



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

It is for each one of us to find our place in the history of humanity. Nobody can do it for you. It is a work that will be left undone unless you do it yourself. The world doesn't need another Mother Teresa. The world doesn't need another Father of Assisi. The world needs you. The Church needs you. Mother Teresa has a role to play in Gods' plan, and she played it. Francis had a mission to fulfill in Gods' plan, and he fulfilled it. Now it falls to you to find your role, your place. Who will be the next? You. You will be the next if you make yourself available to God.

God is not interested in your abilities.
God is interested in your availability.

Find your place in salvation history. Be a saint. Be yourself, perfectly yourself.

The best thing you can do for yourself is to become the-best-version-of-yourself. The best thing you can do for your spouse, your children, your friends, your Church, your nation, and God is to become the-best-version-of-yourself.

Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations; it is a lifestyle. Catholicism is a dynamic way of life designed by God to help you explore your incredible potential.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers ...

The Month of February has been an exciting month for St Charles Council 2409. The Council activities in February included many activities in which members participated. I would like to thank all those for their leadership and participation to make those events successful and fun. The following is a listing of the events.

- State Bowling Tournament in Hammond, special thanks to Allen Thibodeaux, PGK and DD for coordinating the 3 teams that represented Council 2409 in this State Bowling event
- District and Area Free Throw Competitions hosted by Council 2409, special thanks to Kevin Robicheaux, PGK for coordinating these events
- Second Harvest Food Distribution, special thanks to Donnie White for coordinating the Council's participation in this activity
- Construction of the cover behind St. Anthony CA Building began with completion of the foundation and delivery of the structural steel, special thanks to Joe Bergeron, Jr and Harry Zeller for all of their hard work and perseverance in getting this project moving and



implemented for the Council and Church

- First 2012 Lenten Fish Fry at the St. Anthony CA Building was a big success on Feb 24th.
- Pancake Fundraiser for the St Anthony Youth Group on Feb 26th.
- A presentation was made at the General Council Meeting by Sheriff Greg Champagne on the Sheriff's internet information systems, to include crime mapping, which is available to all individuals, located at www.stcharlessheriff.org. Many thanks to Sheriff Champagne for his presentation and candid discussion of relevant topics to our Brother Knights.
- A presentation was also made by Melvin Burrell, DGK to demonstrate the new Council 2409 web site that he developed for the Council, located at www.knightsofcolumbus2409.com. Thank you Brother Mel for a job well done.
- January 2012 Newsletter is a great communication of Council activities and events, many thanks to Allen Thibodeaux, PGK and DD for his devotion and dedication as the Newsletter developer, editor and publisher to make this very important communication tool for our Council.

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

3/02 - Council 2409 Lenten Fish Fry, need everyone to publicize and purchase a meal, Council has flyers with menus

3/04 - Council Quarterly Communion Mass, 8:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua Church, plan to attend

3/09 - Council 2409 Lenten Fish Fry, need everyone to publicize and purchase a meal

3/16 - Council 2409 Lenten Fish Fry, need everyone to publicize and purchase a meal

3/17 - St Patricks Day

3/21 - General Council Meeting

3/21 - Second Harvest Food Distribution in Des Allemands, contact Donnie White for information.

3/23 - Council 2409 Lenten Fish Fry, need everyone to publicize and purchase a meal

3/30 - Council 2409 Lenten Fish Fry, need everyone to publicize and purchase a meal.

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.

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

Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today

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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
985-785-2032

Ernestine Kappel
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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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

*Happy February birthday to
the following council
members.*

Rickey Bosco	Feb. 21st
Kevin Doherty	Feb. 9th
Ray Guidry	Feb. 10th
Wade Horn	Feb. 5th
Eric Matherne	Feb. 2nd
Brian Oubre	Feb. 1st
Brian Petit	Feb. 14th
Frank Pizzolato	Feb. 9th
Emmit Robert	Feb. 10th
Kenneth A. Robert	Feb. 7th
Neil Robert	Feb. 14th
Steven Songy	Feb. 26th
Lucien Steib	Feb. 24th
Earl Tastet	Feb. 24th
Shelly Tastet	Feb. 17th
Billy Thigpen	Feb. 8th

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.



Report of the Fourth Degree



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 next regular monthly assembly meeting is scheduled for Monday March 12th at Westwego council 3091.

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



Faithful Navigator, Warren Deemer, left, Assembly 2053, is presented with the F.N. sword by Faithful Admiral, Rennan Duffour.

February Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Brent Madere with the Knight of the Month Certificate.

