



The Chapeau

Newsletter of Monsignor Leech Council 4472

And Holy Family Assembly 3281



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WORDS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers, as we bring this year to close, may we reflect with gratitude on all we have been given and look ahead with renewed hope. Our brotherhood has strengthened us and our faith has guided every step.

May the coming year open doors to serve more deeply, love more fully, and grow in purpose. Let us carry out our mission with steadfast faith, trusting that God's grace lights our path. May we continue to support one another, lift up the vulnerably, and live out the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Together, let us make this new year a living testament to our shared values and our unwavering commitment to faith and community.

Wishing each of you a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Christopher Smythe Grand Knight

January Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Lead my steps in this new year. When decisions feel heavy, show me the path I should take. Give me wisdom to choose well, patience to wait on you, and faith to follow your direction.

In Jesus' Name Amen

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winner

Marleigh Smith 5th Grade

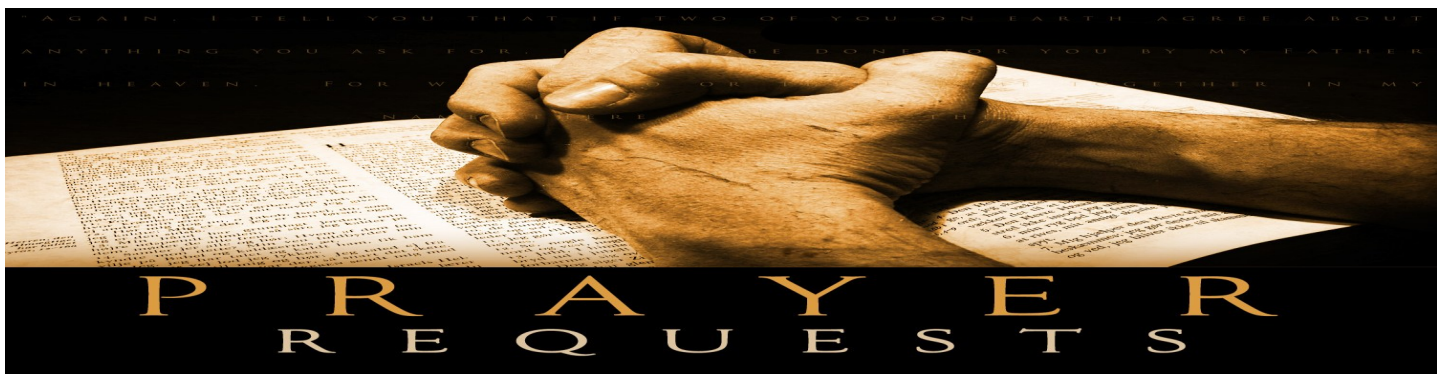


Congratulations to Monsignor Leech Council 4472 November Family of the Month

Brother Richard (Rusty) Bohn Jr.

Brother Knights enjoying our Annual Toys for Tots Dinner





Brother John Hayden, Brother Lee Ayuso, Leota Ayuso, Mary Anne Becnel, Brother Charles Erickson, Anne Erickson, Brother Roy Gamez, Betty Gamez, Brother Rod Malburg, Brother Gerald Favre, Brother Henry Stiller, Jeannine Burch, Beverly Carver, Wendy Allard, Joanne Fields, Mattie Pavolini, and for the Repose of the Soul of Brother Keefe Hecker.

ANNOUNCEMENT

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. It is a Day of Holy Obligation. Please plan on attending Mass.

The Chaplet of Devine Mercy will be prayed on Friday January 2nd and Friday January 16th at the Chapel of St Paul. The service will begin at 3pm. Please plan on attending.

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will host its January meeting on Tuesday January 6th. Rosary at 6:15pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

On Sunday January 11th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will celebrate its Corporate Communion at the 8:30am Mass. Prayers at the Monument to the Unborn at 8:10am. We will be serving Coffee and Donuts after Mass. All Members are encouraged to attend.

January 20th is the last day to turn in your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity forms to Financial Secretary Greg Niolet. You can send your Survey to Greg at P O Box 217 or drop off to his office at 300 Davis Avenue Ste 102.

Friday January 23, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will Sponsor a March for Life at Saint Vincent de Paul Elementary School. We will need several members to assist with this March so if you can assist please contact Brother Andrew Koslosky at 504-782-3994.

Sunday January 25th Monsignor Leech will be sponsoring a Bar B Que Chicken Dinner. We will sell Dinners after the 8:30 am and the 11:00 Masses. We will need volunteers to help so please volunteer to Brothers Rusty Bohn or Brother Teddy Fields. Dinners will cost \$12.00.

