

## Important Dates to Remember

- Light Up for Christ – Tuesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- Family Social Dec 16, 2011 – Children Christmas Party

## Meeting Dates to Remember

- Council Meeting – December 7, 2011 Meal at 6:30pm
- Auxiliary Christmas Party & 2nd Mtg – December 21st

# Knightly News

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Council 1905  
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## Knights of Columbus Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

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### Grand Knight, Troy Dendinger 324-8078

Brother Knights,

We will have the Light Up for Christ on December 6<sup>th</sup> with the program starting at 6pm. Please come out and enjoy the Christmas celebration.

Our December family social is also our Christmas Party for the children. Bring your children and grandchildren to visit with Santa.

This Christmas season please keep all our brother knights and families in your prayers.

Troy Dendinger, Grand Knight

### Family Life – Bob & Geri Mayville 884-4069

Christmas is upon us once again, let us all try to remember what the season is truly about. Family Social night is December 16th. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Cheryl d'Hemecoirt and Cathy Chauvin are preparing dinner for us, should be yummy.

**Santa will be there also, if you would like your child or grandchild to receive gift from Santa. All you have to do is bring a gift with you that is wrapped and the cost should be no more than \$10.00, and Santa will give each child there present personally.**

*Remember Jesus IS the reason for the Season.*

Bob and Geri

### Pro-Life – Gerard and Mary Thomas 366-5254

Merry Christmas – two words that celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. God made flesh and lived with us to paraphrase St. John. We can celebrate this mystery because Jesus was born and lived in flesh among us. He is with us today and will come to be among us as He promised at His second coming.

Just as Jesus was human in the flesh the instant he was conceived in Mary's womb, all human life is flesh the instant of conception. And all life is precious to God and guaranteed the right to live by our United States Constitution and reinforced by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming events:

1. January 18, 2012 – Baby Shower for Associated Catholic Charities Access Pregnancy at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month and held during the Ladies Auxiliary meeting. Even if you are not an Auxiliary member, you are invited. New baby items are needed.
2. January 22, 2012 – Pro-Life Mass at Infant Jesus of Prague Church at 10:00am.

Merry Christmas!

Gerard and Mary Thomas

### Light Up for Christ Program

**Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm**

**Financial Secretary-Michael Arnold, Jr. 367-3892**

Brothers, bills will be mailed for calendar year 2012. Dues are \$40.00 per year and if paid in full a sticker will be affixed showing annual payee and years of service. Upon hearing of the death of a brother member, please contact me so proper arrangements can be made. Note: if for some reason you cannot pay your dues for some reason, contact either the Grand Knight or myself now.

I wish to each of you and yours, a joyful blessed and Merry Christmas. Remember, He is the reason for the season!

**December Birthdays:**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 – Dave Uzee, Jr.         | 8 – Ronnie Harris       |
| 8 – Roy LeBlanc            | 8 – Fulcran Randon, III |
| 8 – Kevin Wedge, Jr.       | 11 – Wally d’Hemecourt  |
| 13 – Lemm Bauer            | 13 – Edward Fruge’      |
| 14 – Albert Chauvin, Sr.   | 14 – Norman Esteve      |
| 15 – Floyd Martinez        | 16 – Emile Ray          |
| 18 – Carl Contranchis, Sr. | 22 – Jesse Rodriguez    |
| 24 – William Luebbert      | 27 – PGK Kevin Wedge    |
| 30 – Dr. Frank DiVincenti  |                         |

**December Anniversaries:**

- 7 – PGK Bob and Geri Mayville
- 12 – Tony and Hanna Tranchina
- 14 – Albert & Mary Ellen Chauvin, Sr.
- 17 – John and Dawn Alexander, Jr.
- 21 – Albert and Vera Ledet, Jr.

**Chancellor – John Vlosich 393-8563**

Brothers, here it is Thanksgiving and I know each and every one of us has something for which we are thankful. May you find this Catholic Prayer of Thanksgiving by Walter Rauschenbusch appropriate. O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; For the wide sky and the blessed sun, For the salt sea and the running water, For the everlasting hills And the never-resting winds, For trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses By which we hear the songs of birds, And see the splendor of the summer fields, And taste of the autumn fruits, And rejoice in the feel of the snow, And smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;

And save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing  
When even the common thorn bush  
Is aflame with your glory,  
O God our creator,  
Who lives and reigns forever and ever Amen

Past Grand Knight Dr. Lawrence Halloran is now home recuperating from a stroke which has caused some paralysis.

Past Grand Knight Bob Mayville's heart ablation procedure was not completely effective, so please keep him in your prayers. Also, his wife Geri had bone spurs removed from her hip and cataract surgery on her left eye. She is doing well.

