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**“ONWARD” is our war cry**



## 2017 National Convention



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**James K. Ellis,**  
*Supreme Knight*

# Message from the Supreme Knight

**A**s we enter the Christmas Season and look forward to a prosperous New Year, we have much to celebrate and are grateful for our successes over the past year. Our prayers continue to be with those who enter this season still impacted by the natural disasters that affected so many of our members. I want to thank the hundreds of Clavers who made financial contributions in order to assist our brothers and sisters as they recover.

It was indeed a privilege and honor to preside over the 102nd Annual National Convention held this past July. The Claver leadership in metropolitan Dallas, along with our National Office staff, stepped up to host a productive and extremely beneficial convention for all in attendance. We were able to deliberate on and adopt several important resolutions that will strengthen our Order's financial posture and our capacity to serve. I was pleased to see a unified Claver family with so many members from the various divisions participating in the business sessions, social activities, and charitable events that took place. Your feedback was very positive and comments well received. Our annual conventions enable us to work together in fellowship with the goal of fulfilling the objectives of our Noble Order. I look forward to seeing each of you at the 103rd Annual National Convention in Anaheim, California!

We are all aware that our youth and young adults hold the keys to our current and future success. Just a couple of weeks prior to the recent Senior Convention, our Junior Knights and Junior Daughters inundated the city of Kansas City, Missouri with the Claver Spirit. Under the guidance of our Junior Division Senior leaders, Junior Supreme Knight Carrington Guillery and Immediate Past Junior Supreme Lady Callia Cox gracefully presided over the 22nd Biennial Junior National Convention. Our Junior members, along with their counselors, commanders, and chaperones, came together and truly illustrated the concept of the convention's theme: "Juniors United Now In One Relationship Service" (JUNIORS). Thanks to outgoing Junior Supreme Lady Cox for her service and I welcome her successor, Kennedy Wiltz, with whom we all look forward to working. I implore all our young members

to put the concepts and ideas that were discussed at the convention into action.

I want to congratulate our Emerging Leaders and offer my most sincere thanks as they have successfully moved forward with plans to establish the Order's first official Collegiate Unit, fittingly, at Xavier University of Louisiana (the country's only historically Black Catholic University)! Our goal is to spread the Collegiate Unit concept across the country. Membership in the

student-led Collegiate Units is open to students, faculty, staff, and administrators at their respective colleges or universities. This effort will engage and attract more young adults while bringing new ideas and energy to our Order.

As we strive to better serve our Church and each other, it is important that we have as many willing workers carrying the Banner of Claverism throughout our country. To that end, it is my hope that we will soon establish an indigenous membership dues fund to provide resources for qualified individuals who contribute greatly to our Order, but may not be able to afford the membership dues. We hope to provide a similar option for the clergy and religious. Providing increased assistance to our Claver family members and the servants of God who support us will ensure our future is even brighter and more promising.

Gracious Lady Rose and I wish you all continued greetings and blessings for the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

James K. Ellis

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**Vertelle A. Kenion,**  
*Supreme Lady*

# Message from the Supreme Lady

**G**reetings,  
I am truly honored and blessed to once again address you from the Office of Supreme Lady. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your kindness, gifts and continued commitment to me and to this administration.

The 102nd Annual National Convention of the Knights of Peter Claver and the 87th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary was designed to be educational, spirit-filled and enjoyable. It is my hope that you returned home fulfilled with knowledge and rejuvenated to continue the works and expansion efforts for the good of our Noble Order.

As always, I extend appreciation to the bishops, monsignors, clergy, deacons and altar servers for their participation in the Opening Solemn Mass on Sunday, July 23, 2017. I am also grateful for their spiritual guidance during our daily Masses.

Bishop Joseph A. Francis Choir, under the direction of Brother W. Clifford Perry, was outstanding. Thanks to Worthy Past Supreme Knight F. DeKarlos Blackmon for his continued commitment in preparing our liturgical services and to Lady Lauren A. Warner for her service as Cantor and musician where needed.

On behalf of the National Court Board of Directors and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, I extend thanks to our spiritual leader, Bishop Shelton J. Fabre, for his continued support. It is always a pleasure to have him in our midst and to receive his words of wisdom.

We had a full agenda for the 2017 Convention. Prior to the opening of the convention, the National Council Board and National Court Board of Directors engaged in a two-day Development Workshop with speakers and presenters providing information to assist the Board members in carrying out their responsibilities. Members of the National Council and Court Boards facilitated various workshops pertaining to operational matters of our Noble Order. In addition, there was a public meeting addressing the "State of Black Youth in America," a special dramatic presentation on the Life of Father Augustus Tolten, "From Slave to Priest," a guest speaker sharing information on the Georgetown University GU272 Project, a presentation on "Black Social Justice" presented by Brother Dr. Marcus Cox and a workshop entitled "Personal Financial Planning" presented by Liberty Bank and Trust.

I thank the committees for their cooperation and readiness to present their reports to the delegation for consideration when called upon. This was truly helpful in the Ladies Auxiliary to complete our business timely. I encourage you to review the minutes of the convention for complete reports.

The State/District Deputies, the National Council of Junior

Daughters and their teams continue to work diligently in their respective areas to expand the membership in the Ladies Auxiliary and the Junior Division.

Congratulations to the emerging leaders as they continue to work on the initiatives and programs they have identified. Most recently, they have been authorized to move forward with the recruitment and establishment of a Collegiate Unit at Xavier University. I encourage you to give them your support and assistance if you receive a call.

On behalf of the National Court Board, I thank Most Worthy Supreme Knight James K. Ellis, the National Council Board of Directors, Brother Executive Director Grant A. Jones, the National Office staff and you, the membership, for the cooperation and assistance you provide to the Ladies Auxiliary.

I applaud Junior Supreme Knight Carrington Guillory and Immediate Past Junior Supreme Lady Calia A. Cox and their respective boards for an outstanding 2017 Biennial National Convention. A very special thanks to the outgoing officers and congratulations to the newly elected officers.

We were blessed to have Past Supreme Ladies Consuella Broussard and Geralyn C. Shelvin with us. Past Supreme Ladies Lee, Gooch and Briers were unable to be with us and I ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

As I prepare this report, we are in the hurricane season. I ask that you remember our Claver brothers and sisters who were affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, as well as those affected by flooding. I encourage you to make a donation to the St. Peter Claver Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. Let us also remember those impacted by Hurricane Maria. It will be sometime before all affected realize some normalcy in their lives.

In closing, "Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord." (2 Tim 2:22) The National Court Board of Directors joins me in wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, spirit-filled Advent Season, Merry Christmas and may you experience a New Year with great prosperity!

Your sister in Christ & Claverism,

Vertelle A. Kenion

*Vertelle A. Kenion*  
Supreme Lady



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**Grant Jones,**  
*Executive Director*  
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# Message from the Executive Director

**P**lease review the following important information:  
**Dues and Assessments. Please note that effective Jan. 1, 2018, the monthly dues reports will reflect the \$1 per month dues increase authorized at the 102nd Annual National Convention.** Prompt remittance of all dues and assessments is essential to maintaining accurate financial records and ensuring that members are not erroneously dropped from the rolls. Units are strongly encouraged to pay all assessments, whether mandatory or voluntary, as these funds are needed to ensure the financial health of our charitable programs. Assessments should be paid no later than March 31, 2018, so that we can more accurately determine the grant amounts to be awarded.

## Online Membership Management System

If you are currently not using our online Membership Management System, please contact the National Office to obtain your login credentials. When accessing the system, you may view and print various reports as well as pay dues. **To date, more than 75% of our units save time and money by utilizing the secure online bill payment system.**

## Honor Roll Cards

Members are encouraged to pay their dues for the year during the months of January and February. Personalized Honor Roll Cards for members who have paid their dues for the year, will be mailed to the unit's Financial Secretaries in March 2018.

## New Supplemental Death Benefits

Earlier this year the National Council Board of Directors authorized the offering of additional death benefits to all KPC members. All members of the Order over the age of 18 have the option to individually purchase either \$2,500 or \$5,000\* of additional fraternal death benefits (\*age restrictions apply). For more information, please visit [www.kofpc.org/omaha](http://www.kofpc.org/omaha), or call the National Office at 504.821.4225. **Premiums for the additional coverage are paid directly to the National Office by the member. There is no added responsibility for Financial Secretaries with this offering.**

## Claver Disaster Relief Fund

So far this year, members of our Noble Order have personally contributed or raised almost \$29,000 in response to ongoing

natural disasters, and these funds are being used to assist Claver families impacted by natural disaster. We are continuing this fundraising effort so that we will be prepared to assist Clavers across the country when natural disasters occur. You may make fully tax-deductible donations to the Claver Disaster Relief Fund at [www.kofpc.org/disaster](http://www.kofpc.org/disaster) or by mailing your donation to the St. Peter Claver Foundation, 1825 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116. For more information, you may email [disaster@kofpc.org](mailto:disaster@kofpc.org).

## 2018 Election of Officers

The 2011 revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Knights of Peter Claver requires that, beginning in 2012, subordinate units elect officers every two years by ballot at the **December 2018 regular unit meeting**. PLEASE NOTE: Members of Boards of Trustees and Finance Committees of subordinate units are not affected by this rule.

## Unit Officers Roster

Grand Knights, Grand Ladies, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and Financial Secretaries, please submit an updated Roster of Council or Court Officers Form, even if there has not been a change of officers since the previous election. **Your unit's form must be sent to the National Office and to your State/District Conference President by Jan. 31, 2018.** We prefer that the online option for updating the Unit Officers and membership roster be utilized. The online option is available via the Membership Management System and can be found in the "Information Resources" area near the top of the member's area of all Grand Knights, Grand Ladies, Faithful Navigators,



Faithful Comptrollers, and Financial Secretaries. *Those not utilizing the online option are to use the Unit Officers Roster Form found online under "Forms and Documents" at [www.kofpc.org](http://www.kofpc.org). Please refer to the instruction sheet, which will be emailed to all Grand Knights, Grand Ladies, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and Financial Secretaries. **New this year:** While updating the officers using the online option, the Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights/ Grand Ladies will have the option to update the contact information of all members.*

### Junior Unit Rosters

In an effort to better communicate with our Juniors, we are requesting that Commanders and Counselors update the roster information for all Junior Knights and Junior Daughters. We are specifically requesting email addresses and cellphone numbers, as this is their main way of communicating. The information collected will be securely stored and will only be used for official KPC communications. Instructions regarding how to enter this information online was emailed to the all units on Oct. 3, 2017, and they can be found in "Documents Library" of the KPC MMS area (bill pay area).

