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# Knight Time



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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 9973  
and FRANCIS X. SEELOS 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2321

MARCH 2011

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Day	Event	Time	Place
<b>March 2011</b>			
17 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
19 (Sat)	Special Olympics - Mississippi		Stennis
20 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
20 (Sun)	Major Degree - 2nd/3rd	7:15 AM, St. Luke FLC	Gretna
24 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
25 (Fri)	Fish Fry		FLC
25 (Fri)	<i>K of C Day of the Unborn Child</i>		
29 (Tue)	<i>K of C Founder's Day</i>		
<b>April 2011</b>			
1 (Fri)	Louisiana Camp Joshua		Baton Rouge
7 (Thu)	Officer & Director Meeting	7:00 PM	FLC
8 (Fri)	Fish Fry		FLC
9 (Sat)	4th Degree Exemplification		Houma
10 (Sun)	Council Family Bowling Outing	1:00 PM	Bowling USA
13 (Wed)	F.X. Seelos Assembly #2321 Meeting	7:00 PM	Classrooms
14 (Thu)	General Meeting	7:00 PM (6:30 rosary)	FLC
16 (Sat)	Pre-School Mother's Club Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	FLC
17 (Sun)	KC Host Doughnuts	after 7:30, 9:00 masses	FLC
28 (Thu)	1st Degree Initiation	7:00 PM	FLC
29 (Fri)	LA State Convention	Friday-Sunday	

## Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights:

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be Lent and the KC Fish Fry's will be underway. This year we will be using American raised catfish for our annual event. This was a decision made over the past year to improve the quality of our Fish Fry's. Over the past month the cost of the Fish Fry's has risen by \$10.00 to \$17.00 per case of fish, depending on the source. Jules and Ronnie have secured a price of \$ 57.00 per case from Kenney's Seafood. To get this price we have had to commit to purchasing all the catfish we need for all of our Fish Fry's in advance. This is not a problem but a reasonable solution to the increases that we are experiencing across the board on all items needed to put on our Fish Fry. Brothers, I need you to recognize the situation for what it is.... We have a good opportunity to sell an excellent product for good money. Our first priority is to fry our fish and to serve our customers. After our customers are served, you are welcomed to eat any left over fish. Due to the increase in prices we are experiencing this year our net may be down \$2000.00 to \$ 3,500.00. Fortunately for us, Ronnie has the Fishing Raffle in place to help offset our Fish Fry's revenues. Please pick up a pack of Fishing Raffle Tickets and sell, sell, SELL.

Thanks to Rodney Battistella IV, we have installed 3 new Brother Knights on 2/24/11. Please congratulate Rodney on his outstanding recruiting. More importantly, please welcome our 3 new Brother Knights, Damian Dudenhefer, Richard Redditt, Jr. and Jeffery Cryer. Job well done.

Also, thanks to Don and Maureen Fulham for planning, organizing, and hosting our trip to the Fair Grounds. We all had a lot of fun, a wonderful lunch with good company and some winners! If we could just improve on the winners... Thanks, Don and Maureen.

Finally, we have come to the point in the year when we announce a slate of candidates who will be running for office, for the next fraternal year, that starts in July 2011. For 3 months we will open and close nominations. This is your opportunity, if you would like to nominate someone else to one of the officer positions. Well, I still have 4 months left in my term as Grand Knight. See you at the next Fish Fry or General Meeting.

Vivat Jesus

Ray C. Duthu, Jr.  
Grand Knight

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Brother and Sir Knights,

*[This concludes a four-part short series focused on the Vision areas of the Fourth Degree.]*

"Proudly Serving the Country -Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served."

Our dedication to patriotism is demonstrated in many ways including programs to recognize and honor our troops and veterans, "Serve Those who Served" by visiting VA hospitals and veteran retirement centers, participate in our communities, promote proper display of the flag, and encourage informed voting.

While many organizations promote patriotism, as Knights of Columbus, our expression of patriotism is directly connected to our Catholic faith. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

If you've been a Knight in good standing for at least six months and you're not yet a Fourth Degree member, consider joining. The next exemplification will be April 9, 2011 at St. Bernadette Church in Houma. (If you meet the six months service requirement but have not yet made your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, you can participate in the next Major Degree on March 20<sup>th</sup> in Gretna and be eligible to join the Fourth Degree in April.) Contact me at (985) 710-5300 or e-mail [TimHelbling@bellsouth](mailto:TimHelbling@bellsouth) for more information.

