

Knight Newsletter

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

Council Officers

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan (673-8307)
Grand Knight: Paul Allen (752-3544)
Deputy GK: Cliston Guillot (673-8238)
Chancellor: Gerald Blair (450-2504)
Recorder: Anthony Babin (673-8754)
Financial Sec: Merle Russelburg (622-3125)
Treasurer: Robert Templet, Sr. (673-2528)
Advocate: Lee Guidry (673-3330)
Warden: David Guedry (673-4201)
Inside Guard: Richard Holder (673-6354)
Outside Guard: James Hubbs (622-1468)
1-Year Trustee: Willis Broussard (622-1036)
2-Year Trustee: Tom Clausi (677-5544)
3-Year Trustee: Tommy Ruemker (622-4152)
Lecturer: Dr. Michel Hirsch (673-9457)

Council Directors

Programs: Cliston Guillot (673-8238)
Membership: Don Belanger (673-3766)
Squires: Ashley Rabalais (677-9648)
Church: Gerald Blair (450-2504)
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)
Vocations: Donald Joseph (363-6220)
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Insurance Agent: Tim Fernandez (622-6384)



Family of the Month

February - Mary and Lee Guidry

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

February - Tim Langlois

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

February Birthdays!

Brian Ducote (2)
Earl Bulot (3)
Brent Braud (3)
Lewis Roussel, Jr. (3)
Jonas Braud (3)
Jeffry Le Blanc (6)
Bill Calvert (9)

Duane Fruge (9)
Jeffrey Mire (9)
Christopher Schwartz (10)
John Watts (11)
Charles Schexnaydre (15)
Lester Arnaud (16)
Eddie Lambert (16)
Gabe St. Pierre (16)

Tommy Ruemker (18)
Kevin Melancon (18)
Cole IV (18)
Tommy Delaune (21)
Michael Le Blanc, Sr. (23)
Phillip Carroll (26)
Derrick Jackson (28)

For all brother Knights whose birthdays are in February, 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.

Grand Knight's Column

Brother Knights,

January was really a busy month for the Council. Center stage is always the Respect-Life activities that revolve around the anniversary of the infamous Roe vs Wade decision on 1-22-73. Braving the cold weather that descended on Louisiana in early January, the Youth Group transported the white crosses, used to memorialize the unborn lost to abortion, to the front of church. The next morning several Brother Knights erected the crosses on the lawn facing Highway 73. There are 600 crosses representing the estimated 50 million abortions in the US since 1973. At our monthly meeting Worthy Lecturer, Dr. Michel Hirsch, gave a presentation on the Catholic Church position on abortion and left us in silence with the image of a 21 week old unborn baby grasping the hand of a doctor trying to save it's life.



The January fundraiser and blood drive was successful in spite of the raw rainy day. We had a net profit of \$1029. This money will go into our general fund to support Council charity activities. The blood drive collected 43 units for the blood bank. Remember that as a member of St. John's Parish, if you or a family member needs blood, you get a credit for each pint received. Contact Brother David Broussard for details. It takes a lot of volunteers for a successful fundraiser and blood drive and I thank all the Knights who gave up watching the pro football playoffs for their time and cooking talent.

We also had a busy month supporting our youth. The Free-Throw competition took place right after the blood drive. The turn-out was low compared to past years but we have five youths who will be representing our Council in the District competition on February 7 at St. Theresa. Participation certificates were passed out to all contestants and trophies were presented to the boy and girl winners in each age category. The Substance Abuse Poster Contest was also conducted this month. The "judges" had the very difficult job of selecting winners from the 111 posters submitted! The winning posters will be forwarded to the Worthy District Deputy and a small check will be given to the Council's 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Finally, the HS Senior Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) application deadline was nearing as we were going to press. More on CYLA in the March Newsletter.



In closing, I would like to recognize Brother Donald Joseph for his efforts as Church Director. He attended, along with Brother Don Belanger, a diocesan-wide Vocations workshop on the 23rd and also has coordinated, with Fr. Eric, a Vocations presentation during the Confirmation class retreat on the 26th. He has been promoting the Altar Server mentoring program at Council meetings and I'm happy to say that a few Knights have signed-up. A training session by the parish staff will be conducted soon for all participants. He is also setting up an Altar Server recognition ceremony that hopefully will take place during the masses on a weekend in February/March. So thanks to Donald for his efforts.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Allen

Special Events/Recognitions

Service pins were awarded to our members during the January meeting. These Catholic gentlemen have contributed untold hours of service to our Council, church and community so please say thanks when you see them next.



