

# Knight Newsletter

**St. John the Evangelist Council #8342, Prairieville  
December - 2010**

## Council Officers

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan (673-8307)  
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2-Year Trustee: Tommy Ruemker (622-4152)  
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Lecturer: Dr. Michel Hirsch (673-9457)

## Council Directors

Programs: Cliston Guillot (673-8238)  
Membership: Charles Schexnaydre (673-5747)  
Squires: Ashley Rabalais (677-9648)  
Church: Gerald Blair (450-2504)  
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## Family of the Month

**November - Paul/Audry Cashio**

October - Sadie/Lester Sylvester  
September - Jennie and Ed Martin  
August - Becky and Robbie Templet Jr.  
July - Danielle and Ashley Rabalais  
June - Gwen and Archie Molliere  
May - Diane and Randy Clement



## Knight of the Month

**November - Richard Holder**

October - Philip Joseph Sr.  
September - Kelly McGovern  
August - Tommy Ruemker  
July - Elliott Rodrigue  
June - Don Belanger  
May - Rene Theriot

## December Birthdays!

Kelly McGovern (1)  
Hiram Arnold (3)  
Rodney Logarbo (3)  
Dr. William Mitchell (3)  
John Stafford (4)  
Sam Watts (4)

Richard Holder Sr. (9)  
Rev. Sylvester Minj (9)  
Paul Allen (10)  
Dwight Robinette (11)  
Robert Vincik (19)  
Craig St. Pierre (20)  
Rev. John Carville (21)

Paul Taranto (22)  
Timothy Savage (24)  
Stephen Pettiss (25)  
Lester Sylvester (30)  
Pierre Rabalais (31)  
Lawrence Kimble (31)

For all brother Knights whose birthdays are in December, 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,

November might have set a record for the number of Council activities, at least in my 17 months as Grand Knight. It started off on the first Sunday of the month when our Council had a team participate in the



District **Gumbo Cook-off** Competition hosted by the St. Theresa Council. Tommy Ruemker and Corey Orgeron were edged out by the St. Theresa team of Babineaux and DeLatte. You will get to taste their 2nd place gumbo at the December business meeting.

The next activity was the **Silver Rose** Ceremony on November 13th but I'll cover this event in the Special Events section below.



On Sunday, the 14th, our Council volunteered to help with the **Festival of Festivals** at Lamar Dixon. We had 7 Knights and their wives volunteer to sell tickets during two 4 hour shifts. It was a cold rainy day but everyone had a good time and got to taste some really good food along including a giant omelet promoting Abbeville's Giant Omelet celebration (picture at right).



One of the highlights of the month was the **Clergy Appreciation** dinner at Mike Anderson's on November 16th. Fr. Eric, Fr. Sylvester and Deacons



Claude, Randy and Ed were guests of honor and 23 Brother Knights were present to show our appreciation for their service to our Church, our Community and our Council. "In Solidarity with our Priests" and "In Communion with our Deacons" certificates were presented along with a small gift of the book *Parish Priest* on the life of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. It was a fun evening of brotherhood with our clergy.

Two days later on November 18th, our Council prepared lunch at the **Christ The King Catholic Student Center** on the LSU campus. Brother Paul Duplessis prepared his cowboy beans over rice and it was a big hit. We heard several students say that they have never heard of cowboy beans before but that did not stop most of them from coming back for seconds. Over 400 meals were served to the students by the 12 Brother Knights who volunteered, including new Brother Knight Fr. Sylvester who served up the dessert in the serving line. This is one of the really fun events during the fraternal year. Amanda Fulton is the new coordinator at the Student Center (see picture) and she does a great job making everyone feel welcome and helping with all the details of the lunch.



## Grand Knight's Column (continued)

We also had a couple Youth activities during November. The **State Soccer** tournament took place at the Burbank Soccer Complex in Baton Rouge on November 14th. Our Council was represented by Adrienne



McLin (left in picture) in the 10 year old division and Lydia Orgeron in the 12 year old division. Both young ladies did the Council proud by bring home 2nd place medals in their age groups. Congratulations to Adrienne and Lydia for competing.

And while we are on the subject of our Youth, Brother Corey Orgeron forwarded a cute picture of a fishing rodeo in which **Cub Scout Pack 226** participated. Our Council sponsors Pack 226 and we have 4 or 5 Brother Knights who are very involved with Scouting.



I would like to take the opportunity in my column this month to recognize a very special member of our Council who is being deployed to Afghanistan at the end of November.



Brother Knight, Sir Knight and **Major Gary Whipple** is returning to Afghanistan for the second time. This is his third tour of duty in a combat zone. Gary is in a Military Intelligence Battalion and a majority of the soldiers in his unit are from the Prairieville, Gonzales and Baton Rouge areas. Gary's wife and children attend Mass each Sunday at St. John's so if you see them please be sure to stop them and say thanks and let them know that the Knights will support them in any way we can. Gary will

remain on our Prayer Line throughout his deployment and we ask that you also remember his family in your prayers.

