

Knights of Columbus Newsletter



St. John the Evangelist Council

#8342, Prairieville

November - 2011

Council Officers

Council Directors

Chaplain: Father Eric Gyan (673-8307)
 Grand Knight: Corey Orgeron (673-5445)
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 Membership: Charles Schexnaydre (673-5747)
 Youth: Blake Bourgeois (673-3516)
 Squires:
 Church/Vocations: Donald Joseph (363-6220)
 Community: Richard Holder (673-6354)
 Council Activities: Lester Sylvester (673-3165)
 Special Olympics: Euris Rodrigue (673-9831)
 Health Services: David Broussard (622-0656)
 Family:
 Pro-Life: David Gregory (673-9592)
 Fundraisers: Delphin Russelburg (276-5117)
 Retention: Delphin Russelburg (276-5117)
 Public Relations: Scott McLin (673-1656)
 Insurance Agent: Tim Fernandez (622-6384)

Family of the Knight of the Month



October – Rita/Chuck Dowling

September – Judy/Paul Allen
 August – Donna/Paul Silvio
 July – Susan/Euris Rodrigue
 June - Sheila/Gerald Blair
 May - Karen/Paul Bouchereau
 April - Jamie/Tommy Foil
 March - Whitney/Janet Amedee

October – Richard Holder

September – Paul Allen
 August – George Oubre
 July – Tommy Ruemker
 June - Joe Spano
 May - Jeff Mire
 April - Rene' Theriot
 March - Tim Langlois

November Birthdays!

Merle Russelburg	1	Jason Leblanc	12	Ronney Becnel	24
Byron Gautreau	2	James Nelson	14	Leonard Brescher	24
Wayne Freeman, Jr.	4	Michael Cutrone	14	Tim Tureau	24
Juliam Surla	10	Larry Harris	19	Ben Beardon	27
Mark Bradley	11	Jesus Manotas	21	Steve Perry	28
Gerald Stelly	11	Patrick Giroir	21	Steve Hutchinson	29
Cody Allen	12	Patrick Reynolds	23	Mike Burleigh	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,

OCTOBER ROCKED! We proved once again that St. John the Evangelist parish is filled with caring, generous Catholic Christians. The baby bottle campaign rose over \$5,500 for the Baton Rouge Problem Pregnancy Center, a pro-life organization that provides alternatives to abortions in our community. Brother David Gregory with a group of Knights and members of our Youth Group distributed 600 bottles and another 100 or more envelopes with most returned filled with donations.

On October 5th we held a Peaceful Prayer Vigil at the Delta Women's Clinic (an abortion clinic in Baton Rouge) with members of our council and church parish praying for the end to abortions as part of the Diocesan 40 Days for Life program. Brother David Gregory again led our efforts resulting in a prayerful presence from 7 AM to 7 PM that day. David commented on a blessed experience he had at our October meeting.

We hosted the District and Area Soccer Challenge with participants from several councils competing. Your Council was well represented and will have six youth competing at the State level.

Our Council hosted a 1st Degree on October 6th without any new knights joining OUR council. We held a membership blitz following Masses on Oct. 15 and 16.

Our council, along with the St. John Youth Group, hosted the Halloween Party; this year well over 1000 folks attended with kids participating in games and activities inside as well as a petting zoo and activities outdoors. Mrs. Becky Petite brought many of her animals for the kids to pet, creating some of the funniest memories of the event. Yes, the goat was eventually captured and returned to Ms. Becky, unharmed! Thanks to Ashley and Blake Bourgeois for coordinating this event and to the many Knights who helped set up and worked the kitchen and the Piñata. Pictures are on the Council website.

We held a Jambalaya Fundraiser with a blood drive on October 9th, grossing \$2455 and 49 units of blood. This was another successful fundraiser, THANKS DELPHIN! I cannot thank the members of our Church Parish in supporting these fundraisers, their generosity is unparalleled.

DON'T FORGET: Our November 10th is our next council meeting. Our cooks will begin serving dinner at 6:00 PM, with the Rosary beginning at 6:45 PM. If you haven't made a meeting in a while, try to stop by and see what your Council is up to. We need input for the upcoming social and tailgate events.

Vivat Jesus !

Corey Orgeron

All our people must also learn to occupy themselves in doing good works for their practical needs, and not to be unproductive.