### 2018 Senior National Convention

The 2018 Senior National Convention will be held in Anaheim, Calif. beginning Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, through Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018. Information regarding convention and hotel registration soon will be available online at [www.kofpc.org/conventions](http://www.kofpc.org/conventions). **This year registrants will have six months to pay when electing the "Easy Pay" automatic draft option.**

### 2018 KPC Yearbook Produced by Publishing Concepts (PCI)

In 2018, as in 2014, the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will have a membership yearbook produced. It is our hope that having a member yearbook will help connect all Clavers, old and new, especially those not participating in the various social media platforms. This new membership publication will include information you provide, such as biographical and contact information, career overviews and family highlights. Plus, a special section about the history of the Order will help you reminisce as you read about our past and learn what's in store for the future. To make sure our data is as up-to-date as possible, our provider, Publishing Concepts (PCI) will begin contacting you by email, regular mail, or by phone beginning in early 2018 to verify that the information we will print is accurate and complete. Publishing Concepts (PCI) specializes in alumni and membership publications and the data specifications involved with this type of project. **Please help us make this publication full of the latest information about you and your fellow Clavers.**

Grant A. Jones  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Wishing you a  
Blessed Christmas  
and a Joyous  
New Year!*

*National Council and Court  
Boards of Directors*



**Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre**, National Chaplain

# Message from the National Chaplain

**I** enjoy the season of fall. From pumpkins to pilgrims, from falling leaves to wearing long sleeves, from the first soups and gumbos of the season to honoring the cherished memories of departed loved ones, the season of fall is upon us again. November, which occurs during this season and encompasses these and so many other activates of the season of fall, is one of my favorite months.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable things that occurs during this season is that nature begins to slip deeper and deeper into its winter slumber, and many living things begin to take upon themselves the “death” that is the winter. Taking its cue from this “death” of the world of nature that surrounds us, it is understandable why November in the Church bears the title the “Month of the Dead.” Ushered in by the celebrations of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day, November is the month during which the Church invites us to remember and to pray for all our beloved dead. All Saints’ Day focuses on the countless known and unknown saints who are in heaven and enjoy God’s presence. However, there are those who have died and are being purified of the last vestiges of sin before entering into heaven, and the focus of All Souls’ Day is our responsibility to pray for all of those who are in this final stage of purification before entering heaven. *The Order of Christian Funerals* states: “We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.” (no. 87) Through Christ, our Lord, we still remain united to those who have preceded us into the life that is to come. Therefore, during November, we are all called to offer special prayers for all of our beloved dead in the final stages of purification from the imperfection of sin so that they might enter into the perfection that is heaven. Through our prayer and good works offered for them, we can hasten them on their way as they are purged to enter upon the perfection of heaven.

To pray for the dead is one aspect of our call during November. Another aspect is to pass on our wonderful memories and stories of departed family members to the generations that follow us. To pass on stories of the faith lived by those who have died is to pass on the faith that has been entrusted to us by these very same people. To pass on to future generations the

memories of departed family members is to recognize that death is not the final victor, because Love is eternal. To pass on these stories is to give future generations the important knowledge of their family and their faith. The season of fall and the Month of the Dead invite us to begin, or to continue, telling these stories of departed loved ones to those who have not heard them, or to recall these stories with those who lived alongside them. To remember and to pray for the dead is a powerful thing – and in this remembering, peace, love and joy can be found.

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Lord, and for this we must always be thankful. Our national day of Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to thank God for our faith, for our family and friends, for our country and for all the many blessings that God bestows upon us. I wish to all a wonderful season of fall, celebrations of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day that are rooted in the memories of our beloved dead, and a Thanksgiving holiday that is filled with faith, family, friends, food and gratitude to God for them all!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Bishop Shelton Fabre  
National Chaplain



# Senior National Convention

Hyatt Regency Orange County – Anaheim, California

Friday, August 3rd – Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION: \$250.00 — EasyPay Installment Program Available!**

**ROOM RATE: \$155 / Night + applicable taxes and fees;**

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If you have any questions, please email the National Headquarters at [conventions@kofpc.org](mailto:conventions@kofpc.org)



Supreme Knight James K. Ellis and National Chaplain Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre

# International Alliance of Catholic Knights assemble in Washington, D.C.



**T**he 27th meeting of the Council of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) was held Sept. 9-16, 2017, in Washington D.C., under the Chairmanship of President Fredron DeKarlos Blackmon, who is also the Immediate Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre, current National Chaplain of the Knights of Peter Claver, served as the International Chaplain of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. Also representing our Noble Order was Most Worthy Supreme Knight James K. Ellis and Executive Director Grant A. Jones.

Knight Orders from the United States, Australia, Great Britain, Ireland, South Africa, Ghana, Gambia, and Nigeria were represented. The Knights of Columbus hosted the biennial meeting, which rotates amongst member organizations. The Knights of Peter Claver led the attendees on a tour of sites with significance to the Black Catholic Church, including the Josephite seminary and headquarters, as well as the headquarters and facilities operated by the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Delegates from nine of the 14 Member Orders were present to deliberate on a number of issues of concern to the Alliance, its Member Orders, and the universal Church.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Member Orders affirmed that:

- The intrinsic value of human life and the dignity of every human person at every stage from conception to natural death by working to eradicate injustices such as racism, sexism, and human trafficking.
- There is a need for more effective use of technology, including social media, as a medium for communicating the Catholic faith through evangelization.
- They stand in support of religious freedom and tolerance in this ever-increasing secular society, and pledge to defend those who are denied or persecuted for their faith.
- They pledge to assist the development and formation of young people journeying through life to be Christ-like in service to others in need.
- They pledge to advocate for the protection of the environment in the context of the Holy Father's encyclical, *Laudato Si*, which is a call for us to look at the environment as our common home.

The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. has been a member of the Alliance since 1987. For more information about the alliance, visit [www.iack.org](http://www.iack.org). The International Alliance of Catholic Knights was founded in Glasgow, Scotland, on Oct. 12, 1979, at a meeting of the leaders of Kindred Orders of Catholic Knights, convened on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Knights of Saint Columba.

The inaugural meeting resolved these fraternal orders would found an international alliance for the purpose of working together toward the mutual advantage of the individual Member Orders and the extension of Catholic Knighthood throughout the world. It was agreed the Supreme Knight or National President of each Member Order would together form an International Council meeting annually and responsible for the organization and development of the new Alliance.

# Vertelle A. Kenion Reflects on Her Tenure as the 13th Supreme Lady



Daughters Division. We have experienced growth in each of the six districts/states through recruitment of new members, reclamation/retention of members and the establishment of senior and junior courts in their respective areas. Since 2012, we have added seven new senior courts and we are anticipating the establishment of a court in New Mexico. In addition, six junior courts have been established and 18 junior courts have been reactivated. Currently, there are 9,466 senior ladies and 1,494 junior daughters.

**Disaster Response Program:** The development of the Disaster Response Program was important to me. As a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the difficulty I experienced during my tenure as District Deputy of the Gulf Coast in locating Clavers after the storms, upon election to the Office of Supreme Lady, I designed the Disaster Response Program to provide the leadership for volunteer efforts to locate members impacted by natural disasters, including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires, etc. I am pleased that our Noble Order has taken the program to another level and has established the St. Peter Claver Disaster Fund to provide a small monetary token to aid Clavers in their recovery.

**Emerging Leaders:** The Emerging Leaders are an important group in our Noble Order. During my tenure, it has been exciting to work with the Emerging Leaders and to provide the support they need in the development and implementation of the initiatives and programs to enhance our Noble Order and to aid in the continued growth and longevity of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. I am indeed pleased to have had a small part in the successes the Emerging Leaders have accomplished thus far.

Recently, the Emerging Leaders have been authorized to move forward with the recruitment and establishment of a Collegiate Unit at Xavier University.

I am encouraged that the Emerging Leaders are working with the District/State Deputies, Commanders, Counselors, Grand Knights and Grand Ladies to promote juniors to transfer to the senior division.

**Collaboration:** The Ladies are committed to collaborating with community-based organizations, churches of other faiths and women's organizations in their respective states/districts. We are affiliated with national and international organizations, including: National Council of Catholic Women, National Black Sisters Conference, National Council of Negro Women, Na-

**A**s I enter the conclusion of my tenure (2012-2018) as the 13th Supreme Lady of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, I can say honestly that it has been an exhilarating experience.

When I accepted the challenge to vie for the Office of Supreme Lady, it was of the utmost importance that I serve the Ladies Auxiliary and our Noble Order with leadership, commitment and integrity.

As I reflect on my tenure as Supreme Lady, the areas that I identified to focus on included expansion, the development of a **Disaster Response Program**, the **Emerging Leaders**, collaboration and other initiatives.

**Expansion** continues in the Ladies Auxiliary and the Junior

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tional Black Catholic Congress and World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

I am gratified to have been a part of the process to establish the St. Peter Claver Foundation, years before becoming Supreme Lady. I am pleased to see that the charitable arm of our Noble Order has come to fruition.

The National Council Board of Directors and the National Court Board of Directors have joined forces and authorized the formation of a joint Strategic Planning Committee to develop a strategic process on how our organization can make our Noble Order the choice for Catholic families to ensure the longevity of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.

