

Important Dates to Remember

- Pro-Life Mass Jan 21 9:30 St. Joseph Church Gretna
- Family Social Friday, January 19, 2018 at 7:30pm

Meeting Dates to Remember

Council Meeting January 3, 2018 – Meal at 6:30pm
Auxiliary & 2nd Council Meetings–January 17, 2018

Knightly News

*The Newsletter of
Archbishop Blenk
Council 1905
January 2018*



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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! 2018 is going to be an exciting year with our Centennial Celebration coming up on May 26th. If anyone has old pictures or scrapbooks from days past, we would like to borrow them; we're in the process of taking digital photos of them for a power point presentation for our anniversary. We're also hoping to display items from days past if anyone would like to lend it to us. We want to make this a very special celebration, since we are the second oldest Council on the Westbank, and one of the oldest active organizations in the City of Gretna. Vivat Jesus, Glenn

Knight of the Month – Pat Pittman

Family of the Month – Joe & Cathy Young

**Council Director – PGK Joseph Tranchina 340-9609
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The State Bowling Tournament will be held the weekend of February 17 - 18 and February 24-25 at Tangi Lanes in Hammond. If anyone needs more information let me know.

Council 1905 will have an evening of bowling on January 28th at Westside Bowling.

**Insurance Agent – Thomas Bourgeois 504-615-7714
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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.

Community Director - Arthur Newby

Brothers, we are still collecting nonperishable food items for the Gretna Food Bank. Please remember to bring your food items to the Council Meeting on January 3rd. Let's make 2018 the best year ever for the less fortunate in our community with our generous donations.

**Membership Director - Deputy Grand Knight Rick Valladares II 504-495-2017
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Make a New Years' resolution to ask someone to become a Knight of Columbus. If we all could bring in one new member in our Centennial Year just think how much good the Council could do to help our Church and community.

Church Director - PGK Roy LeBlanc 948-7018

We will have our Pro-Life Mass on January 21, 2018 at St. Joseph Church in Gretna at the 9:30am Mass. Please try to make this important event in our Council's history.

Financial Secretary-Michael Arnold, Jr. 367-3892

Brothers, bills for the first quarter of 2018 are now due. If you are unable to pay your dues at this time, please speak to Grand Knight Glenn Esteve or myself.

January Birthdays

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| 5- Grover Bakies | 6 – Jerry Broome |
| 7 – PGK Joseph Tranchina | 12 – Steven Darce' |
| 14 – Erick Joseph | 15 – Lloyd Bellaire |
| 16 – Albert Neeb | 26 – Steven Daigle |
| 26 – Gary Smith | 28 – Raymond Centanni |
| 28 – Michael Valladares | 30 – Melvin Arnold |

January Anniversaries:

- 14 – Craig and Karen Cline
- 19 – Shane and Lisa Thomas
- 24 – PGK Gerard and Mary Thomas

**Chancellor – James Fogerty 504-920-2714
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Lord we pray: 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.

Our condolences to the family of our Brother Knight Frederick (Frenchie) LeBlanc who passed away in December. Please keep Frenchie and his family in your prayers.

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 | 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 |

**Family Life – Herbi & Michelle Este 504-400-7773
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We would like to thank everyone who joined us at Our Annual Christmas Social. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves with family, friends and other Knights. A special thanks to Santa for stopping in for the children and Mrs. Catherine Chauvin for reading a Christmas story to all. As always thank you to the kitchen staff for another great meal and service. January is Religious Appreciation Social, where we are thankful for our Religion and pay thanks to the ones who lead us in our faith. As always God Bless You and Your Families.

**Ladies Auxiliary – Darnell LeBlanc President
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I'd like to thank Geri Mayville for making our Christmas Party such a success. We really appreciate all your hard work.

I'd like to thank those members who attended the funeral services for 2 long time members, Vera Schexnayder and Rosalind Williams. Our condolences to their families. They will be missed.

At our January meeting, we will sponsor a baby shower for the Community Life Center on Lafayette and 6th Street. They have a registration at Target for items needed, but as of this bulletin deadline, I had not received the information. I will notify members when I get it. The Executive Director, Deya, will be attending the January meeting. The shower and refreshments will follow our meeting. This is a very worthwhile cause and the Knights are assisting in getting them an ultra sound machine. I sincerely hope everyone participates to make this a great event.

