

Knights of Columbus

Council 12072



Newsletter

Mary, Queen of Peace





Installation of Officers

The installation of Officers was held after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday July 20th. State Warden and our Brother Knight Bill McCrossen administered the installation. The following officers were installed.

Chaplain Fr Robert Cooper Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts Deputy Grand Knight Wiley Conn Chancellor John Cook Recorder Gerard Doyle Treasure Cliff Giffin Bill McCrossen Advocate Tony Pastorello Warden Inside Guard Doug Viosca Chris Erkel Outside Guard Mike Cradeur Trustee 1 yr Trustee 2 yr Jim Moore Trustee 3 yr John Tomba Financial Secretary D J Latino Lecturer Bryan Jenkins

Installation Dinner

After the Installation ceremony all went to Beau Chene to celebrate the installation of new officers. There was a happy hour where all were able to socialize and congratulate those who became the officers for the 2025/2026 council year. After the social, meals were served. After the meal our Grand Knight gave thank you gifts to the outgoing officers. He also recognized some of the members and officers who were outstanding during the past year. The following were not present at the dinner or at the June meeting except for Chris Erkel who was at the June meeting.

Newcomer Award - Rob Ricketts Knight of the Year - Vince Herbert Family of the Year - Chris & Cherie Erkel



Two new Special Awards (Trophies)

The first Award was the COME BACK KNIGHT given to Irve Barousse. Irve had a stroke earlier in the year. Before his stoke he was very active in all the events. He would help cook, serve, and he would always be there to clean up after the events. After his stroke, and after a period of time for rehabilitation, he started coming back to our meetings and attended many if not all of the special events our council had. With the lack of use of one arm he still came to participate to the best of his ability. Truly a Knight.

The second Award MOST VALUABLE KNIGHT was given to Wiley Conn. You probably know, Wiley was the backbone behind all of our event, coordinating what was needed, scheduling the appropriate help and seeing that all went well without issues. He communicated with many other ministries. Another True Knight.





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Council Report:

The June meeting was held in the School Cafeteria on Tuesday June 17th. We prayed the Rosary, had a meal (Fried Chicken), which was provided with the help and support of several Brother Knights (Our Cooking Team). Once again they did a wonderful job. We then followed up with the Council meeting.

Report of Clergy

Fr. Cooper talked about the relationship of Family Life and how the father is an important influence in children's religious upbringing. The number one thing is, the father has to participate with them in their religious education. The parish provided a book "STEP UP DAD your kids need you" It is also important for the parish and the Knights to outreach to fathers to help create a strong Family Life.

Ushers:

Brother Wiley Conn is still asking for some Knights to become Ushers at the Mass they normally attend. Always, more are needed.

SATURDAY MORNING 6 AM ROSARY

Brother Steve Fradella is grateful for those attending. The Saturday Morning Rosary for the unborn has had good attendance. It starts at 6 am; however you can come any time after 6. It usually ends by 7:15/7:30. Brother Steve sends an Email every Friday reminding everyone of this prayer session. He asked for one Saturday a Month from Brothers.

Awards:

These brothers were not present at the meeting for photos.

Knight of the Month - Will Hart Family of the Month - Oliver & Karen Trowbridge

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Louisiana State Summer Games took take place May 23 - 25 at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. On Friday May 23, our council grilled BBQ Chicken. On Saturday and Sunday, our Council volunteered for Bocce Ball tournaments.





Brother Knights grilling chicken at the Special Olympics Friday Evening Wiley Conn, Tony Pastorello, Lloyd Alberts, Vince Hebert, John Tomba

Donations

Worthy Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts brought a donation to STARC which was from our Super Bowl Gumbo Fundraiser Raiser earlier in the year. They were very happy to see Lloyd and appreciated what our council does for them. As Worthy GK said, it was very humbling to visit this group, seeing them work, and watching their appreciation.



Hazardous Waste

There was a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Covington on May 31st. We had a team of several Brother Knights volunteer to help at this event. They helped collect electronics and tires. Brother Wiley Conn coordinated this event.

R.U.N

(Responders for Urgent Needs)

MQP is accumulating a group of parishioners who can help those in need of immediate and short-term assistance within the MQP community and beyond. Information has been posted in the bulletin.

- Can you cook?
- Are you skilled in construction/demolition?
- Do you like to bake?
- Do you have equipment to loan?
- Could you provide transportation?
- Do you like to shop?
- Are you available to just spend time with those in need?