2012 Catholic Youth Leader recipients

Knights of Columbus St. Charles Council 2409 has announced its Catholic Youth Leadership Award winners for 2012. They are Kate Induni and Mathew Montz. Kate, a senior at Hahnville High School and a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Paradis, has been active with her church, the Girl Scouts where she received the Gold Award, and many organizations and activities at HHS. She is the daughter of Kurt Induni and Celeste Chiasson of Paradis and plans to attend Southeastern Louisiana University and major in early education.

Mathew, also a senior at Hahnville has been involved with the youth ministry and religious education at St. Gertrude Church in Des Allemands. He is the son of Gerald and Tina Montz of Paradis. Mathew plans to attend Nicholls State University this fall and pursue a degree in biology. The Catholic Youth Leadership Award is presented annually by KC's nationwide. Each individual council selected its local recipients based on church participation, academic achievement, and community and school involvement. Kate and Mathew will now compete at the New Orleans area level for additional scholarships and opportunity to earn state and national awards.



CYLA Chairman, Brent Madere and Grand Knight, Rennan Dufour present the 2012 Girl CYLA Award to Kate Induni



CYLA Chairman, Brent Madere presents the 2012 Boy CYLA award to Mathew Montz

2012 State Bowling

Council 2409 sent 3 four man teams and a mixed double team to the state bowling tournament on February 11th in Hammond.

Doug and Joan Becnel represented the council in the mixed doubles competition and the 3 four man teams representing the council were: Harry Zeller, Joe Guidry, Hurschel Burleigh, Bob Voros, Beano Eusea, Garry Boudreaux, Tommy Lemaire, Leon "Duck" Vial, Kenny Robert, Allen Thibodeaux, Curtis Dufrene and Doug Becnel.

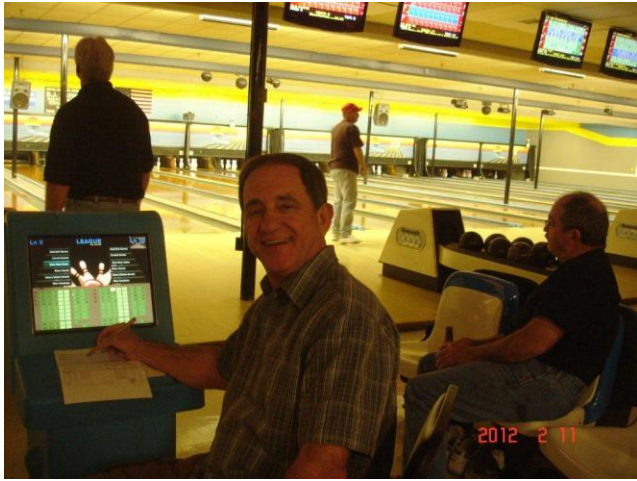
Special congratulation go out to Doug and Joan for placing second in the tournament.



Rab, Doug, Curtis, Thib. We won the beer drinking trophy!!



Hurschel, Joe and Bob. I think these guys' averages are like 250!!



Well, it's been 30 years since I bowled, hence the score of 101 for my last game, but Harry, I do know that you can't put your own score down!



If I didn't know better I would think that Garry and Bob were plotting some kind of strategy to WIN!



Tommy, did you see that gutter ball ☺



Here's my strategy, get another bucket!



Tommy, Garry, Beano – serious bowlers' right there!



Rab, watch Joe. He'll show you how to pick up a spare.



I'm thinking my teammates are wondering if I will ever bowl more than a 5 in a frame!



I guess I'll have to start bowling on Monday morning with these guys if I want to improve.



Oh well, we didn't win the state title, but what a GREAT time!!

2012 Basketball Free Throw

Council 2409 hosted the area free throw completion on February 25th. Winners of this competition have the opportunity to compete at the state level. Congratulation to all the girls and boys winners.

Girls winners are –

- 10 year old Marissa Gilbert
- 11 year old Jaz'myn Lewis
- 12 year old Gabby Weisler
- 13 year old Briana Heffker
- 14 year old Juliet Tran

Boys winners are –

- 10 year old Joey Saucier
- 11 year old Jacobe Van Winkle
- 12 year old De'Ante Sumlin
- 13 year old Brad Helmer
- 14 year old Ricky Kimball



Area free throw girls winners with area Coordinator, Kenny Gonzales



Area free throw boys winners

Monthly Officers meeting
Wednesday, March 7th,
6:30 P.M.
St. Anthony CA Building

Monthly General Business
Meeting
Wednesday, March 21st
St. Anthony CA Building
Meal served at 06:15 P.M.
Meeting at 07:00 P.M.