

## **James B. "Jimmy" Cantrelle**

*Lafourche Parish President*

James B. "Jimmy" Cantrelle is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Lafourche Parish Government, with the responsibility to direct the administration of all departments, offices, and political subdivisions in the Executive branch, prepare annual operating and capital budgets, advise the council about Parish affairs, and faithfully and impartially perform all duties in accordance with the Home Rule Charter.

Prior to Lafourche Parish Government, he worked as an entrepreneur with various business ventures to include furniture and appliance, plumbing, HVAC, construction, and real estate. Notable in his life long career as a business owner, "Jimmy" was honored to be appointed to the Board of Directors of State Bank & Trust, of which he later became co-owner. Jimmy's greatest strengths are his hard work ethic, persistence, gratitude, and vision for moving Lafourche Parish forward.

Jimmy was born in Cut Off, attended Raceland High School, obtained his B.A. from Nicholls State University and furthered his educational pursuit with a graduate concentration in Industrial Arts. Having served in the U.S. Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis, no challenge is too daunting, particularly those that pave the way to a better future for generations to come.

Jimmy is currently an active member of the Raceland Grand Marshall Club, the Raceland Lions Club, the Raceland American Legion, The 40 and 8 Club, the Greenhead Club of Golden Meadow, Knights of Columbus Council 8840, Lafourche Cattlemen's Association, St. Hilary Catholic Usher's Association, and volunteers for various other charitable organizations. He is a former member of the Lockport and Upper Larose Fire Departments, Lockport Carnival Club, and Louisiana Oyster Festival Association. In addition, he was past President of the Lockport Rotary Club and the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control. Jimmy lives in Raceland with his loving wife of 53 years, Leona Cantrelle, and is the proud parent of son James and daughter Jackie and adoring grandparent to their six beautiful grandchildren.