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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knight Time



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and FRANCIS X. SEELOS 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2321

DECEMBER 2010

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Day	Event	Time	Place
December 2010			
12 (Sun)	Major Degree - 2nd/3rd	7:00 AM, St. Luke FLC	Chalmette
12 (Sun)	Celebration of Lights	after 6:00 PM mass	Courtyard
16 (Thu)	General Meeting/Christmas Party	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
18 (Sat)	Project Christmas Food Baskets	7:00 AM	Rouses
18 (Sat)	Project Christmas Distribution	9:00-12:00; 1:00-4:00	Aldersgate
19 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
20 (Mon)	KC Santa Family Event	6:30 - 9:30	FLC
30 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
January 2011			
6 (Thu)	Officer & Director Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
9 (Sun)	District Corporate Communion	9:30 AM	OLL
12 (Wed)	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	CYLA Scholarship Apps due to Council		
	Knights Family Social/Bonko	6:30 PM	FLC
	Youth Free Throw Championship	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Little Oak Elem
16 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
17 (Mon)	<i>Dr. Martin Luther King Day</i>		
20 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
27 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
	Semiannual Audit	7:00 PM	FLC
	District - Youth Free Throw Championship	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Creekside
	Grand Knight's Day	8:00 AM	Lafayette

Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights:

Well, December is here and we are in the Holiday Season. As we go about celebrating and enjoying all of the beautiful decorations and the festive parties, we need to take time to remember the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

With Jesus' birth in mind, remember we will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and yard signs after all masses on the weekend of 12/11/10 and 12/12/10. We can use your help after each mass. St. Luke will have their annual "Celebration of the Lights" after the 6:00 pm mass on 12/12/10. As usual, we will be handing out cookies and hot chocolate after Father blesses the Christmas tree. The Christmas lights will be turned on around 7:00 pm. Bring your whole family and enjoy the Christmas carols, cookies and hot chocolate.

Also, mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, 12/16/10, 7:00 pm, in the St. Luke Family Life Center. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert and the Council will supply the main dish and the liquid refreshments. Remember, in December the Christmas Party replaces our monthly meeting. This is a fun night, so bring your spouse and let's enjoy each others company. Since this is not a December business meeting, if there is someone you are recruiting who wishes to join the Knights, this will be a perfect opportunity to invite them as well as their spouses, to attend our Christmas Party. Maybe we can recruit some 'New Brothers'.

Once again, we are inviting you to bring your children and grandchildren to a Christmas Party with Santa on Monday, 12/20/10, 7:00 pm at the St. Luke Family Life Center. The Council will provide hot dogs, cookies and soft drinks. You need to bring a \$10.00 gift wrapped present for each child or grandchild you bring to see Santa. Please put the first and last name of the child on each present. This is a great evening of fun. Your children and grandchildren will remember this for a long time.

Also, Project Christmas will take place on Saturday, 12/18/10. Because of our successful Golf Tournament, KC #9973 will be supplying 155 Christmas food baskets for Project Christmas. We will need help with the moving of these food baskets from Rouses on Gause Blvd. to the Old Sherman & Williams Store on Military Rd. and Gause Blvd. There will be a total of 230 baskets that will need to be transported that morning. We always have a great turnout and I know you will be there again this year. We need everyone at Rouses at 6:55 am on Saturday, 12/18/10. Tim Helbling is coordinating this for Project Christmas. Tim can also use your help that day. So please let Tim know if you can stay longer that morning or if you will be able to come back later that day.

As a KC Council, we have been very blessed by our God, Jesus Christ. And on behalf of my wife, Cheryl, and myself, we would like to wish to you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus

Ray C. Duthu, Jr.
Grand Knight

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Brother and Sir Knights,

"Unwavering Support of the Faith: Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty."

As we celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas, this vision statement of the Fourth Degree is a good reminder to us all that we are called to support and defend our faith. And even during this Holy season, there are many attacking our faith.

Some are blatant. The American Atheists organization recently spent \$20,000 to place a billboard at the New Jersey entrance to the Lincoln tunnel proclaiming "You KNOW it's a Myth. This season, celebrate reason." Another atheist organization spent \$100,000 earlier this year placing billboards nationwide.

Fortunately, there are efforts to counter this message. The Catholic League put up their own billboard on the New York City side of the tunnel reading, "You know it's real. This season celebrate Jesus." Here, the Knights of Columbus has led the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. This year, a record 39 billboards have been placed across the area including the one which Council 9973 sponsored along with St. Luke Men's Club. Look for it at 726 Old Spanish Trail.

Sometimes, we allow the erosion of our faith to come from within. It's easy during this season to get caught up in all things commercial and lose track of the true meaning of Christmas. Slow yourself down. Reflect, pray, and celebrate Christ's nativity.

May your Christmas be filled with many blessings.

The Patriotic Degree of the Order - Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim

Sir Knight Timothy A. Helbling
Faithful Navigator

COUNCIL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2010 - ALAN BROUSSARD

Family Social Event - Council Christmas Party

We will have our annual Christmas Party on Thursday December 16th at the Father Rodney Bourg Family Life Center from 7:00PM to 11:00PM.

The council will provide drinks. The meal will be Pot Luck so please bring a dish.

KC Santa

Monday December 20th at Family Life Center from 7:00PM to 10:00PM.

Santa will be arriving by FIRE ENGINE! The K.C.'s will provide hot dogs and chili, drinks, hot chocolate, and cookies.

Parents or grand parents supply one \$10.00 gift for their child or grandchild. Please remember to clearly write the child's first and last name on the gift.

Allen Broussard
Council Director
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December Recognition

Knight of the Month

Rodney Battistella IV

Family of the Month

Allen and Elaine Broussard

Thank you all for your hard work.

