

Knight Newsletter

**St. John the Evangelist Council #8342, Prairieville
March, 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)
Health Services: David Broussard (622-0656)
Public Relations: Scott McLin (673-1656)
Retention: Delphin Russelburg (622-4278)
Insurance: Merle Russelburg (622-3125)
Insurance Agent: Tim Fernandez (622-6384)

Family of the Month

February - Nancy and Ross Erwin

January - Mary and Lee Guidry
December - Georgia and Cliston Guillot
November - Catherine and Lester Arnaud
October - Melissa and Russel Madere
September - Becky and Robert Templet Jr.
August - Gayle and Byron Gautreau
July - Pam and Tommy Ruemker



Knight of the Month

February - Paul Duplessis

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

March Birthdays!

Anthony Biagas (3)
David Flynn (4)
Paul Duplessis (8)
Robbie McCrory (9)
Tom Clausi (12)

Scott Waguespack (12)
Patrick Melancon (17)
Everett Lambert (18)
Jim Hubbs (19)

Michael Broussard Sr. (22)
John Kramer Jr. (23)
Neil Bullion (27)
Shay Racca (27)
Joseph Barnett (28)

For all brother Knights whose birthdays are in March, 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,

The late January - early February period is always a busy time for the Council Officers due mainly to the fact that the fraternal year is half over. The semi-annual Council audit was successfully conducted by the Trustees on January 27th and the necessary paperwork submitted to Supreme. The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity was also prepared and you may be interested to know that our Council contributed over \$24,400 to charitable (Church, Community and Youth) causes in 2009. In addition, an estimated 46,000 volunteer hours were spent by members of our Council supporting church and community causes. Finally, on January 31st Grand Knights Day took place at Teurlings High School in Lafayette. Our Council was represented by your GK and the Program, Membership and Youth Directors. During this event the YEP (Youth Expansion Program) contribution from each Council is presented and we delivered a \$1110 check to the State YEP Chairman.

I would really like to thank all our Brother Knights who supported our Charity Calendar fundraiser this year and especially to Gerald Blair for coordinating the effort. You may recall that we have a new Council, St. Jean Vianney, and a new Assembly, Msgr. Paul Richard, in Hahnville participating in 2010. The eight (8) Councils/Assembly sold a total of 1421 calendars which is three hundred more than in 2009! Our Council sold 774 calendars and our profit is estimated to be over \$5800. This will go a long way towards supporting our 2010 charitable activities. I would like to give special recognition to Brothers Anthony Babin, Brian Ducote and Delphin Russelburg who all sold between 70-125 calendars. The January drawing was held on February 10th and, as luck would have it, Brother Paul Cashio's wife, Audry (see picture on last page), won the \$1000 January 1 payout. Congratulation Audry!!!!



The Substance Abuse Poster contest was a big success again this year. Brother Corey Orgeron collected 134 posters. The judging was difficult but 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners were selected for both alcohol abuse and drug abuse categories. The Council awards \$20, \$10 and \$5 Wal-Mart gift cards to the winners and Corey made the presentations at the Oak Grove grade school on February 3rd. The winning posters were turned over to District Deputy Vicer for the District and Area competition.

The District and Area Free-Throw competition was also conducted in early February at St. Theresa and we are pleased to announce that Brother Tim Goatley's son, Donovan, was the District winner with a score of 15 out of 25 and he followed that up by winning the Area with 17 out of 25. So congratulations to Donovan for advancing to the State tournament which takes place in early March.

For those that missed the February business meeting, we voted to donate \$100 from our Council's unidentified charity budget to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. A check will be forwarded to the Supreme Council's Haiti Relief Fund. We also agreed to start a Pro-Life Project in the Council to support the Baton Rouge Pregnancy Center. Monie Hebert will be speaking to the Council during dinner at the March business meeting on the work they do and how we might help with their material needs. I encourage all my Brother Knights to try and make this meeting.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Allen

Special Events/Recognitions



**Dawson and
Dean Landry**

Our Quarterly Communion was held at the Vigil Mass on February 13th and it was followed by our annual Valentine Day Social. We had 26 families and 53 Brothers, family and friends attend. The entree' this year was smoked roast prepared by Brother Tommy Ruemker, rice stuffing by Brothers David Guedry and Brother Paul Duplessis' special spiced corn. I'm sure all will agree that the food was great. We had several Brothers help with the cooking and we all served the meal to our wives and family in appreciation for all they do to support the KCs. A special thanks go to the Lester and Sadie Sylvester's for coordinating all the details of the event. We did have a 50/50 raffle after dinner and Dawson Landry (see picture at left) drew the winning ticket worth \$73.

Mark your Calendars

March - 2010

- 1 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 3 - February 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. Amant KC Hall, 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
- 13/14 - Altar Server recognition at weekend Masses
- 14 - Jambalaya lunch fundraiser after 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses
- 27 - 4th Degree Exemplification at Harahan. Contact Faithful Navigator Tommy Ruemker for details.

