

Knight Newsletter

St. John the Evangelist Council #8342
September, 2009

Council Officers

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan
Grand Knight: Paul Allen
Deputy GK: Cliston Guillot
Chancellor: Gerald Blair
Recorder: Anthony Babin

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Advocate: Lee Guidry
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Lecturer: Dr. Michel Hirsch

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Council Dir: Lester Sylvester
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Recruitment Com: David Broussard
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Retention Com.: Tim Langlois
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Family of the Month: Byron and Gayle Gautreau
Knight of the Month: Louis Thomassie

August Birthdays!

John Denman, Jr. (1)
George Oubre (4)
Charles Bishop (5)
Keith Boudreaux (6)
Harry Harvey, Jr. (7)
Kenneth Lee (8)
Kevin Sanford (8)

Matthew Ducote (9)
Lawrence Millet (11)
Randy Braud (12)
Paul Silvio (12)
David Gregory (15)
Jon Hebert (16)
Joseph Killian (18)

Nelson Morvant (20)
John McGovern III (21)
Ronald Osborne (22)
Lawrence Parisey (26)
Lee Guidry (26)
Brian Wynne (29)
Paul Bouchereau (29)

For all brother Knights whose birthdays are in September, 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,

I would like to welcome two new Brother Knights to our Council. Kyle Haydel and Shay Racca made their first degree on August 6th at St. Theresa. Both Kyle and Shay were nominated for membership in our Council by Paul Marchand, Past Grand Knight of St. Gabriel Council 3796. Brother Paul was also present at the installation. Please make an effort to welcome these young men into our Council at the first opportunity.

We also had two Brother Knights that made their 2nd and 3rd degrees on August 16 in Pierre Part. Brothers Jason Mullins and David Flynn were among a class of over 50 Knights from Areas E and F to go through the exemplification. Brother John Stassi joined us in support of our new 3rd degree Brother Knights.

The jambalaya fundraiser on August 9th was another success thanks in large part to Byron Gautreau and his Krewe of Cooks. I counted 28 KC volunteers, and one daughter of a KC volunteer, helping cook,



serve and sell the lunches. This was the fourth sell-out in a row and grossed \$2315 for use in upcoming Council activities. Delphin Russelburg coordinates all our fundraisers and he puts a lot of time and effort into making them a success. The next fundraiser will be on October 18 and will include a parish blood drive so mark your calendars.

The Council had 5 members who participated in the KC horseshoe tournament in Plaquemine on August 22nd. Brian and Matthew Ducote and Robert and Robbie Templet competed in doubles and Paul Duplessis pitched singles. When I asked Paul how everyone did, he answered "we had fun".

I would like to thank the Brother Knights and all our St. John parishioners who overwhelmingly contributed to the Welcome Home care packages for the 450 returning Louisiana servicemen. Between the Knights and the collections after the August 15/16 St. John Masses, two caravans full of items and over \$2500 were collected. The Blue Star Mothers organized a packing party on August 23rd in the Community Center to fill the Welcome Home bags for the homecoming in Alexandria in early September. It was really heartwarming to see the outpouring of support for our young men and women in the military.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Allen

Special Events/Recognitions

The K of C Supreme Convention was held this year from August 4-6 in Phoenix, Arizona. Our Council was well represented. Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Cliston Guillot was elected at the State Convention as one of four associate delegates and Worthy State Warden Vernon Ducote attended as a guest. Brother Cliston reviewed the convention highlights during the Good of the Order portion of our August business meeting. A couple Brother Knights said that they saw Cliston during TV coverage of Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson's keynote address. There were over 1000 in the audience and much of the Convention proceedings were covered on the Catholic channels in Ascension Parish and Baton Rouge. Cliston and Vernon also took advantage of the long drive to Arizona with stops at the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Las Vegas. Every KC member in good standing can attend the Supreme convention. The 2010 convention will be in Washington D.C.