Paul Duplessis Paul Cashio

25 Yrs - Lawrence Badeaux, Willis Broussard, Larry Bruce, Isaac Carpenter, David Gaffney, John McGovern III, Kelly McGovern, Robert Templet, Sr., Tim Whitney

30 Yrs - Louis Thomassie

40 Yrs - Darryl Bourgeois, Paul Cashio

45 Yrs - Paul (Geefoo) Duplessis

We would also like to congratulate **Brother Don Belanger and his wife Diane** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 9th. Fr. Eric was the celebrant at a mass attended by family and friends. At the reception, Don displayed an exhibit of items from 1960 including magazines, money, phonograph records, a radio, photo's including his car, coke products, to name a few. It was a very joyous day and is best summarized by the prayer that Don and Diane shared. "This day is filled with happiness, and joy is ours to share, with all our friends and relatives, who came to show they care. The prayer we carry in our hearts, of love and faith and peace, we give to you with every hope, that these will never cease."



Help Your Membership Committee



We welcomed one new First Degree Knights into our Council at the St. Mark Installation on January 7th. Brother Scott Waguespack braved the cold to become the 17th new Brother Knight in the Council this fraternal year. Please make an effort to meet Scott at an upcoming meeting or Council activity.

There are two membership events coming up in February that you may want to mark on your calendars. The next 1st degree installation will take place at St. John on the 4th. If it has been awhile since you made your 1st degree, this would be a good opportunity to come to the ceremony. It only lasts about 45 minutes and dinner will be served by our cooks afterwards in the Community Center. Also, there is a 2nd and 3rd exemplification on February 21st at St. Louis King of France in Baton Rouge. Brother Don will be contacting all 1st degree Knights to encourage them to take the next step. Remember that you must be a 3rd degree Knight to be an Officer in the Council. So please say yes to Don when he calls.

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.

Mark your Calendars

February - 2010

- 1 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 2 - CYLA deadline for Council winners to Worthy DD/AC Vicen Alvarez
- 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, arrive by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - District/Area Free-Throw competition at the St. Theresa gym in Gonzales, start at 1:00 p.m.
- 8 - Area Meeting in Donaldsonville, start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner
- 10 - Columbian Squires monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Community Center
- 11 - Council monthly Business meeting, dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- 13 - Quarterly Communion at 4:30 Vigil Mass followed by Valentine Day social in Community Center
- 14 - Fourth Degree Valentine Day social at Sno's Seafood and Steak Restaurant, start at 12:30 p.m.
- 21 - 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification at St. Louis King of France in Baton Rouge, 8:00 a.m. registration

March - 2010

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- 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
- 13/14 - Altar Server recognition at weekend Masses
- 27 - 4th Degree Exemplification at Harahan. Contact Faithful Navigator Tommy Ruemker for details.

Monsignor Lieux 4th Degree Assembly 2052



The 4th Degree sponsored a Respect Life rally on January 16th at the St. Theresa KC Hall. A rosary for the unborn and for the victims of abortion was led by Sir Knight Blake LeBlanc followed by speakers Moonie Hebert and Benjamin Clapper. Moonie is Director of the Pregnancy Problem Center in Baton Rouge and she discussed their support and counseling services for pregnant women, especially the very young and poor. Ben is Executive Director of Louisiana Right To Life Federation and gave a motivational talk about the progress being made against abortion. I would direct you to their website (www.ProLifeLouisiana.org) for more information.

In keeping with our 4th degree patriotism charter, we are looking into visiting the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home and perhaps helping with bingo or another activity with the veterans each month. Plans will be released as soon as the details are worked out.

The Fourth degree Honor Guard will participate at the 11:30 a.m. Scout Mass at St. John's on February 7th. Also in February is the Valentine Day social at Sno's Seafood and Steak Restaurant. Please contact our Faithful Navigator for more information.

Tommy Ruemker, Faithful Navigator

Columbian Squires Circle 5101



The Squires, as members of the St. John Youth Group, took part in the Advent bonfire that had been postponed due to inclement weather. As part of this activity we helped bring the Pro-Life crosses out of storage and to the front of church where they were erected the next day by the KCs. We also helped and participated in the KC Free-Throw contest that took place on January 17th. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. We will be discussing how we can help the Haiti earthquake victims as well as plan upcoming Squire activities.

