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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
 MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
 7:00 PM**

**TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA**

**Old Business:**

Item	Responsible	Duration
Baby Bottle Campaign	Ross McCalip	5 min
Life March South	Sam Mistretta	5 min
Basketball Free-throw contest	Bert Wintz	5 min

**New Business:**

Item	Responsible	Duration
Southdowns parade party	Phil Romano	5 min
Quarterly Communion	Duke / Todd	5 min

Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM.

A meal will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM. Contact Brennan Kluka if you can help.

Contact Brennan Kluka prior to the meeting if you have new business to present.

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

If you are presently getting the Crusader by regular mail and are willing to accept your copy of the Crusader via email, please contact Sam Mistretta at [smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net). The postage saved will lessen the impact on organizational costs. All you need is an Adobe PDF reader and an email address.

**COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Our Knight of the Month is Ross McCalip. Ross is being recognized this month for leading the Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money for the Pregnancy Problem Center. He is also our council Culture of Life Director. Under his leadership, the council has engaged in many pro-life activities. For example, Ross has led our council's participation in 40 Days for Life and the annual Life March South in Baton Rouge. Ross has been active in the pro-life movement for decades and has received state-wide recognition for his pro-life work. In 2015, Ross and Carolyn McCalip received the Joan Dowd Life Achievement Award. Also noteworthy, Ross organizes monthly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Aloysius parish.

Ross is definitely setting a worthy example for all knights. Thank you Ross for all that you do for our council and the parish.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Our Family of the Month is the family of Bert Wintz. Bert and Jeanne Wintz have been married for 35 years. Both of their families were founding members of St. Aloysius Parish. Bert attended St. Aloysius K-8th, as did all three of their children: Elizabeth (30 yrs old), Carolyn (27 yrs old), and Adrian (25 yrs old).

Bert and Jeanne, as well as all three of their children, attended and graduated from LSU (Carolyn from the LSU Nursing School in N.O.). Carolyn is married to Zach LeBlanc of Sunshine, and they have two daughters: Rosalie (3 yrs old) and Audrey (11 months old). Zach is a member of the KC council in St. Gabriel. Elizabeth is an Assistant Manager at Bath & Body Works store at Mall of

Louisiana. Carolyn is a nurse at OLOL in the PAC Unit. Adrian is member of our council, and he got married on December 1st to the former Leah Jarreau. Adrian works for Mockler Beverage.

Jeanne just retired after having been the PE teacher at St. Aloysius for over thirty years. Jeanne is enjoying being retired, spending lots of time with the grandbabies, and occasionally subbing for teachers at St. Aloysius.

Bert retired from LA. DOTD four years ago after a 34 year career, and he is now working part time for Michael Baker International.

In his time off, Bert enjoys duck hunting, training his Labrador Retrievers, and shooting skeet and sporting clays. Bert has been a member of KC Council 3743 since 1974. He was Grand Knight from 2001 – 2003, and served as Financial Secretary from 2008 – 2014. He is a Fourth Degree member of the Bishop Ott Assembly 2241. Bert has been leading our council’s Basketball Free-throw contest for many years.

The family is hoping to spend some time fishing this spring, and Bert is looking forward to heading to the beach with their kids this summer.

Thank you Bert for being a great knight and a dedicated husband and father.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Our council has a Facebook page titled: “Knights of Columbus Council 3743 at St. Aloysius.” You can search for “Council 3743” to find us.

If you are a Facebook user, please check it out and “like us”! Tell your friends to like us. You can access the council Facebook page using this Internet [link](#). Pictures of council activities are posted often, so check it out!