Fourth Degree News

Our next Fourth Degree Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30pm at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Algiers. We will have a meal prior to the meeting.

A Message from Fr. Francis Offia

ENTRANCE PROCESSION:
A JOURNEY TO AN ENCOUNTER.

Somehow our life experiences involve making of all sorts of journeys. Journeying from something, through something, towards something. **To live is to make a journey.** We make a journey to get to our offices, or to our schools. We make a journey to the stadium to watch the game. We make a journey to attend a wedding, funeral or birthday party. Wherever the destination might be, if we don't make that first move, if we didn't continue like the rest of the invited guests, following the same route that leads to the destination, then it is either we arrive late or do not get there at all.

Since the dawn of human salvation, God's relationship with mankind has always involved making a journey. He comes close to us to meet us and He always invites us to come from somewhere to somewhere in order to encounter Him. There is always some kind of **CROSSING OF THE THRESHOLD!** We see this with the call of Abraham and the call of Moses. We see it with the journey of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. Especially in the New Testament, Jesus' mission is marked by journey from place to place. And as he goes he calls others, especially his disciples, to follow. He brought them to the mountain, he takes them across the sea, he takes them to Jerusalem and ultimately they followed him to the **Mountain Calvary** where he made the supreme sacrifice of Himself.

Unless the disciples actively participated in these journeys, they would have been left behind. They were able to be with their Master, to dine and wine with Him, to witness His ministry, and to experience His Passion, Crucifixion and Death on the Cross because they did participate actively in His journey. **They were not the passive bystanders.** Though they weren't sure where the road might lead them to but they persevered and journeyed along.

Our Liturgy is no exception. In it we come to encounter the Lord; to make a journey with Him. Therefore we have to be participants and not mere observers. And our participation in the actual Liturgy begins with the entrance procession. Think of the moment when Jesus says to His disciples, "*The Hour Has Come let us go Jerusalem*". Remember when He took with Himself Peter, Jesus and John to the

Garden of Gethsemane for an intense time of prayer. Think of the Journey to the Calvary where He offered Himself to the Father. These are the journeys we make with Him when we come to Mass. Don't forget that the Sacrifice on the Cross 2000yrs ago and the Sacrifice of Altar are **ONE AND THE SAME SACRIFICE**. In both of them Christ is the Victim and Priest.

When we gather for Mass, our priest who is acting in the *Persona Christi* (Person of Christ) invites us to make a journey with him to the Altar of Sacrifice where the sacrifice of Christ will be made present. There he offered the sacrifice of the Mass for himself and for all of us. He invites us to make this journey with him by way of **Entrance Procession** and we are expected to respond and participate actively. In the priest and other ministers, the whole church, in a way, are united in that One Procession; that journey into **a sacred time, a sacred moment**, away from all the mundane of everyday life. Our participation at this stage of the Mass involves **STANDING** unless we have some medical conditions. It involves prayerfully joining the choir in **SINGING** the entrance hymn and reflecting on the words of the hymn, or in the case of the weekday Mass, joining the priest and the rest of the congregation in **RECITING** the entrance antiphon. If we begin well, we will surely end well. And I think reverse is the case. Active participation, from the onset of the Mass during the entrance procession prepares and opens us up for that desired encounter with Lord. It dispossess us well for the sacrifice that is to be offered. It helps us to savor the sweetness of that sacred moment when heaven and earth come together in the liturgy of the Mass.

Just pick up the hymnal at the back of the Pew. You can do it.

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Council Mtg 7:30	4	5	6 Bingo
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Bingo
14	15	16	17 Auxiliary Baby Shower & 2nd Council Mtgs	18	19 7:30 PM Family Social Religious Appreciation	20 Bingo
21 Pro-Life Mass 9:30am St. Joseph Gretna	22	23	24 Fourth Degree Meeting St. Andrew	25	26	27 Bingo
28 Council Bowiling at Westside Bowling Lanes	29	30	31	1 February	2 February	3 February Bingo

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