I am proud to be a member of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. and to have had the opportunity to serve as the 13th Supreme Lady of the Ladies Auxiliary. I am indeed optimistic about the future of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. With the development of the strategic plan to provide the roadmap to our future, the addition of Collegiate Units and the development of initiatives and programs, our Noble Order will remain viable and be around for many years to come. We will continue to provide services to our respective churches, communities and mankind in **Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.**

Vertelle A. Kenion  
13th Supreme Lady  
Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary



Pictured are some Emerging Leaders with the Past Supreme Knight, Supreme Lady, Past Supreme Lady, and Executive Director at the 2015 Junior National Convention.





## Zone 3



➤ Newly installed Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, greets the first Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, Most Rev. Joseph L. Howze, at the 70th Annual Knights of Peter Claver Senior Gulf States District Conference Mass on May 6, 2017, at the IP Casino and Spa in Biloxi, Miss.

The chalice and paten used at that Mass is the same one being held by Bishop Howze in the second picture and were given to him by members of Knights of Peter Claver Council 1 out of Mobile, Ala., on May 7, 1959, the day of his ordination to the priesthood, and were blessed by Bishop Vincent Stanislaus Waters of Raleigh, N.C. ♦



## Atlanta Intercity Zone 7



➤ On Sept. 9, members of KPC/LA Atlanta Intercity Zone 7 took time to help those victims impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Houston. The members dropped off bottles of water, hand sanitizers and gloves to the office of "Maximum One Realtors" in Atlanta, Ga., who will deliver the much needed items to those in need in the Houston area. Members of Zone 7 realize several of our KPC families were displaced, so Zone 7 members also prayed the Rosary for those families that were impacted. ♦

## Unit #272 Birmingham, Alabama



➤ The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court 272 presented Holy Family Catholic Academy in Birmingham, Ala., with a donation of \$2,500. The funds will be used to help support the school's scholarship and academic programs. Mrs. Phyllis Rowser, the Academy's Assistant Principal, accepted the donation and thanked the Ladies for their continuous support of the Academy. ♦

## Unit #276 Atlanta, Georgia

➤ On June 16, members of Court 276 participated in Starve Wars II, the second annual service project for the Archdiocese of Atlanta Eucharistic Congress. The Congress is held the weekend of the feast of Corpus Christi. The goal of this event was to pack 100,000 meals to be sent to Burkina Faso.

St. Anthony Council and Court 276 sponsored our annual graduate prayer breakfast to recognize our Juniors graduating from high school. Our 2017 graduates are: Raluchukwu Odiegwu, Camille Oliga and Brandon Sykes. We also recognized our Junior Knights and Junior Daughter who participated in various activities, including First Sunday Rosary leader, Halloween Kids-Fest, Thanksgiving basket and Brown Bag Project. ♦

## Unit #25 Biloxi, Mississippi



➤ The Ladies and Knights of Unit 25 were honored to have their Claver Brother Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze (seated), the first Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, Miss., come

visit and have lunch at Our Mother of Sorrows annual Lenten Fish Fry. Bishop Howze is a member of Our Mother of Sorrows Council 25. Pictured front row (l-r): Lady Kathleen Burton, Grand Lady Beverly Duffy, Sir Knight Gerald Duffy, Sir Knight Michael Griffin (GK), Sir Knight Franklin Parker and Ladies Mamie Hardy and Kathryn Wilkerson. Back row (l-r): Knight Eddie Bolton, Sir Knight Joseph Koonce and Knight Fred Koonce.

The 70th Annual Gulf Coast District Senior Conference was held in Biloxi, Miss., at the IP Casino Resort Spa. Because of casino rules, minors are not allowed to be unescorted in the casino. Sir Knight Gerald Duffy (Assy. 20) escorted the GC Conference Mass altar servers to the Mass ballroom. altar servers are Junior Knight Alfonso Staten and Junior Daughter Treasure Duffy. All are members of Unit 25.



KPC Council and Court 25 are proud to announce the recipients of their very first Academic Scholarship Awards in 2017.

These awards are made possible by Unit 25 sponsoring an annual Christmas Ball with all profits designated to the Scholarship Fund. Winners and Awards were announced at Our Mother of Sorrows Mass on June 4, 2017, and are as follows:



Emily Hollingsworth (pictured front left) and A'Mon Haynes (center) both tied for first place and were awarded \$750 each. Clara Harbin (pictured front right) won second place and was awarded \$500. Scholarship recipients, their families and parish family were invited to a reception for the honorees hosted by Knights and Ladies, Unit 25. ♦

## Court #300 Atlanta, Georgia



» On April 23, 2017, the Senior and Junior Divisions of Our Lady of Lourdes Court 300 held their fourth Ladies-Daughter Spring Tea. The theme for this year's tea was "Love's In Need." There were more than 40 in attendance, including Ladies, Junior Daughters and other mothers and daughters from Our Lady of Lourdes. The tea featured a multi-generational panel discussion with panelists who ranged in ages from 17 to 85 and included Junior Daughter Niya Thomas, Gulf Coast District Past Junior President Kennedy Blanchard, Lady Dawn Leaner-Hall and Lady Margaret Jones. The panel was moderated by Lady Karen Allen. The panelists led a lively discussion on such topics as love, friendship and unity. The tea concluded with a blessing ceremony for our two graduating Junior Daughters Niya Thomas and Dasia Everts, GCD Junior Vice President. During the ceremony, we formed a sister circle to send our graduates off to college with our love and prayers. All in attendance agreed it was a beautiful event and look forward to the next one.



Court 300 held its 24th Annual Prayer Breakfast on August 5, 2017, at the Dennard Conference Center at Atlanta Metropolitan College. We continued on our theme of "Love's In Need" as we extend the conversation to include our larger community. Our keynote speaker was Georgia State Sen. Donzella J. James, who is a 1962 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. We were treated to a moving musical tribute by Lady Janis Griffin and her daughter, Ms. Kenya Griffin,



Founder and Director of the Amazing Grace Dance Company. A portion of the proceeds from the Prayer Breakfast benefit our Scholarship Fund. This year, Court 300 awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to Junior Knight Thomas Vance, who will be attending the University of Michigan. The Ladies of Court 300 are pictured with our keynote speaker, Sen. Donzella James, and the Deacons of our church, Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander and Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin.

In August, the Ladies Auxiliary also led a parish-wide school supply drive for our two partnering schools. Primary school supplies were donated to Hope-Hill Elementary School and secondary school supplies were donated to Cristo Rey Jesuit Atlanta High School. ♦



### Unit #313 Atlanta, Georgia



» Sts. Peter & Paul Unit 313 helped pack 100,000 meals for Burkina Faso in this year's Eucharistic Congress Starve Wars meals packing project. CRS Helping Hands packaged thousands of life-saving meals for people in need — and provided families with hope for the future.

CRS Helping Hands is just one of the many ways Catholic Relief Services fulfills its mission to serve our poor and vulnerable brothers and sisters overseas. We serve 85 million people in more than 100 countries. ♦

### Court #340 Hapeville, Georgia

» Court 340 is actively engaged in efforts to support our parish, community and our Noble Order. Here are a few recent highlights:

#### CHURCH

- Our 2017 Katherine A. Woodyard Memorial Book Scholarship was awarded to Junior Daughter Mary-Angel Ekezie.
- Our court organized and sponsored a Health Fair for our parish. Free screenings, counseling and pamphlets were provided.

#### COMMUNITY

- We prepared and served meals to 35 men at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and 70 men at Central Presbyterian Night Shelters.
- Our court provided "Nothing But the Truth," a ministry for students identified as needing extra food, with more than 35 shoeboxes of items during the Christmas holiday.
- We donated \$200 to the Sickle Cell Foundation, providing sponsorship for two children to attend Summer Camp.

#### OUR NOBLE ORDER

- Our St. Peter Claver Feast Day celebration was held Sept. 10, 2017. Fellow parishioners were invited to join us after Mass to learn more about St. Peter Claver and our Noble Order. Refreshments were served and door prizes were presented.
- We extend heartfelt congratulations to Lady Delise Coleman, past National Secretary, for receiving a 2017 National Silver Medal Award. This honor recognizes her faithful service to our Noble Order.
- We have an Emerging Leader, Lady Esohe Asemota who is seeking a National Office. ♦

### Unit #345 Montgomery, Alabama

» Congratulations to Lady LaQuandra Robinson, an active member, Emerging Leader and Lady of Prayer of KPCLA Court 345 Montgomery, Ala. She was selected to participate in the Million Women Mentors (MWM) program! She was one of the 42 women selected for the second annual program, where the University of Phoenix's College of Information Systems & Technology



## Council #380 Columbia, South Carolina



>> The last six months were very busy for Council 380 of St. Martin de Porres Church of Columbia, S.C.

In March, the Knights conducted a soup kitchen where we fed members of the community.

During April, the Knights participated in a cleanup and home renovation weekend for one of our members.

In July, we re-established our Junior Knights Division, reactivating one member and initiating five new Junior Knights.

In September, several Knights supported sickle cell awareness with financial contributions and through participation in the annual Sickle Cell Walk.

We will continue to utilize our time, talent and treasure for the betterment of the organization, the Church, and the community at-large. ♦



and School of Business are teaming up with PepsiCo to offer mentorship opportunities.

**On behalf of Father Manuel Williams, CR Council and Court 345 (Knights and Ladies) Montgomery, Ala.,:** Grand Knight Clifford Petty and Grand Lady Yolanda Robinson presented three scholarships (Past Grand Knight Horace Thomas Memorial Scholarship) to Junior Knight Daniel Jones, Junior Grand Lady Kiara Peters and Junior Knight Kobe Tate (not pictured).



A St. Peter Claver Day Turnout was sponsored by Unit 345 (Resurrection Catholic Church). Unit 345 also invited Unit 148 to participate. ♦



### Milwaukee Inter-Council Milwaukee, Wisconsin



>> “Let the good times roll” is the mantra of many people celebrating Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday in French, which is the last day before Lent. Its roots lie in the Christian calendar, as the last “hurrah” before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

On Feb. 18, 2017, the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary Milwaukee Inter-Council had their 29th Annual Mardi Gras Scholarship Ball, a major fundraiser for scholarships given to eligible students. More than 300 guests were in attendance for food, fun and fundraising. The event was held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield.