**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	District Free-Throw – LSVI at 6 PM
4 <sup>th</sup>	Super Bowl Sunday
7 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline- Councils submit CYLA winners to DA
8 <sup>th</sup>	KC Meeting- KC Hall at 7 PM
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jambalaya for Southdowns Parade Watch Party
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mardi Gras
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
15 <sup>th</sup>	First Degree at Council 8601 7:00 PM or TBA
15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline – Semi-annual Audit Report (1295)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharistic Adoration in Parish Chapel 9 AM to 3 PM
18 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly Communion at KC Hall after 9 AM Mass
20 <sup>th</sup>	State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Houma, LA
24 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Free Throw Contest – St. Aloysius Old Gym at 9 AM
28 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline – Substance Abuse Poster Winners from DA Deadline – Conduct Diocesan Free-Throw Competition

**MARCH CALENDAR**

1st	Deadline – CYLA Area Winners to State CYLA Chairman
8th	KC Meeting – KC Hall at 7:00 PM
10th	State Basketball Free-Throw Contest – Lafayette
10th	Community Clean-up Day – 8 AM
11th	Welcoming Brunch for New Parishioners
15th	First Degree at Council 8601 7:00 PM or TBA
17th	Eucharistic Adoration in Parish Chapel 9 AM to 3 PM
25th	Palm Sunday
29th	Holy Thursday
30th	Good Friday
31st	Holy Saturday
31st	Deadline to submit Tootsie Roll money to State office

COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

Through the application of Catholic teaching, Knights of Columbus Council 3743 endeavors to create a good and just society for the benefit of all people by prayer and Christian works of charity.



MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers,

I hope you have all settled down a little bit now that Christmas is over and we are getting into the flow of Ordinary Time. It will be short lived, as Lent is already upon us. I hope you will consider making one of our KC activities one of your Lenten observances. I invite all of you to join us for our monthly pre-meeting rosary. It is a very powerful thing to say the rosary as a group. A few things to keep in mind: while the fraternal year is just past the halfway point, our dues cycle has started over beginning in January. Please do your best to pay your dues as soon as possible. The council depends on dues as part of our income and as a means to continue our charitable donations. If you did not yet receive a dues invoice via email, please contact our Financial Secretary Cliff Gillio ([cliffgillio@gmail.com](mailto:cliffgillio@gmail.com)) right away. Thank you for all you continue to do for our council.

Brennan Kluka,  
Grand Knight



2018 DUES SHOULD BE PAID NOW

Council membership dues for 2018 due on January 1, 2018. Prompt payment of dues is a duty and requirement of membership. The dues are essential to the operation of our council. Please help lower the burden of our council officers by sending a check to our Financial Secretary as soon as possible.

A check for \$35 should be made out to “Knights of Columbus Council 3743” and mailed to:

Financial Secretary Cliff Gillio  
3909 Twelve Oaks Ave  
Baton Rouge, LA 70820-2008

Thank you for your support of our Council!

**REMINDER!**

COUNCIL ROSARY GROUP

Our council has an active Rosary group to pray the Rosary at the wake of a deceased brother or close family member at the family’s request. Please make your family aware of this, so that they can contact us at the appropriate time. **We are in need of additional members to join the Rosary group to ensure that we always have enough guys to respond to a request.** If you are interested in joining the group, please contact the chairman, Sam Mistretta ([smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net), 225-975-1501).



**RECRUITMENT**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

Brother Knights, please help us increase our membership. We need new members' energy and ideas to keep our council vibrant. Please ask your friends and family members to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Remember the membership requirements are: 1) male, 2) 18 years of age or older, and 3) a practical Catholic.

If you need more information about recruiting, contact our Membership Director Geoff Stanford by phone at 225-803-5002 or email him at [geoffstanford@att.net](mailto:geoffstanford@att.net).



**CONSIDER JOINING THE 4TH DEGREE**

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree is the patriotic degree of the Order. It provides more opportunities for brother knights to serve the local community. You will also get to know dedicated Catholic men in the surrounding area.



**Knights of Columbus**  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

You are likely most familiar with the Fourth Degree from those members who are part of the Color Guard which are easily recognized by their regalia. They are often present at special events in the Diocese.

Members of the Patriotic Degree proudly foster patriotism by:

- Participating in national holiday celebrations.
- Honoring veterans for their service.
- Conducting various educational programs.
- Honoring Knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss.
- Participating in special Church celebrations.

