

Important Dates to Remember

- Palm Sunday Procession, March 25 St. Joseph 7am
- Family Social Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7:30pm

Meeting Dates to Remember

Council Meeting March 7, 2018 – Meal at 6:30pm
Auxiliary & 2nd Council Meetings – March 21, 2018

Knightly News

*The Newsletter of
Archbishop Blenk
Council 1905
March 2018*



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Grand Knight Glenn Esteve, PGK, FDD 504-361-1829

Hopefully everyone had a good Mardi Gras, & with us being in the season of Lent, what are you doing to prepare yourself for Holy Week & Easter? You know getting ashes on Ash Wednesday does you no good, if you don't try to change your life for the better. Same thing for giving something up for Lent that might be unhealthy or a bad habit; if you go back to doing it or eating it right after Easter, it does you no good. Lent is a time to examine our lives and make a change to be better people & to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than us. I would like to invite everyone to join us on Palm Sunday for our Annual Palm Sunday Procession on the 25th; meet at Huey P. Long Ave & 2nd St in Gretna and begin at 7:00am to arrive at St. Joseph Church for 7:30am Mass. Breakfast follows at the Hall. I also invite & encourage everyone to join us on Holy Thursday night at St. Joseph Church for the last hour of Adoration (11:00pm –Midnight). Usually there is a very small turn out for that hour of Adoration & it's disheartened to have a barren church for the last hour before Good Friday morning. Let's become better people this Lenten season & make a difference. Also May you have a Joyful & Happy Easter.
Vivat Jesus, Glenn

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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

Our Palm Sunday Procession from the Arch on Huey P. Long Avenue in Gretna will start at 7:00am. We will process to St. Joseph Church for 7:30am mass. Breakfast at the hall will follow.

Council Director – PGK Joseph Tranchina 340-9609
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Council 1905 will be having our Super Bingo on March 3rd and help will be needed anytime between noon and 4:00.

On March 19th this the St Joseph Altar at St Joseph Church. As we have done for years, we will be helping out with boiling the spaghetti and helping out where needed.

March 25 will be our St Joseph Palm Sunday procession at 7:00 AM. We will meet at the arch on Huey P. Long Avenue and process to St. Joseph Church for 7:30 AM mass.

The State Knights of Columbus will be holding a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Saturday, March 24. The tournament will be held at Council 970, 58715 Price St, Plaquemine, La. Play will begin at 10:00 am. Entry fee is \$20.00 per contestant. If anybody is interested let me know and I will get the information to you.

Membership Director - Deputy Grand Knight Rick Valladares II 504-495-2017
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Ask someone you know that would be eligible to join the Knights of Columbus to join us for our annual Palm Sunday Procession.

Financial Secretary-Michael Arnold, Jr. 367-3892

Brothers, the winner of the free dues for 2019 is Paul Coles. Dues for the first quarter of 2018 are now long past due. If for some reason you cannot pay your dues at this time, please contact the Grand Knight Glenn Esteve or myself now.

New Members:

Joseph Young, Jr., 1745 Bonnie Ann Drive, Marrero, LA 70072 phone 340-1360

John Lanier, 436 Sadler Road, Marrero, LA 70072 phone 340-1360

Deceased Members:

Fredrick LeBlanc, Roland Lucas, David Uzee

Change of Address:

Frank Roccaforte, 1020 Monroe St, Gretna, LA 70053

Gary Madere, PO Box 1825, Flat Rock, NC 28731

David Wedge, 1109 Poplar Street, Garnet Valley, PA 19060

Bradley Martin Phone 985-9002

March Birthdays:

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| 1 – Mark Hebert | 1 – Tommy Tuminello |
| 3 – Charles Buquoi | 8 – Earl Geiling, Jr. |
| 11 – Eugene Ducote | 11 – Daniel Gauthreaux |
| 12 – Wayne LeBlanc | 16 – Dale Strohmeyer |
| 18 – John Vlosich | 27 – Robert Rau |
| 28 – John Harris | |

March Anniversaries:

- 11 – Rayland and Ann Carriere
- 17 – Gilbert and Gina Boudreaux, III
- 20 – Rory and Maureen Cadres
- 24 – Joseph and Dorothy Jambon
- 29 – Kenneth and Erin Haas
- 30 – PGK Anthony and Kathy Buckley, III.

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

Our condolences to the family of our Brother Knight David Uzee who passed away in February. Please keep David in your prayers.

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.

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 | Erick Joseph | Perry Lobrano |
| PGK Ferd Webber Jr | Joseph Chauvin. | Albert Chauvin PGK |
| Roy LeBlanc | Jerry Broome, Sr. | Terry Ryder |
| Kenny M. LeBlanc | Wally d’Hemecourt | Herb Este |

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

We would like to thank everyone who attended the February Family Social. We hop everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the kitchen staff for another great meal. We hope to see everyone on the 16th of March for the March Family Social. At the March Social, I will be speaking about the use of household items for first aid uses. You would be amazed at what you can use in an emergency situation. Hope to see everyone there. From us to ya’ll “May God Bless Everyone”.

