

## Important Dates to Remember

- Family Social – Friday, February 15, 2019
- Baby Bottle Campaign Feb 9-10 @ St. Anthony all Masses

## Meeting Dates to Remember

Council Meeting **February 6, 2019** – Meal at 6:30pm  
Auxiliary Mtg & Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Mtg – February 20, 2019

# Knightly News

*The Newsletter of  
Archbishop Blenk  
Council 1905  
February 2019*



## Knights of Columbus Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

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Hello My Fellow 1905 Columbian Family,

What a great January month it was! We had a great time as brothers and sisters visiting the great World War II D-day Museum. I would like to thank PGK Glenn Esteve for cooking for the Deanery upon Father Gary Copping's request. I would also like to thank Brothers Donald Caskey, Andy Hendrickson, and Kenneth LeBlanc for helping with the Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Joseph's Church to help support the Community Center for Life in Gretna. Also, what a great job on the Family Social Religious Appreciation Night, I truly appreciate Herbi and Shell Este, Glenn, Joe and Cathy Young, Wally DeHemecourt, Don, and Peggy LeBlanc for all the great volunteer work. We had another great showing at the Infant Jesus of Prague's Pro Life - Quarterly Mass and Rosary. Thanks again for volunteering yourself and your time for our community and our council. Our annual donations were made to St. Joseph, St. Anthony, St.

Martha, Infant Jesus of Prague, Children's Hospital, Padua House, Café Hope and the West Bank Arc.

In January, the 1000<sup>th</sup> ultrasound machine was donated in Manassas, Virginia. I congratulate our council for being part of this great effort and what a great feeling it is to know that we are saving lives.

I would also like thank all those who support our four Churches, from the great Priest, Deacons, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Members of the Choir, Social Ministers and the many others not mentioned. I would also like to thank the parents who make the difference for our altar servers. It is they that are living a life of example for the young individuals to follow. It is their extra effort for our churches and their children that we honor and are greatly appreciative.

In the words of Mother Teresa, "Spread LOVE everywhere you go."

**Important Dates**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Baby Bottle campaign at St. Anthony Church – All Masses

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Family Social

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

Brothers, dues for the first quarter of 2019 are now past due. They are \$40.00 per year. If for some reason you cannot afford them at this time please contact either the Grand Knight or myself now. Winner of free dues for 2020 is Michael G. Arnold.

Change of address:

David G. Wedge, 2609 Highland Meadows Dr, Marrero, LA 70072

Transfer into Council 1905:

Rory Este, 2556 Weatherly Pl, Marrero 70072 Phone 382-6190

Transferred out of Council 1905:

Anthony Baker

**February Birthdays:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 – Russell Bolotte       | 2 – Carroll Fortmayer      |
| 2 – Frank Roccaforte      | 4 – Rev. Francis Offia     |
| 4 – Ricky Templet         | 5 – Daniel Gauthreaux      |
| 6 – Warren Ferrand        | 9 – Deacon Jerry Labadot   |
| 11 – Lloyd Michell        | 12 – I. Emmett Burnett     |
| 14 – Brenton Dufrene, III | 15 – Rickie McDonald       |
| 16 – Patrick Pittman      | 16 – Joseph Tranchina, Jr. |
| 17 – David Cantrelle      | 20 – Jay Delhom            |
| 23 – Vincent Tortorich    | 27 – Shane Thomas          |
| 28 – Daniel Wedge, Jr.    |                            |

**February Anniversaries:**

- 5 – Peter and Jill Debroeck, Jr.
- 9 – PGK Joseph and Paula Tranchina
- 14 – Mark and Lorenda Kalcynski
- 22 – GK Rick and Jeanne Valladares, II
- 27 – Howard and Masie Comeaux

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

Thank you to everyone who came to our January Family Social. A great big thank you to our Kitchen Crew for another great meal. Hope to see everyone at our February Family Social on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Take care and God Bless.

**Chancellor – Herbi Este 504-215-6676**

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. May God Bless.

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| PGK Roger Burrows    | Terry Ryder         | Jerry Broome, Sr. |
| PGK Roy LeBlanc      | Joe Chauvin         | Albert Chauvin    |
| PGK Ferd WebberJr.   | Ferd Webber III     | Herbi Este’       |
| PGK Glenn Esteve     | Howard Comeaux      | Erick Joseph      |
| PGK Joseph Tranchina | Perry Lobrano       | Russell Templet   |
| PGK Arthur Newby     | Michael Arnold      | Kenny M LeBlanc   |
| PGK George Wedge     | Clarence Verneuil   | Vincent Solidco   |
| Wally d’Hemecourt    | Lloyd Bellaire, Sr. | James Smith       |

**Faith Director – Andy Hendrickson 504 – 376 – 3567**  
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Help is needed at the 5PM and 10:30AM masses at St. Anthony for the Baby Bottle Campaign.

**Insurance Agent – Thomas Bourgeois**  
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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.

Ladies Auxiliary – Darnell LeBlanc President  
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Thanks to all who attended the baby shower for Community Life Center in Gretna. We donated \$100 and members contributed clothes and diapers to the center. Thanks to Shelia Mabe for the cute cake.

We're also looking forward to hosting a State Meeting at our hall on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Cathy Chauvin for chairing this event. We are in need of volunteers to help on February 13 to fill grab bags for the state meeting. Meet at the hall for 10 am. Anyone wishing to help the day of the meeting, please arrive at 7am on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope we can show the State our Auxiliaries' hospitality.

We will hold a bake sale on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Gretna Courthouse so please get your recipes together. Drop off your goodies to Shelia Mabe the night before or bring them to the Courthouse by 8 am. Anyone wishing to help out is welcomed. We try to sell out by noon.

