



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

It is quite common today to help a person but, as it were, from a distance, that is, without getting deeply involved with the person. There is a tendency for doctors to give out pills instead of care and time. Yet to cure without care is like giving a gift with a cold heart. There is a tendency for parents to say to troublesome children: "Go and watch TV," instead of sitting down and trying to listen to them.

This was not the way Jesus dealt with the leper. He allowed the man to approach him. A little dialogue took place. Then Jesus did the unthinkable. He reached out and touched him. Imagine how good that made the poor man feel. How honored we feel if somebody important shakes hands with us or gives us a pat on the back.

Acceptance is the opposite to rejection. It makes the other realize that he is loved. If we want to be Christ like we must open ourselves to the people we are rejecting. Then we can become people who are able to bring peace and healing, rather than conflict and hurt.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers ...

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

The Council activities in October included the participation in the Rosary Congress on 10/4, Battle for the Paddle on 10/6, cooked meal for Deanery Meeting on 10/11, Area Soccer Challenge on 10/20, cooked meal for St Anthony Pastoral Council 10/23, participation in the District Gumbo Cook-off on 10/23, participation in the 40 Days for Life by demonstrating and praying the Rosary to end Abortion at the Causeway Medical Clinic at 3044 Ridgelake Drive, on 10/28 and participation in the Buddy Walk food competition on 10/29. Special thanks to all those involved for organizing and participating in these event.

The Second Harvest Program in Paradis/DesAllemands has accomplished it's second distribution on 10/19. This is a Catholic sponsored Second Harvest with the Knights of Columbus St Charles Council 2409 being one of the program sponsors. Many thanks to those who participated in the food distribution. The food distributions are held every 3rd Wednesday of the Month and KC



Members are requested to assist in the food distribution.

The Council also held a Major Degree at the St Anthony Community Center on 10/16. There were 25 Knights who made their 2nd and 3rd Degrees with 52 Members from various Councils witnessing the Degrees. Special thanks to our District Deputy Allen Thibodeaux and Doug Becnel with the Cooking Crew for making this a successful and well run event.

St Charles Council 2409 has lost a dedicated and active Knight in S/K Gary Doucet, who passed away on 10/14. Our Council recited the Rosary in Raceland on 10/16 and in Paradis on 10/17 with Honor Guard at St John the Baptist Church. Gary has been active in both the 3rd and 4th Degrees. He will be missed, but not forgotten. Please keep S/K Gary Doucet and his Family in your prayers during this difficult time.

It is also with a heavy heart that I report to you the passing of S/K Rene Duffour, my father. He passed away on 10/7 and was waked in Kiln, Miss on 10/11. S/K Rene Duffour was an active 3rd and 4th Degree Knight of Columbus for 65 years. The Duffour Family would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and intentions. The Family had asked for donations to the YEP fund instead of flowers. Currently, \$630 has been donated to YEP in the name of Rene J Duffour. Thank you for your donations to this important KC Program which funds the KC Youth activities.

October was Membership Blitz month, but we should make every month a

priority for recruitment of new Knights or 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 November, we have the following scheduled activities, in which the **Council 2409 needs your participation:**

- 11/05 - Nine Ball Tournament in Lafayette, contact Bob Harrison for details
- 11/08 - Silver Rose Service at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, 6:00pm, 4th Degree Honor Guard, contact Rennan Duffour for info
- 11/16 - Second Harvest Food Distribution in Des Allemands, contact Donnie White for info
- 11/19 - Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, contact Bob Harrison for info
- 11/20 - Council 2409 BBQ Chicken Fundraiser at our Lady of the Rosary Church, contact Kenny Gonzales for info
- 11/22 - Memorial Mass at St Anthony of Padua Church, 6:00pm, contact Joe Bergeron for info

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.

Brothers, I made an announcement at the General Council Meeting on October 19 that I plan to run for State Office, State Warden, at the next KC State Convention in 2012. A Council Resolution will be introduced at the General Meeting on November 16 to support my candidacy for State Warden. The Resolution will be signed by all Council members attending the General Meeting. I am requesting your attendance at the General Meeting on 11/16 in support of this resolution and would like your name on document sent to every Council in the State and introduced at the 2012 State Convention.

