

## Important Dates to Remember

- Family Social is Friday, October 19, 2018 at 7:30pm
- Bunco Sunday, October 14 from 1PM to 4PM \$15.00

## Meeting Dates to Remember

- Council Meeting October 3, 2018 – Meal at 6:30pm
- Auxiliary & 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meetings–October 17, 2018

# Knightly News

*The Newsletter of  
Archbishop Blenk  
Council 1905  
October 2018*



## Knights of Columbus Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

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Hello My Fellow Brothers,

God is in Control! I would truly like to start with a huge thanks and appreciation for all the hard work completed in the month of September. I thought that July and August were a humbling and eye opening experience for me as your Grand Knight, but September has taken the cake, lol. As I sit here writing this letter to all of you I have learnt that I cannot ponder on what will happen with our great Gretna Heritage Festival, as so much has changed. We have fought a good fight and continue to work hard for our cause. I truly do appreciate all those who have supported our cause, prayed for the best, and to all ways remember to "let go, let God". If we all could just live by Philippians 4; always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray.... about everything: tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.

### **October dates to remember:**

- October 6<sup>th</sup> – Live Rosary by the Memorial Arch on Huey P. Long for 11:00.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Second Annual Putt Putt tournament @ City Park for 3:00 pm.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Council Game Day upstairs for Saints vs. Redskins kick off 7:15pm.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – the Silver Rose Ceremony starting at 11:30 at St. Joseph's Church, where our Green and khaki's and let us sit together.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – Formation and Knighthood Degrees at our hall, volunteers needed.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - Membership Drive / Quarterly Mass and Rosary at St. Martha Church in Harvey, Rosary for 10:00 and Mass at 10:30.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph Chili Cook Off.

May we find the right balance between praying hard and working hard, so that we may stay young in heart to serve Our Lord!

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Call or email me for any Knights of Columbus insurance needs or issues. I will be glad to answer any questions.

**Financial Secretary-Michael Arnold, Jr.**  
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Brothers, dues for the final quarter are now due. If for some reason you cannot afford them at this time, please contact either the Grand Knight or myself now.

New Members of Council 1905: I. Emmett Burnett, 813 Mystic Ave, Terrytown 70056 ph: 393-6978  
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Readmitted to 1905:  
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Brady Garrity, 149 Meadowbrook Dr, Gretna 70056

Change of Address:  
Noel Durkes, 81 Marie Dr., Gretna 70053

**October Birthdays:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 – Howard Roos           | 3 – Paul Daigle              |
| 5 – Kenneth Haas          | 6 – Donald Caskey            |
| 6 – James Richthofen, Jr. | 9 – Jackie Berthelot         |
| 12 – Roy Allain           | 12 – Andy Hendrickson        |
| 14 – John Lanier          | 14 – Joseph Young, Jr.       |
| 15 – Francis Zimmerman    | 16 – Howard Comeaux          |
| 20 – Joseph Cerniglia     | 22 – Nicholas Falgoust       |
| 24 – David Hardin         | 25 – Earl Bartholomew, Jr.   |
| 25 – Matthew Steel        | 25 – Fernand Webber, Jr. PGK |
| 28 – Thomas Schmitt       | 28 – Brian Soileau, Sr.      |
| 30 – FM George Wedge, PGK |                              |

**October Anniversaries:**

- 2 – Roy and Jeanette Allain
- 4 – Richard and Jackie Majeste
- 5 – PGK Roger and Janet Burrows, Sr.
- 22 – Mark and Paula Hebert
- 23 – Wayne and Charleen Ory
- 24 – Daniel and Angela Gauthreaux
- 26 – Clarence and Rosemary Verneuill

**Fourth Degree: T. J. Larkin Assembly # 322**  
**Faithful Navigator David Lassere 504-391-2215**  
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October Fourth Degree Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at Belle Chasse Council 6351.

**Chancellor – Herbi Este 504-215-6676**

By the grace of God I have nothing new to report this month. Please keep everyone in your prayers especially our Brothers who are on the prayer list. May God Bless.

Please say a prayer for our Brother Knights on our sick list for them to return to good health. Call me at the above phone number if you know of any brother who is sick and needs to be added to our prayer lists.

