

## Important Dates to Remember

- Fifth Sunday Rosary & Mass St. Anthony 10am April 29, 2018
- Family Social Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:30pm

## Meeting Dates to Remember

Council Meeting April 4, 2018 – Meal at 6:30pm  
Auxiliary & 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meetings–April 18, 2018

# Knightly News

*The Newsletter of  
Archbishop Blenk  
Council 1905  
April 2018*



## Knights of Columbus Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

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

Hopefully everyone's had a Joyful Easter & not eaten too many Easter Eggs! I'm still asking for old pictures of Council events from years gone back for the Anniversary video we're putting together. I would also like to borrow the Past Grand Knights Scrapbooks to take digital pictures of them 1) for the video & 2) to display them at the Anniversary Party. Time is getting short, & would like to have as many old pictures in the video as possible, then the video could be shared with whoever would like a copy. Also, on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> we're having an upstairs social for the NCAA Basketball Championship Game; starting at 6:30pm & will have refreshments. All are invited.

Vivat Jesus, Glenn

**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.

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

There will be a 5th Sunday rosary and mass at St Anthony Mission Church, 924 Monroe Street, Gretna, LA on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Rosary will be at 10:00 am followed by mass at 10:30 am. This will be the last 5th rosary and mass in this Columbian year.

**Community Director - Arthur Newby**

Please remember to bring your food items to the Council Meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the Gretna Food Bank.

**Council Director – PGK Joseph Tranchina 340-9609**  
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I want to thank everyone who came out to help out at the St Joseph Altar. It was nice to have members from Santa Maria Council 1714 also helping, that is what Knights do.

The State Council is hosting a Disc Golf Tournament on April 21, 2018 in Lafayette. Deadline is April 17 and if anybody is interested let me know.

The Council's 100th anniversary celebration will be held on May 26. More information will be coming, so save the date.

**Membership Director - Deputy Grand Knight Rick Valladares II 504-495-2017**  
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Membership is vital to the health of the Knights of Columbus. Please do your part and ask an eligible man to join our ranks as a proud Knight of Columbus.

**Chancellor – James Fogerty 504-920-2714**  
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Please 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.

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

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

Brothers, bills are now in the mail for the second quarter dues. We still have a large number who have not paid their dues for the first quarter. If for some reason you cannot pay your dues at this time, please contact the Grand Knight Glenn Esteve or myself now.

Reinstated into the Knights of Columbus:

Robert Smith, 820 Carmadelle Drive, Marrero, 70072  
487-1060

Hoping each of you a Blessed and Happy Easter!

**April Birthdays:**

1 – Michael Guffee	2 – James Fogarty
9 – Ray Vegas	12 – Gordon Carbo
16 – Michael Giglio	17 – Donald Trahan, Jr.
17 Arnold Valladares, Sr.	21 – Brandon Marse
22 – Lloyd Comeaux	23 – Kenneth Morales
26 – Herman Iriarte	27 – Craig Cline
29 – Jeremiah Sullivan, Jr.	30 – William Fortmayer

**April Anniversaries:**

3 – PGK Kevin and Jackie Wedge  
5 – Christopher and Kimberly Salsman  
13 – Kevin and Hanna Wedge, Jr.  
20 – PGK Howard and Adele Robichaux

**A Message from Fr. Francis Offia**

**THE WORD, THE FAITH AND THE PRAYER: ON THE CREED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

One of the beautiful lines I love in St Paul's Letter to the Romans reads: But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. (Rom 10:14-15, 17)

In the last article we looked at how we suppose to participate actively during the Liturgy of the Word (*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, the psalms, the Gospel reading and the Homily*). As a matter of fact, the Liturgy of the Word at Mass does not end with the Homily. In her wisdom and illumined by the above Pauline argument, the Church actually expands the section of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass to include the profession of faith (**The Creed**) and the prayers of the faithful (**The Universal Prayers**).

I think this makes a lot of sense. As St Paul says, faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ, and what comes through the Word leads us to prayer. The readings we listen to during the Mass is indeed the Word of God been *PROCLAIMED* through the voice of men. The same holds true for the homily. And the end goal of these readings and homily is **to arouse faith, set our faith in God on fire and clear elements of doubts**. The summery of the totality of this

faith is contained in the Creed (*Our Beliefs In God, In Jesus Christ, In The Holy Spirit, In The Holy Catholic Church, In The Communion Of Saints, In The Forgiveness Of Sins, In The Resurrection Of The Body And In The Life Everlasting*). We go right into professing this faith because the Word we just listened to and heard, reawakens its truth in our hearts, and the truth of this faith moves us right into prayers. Prayers, and especially the Universal Prayers at Mass is a way we demonstrate, deep in and from our heart, that the faith which comes from the Word is truly faith in God in whom alone we place all our hopes and trust, in whom alone also we offer fitting praise and thanksgiving.

So joining in the recitation of the Creed and Prayers of the Faithful is actually part of the **Active Participation** we are talking about. Remember, the phrase is '*the prayers of the faithful*'. In other words, it is you and me who are praying because we are the faithful. The job of the Deacon/priest or sometimes a lector is to announce the *intention* for which we are praying. That's all they do. The actual prayer is done by us in the pew. 'Lord hear our prayers' which we respond after each of the intention is announced could be **A VERY POWERFUL PRAYER** so long as we are saying that from our heart. When we gather together as a faith community, those prayers we make in unison can be very efficacious, since **when we gather in his name, he is there in our midst**.