If you would like more information, contact Sam Mistretta (975-1501 or email [smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net)).

**FATHERS FOR GOOD**

Fathers For Good is an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus. Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about fatherhood, a [web site](#) has been setup for you.

There is a role only a father can fill and gifts only a father can give. In a culture that often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, we wish to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The world would be lacking without them.

We also welcome wives who want to support their husbands in becoming the best fathers they can be.

On this [web site](#) you will find:

- Information
- Inspiration
- Expert Advice
- Answers to your Questions
- Interactive Features
- A Forum for Your Stories
- A Look at Living the Fatherhood Vocation
- Ways to Strengthen Your Marriage
- St. Joseph Booklet Series

Take a few moments to check it out.

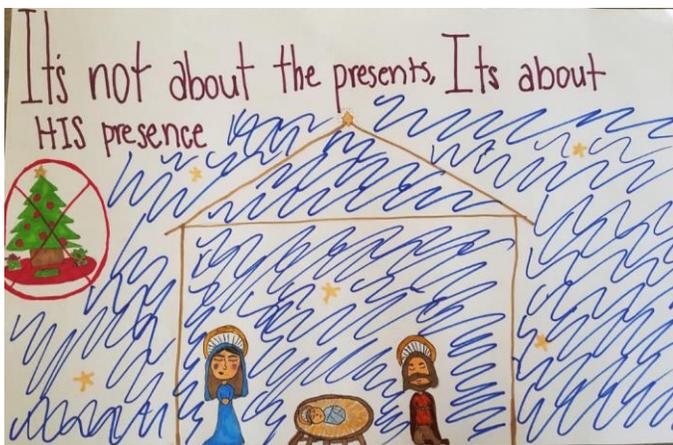


**RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST DIOCESAN WINNER FROM ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH**

For only the second time, the council held the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. By engaging the talents of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

Diocesan Administrator Sam Mistretta has announced that Taylor Jennings from St. Aloysius parish was a Diocesan level winner in the 11 to 14 year old age group. Her poster has been entered into the State competition, and she will receive an award plaque later in the year. Congratulations Taylor!



**COUNCIL HELPS OBTAIN A NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE FOR THE WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER**

St. Mark's Council 8147 in Gonzales led a successful effort to obtain a new ultrasound machine for the Woman's New Life Center in Baton Rouge. Ultrasound machines are an essential tool in helping mothers with a crisis pregnancy to choose life. On January 12th, two checks were delivered to enable the center to purchase the machine.

This machine was obtained through the Knights of Columbus [Ultrasound Initiative](#). The council was able to raise the necessary funds with help from several local KC councils. Our council contributed \$1,000 to this effort.

Through the Ultrasound Initiative, when a state or local council raises 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine, the Supreme Council will provide the other 50% of the cost to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound machine that will help a Pregnancy Care Center to provide for the health of mothers and their unborn children.

Please join me in celebrating this accomplishment.

Pictured (L to R): Sam and Arline Mistretta (State Culture of Life Chair Couple), Keith Gautreau (Council 8147), Donna Ashcraft and Allison Millet (WNLC), Ralph Roger (Council 8147), Dale Tureau (Council 8147), and Cydney Gautreau.



**KC BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CONTEST**

Our council held a Basketball Free-throw contest at St. Aloysius School on Friday, January 19th. The event provides an opportunity for girls and boys ages 10 to 14 years old to demonstrate a fundamental basketball skill: free-throws. Each student was given 10 shots from the free-throw line. A shoot-off is used to break any ties.

This is the council's longest running youth program. A total of 128 students participated this year. The event was led by Chairman Bert Wintz and school participation was coordinated by Anna Stuckey.

Special thanks to the knights who helped make this another successful event: John Walter, Jon Reise, Sam Mistretta, Bert Wintz, Pete Martinez, Dan Gross, Patrick Beard, and John Devillier.