December Birthdays

Donald Aleman Jr., Jules Baumann, Max Boos, Joseph Bouche, Stephen Butler, Fletcher Cochran, James Dileo Jr. Kayo Fraychineaud, Grant Gravois, Mark Hava, William Lazaroe III, Charles LeBlanc, John McCarthy, John Pasqua Sr., Malcom Thiel, Elster Verzwylvelt, Kent Wasmuth, Chris Wilder Jr.

Happy Birthday Guys

Intercessory Prayers

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE LISTED BELOW

Brother Knights,

, Flo Broussard, Chris Daniel, Bonnie Baumann, Jan Kendal, Nancy Mills, Darren Holt, Deacon Paul Augustin, Mary Andres, Katy Kline, Bob Kelly, Lucas Algeciras Harry Allison Bill Lazaroe, Dennis Schafer, Gary Verzwylvelt, Jessica Allen, Sue Ryan, Adrienne Martinez, Mercey Martinez, Rachel Pecot, Vanaessa Landry, Syble McCann, Joe Calimento, Marie Dimeco, Sue Lyon, Ashley Stokes, Herb and Merline Stoltz, Archbishop Hannan, Archbishop Schulte, Susan Edmonton, Keith Hent, Lisa Brown, Beverly Boos, Laura Graham, Leslie Calbot, Susan West, Sue Theriot, Oscar Martinez, Wendy Friedlander. Al Guidry, Father Bob Kieltyka, Rachel Pecot, Alma Hulin, Dianne Moffett

We have been maintaining a Council and Assembly prayer list that is published in the Knight Time and is also on our Council/ Assembly website. I will also send out an e-mail for prayers, as soon as possible, to our Council and our Assembly when members, their family or friends are sick, in the hospital or have died. If someone is in the hospital it is helpful if I have the name of the hospital and if they can receive visitors. If someone has died I will send out information regarding their passing and I will also send out information about the funeral arrangements. This will be done as soon as possible after I receive the information.

To add names to the Prayer List contact Mike Mills by e-mail at mills586@bellsouth.net or by phone at 985-847-9789.

Brother Knights, - Upcoming Degree Exemplification

If you're currently a 1st or 2nd Degree member, consider making your 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Sunday, December 12th in Chalmette. I need to know as soon as possible how many are interested so I can advise the host council. If we have candidates from St. Luke Council, we'll arrange to meet candidates at St. Luke's to carpool/convoy to the 2nd/3rd Degree. There's no cost to the candidates because the cost was already included in your 1st Degree initiation fee. Please note that the 3rd Degree is considered a Major Degree and a dress code applies. From the information letter sent to all councils, "Recommended dress is coat and tie. Shorts and tee shirts will not be allowed. Candidates may be refused if not reasonably dressed."

I realize that asking you to give up a full Sunday morning is a sacrifice for you and your families. Please consider this, through prayer and discussion with your spouse, as an investment in your journey as a Knight and as a Catholic gentleman.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Helbling

TimHelbling@bellsouth.net (985) 710-5300

INSURANCE CORNER:

Insurance check-up for 2011

Can you believe it will soon be 2011? I hope that 2010 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you're thinking about making some resolutions for 2011. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that he will provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can - guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

I'm Terry Kennedy, General Agent at 985-649-2703 terry.kennedy@kofc.org

FINANCIAL SECRETARY -

Eugene Seroka

December 15 2010 is the deadline for your 2011 dues to be payed. You were in receipt of your invoice the week of November 7, 2010. Please give every effort to meet this deadline.

At this time we have approximately 70 members that have paid, and this is a very poor indicator of what we are looking forward to. By not paying your dues in a timely fashion means a large work load on the financial secretary. Please give every effort to meet your commitment as a Brother Knight to comply with this request..

Please read the bottom statement on your invoice.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Our Council will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" signs and magnets at all Masses Saturday December 11th and Sunday December 12th. If you can help please let us know what Mass you will be available for .

COUNCIL 9973 IS HONORED WITH STAR COUNCIL AWARD



COLOR CORPS COMMANDER -Eugene Seroka

We are looking for additional Sir Knights for our Color Corps(regalia), if you are considering joining us, we do have a small supply of Chapeau's,Capes and Sword Baldric's to defray expenses.

2011 color corps schedule

Feb 12 Saturday 4pm mass Family

May 15 Sunday 9am mass Blue Mass

Aug 14 Sunday 11am Unborn

Nov 13 Sunday 9am mass Deceased Brother Knights

These date's and times are tentative, waiting for Fr. Lomax approval.

Also, we have not received our new lapel pins(the only pin worn on the lapel is the official pin of the fourth degree). Until we are in receipt of the new pin we will continue to us our original issue.

KC Golf Tournament

KC Golf Tournament long sleeve tee shirts for sale - \$10.00 (XL only) Only 9 remaining.
Contact Jack Pecot @ (985) 250-.9495

Sir Knights and Brother Knights—Mike Mills

Our Fourth Degree Assembly has organized a good will trip to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi on Saturday December 11. We will meet at St. Luke and carpool as necessary from there. We plan on leaving St. Luke at 1:00 P.M. and plan on being back in Slidell by about 4:30 P.M. If you are interested in joining us for this trip please let me know as soon as possible by phone at 985-847-9789, or by e-mail at mills586@bellsouth.net.

Please wear your Fourth Degree or Council shirt.

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Grand Knight	Ray Duthu
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2 Year Trustee	Tim Helbling
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Lecturer	Bill Burtch

Assembly Officers 2009-10

Faithful Navigator	Tim Helbling
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Faithful Pilot	Chris Wilder
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