



**KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409  
LULING, LA  
September 2011**

*Chaplain's Message*

There was a time when local newspapers took their society pages seriously. They reported who was visiting relatives in town, who had gone to visit relatives, who had entertained guest at their home.

A story involving Orville and Wright should not surprise us then. These two men had done it! They had made a machine fly. They sent a telegram to their sister in Dayton, Ohio which read, "First sustained flight today in 59 seconds. Hope to be home for Christmas." Their sister was so excited they would be home for Christmas she took the telegram to the local newspaper for release. The next day's morning headline read, "Popular local Bicycle Merchants to be home for the Holiday's."

The importance of paying attention to neighbors can clearly be seen in the society pages of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Today things are different. Along with the decline in dinner table discussions is a notable decline in the ability of people to express interest in another person's day. The increase in texting and social websites brings a shift; it is more important to make sure others know what I am doing than for me to have a sincere interest in what you are doing.

Society has become more connected technologically, but at the same time less hospitable. We must not lose the sense of the hospitality of the Eucharistic meal.

*Fr. John Finn, Chaplain*

**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE**

Brothers ...

The Month of September has been a busy month for St Charles Council 2409, with many activities scheduled for the Month of October as well.

The Council activities in September included our Council Soccer Challenge on 9/15 and the District Soccer Challenge on 9/29. Special thanks to Mel Burell, Chip Divine and all those involved for organizing and holding these events.

The Council also participated in Special Olympics Activities on 9/17. A special thanks goes out to Brian Champagne, PGK, Allen Thibodeaux, PGK, and all those involved in preparing the meal and assisting in the Special Olympic Activities.



October is Membership Blitz month and we should make all efforts to recruit new members to our Council. Brother Melvin Burrell has developed a membership flyer for our council, which can be used as a recruiting tool. This newsletter that Brother Allen Thibodeaux, PGK has developed for our Council is also an excellent recruitment tool for introducing our council to Catholic men in our parishes. Let's make an extra effort to make our council visible to the Catholic Community and recruit some new KC members for our council. Wear your KC shirts, be a representative of St Charles Council 2409 at Mass and at the various functions you attend this month. Let's promote the Knights of Columbus and St Charles Council 2409!!!!

During the Month of October, we have the following scheduled activities, in which the Council needs your participation:

10/5 - Battle for the Paddle, contact Jerry Walker, Jr for details

10/15 - Area Soccer Competition, contact Kenny Gonzales for details

10/16 - Major Degree at St Anthony CC, contact Rennan Duffour, GK and Allen Thibodeaux, PGK for details

10/23 - St Anthony Pastoral Council Meal Prep, contact Doug Becnel, PGK for details

10/30 - Buddy Walk at Zepher Stadium

The District 8, First Degree Team is looking for members interested in participating on the Degree Team. Anyone interested, please contact the District Deputy for District #8, Allen Thibodeaux, DD.

The General Council Meeting scheduled for 10/19 is the quarterly recognition for

the Family of the Months for the preceding quarter. Those families are invited to participate in the meal with the Council before the Rosary and the General Meeting. Those Families are listed below.

July 2011 - Rennan and Liz Duffour

Aug 2011 - Gerald and Suzanne Zeringue

Sep 2011 - Brian and Amanda Champagne

Additionally, families will be invited for those past quarters for certificates which have not been presented.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Member to Council 2409. His name is Bob Yeager. He joined the Knights of Columbus on August 22 and is planning to make his 2nd and 3rd Degrees on 10/16. Please welcome him at the meetings and offer any assistance he may need to be an active Member in our Council.

There are many of our Brothers who are sick, undergoing surgery, recuperating from surgery and in distress. Please keep them in your prayers for God's Blessings.

Please pray for the protection of our families and communities for the remainder of the hurricane season. Please pray for the protection of our Military and that they are brought home safely. Please pray for Vocations for Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters that our Catholic Church desperately needs.