Titus 3:14

Mark your Calendar

November - 2011

- 2 – Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:30 p.m.)
- 3 - First Degree Exemplification at St. Amant, arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 5 – State Nine Ball Tournament – Lafayette
- 6 – Baton Rouge Diocesan 50th Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m. at the River Center (get your tickets from the Church)
- 10 – Council monthly business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- TBD – Clergy appreciation dinner at Mike Anderson’s Restaurant in Gonzales
- 19 – Silver Rose Ceremony 4:30 Mass in the Meditation Garden
- 19/20 - Charity Calendar sale after weekend Masses
- 25 – Council Tailgate Party for the LSU – Arkansas Game FAMILY FUN

December - 2011

- 1 - First Degree Exemplification at St. Amant, arrival by 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 – Officer and Committee Chairmen meeting following calendar pull (about 6:30 p.m.)
- 8 – Council monthly business meeting, dinner ready around 6:00 p.m. meeting begins around 7 p.m.
- 10 – Quarterly Communion and Advent Dinner 4:30 Mass with Pot Luck Dinner to follow in Community Center

*** 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

Income for the month of September 2011 was \$5167.00 which was exclusively from the Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser. The expenses were \$3,626.33. This includes a \$3,300.00 transfer from checking to the distress fund (savings), \$100.00 to St. Mary Challenge Walk, \$100.00 East Ascension Sportsman League, and meal expenses (\$126.33).

The checking account balance at the close of September 30, 2011 was \$22,986.54.

Distress Fund Balance: \$6510.52

CD Value \$3,533.73 Interest Rate 1.24% Maturity Date 6/11/2012

Help Your Membership Committee

The next 1st degree is **November 3rd at St. Theresa**. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. Year to date we have added **2** new members bringing out total membership to **260** and **1** new insurance member. Our Membership Quota for 2011-2012 is **18** and our Insurance Quota is **6**.

We collected 4 form 100's during the Blitz; two new applicants that will apply toward quota and two re-entries. I want to express my thanks to the brother Knights that helped man the tables.

Charles Schexnaydre

News From Supreme

The Shrine of Blessed John Paul II will keep his vision alive for future generations

Last month, I reflected on how we have all had the privilege to see and hear Blessed John Paul II, either in person or on television. We have known him to be a special friend of the Knights of Columbus. We have been inspired by his many messages to us and by the privilege to support so many of his pastoral initiatives.

I think future generations will look back on us with envy that this was so. And I think that if they envy us, they will also ask us what we did to keep his memory, his legacy and his vision alive.

Now, because of recent actions at our 129th Supreme Convention, we will be able to say that the Knights of Columbus will be at the forefront of preserving John Paul II's legacy for generations to come. During this fraternal year we will establish in Washington, D.C., a national center and shrine dedicated to Blessed John Paul II. It will include a permanent museum on the life and pontificate of this great pope with special emphasis on his visits to countries in which the Knights of Columbus are active. And it will give a lasting expression of his desire to foster unity and solidarity among all the people of our hemisphere.

With this initiative, we will also establish a new museum to celebrate the 500-year Catholic heritage of North America. This shrine will be a place where English-, Spanish- and French-speaking pilgrims from throughout North America will encounter the mission and legacy of one of history's greatest popes. It will be a place where they will continue to experience his blessing and a place where our children and grandchildren will learn about their great heritage as Catholics.

To this end, we will purchase the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., located just down the street from three other institutions that the Knights of Columbus has long supported: the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, The Catholic University of America and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I hope the new Shrine of Blessed John Paul II will have a special relationship with each of these institutions and also with the new John Paul II Center presently under construction in Krakow, Poland.

True to Blessed John Paul's vision, and using the story of his life as an inspiration, the shrine will be an opportunity to evangelize and spread the Good News of the Gospel. In a recent letter, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, expressed his support for our initiative, saying, "I offer heartfelt good wishes for its successful realization. I am particularly appreciative of the desire of the Knights not only to cultivate devotion to the late pontiff, but also to advance his insightful teaching on the complex and fruitful interplay of faith and culture in the New World. I am deeply gratified that your Order has wished to carry forward that vision as part of your commitment to the new evangelization."

