



KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409
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March 2012

Chaplain's Message

Stories have a remarkable ability to cut through the clutter and confusion and bring clarity to our hearts and minds. Stories remind us of our hopes, values, and dreams. They sneak beyond the barriers of our prejudices to soften our hearts to receive the truth. Great periods in history emerge when great stories are told and lived. Stories are history that forms the future; they are prophecies set in the past.

Sixty-five percent of the Gospels are stories, or parables. One hundred percent of the Gospels are the story of Jesus Christ – and it is the most influential story ever told.

If we wish to rise up a new generation of saints, there are two indispensable ingredients. First, and always first, we must strive to grow in holiness, to become more perfectly the person God created us to be. And second, we must tell the stories of the champions and heroes of Christianity who have gone before us.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers ...

The Month of March has been an exciting month for St Charles Council 2409. The Council activities in March included the completion of the State Grading Forms and Reports as well as Project Activity Reports which were all completed and submitted to the appropriate State Directors both by email with attachments and mailed or hand delivered to their recipients. Brothers, with your achievements and accomplishments over this past year, St Charles Council 2409 is making a serious run for Top Council in the State of Louisiana. We're going for the "twopeat" repeat. In addition to preparing for the State Convention and Columbian year end activities, many other Council activities were accomplished. 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.

- Five (5) 2012 Lent Fish Fry Diner Fundraisers at the St Anthony CA Building was a big success from March 2 through March 30
- Council 2409 Quarterly Communion at St Anthony Church on Mar 4



- Special Olympics Track and Bocce on Mar 14, thank you Brother Brian Champagne, PGK for organizing the KC participation in this activity
- Council Work Day at St Anthony CA Building on Mar 17, thank you Brother Jerry Walker, Jr for organizing this activity
- The new Council 2409 web site has been updated and is located at www.knightsofcolumbus2409.com . Thank you Brother Mel for a job well done.
- February 2012 Newsletter is a great communication of Council activities and events, many thanks to Brother 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 access 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 April, we have the following scheduled activities, in which the **Council 2409 needs your participation:**

4/08 - Easter Sunday (Promote Council Membership Drive, wear your KC Council Name Tag on your coat to Easter Mass

4/14 - Special Olympics Bocci Ball, Council 2409 has been asked to help cook, serve, etc., 8:00am at Destrehan Stadium, contact Brian Champagne, PGK for info

4/18 - General Council Meeting (Nomination for Council Officers will be open)

4/18 - Second Harvest Food Distribution in Des Almonds, contact Donnie White 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.

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.

May God's blessings be always with you and protect you and your family.

Happy Easter!

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

Different life stages, changing needs

You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20 may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, he will take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. He will update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. He will recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, he can help.

Contact me today to learn more.

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

Rosary Recital

Council 2409 prays 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.



*Happy March birthday to
the following council
members.*

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| Darren Barre | March 28th |
| Thomas Cheramie | March 7th |
| Mark Chiasson | March 16th |
| Gennaro Duhe | March 11th |
| Troy Dutreix | March 4th |
| Rev, Joseph Dzien | March 30th |
| Clyde Gisclair | March 25th |
| Francis Greco | March 29th |
| Richard Keller | March 26th |
| Britten Lanaux | March 8th |
| Brian Lumar | March 28th |
| Harry Morel Jr. | March 30th |
| Ian Robert | March 24th |
| Kenny Robert | March 1st |
| Carl Simoneaux Sr. | March 11th |
| William Sirmon III | March 3rd |
| Herman Triche | March 17th |
| Donnie White | March 30th |
| Merrill Whittaker Jr. | March 13th |

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.

Please welcome our newest brother to Council 2409, Jules Saunee.

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 April 9th at Westwego Council 3091.

The exemplification schedule for 2012 is as follows –

May 19th Bridge City
August 25th 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 Pilot
Rennan Duffour, Faithful Admiral

Pro-Life Update

The 14th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life will be held on Saturday, May 12th, 2012 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in front of Causeway Medical Clinic at 3044 Ridgelake Dr. in Metairie. The 20 decades of the Rosary will be led by Archbishop Aymond and priests from this Archdiocese followed by the inspirational testimony of Sarah Hull and her miracle baby. This prayer event is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry, a ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. For more information, please call Pam Richard at (504) 460-9360 or (985) 809-0773.

March Knight of the Month



Deputy Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Bob Voros with the Knight of the Month Certificate.

