

# Knight Newsletter

**St. John the Evangelist Council #8342, Prairieville  
November, 2009**

## Council Officers

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan  
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Retention: Tim Langlois  
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*Knight of the Month: Tommy Ruemker  
Family of the Month: Russel and Melissa Madere*

We received word that Russel and Melissa are also one of the 100 September *Families of the Month* recipients that are randomly selected by Supreme to receive a Statuette of the Holy Family.

## November Birthdays!

Merle Russelburg (1)  
Byron Gautreau (2)  
Mark Bradley (11)  
Gerard Stelly (11)  
James Nelson (14)

Michael Cutrone (14)  
Larry Harris (19)  
Jesus Manotas (21)  
Patrick Giroir (21)  
Patrick Reynolds (23)  
Ronney Becnel (24)

Tim Tureau (25)  
Ben Bearden (27)  
Steve Perry (28)  
Steve Hutchison (29)  
Mike Burleigh (29)

For all brother Knights whose birthdays are in October, 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,

October is probably our Council's busiest month of the year. It started off on October 1st with hosting the First Degree Installation followed a couple days later with a Membership Blitz at the October 3-4 weekend Masses. The Blitz was very successful (see *Help Your Membership Committee*) and I would like to thank all our members that helped at the sign-up tables as well as the Brother Knights who spoke from the pulpit at the end of each Mass. Fr. Eric is very supportive of the KC's so please express your thanks to him at every opportunity.

The weekend of October 10-11 was also busy. Charity Calendars were sold after each Mass but the rainy weather did not help. Brother Gerald Blair tells me we sold 35 calendars. There will be another church sale weekend in January. There are still several KC members that have not received calendars so, if you are one of them, please call or e-mail Gerald or me and we will personally deliver them to you. Our Council target is to sell 800 calendars this year so we need your help!

We also hosted the District and Area Soccer Challenge on October 11th. Again the rain dampened the turn-out but not the enthusiasm. There were 10 participants representing St. John, St. Theresa and French Settlement. Worthy District Deputies Vicen Alvarez (24) and Robert Templet Sr. (25) presented medals to the District winners and trophies to the Area winners.



**Joseph Orgeron (Area Winner)**



**Lydia Orgeron (Area Winner)**

The State competition will be on November 15th at the Burbank Soccer Complex in Baton Rouge. Congratulations to Lydia Orgeron and Joseph Orgeron who will represent our Council at State.

The annual Senior Citizen Banquet took place on Wednesday, October 14th, in the St. John Community Center and was a great success. This event is jointly sponsored by our Council and the St. John Ladies Altar Society. This year we had 70 attendees including guests from the Gonzales Healthcare Center and Azalea Estates of Gonzales. The jambalaya lunch was prepared by Brother Byron Gautreau, Alden Gautreau, and Brother Paul Duplessis. Cliff Nickens and his *One Man Band* provided music for the occasion. Brothers Delphin Russelburg and Tommy Ruemker collected really nice door prizes from 16 different businesses, restaurants and banks in the Gonzales-Prairieville area. This part of the banquet is always a big hit and Monica Roussel did a great job as MC of the door prize drawing. Hopefully, you saw the event on Eatel TV (Community Service channel 4) between October 26-31 or in the Gonzales Weekly Citizen newspaper on October 23rd. We will also post the pictures taken at the banquet on the Council website ([www.kc8342.org](http://www.kc8342.org)). Thanks to all the Knights and Ladies Altar Society members who made this event so much fun for our senior citizens.

## *Grand Knight's Column (continued)*

On October 18th the Council had a jambalaya fundraiser and blood drive after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses. 48 units of blood were collected and the fundraiser gross was \$1759 with a net of \$736. About 120 lunches were donated to blood donors, the St. John food bank and to the firehouse on Highway 73. The profits will be used to support activities such as this month's Soccer Challenge and Senior Citizen Banquet. It takes several Knights to do a fundraiser and blood drive and we appreciate all your help, especially Brothers Delphin Russelburg and David Broussard who coordinate the fundraiser and blood drive, respectively.



