

Knights Newsletter

St. John the Evangelist Council #8342, Prairieville
January, 2010

Council Officers

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan (673-8307)
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Council Directors

Programs: Cliston Guillot (673-8238)
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Community: Lester Arnaud (363-6604)
Council Activities: Lester Sylvester (673-3165)
Family/Pro-Life: David Gregory (673-9592)
Fundraisers: Delphin Russelburg (622-4278)
Youth: Corey Orgeron (673-5445)
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Family of the Month

January - Georgia and Cliston Guillot

December - Catherine and Lester Arnaud
November - Melissa and Russel Madere
October - Becky and Robert Templet Jr.
September - Gayle and Byron Gautreau
August - Pam and Tommy Ruemker

Knight of the Month

January - Lester Arnaud

December - Donald Joseph
November - Tommy Ruemker
October - Michel Hirsh
September - Louis Thomassie
August - Corey Orgeron

January Birthdays!

Nelson Johnson (2)
Dean Landry (2)
Cliston Guillot (5)
Darryl Bourgeois (6)
Thomas Kuches (6)

Paul Bouillion (8)
Austin Sierra (9)
Scott McLin (16)
Blake Bourgeois (17)
Lynn Robert, Jr. (25)

James Boyd (27)
Lawrence Burleigh (27)
Corey Orgeron (27)
Charles Spence (30)
Michel Hirsch (31)

For all brother Knights whose birthdays are in January, we thank their parents for being PRO-LIFE; by their love for each other and by the grace of God, these good Catholic gentlemen were born. We join in celebrating their lives.

Grand Knight's Column

Brother Knights,

Let me start off by saying that I hope everyone had a joy filled and blessed Christmas. Judi and I were thrilled to have our 4 children and 4.5 grandchildren all home for the holidays. The house was filled to 110% of capacity and the noise level was a little higher than we are used to but we would not trade the 10 days together for anything. It made Christmas very special for us and I hope that you had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Our Council did try to do its part to make Christmas special for a few of the less fortunate in our Community by taking six Stars off the Stars and Angels tree. You may recall that these items were approved in our yearly budget and our donation was 5 girls and 1 boys bicycle to be distributed to the needy. In addition, at the last Business meeting about 40 of the attending KC members signed a thank you note to the St. John's staff. The letter and a Wal-Mart gift card were dropped off at the parish office before Christmas.

January is Pro-Life month and our Council will have several opportunities to participate. I would challenge each of you to try to make at least one of the activities. We will start by joining the Youth Group and Squires on 1-4-10 at 9 a.m. to erect crosses, representing the unborn lost to abortion, on the lawn in front of church. The Bishop's Respect Life March at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge is on January 10th. There is a rosary followed by guest speakers on Pro-Life and End-Of-Life issues. The annual 4th Degree rosary will be followed by three different guest speakers, Benjamin Clapper - Executive Director of LA Right-To-Life, Renee Rhodes and Monica Hebert, will be on January 16th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Theresa KC Hall. Finally, the National Right-To-Life March in Washington D.C. is on January 22nd. We do have St. John Brother Knights bussing to D.C. for this event.

January is also a busy month for Youth Activities. Brother Corey Orgeron can use lots of help for the Free-Throw contest on January 17th. That is the same day as our next Fundraiser and Blood Drive so why not stay a couple extra hours and help out with the F-T competition. Also in January are the Substance Abuse Poster Contest and the Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA). CYLA is for high school seniors and last year our Council sponsored a State finalist. So if you have a son, daughter, grandchild or great grandchild please encourage them to fill out a CYLA application.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Allen

Help Your Membership Committee



We welcomed seven First Degree Knights into our Council at the St. Theresa Installation on December 2nd. These new Brother Knights are: Len Brescher, Joshua Davidson, Greg DeBose, Greg Duplessis, Jeff Mire, Austin Sierra and Rene Theriot. Please make an effort to meet and get to know these gentlemen at an upcoming meeting or Council activity.

