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and FRANCIS X. SEELOS 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2321

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Month	Day	Program	Event	Time	Place
December	12 (Fri)	Church	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe		
	13 (Sat)	Church	Pre-School Mother's Club Breakfast with Santa	9:00 AM	FLC
	13 (Sat)	Church	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales		Rouse's
	14 (Sun)	Church	Celebration of Lights	after 6:00 PM , mass	Courtyard
	18 (Thu)	Family	Christmas Party	7:00 PM (6:30 ro- sary)	FLC
	20 (Sat)	Community	Project Christmas Distribution		
	21 (Sun)	Church	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
	25 (Thu)		Christmas - Feast of the Nativity		

**2009**

January	1 (Thu)		New Year's Day & Feast of Mary, Mother of God		
	8 (Thu)	Council	Officer & Director Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	6 (Tue)		Feast of the Epiphany		
	14 (Wed)	Council	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	15 (Thu)	Council	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 ro- sary)	FLC
	17 (Sat)	Youth	Youth Free Throw Championship	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Little Oak
	18 (Sun)	Church	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
	19 (Mon)		Dr. Martin Luther King Day		
	22 (Thu)		Anniversary of Roe v. Wade		
	22 (Thu)	Member- ship	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
	24 (Sat)	Church	Men's Holy Hour	7:00-8:00 AM	St. Luke
	24 (Sat)	Youth	District - Youth Free Throw Champi- onship	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Creekside
	25 (Sun)	Council	Grand Knight's Day	8:00 AM	Lafayette
		Youth	CYLA Scholarship Apps due to Council		
		Church	Marian Prayer Program	7:00 PM	Church

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

We recently presented our can shake proceeds to Dianne Baham, Executive Director of STARC. Dianne was impressed with our \$3,000 donation that almost doubled last year's collection with the addition of Wal-Mart along with Winn Dixie and Rouse's. I also had an opportunity to visit STARC's Adult Work Center on St. Anne Drive off West Hall and visit with some of the staff and clients. Seeing a small part of STARC's work in our community made presenting our donation even more rewarding. Thanks to all of you that helped make this possible.

The Golf Tournament was a big success thanks to the many Brother Knights and Ladies who helped before, during and after the event. We couldn't do it without the many folks that give so freely of their time. Hopefully, you were able to enjoy the wonderful weather, the good food and fellowship. Special thanks to Jack Pecot, to our many cooks whose talents may be the tournament's biggest drawing card, to those who hustled to get Hole Sponsors and ditty bag items, and to all of you who helped make it a success.

The reason for fundraisers is to focus on our first principle: CHARITY. For many years, the biggest benefactor of the Golf Tournament has been Project Christmas—a non-profit organization that works with agencies, businesses, churches, civic organizations and individuals to provide Christmas services for the needy and reduce duplication. Project Christmas originally grew out of a program of St. Luke's Good Samaritans Ministry. The need and the response grew beyond Good Sam's to become a separate charitable organization involving many organizations and people and serving needy children and families across St. Tammany Parish.

I met with the Board of Project Christmas recently. After a more limited program post-Katrina because of reduced volunteers, Project Christmas is returning to their original program providing Christmas gifts to needy children and food baskets to their families. Project Christmas has close to 600 children from 300 families registered. Good Samaritan's Ministry has made 90 of these children for the Adopt an Angel tree available after masses. The Council has committed to provide 100 food boxes leaving 50 families on our side of the parish. Cost per food box is \$45, which includes all the sides, dessert and a few extras plus a certificate for a turkey or ham. There are plenty of ways to get involved. We'll need volunteers for the December 20<sup>th</sup> distribution date. If you have extra time, Project Christmas will need additional help on distribution day. They're also looking for help on most days from now until distribution at their storage location (transporting, sorting, wrapping, etc.) Contact me if interested.

Let's put our faith in action. Let's make a difference.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim

Timothy A. Helbling  
Grand Knight

**November Recognitions**

***Knight of the Month***

**Jack Pecot & Ronnie Mayeux**

Jack Pecot, PGK is our Council Fund-raising Chairman. He just co-chaired our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament which introduced our first annual KC Team Cup and brought in the involvement of other area councils.