And last but certainly not least was the annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25th, in the Community Center. This event requires the help of many people but Ashley and Blake Bourgeois are the driving force that make it happen. They put hours and hours into planning, advertising, purchasing, decorating, hauling hay, filling balloons, post party clean-up etc. etc. but most importantly providing leadership for this very popular parish event. We counted 680 children, parents, Fr. Eric and workers through the door. Pictures will be posted on the [www.KC8342.org](http://www.KC8342.org) website so that you can see the variety of costumes worn by the children (and adults) at the party. I would like to thank all the KC's, KC wives, youth group members, Squires, Lady Altar Society members and St. John parishioners who came out and helped. It is worth all the work just to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they enjoy eating the candy and playing the games.

Like I said, it was a very busy month!

There is one heads-up I would like to announce for the November business meeting. Alyce Landry will be giving a *Creative Giving* talk during dinner. Alyce is a CPA, attorney and a committee member on the "Future of Our Faith" campaign. Her presentation will cover different alternatives for donating to the St. John building fund. I think you will find this topic interesting and I hope that you will make an effort to get to the monthly meeting a little early next month.

*Vivat Jesus!*  
*Paul Allen*

## *Help Your Membership Committee*



The semi-annual Membership Blitz took place during the weekend Masses on October 3-4. Brother Don Belanger developed a pulpit presentation that included having KC members in the congregation stand to show their unity with our church teachings and our priests. It must have struck the right cord because after the Masses we had 13 people turn in cards showing their interest in joining our Council. One completed Form 100 was also submitted. At the October 8th Business meeting, two of these gentlemen were approved for membership and hopefully they will go through the 1st Degree Installation on November 5th. We also had one transfer approved from another Council. Brother Don will be following up with the others who showed interest over the next few weeks. We are all KC recruiters 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), Membership Director Don Belanger (673-3766) or Committee members Scott McLin (673-1656) and David Broussard (622-0656 or 776-0613) if you need information or would like us to follow-up.

## Special Events/Recognitions



Council #8342 was presented the Columbian Award plaque for the 2008-2009 fraternal year by District Deputy Vicen Alvarez at the October 8th business meeting. This award is achieved by completing four activities in each of the church, community, council, family and youth programs. Thanks to all the Committee Chairmen who make these programs possible.



## Mark your Calendars

### November - 2009

- 2 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 4 - Charity Calendar drawing at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center foyer
- 4 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 5 - First Degree at St. Amant KC Hall, arrival at 6:30 p.m., ceremony 7 p.m.
- 7 - Fourth Degree Exemplification in Carencro, registration 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- 11 - Columbian Squires meeting, 7:15 p.m. in Education Building
- 12 - Council monthly meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- 14 - Our Lady of Guadeloupe Mass at Cathedral, 3:30 p.m. Color Corp Parade, 4:00 p.m. Mass
- 15 - State Soccer Competition, Baton Rouge Burbank Soccer Complex, 8:00 a.m. - noon
- 19 - Serve lunch at Christ The King on LSU campus

### December - 2009

- 2 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 3 - First Degree at St. Theresa KC Hall : arrival at 6:30 p.m., ceremony 7 p.m.
- 5 - Quarterly Communion and Advent Social, following 4:30 p.m. Mass in Community Center
- 6 - Fourth Degree Christmas Social at Mike Andersons in Gonzales, 12:30 p.m.
- 7 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 10 - Council monthly meeting: dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp

## Monsignor Lieux 4th Degree Assembly 2052



For 50 years, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored the *Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program* to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America*. The rose is a symbol of the Order's commitment to the pro-life cause, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is the proclaimed patroness of the pro-life movement. A Silver Rose prayer Service and Mass will be held on November 14th at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Baton Rouge starting at 3:30 p.m. Fourth Degree Color Corp members throughout the Diocese will take part in the ceremony. Please join us Brother Knights in showing our Pro-Life support!

