



KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409
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Chaplain's Message

Belief in an afterlife is surely one of the most important of our beliefs as Christians. But how seriously do we take it, and what part does it play in our lives? Of course we can say we believe it. Do we not end the Creed each Sunday with these words: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." But often these tremendous words can just roll so glibly, off our tongues. The test is how much would we be prepared to lose or suffer for our belief in this world to come?

Our belief in the afterlife should spur us on to live a better and a more worthwhile life. It should rescue us from meanness and shallowness. But let us not forget that we do not make the pilgrimage to the promised land of eternal life alone. We make it with others – with the members of God's people. With faith in the word of Jesus let us go forward together in joyful hope.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

Grand Knights Message

Brothers ...

May has been a memorial month for the Members of St Charles Council 2409. We have celebrated our recognition as the #1 Knights of Columbus Council in the State of Louisiana for the 2010-2011 year. Brothers that is truly an accomplishment for all Members of St. Charles Council 2409 to be proud. You have created a Mark in History for our Council that will be long remembered. You are all to be congratulated for your dedication, hard work and contributions to make this past year a great success for St Charles Council 2409. I thank you for having elected me as you Grand Knight this past year and giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand Knight for this year to remember.

Council 2409 have elected the new Slate of Officers for the 2011-2012 year. I thank you for reelecting me as your Grand Knight for a second year and look forward to serving with the newly elected officers, appointed Committee Chairman and Members for another successful year for St Charles Council 2409. If anyone is interested in participating or chairing a Council Committee, please let me know as I am in the process of asking/appointing volunteers to begin the planning for the Council's next year activities.



The Council Quarterly Communion was held at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church on May 15, 2011. A complete 4th Degree Dress out was held for this event, which was also a recognition and celebration of our Council Chaplain, Fr John Finn. On May 16, Fr Finn celebrated 30 years in the Priesthood. Congratulations r Finn and thank you for your service to Council 2409.

Our Crawfish Seafood Appreciation Dinner was a great success at our General Meeting on May 18. I believe all in attendance enjoyed the Council's celebration.

The regional Special Olympics Games were held in Hammond this year. On May 20, 2011, one hundred 4th Degree Knights were dressed out in KC 4th Degree Regalia for the opening ceremonies and parade of athletes. Kenny Gonzales and myself represented St Charles Council 2409 in this memorable event. There were Sir Knights on every yard marker on the football field at Strawberry Stadium. It was truly an impressive site to see.

Our semi-annual BBQ Chicken fundraiser was held on May 22 at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church. This event was a big success, due to the leadership in organizing the event by Kenny Gonzales, PGK, and all those Brothers who assisted in the chicken cleaning, preparing, early hours BBQ/cooking, serving and clean up after all food was served. There is a significant amount of work involved with these events and all those involved, receive the Council's recognition and appreciation for your service.

Additionally we thank Fr Francis and Rubin Madere for their support of our KC Council 2409 and for allowing us to use the Church facilities and equipment for this KC fundraiser.

A Big Thanks also goes out to the Council Cooks and Cooking Crew for their participation in the Council's Cooking and Serving activities over the past month.

Please put June 11, 2011 on your calendar for the Council 2409 Officer Installation at St Anthony of Padua Community Center. Invitations have been sent to all Members.

Please remember to keep our recently deceased Brother Thomas F. Cheramie and his Family in your prayers. A Council 2409 led Rosary is being said at his wake at 10:00am on May 31, 2011 at St John the Baptist Church in Paradis, LA. Additionally, there are many of our Brothers who are sick, undergoing surgery, recuperating from Surgery and in distress. Please keep them in your prayers as well for God's Blessings.

