

**Council Report:**

The August meeting was held in the School Cafeteria on Tuesday August 19th. We had an Exemplification, Prayed the Rosary, had a meal, which was provided with the help and support of several Brother Knights (Our Cooking Team), and again they did a wonderful job. We then followed up with the Council meeting. We have been getting a larger attendance at our meetings, maybe because Fr Cooper attending or for the good food. None the less we hope you keep coming.

Report of Clergy

Fr. Cooper talked about several new programs that will be coming up in this new fiscal year for the Church and School. He emphasized the importance of the Ministry Fair this weekend, and encourages everyone to participate in one or more of the many ministries Mary Queen of Peace offers. He said in 2024 we had 152 new families join our parish, so we have 152 opportunities at the Ministry fair to get them involved. And to the Knights, help where you are called.

Exemplification:

New members joining our council from left to right – Steve Baumgartner, Jackson Spain, (Grandfather and Grandson) and Tom Huck (MQP's new principle)

**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. He has seen improved 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. He is planning on having Adorations twice a month during the Rosaries.

Awards:

Knight of the Month,
Ty Talamo, not present
at the meeting for a
photo.



Gerard Doyle presenting Joey Smoorenburg with Family of the Month

Family of the Month went
to Joey & Laura
Smoorenburg.

New Asset

There was a motion put to the floor to purchase an Ice Cream Machine for up to \$5000. The machine would be the responsibility of the Knights to keep it clean and store it in a safe place. Other ministries in the parish would have the use of it. It is expected that the cost would be shared and not totally absorbed by the council.

The Ice Cream Machine was purchased through the generous donations of several of our parishioners. The Knights will store it, maintain it, oversee its operation, and its cleaning.

Family Mass

A Knights of Columbus Family Mass was held August 10th at 9:30 am. It was to celebrate the Feast Mass for Blessed Fr Michael McGivney which is celebrated on August 13th. Being the Mass where most families bring their children and is the largest of all Masses, we ran short of available reserved pews, however we did have outstanding participation. Work is being done on a better solution for our next Family Mass. Our 4th Degree Color Corp did participate.

**KCLS meeting:**

There was a State Knights of Columbus Leadership meeting in Prairieville, La on July 19th. Attending were the new officers; Grand Knight, Program Director, Financial Secretary, and Membership Director. Our Council received the District Deputies Award. This will be placed with our other Awards in the first hallway to the right in the Parish Center.

Back to School Shopping:

The annual Back to School Shopping was July 26th at Wal-Mart in Covington. Brother Knights, their wives and children arrived at 8:00 am. The families participating arrived at 8:30. All met in the back of Wal-Mart in the employees break room. Walmart provided donuts and coffee. We had 55 children and each child was entitled to \$100 in shopping money for School Uniforms, shoes, and supplies. Families were selected by the St. Tammany School System. We did not have enough Brother Knights and family members to walk the families around to help and keep track of what they are spending, so some families had to wait for a Brother Knight of a previous family to free up and take a second family. (A suggestion was made that if we don't have enough Knights, Husbands and Wives should split up at take separate families.) Two special registers were set up for exclusive use for our shoppers. This is one of our premier events to help the people of need in our community.



Wiley Conn and Chris Erkel waiting for families to come and checkout.



This is only a few of the Knights and Family members who participated in the Back to School Shopping. To the left is Amy, the Walmart employee who worked as cashier and has work with us for the past several years. Next to her is Nancy who is with the St Tammany School Board and is the responsible person for vetting the children.

MQP Blood Drive:

Knights who helped at the Blood Drive from left to right. Joey Smoorenburg, Nick Lonergan, Andrew Greco (Blood Drive Coordinator), Wayne Cook, and Wayne Lobell

The quarterly MQP Blood Drive was held Sunday July 27 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Parish Center. Brother Andrew Greco has been coordinating the Blood Drivers for several years. He encouraged Brother Knights to donate. For every pint donated, it helps 3 people. He thanked the Brother Knights who turned out to help him, especially in setting up and clean up (no blood involved in cleanup). The next Blood Drive should be around November. Andrew can be reached at 985-373-5315 amgreco123@gmail.com

Donation – Pennies Bread:

Brother Neal Hightower approached the Council prior to our meeting, requesting a donation for St Joseph Abbey's Pennies for Bread. He came to the meeting giving a presentation on the reason for the needs for corporate sponsors and explained where and how the Abbey supports the needs of the poor. The officers approved a donation of \$500 and presented him with the donation at our council meeting.

MQP Ministry Fair:

The Annual Ministry Fair will be held Saturday & Sunday August 23/24 after all Masses in the cafeteria. This is our big membership recruitment opportunity. Please come to the ministry fair and help recruit. We ask for help from our members to talks to those who attend, giving them information and inviting them to join the Knights of Columbus. Even if you are working at another ministry table, please wear you KofC name badge and shirts if you have one. This shows the unity of our Council in our parish.