Have a safe Mardi Gras season and enjoy yourselves.

If you need transportation or don't drive at night, contact me at 391-2233.

Pro Life Corner - Don & Dee Caskey Home 341-4512 or  
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Well we have started this year running. The *Community Center for Life's* Baby Bottle campaign went well. They provided two people for each mass to assist not

only in handing out bottles, they were there to answer any questions the people may have had. Both directors (Miss. Deya and Miss. Ashley) attended each with one volunteer. We were blessed with donations right there on the spot, it is too early for any return totals. Please remember to try to assist us this month on the 9th and 10th for the next campaign at St Anthony for both masses.

I am ecstatic to report that the annual Pro-Life March in Washington D.C. was a tremendous success with the largest attendance ever. I haven't heard any actual numbers but several estimates all said that it was "Huge" as our pro-life president would say. He "attended" via a recorded video offering continued support for our cause. Our Vice-President and his lovely bride spoke and it was a very proud moment for life and freedom of expressing our faith. Our Supreme Knight talked and we also had a video. In case you haven't heard, the Knights of Columbus has donated **ONE THOUSAND** ultrasound machines to clinics. He even invited all able men to join the knights. He's a great man to follow, Atta Boy Carl! It is a sad statement that our main stream national press had minimal coverage on this event, but covered the next day's march in Washington.

Another victory happened that weekend was that Dr. Kathy Allen the founder and director of *Black Advocates for Life* was the Keynote speaker at the January Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration at St. Joseph the Worker in Marrero. This was for another organization similar to ours

that I have been trying to get involved with Pro-Life activities with minimal support or results. My Heartfelt gratitude goes to Dr. Allen for the strong witness for life issues she gave. I do believe that the tide may be turning. As a final note, that organization had some people in attendance from their National Office.

Fr. Francis Offia – The Different Ways the Church Has Been Responding

### The Dallas Charter! The PPF: A Focus on the Church in the United States

In the past four consecutive Sundays I have tried to provide us with the interviews given by Archbishop Aymond, Fr. Jim Wehner (The Rector of Notre Dame Seminary) and Fr Kurt Young (the director of vocations for the Archdiocese of New Orleans) regarding the process of screening and accepting men who have express the interest to go into the seminary to discern for the priesthood in the Archdiocese. As we move forward, I humbly wish to also draw our attention to what is in place on a national level with regard to ensuring effective and efficient formation of men who become priest in the United States. And my goal for doing this still remain one thing – to try to restore **HOPE** for the future of the Church not only in the country but also in the world at large.

I am a strong advocate of the better future for the Church. And my strong conviction based on the series of structures that have already been put in place to make sure that not only that

men who are going into the priesthood receive adequate formation/preparation but also to keep everyone safe more especially the weak and vulnerable kids.

First there is the famous 2002 Dallas Charter by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Right on the webpage of the Conference we read: “The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a comprehensive set of procedures originally established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. It was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018. The *Charter* directs action in all the following matters:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people.
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors.
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations.
- Cooperating with civil authorities.
- Disciplining offenders.

Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through the secretarial of Child and Youth Protection and National Review Board.

From what we have known of recent, the guidelines given in this charter may have helped tremendously at least since 2002 to prevent, may be not completely, the ugly events of the abuse of minors and the vulnerable as was the in the yesteryears, however, there is an indication that some improvement is very urgent. But, if the grand jury report in **Pennsylvania** (*and only in Pennsylvania*) shows that out of the cases investigated (1000 victims and 300 perpetrators), it is only two cases that happened between 2002 and 2018 and that the two were reported to the authority, then maybe we should hope that the structures are working though they may not be perfect yet.

Second, there is also the Program of Priestly Formation (PPF) which its most recent revision was based on St. John Paul II's *Pastores Dabo Vobis (I shall give you a Shepherd)*. This document from the Bishops Conference is in the possession of almost every seminarian and all the seminaries in the United States, and it states in clear terms what the formation of men who are discerning priesthood should look like. Personally I was given a copy the 1<sup>st</sup> week I arrived at Notre Dame Seminary and I have retained that copy till this date. One of the paragraphs in this document is worth putting down here:

“Weaknesses of ethical standards and a moral relativism have a corrosive effect on American public life as seen, for example, in marriage and family life, in business, and in politics.

This ethical environment has affected the Church herself, for example, as seen in the scandalous behavior of some clergy who have abused minors and engaged in sexual misconduct, causing great suffering for the victims and damaging the Church's witness in society. Both the nation and the Church in the nation are summoned to renewal and to a greater integrity of life. The Charter for the Protection of Young People and the Essential Norms adopted by the Catholic bishops in the United States in 2002 (revised in 2005) provide an example of moving in this direction.”

And so as we grapple with the reality of the evil of clergy sex abuse which spanned for decade, as we pray for healing for the victims and survivors, as we work together to pick up our pieces as a church and move on, let us see in these already existing structures in place as source of Hope and Confidence. There is no doubt that sustained and build on these structures, the church will come out of this difficult times much stronger and vibrant in faith.

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*Happy Valentine's Day*  
*February 14*

# Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Bingo
3	4	5	6 Council Mtg 7:30	7	8	9 Bingo - Baby Bottle Campaign St. Anthony 5PM Mass Help Needed
10 10:30 Mass Baby Bottle Campaign St. Anthony Help Needed	11	12	13	14	15 7:30 PM Family Social	16 Bingo - 4th Degree Exemplification Slidell
17	18	19	20 Auxiliary & 2nd Council Mtgs	21	22	23 Bingo
24	25	26	27 Fourth Degree Meeting	28	1 March	2 March Bingo

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