

# Knight Newsletter

**St. John the Evangelist Council #8342, Prairieville  
September - 2011**

## Council Officers

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan (673-8307)  
 Grand Knight: Corey Orgeron (673-5445)  
 Deputy GK: Rene' Theriot (673-2256)  
 Chancellor: Greg DeBose (673-4581)  
 Recorder: Anthony Babin (673-8754)  
 Financial Sec: Merle Russelburg (622-3125)  
 Treasurer: John McGovern III (677-8234)  
 Advocate: Lester Sylvester (673-3165)  
 Warden: Richard Holder (673-6354)  
 Inside Guard: Craig St. Pierre (673-4385)  
 Outside Guard: Lester Arnaud (363-6604)  
 1-Year Trustee: Tommy Ruemker (622-4152)  
 2-Year Trustee: Paul Duplessis (673-8711)  
 3-Year Trustee: Paul Allen (752-3544)  
 Lecturer: Cliston Guillot (673-8238)

## Council Directors

Programs: Rene' Theriot (673-2256)  
 Membership: Charles Schexnaydre (673-5747)  
 Squires: Open  
 Church: Gerald Blair (644-9288)  
 Community: Richard Holder (673-6354)  
 Council Activities: Lester Sylvester (673-3165)  
 Family: Robert Templet Jr. (622-2916)  
 Pro-Life: David Gregory (673-9592)  
 Fundraisers: Delphin Russelburg (276-5117)  
 Youth: Blake Bourgeois (673-3516)  
 Vocations: Donald Joseph (363-6220)  
 Health Services: David Broussard (622-0656)  
 Public Relations: Scott McLin (673-1656)  
 Retention: Delphin Russelburg (276-5117)  
 Special Olympics: Euris Rodrigue (673-9831)  
 Insurance Agent: Tim Fernandez (622-6384)

## Family of the Month

### **August – Donna/Paul Silvio**

July – Susan/Euris Rodrigue  
 June - Sheila/Gerald Blair  
 May - Karen/Paul Bouchereau  
 April - Jamie/Tommy Foil  
 March - Whitney/Janet Amedee  
 February - Gayle/Byron Gautreau  
 January - Ashley/Blake Bourgeois



## Knight of the Month

### **August – George Oubre**

July – Tommy Ruemker  
 June - Joe Spano  
 May - Jeff Mire  
 April - Rene' Theriot  
 March - Tim Langlois  
 February - Craig St. Pierre  
 January - Brian Ducote

## September Birthdays!

John	Denman Jr.	(1)	Roger	Weidner	(11)	John	Mc Govern III	(21)
George	Oubre	(4)	Randy	Braud	(12)	Ronald	Osborne	(22)
Charles	Bishop	(5)	Paul	Silvio	(12)	Donald	Mayeaux	(26)
Keith	Boudreaux	(6)	Jacque	Gregory	(15)	Lawrence	Parisey	(26)
Harry	Harvey, Jr.	(7)	Gary	Whipple II	(15)	Lee	Guidry	(26)
Kenneth	Lee	(8)	Jon	Hebert	(16)	Ched	Catoire	(29)
Kevin	Sanford	(8)	Joseph	Killian	(18)	Matthew	Ducote	(29)
Lawrence	Millet	(11)	Leon	Blouin, Jr.	(19)	Brian	Wynne	(29)
Paul	San Soucie	(11)	Nelson	Morvant	(20)	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,

August has been another busy month for our council. We held our semi-annual budget and, as expected, Robert and Merle honored our Council with impeccable record keeping! Our council remains on solid financial ground thanks to all of you and to the Parishioners of St. John who support our fundraisers.

With the success of our Wednesday morning coffees, Brother Rene and I look forward to more fellowship with our brothers and will kick off a monthly Saturday breakfast September 10<sup>th</sup> at Frank's Restaurant on airline hwy in Prairieville. We will meet at 8 AM for fellowship and breakfast. Dads bring your kids, grandpa sneak out your little ones as well.

Don't forget we will hold a 9-11 Memorial on Sunday morning Sept. 11 at the community center. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided to all Parishioners wishing to attend. Anyone interested in helping with the arrangements, please contact Lester Sylvester and/or John McGovern.

