



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

The great depression of our age is not economic; it is spiritual. There seems to be a pervading sense of purposelessness in many peoples' lives today. "Why are we here?" is a question many people have stopped asking and started avoiding. They have stopped asking this question not because they don't want to know the answer, but because they have seen nothing to make them believe that anyone has the answer. It seems those who have the answer have hidden it under a bushel (Matt 5:14). Remember the human heart is on a quest for happiness; to believe that we can find happiness without discovering our essential purpose is foolish.

There is a great need to re-identify the essential purpose of the human being. Whenever brave men and women step forth and celebrate their essential purpose by striving to live holy lives, they do a great service not only to Catholics but also to people of every belief, because the search for meaning in our lives is universal. The Church, and indeed the whole world, desperately awaits a few brave souls who will stand up and remind us of our great spiritual heritage by redirecting us toward the goal of the Christian life; living holy lives.

*Fr. John Finn, Chaplain*

*GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE*

Brothers ...

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

We are starting the New Year (2012), lets' start it with a well planned agenda and with participation in KC Programs for 2012. The Council activities in January included the submittal of the following Council Reports to Supreme and the State:

- Council Fraternal Activity Report - 1728
- Special Olympics Profile Report - 4584
- Fee Throw Participation Report - FT 1
- Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Report - 4001
- CYLA Council Winners submitted to Area Coordinator
- State Bowling Competition Registration forms sent to State

The 2012 CYLA award Winners for both the Boy and Girl categories were selected and awarded at the Alter Server Luncheon held on 1/29 at the St Anthony CC. Many thanks to Brent Madere (Family Director) for leading the CYLA Program, the kitchen crew and Council Members who attended the Alter Server Luncheon to make it a great success.



The Second Harvest Distribution activity, which is co-sponsored by Council 2409 was held on 1/18 in Paradis. Many thanks to those who assisted in the food distribution efforts.

The 2012 Council Free Throw was a big success this year as well. Council 2409 had 302 participants in the Council Free Throw Contest this month. Winners in the Boys and Girls categories will compete in the District Free Throw Contest in February. Many thanks for a job well done goes to Kevin Robicheaux (Youth Director) for leading this event and the Council Members who participated to make this event a big success. Special mention for Council 2409 was noted at the Grand Knights Meeting on 1/29 for the number of participants in the Council 2409 Free Throw contest.

Council 2409 and Council 9933 held a joint Council Marion Hour Prayer Service at the St Anthony CC building on 1/26. The service was attended by 20 people. Many thanks to our Worthy Area Coordinator Kenny Gonzales for providing the Icon and Prayer Books for the Prayer Service. Additionally, recognition is given to those Members and their Families who attended and participated in the prayer service. Thanks to the kitchen crew for providing the meal for the event.

Council 2409 was well represented in Lafayette for the Grand Knights Day Meeting on 1/29. The Council expresses its appreciation for the five Council Members who attended and participated in the Meeting.

Council 2409 and Council 9933 held a joint Vocations Program on 1/30 at the Holy Family CC. The Council expresses its appreciation for the Council Members who attended Vocations Program.

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 February, we have the following scheduled activities, in which the **Council 2409 needs your participation:**

2/3 - Feast of St Blaise - go to Mass and get Blessed!

2/11 - Council 2409 will have 3 teams in the KC State Bowling Competition, contact Allen Thibodeaux for info

2/15 - General Council Meeting will be taking nominations for delegates to State Convention

2/15 - Deadline for Semi Annual Council Audit Form #1295, Trustees must get with Chuck Oubre to complete

2/15 - Second Harvest Food Distribution in Des Allemands, contact Donnie White for info

2/21- Happy Mardi Gras - Enjoy and Be Safe!!!

2/22 - Ash Wednesday - go to Mass and get Blessed!

2/24 - Council 2409 Lent Fish Fry, need everyone to publicize, Council has flyers with menus

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

Remember the Feast of St Blaise on 2/3 and Ash Wednesday on 2/25.

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](mailto:chris.dufrenesr@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  
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*

We're sure by now you've heard of the recent decision by the Susan G. Komen Foundation (Race for the Cure) to halt all grants by its affiliate organizations to Planned Parenthood, our nation's largest abortion provider. We hi-lighted this relationship at the KCLS meetings in both 2010 & 2011 and encouraged everyone to withhold support to Komen due to this unacceptable & immoral decision to help fund abortion and birth control. Komen has provided millions of dollars of funding to Planned Parenthood over the last several years.

We also hi-lighted the "ABC link", which through several research studies proves that women who have abortions, use abortifacients (drugs or devices that cause an abortion though not surgically), and artificial birth control such as "the pill" have a higher risk of breast cancer & other forms of cancer.

Because of their recent decision, we are asking each of you to contact your nearest Susan G. Komen affiliate or perhaps all of the Louisiana affiliates and let them know that you support their decision to defund Planned Parenthood. Please introduce yourself as a Pro-Life Supporter, tell them you support their decision to defund Planned Parenthood, and wish them the best of luck in their "race for he cure" this year (or tell them that you plan to support the race financially or through participation this year).

