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and FRANCIS X. SEELOS 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2321

February 2009

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Month	Day	Event	Time	Place
Feb	19 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
	22 (Sun)	Lenten Little Black Books Distribution	at all masses	St. Luke
	24 (Tue)	<i>Mardi Gras</i>		
	25 (Wed)	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		
	26 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
	27 (Fri)	Fish Fry		FLC
	28 (Sat)	Men's Holy Hour	7:00-8:00 AM	St. Luke
	28 (Sat)	4th Degree Exemplification	10:00 AM	Baton Rouge
March	5 (Thu)	Officer & Director Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	11 (Wed)	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	13 (Fri)	Fish Fry		FLC
	15 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
	19 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
	25 (Wed)	<i>K of C Day of the Unborn Child</i>		
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	27 (Fri)	Fish Fry		FLC
	28 (Sat)	Men's Holy Hour	7:00-8:00 AM	St. Luke
	29 (Sun)	<i>K of C Founder's Day</i>		
		Membership Blitz Event?		
		St. Luke Blood Drive	8:30 - 1:00	FLC

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Gentlemen, start your engines. It's Fish Fry Season!

As carnival season comes to an end, it will again be time to come out and support our council fish fries. The fish fries are one of our biggest fundraisers and support much of the charitable work we do throughout the year. They're also a great opportunity to get to better know your brother Knights while we work towards a common goal. That's Fraternity, Unity and Charity all in one shot! The fish fries are a lot of work but when we have plenty of brother knights (and often many of the wives and children too), the time goes quickly and they end up being a lot of fun. Mark your calendars and plan to spend a couple hours (or more) February 27th, March 13th and 27th.

Of course, it's not really "Fish Fry Season". It's the Lenten Season. And while giving up meat on Fridays may not be a huge sacrifice in southeast Louisiana, there are many things we can do to help keep us on the Lenten path. Consider attending additional masses during the week, spending time in the Adoration Chapel, or setting aside time for daily prayer, bible study or inspirational reading. Our Council is again providing the Lenten "Little Black Books" to the parish which provide a daily scripture reading and meditation which easily fits into any busy schedule.

The Knights of Columbus also offers many resources online including free Catholic Information Services (CIS) downloads, RSS feeds to your e-mail or internet browser or Podcast Series to your MP3 player. Just go to www.KofC.org. Choose "For Members" from the menu at the top of the page. Click on "Publications & Resources" from the menu on the left which will expand giving you many resources to explore.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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Timothy A. Helbling
Grand Knight

February Recognitions

Knight of the Month

Jay Otilio

Jay Otilio joined our council a little more than a year ago and late last summer, he agreed to chair the football pools. Whether his willingness was due to charity or he didn't know what he was had agreed to take on is not certain but Jay finished up his first year with the Saint's and Super Bowl pools doing a great job and helping the council raise \$1400 while also building fraternity among our members and families.

Family of the Month

Vince and Kay Rizzotto

Vince and Kay Rizzotto have been active in many ministries at St. Luke's including SLY (St. Luke Youth), Religious Ed, Eucharistic Ministers, Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Vince is our Council's Youth Director and he and his family have been busy recently with the Youth Free Throw Championship and our first year participating in the State KC Youth Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.

Camp Joshua

Louisiana Camp Joshua is a weekend camp sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Louisiana Right to Life, and Louisiana Students for Life. Now in its second year, Camp Joshua is designed to train high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to be pro-life leaders through education and leadership skills. St. Luke Council will sponsor up to four students to attend Camp Joshua 2009 which will be held March 27 - 29 at Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. If you know a high-school student who might be interested, encourage them to contact St. Luke Youth Director Chris Lorusso at 985-641-6572. For more information, check out the Louisiana Camp Joshua website at <http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/youth/camp-joshua.html>

Volunteers Help Wanted

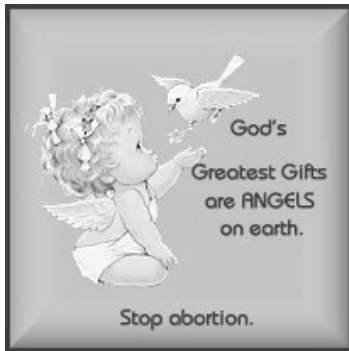
Some of the areas needing members to help: Call GK Tim Helbling or the specific contact listed to volunteer or for more information.

Lenten Books Distribution (Feb 21-22)

Volunteers needed to help distribute after each mass. (Contact Jack Pecot)

Fish Fries (Feb 27, Mar 13, 27) Volunteers needed beginning around 4:00 on through ~ 8:30 for the clean-up chores

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

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

Have YOU invited them to join yet?