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

Vivat Jesus,

**Tim**

Sir Knight Timothy A. Helbling  
Faithful Navigator

## COUNCIL EVENTS FOR 2011 - ALAN BROUSSARD

### Family Social Event - Bowling

Sunday April 10th at the Bowling USA on Brown Switch Road.

Bowling will begin at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$10 per person and includes 2 games and shoes.

Please call me at 985-640-5182 or email [abroussard@wm.com](mailto:abroussard@wm.com) to let me know if you plan on attending along with number of adults and children in your group.

### Family Social Event - Seafood Party

Our annual seafood party will be at Jules Baumann's house on Saturday May 28, 2011 at 1:00PM. We will supply the crayfish, corn, potatoes, crabs (if available), fried catfish, beer, and soft drinks. There will be \$5.00 charge for each person at the party to help offset the cost. Please bring a bag of chips or a desert of some type.

Allen Broussard

Council Director

Phone - 985-640-5182

email - [abroussard@wm.com](mailto:abroussard@wm.com)

### March Recognition

*Knight of the Month*

Rodney Battistella IV

*Family of the Month*

Don and Maureen Fulham

Thank you all for your hard work.

### March Birthdays

STEPHEN ABADIE, LLOYD ADAMS, EGIDIO BELLISARIO, GILBERT BERKINS, ALAN BOUVIER, JOSEPH CHARBONNET, CRAIG DAIGRE, DAN FLYNN, KEITH FREDERICK, RANDOLPH GONZALES, THOMAS GRAY, MAURICE GUTH, EDWARD HANEMANN, TAYLOR HEBERT, DARYL HOPE, DONALD HULIN, RONALD LEBLANC, REV. VINH LUU, CHIP MANGIARACINA, LESTER PARKS, CHRISTOPHER POSECAI, ANDREW SHARP, LAWRENCE TEDESCO, THIOOTHY TURNER.

**Happy Birthday Guys**

## Intercessory Prayers

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE LISTED BELOW

Brother Knights,

, .Dian Moffett, Flo Broussard, Deacon Paul Augustin, Bob Kelly, Lucas Algecinas Harry Allison Bill Lazaroe, Dennis Schafer, Jessica Allen, Sue Ryan, Rachel Pecot, Ashley Stokes, Herb and Merline Stoltz, Lisa Brown, Laura Graham, Leslie Calbot, Susan West, Sue Theriot, Oscar Martinez, Wendy Friedlander Rachel Pecot, Alma Hulin, Steve Watson, Rosalie Talameantez, Ren Helbling, Frank Austin, Rodney Battistella 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ashton Faith, Mary Nell Wagner, Elden Chedville, Bruce Black, Rosher Cryer. Jennifer Wall, Moe Healy's Sister Myra Blackwell Deceased, Scott Goodwin, Margaret Longs Father.

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 the hospital it is helpful if I have the name of the hospital and if they can receive visitors. If some one 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](mailto:mills586@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 985-847-9789.**

### MAJOR DEGREE

The next Major 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree for our area is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2011 in Gretna. If you have not made your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, consider taking advantage of this opportunity. Candidates, as well as current 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights attending need to confirm your attendance to Tim Helbling at [TimHelbling@bellsouth.net](mailto:TimHelbling@bellsouth.net) or 985-710-5300 by Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to bring your current Council membership (traveling) card in order to be admitted. If you don't have your card, contact Gene Seroka at [serokae@bellsouth.net](mailto:serokae@bellsouth.net) or 985-641-0702 to obtain a replacement.

### **Location:**

Archbishop Blenk Council No. 1905 home  
475 Franklin St, Gretna, LA 70053

Those interested in carpooling should meet behind St. Luke's Family Life Center at 7:00 A.M. (Please advise if you plan to meet at St. Luke's or go directly to the major degree.)

Both degrees will be completed by noon with lunch following. We should arrive back in Slidell around 1:30.

## INSURANCE CORNER:

### “Live On” or “Leave On” Money

As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focused shifts to those “golden” retired years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relaxing at home.

During my career as a field agent, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to “dump” somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to “live on” or “leave on”?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care and retirement products backed by the strength and security of a AAA-rated insurance provider.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner.