Not participating in the recitation of the Creed or in the Universal Prayers might mean two things. It could mean an outright rejection of the Word (Christ Himself) or that we did not see the link between the Word, the Faith and the Prayers. But I think that all of us who gather for Mass Sunday after Sunday know better and so can do better by taking active part during this time at Mass.

**Family Life – Herbi & Michelle Este 504-400-7773**  
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We would like to thank everyone who attended the March Family Social. We hope to see everyone on April 20<sup>th</sup> for the April Family Social. Hope to see everyone there. Thank you and God Bless..

**Pro Life Corner - Don & Dee Caskey Home 341-4512 or**  
**Cell 884-0101 [dcaskey53@yahoo.com](mailto:dcaskey53@yahoo.com)**

The *Community Center for Life* in Gretna is there, we have the Full \$16,800 raised for our share with a bit extra. I wonder if ultrasound machines use supplies like ink or paper. If so we can get them going in style. Last month I submitted the forms and was more excited than when buying a house or new car. This project has underlined my faith in the lords generosity, when we started I had an idea to get things moving but no end game. I am not completely clear on the what two churches merged, and their Knights

of Columbus councils merged as well, but I know that the labors and generosity of these brother Knights made it possible to have a real life saving machine much sooner than I would ever have imagined. They were not the only council, several others donated money for materials allowing me to sell the pro-life angels and honestly say "all the money is going to the ultrasound machine" I thank the Lord for the privilege to call you my Brothers.

I am awed by the strength of support for life with some of the donors generosity. One person from church bought one but later realized that the angel would have a larger audience in front of her dad's house and gave it to him because of the higher traffic. The strength of God's love became apparent when he offered to pay most of the cost for someone else, this is a modern "Widow's Might".

We are waiting on Supreme, and when that happens I will enclose photos of the giving of checks or of the new machine. Attached this time is a photo of the last batch of my Army of Pro-life Garden Angels. If any council wants to use this idea, I will send you the instructions.

We are having our annual Access Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign starting at Infant Jesus of Prague on June 9/10 at all masses and June 23/24 at St. Martha, all masses as well.

Small reminder that on 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.

**Ladies Auxiliary – Darnell LeBlanc President**  
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We will host a Bonco on Sunday, April 15th at the KC Hall form 2 pm until 5 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a meal of Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Green Beans and Garlic Bread. Members are asked to bring desserts for sale at the sweet table. We will have prizes for the Bunco winners and door prizes. Please contact your friends and family and have them come out and support our Auxiliary.

Nominations for officers will be open at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with elections in May.

I hope everyone had a spiritual Lenten Season and will enjoy the Easter Holiday.

### A Special Message from Geri Mayville about the Mission Trip to Nicaragua in January 2018

First of all I wanted to thank all the members of 1905 and the Ladies Auxiliary for your generous donation. The donation along with other donations paid for the airfare to Nicaragua.

Our week long trip started with arriving in Managua airport and a bus ride to Granada to our accommodations about 12 midnight Saturday. Granada is an old Spanish Colonial city with the Cathedral facing the main square. The square and surrounding buildings reminded me of New Orleans, Jackson Square and French Quarter, so it felt like home from day one.

Our week started with Sunday mass at the cathedral said by the Bishop and co-celebrated with Father Jimmy Jeanfreau, our trips spiritual director, from Immaculate Conception Church, Marrero. We explored the downtown area and enjoyed a meal at an excellent local rest.

Our mission work starts on Monday and continued through Friday. Our days start at 7am with group breakfast and spiritual reflection then clinic and ending after 6pm. About 8am we divide up into 2 medical teams, 1 ophthalmology teams and 1 dental team. In Granada, Cristo Santo mission runs 1 permanent medical clinic and 1 dental clinic 5 days per week staffed by Doctors living in Granada. Three times a year, our group from New Orleans Archdiocese, make a trip down with more doctors, dentist and optometrist to serve the remote communities and people of Granada.

Our daily trips to remote communities usually are a 1 hour or more ride to site, usually a church. The clinics usually are 10 till 4, we set up 4 to 5 doctor stations, ideally each having a doctor, translator and nurse. We usually see 250 to 300 citizens by weeks end.

When I am there with them 1 handle any medication needs. When I am not there then the doctors or nurses have to do the dispensing. They really love it when I'm there. You know the old saying, " You never knew what you were missing until you had it the 1st time".

The people are marvelous and so appreciative of our mission work, but we get so much more from them. We also visit a Girl's school, run by the Sisters of Teresa of Calcutta. The nuns care for and educate these young women because the family cannot. We have been to mountain side, Franciscan retreat home, to treat patients in the courtyard area.

Usually the women of the community fix and bring lunch to us or the group of women, called Angels provide lunch. The Angels are older women working for 25 years are our translators and instrumental in setting up the daily clinics.

At night, if not totally exhausted, some in our group venture out to one of the many restaurants or music clubs.

We did spend the Saturday after the mission visiting a volcano, rainforest coffee plantation and a nature walk.

What a great trip! Thank you!

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**Happy Easter.....**

# Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	2 NCAA Basketball Championship Social Upstairs Room	3	4 <b>Council Mtg 7:30</b>	5	6	7 Bingo
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Bingo
15 Bunco from 2pm - 5pm Cost \$10.00	16	17	18 Auxiliary & 2nd Council Mtgs	19 Bulletin Articles Due Today	20 7:30 PM <b>Family Social</b>	21 Bingo Disc Golf Lafayette
22	23	24	25 Fourth Degree Meeting Belle Chasse	26	27	28 Bingo
29 10:00am 5th Sunday Rosary & Mass St. Anthony	30	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May Bingo

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