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Day	Event	Time	Place
<b>March 2009</b>			
19 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
25 (Wed)	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
25 (Wed)	<i>K of C Day of the Unborn Child</i>		
26 (Thu)	Community Information Night	7:00 PM ??	FLC
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
29 (Sun)	<i>K of C Founder's Day</i>		
29 (Sun)	Major Degree	10:00 AM	Slidell Council
29 (Sun)	St. Luke Blood Drive	8:30 - 1:00	FLC
	Membership Blitz Event?		
<b>April 2009</b>			
2 (Thu)	Officer & Director Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
4 (Sat)	Pre-School Mother's Club Easter Egg	12:00 - 2:00 PM	FLC
8 (Wed)	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
10 (Fri)	<i>Good Friday</i>		
12 (Sun)	<i>Easter</i>		
16 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
17 (Fri)	Fais Do Do	6:00 PM - 12:00 AM	FLC
19 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
23 (Thu)	4th Degree Archdiocesan Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
23 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
25 (Sat)	Men's Holy Hour	7:00-8:00 AM	St. Luke

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Thank you to all the Brother Knights and KC wives for your help at our Fish Fry fundraisers - from early to late and all the work in-between, you make our fish fries a great success. This is only possible because we had such a great response. Your help is very much appreciated.

Another opportunity is coming and I hope we can get an equally rousing response. A major degree (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) to be hosted March 29<sup>th</sup> by Slidell Council. Major degrees are offered infrequently and we often need to travel over an hour to attend. The opportunity to attend here in Slidell only happens every few years.

So why become a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight? Interested in getting involved in council leadership? You need to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Want to attend a state convention business meeting? You need to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Interested in joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly? Of course, you need to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. But the biggest reason is that each degree ceremony is an opportunity to grow in the Knights of Columbus. It is the completion of the initiation begun at your 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - an opportunity to learn about Fr. Michael J. McGivney's vision and to become a full Knight. That's the real reason for attending. Do it for yourself. Make your personal growth in the Knights part of this year's Lenten experience.

If you need one more reason for attending, you've already paid for it. When you joined the Knights, your initiation fee covered the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplifications (including lunch.) You'd be wasting money not attending! Talk to Bobby Gremillion or me by March 21<sup>st</sup> if you have questions or want to attend.

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brother Knights can attend too. Encourage our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Brother Knights to attend and come support them. Lunch for visitors is just \$5 (at the door) but we need to provide a count so let us know you plan to attend.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Tim

Timothy A. Helbling  
Grand Knight

## March Recognitions

### *Knight of the Month*

#### Bob Hammell

Bob Hammell is a long time member of our council and is often working behind the scenes helping us out. Because Bob is on the parish staff, many don't realize that when he comes after the fish fries to help clean FLC floors and set up for the next day that he comes as a KC volunteer. This is just one of the "behind the scenes" ways that Bob helps support our council. Bob is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight who joined the council just a few months after it was chartered 20 years ago.

### *Family of the Month*

#### Jack & Lorraine Pecot

Jack and Lorraine Pecot have long been a driving force behind many successful Council endeavors and their efforts to continue the Lenten "Little Black Book" meditation books for the third year is no exception. Besides getting all the pieces in place to order and set up distribution of the books, Jack and Lorraine were personally responsible for getting labels put in the bulk of the 2000 books. Jack is our Fundraising Director, a past GK, and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and he and Lorraine are often working together here and behind the scenes with everything from the Golf tournaments to plays to dances to fish fries with their time, leadership, and talent.

Blood Drive - Sunday, March 29, 2009, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm,

*He shed His blood that we might live hereafter*

*- Share your blood so that others may live today*

We have elected to return to using The Blood Center for the St. Luke Blood Drives which our Council sponsors. The next blood drive is Sunday, March 29, 2009 in the FLC Conference room from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Slidell area uses more blood than we generate in donations and we're hoping that we can continue to grow participation. Unsure if you're eligible to donate? Check out their website at [www.thebloodcenter.org](http://www.thebloodcenter.org) and click on "Blood Donor Deferral Criteria Changes". Many who have been deferred in the past are surprised to find that they are now able to donate. Even if you're not able to donate, you can still support this critical community need. We need 2-3 volunteers to help with sign-in, canteen, and general traffic throughout the drive. If you're able to volunteer an hour or two, contact Tim Helbling [Tim-Helbling@bellsouth.net](mailto:Tim-Helbling@bellsouth.net) or (985) 710-5300. Donor sign-up can be done in the church community room after Sunday masses or at the general meeting.

**Community Information Night**  
**March 26, 2009 – 7:00-9:00 PM**  
**St. Luke's the Evangelist Church**  
**Family Life Center**

St. Luke Knights of Columbus Council #9973 will host this event as a service to the community.

Speakers will share news and information impacting St Tammany Parish residents including tax assessments & appeals, St Tammany Flood Plane Map, St Tammany Parish Comprehensive Rezoning, St Tammany School Board overview and student discipline procedures, Drug Abuse & Prevention, Community Resources and Volunteerism. Limited time for questions will follow.

The scheduled will include the following Speaker and organizations:

St Tammany Parish Council  
Mr. Gene Bellisario Councilman  
St Tammany School Board Mrs.  
Mary K. Bellisario Board Member  
St Tammany Parish Sheriff's  
Office Lt Fred Escher  
United Way-St Tammany Ms.  
Charlotte Champaign Community  
Impact Manager

Questions may also be submitted in advance to facilitate time and enable speakers to have information available. If you have questions to submit, topics you would like addressed or other questions about the event, contact Event Chairman Bill Burtch at [wjburtch@yahoo.com](mailto:wjburtch@yahoo.com) or Grand Knight Tim Helbling at [TimHelbling@bellsouth.net](mailto:TimHelbling@bellsouth.net) or (985)

**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](mailto:Terry.kennedy@kofc.org), or mailed to Kennedy Agency, 104 Village St. Ste. B, Slidell, LA 70458.

