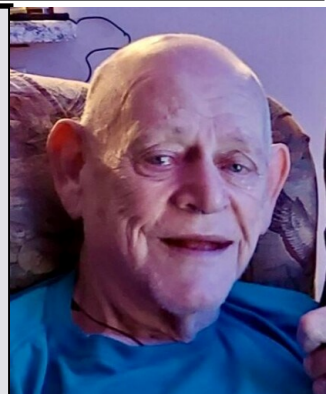
Council polo shirts are once again available for purchase. Please contact the Grand Knight Craig Portier at 985-985-637-7407 for more information.



Council 7355 Information



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose will be at St. Bernadette on Saturday, November 9 will at Rosary at 3:30PM and Mass at 4:00PM.



**December 22, 1938 -
October 3, 2024**

**Council 7355
mourns the passing
of Brother Knight
Nathan Aucoin.**

**Tempus Fugit,
Memento Mori**

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

Council 7355 In Action



UPCOMING RETREATS

**January 30 -
February 2, 2025**

MEN'S

VISIT JPIIACTS.COM FOR MORE INFO
AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**



Above: Please welcome the newest members of Council 7355. From L to R: Andre Benoit, Grand Knight Craig Portier, and Bobby Sabillo.

Right: The St. Bernadette Council 7355 Knights of Columbus has been honored with four significant distinctions for the fraternal year 23-24 recognizing their unwavering dedication to charitable service, faith, and fraternity. The council was awarded the Star Council Award, Founders Award, McGivney Award, and the Columbian Award, a testament to their outstanding leadership and service to the community.

The Star Council Award, the highest honor a council can achieve, recognizes excellence in membership. Shown with the award is Grand Knight Craig Portier and Assembly 2322 Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle.



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

Council 7355 In Action



Top: Council 7355 and Assembly 2322 conducted a public Rosary at the Veterans Park on LA 311. This public display of faith is in recognition of the Miracle of the Sun witnessed at Fatima, and also reflects the Knights of Columbus' commitment to spreading the Catholic faith in our community."

Right: Council 7355 is a major sponsor and participant in the St. Bernadette One Day Men's Conference. This event would not be possible without the support of the Council. Over a hundred men gathered in a spirit of brotherhood and faith. The day was filled with powerful talks from dynamic speakers who emphasized the importance of embracing their God-given role as protectors, providers, and spiritual leaders in their families.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



RYAN FANGUY	11-03
JAMES BRUNET JR	11-13
GEORGE SWINDEL	11-13
CASEY AUTHEMENT	11-14
GERALD MICHEL	11-15
TERRY DOUGHTY	11-16
GERARD VEDROS	11-16
KEN ELLENDER	11-19
BURT PLAISANCE	11-21
DONALD BASCLE	11-25
STEVEN BREAUX	11-27
JAMIE AMEDEE	11-28



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

2024

January

Gerard Vedros

February

Dale Hebert

March

Mark Duplantis

April

Mark Bascle

May

Mike Delaune

June

No Meeting

July

Mark Landry

August

Joe Szush

September

Ben Cherry

October

Bruce Beniot

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

No Meeting

July

John and Becky Brennan

August

Mike & Christy Maiocchi

September

David Cherry Family

October

Terry and Lillie Doughty

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.

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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JOSEPH CROCHET

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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

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ULYSE LOUVIERE

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Pray the Rosary!!

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