



**Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Council 7557  
Broussard, Louisiana**



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**Next Meeting: Wednesday July 8, 2009**

**Location: Jarrell Hall**

**Rosary 6:15pm, Dinner 6:30pm and Meeting 7:00pm**

**Bring a Brother Knight that hasn't been in awhile !!!**

**Installation Banquet**

I would like to thank everyone involved in making this year's banquet a huge success, Ray Gary and crew for the excellent meal, the Ladies Auxiliary for the decorations, and all the Sir Knights from the Fourth Degree who served as Honor guard for the Mass. I would also like to thank the Sacred Heart Contemporary Choir for the beautiful music, to the outgoing officers thank you for all your time, dedication and a job well done. To the incoming officers congratulations and welcome aboard !!!

**Award Recipients for 2008-2009**

- Family of the Year.....Mike & Glenda Serio Family
- Knight of the Year .....George Martin
- Rookie Knight of the Year.....Greg Theriot
- Most Devoted Catholic.....Robert Klingman
- Civic Award.....Colette Anzalone
- Teacher of the Year.....Marie Comeaux
- Lifetime Achievement Award.....Deacon Joe Trahan
- Lee Martin Sr. Scholarship.....Emma Dietlein
- CYLA Girl.....Ashley Landry
- CYLA Boy.....Kyle Mouton
- Sister of the Year.....Christine Chatagnier

**Congratulations!!!!**

**Ladies Auxiliary Officers**

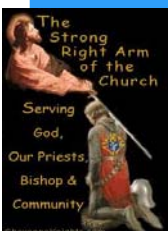
- President.....Pam Dubois
- Vice President.....Christine Chatagnier
- Treasurer.....Susan Slovacek
- Recording Secretary.....Marie Ducote-Comeaux
- Corresponding Secretary.....Nelda Powell
- Parliamentarian.....Laurie Malagarie
- Trustee.....Candace Primeaux
- Trustee.....Sylvia Albert

Congratulations!!! to all the Ladies installed on June 13th

**Softball Players needed!**

If you interested in playing Softball for the KC's in either the Veterans Division ages 35 and up, the Open Division ages 18-34, or the Coed Team (must be 18) now is your chance. We will begin practicing on Tuesday July 7th, 6:00 PM at Arceneaux Park. The State Tournament will be held August 8-9, 2009 at Pelican Park. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Tommy Miller Sr. and our other coaches for coordinating our teams.

Supreme Website  
[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)  
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## 2009-2010 Membership Dues

Brothers our Financial Secretary Paul Gisclair has sent out dues notices for a year's membership ending June 30, 2010. Please remit promptly, this will save the Council money by eliminating mailing costs for 2nd and 3rd notices. If you plan on participating in the upcoming State Softball and or Horseshoe Tournaments you must have a valid membership card to attend.

## Area H Horseshoe Tournament

Brothers, those of you that are interested in pitching Horseshoes at the Area H Tournament, on August 22, 2009 in either Estherwood or Crowley (undecided), please get with Joe Primeaux, he can be reached at 837-6655 or 781-6626. Also make sure your membership dues are current. We would like to get a head count of how many will be participating. **Good Luck to All !!!!!**

## KCLS

Brothers, this is the first State event of the year it will be held on Saturday July 18, in Prairieville and on Sunday July 19, in Natchitoches . We need 4 members to attend this event. This is a mandatory meeting for all councils to attend. It also gives us points towards the State Deputy Award. If you can attend this event please contact me.

## KC of the Month

Our Knight of the month for July does not stop, he is there to help out in the kitchen at every meeting, jambalaya and the BBQ. He is at every Donut Sunday making sure the coffee gets brewed to perfection. He makes every effort to be at the PLC after all funerals to help out with the food and coffee. This brother is involved in many events around the Sacred Heart and Broussard Community. Please help me congratulate **"Mr. Lester" Viator** as this month's **Knights of Columbus Council 7557 Knight of the Month.**

## KC Family of the Month

This month's Family of the month was out in full force helping to make sure that our recent installation banquet was a big success. He also serves as our council's Warden. Please join me in congratulating the **Jonathan, Tara, Connor, Kaitlyn, and Asher Mire Family** as this month's **Knights of Columbus Council 7557 Family of the Month.**

## Happy Birthday Brothers

Kevin J. Ardoin	Todd G. Fuselier	Steve P. Hunt	Guy Romero
Beau J. Armentor	Ray A Gary	Kenric J Inzerella	Howard C. Schoeffler
Dallas J Bonin JR	Nicholas J. Gordon	Troy A. Lantier	Perry C Ste Marie
Barry P Boutte	Ken J. Granger	Barry Levet	Lance A Trahan
Andre Broussard	Wilfred Guilbeau Jr	Lee L. Martin Jr	Jon Vannoy
Gary L Caffey	Byron J Hebert	Kenny R. McIntyre	
Martin A Cannon	Jason E. Hobbs	Howard P. Robichaux	

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Brothers, if you need Life Insurance or an Annuity, call Brian Watkins at 654-4053 He will help arrange a meeting to give you the best advice there is. Prepare for the future, while there is time.



We are still looking for new members to join the Knights. If you know of someone, give them a form 100. Contact Raymond Girouard.

Interested in becoming a Squire, Contact George Martin- 837-3380. Come and join the fun.



My apologies for not getting an Apologetics letter out the past couple of months, but I have been busy writing an apologetics book which I hope to use as a Council fundraiser. Please pray for me, since I have two huge hurdles to overcome. First, I have to ask the Diocese for an Imprimatur (permission to publish), and second, I have to get a publisher to accept it. So, any prayers would be greatly appreciated. *Ed Comeaux* Now let's talk about Purgatory.