The 4th Degree Christmas Social will be on Sunday, December 6, starting at 12:30 p.m. at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales. Menu entrees are Marinated Chicken and Charbroiled Ribeye. Please RSVP the Faithful Navigator (622-4152) by November 2nd if you plan to attend.

*Tommy Ruemker, Faithful Navigator*

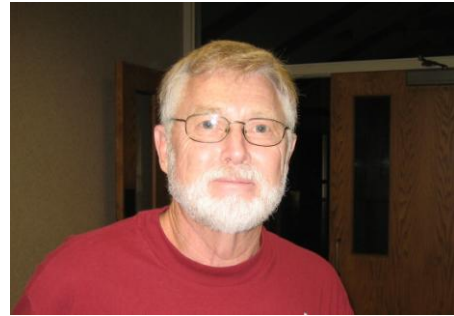
## Getting to Know your Council Officers

### Recorder - Anthony Babin



**Anthony** was born in Baton Rouge and grew up in Gonzales where he has lived his entire life. Anthony is the 9th of 12 children. Anthony graduated from East Ascension High School and took courses at both LSU and UNO. He has an AWS CWI Certification and has worked for 35 years for Ohmstede LTD. He is currently the Quality Control Manager and Radiation Safety Officer. Anthony married Rhonda Smith 35 years ago and they have two sons, David and Derek. Anthony enjoys hunting and gardening. More than once he has brought vegetables from his garden to serve at our monthly meetings. Anyone who talks to Anthony for long will find that he is an avid Saints fan. He claims to have a bottle of 1987 *Who Dat* champagne that he plans to open when the Saints make it to the Superbowl. Maybe 2009 is the year. Anthony also has played guitar in a family band and enjoys singing. You can find him in the choir on Sunday mornings at the 7:30 a.m. Mass. He taught CCD at St. John's for a number of years. Anthony joined the Knights in December, 2002 and is a 4th Degree Sir Knight in the Msgr. Lieux Assembly. Anthony has served as our Recorder for the last 4 years and is a fixture sitting next to the podium at every monthly meeting with his mini-recorder. We have all learned the hard way not to make off-the-cuff remarks at the meetings if you don't want them read back at the next meeting in the minutes!

### Chancellor - Gerald Blair



**Gerald** is called "Hoolie" by his many friends and is a life-long resident of Dutchtown. He was born in a little house on Highway 74. His dad worked at an area Public Service Hospital and his mom was the lunchroom supervisor at Dutchtown School for a number of years. Not surprisingly, Gerald graduated from Dutchtown High School. Hoolie joined the Army and served in Vietnam in 1968-1969. He achieved the rank of Sergeant in the 377th Air Artillery of the famous 101st Airborne Division. Not many people know that Gerald received a Bronze Star for his service to our Country during the Vietnam War. Gerald was responsible for starting our Council's Soldier Welcoming Home Program that greets returning service men and women at the airport. This initiative was recognized by the Louisiana State Senate in 2008. Hoolie married Sheila Budd 42 years ago and they a daughter, two sons and 6 grandchildren. He worked 30 years for Vulcan Chemical Company in their Shipping Department and is now retired to pursue hunting and fishing but mostly volunteering. There is not a KC or St. John Church activity that you will not find Gerald quietly working behind the scenes cooking, selling, cleaning or ministering to the needy of our Parish. The KC's are truly lucky to have Brother Gerald in our Order.

## Columbian Squires Circle 5101



New officers were elected during the October Squires meeting. Congratulations to the new Chief Squire elect, Nathan Bradley! During the October meeting, we also signed Clergy Appreciation cards and a card to be sent to the Southeast La War Veterans Home in Laplace. Activities the Squires participated in during October include - volunteering to help with the October 25th Halloween party in the Community Center (eight squires - two of them with the youth group) and manning tables during the KC membership blitz in early October. The next meeting will be held at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, November 11th in the Education Center. We will install the new officers during the November meeting.