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

The *Community Center for Life* in Gretna is VERY close to getting their new Ultrasound machine. We have had some **major** help in raising the money for our half of Supreme's Ultrasound Initiative, I want to hold all the great details until the ink is dry on the contract.

This year in support of the *Community Center for Life* we will have the baby bottle campaigns for them at our two Gretna churches, St. Joseph and St. Anthony. I will desperately need help there. We are still going to have baby bottle campaigns for *Access Pregnancy Center* at St. Martha and Infant Jesus of Prague. I am trying to develop a workable schedule for both campaigns, I will keep you informed.

Spring is almost here and it is time to put on your Pro-Life running shoes, Saturday morning (at 7:30 set up time) on April 7th, at shelter #10 in Audubon Park the *Women's New Life Center* is having their annual *Born to Run* fun run. We have been gradually building up our donation of Draft Root

Beer to this year's **5 KEGS**, that is 25 gallons from two taps. I expect the *New Orleans Ice Cream Company* will match us and donate 5 large tubs of their delicious ice cream, (ummm ice cream). For the last couple of years I have been in complete awe of all our councils that come to donate food and drinks for the runners. Last year I sent in some photos of these councils and we need to identify the booths to let everyone know WE ARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **AND** we are PRO-LIFE. It wouldn't hurt to bring a few form 100s. if any other councils are interested in helping please call them SOON at (504) 496-0212.

Community Director - Arthur Newby

The Gretna Food Bank is in need of our help with nonperishable food items to help our brothers and sisters in need. Please remember to bring your food items to the Council Meeting on March 7th so we can. You can make this a special project for your Lenten sacrifice.

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

Our March meeting will be on March 21st at 7:30pm. We will recite the rosary before the meeting.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our baby shower in February and our bake sale at the Jefferson Parish Courthouse.

A Message from Fr. Francis Offia

The Art of Attentive Listening and the Liturgy of the Word
The prologue of St. John's Gospel begins with:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people^s did not

accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth

This Incarnate Word (the *Logos* of the Father), which St. John spoke of 2000yrs ago is still with us even today. The God-Incarnate dwells among us. He is present in our midst. (Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am there with you). He is even more present when we gather for the Liturgical celebration. The Fathers of the Vatican II Council reminds us that: "At Mass Christ is present in the priest, in the Sacred Scripture, in the congregation, and in the Eucharist."

Christ is the Eternal Word of the Father, and at Mass He is present in His word since it is He himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are proclaimed in the Church. Mark Hart notes in his book, *Behold the Mystery* "That Word '**Proclaim**' is important. Notice that we aren't instructed to just sit and read these passages on our own in the pews. Rather, the word of God is publicly and forcefully **PROCLAIMED** for all to hear as one body, binding us to its truth and to one another. That **PROCLAMATION** of God's truth demands an active response." The Lectors who *proclaims* the 1st and 2nd readings, the choirs who helps us to praise God in the psalms, the Deacon/priest who *proclaims* the Gospel and delivers the homily, all are only ministers of the Word, they are only the instruments in the hands of God. It is God who is truly feeding us with His Words. Mark Hart says: "it is in Sacred Scriptures that our Father feeds us with His timeless truth. Only then are we nourished by the Word of God, who is Jesus Christ, the timeless Word that came forth from God"

We participate actively during the Liturgy of the Word by attentive listening, knowing that this is not just about the lector or the deacon or the priest who stands at the ambo. No! We are actually listening to God Himself. We participate actively by acknowledging response that what we just heard is the true Word of God for which we thank Him (The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God). We participate actively by joining the choir to sing the song of praises to God (the Psalms) for the wonders of creation and salvation. We participate actively by standing in reverence to the Gospel and by sitting and paying keen attention during the homily.

The attitude of indifference robs us of the graces that come from the Word of God. We don't just show up at Mass to receive the Eucharist. Indeed we are nourished from **THE TWO TABLES OF THE WORD AND OF THE EUCHARIST**. We lose when we fail to participate actively in both of them.

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March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Super Bingo Help Needed
4	5	6	7 Council Mtg 7:30	8	9	10 Bingo
11	12	13	14	15	16 7:30 PM Family Social	17 Bingo
18	19 St. Joseph Altar Help Needed	20 Bulletin Articles Due Tomorrow	21 Auxiliary Mtg & 2nd Council Mtgs	22	23	24 Bingo & State KC Texas Hold Em' Tournament
25 Palm Sunday Procession 7:00am	26	27	28 Fourth Degree Meeting	29 Holy Thursday Adoration St. Joseph 11:00pm	30 Good Friday	31 Bingo

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