Help Your Membership Committee



Our membership quota for 2009-2010 is 15 new 1st degree Knights. We are off to a good start with the installation of five new Brother Knights in the first two months of the Fraternal year. During the August installation at St. Theresa, Brothers **Shay Racca** and **Kyle Haydel** made their first degrees. Remember - we are all recruiters for the Council. If you know someone who is interested in joining our Council, give him a Form 100 and help him fill it out. We have information packets in the back of church near the Baptismal Font. 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 help or information.



Monsignor Lieux 4th Degree Assembly 2502

The United States today has so many brave men and women serving in our armed forces that are fighting for the freedoms that we all cherish. Honor and patriotism are needed in America even more today with all the insecurity around the World. As Knights, I know that we stand for all of this and more. We are Brother Knights with core values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, but as a 4th degree member you can take the next step to full Knighthood by embracing Patriotism. If you are a 3rd Degree member in good standing, you are eligible to become a Sir Knight. I guarantee that the rewards you will receive during the year as we do our deeds of patriotism will more than outweigh the effort involved. So come join the other 38 Sir Knights in our Council and make your Fourth Degree.

Tommy Ruemker, Faithful Navigator

Getting to Know your Council Officers

Chaplain - Fr. Eric Gyan



Fr. Eric was born in Baton Rouge and attended Broadmoor High School. He is the 4th of Joe and Irene Gyan's five children. He has two brothers and two sisters and his brother, Mark, is currently studying for the priesthood. Fr. Eric received his BA in History at LSU before entering St. Mary's Seminary and University where he received Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Sacred Theology. His first parish assignment was at St. Alphonsus followed by stays at 5 other area parishes before becoming pastor at St. John the Evangelist in July, 2003. Fr. Eric has faithfully served the Lord as a priest for over 23 years. His hobbies and interests are varied and include golf, tennis, playing the piano and he says he is currently learning to play the guitar. The latter must be the influence of all the parish youth group activities that he is immersed in throughout the year. Fr. Eric enjoys reading, mostly theology, spirituality and dog books. We all know that Father is the "pack leader" of his black lab, Bonesaw. Fr. Eric became a Knight on June 1, 1991, and he has served as Council Chaplain in all the parishes where he has been stationed. We are very fortunately to have Fr. Eric as our KC Chaplain and our Pastor and we hope to be able to support him for many years to come.

Lecturer - Dr. Michel Hirsch



Michel was born in a small town in France and immigrated to the US with his parents shortly after WWII. He fondly tells the story about not learning English until his parents sent him off to grade school. He grew up in Donaldsonville and attended Ascension Catholic High School. He got his BS from LSU in 1961 and his MD, also from LSU, in 1965. He served in the Army reserves for eight years. Michel has been married to Ruth (Folse) for 29 years and they have 8 children, 2 foster children, 24 grandchildren and a great grandchild on the way. His interests include reading, teaching (RCIA and Christian Formation), travelling and all LSU sports events. Dr. Michel has been a physician at his family practice, St. Elizabeth Physicians, as well as the Ascension Catholic football physician for 42 years! He tells us that he does not plan to retire anytime soon but has cut back his hours "a bit". Michel became a Knight in December, 2003, and his background in medicine and teaching fits perfectly with the Lecturer role in our Council. I am sure we are going to enjoy his Good of the Order topics over the next 12 months.

Mark your Calendars

September - 2009

- 1 - **(Date change)** First Degree at St. Mark's: arrival at 6:30 p.m., ceremony 7 p.m.
- 2 - Charity Calendar drawing at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center foyer
- 2 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 2 - Columbian Squires meeting, 7 p.m. in the Community Center gym
- 7 - 4th degree monthly meeting, 7 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall (37" HDTV raffle drawing at this meeting)
- 10 - Council monthly meeting: dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- 19 - Quarterly Communion at 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass followed social in Community center
- 26 - Soccer Challenge (Council) at 1:00 p.m. on St. John field behind Community Center. Contact Corey Orgeron (673-5445, 4393774) for details
- 26-27 - Troop 131 Scout retreat