The Advent season starts next Sunday, November 27, and this is always a very special time of the year. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ on Christmas Day, let us be sure that we remember our Brother Knights, our St. John parishioners and those in our Community who are in distress. It is a time of joy to be with family and friends but it is also a time to remember others who may be alone or in need of our help. Our church has many Advent programs that need volunteers and if you are aware of someone who the Knights can help, let me know. We also have a Special Olympics activity in early December (see calendar). Why not take a day or two and help out the mentally and physically challenged in our Community.

Let me close by saying that I hope you and your families have a happy and holy Christmas season and let me give a personal thank you to all my Brother Knights who did so much to support our Council during 2010.

*Vivat Jesus !  
Paul Allen*

## Special Events/Recognitions



Each year for the past 50 years, the Knights of Columbus have carried a silver rose from Montreal to Mexico City in honor of **Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas**. The symbol of the rose grew out of the Blessed Mother's appearance to Juan Diego in 1531. The rose is also a symbol of life to all Catholics and shows our respect for the scanty of human life from conception until natural death.



A rosary in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe was held in the St. John Meditation Garden on November 13. After the rosary, the Msgr. Lieux Honor Guard escorted the Silver Rose to the sanctuary of the church where it resided, along with the Blessed Mother icon, during the Vigil Mass.

**Service pins:** we had several Council members receive service pins in November: Gerald Bello (35), Merle Russelburg (30), Lawrence Kimble (25), Robbie McCrory (25), Danny Landry (25), Lawrence Burleigh (25), Lawrence Parisey (25), James Hubbs (25), Larry Harris (25), Harry Harvey (25), Steve Perry (25), Kenneth Lee (20), Charles Bishop (20), Richard Holder (20), Robert Vincik (20), and Tommy Ruemker (20). We thanks these Catholic gentlemen for their long service to our Order and the Council.

## Mark your Calendars

### December - 2010

- 1 - November Charity Calendar drawing, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center foyer
- 1 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 2 - First Degree at St. Amant KC Hall, arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 4, 5 and 10 - Special Olympics Bowling at Don Carter Lanes, carpool from St. John at 7:15 a.m.
- 6 - Fourth Degree meeting at St. Amant KC Hall on Black Bayou Rd., 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - Columbian Squires monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Community Center
- 9 - Council monthly business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - Quarterly Communion at 4:30 Vigil Mass followed by Advent Celebration in Community Center
- 12 - Fourth Degree Christmas Social at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- 25 - Christmas Day

### January - 2011

- 1 - New Years Day
- 3 - Fourth Degree meeting at St. Amant KC Hall on Black Bayou Rd., 7:00 p.m.
- 5 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 6 - First Degree at St. Mark, arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - Jambalaya Fundraiser and blood drive after 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses
- 11 - Substance Abuse Poster - Council deadline
- 12 - Columbian Squires monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Community Center
- 13 - Council monthly business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Youth Free-Throw Competition - time to be determined
- 15 - Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) - Council deadline
- 30 - Grand Knight Day in Lafayette

## Our Financial Health

Our income in November was \$1,896 and expenses totaled \$6,174, primarily due to \$4,468 MDF (tootsie Roll) check sent to the State Council. The offsetting MDF income was recorded in October. With five months completed (42% of the fraternal year) our total income has been \$21,495 (59% of budget) and the total expenses has been \$18,553 (51% of budget).

Columbus Day is always the highlight of our **Charity Calendar** program with the drawing for the \$2000 grand prize. The 2010 winners were Ronnie (left in picture) and Adele (center) Frederic of Gonzales.



The winning calendar was sold to the Frederic's by Brother Harold Braud. The picture at the left was in *The Advocate* on November 18th showing the Grand Knight presenting the \$2000 check to Ronnie and Adele.

The 2011 Charity Calendar sales started in September. About 700 calendars have been delivered to Council members and our first church sale was held after the November 20-21 Masses. We did very good with 62 calendars sold! The first drawing for the month of January, 2011 is on February 2nd but we ask that you turn your money and stubs in as you accumulate cash and checks (made out to KC Charity Calendar) from sales. The winners are posted on our website ([www.kc8342.org](http://www.kc8342.org)) in a special Charity Calendar navigation button. **Remember** - these calendars make great Christmas gifts!!!!

## Help Your Membership Committee

The November **First Degree Installation** ceremony was held at the St. Theresa KC Hall on the 4th. We were honored this month to have three new Brother Knights join our Council: Kevin Armbruster, Julian Surla and our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Sylvester Minj. It is always special to have a priest join our Order and the First Degree ceremony was dedicated, at the request of Fr. Sylvester, to Cardinal Telesphore Placidus Toppo, Archbishop of Ranchi, India.