Awards were given to two outstanding gentlemen recognized for their work in education and the Milwaukee community. Dr. Robert Harris, Jr., retired teacher, mentor and coach, received the Claver Legacy Award, given to an individual in our community who has demonstrated the tenets of Claverism — a charge to work together in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. This person has shown an unwavering dedication to the development of our future leaders through mentoring, service, and teaching.

Dr. Reuben Harpole, community organizer, educator and mentor, was awarded the Community Servant Award for demonstrating unwavering dedication to providing human services within greater Milwaukee. The recipient of this honor exemplifies ongoing advocacy for the rights and welfare of individuals and families.

The funds raised exceeded \$11,000. The scholarships were



given out on Sept. 10, 2017, at St. Francis of Assisi's 8 a.m. Mass.

Stay tuned for the 30th Annual Mardi Gras Scholarship Ball, to be held on Feb. 10th, 2018, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Annette M Frink, 414.702.9363. ♦

### Court #154 Chicago, Illinois



>> On May 20-21, 2017, the Ladies of St. Thaddeus/St. Margaret of Scotland Court 154 celebrated at their new home, St. Margaret of Scotland, the 50th anniversary of membership in our Noble Order, the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary.

May 20th was an afternoon of fun, including food, drinks and games with members, family and friends. Special awards were given to Lady Addie Watts, the first Grand Lady of the court, and a 50-year member; and Lady Beulah Posten, the oldest living member of the court at age 105. Ladies Yvonne Bell, Perilita Brown and Roberta Holland received 25-year membership certificates and pins from the National Office.

The Knights of Council 154 were given 100-year pins commemorating the 100th year of membership in the Noble Order for all and for the support they have given the Ladies during these 50 years. Bishop Joseph N. Perry and Father Frank Sasso were both honored with certificates from the Court and a national 100th anniversary commemoration pin.

The celebration concluded on May 21, 2017 with a special Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church dedicated to the Ladies. Participating in the celebration with the Ladies on this special day were Northern States Deputy Lady Lena Young and President of the Northern District Lady Stephanie Inis. St. Thaddeus/St. Margaret of Scotland Court 154 thank all Claver Sisters, Brothers and friends who joined us for this momentous event.

Ladies participating were Grand Lady Marie Copeland, Vice Grand Lady Andrea Palmer, Recording Secretary Diane Couch, Treasurer Yvonne Bell and Ladies Pearlita Brown, Glenda Donaldson, Cebell Huey, Mirl Simmons, Beverly Stewart, Dorothy Thomas, Valerie Watkins and Addie Watts. ♦

## Court #277 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

>> An Evangelization Proposal was granted to Court 277 by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to assist with Christian education of children at Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic School and Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. The goal is to demonstrate the love of God to children in the first and second grades. We will introduce, familiarize and/or strengthen the knowledge of the life of Jesus Christ in these two schools, encouraging parents/guardians and the surrounding communities to mirror Catholic/Christian identity. We will use activities with members of the court to increase the number of candidates for initiation into the Catholic faith, as well as identify and provide materials to assist the schools with the same mission. ♦



## Unit #297 Newark, New Jersey



>> St. Martin de Porres Council 297, Bishop Joseph A. Francis Court 297 and our Junior Daughters celebrated our patron saint at St. Peter Claver Parish. It was a pleasure to be part of the diverse community, including Latinos, Haitians and others. We are sure St. Peter Claver would be proud that we are part of his legacy.

Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver honored Bishop Francis, S.V.D. with a Memorial Mass on the 20th anniversary of his death, Sept. 1, 1997. The Knights and Ladies turned out in third order for this honor on Sept. 30, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

The celebration of Mass was at the Cathedral of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart with Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R. as the chief celebrant. The cathedral was filled by all our brothers and sisters, old and young, Protestants and Muslims, because Bishop Francis touched all their lives.

Many of our ladies attended a special gathering for Fatima's 100th anniversary sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women on the July 13. The EWTN film documentary shown included the three Portuguese children, life during World War I and II and the Blessed Mother's miracle of the dancing of the sun. The program brought back many memories of the rosaries we prayed in school during the 1950s. ♦

## Court #298 Columbus, Ohio

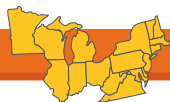


>> In September, St. Cyprian Court held a baby shower for the expectant mother we support through the local Pregnancy Decision Center's Guardian Angel Program. The "Guardian Angels" are matched with a single woman facing unexpected pregnancy, and provide emotional support, spiritual guidance and positive role models during and after the mother's pregnancy. St. Cyprian Court serves as the "Choir of Angels" to assist the Angel by providing diapers, home-cooked meals, letters of support, etc. The mother and her friends were deeply touched by the court's generosity with numerous gifts for the baby boy.

St. Cyprian Court received a Community Award in recognition for our charitable works. The award was presented by the Chi Eta Phi Black Nurses Society of Columbus, Ohio, at their annual awards banquet on Oct. 7, 2017. In July, the Knights and Ladies enjoyed a Sunday cookout, which was open to members of the parishes that we attend. Based on this annual event, several attendees expressed interest in joining our Noble Order.

Lady Marjorie McFadden, currently Court Treasurer, was one of 24 Diocese of Columbus women to be presented by Diocese of Columbus Bishop Frederick F. Campbell with the inaugural Diocese of Columbus Catholic Women Mother Teresa Award of Charity, compassion, and Service. For her work with the marginalized, she received a 2017 Spirituality Network Living Faith Award. ♦





### Court #326

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



>> In June of each year, we collect and pack for delivery care packages for soldiers overseas. In thanks, we received the following letter:

"On behalf of the IVets, thank you to KPCLA for helping to create 144 care packages for soldiers serving overseas. We cannot express how much we appreciate your lending a hand whenever the IVets call and how you deliver every time without fail. Soldiers look forward to this event each year, and we are humbled by how our simple gestures will make someone's day brighter.

"Thank you again, and until the next time, stay safe and enjoy!  
Sincerely, the IVets" ♦

### Court #342

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



>> On Aug. 14, 2017, the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 342 of Philadelphia, Pa., gave a huge helping hand to the teachers and students at St. Athanasius School by sponsoring a school supply drive. The Ladies purchased and donated a variety of school supplies to help classrooms serving pre-K to eighth grade. Donations were also received from the parishioners of St. Athanasius Parish, which is the combination of St. Athanasius Church and St. Benedict's Church. ♦

### Court #346

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



>> Gulf Coast District Deputy Lady Barbara Birds, Diocese President of Philadelphia and National Council of Catholic Women Joyce Scott, Lady Madeline Tymes and Sister Thea Bowman of Court 346 attended the 97th NCCW Convention in Dallas, Sept. 6-9, 2017.

The theme for the NCCW was "Living the Joy of the Gospel." It was a spiritually uplifting convention focusing on Matthew 25:35-40: "I was hungry, and you gave me food." Lady Birds and myself were proud to represent the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. ♦

### Court #398

#### Alexandria, Virginia

>> Mother Mary Lange Court 398 was awarded the National Volunteer Service Hours Award. We won first place because we contributed more than 23,000 volunteer hours to our churches and our community in the last year. If one assumes an hourly rate of \$21, the monetary value of these hours is more than \$500,000.

Our Ladies support and participate in court-sponsored activities such as Meals on Wheels, West End Food Pantry and Adopt a Block. In our parishes, Ladies chair parish committees; drive parishioners to church; and are involved in other parish activities as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or through serving dinners at Christ House for the homeless and raising money for specific parish projects.

In our individual communities, Ladies volunteer to teach financial management classes and heart healthy classes for



women. Ladies volunteer at schools, with civic and community associations and in Big Brother, Big Sister organizations.

These are just a few examples of the volunteer work being done by the Ladies of Court 398. Someone once said that a volunteer reflects compassionate caring, selflessness and love. With joy and humility, the Ladies of Court 398 provide blessings and are blessed during thousands of hours given in just plain love. ♦



## State of Louisiana

### District V

>> The North Central Committee, District V, celebrated St. Peter Claver Day on Sept. 10, 2017, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Shreveport, La. The theme for the celebration was "Seek, Find and Receive 'The Spirit of the Lord' through Claverism." The principal celebrant of the Mass was Most Rev. Michael Duca, Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport.

The featured speaker for the luncheon was Ricky P. Sassau, National Treasurer of the Knights of Peter Claver. The celebration was hosted by Father Edward Knaebel, Council 144, Grand Knight Stanley Roque of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Court 144 and Grand Lady Barbara Moran. Seventeen councils and courts were represented at the celebration. ♦

### Unit #8 Opelousas, Louisiana

>> Unit 8, including Father John Council 8, Holy Ghost Court 8, Junior Branch 8, and Junior Court 8, celebrated St. Peter Claver Day on Sept. 9, 2017, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, La., at the 5 p.m. Mass.

Associate Pastor Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD was the celebrant. We were honored to welcome Worthy Deputy Supreme Knight Oscar Benoit, Esteemed Vice Supreme Lady Hilda Wiltz and Louisiana State Conference President Lady Paula Jordan. Councils and Courts from local District 7 included Councils 114



and 130, as well as Courts 34, 79 and 114.

Following the Mass, a banquet was held in Holy Ghost Parish Life Center. Serving as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Junior Grand Knight Keenan Villery and Junior Grand Lady Katelyn Savoy. Welcome and Introductions were made by Grand Knight Alfred Dupree, Jr. and Grand Lady Cynthia Singleton. Music was provided by Cheryl Clark. Thanks to Father Jas, SVD, for his presence and for his prayers.

Congratulations were given to national award winners from the National Convention. The Willie Polk Scholarship winner was Junior Knight Peter Lewis. Grand Lady Cynthia Singleton was recognized with the Gold Medal of Merit. Holy Ghost Court 8 was recognized for receiving third place in the Volunteer Service Hours Project.