**Eugene Seroka - Color Corps**  
**Commander**

I will be out of the country for most of April so I'm sending this notice in advance.

Our next Corporate Communion is May 17, 2009 at 9 am mass. This is our BLUE MASS so please mark your calendar to be available for this important function. Hopefully we will have our full compliment of Sir Knights in regalia and a good number of them in tux.

We will have two (2) new Sir Knights in regalia , lets welcome Mike Jugan and Larry Tedesco to our color corps,

Please advise me of any family/friends who will be joining us.

Vivat Jesus

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Eugene Seroka**

The following is an excerpt from a document I received from Supreme.

Last August, the delegates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting reaffirmed the Order's longstanding commitment to the Church's teaching on life and marriage by unanimously approving Resolution 302, which established the Culture of Life Fund and a special assessment of \$3.00 per member. It was anticipated that this Fund would support a broad range of initiatives that advance the Culture of Life. I am happy to report that the Fund has done just that. Two programs, one to assist men and women to cope with the traumatic aftereffects of abortion and divorce and one to help men be better fathers have been introduced. To date, the response to these initiatives has far surpassed our expectations.

In addition, our financial support last fall was vital to the passage of constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in California, Florida and Arizona. Today, 30 states have such amendments. In January, we implemented our new initiative helping state councils provide pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines. The Supreme Council partnered with local Knights to put this lifesaving technology in the hands of pregnancy centers in both Iowa and Florida. On a national level, the Board of Directors recently voted to provide financial support to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a newly formed Task Force whose purpose is to promote the Church's teaching on marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Knights of Columbus has always been deeply committed to promoting racial equality and defending religious liberty as a basic civil right. In the United States today, the abortion lobby has indicated a desire to move the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) through Congress. This radical piece of legislation would not only expand abortion "rights," but also force medical personnel, morally opposed to abortion, to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. In Canada, the Parliament has witnessed the introduction of a private member's bill that would legalize euthanasia across the country. On these and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus must be ready to educate the public about the need to support policies and legislations that protect human life from conception to natural death.

Please remember that contributions to the Fund from councils or individual members remain in the country of origin and will only be used for projects in that country.

## Manresa

### Manresa – House of Retreats Convent, La.

Brother Ron Leblanc says, "Manresa has been a very important part of my life for more than 20 years. It is a time to be with the Lord in silence, reflection, and prayer. The facilities and food are outstanding."

Silence is cherished by the Men of Manresa because it brings a welcome, soothing relief from the stresses and strains of public life. Its therapeutic value gradually reveals itself in deep tranquility where I may hear the God's word. Silence is not a penance nor is it something I do for God, but it is something I can do for myself so that I may be present to God who is always present to me.

Silence is the servant of the retreat. It enables us to make contact with our innermost self and thus satisfy our anxious quest for self-intently. It also enables us to explore more deeply the purpose of life and examine more closely our fundamental orientations and to tap deep resources of human power, which each one has, but seldom uses.

Most important of all, silence is necessary for prayer. It provides the climate of interior stillness in which God's voice can be heard. Abstaining from dialogue with others unleashes the easy, spontaneous communication with God, which is prayer. Small wonder that at Manresa, "Silence is the Golden Rule".

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

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Vivat Jesus,

Brother Jack Pecot

*Jack*

## Knights Of Columbus –

### TAX TIME AGAIN

This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the old age cliché about two things we must do...although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you) "Where did all our money go?" Surely, all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere...the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills! People usually save what's leftover...and for most of us, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue – food, shelter, clothing – even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this...it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate – when you consider that your family will be without any income should you die.

With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

Call me today; I want to hear from you. I am Terry Kennedy, General Agent 985-649-2703 or [terry.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto:terry.kennedy@kofc.org)

## **Intercessory Prayers**

Al Guidry, Harry Allison Flo Broussard, Leah Burke, Bill Lazaroe, Dennis Schafer, 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. All who may be affected by the current economic conditions. Gene Eshbach, Ray Duthu's Brother in Law, Rita Sauer Sister of Mike Jugan, Edna Helbling To add names to the Prayer List contact Mike Mills by e-mail at [mills586@bellsouth.net](mailto:mills586@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 985-847-9789.

## **Faithful Navigator—Sir Knight Robert Gremillion**

Dear Brother Knights,

"A pint of example is worth a barrellful of advice", Tom Landry. Isn't that the truth. As brother Knights that is a statement we live by, well at least most of the time. The work we do, the brotherhood we share, the compassion we show, the faith we live by. The example we set in our church and in our community are all things we can be proud of.

People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do. As Christians we are drawn to serve our Lord. To me, the Knights of Columbus has given me the means to do just that. That is why I have not wavered in my belief that each brother should continue their growth in our order by becoming a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

If I may wear my membership hat for a moment, the first step towards the 4<sup>th</sup> degree is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. March 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree initiation at the Slidell Council Hall. If you are available please take this opportunity to achieve the level of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree brother Knight. Please let me know by the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Timothy Turner, Keith Frederick, Lester Parks Jr., Lloyd Adams, Robert Creighton, Donald Hulin, Craig Daigre, Chip Mangiarachina, Ronald Leblanc, Thomas Gray, Joseph Charbonnet, Randolph Gonzales, Egidio Bellisario, Stephen Abadie, Dan Flynn, Andrew Sharp Jr. Alan Bouvier, Christopher Posecai, , Lawrence Tedesco, Gil Berkins, Thomas Gallagher, Maurice Guth Jr., Rev. Vinh Luu. Happy Birthday Guys!!

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