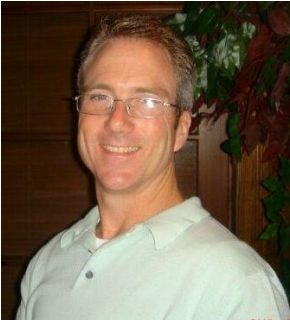
We also had a Brother Knight who **reapplied** to join the Order and we welcome Brother Keelan Ezernack to our Council.

Remember we are all recruiters for the Knights. If you know of someone who would like to join the Council, have them fill out a Form 100 or contact our Membership Director, Charles Schnexaydre (673-5747 or [cschexnaydre@gmail.com](mailto:cschexnaydre@gmail.com))



## Getting to Know your Officers and Committee Chairmen

### Membership Committee - Tommy Foil



**Tommy** was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina. His father was career Air Force and shortly after his birth the family moved first to North Dakota and then in 1972 to the Prairieville area. His father was in the Air Force for 25 years and served in Korea and two tours of duty in Vietnam. His mother worked for a number of years for what was then known as LNB (Louisiana National Bank). Tommy attended St. George Grade School and St. Amant High School. He said he was a member of the St. Amant first 9th grade class in 1978. Tommy says he almost went to LSU out of high school in 1982 but the call of music won out. Tommy played the drums in school and at age 19 joined a band called *Contraband*. The

band did the college circuit across Texas, the gulf coast and up the east coast as far as Virginia. The Band eventually signed a contract with a record company but were primarily successful at writing songs. Tommy met Jamie Marie Melancon and they married at White Oak Plantation in 1987. Tommy said he was on tour with the band for the first three years of their marriage and finally decided that it was time to settle down. He went to work for Telco Communications in Baton Rouge and eventually worked for Network Long Distance where he worked his way up to an executive level position in the company. When the WorldCom scandal almost brought the telecommunications industry down in the early 2000's, Tommy found himself without a job for a number of months. Eventually he decided to start his own company and N2N Communications was born. He now has 7 employees and a thriving business supplying companies with telephone systems. Tommy and Jamie have been married for 23 years and have two daughters: Cameron (12) and Carley (9). He says he still enjoys playing the drums and fishing but most of his free time now revolves around his two daughters. Tommy converted to Catholicism about 10 years ago and he joined our Council in April, 2003. He became a 3rd Degree Knight in March, 2004. He and Jamie have both been involved in the RCIA program and he also has been active in fundraising for different organizations. Tommy is one of those people who always says yes when asked to help and the Council is fortunate to be able to use his executive skills on our membership committee.

### Columbian Squires Circle 5101



The next Squire meeting will be on December 10th in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have a child or a grandchild who might like to join the Squires please contact Ashley Rabalais (677-9648 or by e-mail at [arabalais@eatel.net](mailto:arabalais@eatel.net)). This program is a great way to learn leadership skills while at the same time having fun and making new friends.

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



## Monsignor Lieux 4th Degree Assembly 2052

On October 24th, **bingo** was held at the SE War Veterans home in Reserve and several veterans came dressed in their Halloween costumes for a party that took place right after bingo. It made for a fun afternoon. The December bingo date has not been set yet due to conflicts during the busy Christmas season.



The **Christmas Social** has been set for December 12 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales. The menu selection has been released to all 4th Degree S/K's.

Please take a look at our new website - [www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org](http://www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org) . If you are interested in being a 4th degree Sir Knight, you can contact the Faithful Navigator via the website or by calling 622-4152 or email to [truemker@eatel.net](mailto:truemker@eatel.net).

*Tommy Ruemker, Faithful Navigator*

### Prayer Requests

Brother Knight's ask that you remember the following Knight's, family and friends in your prayers:

**For those who are ill:** Donna Guillot, Patsy Vincik (cancer), Br. Lee Guidry's brother-in-law Dwight Vincent (cancer) and brother Lenus Guidry (cancer), Rhonda Babin (stomach, nausea), Ann Joseph (blocked artery), Br. Don Belanger's son Don (cancer surgery), mother-in-law Genevieve McCarroll and son-in-law's father Calagero Miserendino (cancer), Br. George Oube's daughter Joan Lebouef (chemotherapy), Br. Ken Leary (knee surgery), Br. Earl Bulot (leg amputation), Bill Blair (lung cancer), Bobby Legendre (cancer), Br. Louis Thomassie niece Audrey Babin (stroke), Jennie Martin (liver cancer), Br. Donald Mayeaux (ALS), Donald Russelburg (pancreatic cancer), Br. Tommy Ruemker's daughter Christy, Br. Paul Duplessis (eye surgery), Br. & Dr. William Mitchell's son Kendall Vincent (cancer)

