



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

What does it mean to be a Catholic?

Catholicism is not merely a religion, or a sect, or a set of rules. The essence of Catholicism is dynamic transformation. You cannot become more like Jesus Christ and at the same time stay as you are. To be Catholic means to be striving to live the Gospel, to be striving to become more like Jesus Christ. It is this dynamic approach to transformation that animates the human person – physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually – and allows us to experience life “to the fullest.” (John 10:10) When are you most fully alive? When you are changing and growing and exploring all you are capable of becoming.

God constantly calls us to a new life. He continually invites us to higher and deeper places. Jesus is constantly saying to us, as he did to Peter, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” (Luke 5:4) The world, on the other hand, is constantly calling us to the shallow water.

Catholicism is a dynamic way of life that encourages and empowers each individual to become the-best-version-of-himself. G.K. Cherterson wrote: “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.” This is particularly true of

Catholicism. Of all the many people I know who have rejected Catholicism, or who are critical of it, I do not know of a single person who truly explored and embraced the Catholic lifestyle. If you humbly open your heart, mind, and soul to the genius of Catholicism, you will not find it wanting.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers ...

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

The Council activities in November included the participation in the Silver Rose Service on 11/8, Second Harvest Distribution on 11/16, Council 2409 Thanksgiving Turkey Drive on 11/19, Fall Council BBQ Fundraiser on 11/20, cooked meal for St Anthony Youth Group after 5:00pm Mass on 11/20, and Council Memorial Mass on 11/22. Special thanks to all those involved in the planning, preparation and participating in these events. Also, I would like to recognize and thank our Kitchen Crew and Kitchen Leaders for



their dedication and support of Council initiatives and activities.

Remember Brothers, Membership Recruitment is a focus for all Councils. Search out a Catholic gentleman, sponsor him and give him the opportunity that was given to you when you joined the Knights of Columbus. We do have tools to help in the recruitment process from Supreme as well as from our Council. Brother Melvin Burrell has developed a Membership Flyer for our Council, which can be used as a recruiting tool. He has also developed a Council website that can be accessed by anyone interested in the Knights of Columbus. This newsletter that Brother Allen Thibodeaux, DD 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!!!! If you have a candidate that you need some help in recruiting, contact Kenny Gonzales, AC, the Council 2409 Membership Chairman for any help to answer questions or provide support in the recruitment process.

During the Month of December, we have the following scheduled activities, in which the **Council 2409 needs your participation:**

12/04 - Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the St. Anthony Youth Group after

Morning Mass, contact Allen Thibodeaux, DD for details.

12/10 - Council Christmas Party at the St Anthony Community, Social to begin at 5:00pm, contact Rennan Duffour, GK for info.

12/17 - Scheduled Ramp Building Project, contact Harry Zeller for details.

12/18 - Council to prepare dinner for Youth Group at St Marks after evening Mass, contact Allen Thibodeaux, DD for details.

12/21 - Second Harvest Food Distribution in Des Almonds, contact Donnie White for info.

12/25 - Merry Christmas

12/29 - Council to host and prepare Area B Meeting, contact Kenny Gonzales for info. The 2011 Council 2409 Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 10, after 4:00pm Mass, Social hour will begin at 5:00pm. Invitations have been mailed. If you have not received your invitation, please contact Joe Bergeron. The Council will provide the main course and drinks for the meal. Others are asked to bring a dish to be shared at the party. Please plan to attend and have a good time with our Brothers and their Families. I look forward to seeing you at the Council Christmas Party.

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 appreciate your support for my plan to run for KC State Office, State Warden, at the next KC State Convention in 2012. Your support was demonstrated at the November General

Council Meeting by the Council Resolution to support my nomination for State Warden. Thank you for your support and confidence in my commitment to our Council and the State Family representing the Knights of Columbus in the Great State of Louisiana.

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 Military and that they be brought home safely. Please pray for Vocations for Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters that our Catholic Church desperately needs.

This is a very hectic time of the year with many people rushing to do more than they have time to complete their tasks. Please be careful and safe on the road, enjoy Family and Friends during this joyous time of the year. From the Duffour Family to your Family, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!! Remember ... Jesus is the reason for the Season!

May God's blessings be always 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

Where to put your "extra" savings

Who doesn't want to live a longer, happier life? With advances in medicine and healthcare, the average life expectancy for people in North America is well into the 70s, but reaching age 100 is no longer such a rarity. Of course, increased age brings a new challenge: how do you afford to live out retirement in the style to which you are accustomed?

Having a proper plan for financing your retirement is the key. In recent years, the decline in the stock markets has slashed many 401(k)'s to 201(k)'s or worse. Because of these hard times, people are being extra careful with their money, but many don't know where to put what little "extra" savings they may have.