If you are unfamiliar with this decision to defund Planned Parenthood, you will find many articles on the Internet detailing the decision. What you will also find are many "bloggers" criticizing their decision. Let's help turn the tides by giving them the support they deserve for their landmark decision.

We are forwarding below our message sent to the Louisiana Komen affiliates, a letter by a physician, and a letter from an abortion survivor from Canada. We hope that you take the time to read each of these & we pray that you will feel moved to make a call or send an e-mail as we have. You may find contact e-mail addresses & phone numbers by visiting the Komen Foundation website and finding your local affiliate contact information. The "find affiliates link", the

phone number for the Komen National Headquarters, & a list of Louisiana local affiliate e-mail addresses is provided below.

<http://ww5.komen.org/affiliates.aspx>

Louisiana local affiliate e-mail addresses:

[director@komenacadiana.org](mailto:director@komenacadiana.org)

[coordinator@komenacadiana.org](mailto:coordinator@komenacadiana.org)

[president@komenbatonrouge.org](mailto:president@komenbatonrouge.org)

[info@komenbayouregion.org](mailto:info@komenbayouregion.org)

[info@komenneworleans.org](mailto:info@komenneworleans.org)

[komennecla@gmail.com](mailto:komennecla@gmail.com)

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Brothers,

Please review the following correspondence from the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

I write to you regarding a matter of utmost importance to the Catholic Church in the United States.

On January 20th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), made a final decision that would force Catholic institutions to provide health insurance that includes all FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization procedures, including several drugs that cause an early abortion by interfering with the implantation of a newly-conceived human being. This mandate poses a very serious threat to the religious

freedom of Catholics and Catholic institutions.

[http://media.nola.com/religion\\_impact/ot/her/Archbishop%20Ltr.pdf](http://media.nola.com/religion_impact/ot/her/Archbishop%20Ltr.pdf)

You will recall that the delegates at our 129th Supreme Convention in Denver last year unanimously passed a resolution pledging our support for freedom of conscience in health care. Now is the time to make that pledge of support a reality.

Allen & Cherie Thibodeaux  
Pro Life Couple

*Happy January birthday to  
the following council  
members.*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is urging Catholics and all citizens to contact their elected leaders to let them know they want religious liberty and rights of conscience restored and the administration's contraceptive mandate rescinded.

Please encourage all Knights and their families in your jurisdiction to send an email to their elected representatives in Congress by visiting [www.kofc.org/rights](http://www.kofc.org/rights).

Sample language has been provided urging elected leaders to co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179 / S.1467). This bi-partisan legislation will ensure that federal mandates do not penalize or discriminate against religious believers.

The Knights of Columbus will never waver in our opposition to any governmental action or policy that forces our citizens to violate their deeply-held moral and religious convictions.

Fraternally,  
Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

Attached is Archbishop Aymonds' pupil letter read at this past weekends masses..

<b>David Amedee</b>	<b>01/06/1946</b>
<b>George Bode</b>	<b>01/13/1975</b>
<b>Benjamin Creech</b>	<b>01/05/1951</b>
<b>William Divin</b>	<b>01/02/1968</b>
<b>Garrett Dugas</b>	<b>01/17/1981</b>
<b>John Ford</b>	<b>01/10/1967</b>
<b>Gil Gomez</b>	<b>01/12/1956</b>
<b>Rudy Gomez</b>	<b>01/12/1957</b>
<b>Kenny Gonzales</b>	<b>01/05/1960</b>
<b>Joseph Guidry Jr.</b>	<b>01/02/1928</b>
<b>Robert Harrison</b>	<b>01/18/1977</b>
<b>Julius Kinler</b>	<b>01/01/1927</b>
<b>Mark LaFluer</b>	<b>01/31/1960</b>
<b>Antoine Lanaux III</b>	<b>01/06/1953</b>
<b>John Landry III</b>	<b>01/27/1957</b>
<b>Archie Mollere</b>	<b>01/13/1922</b>



Charles Oubre III	01/13/1960
Bernard Oubre	01/08/1943
Roland Oubre	01/05/1940
Dale Petit	01/15/1953
James Plaisance	01/08/1965
Steven Templet	01/21/1941
Derrill Templet	01/20/1943
Donald Weber	01/22/1953

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.

### *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)

### *Report of the Fourth Degree*



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 regular monthly assembly meeting is scheduled for Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 –

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

### *December Family of the Month*



*Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents the Family of the Month Certificate to Doug Becnel.*

### *January Knight of the Month*



*Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Allen Thibodeaux with the Knight of the Month Certificate.*

Monthly Officers meeting  
Wednesday, February 1st,  
6:30 P.M.  
St. Anthony CA Building

Monthly General Business Meeting  
Wednesday, February 15th  
St. Anthony CA Building  
Meal served at 06:15 P.M.  
Meeting at 07:00 P.M.