Upcoming Event – Italian Dinner:

The council is planning an Italian Dinner to take place in the School Cafeteria on Wednesday September 17. Meals will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. It will be from 5 to 7 pm. Mark your calendar. Expect more information to come in future emails. See the Flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

**Soccer Challenge:**

A Soccer Challenge will be held at Mary Queen of Peace School at 3 pm on Tuesday September 23. Help is needed. We will only have one goal and we have many kids participating. Coordinating this is Brother Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connenenergy.com, 504-722-7860

Seminarian Raffle:

During our Fish Fries we sold raffle tickets for the Missionary Trips for the Seminarians of Notre Dame and St. Joseph Seminaries. This was a State Raffle where all council in the state sold tickets. As you can see from the photo I extracted from the August 9 edition of the Clarion Herald, it shows that Notre Dame received \$42,000 as their part of this raffle. Presenting were Vernon Decote Vince Whittington, (State Deputy) to Fr. Guiterrez, helping Vernon was Troy V.



Knights of Columbus Councils of the State of Louisiana generously donated \$42,000 to the Notre Dame Seminary from their annual raffle in support of the Acompaño Mission Trip. To learn more about this annual mission trip sponsored by the Seminary and how the mission trip is incorporated into the formation of future priests, visit <https://nds.edu>

Membership Report:

If you know anyone wishing to take advantage of the free membership offer, they can join online at KofC.org/JoinUs, using promo code **BlessedMcGivney** – use Council 12072 as the Preferred Council. One must then attend an online exemplification or attend an in person exemplification. If they join online, tell them to reply to the verification email sent to their email address after they join.

Virtual Degree exemplification link:

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45&sti=on24referral

Contact, Membership Director.

Mike Rohm mwrohml@gmail.com,

504-250-4049

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.

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Send Dues; made out to Knights of Columbus Council 12072

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 by joining the Assembly, which is the Patriotic Degree. The 4th Degree Knights conduct patriotic programs and they form the Honor Guard.

An Exemplification was held in Slidell La August 16, 2025. This exemplification was open to the public. This is the closest it will be for some time. There were 8 new members join the 4th Degree Assembly. There were seven from Mary Queen of Peace Council and one from St. Anslem Council. They were Claiborne Brown, Vincent Hebert, Jason Meyers, Christopher Nuebel, Ken Petro, John Sherlock, Louis Verges Jr. and Paul Vorenkamp.



Those present to be included in the picture from left to right is Faithful Navigator Bill Treas, Louis Vergas, Jason Meyers, Christopher Nuebel, Claiborne Brown, and Bill McCrossen

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

**Future Calendar Items:**

- > **Pro-Life Rosary** All Saturday's 6 AM @ MQP Church
- > Ministry Fair – August 23-24
- > Italian Meal – September 17
- > Soccer Challenge – Sept 23
- > Family Mass – October 12
- > Special Needs Mass – 3rd Sunday in October
- > Hazardous Waste – Sat Nov 1 in Slidell
- > Mandeville Cemetery Candle ceremony Nov 3
- > Blood Drive - November

Next Council Meeting**is Tuesday September 16, 2025**

- o In Mary, Queen of Peace Cafeteria
- o Exemplification ???
- o Rosary at 6:30 pm
- o Meal at 7:00 pm
- o Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

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
- Ceryl 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
- Irv Barousse – Stroke
- Candy Fitch – Cancer
- Charlie Raymond – Broken femur after fall
- Sandy Raymond - Cancer
- Rhett Powers – In Assisted Living
- Donna Tomba – Cancer
- Melody Verges - Cancer



Name Badges

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,

[Father Michael J. McGivney Guild | Knights of Columbus \(fathermcgivney.org\)](http://fathermcgivney.org)

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: mqpmandiville.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

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

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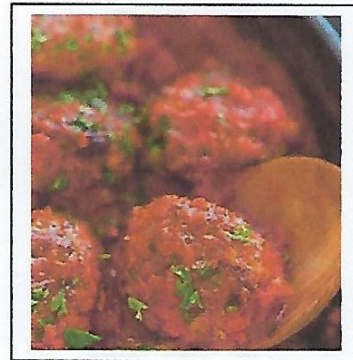
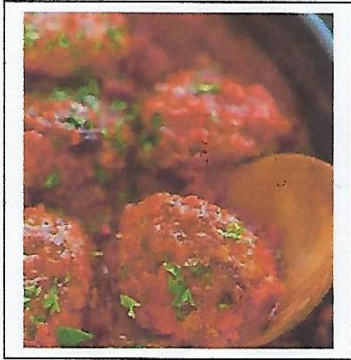
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Knights of Columbus Council 12072
Italian Dinner

All proceeds go to MQP School



Wednesday September 17, 2025

From 5 to 7 pm

\$12 for Adults \$6 for Children

With salad, garlic bread, drink & dessert

Eat-in and To-Go

In the Cafeteria