April - 2010

- 5 - Fourth Degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall, Black Bayou Rd.
- 6 - **Date Changed from 4/1** - First Degree at St. Theresa, arrive by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
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- 4/30-5/2 - State Convention in Lafayette

Our Financial Health

The income for February was \$3915 and expenses were \$2190. For the first eight months (67% of year), total income is \$21,299 (72% of budget) and total expenses are \$22,475 (76% of budget). The income is primarily 2009-2010 dues and the major expense was State Per Capita tax.

During the February business meeting we discussed opening a new CD for excess funds in the checking account. A motion was made and passed for the Trustees, Treasurer and GK to decide what minimum balance is needed in the checking account to handle the yearly cash flow requirements. Based on an evaluation of the past three years, the minimum account balance has historically been in the \$9-10,000 range. Lowering this reserve to \$5-6,000 would allow us to move \$4,000 to an interest bearing account. Worthy Treasurer Templett Sr. was also asked to evaluate the best type of account (CD, Savings, Credit Union) to open for these excess funds and to report back to the Council at the next business meeting.

Getting to Know your Council Officers

Trustee (1-year) Willis Broussard



Willis was born and raised in Milton, Louisiana. Milton is a small farming community in Lafayette Parish midway between Lafayette and Abbeville. His father worked the cotton fields in South Central Louisiana and Willis says he spent most of his early life working along-side his father in the fields. When he was nineteen years old he joined Freeport Sulfur in Port Sulfur where he stayed for 27 years before moving to Freeport McMoran's sulfuric acid plant in Uncle Sam for 10 more years. Willis let slip that his nickname from his Freeport days was Dragline and you might ask him to explain where that comes from at the next Council meeting. Willis

has been married to Miss Thelma for 57 years and they have raised three sons. In his heavy Cajun accent he says Miss Thelma is "one of those Landrys from Lake Arthur". They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren with a fifth due any day now. Brother Willis joined the KCs 25 years ago shortly after the St. John Council was chartered. Everyone knows that Willis is one of our Council's first line cooks. He says he particularly likes to make baked foods. You may not know that woodworking is also a hobby and he specializes in birdcages. In his younger years he says he loved to hunt and fish as well. You can always find Willis at the Saturday Vigil mass serving the church as an usher. Willis is a true Southern Gentleman and we are fortunate to have him as a Trustee watching over our Council.

Outside Guard - James Hubbs



Jim was born and raised in Baton Rouge and attended Baton Rouge High School. He says they lived in the middle of town and he can remember that his dad had dairy cattle and a cotton crop out behind the house. He attended Southeastern in Hammond studying Industrial Technology before joining Borden Chemical Co. where he worked for 34 years in the Production Department. He retired in 1999 and now spends his free time running his dogs hunting, doing a little fishing along with some skeet and bird shooting. He says he also likes to do a little gardening during his down time.

Jim has been married to Joan Peltier for 46 years. Joan is from St. Gabriel Parish and Jim says they met through a mutual friend in high school. They have five children, four daughters and their youngest is a son. Jim and Joan are blessed with nine grandchildren and they are fortunate that their extended family all live in Ascension Parish. Jim has been a member of our Council for almost 25 years and has been the Community Director before becoming Outside Guard. He still is a key member of our Tootsie Roll MDF drive each year because he know the ropes when it comes to getting the necessary permits from the Ascension Parish government officials. You will also find Jim ushering at church most weekends. KC Council's are successful because of the support of Brother Knights like Jim.

Help Your Membership Committee



The 1st Degree Installation was held at St. John on February 4th. Eight candidates became 1st Degree Knights, however none were from our Council. We did approve three new St. John candidates at the February business meeting and hopefully these gentlemen will make their 1st Degree in the next month or two.

There was a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification at St. Louis King of France in Baton Rouge on February 21st. Our Council had two Brother Knights make their 2nd and 3rd Degrees: **Greg DeBose and Dwight Robinette**. Please congratulate these new 3rd Degree Brother Knights at your first opportunity.

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.

Monsignor Lioux 4th Degree Assembly 2052



The 4th Degree Color Corp was very active during January and February. An honor guard stood at the wakes of Brother Knights Robert Bonney and Nelson Johnson and we also participated in Scout Sunday at St. John on February 7th.

We had a very good turn-out for our Valentines Social. Our sweethearts enjoyed everyones company and also not having to be in the kitchen on Valentines Day. Sir Knight Julien LeBlanc received his Honorary Life membership card for serving faithfully for twenty-five years in the Fourth Degree. Luck continued on his side as he also won the fifty-fifty drawing too! Mrs. LaFleur won the twenty-five dollar gift certificate from Sno's Seafood and Steakhouse.

We are looking for volunteers to join us at the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home to work bingo for the entertainment of these men and women that served their country for the freedom that we so dearly cherish. Let's show our appreciation for the sacrifices they made for us and our country. Please e-mail me at truemker@eatel.net or call **225-622-4152** so I can select a date each month.

We will be cooking fried catfish dinners at Holy Rosary Church in St. Amant on February 19th and March 12th and are asking for your help. The dinners will be fundraisers for the Assembly and the more help we get, the easier it will be for all. Please let me know if you can join us in the fun.