**For the souls of those who are deceased:** Br. Anthony Babin's sister Ina Ragus

We also ask you to pray for all who serve in the military and especially for Brother Gary Whipple who will soon be deployed to Afghanistan and for Brother Paul and Audry Cashio's grandson, Thomas, who is returning for a second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Forward prayer requests to our **Prayer Line** coordinator Tommy Ruemker at [truemker@eatel.net](mailto:truemker@eatel.net)

## 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)
- **Assembly** - [www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org](http://www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org)

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

**Prayer Line** - Tommy Ruemker at [truemker@eatel.net](mailto:truemker@eatel.net) or 225-622-4152

**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

**Fr. McGivney Guild** - [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

**Baton Rouge Pregnancy Problem Center** - [www.pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com](http://www.pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com)

**St. John Church Office** - [www.stjohnchurch.org](http://www.stjohnchurch.org), [stjohnchurch@eatel.net](mailto:stjohnchurch@eatel.net) or 225-673-8307

**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)

**Pro-Life** - [www.ProLifeLouisiana.org](http://www.ProLifeLouisiana.org) and [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)



### *Message from our Insurance Agent Brother Tim:*



#### **Scrooge Didn't Believe**

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

The warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your love ones will have joy and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you. I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

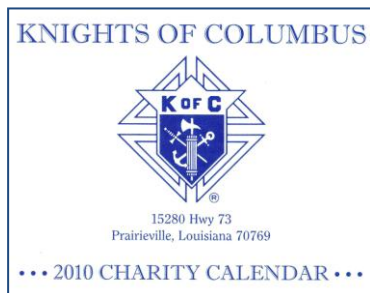
Call me today for an appointment.

**Brother Tim Fernandez - Insurance Agent**

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# Charity Calendar Drawing (Drawing on November 3, 2010)



Council	Sales, %	Winners, %
St. John (8342)	54.5	53.0
MBS (10455)	14.9	20.7
IC (6326)	11.7	12.5
Assumption (1099)	2.7	3.0
St. Theresa (2657)	1.1	0.0
Guadeloupe (13145)	0.35	0.3
St. Jean (9247)	9.3	6.9
Msgr. Richard (2053)	<u>5.5</u>	<u>3.6</u>
	100.0	100.0



October	Prize, \$	Winner	City, State	Council	Sold By
1	150	St. John Ladies Altar Society	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
2	100	Nolan J. Bruce	Bridge City	2053	Warren Deemer
3	20	Peyton Duplessis	Duplessis	8342	Paul Duplessis
4	20	Brynne Arceneaux	Chicago IL	10455	Randy Arceneaux
5	20	Tammy Culmone	Baton Rouge	10455	Men's Club
6	20	Kevin Robinson	Greenwell Springs	6326	AJ Labello
7	20	Yolanda B. Osborne	Plaquemine	8342	Anthony Babin
8	20	James Riente	St. Francisville	9247	Vince Whittington
9	100	Anna Camille Clausi	Beaumont TX	8342	Tom Clausi
10	20	Ethel Llamas	Baton Rouge	9247	Church Sale
<b>11</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Mr./Mrs. Ronnie Frederic</b>	<b>Gonzales</b>	<b>8342</b>	<b>Harold Braud</b>
12	20	Kaven Miguez	Baton Rouge	10455	Church Sale
13	20	Mary Hasselberg	Pigeon MI	8342	James Falgout
14	20	Adam Arceneaux	Chicago IL	10455	Randy Arceneaux
15	20	Katie Lindsey	Prairieville	8342	Church Sale
16	100	Joe Martinez	Baton Rouge	13145	Dan Scholl
17	20	Neal Ford	Gonzales	8342	Mindy Coogan
18	20	Dora Blair	Geismar	8342	Gerald Blair
19	20	Jason Blair	Gonzales	8342	Gerald Blair
20	20	Jeff Mire	Prairieville	8342	Jeff Mire
21	20	Matthew Robichaux	Baton Rouge	10455	Matt Robichaux
22	20	Paulette Villere	Fordoche	10455	Arlene Robichaux
23	100	Jessica Bourgeois	Prairieville	8342	Blake Bourgeois
24	20	Pat Bryant	Plaquemine	8342	Anthony Babin
25	20	Marc Hebert	Lockport	2053	Bob Harrison
26	20	Joe Wiltz	Baton Rouge	9247	Joe Wintz
27	20	Ronnie Vulgamore	Walker	6326	AJ Labello
28	20	St. John Ladies Altar Society	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
29	20	Mark Cheairs	Denham Springs	9247	Vince Whittington
30	100	Ruth Babin	Gonzales	8342	Robert Templet Sr.
31	20	Joseph Trahan Jr.	Rayne	8342	Brian Ducote

**Oct Total - \$ 3,130**  
**YTD Total - \$13,750**