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Newsletter of the Bishop Maurice Schexnayder 1882 Assembly

Next Meeting: February 16, 2009 @ 7 pm

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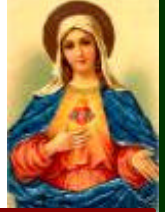
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Continue Praying for our troops, President Obama, & our Clergy. Pray for the unborn, and an end to abortion.

Dates to Remember:

- February 14, 2009 Valentine Day
- February 16, 2009 February Meeting
- February 16, 2009 President's Day
- February 22, 2009 George Washington's birthday
- February 24, 2009 Mardi Gras
- February 25, 2009 Ash Wednesday
- February 28, 2009 Exemplification in Baton Rouge, LA

Come Join Us!



Support the 4th Degree.

I urge those who have not been active in a while, to please come to our meeting this month.



Prayer for our Troops

"May GOD" bless all those serving in our military forces, who risk their lives in order to preserve and defend the God-given rights of all "that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" which we may exercise freely as citizens of a truly great nation...We thank you for your dedication, courage and protection of our FREEDOM.

Dear God, how can we leave America better for our children and grandchildren? How can we make sure we leave them with an inheritance that is not sealed with war, hunger, and terror? Please, Lord, help us build a stronger foundation for our country. Let us build upon the morals, ethics, and values of those who came before us to sustain generations to come. Please help us build and maintain friendships here and abroad that will support our children. Amen.

On Saturday January 31st, 2009, the Msgr. Piegay Assembly 328 of Alexandria hosted our Winter District Meeting. The meeting was held at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church Olinger Hall. I would like to thank Sir Knight's Alvin Broussard, Miguel Macias, Jamie Boudreaux and Russell Boudreaux for attending this meeting.

On Saturday January 24th, 2009, St. Edmond Catholic Church held its annual Pro-Life Walk. The event was blessed with Bishop Michael Jarrell making an appearance as well as a record attendance of 620 participants. Please continue to pray for the unborn and for conversion of our new President's abortion stance.



George Washington (February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799) led the [Continental Army](#) to victory over the [Kingdom of Great Britain](#) in the [American Revolutionary War](#) (1775–1783) and served as the [first President](#) of the [United States](#) of [America](#) (1789–1797).

The [Continental Congress](#) appointed Washington [commander-in-chief](#) of the American revolutionary forces in 1775. The following year, he forced the [British out of Boston](#), [lost New York City](#), and crossed the [Delaware River in New Jersey, defeating the surprised enemy units](#) later that year. As a result of his strategy, Revolutionary forces captured the two main British combat armies at [Saratoga](#) and [Yorktown](#). Negotiating with Congress, the colonial states, and [French allies](#), he held together a tenuous army and a fragile nation amid the threats of disintegration and failure. Following the end of the war in 1783, Washington returned to private life and retired to his plantation at [Mount Vernon](#), prompting an incredulous [King George III](#) to state, "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world."

He presided over the [Philadelphia Convention](#) that drafted the [United States Constitution](#) in 1787 because of general dissatisfaction with the [Articles of Confederation](#). Washington became President of the United States in 1789 and established many of the customs and usages of the [new government's](#) executive department. He sought to create a great nation capable of surviving in a world torn asunder by war between Britain and France. His unilateral [Proclamation of Neutrality](#) of 1793 provided a basis for [avoiding any involvement in foreign conflicts](#). He supported plans to build a strong [central government](#) by funding the [national debt](#), implementing an [effective tax system](#), and creating a [national bank](#). Washington avoided the temptation of war and began a decade of peace with Britain via the [Jay Treaty](#) in 1795; he used his prestige to get it ratified over intense opposition from the [Jeffersonians](#). Although never officially joining the [Federalist Party](#), he supported its programs and was its inspirational leader. Washington's [farewell address](#) was a primer on republican virtue and a stern warning against partisanship, sectionalism, and involvement in foreign wars.

Washington is seen as a symbol of the United States and [republicanism](#) in practice. His devotion to [civic virtue](#) made him an exemplary figure among early [American politicians](#).

Washington was awarded the very first [Congressional Gold Medal](#) with the [Thanks of Congress](#).

Washington died in 1799, and the funeral oration delivered by [Henry Lee](#) stated that of all Americans, he was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."⁴ Washington has been consistently ranked by scholars as one of the [greatest U.S. Presidents](#).



Let us remember these men on their special day...

Rubin A. Bergeron, Keith A. Breaux, Alfred E. Chiasson, Ronald J. Folse, Reggie T. Fontenot, Mark Gachassin, Raymond J. Girouard, John Guilbeau, Joseph D. Martin, Glen D. Menard, Stafford J. Menard, Rickey J. Montet, Stanley Simons, Jean D. Trahan Jr., Lester J. Viator, Sr., & Rayward J. Vincent.

We hope you gentlemen had a super birthday and wish you many, many more!

Please Recruit New Sir Knights.

The 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Baton Rouge on February the 28th. The Msgr. Gassler Assembly 319 will host the Exemplification. Sir Knight Norman P. Landry is the host Faithful Navigator. It will be held at the St. Pius X Catholic Church Activity Center at 6380 Hooper Road, Baton Rouge. Registration will be from 8:00am to 10:00am at the Activity Center. The Exemplification will begin at 10:30am and conclude at 12:30pm. The banquet will begin at 1:30pm

KC DUES

Please see S/K Alvin Broussard about your dues if you haven't paid them. We would like to close February's books with everyone being paid up. If you have a problem, see S/K Alvin Broussard or myself.

COOK SCHEDULE

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Broussard Council will have the cooking detail for the February meeting. In March, Councils **4683, 6958, & 7411** will have the duties. Thanks for the help.

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