May you and your family have a happy, enjoyable and safe Summer Season. May Gods blessings be with you and protect you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Rennan Duffour, GK
St. Charles Council 2409
#1 Council in the State of Louisiana
2010-2011



INSURANCE UPDATE

For all of your insurance needs, please contact Brother Chris Dufrene at 504-689-8032 or chris.dufrenesr@kofc.org

Another way we protect spouses

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. We know today this is done through our insurance products which are designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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PRAYER LIST

Please remember and keep the following brothers and their families in your prayers:

Archbishop Philip Hannan
Father David Rabe
Father Bernard Francis

Father Antone
Brother Gary and wife Patsey
Doucet
Brother Rene Duffour, father of
Brother Rennan Duffour
Brother Etine Zeringue
Sandra Zeller, wife of Harry Zeller
Garret Graver, Grandson of
Brother Buddy Graver
Darlene DeHarde Faul, daughter
of Brother Vic DeHarde
Charles Greco, father of Brother
Francis Greco
Brother Hurschel Burleigh

Derek Plattsmier, grandson of
Brother Hurschel Burleigh
Brother Charles Oubre Jr.
Brother Emitt Robert

please leave the whip cream out next
year!!

Knight of the Month

ROSARY RECITAL

Council 2409 recites the rosary every
Monday evening at the St. Charles
Nursing Home in Luling. We are always
looking for help. If you are available and
interested, please contact Brother
Hurschel Burleigh at 985-785-2958 for
details.

Kevin Doherty was selected knight of
the month for his participation at the
state convention hospitality suite also.
Many thanks to Kevin and all council
2409 members who helped make the
event a rousing success.

St. Mark Adoration Chapel

Volunteers are always needed and
welcomed to help at the St. Mark
Adoration Chapel in Ama. Please
contact the chapel committee for more
information.

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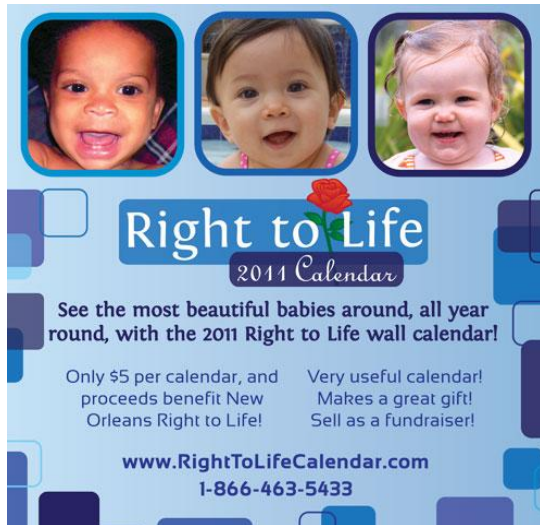
Kevin Doherty, Knight of the Month

May Family of the Month

Three families were recognized for the
honor of “families” of the month for May
in recognition of their efforts at the State
Convention held in Kenner. Jim and
Pam Gassen, Steven “Bubba” and Gina
Madere, Pat and Taina O’Malley
manned the state deputies’ hospitality
suite. Under their “expert” guidance the
margarita’s and that other drink known
as a duck (something) were readily
available to all. Although Bubba says

Pro Life Update

Pro-Life calendars for 2011 are now
available. They can be ordered at
www.RightToLifeCalendar.com or by
calling 1-866-463-5433.



DETAILS ABOUT THE MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY CRUSADE FOR LIFE: **Archbishop Aymond and priests for the Archdiocese will lead us in the 20 decades of the Rosary. Also there will be a pro-life testimony. Please arrive no later than 7:50 so that we can begin promptly at 8 a.m. Please spread the word about this prayer event.**

*Archdiocesan Sidewalk
Counseling and
Prayer Ministry Newsletter
May, June, 2011*

MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY CRUSADE FOR LIFE on Sat. May 7th at 3044 Ridgelake Dr. in Metairie from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Please promote this event in your church parish. Bring your relatives and friends. See below for more details.
Sat. June 11th at 3044 Ridgelake Dr. in Metairie from 7:30 to 9:30.