Our Assembly is honored to have one of our members, S/K Russell Ruh, running for the State Master. The election will be during the April 9-11 State Convention.

Tommy Ruemker, Faithful Navigator

Columbian Squires Circle 5101



The next Squires meeting will be Wednesday, March 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Esto Dignus, Be Worthy

Ashley Rabalais, Chief Counselor

January/February Prayer Requests

I am sorry to have to report that our Council lost another member on February 1st with the death of Brother Nelson Johnson. Nelson was an active member of the KCs for over 46 years and was a charter member of our Council. He was married to Miss Effie for 72 years and was a proud WWII veteran of the US Army. He and Effie have 4 children, numerous grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We ask that you keep Brother Nelson, Effie and his family in your prayers.

We were sad to learn that Brother Tim Fernandez lost his father, John, on February 5th. John was a Navy veteran of WWII, a Tulane graduate in Mechanical Engineering and retired Vice President of W.S. Nelson Engineers. Please pray for the repose of the soul of John and keep Tim and his family in your prayers during this time of sadness.

Fellow Brother Knight's have asked that you remember the following Knight's, family and friends in your daily prayers: Robert(dec) and Brandy Bonney, Nelson (dec) and Effie Johnson, Mark Gyan, Paul Allen, Denise Duplessis, Angie Kleamenakis, Warren Croom, Phyllis Mire, Cynthia Langlois, Oliva and Ava Branstetter, Donna Guillot, Lenis Guidry, Rhonda Babin, Patsy Vincik, Robert Whittington (dec), Paul Cashio, Tim Frenandez father (dec), Ted Orgeron, John Mayers, Josie, Gerald Blair, Lolita Russelburg, Lynn and June Bouchereau, Jeff Zimmerle (dec), the Javier Silva family, Calagero Miserendino, Gerrilyn Dunkleman, Doris Compton, Alan and Carolyn Carlton.

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)

Message from our Insurance Agent Brother Tim:



The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying - occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis - without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

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
225-772-2488 (cell), 225-622-6384 (office)
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Charity Calendar Drawing

The Charity Calendar sales for 2010 was wrapped up with the January drawing on February 10th. Two new participants, St. Jean Vianney Council 9247 and Msgr. Paul Richard Assembly 2053, led to a record sales of 1421 calendars. The breakdown by Council/Assembly as a percent of sales is: SJE (55%), MBS (15%), IC (12%), SJV (9%), Richard (5%), Assumption (3%), ST (1%) and OLG (<1%). The total profit that will be shared is \$10,862. Drawings will continue to be on the first Wednesday of each month in the St. John Community Center.

New Years Day Prize - \$1000!

New Years Day is the second largest calendar payout (the largest is Christopher Columbus Day on October 11). The New Years Day winner this year is Audry Cashio. Calendar # 1944 was sold by St. John The Evangelist Council No. 8342. Congratulations Audry!





January Calendar Winners
(Drawing held on February 10th)

January	Prize, \$	Name	City	Sold By	Council
1	1000	Audry Cashio	Prairieville	Delphin Russelburg	8342
2	100	Sherry Laiche	Gonzales	Mike LeBlanc	8342
3	20	Kimberly Dehart	Patterson	Brian Ducote	8342
4	20	Raven Russelburg	Prairieville	Delphin Russelburg	8342
5	20	Randy Garrett	Denham Springs	A.J. Labello	6326
6	20	Danny Bennett	Denham Springs	A.J. Labello	6326
7	20	Tom Daigle	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
8	20	Evans Barber	Baton Rouge	A.J. Labello	6326
9	100	Joey Pulizzano	Metairie	Joey Pulizzano	6326
10	20	Lynne Landry	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
11	20	Katie Lindsey	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
12	20	Ashley Bourgeois	Prairieville	Blake Bourgeois	8342
13	20	Jake Truxillo	Gray	Randy Damon	10455
14	20	Charles and R.L.	Baton Rouge	Doug Troxclair	10455
15	20	Kelly Stokes Jessup	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
16	100	John Scurria	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
17	20	Chris Lissard	New Iberia	Brian Ducote	8342
18	20	Evans Barber	Baton Rouge	A.J. Labello	6326
19	20	Daniel Gautreau	Duplessis	Church Sale	8342
20	20	Brian/Stephanie Ducote	Prairieville	Brian Ducote	8342
21	20	Joe and Terrie Gavin	Baton Rouge	Tim Cummings	9247
22	20	Mark Bradley	Prairieville	Mark Bradley	8342
23	100	Joycelyn Je'an	Prairieville	Dwight Robinette	8342
24	20	Robby McCrory	Gonzales	Robbie McCrory	8342
25	20	Jeanie Paille	Prairieville	Church Sale	8342
26	20	Paul Rappmunpt	Morgan City	Brian Ducote	8342
27	20	Fr. Mike Collins	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
28	20	Jeff Hand	Baton Rouge	Tim Cummings	9247
29	20	Paul J. Landry	Baldwin	Brian Ducote	8342
30	100	Tim Terrell	Baton Rouge	Church Sale	10455
31	20	Jeff Hand	Baton Rouge	Tim Cummings	9247

Total, \$ 2000