



# The Knight Lite

Knights of Columbus

St. John the Evangelist  
Council #8342  
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March, 2007

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **TO OUR BROTHERS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY DURING MARCH**

**Paul Duplessis (1)**  
**Anthony Biagas (3)**  
**Ronald Hebert, Jr. (5)**  
**Robbie McCrory (9)**

**Thomas Clausi (12)**  
**Patrick Melancon (17)**  
**Everett Lambert (18)**  
**James Hubbs, Jr. (19)**

**Michael Broussard (22)**  
**John Kramer (23)**  
**Neal Bullion (27)**  
**Jonathan Melancon (30)**

**Thanks to 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.**



## Welcome Center

On December 28 **Mark Gyan** was inducted into our council.

At our January 11 meeting **John "Pat" Malone** was readmitted into our Order and joined our council. Also at the meeting **Jonas Braud, John Carpenter** and **Troy Dempster** transferred to our council.

**Phillip Carroll** transferred to St. John's at our February meeting.

**Marc Toussaint** received the honors of the First Degree on February 22.

We are honored they have chosen to become a member of St. John's.



### Family Director's January Presentation

**January Family of the Month: Linda and Michael "Dale" Riche'**

**January Knight of the Month: Paul Cashio and Robbie McCrory**



## Columbian Squires Update

St. Rafael Guizar Valencia Columbian Squire Circle #5101 held its first official meeting on January 17, 2007.

Nominations and election of officers was held. Austin Watts was elected to lead the Circle as Chief Squire. Also elected were Ross Bouchereau, Deputy Chief Squire; Ryan Bouchereau, Notary; Grant McCrory, Bursar; Gregory Guillory, Marshall and Devin Touchet, Sentry.

Two additional Knights of Columbus members have submitted the necessary paperwork to serve the Circle as Committee Counselors; they are Brothers Paul Bouchereau and Mark Bradley. We welcome them and applaud their willingness to help guide the young men of the Circle.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

Esto Dignos, Be Worthy

*Edward Touchet, Chief Counselor*



**Membership is the lifeblood of our Order; so, if you know someone who is interested in joining our Council, explain the workings of the Order, give him a Form 100 and help him complete it. Brother Delphin Russelburg, our Membership Director, is available to help if you need information. His phone number is 622-4278.**



INSURANCE AGENT'S REPORT

Do you have seat belts in your car? Of course you do! How many do you have? Aren't you certain that you have one for every member of you family? Would you buy an automobile that only provided one "belt" – only for you?

But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with the one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father – not the mother.

Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance," should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children.

Please call me at 225-202-7506 to discuss these needs.

Dennis Burke, FIC, Field Agent

**LOOKING FORWARD**

MARCH

- 4<sup>th</sup> – State Adult free Throw Contest @ Little Farms Gym in Kenner – Registration 8-9 am – competition @ 9 am
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Charity Calendar drawing @ 6 pm followed by Meeting of Officers and Directors @ 7 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Columbian Squires Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification @ Our Lady of Mercy Council
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting of Council @ 7 pm – Eat @ 6:30 pm\*\*\*\*
- \*\*\*\* **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY TO 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday!!!!!!!!!!**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Degree – St. Theresa – Candidates Report @ 6:30 pm – Ceremony @ 7 pm

APRIL

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Charity Calendar drawing @ 6 pm followed by Meeting of Officers and Directors @ 7 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Columbian Squires Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting of Council @ 7 pm – Eat @ 6:30 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – First Degree – St. Amant – Candidates Report @ 6:30 pm – Ceremony @ 7 pm

MAY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Charity Calendar drawing @ 6 pm followed by Meeting of Officers and Directors @ 7 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Columbian Squires Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – State Convention
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting of Council @ 7 pm – Eat @ 6:30 pm – Officer Nominations Open
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Council Fundraiser after 9:30 and 11:30 Masses
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Quarterly Communion @ 11:30 am Mass – After Mass purchase and eat lunch in the Community Center
- 24<sup>th</sup> – First Degree – St. Mark – Candidates Report @ 6:30 pm – Ceremony @ 7 pm

JUNE

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Charity Calendar drawing @ 6 pm followed by Meeting of Officers and Directors @ 7 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Columbian Squires Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Corporate Communion @ 4:30 Mass – Corpus Christi Procession after Mass
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting of Council @ 7 pm – Eat @ 6:30 pm – Officer Nominations/Election
- 28<sup>th</sup> – First Degree – St. John – Candidates Report @ 6:30 pm – Ceremony @ 7 pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> – District Communion @ 4:30 Mass - Installation of Officers and Banquet after Mass

JULY

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Charity Calendar drawing @ 6 pm followed by Meeting of Officers and Directors @ 7 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Columbian Squires Meeting @ 7:30 pm

## Grand Knight's Column

I'm sure you noticed I did not publish a Knight Lite last month. My spouse, Diane, experienced a grave medical problem which necessitated my undivided attention to her needs. In the early morning hours of Wednesday January 24 I discovered that she was unresponsive so I called 911. She was rushed to St. Elizabeth Hospital where her heart stopped. CPR was performed on her, and after an extended stay, first in ICU then in a medical room, she was released. She currently is at home but her memory has been affected and we are working to help her recover fully. We thank all of you who prayed for her recovery and we appreciate those Brothers who visited with us in our time of great need. Without the help of God, through the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother, Saint John Bosco, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Blessed Mother Theresa and Father Michael J. McGivney we could not have endured this stressful time in our lives.

A special thank you is extended to those Brothers who covered for me during these past weeks. Although Diane still needs attention, my children have volunteered to take care of her so I will be able to resume my responsibilities as your Grand Knight.

Our council participated in the new 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony procedures recently implemented on Louisiana. The two ceremonies will now be held on separate dates, they will no longer be held on the same day. The reason for this change is because with the old procedure, the participants in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree ceremony failed in most cases to remember the lesson taught during that ceremony because the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree ceremony is more memorable.

On our January 1, 2007 roster from Supreme we showed that 199 men were active members of our council. Thanks to all who helped us achieve the increase of laborers for the greater glory of our Lord -  $199 \times 365 = 72,635$  opportunities to exemplify our principles of CHARITY, UNITY and FRATERNITY.

Nomination of officers for the coming fraternal year is fast approaching. I urge you to consider accepting a leadership position.

As always, please remember our sick and departed brother Knights and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

If you need me for anything, call me at 673-3766 or email me at [grandknight@kc8342.org](mailto:grandknight@kc8342.org).

Vivat Jesus!  
Don Belanger