I'm Terry Kennedy, General Agent at 985-649-2703 or [terry.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto:terry.kennedy@kofc.org)

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY -

### Eugene Seroka

To those Brother Knights that did not pay their 2011 dues. It is your responsibility to meet your deadline for payment as members of our council. You will be contacted by our membership committee and must make your commitment to remain a member to avoid suspension.

If you have a problem financial or otherwise please feel free to contact our Grand Knight Ray C. Duthu @985-259-0044 or myself @ 985-641-0702 to assist you.

Vivat Jesus

Gene Seroka

## COLOR CORPS COMMANDER -Eugene Seroka

Many thanks to our Sir Knights that served at St Peter and Paul's corporate communion (recruitment drive) Sunday 2/27/11. Our turnout was great and we really helped Grand Knight Don Conway kickoff his drive, I know he will be successful in getting his council going,

Again, Thank You All

We have two (2) new Sir Knights in regalia - Craig Schouse and Louis Casebonne, welcome. Our total now is 27, we lost Sir Knight Curtis Monson to council 09240 in Mandeville.

We are still looking for additional Sir Knights, please contact me if you are interested.

Please mark your calender for our next corporate communion (Blue Mass) May 15 9am mass.

Vivat Jesus

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

We have had a great response to the call for volunteerism for the upcoming Special Olympics at Stennis Space Center, MS. 14 Knights total!! Unfortunately, after my meeting this morning, with the organizers, it was relayed that they still need volunteers. It is not too late to volunteer.

Because I will be out of town until the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, I am requesting that you fill out the attached sign up form and make sure that you send the form directly to NASA Shared Services Center. The full address is on the form. Please identify that you are with the Knights and they will assign you to us. Could you also send me an e-mail to me saying you have volunteered, just so I can keep records and make sure I can give you an assignment.

Remember that you don't have to be there for the entire event. Any amount of time helps this great cause.

Further, if you have already signed up. Thank you so very. I did indicate that I would be starting the caravan from St. Luke's Church, for those that did not know how to get to Stennis Space Center. I initially asked everyone to be at St Luke's by 7:00. I am asking now that you be there before 6:30. The Knights start the event, so we need to be set up with the flags in hand at 8:00. If anyone knows how to get to Stennis and can lead the caravan it will allow me to get here early and give you an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour of sleep.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

John Cecconi

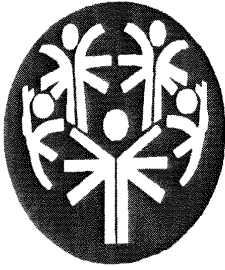
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Three Year Trustee	Robert Theriot



# Volunteer/Sponsor Application Stennis Space Center (SSC) Special Olympics

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Volunteers are requested to be at the food tent in front of Building 1100 no later than 8 a.m. on event day. If you volunteer, we must be able to count on your presence because the athletes will be here for sure! Volunteers should be pre-registered by March 4 to be assured a t-shirt.

Make checks payable to: **Special Olympics Fund**

Send forms from on-site NSSC to: **Kay Doane, NSSC/XD012, Building 1100, Room 11118D**

Send forms from off-site NSSC to: **NASA Shared Services Center  
Attn: Kay Doane, Code XD012  
1100 Balch Boulevard  
Stennis Space Center, MS 39529**

**As an athlete sponsor, my \$20.00 sponsorship buys: t-shirts for the athlete and sponsor, ribbons, and lunch for the athlete on event day.**

**Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and present ID to enter the site on game day.**

For more information or to register on-line: <http://specialolympics.goldinc.com>.

(If you register online, you will also need to print the online form and mail it with your check to Kay Doane at the address shown above)

**Circle your choice:** I will Volunteer      I will Sponsor      I will do both

As a Volunteer I would like to: (check appropriate box):

Be available as needed

Work with Special Olympics athlete      **Note: Volunteers must stay with their assigned athlete the entire day**

Assist with sporting events

**Please complete the below information whether you sponsor or volunteer. Thanks!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Building and Room Number, if on-site SSC):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Other Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (very important): \_\_\_\_\_

Your t-shirt size (Adult sizes-circle one): None    Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large

**St. Luke's Knights of Columbus Council 9973**

# **Fishing Trip Raffle**

**Win a charter fishing trip for 4 people**



**Drawing: April 21, 2011**

**Donation: \$10.00 per ticket**



- Lake Borgne area
- Boat leaves from Slidell
- Winner must schedule and complete their trip within 3 months of drawing
- Call (985) 502-8410 for tickets or more information
- Proceeds support KC charities supporting the Slidell community

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