Remember, we are all recruiters for our Order so if you know someone who might want to join our Council, give him a Form 100 and help him fill it out. You can also contact GK Paul Allen (752-3544) or Membership Director Don Belanger (673-3766) if you need information or would like us to follow-up.

Special Events/Recognitions



The Council's Quarterly Communion was held at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 5th. Following Mass an Advent Celebration pot-luck dinner was held in the Community Center for KC members and their families. Almost 50 people signed-in and were treated to fried turkey, prepared by the Council cooks shown in the picture. There was an abundance and variety of food and not surprisingly, given the approach of Christmas, many delicious desserts. Deacon Randy spoke after dinner on the meaning of Advent and Fr. Eric closed the evening with a prayer of thanksgiving for all our many blessings. It was a great day of fraternity in our Council.

Mark your Calendars

January - 2010

- 1 - Feast of Mary-Mother of God, New Years Day, LSU vs Penn St. !**
- 4 - Erect Pro-Life crosses on lawn in front of church, 9:00 a.m.
- 4 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 6 - December Charity Calendar drawing, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center foyer
- 6 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 7 - First Degree at St. Mark's, arrive by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - CYLA application deadline. Contact Corey Orgeron (673-5445)
- 9/10 - Charity Calendar sale after weekend Masses
- 10 - Bishop Respect Life March at Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge
- 13 - Columbian Squires monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Community Center
- 14 - Council monthly Business meeting, dinner around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- 16 - Fourth Degree Pro-life March in Gonzales, starts at 10:00 a.m. at KC Hall on Irma St.
- 17 - Jambalaya fundraiser and blood drive after 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses
- 17 - KC free-throw contest at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym
- 22 - National March for Life in Washington D.C.

February - 2010

- 1 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 3 - January Charity Calendar drawing, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center foyer
- 3 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 4 - First Degree at St. John The Evangelist: arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Columbian Squires monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Community Center
- 11 - Council monthly Business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- 13 - Council Quarterly Communion and Pot-Luck Dinner

Monsignor Lieux 4th Degree Assembly 2012



The 4th Degree Advent and Christmas Social at Mike Anderson's was a big success. About 45 Sir Knights, wives and children attended. The Social took place on the day before the 68th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and Faithful Navigator Tommy gave special recognition to two WWII veteran S/K's that were in attendance as well as all veterans who were present.

The annual Fourth Degree sponsored Pro-Life Rally will take place on January 16 in Gonzales from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All Knights of Columbus members and their families are invited. We will start the program with a greeting pledge followed by a posting of the colors then a rosary dedicated to the unborn. Our guest speakers will be Monica Hebert from the Pregnancy Resource Center, Renee Rhodes from Louisiana Organ Donors and keynote speaker Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Right-To-Life. We encourage all S/K's to show our support for the Pro-Life movement by attending.

Tommy Ruemker, Faithful Navigator

Columbian Squires Circle 5101



The December meeting was devoted entirely to fun activities. We exchanged secret Santa gifts, played Wii and washerboard, and were served food by Brother Knights, David Guedry and Tommy Ruemker (thanks again).

Upcoming December and January activities include:

- January 4 at 9 am - assist KC Pro-Life Director, David Gregory, in putting up crosses in front of church.
- January 14 - last day to turn in the drug awareness posters to Brother Corey.
- January 17 - assist and participate in the KC free throw competition.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th, at 7 pm in the Community Center.

Esto Dignus, Be Worthy

Ashley Rabalais, Chief Counselor

Our Financial Health

The income for December was \$539 and the expenses were \$2342. For the first six months of the year (50%), the total income is \$14,269 (48% of budget) and the total expenses are \$12,828 (43% of budget). The detailed December Financial Statement will be presented at the business meeting on 1-14-10 by Worthy Treasurer Robert Templet Sr.