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| PGK Roger Burrows    | Terry Ryder       | Jerry Broome, Sr.   |
| PGK Roy LeBlanc      | Joe Chauvin       | Albert Chauvin      |
| PGK Ferd Webber Jr.  | Ferd Webber III   | Herbi Este'         |
| PGK Glenn Esteve     | Howard Comeaux    | Erick Joseph        |
| PGK Joseph Tranchina | Perry Lobrano     | Russell Templet     |
| PGK Arthur Newby     | Michael Arnold    | Kenny M LeBlanc     |
| PGK George Wedge     | Wally d'Hemecourt | Lloyd Bellaire, Sr. |

**Family Life – Herbi & Michelle Este' 504-400-7773 sheleste@aol.com**

Thank you to everyone who came out for Our September Family Social. A great big thank you to our kitchen crew for another great meal. We would like to especially thank Our Gretna and Harvey Firefighters who came out and gave a wonderful talk on fire safety. Please be sure to bring your children to the October Family Social because we will be giving out Halloween Bags to the kids. Hope to see everyone at Our October Family Social on October 19, 2018 at 7:30pm. Take care and God Bless.



**Ladies Auxiliary – Darnell LeBlanc President**  
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Thanks to all those who attended our fund raiser Rock N' Roll 50's party. It was a lot of fun for those attending. Tom Verrette played all the "good old songs of the 50's" and we did the twist and limbo. A special thanks to Wally d'Hemecourt for the terrific hamburgers.

We also have a Bunco planned for Sunday, October. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until 4pm at the hall. Price is \$15.00 per person includes spaghetti and meatball dinner with garlic bread, salad tea and lemonade. If anyone would like to help with a donation to offset the expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact family and friends and hopefully we can get a good turnout. We will be selling sweets so please contribute your favorite dessert. Contact Chairperson Peggy LeBlanc at 504-481-9772. Prizes given to winners. The Saints have a bye that week so come join in the fun.

If you are able to, please help the Knights at a booth for Gretna Heritage. This is a transitional year for this fair, so let us pray it goes well.

Our next meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup>. Rosary at 7:15 PM and meeting begins at 7:30 PM. If you need transportation or don't drive at night, contact me.

**Culture of Life Director - Don & Dee Caskey**  
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Being Pro Life involves much more than trying to save the lives of unborn children. At St. Martha/ Infant Jesus of Prague we have a very active Justice and Life ministry. We have an ongoing awareness campaign for the poor in our world. In late November or early December we are having a "Fair Trade" sale featuring unique

local and imported items. This combats the normal supply streams where items are generally sold at huge profits for the middlemen and nearly nothing for the producers. I'll have more next month.

This month on October 10th we are hosting a Catholic Teach-in on Mass Incarceration. This event will provide an opportunity for people of faith to learn about the incarceration and re-entry experiences of local residents and explore how Catholic Social Doctrine can guide understanding. Since more and more prisons are being privatized, the ideas of "Corrections and Rehabilitation" has disappeared, and are being replaced with a focus on profit. Please join us at 6:30 pm on October 10th at the St. Martha Parish hall. This event is free and open to the public, for additional information and to register please call 504-864-7749.

The St. Martha justice and life Ministry was present and active at the recent Jazzed for Life event held by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Two of the main themes discussed were Human Trafficking and local community services. To go into any depth of human trafficking would take several books. The two main areas discussed were sex trafficking and forced labor, which the New Orleans metro area has a major problem with both.

Our Council was there representing the Knights and our Pro Life mission. We shared a table with our new State Life Director, Brother Knight Chris Davis. He came down from north Louisiana to let New Orleans know that "We are The Knights of Columbus". In the attached photograph there were other brother Knights that were at the Jazzed for life event representing other Pro Life ministries. Left to right, Renny Hollingsworth council 12989, Duncan Arnoult G.K. council 2732, me council 1905, Chris Davis State life Director council 10728 and Bob Martin council 3729.

We finally have THE DATE for this year's 40 Days for Life Campaign. Our chosen day is Saturday, October 20th, 2018 from 7am-7pm. Please note that it gets darker at this time of year

and we will not be at the site after dark. This year's location will be the abortion clinic at 2701 General Pershing St. (Corner of Magnolia St.) and all four of our churches are requested to participate. We also have a great need for people to be praying for the babies and the people at the site. We have two signup sheets: 1. For those going to the clinic (with a reminder paper to take with you) and 2. For those partners praying from home, work or even while cutting the grass. Please call, text or email me for additional information or sign up. This event, since it began, has saved over 14,000 unborn babies, and many clinics have closed and some abortion workers quit. I have free special prayer cards on order to distribute for the participants and prayer partners.

One final note is that there is a Kick-Off Sunrise Prayer Event on Wednesday September 26 at 7:30 am at the General Pershing site. The Closing Vigil will be on November 4th, at 5-6 PM. This will be held near the Planned Parenthood facility on Claiborne Ave., three blocks west of Napoleon Ave.