October - 2009

- 1 - First Degree in St. John's Education Bldg (room 113) : arrival at 6:30 p.m., ceremony 7 p.m.
- 5 - Fourth degree monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at St. Amant KC Hall
- 7 - Charity Calendar drawing at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center foyer
- 7 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 7 - Columbian Squires meeting 7 p.m. in the Community Center gym
- 8 - Council monthly meeting: dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- 11 - Soccer Challenge (District/Area) at St. John's field : registration 1:00 - 1:30 p.m., district competition start 1:30 p.m., area competition start about 2:00 p.m. Contact Corey Orgeron (673-5445, 4393774) for details

Our Financial Health

The 2009-2010 budget was approved by the membership at the August 13 business meeting. Approximately 75% of our estimated \$29,750 income is from fundraisers. The remaining amount is primarily from our yearly dues. On the expense side of the ledger, we included \$650 of undefined expenditures to handle requests that come up during the new business portion of the monthly meetings. Based on approval at the July meeting, we also included \$500 to prepare lunch (11/19/09) for students who belong to Christ The King on the LSU campus.

Columbian Squires Circle 5101



Our St. Rafael Guizar Valencia Squires Circle is getting back into the swing of things after the summer break. At the next meeting on September 2, we hope to invest 3 new candidates. A couple of these young men were first contacted during our recent membership drive. The investiture will be followed by a fun activity. The next community event will be assisting the Knights in the Soccer Challenge on September 26. Squire meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Community Center.

Esto Dignus, Be Worthy
Ashley Rabalais, Chief Counselor

Did you know?

Websites - the Council has an excellent informative website www.kc8342.org thanks to Scott McLin. Scott is the administrator and you can email him with information to post at scottmclin@yahoo.com. You might also want to check-out the State website www.louisianakc.org and the Supreme website www.kofc.org for names of officers, forms, articles and a wide variety of other information.

Email Distribution -we are continually updating our email distribution list. Currently, 187 of our 219 members (85%) receive Council information electronically. This saves us considerable postage. If you are not on our email distribution list or if your email address has changed, **please** contact Paul Allen at paulwallen@cox.net.

Dress Shirts - our Council has a dress shirt for use at Council banquets, quarterly communions, wakes, etc. If you would like a shirt, all you need to do is: 1) purchase a Stafford® Essentials Wrinkle Free Oxford White (\$15 - \$20) from J.C. Penny's at the Mall of Louisiana on Bluebonnet, 2) wash new shirt (important), mark with your name and give it to Brother Anthony Babin, 3) Anthony will coordinate sending your shirt to Ed Martin (Acadian Graphics) to get the K.C. Emblem embroidered on it (\$7 - \$8). There are a minimum number of shirts required before an order can be placed with Ed so please be patient.

Informal Shirts - our Council also has blue and white short-sleeve informal golf style shirts with the KC logo, Council 8342 and your name embroidered on it. If you would like to order one (or more) of these shirts, contact Brother Anthony Babin. I believe the cost per shirt is in the \$15 range.

Name Tags - you may have noticed that several Council members have name tags that go in their shirt pockets. These name tags can be ordered by contacting *What's My Name* at 817-581-4401 or by email at ddstark@sbcglobal.net. You will need to give: 1) the name you would like on the tag, 2) that you are a member of the St. John Council 8342 in Prairieville, LA, and 3) whether you are an officer in the Council (the color of the name tag may be set by your office). The cost is \$7 plus a small (\$1.50) shipping / handling fee. *What's My Name* will send you the name tag with an invoice for payment. You can also order 4th degree name tags for the Msgr. Lieux Assembly # 2052.



The KC's were formed originally by Fr. McGivney in part to provide some protection for family members when the bread winner in the family died. This tradition started in 1882 and continues to this day. Whole life (Permanent) and Term policies, Long Term Care and Annuities are all available to KC members. For more information go to the KC website www.kofc.org and click on Insurance or contact Brother Tim Fernandez. Don't wait until it's too late - do it today!