Getting to Know your Council Officers

Warden - David Guedry



David was born and raised "across the river" in Donaldsonville. After graduation from Ascension Catholic High School, he attended Nichols State University in Thibodaux where he studied Mechanical Engineering. Any Brother Knight who needs a little welding or soldering done, a special piece of metal fabricated or maybe some wood turned on the lathe eventually finds his way to David's well equipped shop out behind his house. David worked at Freeport McMoran, now Mosaic, for almost 38 years retiring as the Maintenance Superintendant at their Uncle Sam Plant in Convent.

He has been married to Mary Catherine Burleigh, who he likes to refer to as his first wife, for 41 years and they have one daughter and a granddaughter. David was in the Army Reserves for 6 years. If you talk to David for very long you know he loves flying. He earned his pilot license in 1966 and has a Commercial license with a Flight Instructor rating. He has flown for Hair Flying Service, Air Farm, Gulf Coast Aerial doing topographical mapping, as a flight instructor, a charter pilot and, yes, even crop dusting. David has a creative sense of humor and has a joke for every occasion. He is also one of our Council cooks and everyone knows that his bread pudding specialty is the best in Ascension Parish. Brother David joined the Knights in April, 2003 and was awarded the 2008-2009 Knight Of The Year. If the Council ever needs any help, David is always one of the first to offer his services with a smile and one of his humorous observations.

Inside Guard - Richard Holder Sr.



Richard was born in Opelousas and his family moved to Baton Rouge when he was 7 years old. He attended Catholic (Junior) High and Baton Rouge (Senior) High where he played both defensive and offensive tackle on the football team with several future LSU stars. He likely inherited his athletic ability from his father who played one year in center field for the Chicago White Sox. Following High School Richard attended LSU for three years studying Industrial Engineering. Richard retired in 2002 from Copolymer Rubber and Chemical Co. where he worked for almost 41 years, first in Operations and later as a Laboratory

Technician. He married Patricia Marie Sigmon shortly after joining Copolymer and during almost 40 years of marriage they raised 10 children and, as of this writing, have 18 grandchildren. Patricia's father was the Coroner in Ascension Parish for a number of years. Richard's hobbies include bowling (he says his average was around 190 in his younger days), gardening and he coached almost every sport at St. George when his children were in school. You can tell by now that Richard likes sports and he is often off to see the Astros in Houston or to an LSU baseball or football game with one of his grandchildren. Richard made his 1st Degree in Baton Rouge Council No. 4030 in 1968, his 2nd and 3rd Degrees while in St. Theresa Council in Gonzales and his 4th Degree in our Council in 2002. Most everyone who has been in our KC Council for at least a year knows that Richard is "Mr. Tootsie Roll". This moniker has nothing to do with the consumption of the famous candy but rather Richard's ability to sign up volunteers for our yearly MDF (Mental Disability Fund) drive that takes place each September. Thanks to Richard's leadership, our Council routinely donates around \$3000 to Ascension Parish mental disability charities. We are indeed fortunate to have Richard actively involved in our Council.

Where to Go for Information

KC Websites

- **Council** - www.kc8342.org (administrator - Scott McLin at scottmclin@yahoo.com)
- **State** - www.louisianakc.org
- **Supreme** - www.kofc.org

Email Distribution - Paul Allen at paulwallen@cox.net or 225-752-3544

Council Shirts - Anthony Babin at ababin1@eatel.net or 225-673-8754

Name Tags - *What's My Name* at ddstark@sbcglobal.net or 817-581-4401

Senators - David Vitter at www.vitter.senate.gov and Mary Landrieu at www.landrieu.senate.gov

Representative - Bill Cassidy at www.cassidy.house.gov



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Message from our Insurance Agent and Brother Tim:

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P. Because of the financial stability the Knights of Columbus has maintained throughout its 127 year existence, it can confidently offer competitive rates on a broad range of products including Whole Life (Permanent) and Term policies, Long Term Care and Annuities. Brother Tim Fernandez will be happy to tell you about all the KC products that are aimed at protecting you and your family in case of need. Don't wait until it's too late. Call Brother Tim today!