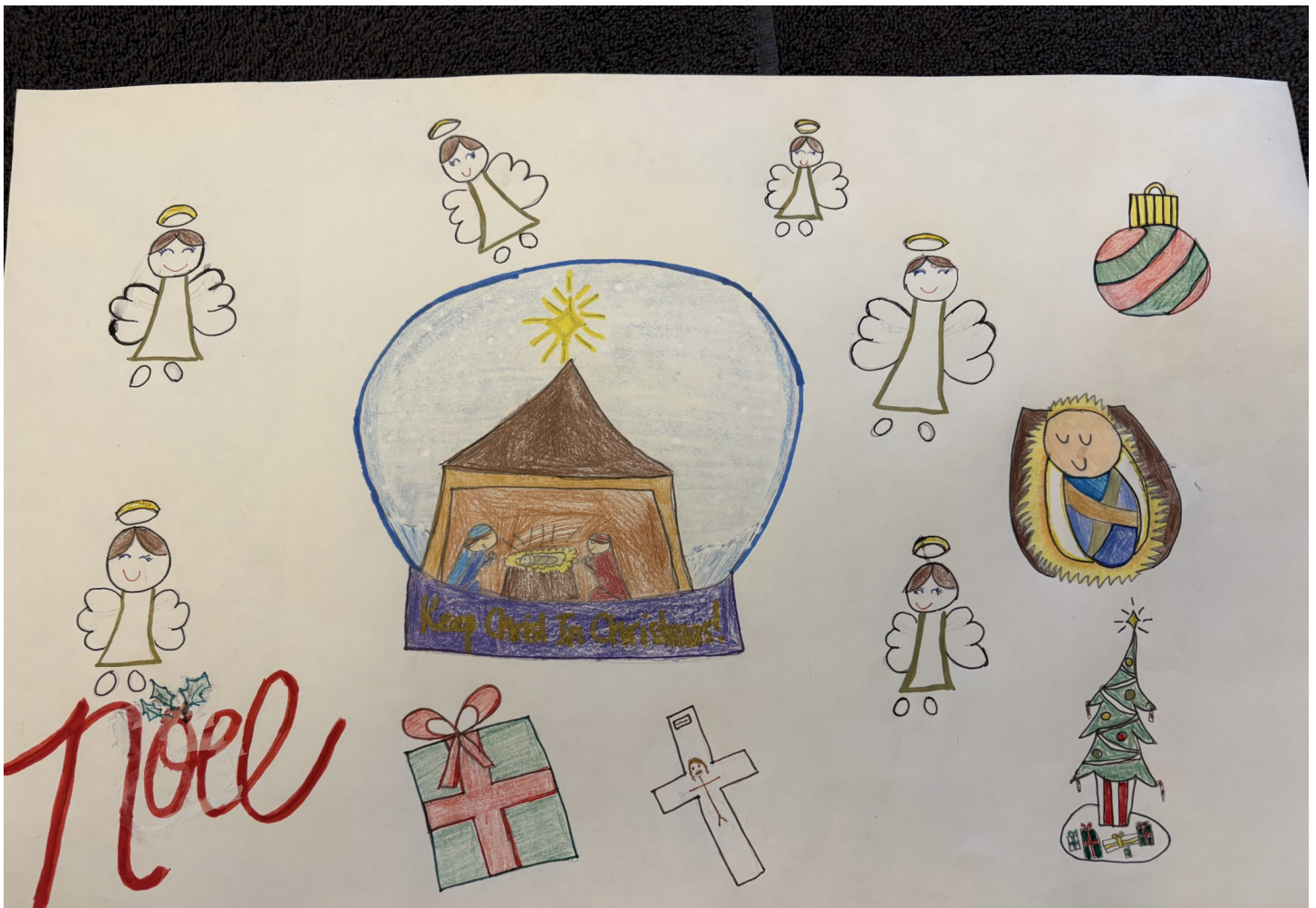
Thanks to all the Members who helped with our Toys for Tots Toy Drive. A Special thanks to Ms. Kim Necaise, and Bruce Carver for their assistance. Also a big Thank You to the Cecil R Ruddock Post 5931 V F W and Alderperson Barry Dreyfus for their monetary Donations. We were able to supply the Marines with 35 Bikes and 8 boxes of Toys. The Marines were very happy with our Donation.

Thanks to all Brother Knights who helped with setting up and decorating the Courtyard for the Parish Lightening of the Christmas Tree celebration. Also Thanks to Brother Knights who cooked and supported the Celebration.

Thanks to all Brother Knights who assisted Brother Andrew Koslowsky with set-up and break down of chairs for Noel A Night of Everlasting Love: The Story of the First Christmas. It was a First Class Production.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winner

4th Grade Emma Watson



Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

Brothers Please fill out this form and return to Greg by January 20th. This is the form which helps the Knights of Columbus retain its tax exempt status

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

20__ Individual Member Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

Faith Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

Family Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

Community Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

Other Fraternal Commitments <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
TOTAL	0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

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Holy Family Assembly 3281

Holy Family Assembly 3281 will meet on Tuesday January 6th.

At our September Meeting, Assembly 3281 voted to purchase Red Assembly shirts. The Order of Shirts have arrived. All Sir Knights should stop by Faithful Comptroller Greg Niolet's office and pick up a shirt.