Tim Fernandez - Insurance Agent
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225-622-6384 (office)
email: tcfern2@yahoo.com



Charity Calendar - July 2009 Winners

The Charity Calendar drawing is a key fundraiser for our Council. In 2009, our Council made over \$2900. This money is being used to help fund the charities, youth activities, appreciation banquets and church programs that we support. The 2010 calendar sales will start in September and we hope that you will support the Council by helping us sell calendars. The winners each month will be published in the monthly newsletters and sent to everyone on our email distribution list. Any questions should be directed to our Calendar Chairman, Gerald Blair (450-2504).

July	\$	Name of Winner	Address	City	Council	Calendar Sold by
1	150	John Wheat	Post Office Box 205	Garyville	8342	Church sale
2	20	Lewis Guidry	6137 Shakespear Dr.	Baton Rouge	10455	Church sale
3	20	Judy Schexnaydre	12481 Sugarmill Dr.	Geismer	8342	Kelly McGovern
4	100	Tylar ans Alex Rivers	9255 Arnold Rd	Denham Springs	6326	AJ Labello
5	20	Jenny Gautreau	13403 Oreal Ln	Gonzales	8342	Delphin Russelburg
6	20	Gwendolyn Richardson	8462 Elm Grove Garden	Baton Rouge	8342	Raquel
7	20	Terry Cormier	13727 Damon	Baton Rouge	10455	Carl Robichaux
8	20	Jay Smith	27821 LA Hwy 16	Denham Springs	6326	AJ Labello
9	20	Jessica Bourgeois	37131 Audubon Ct	Prairieville	8342	Blake Bourgeois
10	20	Alex White	13263 Bluff Rd.	Geismer	8342	Delphin Russelburg
11	100	Jessica Peret	1343 Brookhallow	Baton Rouge	10455	Robert Barrett
12	20	Judy Dunaway	12308 Deck Blvd	Geismer	8342	David Gregory
13	20	Vernett Knight	Post Office Box 1883	LaPlace	8342	Merle Russelburg
14	20	D.J. Domingue	102 Randy St	Pierre Part	8342	Brian Ducote
15	20	Bill Talmadge	7846 Board Dr	Baton Rouge	10455	Church sale
16	20	Kell Bosarge	24049 Clyde Cockerham	Denham Springs	8342	Anthony Babin
17	20	John McGovern	38189 Jefferson crossing	Prairieville	8342	Kelly McGovern
18	100	Lillian Weber	Post Office Box 503	Donaldsonville	8342	Anthony Babin
19	20	Jim and Lisa Peeler	6238 Shakespear	Baton Rouge	10455	Church sale
20	20	Gerard Stelly	37407 Cornerview Rd	Geismer	8342	Gerard Stelly
21	20	Scott Jarreau	39430 Madison Ave	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
22	20	Teresa Rezac	18465 Lake Harbour Ln	Prairieville	8342	Church sale
23	20	Greg Lalande	5523 N. Snowden	Baton Rouge	10455	Ken Melancon
24	20	Albert J. Luke	Post Office Box 385	Centerville	8342	Brian Ducote
25	100	Mike Broussard Sr.	14074 Braud Rd	Gonzales	8342	Delphin Russelburg
26	20	Don Blue	15679 Seven Pines	Baton Rouge	10455	Church sale
27	20	Delphin Russelburg	17314 Penn Blvd	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
28	20	Rudy Tucker	38342 Oakland Dr	Prairieville	10455	Church sale
29	20	Vance Thomas Jr.	10034 Great Smokey	Baton Rouge	6326	AJ Labello
30	20	Michael Eldridge	100 Medearis Dr	New Iberia	8342	Brian Ducote
31	20	Leon Oddo	931 Burlinggame	Denham Springs	6326	Leon Oddo