Brother Knight Clifton Guidry has a diabetes problem which necessitated the partial amputation of one of his toes. He has been discharged from Meadowcrest hospital and moved to Wynhoven Nursing Center for rehabilitation and recovery.

I have a report that Brother Knight Clebert Bourgeois was in West Jefferson Hospital for congestive heart failure, however he has been discharged and I have been unable to contact him or his family.

*Catholic Prayer for Healing*

*Lord, look upon those with illness with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.*

Please call me at 393-8563 or email me at john.vlosich@gmail.com if you know of any person who is ill and need of our prayers or should be added to our sick list.

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| Gus Cramond, PGK        | Frank Saboe         | Russell Templet   |
| Red Bartholomew, PGK    | Chester Jones       | Lloyd LeGrange    |
| Adolph Lachmann, PGK    | Roy Bush            | Norman Esteve     |
| Dr. Larry Hallaron, PGK | Michael Arnold      | Barry Breaux      |
| Walter Carraway, PGK    | Perry Lobrano       | Terry Ryder       |
| Walter LeBlanc, PGK     | Edward Gerrets      | Clifton Guidry    |
| Bob Mayville, PGK       | Wally d’Hemecourt   | Pat Pittman       |
| Walter Roux, PGK        | Elmo Miller         | Danny Wedge, Jr.  |
| George Wedge, PGK       | Floyd Martinez      | David Uzee, Jr    |
| Henry Holt, PGK         | Jesse Rodriguez     | Clebert Bourgeois |
| Glenn Esteve, PGK       | Ferd Webber III     | Jerry Broome, Sr. |
| Fr. Frank Carabello     | Dr. Alvin Hindelang |                   |

**Ladies Auxiliary – Vicki Fogarty President 400-2783**

**Our December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting is also our Christmas Party. The Louisiana Kids will be there to entertain us with a special Christmas Program. The cost is \$5.00 per person (member, husband or guest) for meal and entertainment. Please call Geri Mayville at 512-0436 or Barbara Boudreaux at 361-5172 to make your reservations. Deadline is December 17<sup>th</sup>.** We will not exchange gifts; however, if you would like to donate a gift, we will bring them to an assisted living home for the residents there to make their Christmas brighter..

Our January meeting will also be a Baby Shower for the Access Pregnancy Center. Items must be new and they include diapers, bottles, clothes and other baby related items. We will also have a guest speaker from the center to explain their program.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Party. Merry Christmas!  
Vicki

**Church Director – Adolph Lachmann 361-8073**

December 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics are obligated to attend mass. Please check your local parish for a mass time that is convenient for you to attend.

**Field Agent – Chris Dufrene 504-689-8032**

### **Where to put your “extra” savings**

Who doesn't want to live a longer, happier life? With advances in medicine and healthcare, the average life expectancy for people in North America is well into the 70s, but reaching age 100 is no longer such a rarity. Of course, increased age brings a new challenge: how do you afford to live out retirement in the style to which you are accustomed?

Having a proper plan for financing your retirement is the key. In recent years, the decline in the stock markets has slashed many 401(k)'s to 201(k)'s or worse. Because of these hard times, people are being extra careful with their money, but many don't

know where to put what little “extra” savings they may have.

As a Knight, you have access to a product that is safe from the swings of the market and is protected from the instability in the banking industry. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and consider the value you are getting.

Contributing money to an annuity can also have positive tax implications (always check with your tax professional on these matters). And our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal.

Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans. As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

**T. J. Larkin Fourth Degree News –**

**FN Mario Sirit 340-4225 mjsirit@hotmail.com**

Brother Knights:

I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was a good one, there are so many blessings to be thankful for, so take time everyday to remember the less fortunate.

Our next get together is the 4th degree Christmas party to be held on December 17th at the Archbishop Blenk 1905 hall on Franklin Avenue. There will be a Mass at St. Anthony prior to the party. Every Sir Knight is invited to attend, please try to attend this important function. There will be more details in a formal invite letter to be mailed shortly.

Your Faithful Navigator  
Mario J. Sirit

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## December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 State Family Mtg Sulphur	3 Bingo
4 State Family Mtg Sulphur	5	6 6:00 PM Light Up for Christ	7 6:30 Meal Council Mtg 7:30 - <u>Bring</u> <u>Food Items</u>	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10 Bingo
11	12	13	14	15	16 Christmas Family Social	17 Bingo
18	19	20 Bulletin Articles are due tomorrow	21 KC 2nd Mtg & Auxiliary Christmas Party	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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