May you and your family have a happy, enjoyable and safe Fall season. May

God's 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](mailto:chris.dufrenesr@kofc.org)

### ***Ask eligible men to join***

Usually, I use this space to talk about our safe, secure life insurance, retirement and long-term care products. This time, I want to address the growth of the Order. For all of us this is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to

join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are hooked.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Terry Kennedy, General Agent  
985-649-2703  
[Terry.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto:Terry.kennedy@kofc.org)

### ***PRAYER LIST***

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

Father David Rabe  
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  
Brother Hurschel Burleigh  
Derek Plattsmier, grandson of  
Brother Hurschel Burleigh  
Brother Charles Oubre III  
Brother Charles Oubre Jr.  
Brother Emmit Robert  
Brother Henry Brady  
Brother Kermit Brown

### ***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.

### ***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.

Debbie Caire  
985-785-2032

Ernestine Kappel  
504-431-9580

### ***Father Michael J. McGivney Guild***

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney, our founder. The Guild distributes information materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. There are more

than 132,000 members of the Father McGivney Guild.

The purpose of the Guild is to inspire greater personal holiness and cooperation with God's grace by disseminating information about Father McGivney. "The Guild's goal is to spread the good word about Father McGivney's holiness of life, to encourage devotion in his memory and seek his intercession before the throne of God," said Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, guild director and postulator of father McGivney's cause for canonization.

The Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of father McGivney's cause for canonization. Membership in the Guild, which is free, is open to all individuals and households, but not to groups. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July-August, and is free to Guild members.

**IT IS OUR GOAL TO HAVE 100%  
MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE  
LOUISIANA DISTRICT!**

Membership may be gained by accessing the following computer web site:

[www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html).

Joining is quick and painless.

Degree teams: At the completion of all First degree Exemplifications, give the new member a Form 100 and a

membership application for the McGivney Guild.

Financial Secretaries: Send an application form to all members at time of billing with the proviso the member can join the Guild without cost if he is not presently a member.

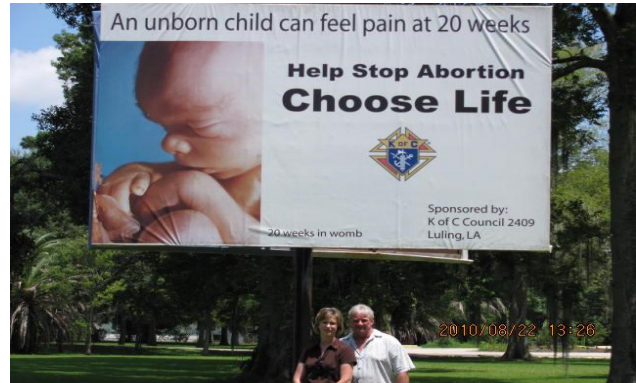
### *Pro Life Update*

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities has provided the Respect Life Program Packet to the grand Knight this month. The packet contains important resources to assist in promoting the pro-life cause. These materials will be shared with council members at the October 19<sup>th</sup> general business meeting.

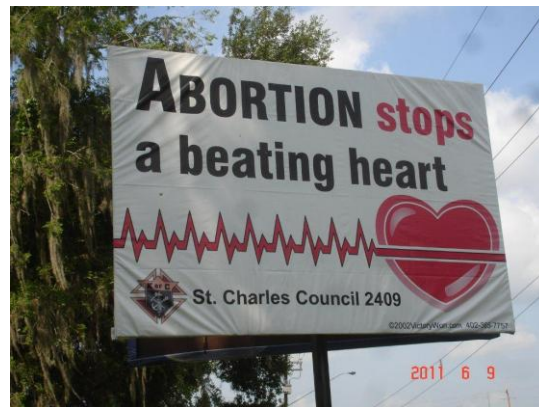
The legally-sanctioned assault on human life that began with Roe vs. Wafe continues to threaten the inherent dignity of life, marriage and human sexuality. The packet address grave threats to human dignity, including abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, reproductive technologies, contraception and the elimination of the unborn with physical and mental disabilities. But the message of the Church brings hope – for couples struggling with infertility; for the dying and their families; and for spouses who wish to live their marriage as a gift from God for the good of each other and the good of society.

The program flyer reminds us that human beings were created to love and be loved. Our lives become richer when we permit God's love to transform our hearts. To love God and others fulfills

our deepest needs, allowing us to have life and to have it to the full.



*Council 2409 Pro Life couple,  
Cherie and Allen Thibodeaux*



*Council Right to Life billboard*

*Happy September birthday to the following council members.*

## Membership

	YRS Service	Birth Date
James Buckley	40	09/20/1933
Melvin Burrell	8	09/16/1971
Alan Cancienne	29	09/12/1961
Gregory Champagne	34	09/04/1957
Michael Cooney	22	09/02/1953
Barrett Donnaud	16	09/27/1965
Patrick Doucet	15	09/30/1977
Harry Dugas	33	09/14/1953
Albert Eusea	38	09/29/1935
James Gassen	4	09/01/1960
Michael Kinler	24	09/14/1963
Dale Landry	49	09/16/1938
Jerome Laque	9	09/08/1961
Alan Madere	23	09/25/1961
Ulrich Muller	27	09/15/1953
Blaise O Flynn	8	09/08/1953
Morris Zeringue	21	09/16/1949
Harry Zeller, Jr.	39	08/30/1946

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.