Junior Daughters receiving five-year Membership Awards were Morgan Francis and Jessica Guillory. Ladies receiving 25-year Silver Certificates and Pins were Mary Louise Thomas and Gloria Washington. Receiving 50-year Gold Certificate and Pin was Lady Mary Ann Broussard. ♦

### Unit #49 Breux Bridge, LA



>> St. Francis of Assisi Unit 49 joined together for a father/son and mother/daughter cleanup day on June 17, 2017. The Knights and Junior Knights beautified the grounds, while the Ladies and Junior Daughters cleaned the hall.

Father Joseph Campion said, "Great job KPC, Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Knights and Junior Daughters for your work day at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Thank you!"

This event was in preparation for the Father/Son Coffee and Beignet Social following the Fathers' Day Mass. ♦



**Court of the Year**



**Council of the Year**

**Family of the Year**

Saint Monica Unit #151  
State of Texas

**Gene A. Phillips Sr. Million Hour Service Project Award**

First Place  
Mother Mary Lange Court #398  
Northern States District

**Supreme Knight's Expansion Award**

Northern States District  
District Deputies: Knight Joseph Bradfield and Lady Lena Young

**KNIGHTS DIVISION AWARDS**

**Gold Medal Award of Merit**

Brother Walter Ray Leslie  
Saints Peter and Paul Council #313  
Gulf Coast District

**Silver Medal Award of Merit**

**Central States District**  
Brother Vincent Wallace  
Father Zimmerman Council #150

**Gulf Coast District**

Brother Stanmore Hinds  
Saints Peter and Paul Council #313

**State of Louisiana**

Brother Aaron Noel  
Father Bauldizonne Council #48  
Brother Tommy Milo  
Blessed Sacrament Council #28  
Brother Donaldson (Ricky) Melancon  
Saint Francis Council #160

**State of Texas**

Brother Frederick Paul Landry  
Sacred Heart Council #32  
Brother Sylvester Newman  
Saint Monica Council #151

**Western States District**

Brother James Dumas  
Saint James of the Apostle Council #358

**Council of the Year**

Saint James the Apostle Council #358  
Western States District

**Grand Knight of the Year**

Brother Welborn Williams Jr.  
Saint Monica Council #151  
State of Texas

**Financial Secretary of the Year**

Brother Fred Maxwell  
Saints Peter and Paul Council #313  
Gulf Coast District

**James A. Coleman Sr. Commander of the Year**

Brother Kim Sheppard  
Saint Edward Council #63  
State of Louisiana

**Chris Pichon II Devoted Service Award**

Brother Zachary King  
Holy Cross Council #284  
State of Texas

**Emerging Leader Claver Service Award**

Brother Rogers Griffin  
Saint Francis of Assisi Council #49  
State of Louisiana



**Family of the Year**



**Grand Knight of the Year**

## LADIES DIVISION AWARDS

### Gold Medal Award of Merit

Lady Cynthia F. Singleton  
Holy Ghost Court #8  
State of Louisiana

### Gold Medal Award of Merit (Non-Member)

Brenda Morton  
Nominated by Court #131  
Western States District

### Silver Medal Award of Merit Central States

Lady Brenda Vanderford  
Monsignor John A. Shocklee  
Court #213

### Gulf Coast District

Lady DeLise Coleman  
Archbishop James P. Lyke  
Court #340  
Lady Joan Mack  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Court #340

### State of Louisiana

Lady Shirley Carpenter  
Saint Joseph the Worker Court #267

Lady Deborah Smith  
Our Mother of Mercy Court #75

Lady Barbara May  
Saint Francis de Sales Court #325

### Northern States District

Lady Dicle Moore  
Saint Felicitas/Saint Ailbe Court #181

Lady Beverly Anderson  
Mother Mary Lange Court #398

### State of Texas

Lady Eva M. Volter  
Saint Martin de Porres Court #98

Lady Consuella Broussard  
Saint Monica Court #151

Lady Daisy Bell Young  
Saint Philip Neri Court #222

### Western States District

Lady Gloria McClaurin  
Transfiguration Court #220

### Court of the Year

Queen of All Saints #138  
State of Texas

### Grand Lady of the Year

Lady Vicki Race  
Saint Paul Court #162  
Western States District

### Claver Lady of the Year

Lady Muriel Stansberry  
Saint Felicitas/Saint Ailbe Court #181  
Northern States District

### Financial Secretary of the Year

Lady Dawn Collins  
Saint Francis de Sales Court #325  
State of Louisiana

### Counselor of the Year

Lady Gloria McClaurin  
Transfiguration Court #220  
Western States District





## 2017 National Junior Convention Photos





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## Court #76 Lafayette, Louisiana

» This year marks KPCLA Court 76's 16th year hosting its "Men of Excellence Awards Banquet," honoring men who are unrecognized for their service to the community. Their service might be a natural gesture, but we know to the person assisted it's far more. The Men of Excellence Award was given to Mr. Carl Lee Simon for Public Service, Dalfred Angelo Jones for Nonprofit and Ernest Johnson, Jr. for Business/Industry. ♦

## Unit #91 Alexandria, Louisiana



- Members of Council and Court 91 participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Race in Alexandria held on Oct. 7. The "St. Peter Claver Sisters" met their goal in donations. ♦



- The Ladies of Bishop D.F. Desmond Court 91 presented their church parish, St. James Memorial, with a donation in August 2017. The Ladies assist in many ministries of the church. This donation was to exemplify diligence in efforts to financially support the church. ♦

## Court #92 Eunice, Louisiana

» Lady Hester Thibodeaux, 52-year member of St. Mathilda Court 92, celebrated her 100th birthday in April at a "purple and white" gala affair held at the Bishop Caesar Center in Eunice. Surrounded by 11 of her 13 children, 39 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren, court sisters, relatives and friends, Lady Hester enjoyed the evening of presentations and remarks.



The highlight was a video presentation prepared by her granddaughter, Hollywood producer Yolanda T. Cochran, showing life events from her 100 years. This included years of picking cotton as a young lady, being chosen PTA queen at Charles Drew High and other family events.

Another feature was granddaughter Stephanie Prudhomme singing "Wind Beneath My Wings" as a special tribute to her grandmother in honor of her support and love. As her program stated, Lady Hester continues to give them "Love, Laughter and Wisdom." Gov. John Edwards declared April 8, 2017, as "Mrs. Hester Thibodeaux Day in Louisiana," and also sent her a personal gift of rosary beads blessed by the pope. Lady Hester is the mother of Sir Knight Marshall Thibodeaux, Council 92 of Eunice, and Knight Joseph Lamson Thibodeaux, Council 248 of Houston. ♦

## Unit #116 Baton Rouge, Louisiana



» KPC Council 116 believes in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We strive to always sponsor and execute commendable works of Catholic action wherever and whenever

possible. The historic flood of 2016 caused extensive damage to southeastern Louisiana, and affected a large number of parishioners from the Immaculate Conception Church in Baton Rouge.

Council 116 assisted in the removal of water-damaged dry-wall, flooring and debris from many homes. Later, Council 116 joined parishioners to unload two truckloads of clothing and furniture. Some parishioners unable to transport supplies were assisted by Council 116.

Court 116 and other church parishioners arranged and distributed the supplies.

Council 116 was involved in a series of events during the second quarter of 2017. The council sponsored and repainted the church parking lot. Court 116 presented its annual Taste Fair consisting of a variety of food delights. Council 116's choir and band provided musical entertainment for those in attendance.

Unit 116 presented four scholarships to outstanding college-bound students. Also, Council 116 presented the 50-year Faithful Service Pin Award and Certificate to Knight Henry Stewart III.

Two parish youth nights were sponsored by Unit 116 for the 2017 Vacation Summer Bible School. Also, Council 116 conducted its annual Choir Ministry during the month of August 2017. ♦

## Unit #135 Welcome, Louisiana



» On Sept. 30, Welcome Council and Court 135 celebrated milestones with a banquet at Roseanne's Banquet Hall in Welcome, La. The council celebrated its 60th anniversary and the court celebrated its 47th anniversary.

Father Denis of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Gonzales, La., provided a spiritual beginning and ending to the banquet. Sir Knight Al Carter shared his spiritual walk as the keynote speaker. He challenged all to learn and evangelize the Catholic faith to everyone as Christ calls us to do.

The Grand Knight Robert Ferchaud spoke of evangelization in the community to stem the rise of drugs and crime. Council 135 honored its two founding living members, Sir Knight Edwin Octave, Jr. (who also celebrated his 75th anniversary of knighthood) and Willis Octave, Sr. We look forward to many more years of spiritual and fraternal growth. ♦

## Council #144 Shreveport, Louisiana



» Father Edward Knaebel Council 144 of Shreveport, La., held its 28th Annual Palm Sunday Barbecue on April 9, 2017, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Proceeds from the event benefit the council's Scholarship Fund. Stanley Roque is the Grand Knight. ♦

## Court #195 Loreauville, Louisiana



• The Our Lady of Victory Court 195 members of the Knights of Peter Claver, the Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Knights and Junior Daughters celebrated St. Peter Claver Day on Sept. 10, 2017.



The celebration included a Mass and brunch, which was hosted by the members of the Knights of Peter Claver, the Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Knights and Junior Daughters. The Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Loreauville, La., with Father Godwin Nzeh as the celebrant.



- Installation Mass for the newly elected officers of Court 195 was celebrated on May 21, 2017. Our Mass was held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Loreauville, La., with Father Paul Onuegbe and Deacon Roland Jeanlouis. ♦

## Court #242 Cecelia, Louisiana



- >> St. Rose of Lima Court 242 hosted its annual Oldie Goldie Ball on Sept. 16, 2017. The funds from this ball are used for scholarships given to our Junior Division graduating seniors. The scholarship is for \$500 per Junior member.



- >> The Knights of Peter Claver joined with the Knights of Columbus for Hurricane Harvey relief. Knights of Columbus had a drive for clothes, food and cleaning supplies for our brothers

and sisters in Texas. The drive was held at St. Basil Church in Lafayette.

