

**Council Report:**

The January meeting was held in the School Cafeteria on Tuesday January 20th. We Prayed the Rosary and had a meal (chicken & sausage gumbo), which was prepared by Brother Wiley's cooking team. Again, they did a wonderful job. We then followed up with the Council meeting.

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 especially since it is now starting at 7 am. You can come any time after 7. It usually ends by 8:15/8:20. Brother Steve sends an Email every Friday reminding everyone of this prayer session. He asked for one Saturday a Month from Brothers.

See how to say the Rosary and Mysteries at the end of this Newsletter.

Thursday Evening Prayers & ROSARY
By Larry Fertitta, PGK

Brothers, I invite you to join me on Thursdays at 7pm for Evening Prayers. This consists of Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours and the Holy Rosary. This prayer service is broadcast on Radio Maria USA and the website is radiomaria.us. After validating your identity, on the home page click on the ONAIR button in the upper right-hand corner. From there click on the right arrow which is the play button.

Grand Knights Day in Lafayette

There was a meeting of officers of councils of the southern part of Louisiana who met in Lafayette on Saturday January 24, Grand Knights Day. This is a meeting for them to get an update on what is happening across Louisiana. Our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary attended.

C.Y.L.A. Catholic Youth Leadership Award

Applications are closed for C.Y.L.A. (Catholic Youth Leadership Award) As of the January meeting we had 2 boys and 3 girls submit applications. As the final male and female winners are selected from our council, each will be awarded \$300. The State Council selects five winners from across the state. 1st is 5000, 2nd is 3000, 3rd is 2000, 4th is 1000 and 5th is 1000. Congratulations to all who submitted an application and best of luck to each of them. Coordinator is Frank Oliveri foliveri05@yahoo.com 985-630-1753

Christ in Chaos Meals

Our council has committed to cooking and serving the meals for Christ in Chaos on the first Monday of each month. We served 110 meals January 5th. The cooking team provided their expertise. The next meal will be February 2nd. Coordinating this is Brother Wiley Conn wileyc@econnenergy.com, 504-722-7860

Users

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

Awards:**Knight of the Month**
Joey Smoorenburg**Family of the Month**
Greg & Elizabeth Mulvany**Honorary Life Member**
Lary Fertitta**Appreciation Award**
Jerry Coogan**Baby Bottles for Pro Life**

Our council handed out Baby Bottles on **January 17/18** after all Masses. The program supports ACCESS Pregnancy & Referral Centers, a program of Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans. Donations are made out to ACCESS PRC. Bottles were picked up the following week on **January 24/25** and will continue to be picked up for several weeks. Brother Don Sustendal coordinates this event. cdsus10dal@icloud.com (281) 813-4937

“Stand for Life” Life Chain

The Mandeville Knights had a Life Chain, standing along four different areas along Hwy 190 in Mandeville on January 24, supporting Pro Life. Our council elected to stand in front of Chase Bank.



Red Beans/Rice Dinner:

We had a Red/Beans and Rice Fundraiser dinner on Friday **January 23rd** from 5 to 7 pm in the school cafeteria at Mary Queen of Peace. Dinners were \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Funds collected are for the benefit of the school. We sold 106 dinners, far short of what we expected to sell. We will still donate \$500 to the school.

Coordinator is Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connenergy.com, 504-722-7860

Sports Events

There was to be a State Free Throw Contest which was to be on **January 29** at MQP School, but due to the school closure due to the freezing weather it will be rescheduled. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Coordinator is Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connenergy.com, 504-722-7860

Upcoming Events:

Superbowl Raffle:

For those interested, please consider participating in the 4th Degree Assembly Superbowl Football Pool. As many of you may recall, the net proceeds from the Superbowl pool will assist the Assembly with its Chalice Program for priests.

The cost per square is \$30. If you win a square, you get \$600.

There are 24 Squares left. The Deadline to order squares is Feb. 5 as the Superbowl is scheduled for Feb. 8th.

Please feel free to give Harry a call, text, or email with any questions.
Harry Ryan 334-482-4353 (cell) hmriii@yahoo.com

Super Bowl Gumbo Fundraiser:

On February 7/8 we will cook and sell Gumbo for Super Bowl Sunday. It will be cooked on Saturday, sold after Saturday's 4 pm Mass and after all the morning Masses on Sunday. Your help is needed to help cook, portion, and to sell after your respected mass. Details are in a flyer later in this newsletter. There will be a team doing prep work on Thursday if you would like to volunteer. Coordinator is Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connenergy.com, 504-722-7860

Family Mass:

We will have a Family Mass on Sunday February 15th at the 9:30 Mass. We ask all of our Brother Knights and their families to sit together in the front reserved pews. The men will walk in together before the priest. Please wear a jacket and your name badge.

