



KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409
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December 2011

Chaplain's Message

For the first Christians, Christianity was a lifestyle. They shared a common life. Living in a community, they often worked together, prayed together, and studied the Scriptures together. Their faith was the center of their lives. They shared meals together, played together and cared for each other in sickness. They allowed the principles of the Gospel to guide them in the activities of their daily lives. They allowed the Holy Spirit to guide them in all they did. Then at the pinnacle of their common life, they celebrated the Eucharist together.

Today, amid the busyness and complexities of modern life, the great majority of Catholics are challenged merely to make it to mass each weekend. In modern society, a great separation has taken place between the various aspects of our lives. Many people feel that they need to leave the values and principles of their faith outside certain activities in the same way you leave a coat in a waiting room. The modern world tries to separate faith from reason.

Living the Gospel is difficult; it always has been and it always will be. This is what today's Catholic have in common with the first Christians, and with Christians of every place and time.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers ...

The 2011 Year has been a very busy and successful year for St Charles Council 2409, with many KC initiatives, activities and programs completed. With the Council 2409 achievement and recognition of being the Top KC Council in the State of Louisiana for 2010-2011, we have a goal to meet that level of activity again this Columbian Year. We are in the home stretch to complete out activities for a repeat for the 2011-2012 Year. We must all participate and be active in Council activities to accomplish this goal.

The Council activities in December included the participation in the multiple Council 2409 sponsored Rosaries for our recently deceased Brothers Rinnie Robicheaux and Leonard Zeringue, Council Christmas Party on 12/10, Council Ramp Building Project completed on 12/17, cooked meal for St Mark's Youth Group after 5:00 pm Mass on 12/18, Second Harvest Distribution on 12/21, YEP Presentation to Council Members on 12/21 and Council hosted Area B Meeting on 12/29. Special thanks to all of 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 our Council. 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 access by anyone interested in the Knights of Columbus. This monthly 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 January, we have the following scheduled activities, in which **Council 2409 needs your participation:**

1/01 - Bring in the New Year with a commitment to our Catholic Faith, Family Values and KC Virtues

1/13 - Council Free Throw Contest at Hahnville High School, Contact Kevin Robicheaux for details

1/15 - CYLA Applications due to Council, contact Brent Madere for details

1/15 - Poster Contest submittals due to Council, contact Rennan Duffour for details

1/18 - Second Harvest Food Distribution in Des Allemands, contact Donnie White for info

1/20-22 - State Retreat at the Maryhill Retreat Center in Alexandria, contact Rennan Duffour for registration forms and details

1/21 - March for Life in Baton Rouge

1/26 - Marion Prayer Hour for 6:30 pm at St Anthony CC, contact Joe Bergeron, Jr. for details. Icon to be provided by Kenny Gonzales, AC

1/29 - Grand Knights Day at Teurlings High School in Lafayette, contact Rennan Duffour for details

1/30 - Joint Council Vocations Program for Council 2409 and Council 9933 at 6:00 pm at Holy Family CC - contact Charles Wilson for details

The KC State Bowling Tournament is scheduled for 2/4-5 and 2/11-12. Council 2409 needs to put a team together to represent Council 2409 in the competition. Please consider participating in this event and contact Melvin Burrell for registration information and details.

Council Reports to be submitted from the Council in January include the Special Olympics Report, Substance Abuse Poster Contest Report Free

Throw Participation Report, Council CYLA Report and Fraternal Survey Report.

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.

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

I hope all Council Members and their families have a joyous Christmas Season and you have my prayers for a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year. Remember that Christmas is to be celebrated for 12 days after December 25, so keep the Christmas Season and Spirit in your hearts and minds during this time.

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

Why choose an Annual Renewable Term plan?

The Order's portfolio of top-rated products includes a variety of term and permanent plans that can be custom-tailored to meet the needs, goals and budget of every Catholic family. Among these is our Annual Renewable Term (ART) plan, which provides the maximum amount of insurance protection per premium dollar.

ART plans provides life insurance protection for a specific, temporary period of time. Many have likened it to "renting" life insurance protection. It is appropriate coverage when the life insurance need is temporary in nature, such as to provide mortgage protection or to cover a business loan.

Among the advantages, in addition to the economical premium, is that ART plans can be converted to a permanent plan of protection with no additional underwriting required at any time prior to age 65. In a sense, ART plans can be used to guarantee your insurability. If you need protection for your entire life, but the premiums for permanent insurance just aren't in the budget right now, purchasing an ART plan with the intent to convert might just be the way to go.

Who benefits from ART plans:

- Those who want to supplement permanent insurance protection;
- Small business owners who want to cover the life of a key employee until retirement;
- Those who need guaranteed coverage for life, but need time to budget additional premium dollars and want guaranteed conversion to a permanent plan of insurance;
- Anyone who needs life insurance for only a certain period.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how Knights of Columbus ART life insurance, or any other of our top-rated portfolio of products, can help you meet your needs and goals.