Council winners are:

Sarah Bonnacaze – 11 year old girls  
Caroline Uzee – 12 year old girls  
Emma Bordelon – 13 year old girls  
Lucy Oatley – 14 year old girls

Jack Ruckert – 10 year old boys  
Keller Fourrier – 11 year old boys  
Jack Waguespack – 12 year old boys  
Steven Mayer – 13 year old boys  
Aidan Lambert – 14 year old boys

These winners will advance to the District competition to be held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired. Congratulations to all of our winners!



**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS TALK AT THE  
JANUARY KC MEETING**

At the January KC meeting, Sam Mistretta gave a talk entitled: “Christopher Columbus: A Catholic Perspective.” The talk included material taken from the book: *Christopher Columbus: The Catholic Discovery of America* by Father John Hardon, S. J. The talk highlighted Columbus’ Catholic motivations for making the dangerous voyage to discover America. The talk also briefly addressed common charges made against the character of Christopher Columbus.



LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH SOUTH 2018

Louisiana Life March South took place on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in downtown Baton Rouge, marking the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country. Louisiana Life Marches are held yearly to unite the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines, to take a stand for life in our state and mobilize them with resources to go make a difference in their communities.

It was a beautiful day, and thousands of people from around the state gave public witness for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Participants marched from the State Capitol to the stage near the USS Kidd where several speeches were given. Many knights and their families came out in support for the pro-life cause. We thank all the council members and their families who came to the march this year.



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Dignity of Life ministry at St. Aloysius and our council are conducting a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money for the Pregnancy Problem Center (PPC) that provides a variety of services to pregnant women who are at high risk for an abortion. The center has been serving women in Baton Rouge for over 36 years now.

In the past year, the PPC has obtained a new ultrasound machine so that mothers can see their babies in their womb. They have also expanded educational services to aid women in crisis pregnancies. The center also has a “Mom and Me” shop to help clothe and feed both moms and babies. They have also established an Earn and Learn program. All of these support programs requires substantial funds, and the Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Aloysius will provide those much needed funds.

Culture of Life Chair Couple Ross and Carolyn McCalip would like to thank all of the volunteers who passed out bottles and collected donations on two consecutive weekend Masses in late January. We will report the total amount donated soon, but we can confidently say that St. Aloysius parishioners were again very generous.



**AWARDS FOR POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

At the St. Aloysius school assembly on January 24<sup>th</sup>, chairmen Rick Blackstone, Eric Guerin, and Dixon McMakin presented awards and a check for \$25 to Shepard Smith, Abigail Richert, and Taylor Jennings, council winners of the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. Our chaplain Fr. Randy was also present to recognize the winners.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**UPCOMING MEN’S CONFERENCE**

The Men of the Immaculata will host the 2018 Men’s Conference at St. George Catholic Church on Saturday, February 17th. Don’t miss your chance to experience it. You can get tickets [on-line](#).



**FORMATION NIGHT AT LSU**

Christ the King Catholic Church on the LSU campus is having a series of Formation Nights in the Activity Center at 7 PM as scheduled below.



**UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our council is organizing a monthly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish, open to anyone. It takes place on the **third Saturday of each month**, starting at 9 AM and continuing until 3 PM in the **Parish Chapel**. You can come at any time and stay as long as you like. If you would like more information, please contact Ross McCalip ([rmccalip@cox.net](mailto:rmccalip@cox.net) or 978-2421). No sign-up is required, so just come and pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.



**To Adore Is to Love**

“You have cast yourself into the abyss of that divine solitude. Love and be silent, be silent and love! What silence, what sacred silence, what deep and holy love!” St. Paul of the Cross

Taken from the Manual for Eucharistic Adoration – The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, TAN Books, 2016.

**DIOCESAN BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CONTEST AT ST. ALOYSIUS**

The Baton Rouge Diocesan KC Basketball Free-throw contest will take place at the St. Aloysius (old) gym on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Please contact Diocesan Administrator Sam Mistretta if you are interested in helping out: 225-975-1501 or [smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net).