Special Needs Mass:

The next Special Needs Mass will be **February 15, 2026 at Our Lady of the Lake at 3 pm**. Brother Don Sustendal coordinates this event. cdsus10dal@icloud.com (281) 813-4937 Brother Don is not able to be at this Mass and is looking for someone to be there to set-up and hand out drinks and snacks. Can you help? Give Don a call.

Cornhole Tournament:

There will be a State Cornhole Tournament on February 21st at St Ann's in Metairie. We have one team interested in entering. If you are interested in registering, go to <https://louisianakc.org/events> and scroll down to State Cornhole Tournament then select Read More... This gives the information needed to register and the rules. You have to register by February 17, 2026

Seminarian Mission Raffle:

We have received our quota of tickets for the Seminarian Mission Fund. Tickets come in a book of 10 each. Each ticket is \$5. You can buy a single ticket or buy a book of 10 and help us sell them for a worthy cause. The funds are used for the Notre Dame Seminary and the St. Joseph Seminary for their Seminarian Mission Trips. There are five prizes, with the Grand Prize being \$5000. Drawing will be in May, 2026

Fish Fries:

We will begin our Fish Fries February 20th from 5 to 7:30 pm. The normal plates will include a choice Fried Fish, Baked Fish, or Shrimp. Combo plates of Fried Fish and Shrimp will be available. They will come with a side of green beans or French fries and a salad. Drinks and Desserts are included. The plates will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

As you know, we now present a Father Cooper special, the "COOP". We will be changing the COOP weekly. We'll be presenting this for \$20.

Wear your name badge and if you have a Knights of Columbus shirt wear it to show our solidarity. Wear a hat if you will be dealing with food.

We ask our members and especially our ladies to help supply the desserts. We are asking for the email address of the ladies.

We will need some men on Thursdays to help thaw and cut the fish for the Friday meals. If we have enough men we will break up into teams as we did in the past so as not to put the burden on only a few.

Archdiocese Men's Conference

Men of MQP, answer the call! Join the gathering of hundreds of men at the 2026 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference on Saturday, **February 28th**, at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Through dynamic speakers, Reconciliation, and Mass, see how Mary's "Let It Be Done" echoes your vocation in the world. This is going to be a great event and we want to have as many brothers from MQPCC as possible. There is strength in numbers!

Use the MQP link below and not the nolacatholicmen.com link. This year we will have a bus that will leave from MQPCC at 7:30am and return around 3:00pm. There is no charge for the bus trip. We have 46 total spots on the bus and it has started to fill up.

Here is the MQP link for information and to sign up for the conference and the bus. <https://maryqueenofpeace.org/mens-ministry> Please check out the link and get registered.

Use the MQP link and not the nolacatholicmen.com link.



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 mwrohm1@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.

D.J. Latino 985-869-0753_dj10431@gmail.com

Send Dues; made out to Knights of Columbus Council 12072

To: Knights of Columbus Council 12072
1501 West Causeway Approach
Mandeville, LA 70471- 3047

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.

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

Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification

The next exemplification for the new 4th Degree members will be at the 38th Biennial Meeting on March 21st at the One Heart Life Center in Broussard, La. Please consider joining the 4th Degree.

There will be an Exemplification held March 14th in Alexandria at 10 am. Families are welcome to attend this ceremony.

Future Calendar Items:

- **Pro-Life Rosary** All Saturday's 7 AM @ MQP Church
- Free Throw Contest January ??, 2026
- Christ in Chaos meal – Monday February 2nd
- Superbowl Gumbo Fundraiser February 7/8
- Family Mass February 15th
- Special Needs Mass February 15th
- Mardi Gras February 17th
- Fish Fries start February 20th
- State Corn Hole Contest at St Ann in Metairie February 21st

Next Council Meeting is Thursday February 19, 2026 due to Mardi Gras on Tuesday

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

Insurance

Our acting insurance agent is David Barnes, FIC, CLTC
He is the General Agent for our area.

If you have any insurance needs or questions, please contact him.

He is looking for full time insurance agents for the Knights of Columbus.
If we suggest a viable candidate that he hires, he will give the council \$250
If the candidate stays for 3 months, he will give an additional \$250
If the candidate stays for 6 months, he will give an additional \$250



**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 Khomyak
- 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
- Hugh King – Passed away January 12, 2026

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 – Dislocated shoulder and in Assisted Living
- Donna Tomba – Cancer
- Melody Verges – Cancer
- Tara Huguet - 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

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Super Bowl Sunday Chicken and Sausage Gumbo



Knights of Columbus Council 12072

Saturday February 7

Following 4:00 P.M. Mass
and

Sunday February 8

Following all Morning Masses

Fundraiser for **STARC** who supports individuals
with disabilities

Mary Queen of Peace Church

**\$10.00 Quart
With side of rice**

Take Out Only

Available in Front of Church