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and FRANCIS X. SEELOS 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2321

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Month	Day	Event	Time	Place
January	14 (Wed)	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	15 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
	17 (Sat)	Youth Free Throw Championship - Council	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Little Oak Elementary
	17 (Sat)	Area C Meeting	9:00 AM	Abita Springs
	18 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
	19 (Mon)	Marian Prayer Program	7:00 PM	Church
	21 (Wed)	Semiannual Audit	7:00 PM	FLC
	22 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
	24 (Sat)	Youth Free Throw Championship - District	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Creekside
	25 (Sun)	Grand Knight's Day	8:00 AM	Lafayette
	26 (Mon)	Council 20-year Anniversary		
	28 (Wed)	CYLA Scholarship Apps due to Council		
February	1 (Sun)	Super Bowl Party	3:30 PM	FLC
	5 (Thu)	Officer & Director Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	11 (Wed)	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
	14 (Sat)	Corporate Communion (Unborn Child)	4:00 PM	St. Luke
	15 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
	15 (Sun)	Mardi Gras Parade	Noon (1:00 Parade-Dionysus)	Pontchartrain-at Winn Dixie
	19 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
	22 (Sun)	Lenten Little Black Books Distribution	at all masses	St. Luke
	26 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
	27 (Fri)	Fish Fry		FLC
	28 (Sat)	4th Degree Exemplification		Baton Rouge

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

There were many Council activities in December thanks to all of you who volunteered your time to help within our Church, Community and Council. You supported the blood drive, Christ in Christmas program, set up Christmas lights, served cocoa and cookies at Celebration of Lights, provided a 4th Degree honor guard at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary and Mass, helped cook and serve at Pre-School Mother's Breakfast with Santa, shared your cooking talents with our Brother Knights at Most Holy Trinity during their golf tournament, delivered food baskets and assisted the Project Christmas toy distribution. You also came out to have a great time at our Council Christmas Party. By Christmas, our KC activities quieted down briefly and I hope you were able to enjoy a well-deserved rest and a Merry and Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year with your families.

The New Year's calendar already has several volunteer opportunities. I hope you'll be able to participate in many of the events shown throughout this newsletter. Bring your families and join our Council's Marian prayer service on January 19th. The prayer service is open to the entire parish and begins a week that includes the presidential inauguration, 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and our own council's 20-year charter anniversary. February brings two family social events with our annual Super Bowl Party and Mardi Gras parade party so there's plenty to do, see, touch, taste and pray about.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Tim

Timothy A. Helbling

Grand Knight

January Recognitions

Knight of the Month Richard Mancini

Richard Mancini currently serves as our Worthy Recorder and Keep Christ in Christmas chairman. Part of the success of Keep Christ in Christmas success was due to Richard singlehandedly arranging and working a Saturday each at Rouse's and Walmart selling the Keep Christ in Christmas magnets. This added almost \$400 in proceeds but more importantly, it got the Christ in Christmas message out to even more people in our community.

Family of the Month Charles and Diane LeBlanc

Charles and Diane LeBlanc have only been part of our KC family for a little over a year but have quickly become active. In addition, they have been active working with Project Christmas of St. Tammany helping with the planning, preparation and Christmas gift distribution to underprivileged children across St. Tammany.

January Birthdays

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

Jeffery Lopinto, Bernard Kennedy, Rhett McCann, Frank Arceri, Michael Lemmon, Bruce Weaver, Barry Hebert, Bradley Wagner, Miles Leritte, David Coote, Joseph Carriere, Patrick Breaux

Super Bowl Party

Our Council Super Bowl party will be held Sunday, February 1st in the Fr. Rodney Bourg Family Life Center. Party begins at 3:00 and kick off is scheduled for 5:28 pm. The council will provide hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks. Bring the family and a snack or dessert to share.

Do you know anyone that's thinking about becoming a member or that you've been meaning to talk to about joining? Invite that man and his family to come with you to the Super Bowl party.

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.

Youth Free-throw - (Jan 17) Volunteers needed to assist. 9:00 am - noon. Meet at Little Oak Elementary. (Contact Vince Rizzotto.)

Doughnuts - (Jan 18) Council hosts serving doughnuts, milk & OJ following 7:30 am and 9:00 am masses on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Come and help in the FLC.

Super Bowl Party - (Feb 1) Volunteers needed (Chairman to plan/organize; FLC set up; Pre-game contests for the kids; Clean up).

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?

Devotion to Our Lady of Charity

January 19th—7 PM

KC Council 9973 will offer a Marian Prayer Program Monday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Church. The prayer service will include recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and last about an hour. All are invited to participate. KC Families are especially encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world are offering devotion to Our Lady of Charity as we turn to her maternal intercession. The Virgin of Charity has her origins in Cuba but devotion to her also has special significance for the Knights due to their first principle of charity.

The prayer program also gives an opportunity to pray in solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, whose first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, was dedicated to the theme of charity. At the conclusion of the yearlong prayer program, a "spiritual bouquet" will be presented to the pope, including a report on the total number of prayer services that were held and the approximate number of participants.

Special holy cards featuring the image of Our Lady of Charity have been provided in the community room and the Adoration Chapel by the Knights of Columbus. Please take one with you.

Color Corps Commander - Eugene Seroka

Saturday Feb 14 at 4pm mass we will hold our first Corporate Communion for the year 2009. Please contact me if you will attend, so we can have a reasonable account for this mass. 985-654-0702 or serokae@bellsouth.net.

Patriotism Personified

For many Knights, joining the Fourth Degree is the pinnacle of their experience with the Order. It gives them a feeling of fulfillment for having become a part of the Order's most visible segment while serving the Knights of Columbus, the Church and their country.