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 protection of our families and communities for the remainder of the hurricane season. Please pray for the protection of our Military and that they be 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 Thanksgiving Holiday. 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

Common LTC misconceptions

As Baby Boomers have reached retirement years, long-term care (LTC) insurance products have gotten more public attention, but they're still not well understood, especially when it comes to how to pay for care.

For example, many Americans believe that Medicare pays for long-term assistance with the basic activities of daily living — but it doesn't. It applies only to those who have been in the hospital 72 hours and are diagnosed as requiring "skilled care." Medicaid covers care only if and when the person has gone through a "spend down" and has no other means to pay for it. Not a good situation to be in.

Another common issue is that Boomers think they can wait to buy LTC. Unfortunately, this could be a financial devastating choice. What happens if you suddenly become ill or uninsurable before you have made this purchase? Again, not a good situation.

Waiting to buy will also increase the cost of the premiums you pay. Consider this example. If you buy a Knights of Columbus Comprehensive Long-Term Care policy for yourself with a \$200 daily benefit, lifetime benefit duration and 30-day elimination period at age 40, your annual premium will be \$739.20. The total premium paid by age 85 will be \$33,264. If you decide to wait to buy the same policy until you are 60 years old, your annual premium will be \$2,374 and the total premium paid by age 85 will be \$59,350. That's a difference of more than \$26,000. (This example is for comparison purposes only.)

Personal service is crucial in choosing LTC policy options, and for adjusting them as necessary. Group LTC may indeed be a viable option for you, but as your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you compare the details so you can make an informed decision.

Terry Kennedy, General Agent
985-649-2703
Terry.kennedy@kofc.org

PRAYER LIST

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

Father David Rabe
Patsey Doucet, mother of
Brother Patrick Doucet
Sandra Zeller, wife of
Brother Harry Zeller
Garret Graver, Grandson of
Brother Buddy Graver

Family of Brother Vic DeHarde
Derek Plattsmier, grandson of
Brother Hurschel Burleigh
Brother Charles Oubre III
Brother Charles Oubre Jr.
Brother Emmit Robert
Brother Henry Brady
Brother Kermit Brown
Jerry Champagne, father of
Brother Greg Champagne
Brother Richard Gaubert
Brent Kinler, son of Brother
Julius Kinler
Rory Growl, uncle of Brother
Kevin Doherty

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.
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

We are in the process of making and installing a new Pro-Life billboard at St. Charles cemetery in Luling. We hope to have photos of this billboard in the November newsletter.

40 Days for Life update:
The campaign runs from September 28th through November 6th. Day 31, 410 babies saved.

Today's 40 Days For Life story is not one you'd hear every day.

Two years ago this month, former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson experienced a conversion after witnessing a live abortion on an ultrasound at her office in Texas.

She walked into my office at the Coalition for Life next door, told me her story, then resigned from the abortion industry.

I had known Abby for eight years before that day and I'd had multiple conversations with her through the fence outside Planned Parenthood. But after her conversion, I realized how much I didn't know.

I didn't know that her parents were pro-life and had been praying for her to leave Planned Parenthood.

I didn't know her husband was pro-life and her job created tension in their family.

I didn't know that before Abby saw that ultrasound, even she was starting to see that Planned Parenthood cares more about abortion than anything else.

We don't know what God is doing behind the scenes. We must trust, we must pray — and we must know that our witness on the sidewalk is always part of a larger picture.

Here's a story that shows what I mean. I'm not revealing names and locations, and I've changed some details. This is still a work in progress!

THE ABORTIONIST'S WIFE

A vigil participant was noticing that nearly all the cars in the abortion center parking lot were parked in the staff area — very few were in the area reserved for those with appointments. And that was good.

The volunteer was soon deep in prayer when the abortionist drove up — with his wife and their teenager. He got out of the car and headed toward the

building while the wife and teen drove away.

