



Knights of Columbus

Mary, Queen of Peace Council 12072



Newsletter

Feb. 2026

Council Report:

The February meeting was held in the School Cafeteria on Tuesday February 19th. We Prayed the Rosary and had a meal (Red Beans & rice with a porkchop), 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. Once and possibly twice a month we will have adoration. He asked for one Saturday a Month from Brothers.

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.

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

The CYLA awards were selected for our council. In total we had 9 participants. The winners were present at the February meeting to accept their awards. One boy and one girl, each received a certificate and a check for \$300. They will proceed to the State selection committee. 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 was Frank Oliveri foliveri05@yahoo.com 985-630-1753



Madison Shea winner for the girls



Tyler Reeves winner for the boys

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. The cooking team provided their expertise. The next meal will be March 16th, the second Monday due to the Lenten Mission during the first week. Coordinating this is Brother Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connergy.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:

Family of the Month
Beau & Heather Long

Knight of the Month
Bill Johnson



Sports Events

Basketball Free Throw

There was a State Free Throw Contest which was at MQP School. There were 71 students who participated. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with this event. Coordinator was Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connergy.com, 504-722-7860



Volunteer Frank Oliveri with two of the participants



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Cornhole Tournament:

There was a State Cornhole Tournament on February 21st at St Ann's in Metairie. We had two singles participating. Two of our Brother Knights participated in the singles competition. Unfortunately, they did not win.

Superbowl Raffle:

The 4th Degree Assembly had a Superbowl Football Pool. The net proceeds from the Superbowl pool assist the Assembly with its Chalice Program for priests. The Chalice fund earned \$600 and each of the 4 winners received \$600. Harry Ryan coordinated this 334-482-4353 (cell) hmriii@yahoo.com

Super Bowl Gumbo Fundraiser:

On February 7/8 we cooked and sold Gumbo for Super Bowl Sunday. It was cooked on Saturday, sold after Saturday's 4 pm Mass and after all the morning Masses on Sunday We made 464 quarts. This was a Fundraiser for STARC and we will give them \$2700. Coordinator was Wiley Conn wileyc@e-connenergy.com, 504-722-7860



Special Needs Mass:

The Special Needs Mass was **February 15, 2026 at Our Lady of the Lake**. Brother Don Sustendal coordinates this event. cdsus10dal@icloud.com (281) 813-4937 Brother Don was not able to be at this Mass

Family Mass:

We had a Family Mass Sunday February 15th at 9:30. We had four members of the 4th Degree Assembly Color Corp participate. We asked our Brother Knights and their families to sit together in the front reserved pews. The men walked in together before the priest and after the Color Corp.



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 began our Fish Fries February 20th. The normal plates include a choice Fried Fish, Baked Fish, or Shrimp. Combo plates of Fried Fish and Shrimp were available. They come with a side of green beans or French fries and a salad. Drinks and Desserts are included. The plates are \$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 need some men on Thursdays to help thaw and cut the fish for the Friday meals. We break up into two teams 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!



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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.

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.

Nora House

There are **Homeless Veterans** at **Nora House Longbranch Recovery Center** [80431 Ogden Rd, Covington, LA 70435](https://www.longbranchrecovery.com) off of Lee Road north of Covington. www.longbranchrecovery.com

Brother Knight John Tomba worked with Audiologist Dr. Martinez to help those veterans receive rebuilt hearing aids. Dr Martinez is a Veteran himself.

John is also working with NOLA Motorsports Park. And also working with a lady at the bank the Assembly deals with who is with Battle Scarred Motorsports for the veterans to participate. They will be the crew. They will be housed in a Motorhome. We will provide a fish fry meal for them on Saturday March 7th at 6 pm.

Membership Report:

There was an Exemplification at St Anselm on February 4th and we had three candidates go through their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. They were Christian Wagner, Philip Garrett, and Daniel Durey, who are seated in the picture below.



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.

D.J. Latino [985-869-0753](tel:985-869-0753) djl0431@gmail.com

Send Dues; made out to Knights of Columbus Council 12072

To: **Knights of Columbus Council 12072**
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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

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

Following that, the next Exemplification will be in Houma May 16th.

Future Calendar Items:

- **Pro-Life Rosary** All Saturday's 7 AM @ MQP Church
- Fish Fries start February 20th
- Blood Drive March 8th
- Pancake Breakfast w/Easter Bunny 3/29
- Household Hazardous Waste 5/2 in Covington Fairgrounds



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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
- 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
- Jackie Starks - Stroke

Next Council Meeting is Thursday March 17, 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

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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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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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Heavenly
Catfish & Shrimp



Fried Shrimp



The "COOP"



Fried Catfish

\$12 - Adult Plate

\$20 - The "COOP"

\$6 - Child Plate

5 to 7:30 in the Cafeteria

February 27

COOP Special Side

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