

Important Dates to Remember

- Light Up for Christ in front of Hall, Tuesday, December 5 @ 7:00pm
- Family Social Christmas Party, Friday, December 15 @ 7:30pm

Meeting Dates to Remember

Council Meeting December 6, 2017 – Meal at 6:30pm
Auxiliary & 2nd Council Meetings–December 20, 2017

Knighly News

*The Newsletter of
Archbishop Blenk
Council 1905
December 2017*



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Grand Knight Glenn Esteve, PGK, FDD

Hopefully, everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and now we move into December & our Christmas activities; such as the City of Gretna's Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3rd, Our Light Up for Christ Program on December 5th, the Children's Hospital Toy Collection Day on December 14th, the City of Gretna's Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon on December 15th, Family Social with Santa on December 15th, the Men's Upstairs Christmas Party on December 21st, & the 5th Sunday Rosary on December 31st @ 9:00am in St. Joseph Church. As they say, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season," and by participating in the afore mentioned events, we can make a difference and touch lives of those that maybe struggling to cope with the holidays or put a little joy in their spirits. Let us remember that "Without Christ, there can be no Christmas."

I would like to wish each and everyone a Blessed Merry Christmas, and a Blessed Happy New Year!
Vivat Jesus, Glenn

Knight of the Month – Rick Valladares

Family of the Month – Albert and Mary Ellen Chauvin

Insurance Agent – Thomas Bourgeois 504-615-7714
thomas.bourgeois@kofc.org

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.

Youth Director – A.J. Chauvin

Friday, December 15th, our Council will be hosting the Children's Christmas Party at the Family Social. Santa will try to make an appearance. (Mom, Dad, Grandparents: Bring a gift for your child to receive from Santa. No more the \$20 and only one per child. Squires will be in the front room collecting the gifts.)

Remember it is Jesus' Birthday so let Him be a part of the celebration.

Council Director – PGK Joseph Tranchina 340-9609
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On **December 2nd** we will be giving out coats to needy kids in conjunction with the City of Gretna at Mel Ott building at 10:00AM. Everyone is invited to participate.

On Sunday, **December 3rd** Gretna will have their Christmas lighting at 6:00 PM. Council 1905 will serve hot cocoa.

On Tuesday, **December 5th** our annual Light Up for Christ will take place at the hall for 7:00 PM

Thursday, **December 7th** the upstairs lounge will be open for the Saints game.

And on **December 21st** the Upstairs Christmas Party for members only will take place..

Community Director - Arthur Newby

Brothers, please be generous this Christmas in remembering to bring food items to the December 6th Council Meeting for the Gretna Food Bank. Feeding the poor is a great gift to give for those less fortunate.

Financial Secretary-Michael Arnold, Jr. 367-3892

Brothers, bills are in the mail for 2018 dues. Those who pay by the year by January will be affixed with annual payee and years of service stickers on their membership cards. Those who pay before December 31st will be placed in a drawing for free dues for 2019.

Our condolences to the family of Lloyd Lagrange. Margie and I wish each of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

New Member: Matthew Steel, 5113 Evans Drive, Marrero, LA 70072 439-0576

December Birthdays

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| 4- Dave Uzee, Jr. | 5 - Fr. Lanaux Rareshide |
| 8 - Ronnie Harris | 8 - PGK Roy LeBlanc |
| 8 - Fulcran Randon, III | 8 - Kevin Wedge, Jr. |
| 11 - Walter d'Hemecourt | 13 - Lemm Bauer |
| 13 - Edward Fruge' | 14 - Albert Chauvin, Sr. |
| 14 - Ronald Dufrene | 16 - Emile Ray |
| 22 - Jesse Rodriguez | 24 - William Luebbert |
| 27 - PGK Kevin Wedge | 30 - Dr. Frank DiVincenti |
| November 1 - Vincent Solideo | |

December Anniversaries:

- 14 - Albert and Mary Ellen Chauvin, Sr.
- 17 - John and Dawn Alexander, Jr.
- 20 - Burnie and Lydia Danjean, IV

Chancellor - James Fogerty 504-920-2714 jcfog217@gmail.com

Please keep in your prayers our Brother Knight Lloyd LaGrange who recently passed away. Also say a prayer for our Brother Knights on our sick list for them to return to good health. Call me if you know of any brother who is sick and needs to be added to our prayer list.

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| PGK George Wedge | Michael Arnold | Ferd Webber III |
| PGK Glenn Esteve | Howard Comeaux | Russell Templet |
| PGK Joseph Tranchina | Eric Joseph | Perry Lobrano |
| PGK Ferd Webber Jr | David Uzee, Jr. | Albert Chauvin |
| PGK Roy LeBlanc | Jerry Broome, Sr. | Terry Ryder |
| Kenny M. LeBlanc | Wally d'Hemecourt | Joseph Chauvin |
| Freddie (Frenchie) LeBlanc | | |

Membership Director- Deputy Grand Knight Rick Valladares II 504-495-2017 popavalladares@gmail.com

Christmas is the perfect time to ask someone to become a Knight of Columbus. It is a gift they will cherish for the rest of their lives. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Squires - Colby Chauvin, State Chief Squire

Friday, December 15th we will be helping to collect Christmas gifts for the Family Social for the children.

Family Life - Herbi & Michelle Este 504-400-7773 sheleste@aol.com

I would like to thank everyone that attended the November Family Social and brought a dish. Thanks also to the kitchen for taking care of everything else. This month's Family Social is our annual Christmas Social with Santa. We would like to wish y'all a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ladies Auxiliary - Darnell LeBlanc President mangi1544@gmail.com 391-2233

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family. We had enough donations of groceries to fill 4 baskets for needy families. I appreciate everyone's help in making this a successful project. Gift certificates of \$20.00 to Rouse's was given with each basket for perishable items.