To join the Fourth Degree a Knight must be 18 years old, have belonged to the Order for more than a year, be a Third Degree member, be a citizen in the country in which he lives, and have served the Order, the Church and the community with devotion.

When a Knight joins the Fourth Degree, he becomes a member of a group of men dedicated to promoting patriotism illuminated by their Catholic faith. He also earns the right - not obligation - to wear the regalia and to participate in color corps and honor guards at Church, order and community events. Ideally, every Third Degree Knight should be a member of the Fourth Degree.

Financial Secretary—Eugene Seroka

Again, we are starting off the year 2009 in great fashion. Our membership has been very prompt in paying their dues. The deadline for payment is January 15, extended from December 15. I thought we would have an improvement from last year but the same members seem to delay their payment. You still have time to get your payment in. I thank those that have made their payment, The high note is that 99.99999 % have paid their Youth Expansion Program. Let me explain what I know, feel about YEP and what it does.

- 1200 Squires are supported in their function's
- 6000 boys and girls participate in the free throw contest
- 1000 high school seniors apply for CYLA scholarships
- 3000 college students use the Catholic Campus Student Centers
- Unknown numbers are supported for Scouting Awards, Evangelization Conferences, Seminarians aided

These numbers are your dollars at work. We touch many more lives each year that cannot be counted. All of these are our future leaders of the Church and they thank you very much for our help. I'm sure if I took more time to research the YEP program I can add much more to this. It is not up to us to say we will do better to serve our Youth locally, but for us to support this valuable program and attempt to add more dollars than we have been doing in the past.

Vivat Jesus

Catholic Youth Leadership Award – CYLA

The Catholic Youth Leadership Award was established by the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus in 1959 and annually recognizes outstanding Catholic Youth in our state. This award is open to Catholic High School seniors and is based on participation, accomplishments and leadership demonstrated during the Junior and Senior years in the areas of Spiritual activity (30%), Scholastic achievement (25%), Civic (service related) participation (20%), Athletic (5%) and Social activities both in and out of school (20%). Our Council will recognize one boy and one girl with \$500 each and will progress to the Area C competition. Each of the twelve Area's boy and girl winners are sent as finalist to the State competition. The state boy and girl winner each receives \$5000.

If you have children, grandchildren, or know High School seniors who would be good candidates for CYLA, encourage them to submit an application by the January 28, 2009 deadline. Applications may be dropped off at St. Luke the Evangelist Church office or mailed (postmarked by due date).

Online application form at [http://
www.louisianakc.org/cyla1.htm](http://www.louisianakc.org/cyla1.htm)

The application form may be either printed blank and filled out or complete online before printing for a more legible copy.

Mail applications to: Mr. Timothy A. Helbling, Grand Knight, St. Luke Council #9973, Knights of Columbus, 427 W Suncrest Loop, Slidell, LA 70458

St. Luke Council 9973 Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The 20th anniversary of the chartering of Council 9973 is January 26. Congratulations to all for making this council vital to the St. Luke Church and Slidell communities. Thank you to our charter members for their vision, enthusiasm, and leadership.

St. Luke Council 9973 Charter Members:

Rev. Adrian B. Hall, Gordon A. Bech, Lauze J. Bergeron Jr., Jerry J. Cox, John R. Demers, Raymond A. Donovan, John G. Elliott, Jr., William J. Faustermann, Don E. Fulham, Joseph E. Garland, Kelly P. Goudeau, Jr., Maurice P. Guth, Jr., Leonard P. Hebert, Harold E. Higgins *, George E. Hude, Alden M. Hufft, James B. Kelly, Johnny J. Knatt, Gerald J. Lewis, John S. McCarthy II, John S. McCarthy, F. Peter O'Connell, Kenneth E. Parks, Jr., Vernon J. Picon, Charles F. Seabolt, Erny G. Simmons, Keith J. Stoltz, Herbert L. Stoltz, Woodrow M. Taylor, Alan F. Tomsic, Jules F. Tracey *, Robert C. Wedge

* deceased

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Fish. Not just fish but fried fish. To be precise, fried fish a la Woody Bergeron. That's what we're having at the next meeting...

In April 1989, the Knights of St. Luke assisted with the "Walk America" March of Dimes fund drive. Again, on short notice, these Council members worked different aid stations, gave out water, drinks, and fruit to walkers. The Slidell drive was a great success, raising \$5,000.00 for the March of Dimes.

The family of the month program was initiated this month. The Faustermann family was chosen for June. Family of the month will be selected on a quarterly basis initially.

Intercessory Prayers

Your prayers have been requested for the following people:

Harry Allison, Flo Broussard, Jerry Broussard, Leah Burke, Ed Cook (deceased), Sally Graham, Karen Herman, Sonny Hildalgo, Ray Kline, Bill Lazaroe, Dennis Schafer, Leon Schovaers (deceased), Ashlee Stokes, J. Ambrose Theriot (deceased), U.S. Troops, Gary Verzwylt

If you have anyone you would like prayers said for, contact Mike Mills at 847-9789 or Mills586@bellsouth.net

Faithful Navigator—Sir Knight Robert Gremillion

Dear Brother Knights,

Dues notices for the 4th degree were sent out a couple of weeks ago. If you have not sent in your dues yet please bring your check to the fourth degree meeting January 14th, the council's general meeting on the 15th or mail to Faithful Controller Tim Helbling. I encourage everyone to contribute the \$5.00 for the ERE. This is definitely a worthwhile cause.

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.

Last and most important is the Corporate Communion in honor of the Unborn Child Saturday, February 14th at the 4:pm mass. This will be a every important year for all Catholics to fight for the unborn and pray for an end to abortions.

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