Quarterly Family of the Month Dinner

March marked our quarterly "Family of the Month" dinner. The families represented were instrumental in the councils' success over the past several months. Without the dedication of these individuals and their families, council 2409 could not achieve the lofty goals that we set for ourselves. We know that sometimes during our endeavors with the Knights of Columbus it seems we spend more time with our council brothers, but rest assured our thoughts and love are always with family first.



Kevin and Erica Robicheaux, along with their beautiful daughters were presented with the Family of the Month certificate for February by D.G.K. Melvin Burrell.



Deputy Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Doug and Joan Becnel with the Family of the Month Certificate for January.



Bret and Cassie Robicheaux were selected as Family of the Month for March. Melvin presents the FOM certificate to Bret and his lovely family.

Special Olympics and the ARC of St. Charles

Council 2409 presented donations to the ARC of St. Charles and the River Parish Special Olympics at its' March meeting. Many of our fundraisers, specifically our annual barbeque chicken dinners, are where these donations come from. We want to thank all who support our efforts in these events.

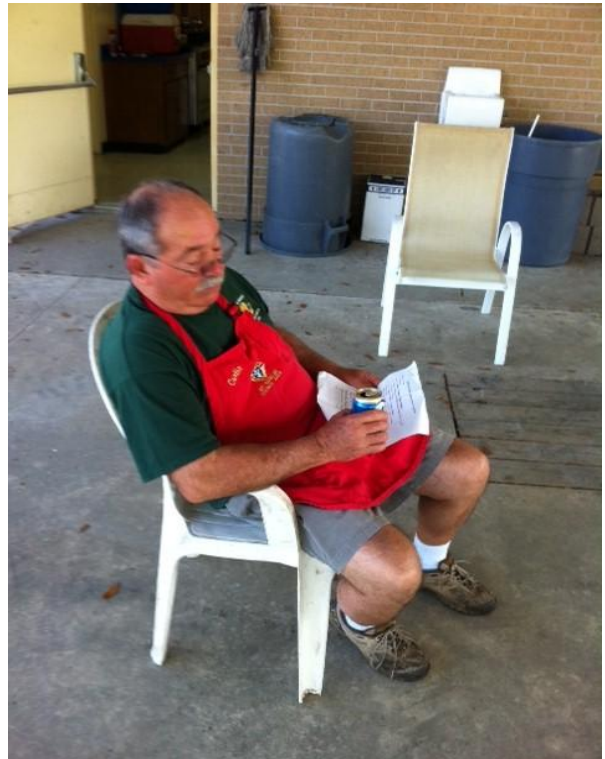


*Melvin presents the donation to Arleen Friloux,
Program Director for the ARC of St. Charles*



*D.G.K. Melvin Burrell presents a donation
to Theresa Theriot, Assistant Director of the
Special Olympics. Theresas' husband
Ronnie was also present.*

Lenten Fish Fries



*Curtis, I heard the first thing to go is remembering
your gumbo recipe!!*



A good potato salad starts with the proper way to peel eggs. Bret learned from the "Egg Peeling Institute of Becnel"



Bret's crocks were brown. Too much Clorox?

St. Anthony Work Day

On Saturday, March 17th, volunteers gathered at St. Anthony to do a little "spring cleaning". The CA building and church were pressure washed, storage closets were cleaned out and the rectory grounds were spruced up. Thanks to all the knights who came out and helped.



*Father David and Melanie (St. Anthony's' DRE)
ready to get started.*



Jason and Mike setting up the new goal



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Joe and Bob changing ballast. Good to have an electrical engineer in the group, I guess!



As a parish employee, Kevin knows the importance of eye protection---oops!!



Jerry spearheaded the clean-up day and kept everybody on track.



Time to take a break



Mr. Jerry told me not to throw away those directions!



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The closet Father David was cleaning had a hidden treasure. He knew where to bring it so it would not be wasted!!

St. Joseph Altar

St. Anthony of Padua in Luling hosted a St. Joseph Altar on March 18th and 19th. The Feast of St. Joseph dates to the 700's. In the middle 1200's a series of droughts in Sicily brought suffering to the land. Landowners promised prayers to St. Joseph to open their homes to the poor. When the droughts ended and the harvest returned, landowners opened their home to the poor on St. Joseph's day.

Today, the St. Joseph's altar is constructed in three tiers representing the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.



St. Joseph's Altar

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

Monthly General Business
Meeting
Wednesday, April 18th
St. Anthony CA Building
Meal served at 06:15 P.M.
Meeting at 07:00 P.M.