We collected, sorted and loaded supplies for one of three trucks headed to Houston. Lady Dianne Borel with Court 242 of St. Rose of Lima in Cecilia, Lady Brenda Andrus and Lady Yvonne Wilkins of Court 76 of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette and Brother Pippin and other volunteers worked to fill the trailer.

Around 8:30 p.m., some of the parishioners from St. Basil left the church hall and headed to Texas. It was such a great blessing to have worked with this awesome group of people. May God continue to bless our recovering brothers and sisters. ♦

## Court #302 Bunkie, Louisiana



- >> On Aug. 15, the Ladies of St. Christopher's Court 302 of Bunkie, La., visited the Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy to deliver school supplies for the children for the 2017-2018 school year. Present were Lady Dorothy Washington, Grand Lady Linda Thomas, Lady Delores Battiste and Lady Carol Robinson. Other members not present were Ladies Yvonne Jones, Gertrude Chambers, Mary Jackson, Timenee Thomas, Audrey Keller and Tyrhonda Thomas White. The court also donated cases of bottled water for the flood victims of Texas that were being housed at the LSUA Center. ♦

## Court #394 New Orleans, Louisiana

- >> The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 394 at Our Lady of Guadalupe recently spent a Saturday afternoon visiting a homeless shelter in the Central City section



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of New Orleans. The Ladies reached out to a staff member to inquire about what needs the facility had, and were promptly told the shelter needed cleaning supplies and diapers for its littlest residents.

The Ladies immediately sprang into action, authorizing the court to buy \$150 worth of cleaning products. Diapers and pull-ups in varying sizes for the children at the shelter were also purchased. Additionally, the Ladies prepared bags for each female resident in the shelter and bags for each child based on age. When the Ladies arrived at the shelter, it was Christmas in June!

»» The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court 394 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, awarded five \$500 scholarships on June 4th to recently graduated parishioner high school students attending college in the fall. The scholarship recipients each received a certificate and the \$500.

Since 2015, the KPC Ladies Auxiliary has awarded scholarships to deserving students in the parish planning to attend college. The only criteria to receive a scholarship is students must have made their confirmation at Our Lady of Guadalupe and be an active member of the parish by participating in the youth group, as a member of the Junior Daughters or Junior Knights, or by serving as a Junior Usher, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Altar Server.

We want our student parishioners to know that their church family supports them in their pursuit of higher learning. The scholarships are just a small way to show them how proud we are of their achievements thus far. The Ladies sponsor several fundraisers throughout the year to raise the funds for the scholarships.

"The entire parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe supports these efforts by buying raffle tickets, supporting bake sales and other fund-raising efforts," said Eleanora Bazile-Brooks, Grand Lady for Our Lady of Guadalupe Court 394 of the KPC Ladies Auxiliary. ♦



»» The annual Houston Inter-City Councils and Courts (HICC) city-wide St. Peter Claver Day Mass and Celebration was held at St. Monica Catholic Church in Houston on Sept. 10 at the 8 a.m. Mass, with a breakfast celebration immediately following. Most Rev. George A. Sheltz, D.D., Bishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, was the chief celebrant.

Bishop Sheltz, a Fourth Degree Knight, spoke eloquently about the life of St. Peter Claver in his homily. KPC members of both Third and Fourth Degree Divisions were in attendance at the Mass, while our national and state Junior Division officers participated by bringing forth the gifts.

The Paul Stiner Award and Della Brooks Award winners for 2017 are: Grand Knight Welborn Williams of Council 151 and Lady Shirley Hall of St. Benedict Court 248. HICC donated its annual charity donations to the Magnificat House and Amvets.

St. Monica Council and Court 151 members provided a delicious breakfast. HICC President Norma Woodson introduced the various state and national officers while presiding over a short program at the reception. ♦

## Council #15 Houston, Texas

»»The council recognized the 100th anniversary of the KPC St. Nicholas Council 15, and the 90th anniversary of the KPCLA St. Elizabeth Court 15. This council and court were the beginning of Claverism in Texas.

An Anniversary Mass was celebrated with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, as homilist. Mayor Sylvester Turner of Houston, presented a proclamation to Council and Court 15.



» Members of Santa Monica Council and Court 35 in San Antonio, Texas, attended the 2017 Knights of Peter Claver National Convention in Dallas. Pictured (l-r) are: Lady Patricia Cormier, Immediate Past Grand Lady, Texas State President Dr. Nicholas Cormier, Brother Earl LaVan, Lady Carolyn LaVan, Grand Lady Ramona Webb, Texas State Chaplain Rev. Kevin P. Fausz, C.M. V.U., Past Texas State Recording Secretary Lady Carol White, Lady Karla Yen and Grand Knight Gary Simons. ♦



» Supreme Knight James Ellis and Vice Supreme Lady Hilda Wiltz presented a KPC proclamation to the honored Council and Court 15, which thanked St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Pastor Father George Okeahialam and the parishioners for their continued support of our Noble Order. As we continue to support the Church and community, following St. Peter Claver's example, with God as our leader, Claverism will remain strong with Council and Court 15. ♦

## Court #138 Houston, Texas



» Queen of All Saints Court 138 of Houston is continuing its winning ways. The court was surprised and honored to be awarded the 2017 National Court of the Year.

In the past 12 months, the court has lost 14 of its members who were called Home to Glory. We have been blessed with a membership of almost 200, which softened the loss of our dear Ladies. Our court continues to focus on the business of building our Noble Order with new members, reinstated members and transfers. Our acts of charity, as we give our time, talent and treasure in our parish, community and with each other, are always intended to imitate the work of St. Peter Claver. ♦

## Unit #35 San Antonio, Texas

» Our oldest member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and Santa Monica Court 35 in San Antonio, Texas, celebrated her 103rd birthday on Sept. 3, 2017. Please join us in wishing her a happy birthday.



## Unit #139 Houston, Texas



➤ On Oct. 15, 2017, during Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Junior Supreme Lady Kennedy Wiltz was presented with a gift and certificate of recognition celebrating her election into office, as well as her awesome participation at the 2017 Senior National Convention. The presentation was made by the newly assigned pastor, Father Stephen Sohe, SSJ, the entire Claver family of Unit 139 and the Director General, Junior Knights, Director General Dr. Chris Pichon, Sr., Texas Directress of Junior Daughters Sonya Pichon, State Deputy of Texas Adrian S Adams, and Area Deputy Lady Althena Adams. Pictured (l-r) are: Area Deputy Lady Athena Adams; Jr. Daughter Counselor, 139; Lady Shelia Wiltz; Junior Grand Lady Deanna Clark; State Junior Directress Sonya Pichon; Junior Grand Knight Tayronne Revish; Junior Supreme Lady Kennedy Wiltz; Grand Knight Byron Washington; Vice Grand Lady Cora Blackmon; Father Stephen Sohe, SSJ; Director General, Junior Knights, Dr. Chris Pichon, Sr.; and State Deputy of Texas Adrian S Adams. ♦

donation. Knight Father John serves as Chaplain of St. Monica Council 151, and continues to contribute to the service and success of St. Monica Unit 151, led by National Grand Knight of the Year Brother Welborn Williams and Grand Lady Norma Woodson.



➤ St. Monica Court 151 held its 6th annual "Hats Off" Service Luncheon on Sept. 30, 2017, at the St. Monica Founders Hall. Vice Grand Lady Brianna A. Batiste served as the Mistress of Ceremonies, while Lady Janae Tinsley, Texas State Deputy, was the guest speaker.

The newly elected National Junior Supreme Lady Kennedy Nyree' Wiltz of Junior Court 139 was in attendance.

This year, Lady Isabella Edwards received a 50-year KPC service pin, and Lady Renee Fleming received a 25-year KPC service pin. In addition, Knight Welborn Williams received the "Good Neighbor Award" for his outstanding service to KPC and St. Vincent de Paul.

The three St. Monica choirs received the "Outstanding Service Award." Lady Theresa Augustin received the Anner Bell Award, and Vacation Bible School Volunteers received the Outstanding Youth Award. Lady Monet Serieux received the Mary Adams Award.

The chairpersons for this annual Court 151 event included Ladies Nan Arceneaux and Dr. Julie Guillory. Our Grand Lady is Norma J. Woodson. ♦

## Unit #151 Houston, Texas



➤ The Senior and Junior Divisions of KPC Unit 151 honored their pastor, Father John Ayang, SOLT, for celebrating 10 years of service at St. Monica Catholic Church in Houston during the recent city-wide St. Peter Claver Day celebration on Sept. 10, 2017. He was presented with a certificate of service and a monetary

## Unit #284 Austin, Texas



➤ Holy Cross Council and Court 284 applied for a Charity Grant from KPC National and received \$1,500 for a Meals-on-Wheels breakfast program to insure the elderly and shut-ins have both a breakfast meal and a lunch meal. The photo shows the \$1,500 check being presented to the coordinators of Central Texas Meals-On-Wheels in Austin, Texas. ♦



### Unit #121 Los Angeles, California

>> On July 30, 2017, Court and Council 121 were honored to welcome Rev. Norvel, Past Superior General of the Josephites, at the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Los Angeles, Calif. In addition, Grand Lady Karen Pinson presented Ms. Brenda Morton with her Gold Medal awarded at the 2017 KPC National Convention in Dallas. Ms. Morton is a great asset to the Holy Name of Jesus Family and to the Jefferson Park community. She is also a great supporter and contributor to Sacred Heart of Jesus Court 121 and to mankind through her numerous hours of volunteer work and donations. We were pleased to present this award to her. ♦

### Unit #220 Los Angeles, California



>> On July 16, 2017, after all Masses, Council 220 thanked the parishioners of their domiciled parish, Transfiguration in Los Angeles, Calif., by preparing its yearly down-home FREE breakfast for 175 parishioners. This is Council 220's way of showing its appreciation to the parishioners for their support of Council 220 events, allowing the organization to be of service financially to the parish and community.