Following our Community Fundraiser and the tireless efforts of Brother Delphin, Council 8342 turned over \$1287.50 to the St. Elizabeth Clinic to assist in purchasing much needed medical equipment and supplies. We offer our thanks to all Parishioners purchasing jambalaya dinners as well as our friends from the Gonzales Lions Club, Prairieville Iron Works, Hutch's Hardware Store and Hebert Steel for their generosity. The August fundraiser sold out!!!! WE sold for over \$2,250.00. More than 30 Brother Knights volunteered to brave the heat that morning, preparing, serving and selling plates of Jambalaya. Again, I want to thank all St. John Parishioners for their support!!

September brings forth the Soccer Challenge on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Brother Blake Bourgeois will need volunteers to set up the soccer goals. Our Council will again host the District and Area competition in early October. Also, let's not forget the annual Tootsie Roll drive!! PLEASE GET WITH RICHARD HOLDER TO SCHEDULE A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION TO VOLUNTEER.

In an effort to reduce the length of meetings there will be a few modifications to the agenda. Starting this month, please be sure to include prayer intentions at the sign in book. All Committee Chairs should report to Rene the week prior to the meeting on what they want to discuss at the meeting. Also, anyone having new business to discuss should have this information to me prior to the Officer's Meeting to have it included on the agenda. I believe these few items will shave fifteen minutes from the length of the meeting. I am open to suggestions on how to make the meetings more informative and effective.

*Vivat Jesus !*

*Corey Orgeron*

We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another and this all the more as you see the day drawing near.

~ Hebrews 10:24-25

## Mark your Calendar

### September - 2011

- 1 - First Degree at St. Marks on Hwy. 621 and Roddy Rd., arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 5 - Fourth Degree meeting at St. Amant KC Hall on Black Bayou Rd., 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:45 p.m.)
- 8 - Council monthly business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Fellowship Breakfast at Frank's Restaurant beginning at 8:00 am
- 10 & 11 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Prairieville Wal-Mart beginning at 8:00 am
- 11 - 9/11 Remembrance in the Community Center between 8: AM and 11:30 AM
- 16 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Andy's Grocery beginning at 8:00 am
- 17 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Harvest Grocery beginning at 8:00 am
- 18 - Major 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Pierre Part at Council 5352
- 23 - State Golf Tournament at Santa Maria Course in Baton Rouge
- 23 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Winn Dixie beginning at 8:00 am
- 24 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Ralph's Grocery beginning at 8:00 am
- 25 - Soccer Challenge beginning after 11:30 Mass

### October - 2011

- 2 - District and Area Soccer Challenge hosted by St. John
- 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. John, arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - Council monthly business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 30 - Halloween Party

\*\*\* Weekly Council Coffee and Fellowship gatherings every Wednesday morning at 6:30 am at the Southern Maid Donut Shop in Dutchtown, call Brother Rene Theriot, 673-2256, for more information

## Our Financial Health

Total income for the month of August 2011 is \$2790.56 (deposited on 8/23/11). This includes \$2250.00 for the August fundraiser and other misc. cash such as 50/50, meal monies, etc.

Total expenses for the month to date are **\$2,360.79**. The amount includes \$250.00 to the Baton Rouge Dioceses for Vocations retreat donation, Council 6389 reimbursement of \$257.35 for Firemen's Appreciation. Banquet, Oak Grove Smokehouse \$475.50, St. Elizabeth Clinic \$574.50, St. John Food bank \$200.00 total, Ralph's Market \$346.44, Harvest Market \$143.00.

The current value of our CD is \$3,522.93. Maturity date 6/11/2012 Interest rate 1.24 %

YTD Income \$12,757.56  
YTD Expenses \$5378.32  
Bank Balance 14,870.46

## Help Your Membership Committee

We currently have five new Form 100s of Catholic Gentlemen ready to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The next 1<sup>st</sup> degree is **September 1<sup>st</sup>** at **St. Mark's**. Year to date we have added **1** new member bringing out total membership to **258** and **1** new insurance member. Our Membership Quota for 2011-2012 is **18** and our Insurance Quota is **6**. Word has it that we will have four new Knights make their 1<sup>st</sup> degree Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> I pray we have good news to pass on at the meeting!