As a Knight, you have access to a product that is safe from the swings of the market and is protected from the instability in the banking industry. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of

principal) and consider the value you are getting.

Contributing money to an annuity can also have positive tax implications (always check with your tax professional on these matters). And our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal.

Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans. As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

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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 Ernestine Kappel
985-785-2032 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.

Culture of Life Legislative Initiative

As Catholics, Knights of Columbus have the responsibility to work for the common good of society. Catholics--and especially Knights--must, in the words of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and a privilege, but as an opportunity to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every voice counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power." The Culture of Life Legislative Initiative seeks to assist councils in becoming more effective in the public sphere.

Legislative Priorities

The Legislative Priorities section informs our membership on vital issues and enables them, directly from the site, to contact their senators and representative.

Vote Pro-Life

Led by the Fourth Degree, the Order encourages its own members--and all people--to vote pro-life. The Knights of Columbus feels that the right to life is not a partisan issue, but rather the pre-eminent moral issue of our time.

A United Nations Non-Governmental Organization

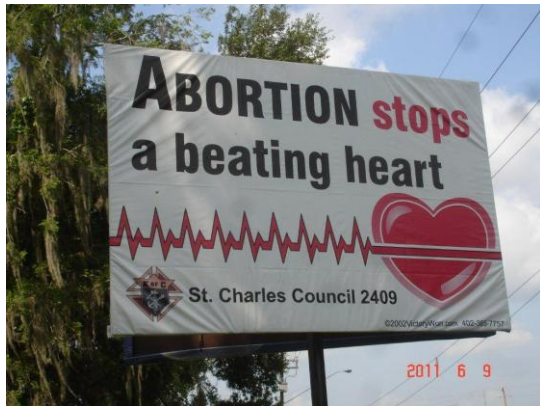
The United Nations has granted the Knights of Columbus status as a nongovernmental organization (NGO). This designation entitles the Order to participate in U.N. conferences and activities at a variety of levels.



Happy November birthday to the following council members.



Council 2409 Pro Life couple, Cherie and Allen Thibodeaux



Council Right to Life billboard

	YRS Service	Birth Date
Garry Boudreaux	11	11/04/1959
Henry Brady	40	11/25/1925
Hurschel Burleigh	54	11/18/1924
Gary Cazenave	38	11/24/1946
Charles Faucheux	12	11/27/1957
Richard Folse	26	11/20/1964
Blake Gassen	22	11/29/1966
Robert Harrison	34	11/18/1939
Guy Knobloch	30	11/13/1942
Brent Madere	19	11/06/1954
Dennis Madere	2	11/23/1989
Joseph Marchese	8	10/12/1984
Gregory Mollere	40	11/19/1952
Rinnie Robicheaux	22	11/12/1948
Wayne Rome	26	11/25/1949
Michael Roy	26	11/14/1954
Randy Songy	21	11/03/1966
Steven Templet Jr.	24	11/09/1967
Robert Voros	10	11/16/1935
Ray Zeringue	35	11/01/1932

Membership

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentlemen 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, December 7th,
6:30 P.M.
St. Anthony CA Building

Monthly General Business
Meeting
Wednesday, December 21st
St. Anthony CA Building

Upcoming events
Please see the Grand Knights
message for upcoming events

November Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Bob Harrison with the Knight of the Month Certificate. Bob spearheaded our annual Thanksgiving turkey drive and also participated in the state "nine-ball tournament"

November Family of the Month

Allen and Cherie Thibodeaux were chosen as the Family of the Month for November. They will be recognized at our quarterly Family of the Month dinner at the December meeting.

Scenes from the Barbeque Chicken Dinner

We would like to thank all the brother knights who came out and helped with our barbeque chicken dinner. Our fall dinner's proceeds go directly to the annual MDF (Mentally Disabled Fund) event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Local organizations that are impacted directly by our MDF dinner are the Special Olympics and The Arc of St. Charles.



Getting the coals right is not taken lightly by these guys.



The "sauce master" only an Oubre can know the real ingredients of this famous basting sauce!!



Yes, my young apprentice. One day you will master the force of the grill and earn the right to wear the famous Council 2409 aprin!

Silver Rose Mass

On November 8th , Father Francis lead us in celebrating the Silver Rose Mass which was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hahnville. The Silver Rose program features a sculpted silver rose carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, to Mexico, bringing the Culture of Life message on its journey. The silver rose is received at councils and parishes along its way and Masses and prayer services are offered. Special border ceremonies with Fourth Degree honor guards are held when the rose is transferred from one state to another. The Silver Rose program is a sign of the Order's unity on life issues.