Listed are just a few of the benefits associated with becoming a Knight of Columbus.

**Life Insurance program** – Offers member, spouse and children the opportunity to provide for their security and well-being. Rated AAA (Superior) by Standard & Poor's and A++ (Superior) by A.M. Best (for 35 years).

**Annuity Program** – Enables member and spouse to provide for retirement and build an estate through tax-deferred savings.(3% life time guarantee)

**Long Term Care Insurance** – Enables members and their spouses to safeguard their assets and afford the care and assistance needed later in life

**New Member Annuity plan** – Non-Qualified fixed rate annuity offered to new members in their first year after joining the order. Can be started with as little as \$100, and offers a guarantee rate of 3% return.



**Additional Member Benefits offered to insured members**

**Widow Benefits;**

Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit (*Accidental Death*)  
Eligible to purchase Life insurance, annuities, or Long Term Care up to *1 year* after insured members death. (**IF MEMBER WAS INSURED**)  
Will receive a free lifetime subscription to Columbia Magazine  
Continues to be eligible with her children for all scholarships.  
Welcomed at all open council meetings  
Continued access to Catholic Information Service

**Family Fraternal Benefit** (*For Eligible Families*)

*To be eligible the member or spouse must own a small permanent life insurance policy, with a minimum of \$150 annual premium. The brother knight must also be in good standing with his council.*

Pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days

Pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception

Offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18

Offered at standard rates for uninsurable children, provided application is made before child is 61 days old.

Offered at a rated premium for uninsurable children between ages of 61 days old and 18 years.

Up to \$5,000 at standard rates for a mentally impaired child, otherwise in good health, between the ages of 3 years and 18 years.

*Eligibility for the guaranteed-issue benefit (#3), also requires that the child's brothers and sisters, who have not been denied for insurance, must be insured under an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.*

**Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program** (*Same eligibility as with Family Fraternal Benefit*)

\$80 benefit is paid monthly to each orphaned child until age 19, graduates from high school, enters military service, marries, discontinues

Knights of Columbus insurance, or no longer attends school unless disabled.

If the orphan attends college or vocational/technical school full-time, the benefit can continue to age 23!

The child may also be eligible for up to \$1,750 each year in educational grants. The grants are based on financial need and will not exceed a maximum of \$7,000 over a 4 year period.

Monthly Officers meeting  
Wednesday, October 5,  
7 P.M.  
St. Anthony CA Building

Monthly General Business Meeting  
Wednesday, October 19th  
St. Anthony CA Building

Upcoming events  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification, St Anthony C/A building. All candidates to be present by 08:30.  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Knights of Columbus District Gumbo Cook-Off. Holy Family Church. Gumbo to be served following 9 AM Mass.

*August Knight of the Month*



*Deputy G.K. Melvin Burrell presents Joe Bergeron with the August 2011 Knight of the Month Certificate*

*September Family of the Month*



*Deputy G.K. Melvin Burrell presents the August Family of the Month Certificate to Bryan and Amanda Champagne*

*September Knight of the Month*

*August family of the Month  
Gerald and Suzanne Zeringue*



*Chip Divin accepts the September Knight of the Month Certificate from Deputy G.K. Melvin Burrell*





*Council 2409 members Donnie White, Curtis Dufrene, Joe Bergeron, Joe Guidry and Harry Zeller were on hand to help with the Second Harvest Food Drive sponsored by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.*



*Brother Chip Divin is always ready to lend a hand.*

*The District 8 Soccer Challenge kick-off was held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Pictured below are the winners for this years' challenge*



*Cooks and servers from Council 2409 at the 2011 Special Olympics.*



*Kaci Waguespack 10 year old girl winner  
 Michael Ehrmann 10 year old boy winner  
 Donna Hinrichs 11 year old girl winner  
 Kevin Vicknair 11 year old boy winner  
 Taylor McDaniel 12 year old girl winner  
 Justin Tizzard 13 year old boy winner  
 Nicholas Price 14 year old boy winner*