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

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

The Louisiana Life March is set for Saturday, January 21st 2012.

9 - 10 AM: Gather behind Old State Capitol (100 North Blvd).

10 AM: March from Old State Capitol, up North Blvd, then down Fourth Street to State Capitol (walk is 0.8 of a mile).

10:50 AM: Prayer and Inspiration on the steps of the State Capitol lead by religious, government, and community leaders.

Noon: [Life Ministry Mobilization Area](#) near Capitol

Please go to the link below for further details.

<http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/LALifeMarch/>

Pro Life Dinner

On January 12, 2012, the 13th annual "Proudly Pro Life Dinner" will be held at Chateau Country Club in Kenner, La. at 6:00 P.M.

Tickets for the event can be purchased on line, by mail, or calling the number below. Please click on the attached link for further details.

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs076/1101796400807/archive/1108965582875.html>

Online: [Click here to fill out the secure form](#) and indicate in special instructions "Proudly Pro-Life Dinner" and number of tickets/tables, guest names, etc.

Mail: Send in check with instructions to P.O. Box 7962 Metairie, LA 70010.



Checks payable to 'New Orleans Right to Life Educational Foundation.'

Phone: Call us at 1-866-463-5433.

Happy December birthday to the following council members.

Geaux Forth 2012

"Geaux Forth 2012", Louisiana's Pro Life Rally in Washington D.C. will be held on January 22nd, 2012. Details are attached.

<http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/youth/geauxforth.html>

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.

	YRS Service	Birth Date
Joseph Agate	7	12/10/1970
Brent Arnold	6	12/16/1979
Korey Arnold	6	12/03/1981
Wade Breaux	6	12/08/1964
Wayne Breaux	5	12/08/1964
Kermit Brown	41	12/26/1934
Ronald Fremen	39	12/22/1934
Wayne Gassen	1	12/30/1958
Irvon Gomez	53	12/10/1930
Evan Madere	22	12/20/1970
Steven Madere	4	12/02/1960
Kurt Matherne	16	12/02/1975
Anthony Robert Jr.	27	12/11/1942
Dennis Sibille	40	12/20/1938
Louis Sirmon	32	12/28/1948
William Tichenor	8	12/05/1955
Chris Tregre	34	12/24/1955
Jerry Walker Jr.	5	12/06/1967
Terrell Wilson	3	12/22/1958



In memory of Brother Rinnie
Robicheaux

In memory of Brother J. Leonard
Zeringue

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



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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.

Allen Thibodeaux, Faithful Captain
Melvin Burrell, Faithful Purser
Kenny Gonzales, Faithful Scribe
Rennan Duffour, Faithful Admiral

December Knight of the Month

Report of the Fourth Degree



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 has been requested to hold a Fourth Degree dress-out at the annual French Mass on January 7, at 4 P.M. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego, La. Remember, you are not required to possess full regalia to participate in fourth degree dress-outs, social baldric is acceptable.

The exemplification schedule for 2012 is as follows –

February 11, Carencro
May 19, Bridge City
August 25, Slidell

A number of Council 2409 members are officers in Assembly 2053, please contact them if you are interested in joining the fourth degree, they are –



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Kenny Gonzales with the Knight of the Month Certificate. Kenny spearheaded our Fall Chicken Dinner. Proceeds from the fall dinner go to our MDF drive. Local organizations that are directly impacted are the Special Olympics and the Arch of St. Charles.

December Family of the Month



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Chuck Oubre with the Family of the Month Certificate. Chuck, Chet and "Twice" always handle our chicken dinners. They are the master grillers of "bulk" chicken and also have a sort of patent on that special basting sauce.

The Grand Knight and his power point presentation. Do you know how to work that thing?



Always honored to have the State Treasurer and State Warden present

Christmas Social 2011

Scenes from the Christmas Social



Enjoying the councils 2011 accomplishments



No Joan, contrary to popular belief, when most people deer hunt for over 20 years, they actually kill a deer EVERY NOW AND THEN!



Quiz: How many future Grand knights can you locate in this picture?

2011 Gift Drive



Although this is the usual view we get of our Deputy Grand Knight, no this is not a regular meeting



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Faye Caire, Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) with gifts collected from our annual Christmas Social. Faye and her group collect gifts and donations throughout the year to help needy individuals in our area. A special thanks to her and all involved with this wonderful program.

*Handicap Ramp Building,
December 2011*



The old ramp to be replaced. Let's get started.



Watch out Hurschel, Harry is dangerous with that thing!



Starting to shape up and look like a ramp



First things first. Demo and clean up.



The Cajun level, eyeball that baby up!



One thing about Andrew, that guy comes prepared

Monthly Officers meeting
Wednesday, January 4th,
6:30 P.M.
St. Anthony CA Building



What KC project would be complete without a picture with a Bud Light can in it!!!

Monthly General Business
Meeting
Wednesday, January 18th
St. Anthony CA Building



The final product. Thanks guys.