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Terry Kennedy, General Agent at 985-649-2703. Resumes may also be faxed to 985-643-9789 or e-mailed to Terry.kennedy@kofc.org, or mailed to Kennedy Agency, 104 Village St. Ste. B, Slidell, LA

Lenten “Little Black Books”

KC Council 9973 is again providing the “Little Black Book” Lenten meditation books at weekend masses February 21-22. Brother Knights will be needed to help distribute the books at the end of each mass. If you can help, contact Jack Pecot at (985) 847-1900 or JPecot@JobsCenter.com and let him know which mass you plan to attend.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

We wish you health, happiness and all the Blessings of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Happy Birthday to all

Sidney Hebert, Allie Guidry, Brendan Frost, Donald Gonzales, Robert Sicking, Dennis Schafer, Aaron Scholl, Charles Moffett, Phillip Mills, Leonard Raymond, Joseph Lala, Neil Bobal, Jamie Lee

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Eugene Seroka

If you would kindly look on the back of your membership card you will note "In case of accident, illness, or need of the member to whom this card was issued, please notify a priest and

In 2008 the state house cancelled their 800 number and late in 2008 reinstated a 866 number. For those of you who have paid their dues and have their card please change the #800 to #866, it remains 442-2379.

For those of you who do not have a card, it means you DID NOT PAY YOUR DUES.

That means I now have to send you a second notice and if no response we may have to cancel you from the rolls.

I understand many have good intentions to pay so let this be a final reminder

Vivat Jesus

Eugene Seroka - Color Corps Commander

February 14 will be our first Corporate Communion for this year. It will be Saturday at 4 pm mass, would you please advise me if you will or will not attend and family/friends that will join us.

I would like to reschedule our dry run for Sir Knights in regalia and tux, for a Saturday in March at 10am. I will be out of the country most of April and would like for us to be prepared for our Blue Mass in May.

985-641-0702

serokae@bellsouth.net

Vivat Jesus

Manresa
House of Retreats Convent, La.

Have you considered making a retreat? When was the last time you went on one? Need an invitation? Here it is.

Why do I need to make my retreat at Manresa? The 6,200 men who make their annual retreat at Manresa on the Mississippi could answer your question in a heartbeat. These men have come to understand and experience the value of removing themselves from the clamor and clutter of their daily life. It is these distractions that hinder each one of us from hearing God's individual message directed to us.

Your Retreat Master will guide you through a series of eleven 30 minute presentations that mirror the spiritual exercises and directions of Saint Ignatius. These presentations are vital to truly experiencing the retreat process. When coupled with the absolute adherence to an air of silence these events allow one to come into contact with their inner spirit and to hear the inspirations from the Lord.

The grounds at Manresa are the perfect setting for this retreat, but Manresa is more than a beautiful environment... Manresa is an atmosphere. It is an atmosphere that will lift your spirit and free you to listen to God. Each year the men of Manresa return to their families renewed, energized and at peace with themselves. For these reasons the Manresa House of Retreats, located in Convent, Louisiana, is recognized as one of the premier Jesuit retreat houses in the entire world. Many Brother Knights in our Council attend retreats at Manresa. Retreats are held 51 weekends each year, so you can pick the time that is best for you. For more details go to either of the following web sites:

<http://www.manresala.org/>

<http://www.leonce.com/manresa/>

Vivat Jesus, Jack Pecot

Knights Of Columbus –
YOUR BUSINESS BELONGS HERE

Do you know that the Knights of Columbus can offer you Traditional & Roth IRA Plans? Do you know enough about them to decide whether or not they fit into your financial picture?

I would like you to answer three questions:

Are you, like most people, interested in saving money?

Do you find it difficult to save under common saving methods?

Take the number of years you've been working times your average salary.

What percentage of that income have you saved so far? How much will you save in the future?

If your answers bother you, I would like the chance to sit and talk with you (and your wife, of course) about the alternatives - annuities and tax-sheltered savings at highly competitive interest rates. You need not look anywhere else but your own Order for your financial needs. Other institutions bombard you with ads for business at this time of year. We just keep doing what we have been doing since Father McGivney founded the Order - taking care of our members and their families.

Call me today - I want to hear from you. I am Terry Kennedy, General Agent 985-649-2703 or terry.kennedy@kofc.org

Intercessory Prayers

Prayer List

Al Guidry, Harry Allison Flo Broussard, Leah Burke, Bill Lazaroe, Dennis Schafer, All U.S. Troops, Gary Verzwylvelt, Randy Elias, Joe Bernard, Jessica Allen, Danny Flynn, Patrick Gordon, Betty Cook, Karen Hermann, Helen Authement. All United States Military Personnel especially those engaged in combat.

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

Faithful Navigator—Sir Knight Robert Gremillion

This past Wednesday at the 4th degree meeting, members in attendance voted to pay our full assessment for the state's ERE Program. The assessment for our Assembly was \$305 based on 61 members in our assembly. Membership to date have donated \$205 of the \$305 we were assessed. The program, 'Excellence in Religious Education' goes to assist religious education teachers who may need financial assistance in working for a Masters of Arts Degree in Religious Education or in Pastoral Ministries. All money raised in the Dioceses of New Orleans stays in the Dioceses of New Orleans.

February 28th is the next Exemplification for the 4th degree in Baton Rouge. Candidates' names must be submitted to the Master by February 21. Any 3rd degree members interested in becoming a 4th degree member please contact me, Tim Helbling or Gene Seroka. We need brother knights in the 4th degree more than ever; it is truly an honor to be called a Sir Knight.

If you have not paid your 4th degree dues please mail your check to Tim Helbling and please include your ERE donation. For all of those who have already donated I thank you for your charity, the first principal of our order.

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Sir Knight Robert Gremillion
Faithful Navigator

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