Pope John Paul II visited the United States seven different times. He visited Mexico five times, Canada three times and the Philippines twice. Included in his trips was his participation at World Youth Days 18 years ago in Denver and nine years ago in Toronto. His first international trip as pope was to this continent as well — to Mexico City to visit America's mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Because of his tireless evangelization, an entire generation of Catholics has become known as the "John Paul II Generation," and certainly we are honored to continue to spread his powerful

message of hope for our country, our continent and our world with the same energy and devotion that is the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

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, Brother Anthony Babin's wife Rhonda, Ann Joseph, Deacon Eddie and Jennie Martin, Deacon/Brother Ed Martin's mother, Br. Donald Mayeaux, Br. Willis and Thelma Broussard, Br. Louis Thomassie, Br. Greg DeBose's wife Louise, Br. William Mitchell and his daughter Cristen Hollier, Br. Jason Englert's daughter Hannah, Ms. Ernestine Knight, Dr. Francis(Frank) Puyau

For the souls of those who are deceased: Msgr. Joseph Susi, Sir Knight Joseph Bourgeois

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

Where to Go for Information

KC Websites

- **Council** - www.kc8342.org (administrator - Scott McLin at scottmclin@yahoo.com)
Facebook group page – search KC Council 8342
- **State** - www.louisianakc.org
- **Supreme** - www.kofc.org
- **Assembly** - www.MsgrLieuxAssembly2052.org
- **Squires** - www.LouisianaSquires.org

Email Distribution – Corey Orgeron at corey@orgeronlaw.com or 225-315-4674

Prayer Line - Tommy Ruemker at truemker@eatel.net or 225-622-4152

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

or *Omega Engraving* website www.omegaengraving.com

Fr. McGivney Guild - www.fathermcgivney.org

St. John Church Office - www.stjohnchurch.org, stjohnchurch@eatel.net or 225-673-8307

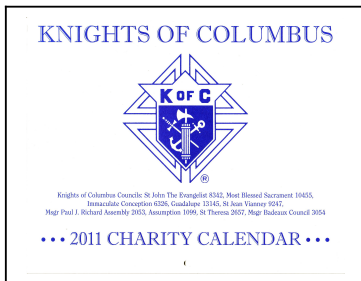
Pro-Life - www.ProLifeLouisiana.org and www.usccb.org (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana - www.bluestarmoms.net

Baton Rouge Pregnancy Problem Center - www.pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com

Charity Calendar Drawing (Drawing on October 5, 2011)

Council	No.	Winners
St John	8342	17
MBS	10455	4
IC	6326	3
Assumption	1099	1
St. Theresa	2657	0
Guadeloupe	13145	0
St Jean	9247	1
Msgr Richard	2053	0
Msgr Badeaux	3054	4
	Total	30



September	Prize, \$	Winner	City, State	Council	Sold By
1	150	Pat Verrette	Napoleonville, La	1099	Donald Verrette
2	20	Rodney King Jr	Geismar La	8342	Mindy Coogan
3	100	Janet Amedee	Prairieville La	8342	Cliston Guillot
4	20	John Waits	Reserve La	8342	Paul Allen
5	20	Kathy Rome	Lockport La	3054	Church sale

6	20	Nicholas Sevin	Lockport La	3054	Edwis Dufrene Sr
7	20	Carolyn Chandler	Baton Rouge	10455	Church sale
8	20	Milton J Folse Jr	Lockport La	3054	Milton J Folse Jr
9	20	D J Domingue	Pierre Part La	8342	Brian Ducote
10	100	Sonny & Sue Falgout	Houma La	8342	James Falgout
11	20	John V Bokas	Boston Ma	8342	Harold Braud
12	20	Thomas A Wintz	Geismar La	8342	Delphin Russelburg
13	20	Johnny Chiasson	Lockport La	3054	Johnny Chiasson
14	20	Samantha Stansbury	New Iberia La	8342	Corey Orgeron
15	20	Christina Hollins	Plaquemine	8342	n/a
16	20	Malissa Bosarge	Prairieville La	8342	Tim Langlois
17	100	Kimberly D Hart	Patterson La	8342	Brian Ducote
18	20	Matt Wyble	Baton Rouge	10455	Church sale
19	20	Suzanne Ruiz	Houston Tx	10455	Charles Shepard
20	20	Paul W Allen	Baton Rouge	8342	Paul Allen
21	20	Michelle Liotto	Prairieville La	8342	Delphin Russelburg
22	20	Jessica Bourgeois	Prairieville La	8342	Blake Bourgeois
23	20	Jeff Holley	Walker La	8342	Matt Landry
24	100	Irene Martin	Baton Rouge	10455	Randy Damen
25	20	Lahr Badger	New Iberia La	8342	Brian Ducote
26	20	Steve Newsom	Baton Rouge	6326	A J Labello
27	20	Diane Davis	Baton Rouge	6326	Jammie Ordoyne
28	20	Eddie Mc Clure	Baton Rouge	9247	Tim Cummins
29	20	Marian Doyal	Baton Rouge	6326	A J Labello
30	20	Wade Landry	Geismar La	8342	Matt Landry

September Winnings \$1,050
YTD Winnings \$10,620