## Monsignor Lieux 4th Degree Assembly 2052 ([www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org](http://www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org))



*The date of the **Blue Star Mother's Appreciation Banquet** has been set for September 24 in the St. John the Evangelist Community Center. About \$1300 was raised by the Crawfish Boil raffle and these funds will be used to help offset the banquet costs. If you know of any Blue Star Mom's in our area, we ask than you let us know their names so that they can be invited to this event that will honor our fallen hero families.*

*As always, the **monthly Assembly meeting** is on the first Monday of each month at the St. Amant KC Hall on Black Bayou Road.*

*Tommy Ruember*

## Columbian Squires Circle 5101 and Cub Scout Pack 226



I WANT TO THANK BROTHERS ASHLEY RABALAIS, MARK BRADLEY, PAUL BOUCHEREAU AND ED TEMPLET FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS IN LEADING OUR SQUIRES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THEY EACH DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES TO ESTABLISHING AND LEADING THE CIRCLE. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THE CIRCLE PLEASE CALL YOUTH DIRECTOR - BLAKE BOURGEOIS OR GK - COREY ORGERON.

**Cub Scout Pack 226** enjoyed their first annual Raingutter Regatta on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Boys designed, built then sailed boats for prizes. The Pack held a School Night on August 18<sup>th</sup> and received applications from twenty new boys. The Pack now has over 30 boys.

## News From Supreme

*Statement from the Supreme Council on a Massachusetts federal court ruling that found the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional.*

On July 8, 2010, a federal district court in Massachusetts struck down a law that protects marriage. In *Gill v OPM*, the court found that a law that limits marriage to a man and a woman, in this case the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), does not have a rational basis. In reaching this conclusion, the court held that there is no "legitimate government interest" in limiting marriage to a man and a woman.

DOMA was passed by overwhelming majorities in both houses of Congress (85-14 in the Senate and 342-

67 in the House) and signed into law by President Clinton. We continue to support the law and other legal avenues for the protection of marriage.

Thirty of the 50 states have adopted constitutional amendments defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. This understanding of marriage is solidly based on natural law, social science, moral reasoning, and custom.

Whenever the American people have been given the opportunity to vote on the issue, they have endorsed amendments and laws that define marriage of a man and a woman by comfortable margins, most recently in Maine last November.

Such overwhelming public support reflects a broad consensus in America in support of our traditional understanding of marriage, which Congress properly sought to protect in passing DOMA.

## 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, Br. Lee Guidry's brother Lenus Guidry and his nephew Kendall Satzman, Brother Anthony Babin's wife Rhonda and son Derek, Ann Joseph, Jennie Martin, Br. Donald Mayeaux, Br. Willis Broussard's wife Thelma, Br. Louis Thomassie, Mike LeBlanc, Br. Greg DeBose's wife Louise, Br. Russell Madere's father, Deacon Ed Martin's mother, Br. William Mitchell, Br. Tommy Ruemker's brother in law Ben, Br. Brandon Plaisance, Br. Herman Warthen, Br. Corey Orgeron, Br. Jason Englert's grandmother,

**For the souls of those who are deceased:** Sir Knight Angelo Corsentino, Br. John Ricca's sister Ann Robison,

**For all who serve in the military:** Brother Gary Whipple (Afghanistan), Br. Paul and Audry Cashio's grandson Thomas (Afghanistan), Br. Jonas Braud (awaiting deployment in Maryland), Br. Austin Campbell (Coast Guard) and all Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers and their families.