Ronnie Mayeux is our Council Treasurer and involved in helping with almost every activity we have. Ronnie chaired this year's STARC can shake, expanding collection to three locations and almost doubling the prior year collection.

Both Jack and Ronnie are 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knights in Fr. Seelos Assembly.

***Family of the Month***

**Frank & Janet Arceri**

Frank and Janet Arceri are long-time active members the Council, Assembly and St. Luke's Church. This year's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veteran's Day Parade would have rolled without floats if Frank hadn't stepped up and provided his expertise to the Veteran's Celebrate Freedom organization. Frank is a 4th degree Sir Knight currently serving as Faithful Pilot in Fr. Seelos Assembly.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thursday, December 18th—6:30 PM  
St. Luke Family Life Center

**December Recognitions**

***Knight of the Month***

**Bill Burtch**

Bill Burtch, PFN is our Council Community Director. Long active in many areas of the Council and Assembly, Bill accompanied Brother Knights to their 2nd/3rd Degrees in October and new Sir Knights to their 4th Degree Exemplification in November.

***Family of the Month***

**Bobby & Tracey Gremillion**

Bobby and Tracey Gremillion are active with both the Council and Assembly. On top of helping at almost all events, Bobby and Tracey have taken over the Council website and are busy updating and adding new features to it. Bobby, PGK is Faithful Navigator in Fr. Seelos Assembly and serves as Trustee and Membership director in the Council.

**VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED**

Celebration of Lights (Dec 14<sup>th</sup>) - Workers needed to help serve hot cocoa and cookies. (Courtyard after 6 PM Mass.)

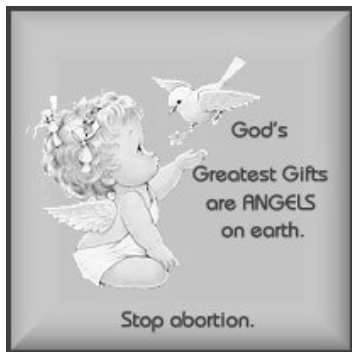
Christmas Party (Dec 18<sup>th</sup>) - Volunteers needed to plan decorations, etc.

Project Christmas - Volunteers needed to help load and transport food boxes. Volunteers will also be needed at distribution day. (Meet at Rouse's on Gause 7 AM)

Youth Free-throw - (Jan 17<sup>th</sup>) Volunteers needed to assist. (Contact Vince Rizzotto.)

Thank

## Prayer for the Unborn



*Most Holy Mother, we ask that you touch the hearts and minds of those who are so troubled as to put their own wants and comfort before the lives of the innocent. Help them see that the unborn is a priceless joining of body, mind and soul. Guide them to understand these lives are no less precious to God than those of us who are fortunate enough to be born.*

*Give us the opportunity to comfort those in need; to avoid the temptations of a quick solution, leading to eternal damnation. Help them see beyond their present situation and embrace the teaching of Jesus Christ. Allow them to reach out in service to others and in turn serve themselves. Show all the peace of Jesus Christ and remove the scourge of abortion from the face of the earth.*

*Amen*

## Message from the Editor

Due to computer technical issues the November 2008 edition of the K of C newsletter was not published. Thank you for your understanding.

## Fathers for Good

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## Color Corps Commander — Eugene Seroka

Many thanks to our Color Corps who attended our Corporate Communion honoring our deceased Brother Knights, it was well attended and we performed very well.

Now that the year is ended for 2008, we have our schedule for 2009.

Saturday Feb. 14, 4pm mass "Unborn"

Sunday May 17, 9am mass "Blue Mass"

Sunday Aug 9, 11am mass "Family"

Sunday Nov. 8, 9am mass "Memorial"

We also must attempt to have our Sir Knights who are thinking about getting regalia to please contact me.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Thursday, December 18th, 6:30 PM*

KC Council 9973 will hold its annual Christmas Party for members and wives on Thursday evening, December, 18th in the Fr. Bourg Family Life Center. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 with dinner following. Entrees and beverage are provided by the Council. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Do you know someone considering becoming a Knight? Invite them to join us and bring him and his wife to the Christmas party. No formal recruiting presentations but a good way to introduce him and his wife to the Council.