A flyer is at the end of this Newsletter for you to sign-up.

Coordinator for this is Chris Erkel, cerkel@icloud.com 985-630-1512

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R.U.N – June 2025

MQP has collected items to bring to North Carolina for those in need and recovering from Hurricane Helene. They will be going there June 25-29. There are 22 people signed up to travel with many Knights in that number. Our Council will be bringing our trailer and cooking gear to cook meals while there. There was also a new trailer donated to the parish to help deliver the donated items to North Carolina. WOW



KCLS meeting:

There will be a State Knights of Columbus Leadership meeting in Prairieville, La July 19th. Expected to attend are the new officers; Grand Knight, Program Director, Financial Secretary, and Membership Director.

Back to School Shopping:

The annual Back to School Shopping will be July 26th at Wal-Mart in Covington. Brother Knights, their wives and children are expected to arrive at 8:00 am. The families participating will arrive at 8:30. All are to meet in the back of Wal-Mart in the employees break room. We expect to have 55 children and each child will be entitled to \$100 in shopping money for School Uniforms, shoes, and supplies. Families are selected by the St. Tammany School System. We need enough Brother Knights and family members to attend to walk the families around to help and keep track of what they are spending. A special register or two will be set up for exclusive use for our shoppers. This is one of our premier events to help the people of need in our community.

Safe Environment Trainin

Brother Knights, it is our responsibility as Knights to comply with the Archdioceses rules on Save Environment training for all ministry volunteers that have contact with juveniles. You need to log into your Virtus online account through the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and complete policies related to Safe Environment Training. The policies need to be updated each year in August. The Archdiocese uses VIRTUS for the training. Contact Kari Doyle in the parish office for help.

Family Mass:

Our Quarterly Family Mass will be August 10th at 9:30 am. The Honor Guard will attend. We will have several rows in the front of the church reserved for the Knights and their Families. We ask that the families take a seat in the reserve section, holding a place for their spouse. Brother Knights are to congregate in the back of the church to follow the Honor Guard and will go before the priest. We ask our Brothers to wear a jacket, but it is not mandatory. August 10th is selected, as Fr Michael McGivney's Feast day is August 13th, which is between his birthday of August 12th and his death on August 14th,

Membership Report:

Membership for new online Members has been extended by Supreme and will go through 2025. If you know anyone wishing to take advantage of the free membership offer, they can join online at, using promo code **BlessedMcGivney** – use Council 12072 as the Preferred Council.

Supreme has made it easy to get a new member into the council as well as members desiring to make their 2nd & 3rd Degrees. One must register to attend an online exemplification or attend an in person exemplification.

Virtual Degree exemplification link;

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a4 5&sti=on24referral

Contact, Membership Director.

Nick Lonergan, nlonergan@yahoo.com 504-610-9694

Financial Secretary Report:

Council dues are \$50 and are due every July 1. Brothers, it is most important for you to pay your dues and back dues. The dues along with the Fish Fry Fundraiser are the only means to support our donations throughout the year. If you can't pay your dues, please let our Financial Secretary know that you are financially unable to do so. If you have any questions contact the Financial Secretary.

D.J. Latino 985-869-0753 djl0431@gmail.com

Send Dues; made out to Knights of Columbus Council 12072

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Patriotic (4th) Degree Information -

If you are a Third Degree Member in good standing, consider reaching even further and obtain your 4th Degree which is the Patriotic Degree. The 4th Degree Knights conduct patriotic programs and they form the Honor Guard.

The Next Exemplification will be in Slidell LA August 16, 2025. This exemplification will be open to the public and starts at 9 am. This is the closest it may be for some time.

Any member interested in becoming a Patriotic 4th Degree member, please contact Faithful Navigator --- Bill Treas, wtreas@yahoo.com (985) 206-9651 or Brother Bill McCrossen (770) 354-5379

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Prayers:

(If you, a brother Knight, or your immediate family member is in need of prayers, please email, Nick Lonergan, at nlonergan@yahoo.com so they can be added to this list.)

Prayers for those in Ukraine;

With the conflict happening in Ukraine today PRAY for the council's two Ukrainian Priest, as well as all affected by the invasion in their country. They have requested we pray for them. Please add them to your prayer list.

- Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Khimyak
- Reverend Oleh Kharyshyn and his family

Prayers for those in conflict around the world

Prayers for the departed souls;

- Varney Prejean Passed away August 6, 2024
- Creryl Collarini Wife of Richard Collarini passed away Aug 6, 2024
- Jackie Barousse Mother of Carl Guichard passed away Nov 19, 2024
- Wayne Jenkins Br. Bryan Jenkins brother Passed away Jan 19, 2025
- Wade Bollette Sr.- Father of Br. Wade Bollette Jr. passed Jan 21, 2025
- Steven Dugal passed away February 3, 2025
- Steve Fredilla's mom Claire, passed away February 10, 2025
- Ed DiGiovanni passed away March 5, 2025
- Yvonne Bourgeois wife of Dennis Bourgeois passed March 21,2025

Prayers for those in need;

- Auxiliary Bishop John Tran
- Frank's daughter-in-laws Allison Courtenay Cancer
- Dulci Heim (Jim Moore's niece) Colon Cancer
- Bob Guise Alzheimer's
- Jean-Paul Sustendal MSRA
- Keri Beckendorf Leukemia
- Susan Petro Terminal PTA a neurological problem
- John Paquette Multiple fractures in his face from a fall
- Irv Barousse Stroke
- Candy Fitch Cancer
- Charlie Raymond Broken hip after fall
- Rhett Powers In Assisted Living
- Donna Tomba Prayers needed

Future Calendar Items:

- Pro-Life Rosary All Saturday's 6 AM @ MQP Church
- RUN trip to North Carolina June 25-29
- KCLS Leadership Mtg July 19
- Back to School Shopping July 26
- Family Mass August 10
- Ministry Fair August 23-24
- Special Needs Mass 3rd Sunday in October

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday July 15, 2025

In Mary, Queen of Peace Cafeteria

Exemplification

Rosary at 6:30 pm Meal at 7:00 pm Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

Insurance

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Name Badges

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We're all frequently asked to wear name badges and K of C items, especially at volunteer or recruitment events. Have you ever thought how the benefit of wearing our badges goes far beyond these events? Even if you do not work an event, your badge shows your participation.

When you wear your name badge at a church event, parishioners can immediately identify you. They see a trusted person who can answer questions or lend a hand.

Your name badge brands you. It tells everyone you encounter that you are a man of faith, a man of character, a man willing to lend a hand. In short, it tells everyone that you are Knights of Columbus.

You joined the Knights of Columbus, show your pride in it.

Join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild -

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, go to the below web site, fill out the information and submit it. There is no cost to belong,

<u>Father Michael J. McGivney Guild | Knights of Columbus (fathermcgivney.org)</u>

Parish Information:

Formed.org: Did you know you can watch movies and videos on formed.org? This is free, as MQP has paid for this access. Visit: mgpmandiville.formed.org

KC Apparel - Shirts, Hats, and Aprons:

The link to the website for ordering apparel (Shirts, Aprons, Hats, etc). -- https://kc12072.itemorder.com/shop/home/

The council has some Screen Printed WORK T-Shirts, which have the KC Council Logo on the Front with a Large KC Logo printed on the back. They are a light gray. Frank brings them to the meeting for sale at \$20 each. These cannot be ordered online from the Web Site. Contact Frank Oliveri 630-1753 foliveri05@yahoo.com

Officers 2024 - 2025

Chaplain, Fr Robert Cooper, frcooper@arch-no.org 626-6977 Grand Knight, Lloyd Alberts, <u>lalberts119@gmail.com</u> (504) 494-0213 Deputy Grand Knight -- Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connenergy.com, 504-722-7860 Chancellor - John Cook, jc44318@yahoo.com, 504-337-3736 Recorder -- Gerard Doyle gpd869@yahoo.com 871-7200 Treasurer, Chris Erkel, cerkel@icloud.com 630-1512 Advocate -- Bill McCrossen, wim4727@hotmail.com, 770-354-5379 Warden - Nick Lonergan, nlonergan@yahoo.com, 504-610-9694

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R.U.N.

(RESPONDERS for URGENT NEEDS)

Want to help?

Connect with your Parish?

No commitment to serve!

ALL ARE WELCOME regardless of availability or talents

- Sign up to join the RUN database to receive email/text alerts regarding URGENT Parishioner and community needs.
- Signing up is not a commitment to serve
- Signing up allows you to choose when you want to volunteer and serve by allowing you to choose to respond to a RUN call to action email/text alert.
- Sign Up for Labor Team (driver, demolition, cook, etc.) or Care Team (pray, bake, serve water, clean, etc.) and/or financial support needs
- Sign up by scanning the QR code below