The abortionist's wife pulled up next to the vigil participant, rolled down her window and asked, "How are you doing?" The surprised volunteer answered, "Good! How about you?" She responded, "I just wanted to tell you that I so appreciate what you do and how you are always so nice and respectful." That simple response turned out to be the opening line in a very lengthy conversation.

The wife expressed her gratitude for the way the 40 Days for Life vigil is conducted. In another city, there is a group outside the abortion center that yells at her husband.

Here, however, he's been told that the vigil participants are praying for him. "He just can't understand how you can be so against what he does and yet so nice to him."

She explained that her husband grew up in a home that had no use for religion — the concept is totally foreign to him. The volunteer promised to pray that he would be able to grasp — and eventually embrace — faith. The teen blurted out, "Please do!"

"I asked the abortionist's wife to pray for me," said the volunteer, "and she said she would."

The wife said, "I'm really impressed that you believe in something so strongly and passionately that you're willing to be here every week for years in every kind of weather."

“There is much to meditate upon from this conversation,” said the 40 Days for Life volunteer. “It confirmed the constant presence, the peaceful method, the prayerful attitude. It helped give me a renewed sense of dedication to continually trying to get people to sign up so that we can have a constant presence on the sidewalk. We never know who will see us and when they will see us.

“God gave me an awesome story in order to ask once again for you to join us for 40 Days for Life. Please keep praying for an end to abortion and for ALL those involved. God is using us to help bring His children to Him — ALL of them!”

Shawn Carney
Campaign Director
40 Days for Life



Council Right to Life billboard

Happy September birthday to the following council members.

	YRS Service	Birth Date
Vincent Adams	8	10/02/1983
Joe Bergeron Jr.	58	10/21/1930
Victor DeHarde	52	10/26/1922
Rennan Duffour	21	10/30/1952
Andrew Dufrene Sr.	42	10/18/1939
Clayton Faucheux Jr.	8	10/23/1959
Richard Gaubert	45	10/26/1934
Warren Gautreaux	7	10/07/1965
Jerry Gomez Jr.	32	10/05/1957
Todd Gonzales	26	10/14/1961
Ray Hymel	39	10/16/1930
Denis Lanaux IV	8	10/12/1984
Oneil Legendre Jr.	40	10/15/1941
Jonathan Mineo	8	10/31/1982



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

Patrick OMalley Jr.	4	10/22/1987
Ken Oertling	3	10/30/1973
Charles Oubre Jr.	40	10/15/1929
Horace oubre Jr.	40	10/16/1945
Chet Oubre	23	10/14/1964
Kevin Robicheaux	18	10/14/1972
Marlin Rogers	37	10/14/1953
Earl Simoneaux	42	10/13/1935
Ernest Weber Jr.	30	10/09/1934

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.

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, November 2nd,
7 P.M.
St. Anthony CA Building

Monthly General Business
Meeting
Wednesday, November 16th
St. Anthony CA Building

Upcoming events
-November 8th. Silver rose mass,
6:00 P.M. Holy Rosary Church,
Hahnville.
-November 20th. Barbeque
chicken dinner, 11:00 A.M. holy
Rosary Community Building,
Hahnville

October Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Bob Voros with the Knight of the Month certificate

October family of the Month



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Denis and Lisa Lanaux the October Family of the Month Certificate.



Brother Kevin Robicheaux accepts the September Family of the Month certificate on behalf of his brother and sister-in-law, Brett and Cassie Robicheaux.

Past Families of the Month

August Family of the Month



Gerald and Suzy Zeringue were recognized at our quarterly family dinner as August Family of the Month



Stephen "Bubba" and Gina Madere, Patrick and Taina O'Malley and Jim and Pam Gassen were also recognized at our quarterly family dinner as previous Family of the Month recipients.

September Family of the Month

Service Award



In memory of Brother Gary
Doucet.
Please keep Gary's family in your
prayers.

*District Deputy Allen Thibodeaux presented Council
2409 with the 2010-2011 Knights of Columbus
Service Award*

*The secret to a good KC meal is the wine! Cookie is
making sure Jerry is putting enough in the beans!!*