Esto Dignus, Be Worthy

Ashley Rabalais, Chief Counselor

Our Financial Health

The income for January was \$3115 and the expenses were \$7116. For the first seven months of the year (58%), the total income is \$ 17384 (58% of budget) and the total expenses are \$19941 (67% of budget). Two major budgeted expenses were paid in January: \$1110 contribution to YEP and \$3658 for the Mental Disability Fund. In addition, a special \$7500 donation to the Future of the Faith Campaign was made on 1-25-10 from the Council's \$8860 CD that matured on 1-12-10. The residual \$1360 will be used to open a new CD. The detailed January Financial Statement will be presented at the business meeting on 2-11-10 by Worthy Treasurer Robert Templet Sr.

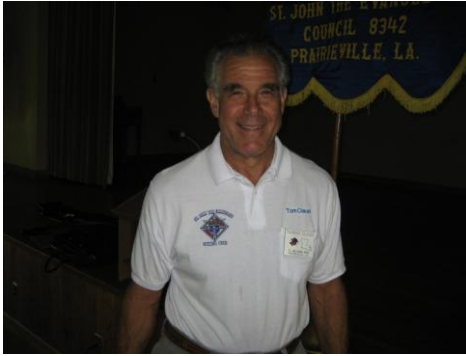
December/January Prayer Requests

Our Council lost one of our own on Saturday morning, January 23rd, with the passing of Brother Robert Bonney at Our Lady of the Lake hospital. Robert had a double lung transplant 12 years ago but was plagued over the last few months with frequent infections that required hospitalization. He was an active member of our Council attending most of our monthly meetings. You may remember that he, his wife Brandy and their two young daughters were at the Advent Celebration banquet in early December. In spite of his medical problems, he always had a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Fr. Eric noted after visiting Robert near the end that he said he was proud to be Knight and a Marine. Our Council and St. John The Evangelist lost a fine young Catholic gentleman. Please remember Brother Robert, Brandy and their children in your prayers.

Fellow Brother Knight's have asked that you remember the following Knight's, family and friends in your daily prayers: Lee Guidry, Elizabeth Mire, Linden Gaspard, Percy Morvant (dec), Patsy Vincik, Ernest Sanchez (dec), Jacob Hale, Lynn and June Bouchereau, Casey Deville, Brett Luquette, Willis Broussard, Cynthia Langlois, Louise Pryor, Robert (dec) and Brandy Bonney, Donna Guillot, Lenis Guidry, Rhonda Babin, Nelson and Effie Johnson, Cindy Hogman, Leslie Garigiadli, Jeff Zimmerle (dec), the Javier Silva family, Oliva and Ava (David and Ann Gregory's twin granddaughters) , Robert Schexnailder (dec), Calagero Miserendino, Robert Whittington.

Getting to Know your Council Officers

Trustee (2-year) - Tom Clausi



Tom (TC) was born, raised and attended HS in Kingston, NY. He left NY to attend NC State University where he earned a BS degree in Chemical Engineering. Tom worked for Ciba-Geigy/Novartis for 23 years until retirement in 2000. He held several management positions including Plant Manager in their St. Gabriel operations and Sr. Vice President of the Pharmaceuticals Technical Operations in Summit, NJ. He also spent 3 years with their Degussa affiliate in Ridgefield Park, NJ and Mobile, AL. Tom married Karen Coffey 39 years ago in March and they have one son, one daughter and two grandchildren. When asked why they chose Baton Rouge for retirement, Tom replied that Karen like it here best out of all the places they have lived during their 8 moves in 25 years plus their children lived in BR at his time of retirement. Everyone knows that Tom has a strong Italian connection. All four of his grandparents were born in the Provincia di Cosenza, Calabria in very small villages all within 10 miles of each other. Tom is fluent in Italian and returns to Italy each summer to visit family. He says his cooking skills come from his mother, grandparents and other relatives and he likes to cook "when I want to and what I want to". Fortunately for our Council, his "when and what" has translated to some great dishes and dessert at Council functions. In addition to cooking, Tom says that bicycling, gardening and genealogy also are hobbies. He became a 1st degree Knight in October, 2005 and made his 2nd and 3rd degrees in August, 2006. We can count on Tom in his Trustee roll to ask the hard questions during financial discussions and to make sure that we are true to the budget.