The next Rosary Novenas for Life at Midtown Medical Clinic at 3500 St. Charles Avenue in N.O. will be on Sat. May 28th and Sat. June 25th from 10 to 11 a.m. All 4 Rosaries will be recited followed by Mass at 11:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at Ursuline High School at 2701 State Street in N.O.



Council 2409 Pro Life couple. Cherie and Allen Thibodeaux



Council Right to Life billboard

Happy May birthday to the following council members.

	YRS Service	Birth Date
Joseph Bergeron III	40	05/08/1952
Curtis Dufrene	22	05/10/1942
Rev, Bernard Francis	42	05/14/1937
Buddy Graver	40	05/05/1937
Daniel Horn	63	05/31/1917
Albert Laque	49	05/18/1934
Robert Lasserre	8	05/15/1963
Thomas LeMaire	42	05/16/1939
Maurice Loupe Sr.	40	05/23/1917
James Perilloux	8	05/01/1967
Elson Tassin Jr.	42	05/02/1948
Andrew Thibodeaux	4	05/15/1988
Leon C. Vial IV	33	05/12/1958
Leon F. Vial	6	05/21/1978
Dudley Weber	27	05/28/1941

Monthly Officers meeting
 Wednesday, June 1st,
 7 P.M.
 St. Anthony CA Building

Monthly General Business
 Meeting
 Wednesday, June 15th,
 St. Anthony CA Building

Membership

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentleman 18 years and older. If you know of any gentlemen who are looking for a fraternal organization dedicated to working with the church, youth and the community, the Knights of Columbus just might be the organization for them. For information please contact our membership director, Kenny Gonzales at 985-785-6709 or Grand Knight Rennan Duffour at 985-308-0088.

Annual Crawfish Boil

The annual crawfish boil was held after our May meeting on Wednesday the 18th. Many brothers are instrumental in



making our crawfish boil a success year after year. From ordering, picking up, boiling, and of course my specialty, eating them.



I can't believe that some actually use this for bait!



Alright, alright already, I'm coming with more, Jeez!!!!



Fresh out the pot.



Don't be messin with my pile Douglas!!



Good friends and boiled crawfish. Don't get much better than this!!



The guys that make it happen

State Deputy Award

The State Deputy 1st place award arrived and was displayed at the May meeting/crawfish boil. As you all are aware, Council 2409 was selected as the top council in the large council class as well as the #1 overall council in the state. An honor indeed. We are and should be very proud of this accomplishment.



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour, Past State Deputy and Past Grand Knight Cookie Gomez, Past Grand Knight and District Deputy Allen Thibodeaux, Past Grand Knight Kevin Robicheaux, and Past Grand Knight and Area Coordinator Kenny Gonzales were on hand to celebrate.



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour acknowledges the council as #1 in the state.



G.K. Rennan Duffour and past Grand Knight and retired Financial Secretary Joe Bergeron.



Treasurer Harry Zeller and outgoing warden Bob Voros enjoying the moment.



Saturday preparation. Don't forget to tuck those wings!!!

Barbecue Chicken Dinner

Council 2409 held its spring barbecue chicken dinner on Sunday May 22nd at the Holy Rosary Church Community Center in Hahnville. Five hundred chicken halves were grilled and served along with baked beans and cole slaw. Thanks to all who help make this event a huge success. Proceeds from the fundraiser helps support youth group activities not only in our area, but throughout the state.



Planning session for Sunday morning. Only one thing to plan, BE THERE EARLY!!!



Okay, let's roll!



Pat on patrol. This is what an "Administrator of Ancillary Services" does, whatever the heck that means!!!



I forgot. Are serving barbecue or smoke chicken?



Modern technology. We take orders by text messages and cell calls, no problem.



The council raffle that accompanies the dinner is always a huge success.



And that's a wrap for the 2011 chicken dinner. Harry, pay the bills!!!