

## Important Dates to Remember

- Family Social Friday, July 21, 2017 at 7:30pm
- Nine Ball Tournament Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am Registration

## Meeting Dates to Remember

Council Meeting July 5, 2017 – Meal at 6:30pm  
Auxiliary & 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meetings—July 19, 2017

# Knighly News

*The Newsletter of  
Archbishop Blenk  
Council 1905  
July 2017*



## Knights of Columbus Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

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### Grand Knight Glenn Esteve, PGK, FDD

What an exciting time in our History to be a member of our Council. If we go back to the beginning of the Council in 1917, St. Joseph Church got a new pastor, Fr. Peter Wynhoven & he promptly realized the need for a Catholic men's organization to arouse laymen from their apathetic attitude towards religion. To remedy the very small number of men who approached the Holy Table, Fr. Wynhoven decided to organize a Knights of Columbus Council in Gretna, which would become the second Council on the Westbank; The First Council on the Westbank was Algiers, formed by the Very Rev. Thomas J. Larkin. Fr. Wynhoven called in a group of laymen whom he could trust, laid his plans before them, and urged them on in this task. His leadership was accepted at once by the men of Gretna. Father Wynhoven had been very close to Archbishop Blenk, who had died just a year before, and knowing the prelate's interest in the order and his backing to that organization, suggested that prelate's name for the new Council. Now if you jump forward to today a 100 years later 2017, ironically, St. Joseph is getting a new Pastor again. I have not yet met Fr. Gary Copping, but I've heard positive things about him, & he is a Member of the Knights of Columbus, & I look forward to working with him. It seems lately some of our Members have gotten an apathetic attitude towards religion & we need to step up our Church Program to spark a renewed interest in our religion. We are looking to implement new Church Programs taken from Supremes' "Building the Domestic Church" Program; some of which are: Building the Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set for our Parishes, a "Men's Morning of Reflection" Prayer

Breakfast, & Consecration to the Holy Family, to name a few to go along with our other Church Programs.

But not only do we need to concentrate on Church Programs, but also on Council, Youth, Community, & Family Programs also. With Council, we need to put the Fun & Fraternity back into this Program. We are continuing to have Pool Tournaments upstairs & we plan to utilize the Upstairs Lounge more often & hopefully make access to it more accessible to our Members who have problems with the stairs. I am also seeking input from our younger Members, as to what programs or events they would like the Council to attempt to do. With Youth, I would like to see us get more involved with the Youth of Gretna, by providing more coats for needy kids, maybe doing a movie night in our back parking lot in conjunction with Gretna's Recreational Dept. & offering financial support to the Recreational Dept.; besides being positive role models for our Youth. I would also like to see us get more involved with Community Programs. When the City needs help, we should be the first Organization they call upon. We have a good working relationship with the Mayor, but there's more we can do in the City besides what we already do. Another one of Supremes' Programs is "Food for Families" which they are asking Councils to get involved with Food Banks. You would be surprised how many children in Gretna & Harvey go without meals during the summer because school is closed. This is why I'm looking to step up our game with our Community Programs. With our Family Program we're doing an ok job, but it can be better. We need to enhance our current program & also come up with new ideas to make Families feel welcomed in the Hall

# Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

## July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bingo
2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Council Mtg 7:30	6	7	8 Bingo
9 11am Mass 4th Degree Installation St. Cletus & 1905	10	11	12	13	14	15 Bingo
16	17	18	19 Auxiliary Mtg & 2nd Council Mtgs	20	21 7:30 PM Family Social	22 BINGO 9 Ball Tournament Sign in 9am Start 10am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Bingo
30	31	1 August	2 August Council Mtg 7:30	3 August	4 August	5 August Bingo

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& entice Members to bring their Families to Council functions.

I would be remised if I did not thank Rory for a job well done. Even with the time constraints of his job, he was still able to come on Monday Mornings to sign checks for bingo & take care of other paperwork; besides trying his hardest to be here for every function. Also, when at home, if something popped up, he dropped what he was doing & came to the Hall to take care of it. And let's not forget the improvements he took care of during his year. I was fortunate to have known his father, Mr. Ed, & to know his mother, Mrs. Rita; & Rory if they both could be here tonight, they would be both proud of the way you served this year as Grand Knight.

Another ironic thing tonight, is 21 years ago when I was installed for my second term as Grand Knight, Darnell LeBlanc was installed as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary & now we're back at it together again. I look forward to working with the Auxiliary this upcoming year. I as Grand Knight & the Directors can plan events and lead the Council in a positive direction, but if this historic year, our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year is to be successful; we need your input & your involvement. The Goals for the year is to obtain Star Council, to score a perfect 1000 points for the State Deputy's award, to have fun & fraternity, to be as charitable as much as possible to the less fortunate, & to unite as Brothers, to make our Council the best that it can be, as we begin our next century as Knights of Columbus in Gretna.

**Program Director – A.J. Chauvin, Jr.**

I extend my congratulations to all the newly installed officers. We have alot of great plans for this our 100 year celebration of our council. I am looking forward to working with our directors and officers. If any of our brother knights have any ideas for this Columbian year please contact myself or the Grand Knight Glenn Esteve.

