



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

A few years ago a friend of mine and his wife began a tradition of going to daily Mass during their travels and weeks of vacation. They found it a great way of getting them out of bed and starting the day with their eyes turned toward God. Not surprisingly, those days felt fuller, longer and more complete because they started with this statement of faith.

As Catholics, we all proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Jesus at Mass. The rest of the day, we proclaim what that means to us. For we can never forget that the world is watching, waiting to see if what we do on our knees and in the true presence of Christ matters to the way we live our lives. If it doesn't, if the world cannot clearly see Jesus through our words and actions, we might as well stay in bed.

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. “1 Corinthians 11:26.”

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers,

Brothers Knights and family members, As I begin my term as Grand Knight of Council 2409 I would like to express my sincere thanks to you in electing me. I am asking for your assistance in making this an unforgettable year. It is only through the efforts of each of you that our Council will be successful.

Council 2409 held its Officers Installation on June 16, 2012 at St. Anthony of Padua Church Community Center in Luling. A great time was had by everyone that attended. Congratulations to all those brother Knights elected to office. Also thanks goes out to all those that were instrumental in making this a momentous occasion.

Sunday July 1, 2012 many of our brothers helped with the American Legion annual fundraiser BBQ. Then on July 3, 2012 several brother Knights cooked jambalaya for the St. Anthony's Youth group which took place at the St. Charles Parish 4th of July Celebration at the West Bank Bridge Park. Over 300 bowls of Jambalaya was sold. Sincere thanks to all Brothers and their families that have helped to make these events successful. The participation by my brother Knights typify the virtue of



charity that Father Michael J McGivney wanted us to live by.

Upcoming events: Council 2409 will cook for Camp Friendship on July 24, 2012; work steadily continues on the KC road sign that will be erected off of Paul Mallard road; and 2nd Harvest Food Distribution is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

I want to express my profound thanks to outgoing Grand Knight Rennan Duffour for his mentoring, and his continued dedication to making Council 2409 the best. Also a special thanks to Liz Duffour for her support and hard work in also helping to make Council 2409 top Council.

Melvin Burrell
Grand Knight 2409

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 three

My previous two articles discussed important steps that lead to retirement. But what happens once you reach that goal? You've got free time to pursue your interests, visit friends and family and relax. It's a beautiful thing indeed.

You've now entered the de-accumulation phase. You will start to

spend down the assets you have accumulated during your working years. Remember: a 60-year-old man has a 20% chance of making it to 95! A 60-year-old woman has a 30% chance. And there is a 40% chance that at least one member of a married 60-year-old couple will make it to 95. That's a long time to live off of accumulated cash while you don't work. Save, save, save, so you will be able to de-accumulate.

As a Knight, you have access to a product that is designed to make saving safe and easy. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and consider the value you are getting.

Contributing money to an annuity can also have positive tax implications (always check with your tax professional on these matters). And our annuities offer a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal.

Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long term care insurance plans. As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

Terry Kennedy, General Agent

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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 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.

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.

*Congratulations to Harry Zeller Jr.
Selected as June Knight of the
Month*

*Congratulations to Garry and
Stephanie Boudreaux, selected
June Family of the Month*

*July Knight of the Month
Bret Robicheaux*



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Bret Robicheaux with the Knight of the Month certificate

*July Family of the Month
April and Jerry Walker*



*G.K. Melvin Burrell presents Jerry Walker
the Family of the Month certificate*



*District Deputy Allen Thibodeaux and
District Warden Danny Thibodaux install
newly elected Grand Knight Melvin Burrell.*

Officer Installation 2012



*Council 2409 Chaplin, Father John Finn
opens the installation*



*Council 2409 Family of the Year, Bret and
Cassie Robicheaux*



Stephen "Bubba" Madere served as "Master of Ceremonies" and did an excellent job. Can you say "Lifetime" M of C!!



Incoming Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents outgoing Grand Knight Rennan Duffour with the Past Grand Knight plaque



Procession of officers



Garry, one day I'm going to be Grand Knight



Andrew, you know your mother does not like Crown Royal on the rocks!



St. Charles Council 2409 officers for Columbian year 2012-2013



But I know somebody who does ☺

On July 3rd, brothers from council 2409 prepared a jambalaya for the St. Anthony youth group to serve at the annual fireworks show at the West Bank Bridge Park. Approximately 300 bowls were served up and the event was a huge success for the kids.



Passing a good time

Pro Life Update

Do you want to make a difference in the world, and help to save the lives of unborn children? Your prayers and donations to the Culture of Life Fund can do just that.

The Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Fund was established by a vote of the delegates to the 2008 Supreme Convention in Quebec City. The resolution states: "In order to further our commitment to building a culture of life, it has become desirable to establish a permanent fund with monies contributed from members, councils and assemblies that will support a broad range of initiatives that advance the culture of life."

The fund has since been used to provide millions of dollars for the Order's own Ultrasound Initiative, as well as funding for other groups and projects, including: the Sisters of Life, Birthright International, the National Life Center, the National Catholic Bioethics Center, the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family in Canada, and various state referenda on pro-family and pro-marriage issues, among others.

Gifts, no matter how large or small, can help us continue this work. If you are able, please donate online today – it only takes a moment, and your contribution can help save lives at home and abroad:

Please note that, to the extent permitted by law, your gift is tax deductible in the United States or tax creditable in Canada. Canadian donors will receive a tax receipt by mail.

Want to find another way you can help the Culture of Life Fund? Talk to your Knights of Columbus insurance specialist today to find out if you can make a contribution through your "United in Charity" insurance policy. He can explain your options, as well as provide you with brochures and background literature about these types of gifts.

In a world struggling with moral issues concerning life, the Culture of Life Fund offers an easy way for believers to get and stay involved. Your continued support is vital in allowing us to stand up in defense of life.

Want to know more about the Culture of Life Fund, or to ask a question? Feel free contact us:

[By e-mail](#)

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Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. &
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Report of the Fourth Degree



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 officer installation took place on July 15th at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego. An installation banquet was held after the 11:00 AM mass at 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



Al Schexnaydre, Patriotic Chairman and Faithful navigator Warren Deemer presents the 2011-2012 service plaque to Lee Hardy Jr. for his service with the JPPD.



F.N. Warren Deemer presents the "Sir Knight of the Year" plaque to SK David Zeringue



F.N. Warren Deemer presents the "Family of the Year" plaque to Allen and Cherie Thibodeaux

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

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



Immediate past F.N. Rennan Duffour presents the "Past Faithful Navigator" plaque to outgoing F.N. Warren Deemer