



**KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409  
LULING, LA  
September 2012**

*Chaplain's Message*

A friend who recently returned to church after having been alienated for decades explained how his homecoming had come about. It seems a parish in a nearby town ran a newspaper ad inviting all those who had been hurt by the church to attend a service of healing and reconciliation. He decided to attend and was so moved by the community and pastor's hospitality and humility that he couldn't help but change his heart and mend.

We probably won't be visited by an angel, but the Holy Spirit continues to inspire us to reach out to those who we considered outsiders and even outcasts. That might well mean that we must leave our comfort zone and rub shoulders with the rich, the poor, the conservative, the liberal as well as those of another religion or no religion at all.

Then the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: "Get up and head south on the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert route." Acts 8:26.

*Fr. John Finn, Chaplain*

*GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE*

Brother Knights and family members,

Brothers we have recently experienced Hurricane Isaac. Many of our brothers and their families were deeply affected by this storm. Let's rally around them and provide any assistance that we can. Brothers school has begun lets be careful of the school zones, and the children playing in the street. Gentlemen lets please try to attend Mass and pray as often as possible.

Upcoming events for the month

The State Golf Tournament will be held September 27-29, 2012 in Lafayette & Carencro. For more information please contact Brother Harry Zeller.

Our Council will participate in this year's Alligator Festival on September 28-30 at the St. Charles Parish Westbank Bridge Park. We will cook Bean Gumbo, Crawfish Enchilada, and Boudin Balls. We are asking all brothers to volunteer some time and come help cook and serve. We expect to have plenty of fun and the money will be used to continue our charity work. Point of contact is Brother Jules Saunee and his phone number is (504) 621-6648. You can sign up for a time to work by contacting Brother Jules. There are still plenty of time slots left and much to be done. Any help that you can provide would be deeply appreciated.



The Council's Soccer challenge is coming up again. We are in the process of planning a day, place and time. We will keep you informed when the planning phase is finalized. We will need workers to come help score, register contestants, and set up.

Brothers please contact Brother Bret Robicheaux, our Vocation Chairperson, with any information you may have on Church or Vocation functions. His phone number is (504) 330-4413.

I ask that all of you remember our sick, distress, shut in, and deceased members and their families in your prayers.

For all those that have a birthday in September, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ  
Melvin Burrell  
Worthy Grand Knight

### **INSURANCE UPDATE**

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

### **LTC answers tough questions**

Did you know the average stay in a nursing home lasts three years and that cost could quickly surpass \$200,000? How would you pay for this? How would this affect your family? Can your family handle the responsibility and do you want to place that burden on them? Are

you relying on government subsidies to take care of you?

Do you want peace of mind and security? Do you want to maintain your dignity and choice of care options? Do you want to preserve your lifetime earnings/savings? Have you minimized the risks against your estate?

Yes, I know there a lot of questions here, and many are difficult to answer. But I can help provide some insight into one of the best options available to you and your wife through the Order.

Long-term care insurance can protect you against the ever-rising costs of care. An LTC policy can keep the burden of care off of your family. This allows your wife to remain your wife and not become your caregiver (or you to remain her husband and not patient or caregiver). With an LTC policy, you remain in control of your dignity and how and where you get care.

The Knights of Columbus can serve as a valuable resource for long term care planning, providing answers to questions you might have and affordable coverage options tailored to your needs.

Contact me to learn more today.

Terry Kennedy, General Agent  
985-649-2703

[Terry.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto: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](http://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 Melvin Burrell at 337-353-6239.

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 Tommy  
Lemaire our September Knight of  
the Month*

*Congratulations to Melanie and  
Jules Suanee our September  
Family of the Month*

## *Culture of Life Update*

Council 2409 has gained approval and all permits and notifications are complete for the installation of our new Pro-Life billboard that will be erected on the grounds of the St. Charles cemetery.

## **Respect Life Month**

The Order collaborates with the Pro-Life Secretariat of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the observance of October as "Respect Life Month." The Order distributes the Respect Life Program folder to thousands of Knights of Columbus leaders to assist them with pro-life programming on the local level. The Order also provides substantial annual funding for the U.S. bishops' public information and education office and the Diocesan Development Program for Natural Family Planning. Funding is also provided to the bishops' conferences of Canada, Mexico and the Philippines for pro-life and family projects.

## **Culture of Life Legislative Initiative**

As Catholics, Knights of Columbus have the responsibility to work for the common good of society. Catholics--and especially Knights--must, in the words of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and a privilege, but as an opportunity to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every voice counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power." The Culture of Life Legislative Initiative seeks to assist councils

in becoming more effective in the public sphere.

Monthly Officers meeting  
Wednesday, October 3rd,  
6:30 P.M.  
St. Anthony CA Building

*Report of the Fourth Degree*



The next meeting of the MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Wynhoven council in Westwego. A meal will be served at 6:15 followed by the rosary and meeting.

Monthly General Business  
Meeting  
Wednesday,  
October 17<sup>th</sup>,  
St. Anthony CA Building  
Meal served at 06:15 P.M.