## ***Apologetics Corner*** ***Purgatory***

*“Catholics believe in a place called ‘Purgatory’. They believe that when you die, you don’t go straight to Heaven, but that you are punished in Purgatory. This is another man-made belief which was invented by Catholics so they could raise money by selling indulgences.”*

Unfortunately, Protestants have a hard time understanding Purgatory because they always tend to link it to the selling of indulgences during the Reformation. Let's get the selling of indulgences part out of the way first, and then we can talk about Purgatory. A couple of definitions may help at this point:

**Temporal punishment**- Catholics believe that there is a punishment related to sin. For each sin you commit, in a sense, you have to pay for it later, even if the sin has been forgiven by way of Confession. I'll give you an analogy. Suppose you are playing baseball as a kid, and you hit the ball through the neighbor's window. You can go over and apologize to the neighbor and be forgiven, and you are. The window, though, is still broken. The situation has not returned to the way it was until you pay for the window or go fix it yourself. That's the *temporal punishment*. Catholics believe the same applies to sin. We have to pay for them either in this world or in the next.

**Indulgence**-An indulgence, the Catholic Church teaches, is one of the ways you can “fix the window” with God. It is usually some action, such as reading the Bible, which the Church defines as one of the ways to pay for what you have done. There are indulgences which only partially fix the window and we call those *partial indulgences*. Another kind of indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment of sin, and we call those *plenary indulgences*. By the way, in the front of your Catholic Bible you will probably see a statement like this:

**A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who use Sacred Scripture for spiritual reading with the veneration due the word of God. A plenary indulgence is granted if the reading continues for at least one half hour.**  
**(*Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, 1968 edition, no. 50)**

What happened during the Reformation was that there were some of the clergy who started selling indulgences like it was a fundraiser or something. Instead of having a KC Jambalaya or a bake sale, they would sell indulgences. We call that the sin of Simony. You can read all about Simony in Acts 8:9-25 and learn how the sin got its name. The Catholic Church stepped in and put an end to the selling of indulgences, but the reformers used this as a reason to break away from the Church. So, now you know what an indulgence is and sort of how it is linked to Purgatory. You also know that selling indulgences is wrong. Since we got all of that out of the way, let's talk about Purgatory.

First of all, you need to understand that Purgatory is not necessarily a *place*, but rather a *state of being*. Now can we find the concept of Purgatory in the Bible? Absolutely.

**Matthew 12:32:** *“And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”*

Well, that tells me that some sins can be forgiven in the age to come. Now it can't be Heaven, because there isn't any sin in Heaven. It can't be Hell, because there's no more chance for forgiveness in Hell, and it's permanent. So there must be another place.....

**1 Corinthians 3:15** *“But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; **the person will be saved, but only as through fire.**”*

**The person will be saved, but only as through fire?** So there's some way, like with fire, that we are saved? Well, that again cannot mean either Heaven or Hell as we just talked about.

When a silversmith refines silver, he **heats** it to purify it. The silversmith has to carefully watch the silver during this process because if he heats it for too long, it will be destroyed. There is the story of a woman who was contemplating this passage, and who went to watch a silversmith work. She asked him, "How do you know when the silver is pure?" The silversmith answered "Easy. *When I can see my image in it.*"

This past Father's Day, I got my dream gift, a Douay-Rheims Bible with Haydock commentary. This is a fairly early translation from the Latin Vulgate. The comment on the above passage states: "Divers of the ancient fathers, as well as later interpreters, from these words, prove the Catholic doctrine of a purgatory..."

**1 Peter 3:18-20** *"For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water."*

Spirits in prison?

**1 Peter 4:6** *"For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead that, though condemned in the flesh in human estimation, they might live in the spirit in the estimation of God."*

So there's a prison for disobedient spirits, yet they were saved when Jesus preached to them. Well then where is this prison? Scripture doesn't tell us, but it makes it clear that there is a place besides Heaven and Hell. Believing there is only Heaven or Hell is **not** Scriptural:

**2 Maccabees 12:44-46** *"...for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought."*

What happened here was that Judas (not the Apostle) and his men went to collect the dead on the battlefield to bury them. Under their tunics were found types of amulets which were forbidden under the law. These men were slain because they were practicing idolatry. So Judas took up a collection from his men and basically made a donation to help their sin be forgiven. This passage, once again, shows us that there is a way by which sin can be forgiven after death.

Now we know that Jesus and the Apostles were Jews, so what was the Jewish take on prayers for the dead? *The Mourner's Kaddish* is a Jewish prayer for the deceased person's soul. I found this note from a Jewish gentleman who was helping make the point that the Catholic idea of Purgatory is similar to Jewish belief:

"Our prayer, the Mourner's Kaddish, is for the benefit of the soul of the deceased & is believed to ease the spiritual status of the deceased's soul as it goes through whatever trials & tribulations it may be subject to. Yes, we do believe in something akin to the Roman Catholic notion of Purgatory & thus saying the Mourner's Kaddish would be similar to the Roman Catholic idea of praying for the souls in Purgatory.

In addition to the Kaddish, it is believed that the recitation of the Yizkor and E-I Maleh Rahamim prayers are beneficial to the soul of the departed. On the anniversary of the burial, it is common to study some chapter of the Talmud or the Tanakh (what we Christians call the "Old Testament"), read a selection of Psalms, give to charity, etc. in honor/memory of the departed. This is also believed to be beneficial."

The early Jews believed this and still do to this day.

So you see the concept of Purgatory is ancient. The denial of Purgatory is itself a modern man-made belief.

Now let's use common sense:

-Can something that is impure, or more to the point, can a soul, enter Heaven stained with sin? No. We can all agree on that.

-What happens to a person who dies stained with sin but who is still good enough to make it to Heaven? There must be some process by which the soul is cleansed, or purified, or purged. Catholics call that Purgatory!