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

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## 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))
- **Facebook group page** – search KC Council 8342
- **State** - [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org)
- **Supreme** - [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)
- **Assembly** - [www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org](http://www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org)
- **Squires** - [www.LouisianaSquires.org](http://www.LouisianaSquires.org)

**Email Distribution** – Corey Orgeron at [corey@orgeronlaw.com](mailto:corey@orgeronlaw.com) or 225-315-4674

**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 or *Omega Engraving* website [www.omegaengraving.com](http://www.omegaengraving.com)

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

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

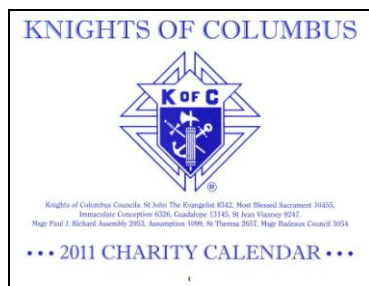
**Pro-Life** - [www.ProLifeLouisiana.org](http://www.ProLifeLouisiana.org) and [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

**Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana** - [www.bluestarmoms.net](http://www.bluestarmoms.net)

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

# Charity Calendar Drawing

## (Drawing on August 3, 2011)



Council	No.	Winners
St John	8342	17
MBS	10455	2
IC	6326	3
Assumption	1099	0
St. Theresa	2657	0
Guadeloupe	13145	0
St Jean	9247	3
Msgr Richard	2053	1
Msgr Badeaux	3054	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>31</b>

July	Prize, \$	Winner	City, State	Council	Sold By
1	150	Ashley Bourgeois	Prairieville	8342	Blake Bourgeois
2	100	Henry Tauzin	Baton Rouge	9247	David Himel
3	20	Kimberly Dehard	Patterson	8342	Brian Ducote
4	20	Bobby Williams	Denham Springs	9247	Tim Cummings
5	20	Howard P. Sadler	Baton Rouge	6326	H. Pulizzano
6	20	Gerald Sheehan	Baton Rouge	10455	Randy Damon
7	20	Msg. Richard 2053	Hahnville	2053	Rennan Dufour
8	20	Jessica Bilyeu	Raceland	3054	Ralph Sapia
9	100	Johnny Chiasson	Lockport	3054	Johnny Chiasson
10	20	Brady Labello	Livingston	6326	AJ Labello
11	20	Jenny Himel	Lockport	9247	David Himel
12	20	Michelle Liotto	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
13	20	Mindy Coogan	Livingston	8342	Mindy Coogan
14	20	Sandra Minter	Lockport	3054	Chris Adams
15	20	Mike Guidry	Denham Springs	8342	Anthony Babin
16	100	Robbie McCrory	Gonzales	8342	Robbie McCrory
17	20	Jessica Bilyeu	Raceland	3054	Ralph Sapia
18	20	Adam Babin	Prairieville	8342	Dan Brignac
19	20	Richard Paxton	Geismar	8342	Anthony Babin
20	20	Brian Duplessis	Duplessis	8342	Paul Duplessis
21	20	Alvin Frierson Jr.	Pearl River	8342	Mindy Coogan
22	20	Fr. Mike Collins	Baton Rouge	10455	Church Sale
23	100	Clint Hidalgo	Denham Springs	6326	AJ Labello
24	20	Jessica Guillot	Lockport	3054	Johnny Chiasson
25	20	Delphin Russelburg	Prairieville	8342	Delphin Russelburg
26	20	Robbie McCrory	Gonzales	8342	Robbie McCrory
27	20	Ron Osborne	Prairieville	8342	Church Sale
28	20	Martha Chenier	Houme	8342	James Falgout
29	20	Vacation Bible School	Prairieville	8342	2% Discretionary
30	100	Chad Duplessis	St. Amant	8342	Greg Duplessis
31	20	Taylor LeBlanc	Gonzales	8342	Church Sale

**July Winnings     \$1,150**  
**YTD Winnings     \$8,500**

# We Remain Strong

Even in unstable economic times, the Knights of Columbus remains a cornerstone of financial stability to its members and their families.

These statistics from the second quarter of 2011 help tell the story:

- Earnings before dividends increased 16% to a record \$214 million;
- Earnings after dividends were \$30.5 million — more than double last year's level;
- Assets now total \$17.7 billion — 10% more than a year ago;
- Our surplus now stands at \$1.7 billion;
- Our surplus ratio remains strong at 12.3%, well above the industry 11.1% average;
- \$3.7 billion of new insurance was issued.

Taken together, the above statistics represent what is the best performance for Knights of Columbus Insurance in a decade. Remember, there is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.

**Contact me today to learn more:**



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