Esto Dignos, Be Worthy  
*Ashley Rabalais, Chief Counselor*

### Our Financial Health

The income for October is \$2381 (includes 10/18 fundraiser) and the expenses are \$3510. For the first four months of the year, the total income is \$12,595 (42% of budget) and the total expenses are \$8,178 (28% of budget). Excluded from the October expenses is \$1071 for the Halloween Party which will show up in the November statement. The detailed October Financial Statement will be presented at the business meeting on 11/8/09 by Worthy Treasurer Robert Temple Sr.

### Where to Go for Information

#### **KC Websites**

Council - [www.kc8342.org](http://www.kc8342.org) (administrator - Scott McLin at [scottmclin@yahoo.com](mailto:scottmclin@yahoo.com))

State - [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org)

Supreme - [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**Email Distribution** - Paul Allen at [paulwallen@cox.net](mailto:paulwallen@cox.net) or 225-752-3544

**Council Shirts** - Anthony Babin at [ababin1@eatel.net](mailto:ababin1@eatel.net) or 225-673-8754

**Name Tags** - *What's My Name* at [ddstark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddstark@sbcglobal.net) or 817-581-4401

**Senators** - David Vitter at [www.vitter.senate.gov](http://www.vitter.senate.gov) and Mary Landrieu at [www.landrieu.senate.gov](http://www.landrieu.senate.gov)

**Representative** - Bill Cassidy at [www.cassidy.house.gov](http://www.cassidy.house.gov)



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## *Charity Calendar*

The Charity Calendar drawing is a key fundraiser for our Council. The money is used to help fund the charities, youth activities, appreciation banquets and church programs that our Council sponsors. Participating Council's are St. John The Evangelist (Prairieville), Most Blessed Sacrament (Baton Rouge), Immaculate Conception (Denham Springs), Assumption (Napoleonville), St. Theresa (Gonzales) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Baton Rouge). The winners each month are published in this monthly newsletter and sent to everyone on our Charity Calendar e-mail distribution list. Any questions should be directed to the Charity Calendar Chairman, Gerald Blair (450-2504).

### *September, 2009 Winners*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner's Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Sold by</b>
1	150	YEP	Baton Rouge	10455	Council Donation
2	20	Sharie Scallan	Baton Rouge	8342	Church Sale
3	20	Gwen Molliere	Gonzales	8342	Church Sale
4	20	Rodi Rodriguez	Prairieville	8342	Sam Watts
5	100	Gerald Boyette	Baton Rouge	8342	Tommy Ruemker
6	20	Elmay Hotard	Houma	10455	Randy Damen
7	20	YEP	Prairieville	8342	Council Donation
8	20	Jeanne Root	Baton Rouge	6326	AJ Labello
9	20	Susan Dupuis	Rayne	8342	Brian Ducote
10	20	Nancy Malbrough	Prairieville	8342	Mindy Coogan
11	20	Della Louque	Prairieville	8342	Church Sale
12	100	Rev. Paul Gross	Baton Rouge	10455	Church Sale
13	20	Dodie Poche	Gonzales	8342	Anthony Babin
14	20	Joe Corona	Gonzales	8342	Brian Ducote
15	20	Gary Smith	Baton Rouge	8342	Tommy Ruemker
16	20	Marie E. Dloniak	Walker	6326	AJ Labello
17	20	Ladies Altar Society	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
18	20	Food Bank	Prairieville	8342	Council
19	100	Hope Leeth	Gonzales	2657	n/a
20	20	Shirley L. Smith	Denham Springs	6326	AJ Labello
21	20	Richard Holder	Prairieville	8342	Richard Holder
22	20	Barbara Ruddick	Baton Rouge	10455	Church Sale
23	20	Terry Doming	Prairieville	8342	Church Sale
24	20	Dawn B. Gonzalez	Katy, TX	1099	Achille Boudreau
25	20	YEP	Prairieville	8342	Council Donation
26	100	Anne Joseph	Prairieville	8342	Donald Joseph
27	20	Coletta Barrett	BR	10455	Robert Barrett
28	20	Lucille Pichon	Slidell	8342	Mindy Coogan
29	20	Bill Gros	BR	10455	Church Sale
30	20	Jardon Lions	Brandon, MS	8342	Delphin Russelburg