QUARTERLY COMMUNION & BREAKFAST

We have another Quarterly Communion Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will gather with our families for 9 AM Mass at St. Aloysius and sit together as a group. The usher will be able to show you where to sit. After Mass, we will go to the KC hall where Duke Laville, Todd Poche, and their crew will serve breakfast to the knights, their families and friends. An RSVP is not required, but it would help us with food preparation. We are looking forward to seeing you all there and visiting with you.

LECTURER'S CORNERQUOTES OF THE MONTH

“Many spiritual men, such as General Gordon, Chesterton remarks, actually go about looking for the exact location of the Garden of Eden. Then Chesterton adds, in a remarkable phrase, that ‘most probably we are in Eden still. It is only our eyes that have changed.’ No doubt, Chesterton has no intention here of denying the biblical account of the expulsion from the Garden, nor does he think that we already have a paradise on earth. But he does think that the earth is good and that we are too humble, too doubtful of the riches given to us, to recognize its real worth.”

“The primary existential experience that we human beings have, or ought to have, is that of ‘being homesick at home.’ It is a paradox, of course, this spending our lives to return home, only, on gaining it, to find ourselves yet homesick. ‘For men are homesick in their homes.’ Homesick for what? We might wonder. It is for the place where ‘all men are at home.’”

“After we have solved all the scientific facts of the sidereal entities that support us, they become more, not less, mysterious to us. We know something of their size, shape, speed, age, and density. We look at them. They do not look at us. We ask: ‘Why do we exist?’ They do not ask anything. They are only there to be what they are. It is we who ask what they are. And in asking what the mysterious sun is, we cannot but wonder who we are, in the gardens of the world, looking at the sun rising and setting each day.”

Taken from **The Satisfied Crocodile (Essays on G. K. Chesterton)** by James Schall, ACS Books, 2017.

NEWS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

Congratulations, It’s a Cyborg! – Taken from The New Oxford Review December 2017 issue:

“The inventor of one of the world’s first ‘sex robots’ claims he will soon be able to create a ‘baby’ using one of his bots (*International Business Times*, Oct. 23). By merging the sexbot’s personality and physical traits with his own in a computer program, Sergi Santos says he can create their offspring’s brain and body, which can be ‘born’ in a 3D printer. ‘I would program it with a genome so he or she could have moral values, plus concepts of beauty, justice and the values that humans have,’ he said. ‘I would make an algorithm of what I personally believe about these concepts, and then shuffle it with what she thinks and then 3D print it...I don’t see any complications.’ Santos, who makes the sexbots at his Barcelona studio for an ever-growing number of customers around the world, is confident that people’s shock over sexbots will eventually be replaced by acceptance. ‘Before they know it, these robots will be doing their jobs, and marrying their children, their grandchildren, and their friends,’ he said.”

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PRAYER OF THE MONTH

FRATERNAL

**Prayer for Babies in Their Mother’s Wombs**

O God of all creation, nurture and protect tiny children and keep them safe in the sanctuary of their mother’s wombs. As You so wondrously form their hearts and minds, and lungs and souls, so strengthen our wills to lovingly nurture and protect them.

Give us the eyes to see them as our brothers and sisters, the minds to welcome them as our own, and the faith to defend them as Your children.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the mother of all the little ones, through Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Source: EWTN



MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have changed mailing address in the past year, please notify Cliff Gillio by mail or email:

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A new form 100 must be sent to Supreme.



If you know of a Brother Knight or family member who is in need of our assistance and prayers, please contact Grand Knight Brennan Kluka (507-5356 or [bkluca@gmail.com](mailto:bkluca@gmail.com)) so that resources can be directed as needed.

INSURANCE

**Pending Insurance Agent Change**

Our insurance agent Mike Martin has decided to pursue other professional job opportunities. However, Mike is planning to remain a member of our council. Please join me in thanking Mike for his service to the Order.

During this period before a new agent is named, you can contact General Agent Mickey Dougherty by phone at 225-295-1090 or by email at [timothy.dougherty@kofc.org](mailto:timothy.dougherty@kofc.org). He is ready to help you with all of your insurance needs.



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- Chaplain: Fr. Randy Cuevas

In Service to One – in Service to All through Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.