>> The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, Council and Court 220, in Los Angeles, Calif., congratulate Ms. Helen Argusta and Mr. Derek Madere (pictured above), who were recognized

honorees at the Transfiguration Parishioners Recognition Luncheon hosted by Unit 220 on Aug. 6, 2017. This event recognized Transfiguration parishioners who are not members of the Knights of Peter Claver. Ms. Argusta and Mr. Madere were selected because of the time they dedicate in supporting others, doing unselfish acts of caring, as well as showing concern and love for God's people and his Church. More than 100 people attended this celebratory event, and special guests included Bishop Edward Clark, Regional Bishop, and past pastors of the Church of Transfiguration. Everyone had a wonderful time! ♦

### Unit #358 Las Vegas, Nevada



>> Seventeenth Supreme Knight James K. Ellis joined Diocese of Las Vegas Bishop Joseph Pepe at the September 2017 Turnout celebrating the feast of St. Peter Claver by Council Knights and Court Ladies of Grace 358, as well as Junior Knights from Junior Branch and Junior Daughters Court at St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nev. Most Worthy Supreme Knight Ellis presented Pastor James Jankowski (pictured above) with a proclamation honoring the church's 75th anniversary and 19th anniversary of Claverism. ♦

### Court #369 Phoenix, Arizona

>> **"Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognize and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable."** — Pope Francis

The words of Pope Francis serve as inspiration and are appropriate for Dr. Beverly Thomas-Carter, one of four newly initiated Ladies of Court 369, for the selfless, pro bono work she performs weekly treating the residents of the Dream Center in Phoenix. At the Dream Center, formerly an Embassy Suites Hotel, men and women who are victims of drug abuse, sex trafficking, prostitution or homelessness are



## Chapter #2 Houston, Texas

>> Inez Y Bowman Chapter 2 awarded scholarships to 11 Houston-area 2017 high school graduates. The Scholarship Committee under the direction of Gracious Ladies Consuella Broussard and Angela Duplechain awarded \$4,000 in scholarship funds.

The 2017 recipients were Parrish Carmouche of E.C. King High School (University of Texas at Austin), Alexandria C. Dewalt of The High School for Performing and Visual Arts (University of Miami), Brittany Rogers of Ridge Point High School (Howard University), Brittany Boudreaux of St. Pius X Catholic High School (Hampton University), Nathan Eckert of Ball High School (University of Texas at Austin), Joshua Dant Fields of Ball High School (Concordia University), Toni E Trail-Harris of Tomball (Xavier University of Louisiana), Camryn Ned of Cypress Woods (University of Texas at San Antonio), Madison Owens of George Ranch High School (University of North Texas at Denton), Monet Serieux of Cypress Ranch (Prairie View A&M University) and Arielle Williams of Lawrence Elkins High School (Texas Southern University).

We are proud of the accomplishments of these Houston-area scholars and wish them the best of luck as they pursue this new venture of their academic endeavors. ♦

## Assembly and Chapter #4 New Orleans, Louisiana



>> E. O. Moss Assembly 4 and M. L. Lunnon Chapter 4 are the National Good Neighbor Award Recipients for 2017. Their continued service to the community of New Orleans and their dedication to our Noble Order were rewarded at the 2017 Conclave in Dallas. Continue to live the life of our patron saint, St. Peter Claver. ♦



restored and renewed to whole, healthy, prosperous lives by people like Lady Dr. Beverly (pictured far left) and Rev. Danny, campus pastor (pictured center) and a dedicated staff "living the Gospel."

In September, Court 369 volunteered to help Dr. Beverly serve her patients and organize her space at the Dream Center, and were genuinely inspired while helping the "smallest and most vulnerable" in Phoenix. ♦

## Unit #402 Los Angeles, California



>> The Western States District (WSD) is proud and honored to announce history was made on Oct. 7, 2017, with a newly established St. Jerome Council and Court 402 in Los Angeles, Calif. The initiation was hosted by District Deputies Bruce Sampson and Lori McCoy Shuler, who initiated Pastor of St. Jerome Father Bill Bolton Knights and Ladies into our Noble Order. We were honored to have our National Executive Director, Brother Grant Jones, in attendance representing the Supreme Knight James K. Ellis. Area Deputies, Past District Deputies, Ladies and Knights across the Western States District participated in and witnessed this memorable event. ♦

## Chapter #9 Baton Rouge, Louisiana



» Chapter 9, Constance Butler (Baton Rouge, La.) 4th Degree members at 2017 National Convention in Dallas: (l-r) Gracious Ladies Lorena Williams, Velita Benjamin, Delores Price, Edna Stewart, Debbie Fines-James and Carla Lewis.

The Meritorious Ladies of Grace, Constance Butler, Chapter 9 (Baton Rouge, La.) held its "Ladies of Elegance" luncheon on Aug. 20, 2017. The guest speaker was Dr. Greer G. Gordon, a well-known author and publisher of works in evangelical doctrine, spirituality and catechism. Attendees were treated to a delicious meal, Spirit-filled words of wisdom, harmonious fellowship and extravagant door prizes. Pictured are (l-r): Dr. Gordon and Faithful Navigator Janet St. Cyr Moore. ♦



## Assembly #27 Alexandria, Louisiana

» Msgr. Henry A. Thompson Assembly 27 of Alexandria, La., and Father Ardwin Hiller Assembly 36 of Monroe, La., served as Honor Guards at the Louisiana Central District V St. Peter Claver Day Celebration held at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Shreveport, La., on Sept. 10, 2017. Twelve Sir Knights dressed in regalia accompanied Bishop Michael Duca, Bishop of Shreveport, in the procession. Cartagena Award recipient Sir Knight Oscar Goody, Jr. was in atten-



dance. Sir Knights Tommy Milo, Assembly 27, and Ricky Melancon, Assembly 36, are the Faithful Navigators of the assemblies represented. Sir Knight Grady Cain, Assembly 36, served as Faithful Captain. ♦

## Chapter #34 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



» On Oct. 7, 2017, five Gracious Ladies visited two charter members in assisted living homes and presented them with shirts with names on them. Gracious Lady Muriel Nesbitt will be 104 in December. Gracious Lady Annie Andrews just turned 97 in August.

Gracious Ladies present included Eva Farland, Delores Ford, Carolyn Jenkins, Darlene Muldrow and Madeline Tymes. Gracious Lady Jenkins prepared a beautiful and spiritual prayer service in which everyone participated. We were blessed to praise God with them. ♦



## Assembly #40 Austin, Texas



>> The Sir Knights of James E. Mosby Assembly 40 in Austin, Texas, and the Knights of Columbus jointly served as Honor Guards for Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and Bishop Daniel Garcia at the Red Mass for judges and lawyers held on Sept. 28, 2017, in the Diocese of Austin, Texas. The Gracious Ladies of James E. Mosby Chapter 40 in Austin, Texas, also turned out for the Red Mass. ♦



2017 Centennial 4th degree Planning Committee.

Honored out of town guests included Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Supreme Navigator Dame Marion Smith Reynoso, SGG, and Supreme Inner Sentinel Gracious Lady Anita Coleman. They saw Sir Knight Santos receive this prestigious award for his extraordinary service and unselfish dedication to his community, the Church and our Noble Order.

Faithful Navigator of St. Martin de Porres Assembly 34, Sir Knight Ernest W. Tymes, Jr., Faithful Navigator Sister Thea Bowman, Chapter 34, and Gracious Lady Carman E. Harris welcomed everyone in attendance at this auspicious occasion recognizing the history and purpose of the 4th Degree Division, honoring the deceased 4th Degree members and acknowledging past and present officers.

The 2017 Planning Committee for this centennial celebration was given numerous kudos for a job well done in coordinating this special event. The food, music and ambience were all noteworthy. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with our Claver family, friends and clergy. ♦

## Assembly #34 and Chapter #34 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Saint Martin de Porres Assembly 34 presenting Immediate Past Supreme Navigator Sir Knight Daniel Santos, Jr. the 2017 Cartagena Award.

>> Assembly 34 and Chapter 34 in Philadelphia, Pa., commemorated the centennial anniversary of the Meritorious, Sublime 4th Degree Division (1917-2017). The Sir Knights presented Immediate Past Supreme Navigator Sir Knight Daniel Santos, Jr. the 2017 Cartagena Award at their Meritorious 4th Degree Luncheon celebrating A Century of Claverism at the McCall's Golf & Country Club on Aug. 5, 2017.

## Chapter #51 Columbia, South Carolina

>> The Gracious Ladies of St. Martin de Porres Chapter 51 of Columbia, S.C., serve St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and School. The Gracious Ladies of Chapter 51 served our church's soup kitchen, which is a church outreach service for the homeless in our surrounding communities. The Chapter has provided monetary donations to assist with church maintenance and giving coins and spiritual bookmarks for First Communion participants.

St. Martin de Porres Chapter 51 provided a spaghetti dinner to the participants of Vacation Bible School. During the school terms, the Chapter supported the school with water for the school's field day and 100 packs of notebook paper, as well as reading and mentoring third grade students and attending their school activities. ♦

## Juniors #54 St. Martinville, Louisiana



>> Christalyn George, a 2017 graduate of St. Martinville Senior High School, has received numerous scholarships. She started college at Southern University this fall and plans to major in nursing. She received scholarships from: New Iberia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., St. Catherine of Siena Chapter 16 Fourth Degree Ladies of Grace, Parks Community Support Services, Inc., Knights of

Peter Claver Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court 54, Knights of Peter Claver St. Paul's Chapter 3 Fourth Degree Ladies of Grace, Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughter State Scholarship, National Association of University Women, St. Martinville Chapter of the Drexel Society, Southern University and A&M College Academic Scholarship, Southern University Alumni Scholarship and University of Louisiana at Lafayette Summer Bridge Scholarship. Christalyn is the daughter of Lisa and Chris George.

## Juniors #151 Houston, Texas



>> Junior Daughter Court 151 Junior Grand Lady Asha Richards, Junior Daughters Treasurer and Texas State Mistress at Arms Aria Richards, and members Melody King, Tyler Warnie and Hayden Warnie stop to take a picture with the National Junior Supreme Lady, Kennedy Nyree' Wiltz of Junior Daughter Court 139, at the Texas State Junior Division "Brown Bag Feed the Hungry" in Houston, Texas, on Sept. 9, 2017. Feeding the hungry in downtown Houston is an annual event that takes place during St. Peter Claver Day weekend. ♦

## Juniors #340 Hapeville, Georgia



>> Members of Junior Daughter Court 54 of St. Martinville, La., attended the Knights of Peter Claver National Junior Convention this July in Kansas City, Mo. The girls attending did service projects, including making bags for the homeless. They participated in the national talent show and placed second.