Tim Fernandez - Insurance Agent
225-772-2488 (cell), 225-622-6384 (office)
email: tcfern2@yahoo.com

Charity Calendar Drawing



Since the Council has several new KC members this year, it may be worthwhile to review how the Charity Calendar drawing works. Calendars are sold for \$20 each and the stub on the last page of the calendar is placed in the rotating drawing wheel. On the first Wednesday of each month the Calendar Committee pulls the winners for each day of the previous month. There are 365 winners, one for each day of the year, and the stubs are returned to the basket after each day's winner is drawn. We purchase a maximum of 2000 calendars (about 1150 were sold by 6 Councils in 2009). The 2010

winning prizes are \$20 (301), \$100 (51), \$150 (9), \$250 (2), \$1000 (Jan 1st) and \$2000 (Columbus Day) for a total payout of \$15, 970. The St. John proceeds from the Charity Calendar drawing are used to fund our charitable activities throughout the year.

November, 2009 Winners (Drawing held on December 2th)

| Date | Prize | Name | City | Sold by | Council |
|------|-------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1 | 150 | MBS - Cultural Fund | Baton Rouge | Council Donation | 10455 |
| 2 | 20 | Fay Babin | Patterson | Brian Ducote | 8342 |
| 3 | 20 | James Lambert | Port Allen | Anthony Babin | 8342 |
| 4 | 20 | Kurt Bindewold | New Orleans | Robert Reed | 8342 |
| 5 | 20 | Mrs. La Lebo | Prairieville | Delphin Russelburg | 8342 |
| 6 | 20 | Lee Guidry | Prairieville | Church Sale | 8342 |
| 7 | 100 | Chloe Hunt | Prairieville | Anthony Babin | 8342 |
| 8 | 20 | Maggie and Don Blevins | Baton Rouge | Bill Freeman | 8342 |
| 9 | 20 | Tim Whitney | Prairieville | Church Sale | 8342 |
| 10 | 20 | Rev. Vincent J Dufresne | Denham Springs | AJ Labello | 6326 |
| 11 | 20 | Linda Mitchell | Prairieville | Church Sale | 8342 |
| 12 | 20 | Eric Erickson | Prairieville | Blake Bourgeois | 8342 |
| 13 | 20 | Julie Gregory | Gonzales | David Gregory | 8342 |
| 14 | 100 | Jimmy Packard | Gonzales | Delphin Russelburg | 8342 |
| 15 | 20 | St. John - Right To Life | Prairieville | Council Donation | 8342 |
| 16 | 20 | Delores Moe | Prairieville | Mindy Coogan | 8342 |
| 17 | 20 | Lolita and Roy McDaniel | Denham Springs | Delphin Russelburg | 8342 |
| 18 | 20 | Charles Wambsgans | Prairieville | Church Sale | 8342 |
| 19 | 20 | Bailey Watts | Prairieville | Sam Watts | 8342 |
| 20 | 20 | Roland and Kay Robert | Prairieville | Roland Robert | 8342 |
| 21 | 100 | Kelly Angrisano | Prairieville | Delphin Russelburg | 8342 |
| 22 | 20 | Rudy Tucker | Prairieville | Church Sale | 10455 |
| 23 | 20 | Council 1099 (Ricky Blanchard) | Napoleonville | Council Donation | 1099 |
| 24 | 20 | Larry Harris | Prairieville | Larry Miller | 8342 |
| 25 | 20 | John David Landaiche | Darrow | Anthony Babin | 8342 |
| 26 | 20 | Natalie and Delphin Russelburg | Prairieville | Delphin Russelburg | 8342 |
| 27 | 20 | Dan Gautreau | Duplessis | Church Sale | 8342 |
| 28 | 100 | Tommy Lacombe | Prairieville | Bob Vincik | 8342 |
| 29 | 20 | Darnell Smith | Marrerro | Kelly Mc Govern | 8342 |
| 30 | 20 | St. John - Bishop Greco | Prairieville | Council Donation | 8342 |