Trustee (3-year) - Thomas Ruemker



Tommy was born in Center, TX. His father was a life insurance salesman and the family moved to Wisconsin for 5 years before coming "back south" to Baton Rouge while Tommy was in grade school. He attended Tara HS and after graduating joined a business that his father started - ILLA Grain Corp. He worked 19 years for ILLA and after this business failed worked in the digital electronics field before joining Zen-Noh Grain Corp where he worked for over 23 years. Tommy knows all there is to know about the vagaries of the grain elevator business. In 2006 he joined CDI Engineering Solutions and currently works in their engineering design/graphics department. Tommy married Pam Ducote 26 years ago and they have a son, a daughter and three grandchildren. Tommy is an outdoorsman and loves to hunt, fish and even does a little taxidermy. Cooking is also a hobby and we all have enjoyed his fried turkey at Advent Season socials. He readily volunteers to cook for our many youth activities and you can find him out early in the morning helping cook jambalaya at our many fundraisers. Tommy is very active in the church serving as a Eucharistic Minister, usher, organizes the festival money wheel booth and recently joined the altar server mentoring program. His contributions in the 19 years he has been in the KCs is even more impressive. He has been Grand Knight of our Council on two different occasions for a total of 6 years. In addition to being a Trustee, he agreed to continue to run our Prayer Request Line for Brother Knights and their families. He is also currently serving as the Faithful Navigator of the Msgr. Lieux 4th Degree Assembly. Tommy certainly lives up to the KC code *In Service to One, In Service to All*.

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

Pro-Life - www.ProLifeLouisiana.org and www.usccb.org (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)



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Most people buy life insurance for one or two reasons, they love someone or they owe someone or both.

When we die, we create a debt. Immediately, our family needs to pay the funeral home for its services. They may also have to pay deductibles not covered by medical insurance. Any outstanding loans such as a mortgage, car loans and student loans will still have to be paid. Our life insurance will pay the people we owe to make it easier on the people we love.

We will also want to provide our family with an emergency fund, education fund, day care or childcare fund (if we have small children), wedding fund (if we have daughters) and an income replacement plan to provide for ongoing living expenses.

Call me to arrange a visit and we can quickly and accurately determine the right amount of life insurance for your family. If you need additional coverage, I will propose a solution from the Order's highly rated insurance program that will meet your needs and your budget.

Tim Fernandez - Insurance Agent
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email: tcfern2@yahoo.com

Charity Calendar Drawing



I was recently asked a question about how the drawing actually works so since next month starts a new calendar year I'll explain. We put each stub in a separate identical plastic medicine pill container (1132 containers in 2009). The containers go in a large wire mesh basket. The basket is rotated several times and a Brother Knight reaches in and pulls out one medicine container. We read the stub, record the winners data in a spreadsheet, write the check, address the envelope, put the stub back in the medicine pill container and then back in the basket. We repeat these steps for each day of the

month. It's a production line that takes about 5 Brother Knights and an hour to complete. Anyone wishing to come observe and/or help are more than welcome!

December, 2009 Winners (Drawing held on January 6th)

Date	Prize	Name	City	Sold by	Council
1	250	Gerald Boyette	Baton Rouge	Tommy Ruemker	8342
2	20	Tommy Ruemker	Prairieville	Tommy Ruemker	8342
3	20	Jerry Macias	Prairieville	Church Sale	10455
4	20	Donald / Debra Venable	Cankton	Anthony Babin	8342
5	100	Ronald J. Legleu	Napoleonville	Ronald Leglue	1099
6	20	Colt Babin	Prairieville	Anthony Babin	8342
7	20	YEP	Prairieville	Council Donation	8342
8	20	Conrad R. Braud	Geismer	Church Sale	8342
9	20	Russell Ferrara	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
10	20	KC2657	Gonzales	Council Donation	2657
11	20	Larry McClintock	Baton Rouge	Mike McClintock	10455
12	100	David J. Oubre	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
13	20	Walter A. Jones	Denham Springs	Curtis Jones	6326
14	20	JB Brown	Geismar	Harold Braud	8342
15	20	William/Jeanne Brown	Prairieville	Harold Braud	8342
16	20	Corliss Kimble	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
17	20	Mr/Mrs Leo Heuel	Baton Rouge	Mike LeBlanc	8342
18	20	Ken Melancon	Duplessis	Church Sale	8342
19	100	Seth Boudreaux	Gonzales	Brent Bourgeois	8342
20	20	Susan Harbourt	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
21	20	Herman Thomassie	Youngsville	Brian Ducote	8342
22	20	Louis Guidry	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
23	20	Irene Aldrich	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
24	20	Andrew Butler	Northhampton, MA	Paul Allen	8342
25	20	Rebecca Brignac	Baton Rouge	Jamie Ordoyne	6326
26	100	Gerard Langlois Jr	Baton Rouge	Robbie Templet Jr	8342
27	20	Irene Aldrich	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
28	20	Mark/Denise Robichaux	Baton Rouge	Tim Robichaux	10455
29	20	Celine Laubach	Morgan City	Dirk Soileau	10455
30	20	Randy J. Stelly	Carencro	Brian Ducote	8342
31	20	Scott Jarreau	Prairieville	Delphin Russelburg	8342