



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

Speculation about the future provides full-time jobs for many people. Pundits, poll takers, astrologers and weather forecasters all try to predict what will happen. Even historians study the past for insights into the future. We want a view of tomorrow but are unable to see beyond the present moment.

There is such speculation about the type of existence we will have in our life beyond the grave. That topic carries many questions and few answers. The apostles also wanted more knowledge about eternal life, but John says it "has not yet been revealed." Eternal life will be understood when we experience it, but for now, our main concern is knowing how to live as children of God. Those details have been revealed. They are found in the pages of the Bible, the teachings of the church and the lives of the saints. Today, I want to speculate on how I can be a more faith-filled, loving and genuine child of God. That will help me to know my future.

"Beloved we are God's children now; what shall be has not yet been revealed." 1 John 3:2.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers ...

The Month of May has been an important month for St Charles Council 2409. It has been a month for Council fund raising and the election of new officers for Council 2409.

The Council held it's semi-annual Chicken BBQ and Raffle fund raiser on May 19 in Hahnville and it was a success. Many thanks to Kenny Gonzales, Area Coordinator, for planning and coordinating this event, as well as Chuck Oubre, his family and other Brother Knights for leading the cooking efforts in the early hours of morning to have the BBQ chicken dinners ready to serve on time. A big thanks also goes out to all the other Brother Knights of Council 2409 for tirelessly prepping/cooking the chicken, working the kitchen and serving the meals. The donations to the sweet booth is greatly appreciated and was sold out to complement the BBQ Chicken fund raiser efforts. Many thanks to those who donated sweets for the event.

The election of Council Officers for the 2012-2013 Columbian Year was held at the General Council Meeting on May 16, 2012. Congratulations to the new officers, the future leaders of our Council, which are listed below.



Chaplain	Fr John Finn
Grand Knight	Melvin Burrell
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Harrison
Chancellor	Bret Robicheaux
Warden	Jerry Walker, Jr.
Treasurer	Harry Zeller, Jr.
Financial Secretary	Charles Oubre, III
Recorder	Kevin Doherty
Advocate	Kenny Gonzales
Lecturer	Patrick O'Malley
Inside Guard	Bob Voros
Outside Guard	Garry Boudreaux
Trustee 3 Year	Rennan Duffour
Trustee 2 Year	Doug Becnel
Trustee 1 Year	Joe Bergeron, Jr.

The 2012-2013 Officers will be installed at the Officers installation on June 16, 2012 at St. Anthony of Padua Community Center. The Officer Installation Ceremony will be preceded by a Mass at 4:00pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church and a social will follow the Mass at 5:30pm at the St. Anthony of Padua Community Center. The Officer Installation and Banquet will follow. Brother Allen Thibodeaux, District Deputy, will Install the new Officers and Brother Vernon Ducote, State Secretary elect will be our guest speaker. Please plan to attend this special event for our Council.

A social night out at the Zephers Ball Game was enjoyed by Brother Knights from multiple Councils in the Area on May 31. Attendees from our Council included Bob Voros, Steve Truit, Garry Boudreaux, Rennan Duffour and their families. All enjoyed a great time at the game.

The new Council 2409 web site has been updated and is located at www.knightsofcolumbus2409.com.

Thank you Brother Melvin Burrell for a job well done.

April/May 2012 Newsletter is a great communication of our Council activities and events, many thanks to Brother Allen Thibideaux, 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.

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.

Summer is upon us, school is out and it is time to enjoy family activities. Please travel safely. May God's blessings be always with you and protect you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Rennan Duffour, GK

INSURANCE UPDATE

For all of your insurance needs, please contact Brother Chris Dufrene at 504-689-8032 or at chris.dufrenesr@kofc.org

Four parts of retirement: Phase two

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more.

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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
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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.

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 officer installation will take place on July 15th at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego. The installation will take place after the 11:00 AM mass and a banquet will follow at the Wynhoven Council 3091 hall, Avenue B, Westwego.

Congratulations to the incoming officers of Assembly 2053.

Fr. Ed Grice	Faithful Friar
Allen Thibodeaux	Faithful Navigator
Kenny Gonzales	Faithful Captain
David Zeringue	Faithful Pilot
John Lee	Faithful Scribe
Al Schexnaider	Faithful Comptroller
Melvin Burrell	Faithful Purser
Warren Deemer	Faithful Admiral
Danny Thibodaux	Faithful Guard
George Boudreaux	Faithful Guard

The exemplification schedule for 2012 is as follows –

August 25th Slidell

May Knight of the Month

Pro Life Update



Grand Knight Rennan Duffour presents Melvin Burrell with the Knight of the Month certificate.

PRO LIFE ALERT JUNE 15, 2012

PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT ST. RITA'S TO MARK USCCB's FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM— FOR CHURCH, COUNTRY AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY *THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY SAT., JUNE 23 ST. RITA OF CASCIA, HARAHAN AFTER 4 P.M. MASS* (Rosary lasts about 30 min.)

SUPREME COURT RULING ON ABORTION-FUNDED HEALTHCARE/RELIGIOUS LIBERTY EXPECTED MON., JUNE 25 LET'S PRAY THEY VOTE FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY!

JUNE 21-JULY 4: FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM-INITIATED BY THE USCCB, THIS SPECIAL PERIOD OF PRAYER AND INSTRUCTION LEADING UP TO INDEPENDENCE DAY INCLUDES THE FEASTS OF ST. THOMAS MORE AND ST. JOHN FISHER (June 22), WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR CHURCH AND FAITH WHILE STANDING UP TO KING HENRY VIII. KING HENRY WANTED THEM TO "MODIFY" THEIR CATHOLIC BELIEFS TO JUSTIFY HIS DIVORCE FROM QUEEN CATHERINE TO MARRY ANNE BOLEYN. WHEN THE POPE WOULD NOT GRANT HENRY AN ANNULMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS SECOND MARRIAGE VALID, THE STUBBORN KING DECIDED HE WOULD TAKE OVER THE CHURCH! AN ACT OF SUCCESSION WAS PASSED, WHICH OFFICIALS HAD TO SIGN,

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RECOGNIZING HENRY—INSTEAD OF THE POPE--AS HEAD OF THE CHURCH. BOTH MORE AND FISHER REFUSED TO SIGN, AND WERE LATER BEHEADED.

TODAY GOVERNMENT IS STILL TRYING TO COERCE CATHOLICS AND CHRISTIANS TO MODIFY THEIR CORE BELIEFS (LIKE RESPECT FOR LIFE AND MARRIAGE) AND BOW TO THE STATE. PLEASE CONSIDER SAYING A FAMILY ROSARY OR OTHER PRAYERS THANKING GOD FOR OUR PRESENT FREEDOMS, AND THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO EXERCISE OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY BEING THREATENED. DISCUSS THIS TOPIC WITH YOUR CHILDREN. RENTING AND VIEWING THE MOVIE "A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS," WHICH TELLS THE STORY OF MORE AND THE KING, MIGHT BE AN EXCELLENT STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION.

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

Monthly General Business Meeting
Wednesday, June 20th, July 18th
St. Anthony CA Building
Meal served at 06:15 P.M.
Meeting at 07:00 P.M.

"Council Shots"

G.K. Rennan Duffour proudly hoists the State Deputy 2nd place award.



2012 crawfish boil - always soak the "bugs" 2-3 beers.



Harry and Joe seem amazed at the preparation of the veggies for the boil.



Set the tables and lets eat!



Just us doing what we do