You are welcome to pray on any or all of these 40 days. Prayer works!



**Membership Director – Bryce Hamilton**

Membership Drive on Sunday, October 21 in conjunction with our Quarterly Communion.

### America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Peggy LeBlanc has a Public Rosary Rally for America Needs Fatima on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. by the Memorial Arch on the neutral ground in the first block of Huey P. Long Avenue. All are invited to attend and please spread the word with family, friends and other organizations to come pray the rosary with us. Our Lady of Fatima said “Pray, pray hard and pray often, so many souls are going to hell because they have no one to pray for them. We all must pray, even for the sinners who are still living.” We as Catholics should be showing by example what Jesus taught us, “love each other as I have loved you.”



Fr. Francis Offia

**The Church will surely come out Stronger.**

One of the primordial hot conversions that still live with us today is the question of Existence of Evil – be it moral evil like the clergy sex abuse we are dealing with at the moment or physical evil like hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. St. Augustine provided a response to this question in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and the Church has always hold the Augustinian answer to be true. St. Augustine taught that evil is a privation of good. God did not create evil but allowed it for a greater good. To the simple hearted and may be to those who have been afflicted with some form of evil or the other, this Augustine’s teaching might sound funny and stupid, but in reality that is what it is. The All Good God cannot be the cause of evil in our world. That will only amount to a huge contradiction. God is simple. There is no complexities in Him. The precious gift that God gave to man is freedom/free will. That’s what makes us superior to dog, cat and all the lower animals. When man choses to use his freewill in a wrong way, the result is always evil and so we must not blame God for it. However, in line with St. Augustine’s thought, God always works out something good even from the most heinous evil done by man.

So speaking in the light of the evil done in the Church for many decades ago by churchmen which came to light in the past weeks, I am very optimistic and confident that there is good that will definitely come out of it. The church will surely come out stronger. I am not a good student of history, but I do know that in her 2000 years of existence, the Church from time to time had grappled with similar scandals and crimes committed by those who was supposed to uphold her norms and morals. But I also know that at those different times, the church comes out of it even stronger and better. I believe this will be one of those times. Now that we know what we know, now that what is done in the dark has come to light, now that we

know that the unthinkable is possible, I am sure that Christ the Bride of the Church has His “winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” (Mt 3:12). When He is done with his cleansing and purification of His Mystical Body, I am sure the Church will surely come out stronger and better.

But what can we do on our part as the present day priests and lay members of the Church? The last two Sundays when I commented on what is going on with regard to the allegation against Archbishop MacCarrik and the grand jury report in Pennsylvania, I challenged everyone to think of, what can I do personally to prevent a repeat of such evil? How can I get involved to make sure that going forward, our Churches will be more and more a safe place for everyone especially our children? Some people are already weary of hearing from us or from the bishops asking for prayers. But I will still go ahead to re-echo what Bishop Barron says in one of the interviews he granted couple of days ago.

- All Catholic/Christian must resort to continuous prayer.
- We must recommit ourselves once again to God
- We are in a spiritual battle with evil forces and so our weapon must be the Gospel, the Mass and the prayer to the saints
- We must seize the moment to make a huge difference in the church.
- No one should stay on the sideline. Not the clergy and not the laity.

Despair might not be the solution. We cannot afford to let the devil claim the upper hand. If we come together in faith and hope and work together with a profound resilience, then Our dear church will come out of all these better and Stronger.

# Archbishop Blenk Council 1905

## October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <b>Council Mtg 7:30</b>	4	5	6 <b>BINGO</b> America Needs Fatima Rosary 11am Memorial on H.P. Long
7 3 pm <b>Putt Putt Tournament City Park</b>	8	9	10	11 <b>Silver Rose Ceremony</b>	12	13 <b>BINGO</b> <b>Formation &amp; Knighthood @ hall</b>
14 Bunco 1-4pm @ Hall \$15 meal included	15	16	17 <b>Auxiliary &amp; 2nd Council Mtgs</b>	18	19 7:30 PM <b>Family Social Halloween Party</b>	20 <b>Bingo</b>
21 10:30am <b>Quarterly Communion St. Martha</b>	22	23	24 <b>Fourth Degree Meeting Belle Chasse</b>	25	26	27 <b>BINGO</b> St. Joseph Chili Cook-Off
28	29	30	31 <b>Happy Halloween</b>	1 November <b>All Saints Day</b>	2 November <b>All Soul's Day</b>	<b>Bingo</b>

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