Pictured making bags are Journee Mitchell, Saralyn George, Aislynne Mitchell and Londyn Mitchell.

Second-place winners of the national talent show were Journee Mitchell, Londyn Mitchell and Aislynne Mitchell. ♦

>> In August, our juniors held a "Back-to-School" giveaway at our parish. More than 100 children were provided bags of school supplies.

- Our juniors serve as hospitality ministers on the first Sunday of each month at the 10 a.m. Mass.
- Congratulations to Junior Knight Michael Asemota, newly elected Gulf Coast District Treasurer.
- During this year's Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, our juniors worked with the "Starve Wars" project. Teams prepared packages of nutritious food and vitamins for people living in places where food is scarce. ♦



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# Share the Journey initiative

**I**mmigration levels in the United States and around the world are higher than they have been in decades, and many leaders struggle to find the best way to take in or help immigrants. His Holiness Pope Francis urges all Catholics to welcome and support emigrants, and hopes to draw special attention to this issue with the recently announced Share the Journey initiative.

The program, launched in late September, aims to inform Catholics about immigration and to support immigrants through prayer and giving. In early October, Catholics across the country finished up the Week of Prayer and Action in Solidarity with Migrants and Refugees as part of the Share the Journey initiative.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas Internationalis provide a host of resources to help Catholics in dioceses across the United States reflect on the international migration crisis and to help those in need.

Share the Journey provides resources to parishes across the country who seek to help migrants and refugees, including: teaching tools for parish leaders, ideas for prayer services, tips on supporting immigrants in one's community, and inspirational stories about migrants.

"The Holy Father has repeatedly called on us to support migrants and refugees forcibly displaced from their homes," said Joan Rosenhauer, CRS Vice President for U.S. Operations, from a USCCB press release. "We're called by the Gospel to love our neighbor, and amid a global refugee crisis not seen since World War II, we have to do more to welcome and support those whose lives are threatened by violence and poverty. In the U.S. we can do that by admitting the most vulnerable refugees for resettlement and of course assist them and the countries hosting them around the world." †



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## Immigration by the numbers,

according to the International Organization for Migration, for the year 2015. (<http://gmdac.iom.int/global-migration-trends-factsheet>)

### 244 million

2015 saw the highest number of international migrants in the world.

These migrants are classified as those residing

in a country other than the country of their birth.

**The United States** is the most popular destination country for migrants. **Germany** became the second-most popular in 2015.

### 15.1 million

2015 also was a year with the highest amount of forced displacement since World War II. Host

countries took in 15.1 million refugees by mid-2015, a **45 percent** increase from several years earlier.

### 5,400 migrants

were estimated to be killed or missing in 2015.

### One in three

first-time asylum seekers to the European Union in 2015 were minors; one in four were unaccompanied.

## Teachings from the Catechism of the Catholic Church about immigration:

**2211:** "The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it, and to ensure especially ... the right to private property, to free enterprise, to obtain work and housing, and the right to emigrate."

**2241:** "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him."

(Compiled by the USCCB and Justice for Immigrants)



**Frances Xavier Cabrini  
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"Mother" Frances Cabrini came to the United States in 1889 from Italy, on a mission to open an orphanage. She was told to return to her home country, but refused, and after much hardship eventually founded more than 60 institutions to serve the needy and in particular, immigrants, through her order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year marks the 100th anniversary of her death, and her feast day is Nov. 13.



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## ***Candidate for Supreme Comptroller Gracious Lady Franz Aubry***



I am a member of Ellen Marie Jackson Ladies of Grace, Chapter 13 and currently serve as Faithful Comptroller. I humbly ask for your consideration for the office of Very Faithful Supreme Comptroller at the 2018 Annual Conclave of the Supreme General Chapter in Anaheim, California.

I humbly seek for your prayers, support and VOTE...please consider supporting me as your next Supreme Comptroller. God Bless!

### ***Experience and Qualifications:***

#### **CLAVERISM**

##### **Current Positions:**

- ♦ Faithful Comptroller, Ellen Marie Jackson, Chapter 13
- ♦ 2018 Gospel Extravaganza Chair
- ♦ President - Western States District Conference
- ♦ Western States District Area Deputy
- ♦ Co-chair Coord. Councils & Courts Audit Committee
- ♦ Member of National Strategic Planning Committee
- ♦ Member of the National Scholarship Committee

##### **Past Positions:**

- ♦ Faithful Steward
- ♦ Faithful Scribe
- ♦ WSDC Financial Secretary
- ♦ Court Financial Secretary-8yrs
- ♦ 30-year Member of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Court 121
- ♦ Grand Lady, Court 121
- ♦ Chair of Courts Way & Means Committee
- ♦ 3 time winner of Financial Secretary of the Year
- ♦ 2 time winner of Grand Lady of the Year (local & nationally)
- ♦ Silver Medalist - 2014

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

- ♦ Accountant
- ♦ Verizon Communications 30 years
- ♦ Director of Broadband Operations
- ♦ Long-term strategic planning
- ♦ Budget Development for large workforce
- ♦ Workforce Management

#### **CHURCH**

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- ♦ Morning Star Choir - Holy Name of Jesus Church
- ♦ Stewardship Committee Co-Chair
- ♦ Co-Chair Parish Carnival

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## *Lady Micaela LeBlanc* 2018 Candidate for Supreme Lady

### Who is she?

⇒40+ year member

⇒Past

- Jr. Daughter
- Jr. Conference President
- KPC Scholarship Recipient
- Grand Lady
- Western States District Deputy

⇒Natl Convention Election Committee

⇒Inaugural Member, Emerging Leaders Committee

⇒National Technology Committee

⇒2011 Natl Convention in Los Angeles, Co-Chair



### What has she done in KPC Ladies Auxiliary?

1. Led resolution for the Ladies Auxiliary Division (Supreme Lady) to have a voice and vote on the National Council Board of Directors
2. Developed and initiated the Candidates Forum Program
3. Developed 1st Time Attendees Natl Convention workshop
4. Led implementation of electronic voting for Nat'l Convention
5. Led implementation of online convention registration in 2011
6. Led resolution giving voice & vote to Past National Officers
7. Developed initial plan for National Strategic Planning process

### What does she hope to do for KPCLA in the future?

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NO ACTION REQUIRED**

We respect your right to privacy, and maintain the confidentiality of any nonpublic personal information that we obtain. We treat all your personal information in a confidential manner.

We are required to inform you that you have the right to prevent us from sharing nonpublic personal information about you with a nonaffiliated third party for any purpose that is not specifically authorized by law. Your right to prevent us from sharing nonpublic personal information about you with a nonaffiliated third party for a purpose that is not specifically authorized by law is called your right to “opt out” of such information sharing.

We are committed to providing you the best service while earning your trust and protecting the privacy of your information. We understand and respect the fact that you may wish to keep your personal information confidential.

**Collection of your information**

We do not collect nonpublic personal financial information about you.

Information from applications: This is information you give us on applications and other forms, by phone or online (if applicable). This information may include your name, address, telephone number, driver’s license number, Social Security number, date of birth, gender, marital status.

**Information maintenance and disclosure**

We do not send information about you to third parties without your consent. However, any time disclosure is necessary for the conduct of our business or required by law, we may send some or all of the information to third parties without your consent. For example, we may give information to:

State insurance departments, for their regulation of our business; other government authorities; your representative; organizations that perform underwriting or claim investigations; insurance support agencies and law enforcement agencies; any other third party, as permitted or required by law.

We may also disclose information about you for audit purposes.

**\*(NEW) We may share your information with non-affiliated third parties only for marketing products or services that we determine to be beneficial to our members.**

Our affiliates include, CPA firms, a bank, Actuaries, and may also include non-financial companies. The type of information that may be disclosed may include your name, address, certificate number, benefit amount, payment history and similar data.

Special notice regarding consumer reports

**We do not give consumer reporting agencies any information about you.**

Any consumer reporting agency that gathers information about you may share this information with others who are authorized to use consumer reports by the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act or by applicable state credit reporting acts. You may obtain a copy of your consumer report by contacting the consumer reporting agency directly.

**OPT OUT:** How to tell us not to share this information with our affiliated companies:

If you prefer that we not share this information with our affiliated companies, you may direct us not to share this information by doing the following:

- call us at (504) -821-4225
- contact us in writing at 1825 Orleans Ave New Orleans LA 70116
- **\*(NEW) [www.kofpc.org/optout](http://www.kofpc.org/optout)**

**How we protect information**

We require all our employees to protect the confidentiality of your information. Employees may access information only when appropriate-for example, to administer a service. To further protect your privacy, we also maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards within the company that comply with all applicable laws.

**Dispute resolution**

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to our privacy policy, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, with our National Advocate and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

**Our policy is a pledge – we pledge to protect your information!**

We pledge to you, our valued member, that the information you have provided us to obtain appropriate insurance coverage will be used for just that purpose and that purpose only. We will not share such information with nonaffiliated third parties.



## *The Claver Prayer*

*God, our Heavenly Father, You  
have given us life through the  
death and resurrection of your  
Beloved Son, Jesus Christ;*

*Jesus, our Saving Lord, You  
came into a world darkened by  
a man's sin and gave it light  
through your teachings;*

*Holy Spirit, the Breath of God  
within us, You guide and  
enlighten us and give us the  
strength of our convictions;*

*Saint Peter Claver, who became  
an example for us, You showed  
us the love of God, the light  
of Christ, and the strength of  
the Holy Spirit;*

*We pray now that all we say  
and do, in your honor, be a  
continuation of your work  
here on earth.*

*St. Peter Claver,  
Pray For Us*