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

Brothers, dues for the third quarter of 2017 are now due. Notice to Officers and Directors: you will shortly receive your Council roster. Changes will appear in the bulletin. It is up to you to keep your roster current.  
No longer a member of the Kof C: Charles Jones III

New Member Transferred into 1905:  
Anthony Baker, 2784 Jimmy Dean Drive, Marrero, 70072 341-7681

**July Birthdays**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 – Roy Boudreaux          | 3 – John Alexander, Jr.   |
| 11 – Amery Englade         | 12 – Ronald Cantin        |
| 12 – Gustave Crammond, III | 12 – Brenton Dufrene, Jr. |
| 13 – Maurice Shine         | 14 – Peter Debroeck, Jr.  |
| 14 – PGH Howard Robichaux  | 22 – Fernand Webber, III  |
| 23 – Gary Madere           | 24 – Ken Leithman         |
| 25 – Terry Ryder           | 27- Charles Witmer        |

**July Anniversaries:**

- 3 – PGK Arthur and Barbara Newby, Jr.
- 17 – Frank and Pam Falgoust
- 21 – Russell and Sharon Templet
- 26 – Melvin and Nicole Arnold
- 27 – Frank and Patricia Musso
- 31 – Joseph and Cindy Roppolo

**Chancellor – James Fogerty 504-920-2714**  
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Lord We Pray...for our departed Brother Knight Albert Ledet, Jr. and his family. Albert passed away in late May. Although we find ourselves in a broken world...a world in which hurting people hurt other people, it is no mystery that you are a God capable of healing our world through justice and fairness. Your own revelation has shown us that you stand firmly with those people whose backs are against the wall. Your own life demonstrates how you came from heaven to earth to redeem creation, our communities and our own lives. So we ask for this same redemptive power to be unleashed among us as it was on the day of Pentecost. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reverse the conditions that produce young men and women who are driven to resort to violence and destructive behavior in their fight to stay alive and struggle to remain free.

Also say a prayer for our Brother Knights on our sick list for them to return to good health. Call me at the above phone number if you know of any brother who is sick and needs to be added to our prayer lists.

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| PGK George Wedge     | David Uzee, Jr.     | Ferd Webber III |
| PGK Glenn Esteve     | Howard Comeaux      | Russell Templet |
| PGK Joseph Tranchina | Eric Joseph         | Perry Lobrano   |
| PGK Ferd Webber Jr   | Lloyd LeGrange      | Albert Chauvin  |
| PGK Roy LeBlanc      | Jerry Broome, Sr.   | Terry Ryder     |
| Wally d'Hemecourt    | Michael Arnold      | Chester Jones   |
| Joseph Chauvin       | Rick Valladeras, II | James Fogerty   |

**Ladies Auxiliary – Darnell LeBlanc President**  
email: [mangi1544@gmail.com](mailto:mangi1544@gmail.com) 391-2233

I wish to congratulate Glenn Esteve on being elected Grand Knight and I look forward to working with him in the upcoming year. It was a privilege working with PGK Rory Cadres this past year and I appreciated all the help he gave to the auxiliary. We hope to have another successful year and are in the process of planning some fun activities in the upcoming months.

Dues are now due. They are \$10.00 and should be paid at the July meeting or they can be mailed to Treasurer, Cheryl d'Hemecourt at 2205 Corrine Dr, Chalmette, La. 70043.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe Fourth of July.  
Darnell LeBlanc  
President

**Squires News – Kobe Chauvin State Chief Squire**

Congratulations to Marion Circle and St Joan of Arc Circle for being 1st place circle and 1st place on their service project. Also congratulations to Kobe Chauvin and the other state offices who were reelected. Also a stat Rose Circle was also formed this year.

Congratulations to Madison Dufrene and Stephine Addison for being elected as charter officers for the state circle. Remember our next meeting is July 21 at the Family Social. Bring ideas for service projects, church projects and fund raisers.

**Council Director – PGK Joseph Tranchina, Sr. email:**  
[jjtranchina@att.net](mailto:jjtranchina@att.net) 340-9609

Council 1905 will host a **9 Ball Tournament** on **Saturday, July 22** in the upstairs lounge. The entry fee will be \$5.00, double elimination. Sign up starts at 9:00 AM, tournament begins at 10:00. This is open to all councils in our district. For more information contact BJ Dufrene at 504-382-5907.

We are starting a new Columbian year, so if anyone has an idea for a Council Activity, let myself or the Grand Knight know and we can see if we can make it happen.

Joe Tranchina, Sr PGK  
Council Director

**Membership Director – A. Rick Valladares, II**  
504-495-2017 [popavalladares@gmail.com](mailto:popavalladares@gmail.com)

I would like to congratulate all the new officers who have been voted in. It has been a pleasure serving as your Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director, but it has also been my honor to serve you my brothers under the leadership of Grand Knight Rory Cadres and I'm looking forward to serving under our new Grand Knight Glenn Esteve.

Yes! We have done great things this year by recruiting nine new members! Congratulations and thanks to those who have worked diligently to make this possible. Yet I say, Stand Fast My Brothers! We still have work to complete to reach our goal of thirteen! We have four to go and we can do it. So please recruit here in the next coming weeks and hand out those Form 100's, as I do the same and focus on possible reinstatements.

Thanks and God Speed (may God cause you to succeed).

**Family Life – Herbi & Michelle Este 504-400-7773**  
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Our next Family Social will be Friday, July 21, 2017; & we'll have a representative from the Gretna Police Department to pick up the stuffed bears we collected for them to give out to the kids who suffered a lost or tragedy. Hope to see everyone for our Family Social.

**Insurance Agent – Chris Dufrene 504-495-3498**  
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Call or email me for any Knights of Columbus insurance needs or issues. I will be glad to answer any questions concerning your insurance policies or to obtain additional coverage.

**Church Director - PGK Roy LeBlanc 948-7018**

On Independence Day say a special prayer thanking Our Lord for the many blessing we have received as Americans and for the Religious Freedom we enjoy in our great country.