Our next meeting will be **December 20th** and it will be our Christmas party. The meal will be catered so we need a count of those attending. You may bring a guest. If you haven't made a reservation yet, please contact Geri Mayville at 504 512-0436. If her voice mail answers, just leave her a message for she is still working. If you would like to participate in our "Dirty Santa" ornament exchange, please bring an ornament of not more than \$5.00 value to the Christmas Party.

At our January meeting we will have a baby shower for The Community Life Center at Lafayette and Sixth Streets. We will find out what items are needed most and notify you in the next bulletin.

Church Director - PGK Roy LeBlanc 948-7018

Remember **Jesus is the Reason for the Season**. Make your Christmas Season a Holy and Blessed one. Our Fifth Sunday Rosary will be on December 31st at the 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph Church in Gretna.

Pro Life Comer - Don & Dee Caskey Home 341-4512
or Cell 884-0101 dcaskey53@yahoo.com

Gentlemen, we are moving on with making the Pro-life Yard angels and I need help. I have been taking orders for angels tailored to the buyer's request. It is really nice to see an angel in someone's yard that reflects their culture and hair color, with the baby gender customized to their wishes. (Please note the gender of the baby is indicated by the color of the swaddling blanket.)

In order to reach our goal quicker we need the power to look into our "customer's" eyes and honestly be able to say that the purchase of this angel is going 100% to the purchase of an ultra-sound machine. To do this we need an alternate source of funding for the materials. I have solicited the big box stores on the Westbank that carry the materials needed for construction and have had minimal success. The True Value store in Harvey said that he didn't carry cedar fence boards but he was quite generous with the wood screws and Thompson's water treatment. Some purchasers and donors indicated that they wished to help purchase the materials. Our Brother Knights at **St. Thomas More Council # 7226** in Marrero donated \$100 towards our cause. Thank You Gentlemen!

We will never reach our goal with pre-sales only, we need to build an inventory of completed angels for onsite sales. In short I need help in the procurement of materials, manufacturing and distribution of these angels.

I am still feeling the effects of our adopted day of *40 Days for life*. It was on October 21st. and we shared it with *St. Ann* in Metairie and *St. Andrew* in Algiers. In total we had forty one people sign in and several other groups that didn't, that included two Priests (one was Fr. Breaux) and a wonderful group of men from the *Monday Night Disciples*. The not just good but GREAT news is that the **NEW** *Woman's New life Center* directly adjacent to the Planned Parenthood facility is now open and operating. We were blessed to have one of their councilors (and her family) praying and walking with us. The official Grand Opening was held the following week. One thing that always keeps me in awe about the *40 Days for Life* events, is the beauty and strength of everyone's faith, spirit and love.

One closing thought, Dee came home from her bible study one evening and shared about one young man that has been struggling in many ways. By explaining his growth he brought it all into focus by simply stating that "The Holy Spirit is user friendly". Do I hear an AMEN!

Fourth Degree News

The Fourth Degree Meeting and Christmas Social will be on Sunday, December 10th at Council 1905.

A Message from Fr. Francis Offia

ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION DURING THE LITURGY

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people is their right and duty by reason of their baptism... It is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit" (Vatican Council II, SC no. 14).

And, "the *participatio actuosa* required by the council may be defined as that form of devout involvement ... which best promotes the exercise of the COMMON PRIESTHOOD of the baptized: their power to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and to receive the sacraments. They take part in it by bodily movements, standing, kneeling or sitting as the occasion may demand; they join vocally in the parts which are intended for them. It also requires that they listen to, and understand, the liturgy of the word. It requires, too, that there be moments of silence when the import of the whole ceremonial may be absorbed and deeply personalized.... It certainly does not imply uninterrupted observable activity (Fr. Colman E. O'Neil O.p)

On two occasions I have used the above quotations (one from the Council Fathers and the other from a professor of the Liturgy) to lay the foundation for my presentations to those taking part in the RCIA program. I chose to also use these same quotations here as I am about to begin what I hope might turn out to be a lengthy reflection on the subject, **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION (participation actuosa)** at Mass.

Many times we have heard such claims as, *The Mass is boring, I am not getting anything out of the Mass, or even, I have no clue of what is going on at Mass.* Granted that these might be legitimate claims, we must also admit that there are number of factors responsible, one of which is the question of, **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE DURING THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION?** We do not reap where we do not sow. In order to get something out of the Mass means, we have to bring something to it.

In the months to come, we shall be reflecting on the different parts of the Mass, paying special attention to what is expected of us at every stage, by way of participating. In other words, what should we be doing or avoid doing while the Liturgy of the Mass last?

Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 BINGO Distribute Coats for Kids
3 Gretna Christmas Tree Lighting 6PM	4	5 Light Up for Christ 7PM	6 Council Mtg 7:30	7 Upstairs Lounge will be open for the Saints Game	8	9 Bingo
10 4th Degree Christmas Social @ Council 1905	11	12	13	14 Gretna Seniors Christmas Luncheon Tomorrow	15 7:30pm Christmas Family Social with Santa	16 Bingo
17	18	19	20 Auxiliary Christmas Party	21 7:00pm Upstairs Christmas Party	22	23 Bingo
24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 Bingo
31 9:00am Mass 5th Sunday Rosary St. Joseph	1 Happy New Year	2	3 Council Mtg 7:30	4	5	6 Bingo

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