### Financial Secretary—Eugene Seroka

It is getting to that time when you will receive a statement for 2009 dues. It is policy that you have 30 days from receipt of the statement to pay or be in arrears. If this practice is not followed you can be suspended. In the past we have been very liberal. We tried to contact those who did not pay, we really did not have much success. It takes many man hours trying to remind, persuade and get action, not to mention leaving messages and emails with no response.

So, we will try something different this year. The statements were mailed by November 15, payments expected by January 15, 2009. I hope this will help your bookkeeping process.

We have a change in our form 100. This is our membership document, it has been revised as 100LA, it is color coded and has an ANNUITY for new members through age 83. Each brother knight should have a form in his possession in the event he knows a prospective knight. I now have a supply of the 100LA's

**Do you know someone who would benefit from joining  
the Knights of Columbus?**

**Have YOU invited them to join yet?**

## 4th Degree Essay Contest—Bill Burch

The District of Louisiana, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus (the patriotic degree of the Order) annually sponsors a Patriotic Essay Contest. The contest is open to all seventh and eighth grade students in the state. We sponsor this essay contest to promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of our youth.

This years theme is "WHAT DOES THE AMERICAN FLAG MEAN TO ME?".

The double spaced essay can be either typed or legibly written. It must contain no fewer than 500 words or more than 750 words. The essay are due to Bill Burtch, Patriotic Chairman, by Dec 20, 2008.

Assembly winner receives \$100; Diocese winner receives \$150 and the District winner receives \$350.

The Patriotic Essay Entry Form must be completed and attached to each essay.

For more info contact Bill Burtch at 985-288-7641 or [wjburtch@yahoo.com](mailto:wjburtch@yahoo.com).

## Terry Kennedy, General Agent **Statement on Financial Services Markets and the Knights of Columbus**

In light of the current status of the financial markets, I thought this statement from the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, would be appropriate. "The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception. But I can report to you that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of the very conservative approach we take to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has been far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole".

A safe place for your money would be an annuity with the Knights of Columbus. Current interest rates are 4.5% for amounts under \$10,000, and 4.75% for amounts over \$10,000. If you are interested, please call me, Terry Kennedy General Agent, 985-649-2703 or [terry.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto:terry.kennedy@kofc.org). I would be happy to help you.

## **Lenten Little Black Books**

Guys, I messed up at the last general meeting and failed to get a vote to fund the Lenten "Little Black Books" daily meditation books which we've provided the parish the last two years. Because the Christmas Party replaces our regular December meeting, we need to vote on this now in order to place an order in time. These reflection books have been very well received and we've received numerous thanks throughout the parish. In order to handle, I need you to reply to the motion below. Please reply - but only vote once.

**Move to fund \$1900 to provide the Lenten Little Black Books to St. Luke's.**  
Please send your vote to [TimHelbling@bellsouth.net](mailto:TimHelbling@bellsouth.net) or (985) 710-5300.

## **Intercessory Prayers**

Your prayers have been requested for the following people:

Dennis Schafer, Flo Broussard, Jerry Broussard, Harry Allison, Ashlee Stokes, Ray Kline

If you have anyone you would like prayers said for, contact Mike Mills at 847-9789 or [Mills586@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mills586@bellsouth.net)

## **November and December Birthdays**

In addition to Dave Lemarie reaching the significant milestone of 60, the following Brother Knights celebrate birthdays this month. We wish you health, happiness and all the Blessings of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **November**

Dale Motte, Arthur Price, James Braud, Darryl Stoltz, Matthew Ray, Allen Broussard, David Gravseth, Landry Bernard III, Timothy Howell, Lance Walls, Kevin Mccarthy, Michael Para, Patrick Ward, Harry Alison, Carvin Ladinier, Patrick Prudhomme, Dennis Secketa, Ronald Mayeux, Herbert Stoltz, and Terry Kennedy

### **December**

John Mccarthy, Max Boos, William Lazaroe, Joseph Bouche, Stephen Buttler, Donald Aleman Jr, Charles LeBlanc, Malcom Thiel, James Dileo, Elster Verzwylvelt, Kayo Fraychineaud, Fletcher Cochran, Kent Wasmuth, Laurence Gillio, Jules Baumann, Mark Hava and last but by no means least, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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