



Knights of Columbus

Mary, Queen of Peace Council 12072



Newsletter

Mar. 2026

Council Report:

The March meeting was held in the School Cafeteria on Tuesday March 17th. We Prayed the Rosary and had a meal (Gumbo), which was prepared by Brother Wiley's cooking team. We followed up with the Council meeting.

SATURDAY MORNING 7 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.

Awards:

Family of the Month
Bob & Maryanne Taylor

Knight of the Month
Dan Gaiennie

Knight of the Month
of October 2025
Vince and Jonnie Hebert



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 April 7th. Coordinating this is Brother Wiley Conn wileyc@c-connenergy.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

Seminarian Mission Raffle:

We have received our quota of tickets for the Seminarian Mission Fund and have been selling books of tickets to our members as well as tickets at the Fish Fries. We ordered additional tickets as we ran out early in our Fish Fry dates. 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

Archdiocese Men's Conference

Forty Men of MQP, answered the call, along with 700 men from around the archdiocese, to attend the Men's Conference at St. Dominic's church on February 28th. It was dynamic speakers, Reconciliation, and Mass, that showed how Mary's "Let It Be Done" echoes the vocation in the world. There was a bus that departed from MQPCC at 7:30am and return around 3:00pm. There was no extra charge for the bus trip.

Easter Baskets for Hope House

Brothers D.J. Latino and Andrew Greco purchased 25 easter baskets and delivered them to Hope House, the home for abused children on March 26. They were very appreciative to receive these and will give the residents an Easter like other children experience.

Fish Fries:

We began our Fish Fries February 20th and went through the six weeks, with each week's sales being just over 600 meals, except for the second week which was 804. For the last week we experimented with a drive thru, selling only combo meals of fried fish and shrimp. We sold around 30 meals. This took extra man power. We also offered a super Coop special of a seafood plater which included a softshell crab at a cot of \$25. We limited it to 45 meals.

Again, on the last week of our fish fries our Brother Knight, Gerry Coogan, invited and coordinated four busloads of STARC individuals and bought 43 meals for them. This has been an annual event and many of those individuals look forward to this outing. They arrive early and are served at 4:30. Gerry's family handles all the ordering of the meals, drinks, and desserts. God bless them for helping their dads mission. Thank you Gerry.



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Appreciation Crawfish Boil:

For all those men and ladies who worked tirelessly at our Fish Fries this season, the Knights Council will be offering anyone who worked any day of the Fish Fry to attend a crawfish boil on May 16th. More details at our April meeting.

Blood Drive

March 8th, Mary Queen of Peace held a blood drive in the Parish Center. We had 35 donors with others saying that they would give at the Blood Center. Brother Andrew Greco coordinated this. Several other brothers helped him set up and close down. Thanks to Brother Wayne Lobell for bringing two dozen donuts.

Nora House

There are **Homeless Veterans** at **Nora House Longbranch Recovery Center** [80431 Ogden Rd, Covington, LA 70435](http://80431OgdenRd.Covington,LA70435) off of Lee Road north of Covington. www.longbranchrecovery.com

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

John also worked with NOLA Motorsports Park and worked with a lady at the bank we deal with who is with Battle Scarred Motorsports for veterans. We provided a fish fry meal for them on Saturday March 7th at the Motorsports event. There were six Knights cooking and serving 72 veterans all in 45 minutes.

The veterans from Nora House were invited to a Fish Fry dinner at Mary Queen of Peace on March 6th. Thirteen veterans enjoyed a meal of their choice.

Pancake Breakfast:

There will be a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday March 29th from 8 to 11:30 am. There will be an Eater Bunny for anyone wanting to take pictures. We will have pancakes, and egg casseroles, bacon or sausage, coffee, juice, milk and Mimosas. The cost is \$8 Adults and \$5 per Child. This is a fundraiser for Hope House. See the flyer later in this newsletter.

Stations of the Cross

The Council has been asked to help at the outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday handing out water bottles. Brother Wiley Conn is coordinating this and is setting up four stations with ice chest of water to hand out to parishioners as they pass by. He will be asking for volunteers.

Nomination & Election of Officers

We will start nomination of officers at the April meeting. We will close the nominations at the May meeting and have the election of officers. If you are interested in being an officer of this council, please let the Grand Knight know so you can be nominated. Grand Knight, Lloyd Alberts, laberts119@gmail.com (504) 494-0213

Installation of Officers

The installation of officers will take place at Benedicts. The installations will include Council 12072 and Assembly 2922. This will be June 18th.

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.

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**
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 4th Degree Exemplification will be in Houma May 16th.

Families are welcome to attend this ceremony.



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Future Calendar Items:

- **Pro-Life Rosary** All Saturday's 7 AM @ MQP Church
- Pancake Breakfast w/Easter Bunny 3/29
- Stations of the Cross water stations 4/3
- Nominations of officers 4/21
- Household Hazardous Waste 5/2 in Covington Fairgrounds

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;

- 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
- Candy Fitch – Wife of Tom Fitch March 10, 2026
- Frank's daughter-in-laws Allison Courtenay March 16, 2026

Prayers for those in need;

- Auxiliary Bishop John Tran
- 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
- Charlie Raymond – Broken femur after fall
- Sandy Raymond - Cancer
- Rhett Powers – Assisted Living
- Donna Tomba – Cancer
- Melody Verges – Cancer
- Tara Huguet – Cancer
- Jakie Starks – Stroke
- Linda Vernaci -

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday April 21, 2026

- 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.

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

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 \(fathermcgivney.org\)](#)

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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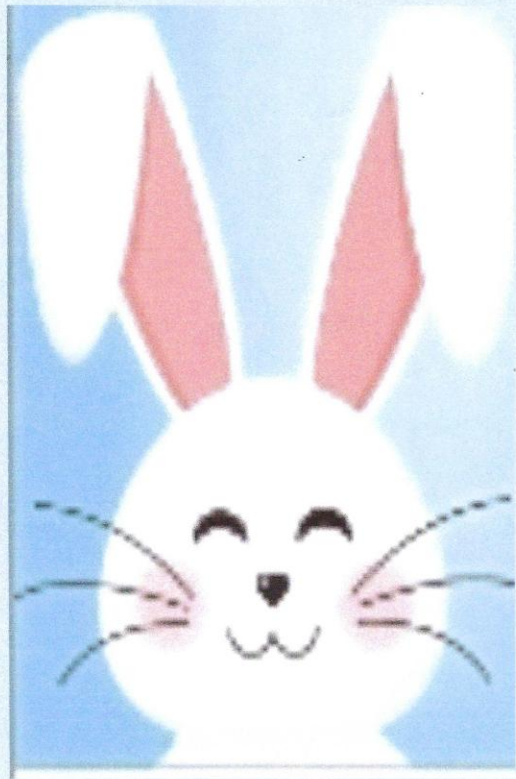
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**Bring your Camera For
 Pancake Breakfast
 With The**



**Easter
 Bunny**



Sunday March 29th, 2026
 8 AM to 11:30 AM
 Mary Queen of Peace
 Cafeteria
 Donation
 \$8 Adult - \$5 child
 Pancakes & Egg Casserole
 Bacon or Sausage
 Coffee, Juice, Milk
 & Mimosas
 All Funds Raised will be for
[Hope House](#)