Holy Family Assembly will attend its Sir Knight Adoration Hour on Monday January 12th at Holy Family Church from 7pm till 8pm. All Sir Knights are asked to wear their Red Assembly Shirts. We will attend this Adoration every month on the Monday immediately after our Business meeting. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

Our Faithful Navigator Greg Federico is looking for a date for a Fourth Degree Social. If you have a suggested date please let Greg know.

Congratulations to Brother Charles Wormley. Charles has filled out his application to join the 4th Degree. Charles will be attending the exemplification in Picayune on March 7th.

Sir Knights, Bishop Kihneman will be the principal celebrate at our January 4th 8:30am Mass. We will be Dressing out as a Honor Guard. All Sir Knights who have the Regalia are requested to Dress out. Show time is 8:00am.

Sir Knights, The Father Michael Leane Assembly 2227 will be hosting a exemplification on Saturday March 7th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Picayune Ms. Registration starts at 1:00pm. The Cost is \$75.00 with Banquet and \$50.00 without Banquet. If you are interested in becoming a Sir Knight contact either Faithful Navigator Greg Federico or Faithful Comptroller Greg Niolet.

These are Brother Knights who we need to ask to join Assembly 3281. Richard Allard, Joseph Church, Jeremy Davis, Donald DeMetz, Stuart Farr, Darrell Favre, Barry Neyrey, Philip Stevens. Sir Knights please ask these Knights to join our Assembly.



Happy Birthday

Elizabeth D'Aquilla 1/1, Patrick Burke 1/5, Bach Kimball 1/6, Darrell Favre 1/6, Chris Boudreaux 1/8, Kendall Dunn 1/8, Maria Furze 1/11, William Andry Jr. 1/12, Jenny McDermott 1/13, Khrystal Boudreaux 1/14, Henry D'Aquilla 1/19, Binh Nguyen 1/19, Nikki Kraft 1/20, Rodney Keel 1/20, Ruth Ladner 1/23, Charles Wormeley 1/25, Julie Gamez 1/29, Stephen Schruff 1/29, Greg Niolet 1/30.

Anniversaries

Harry & Linden Williams 1/12, Kenneth & Trisha Verlander 1/13, Rory Rafferty & Carol Rafferty 1/16, Cameron & Isabella Rawls 1/22, Phillip & Whitney Stevens 1/23.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Our January meeting is Tuesday January 13th, 2026 at 5:30pm. We will be meeting in the parish Hall.

We are planning our Family Chili Supper For Tuesday February 10, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

We welcome new members. Regular membership is open to wives and widows of Knights of Columbus members. We also welcome other woman who are interested in participating in our auxiliary functions as associate members. If you would like to join, please contact Mary at 228-493-4184 or maryniolet@gmail.com.

**Brother Knight Distributing Coats to the Harrison County Sheriffs
Department for Distribution to Children in the County Schools**

**L to R Brother Greg Federico, Brother Rusty Bohn, Grand Knight Chris
Smythe, Avery McClennon, Chief Deputy Craig Necaie and Brother Greg
Niolet**



February Events

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will meet on Tuesday February 3rd. We will say the Rosary at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.

The Devine Chaplet will be prayed at Saint Paul's Chapel on Friday February 6th and on Friday February 20th. The prayer service starts at 3:00pm.

Sunday February 8th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will celebrate its Monthly Corporate Communion. Coffee and Donuts after Mass.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday.

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will be hosting its Annual Fish Fries on Friday February 20th, Friday February 27th, Friday March 6th, Friday March 13th, Friday March 20th, and Friday March 27th.

Years of Service

Harry Becnel Jr. 1/1/1993 32 Years, Daren Freeman 01/21/2001 24 Years, Joe Garrett Jr. 1/21/2001 24 Years, Leo McDermott 1/26/2002 23 Years, Rory Rafferty 1/9/2004 21 Years, Angel Ayuso 1/28/2007 18 Years, Patrick Burke 1/24/2009 18 Years, Rev. Charles Spence 1/24/2009 16 Years, Sam Sketteno Jr. 1/30/2010 15 Years, Bert Clark Brennan 1/29/2011 14 Years, Sean Logan 1/29/2013 12 Years, Richard Bohn Jr. 1/20/2015 10 Years, Yousef Nasrallah 1/26/2016 9 Years, Jason May 1/25/2018 7 Years, Jason Kirschenheuter 1/10/2020 5 Years, James Michael Bishop 1/13/2021 4 Years.

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Insurance Representative

Brother Luke McClure Assistant General Agent

Retirement, Estates & Life Insurance Planning

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January 2026

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				1 Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God	2 Chaplet of Devine Mercy 3pm	3
4 Natl Spaghetti Day	5	6 Council Meeting 7pm	7	8	9	10
11 Corporate Communion 8:30am Mass	12 Natl Hot Tea Day	13	14	15 Natl Bagel Day	16 Chaplet of Devine Mercy 3pm	17 Kid Inventors Day
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Natl Cheese Lovers Day	21	22	23 March For Life at St. Vincent's	24
25 Bar B Que Chicken Sales	26 Spouse's Day	27	28	29	30	31 Natl Hot Chocolate Day
						