



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

Chaplain's Message

How Christians can celebrate the Year of Faith.

Memorize the Nicene Creed. We recite the Nicene Creed at Mass every weekend. Memorizing the 224 words should come easily to us.

Take time for daily prayer. The Year of Faith presents us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to daily prayer. Opening our heart to God in prayer paves the way for deeper faith and conversion and a compassionate heart.

Worship wholeheartedly at Mass. Approach Mass with increased faith by participating fully in the prayers and hymns.

Study the teachings of the church. Our faith magnifies as we respond to the Word of God. During this year we are called to immerse ourselves in the Gospels, as well as the Vatican II documents and the Catechism.

Serve the poor and marginalized. We put our faith in action by caring for our neighbors in need. In addition to giving money, we should also look for ways to make serving others more of a part of our daily lives.

The fruits of this Year of Faith will be seen in a strengthened commitment to

God and one another. When we reach out in compassion to help a neighbor in need, we are bearing witness to the light of Christ. When we share our faith as bold disciples of Jesus, the fruits of this year long renewal will be reflected in our efforts. When we receive the Holy Eucharist daily or weekly, we will be transformed by the real presence of the risen Lord and will go forth to live more fully as his disciples.

We are invited to rediscover our faith and become “credible and joy-filled witnesses to the risen Lord in the world today.”

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights and family members,

Great Opportunity: Come to the Council's next regularly scheduled business meeting on November 21, 2012 at 6:00pm, or December 19, 2012 to hear about how you can win a gift card by recruiting the most members.

Meetings: The next Business Meeting will be held November 21, 2012 and then December 19, 2012. All meetings are held at St. Anthony's Community Center Building, 234, Angus Drive Luling, La. 70070.



News of Interest:

Knights of Columbus Council 2409 held their fall BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday November 18, 2012 to raise funds for the St. Charles ARC and Special Olympics. The Arc of St. Charles has been providing services to the handicapped persons in St. Charles Parish since 1971. The BBQ was held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 1 Rectory Lane, Hahnville La. 70057. Special thanks go out to Kenny Gonzales for spear heading the event. One half BBQ Chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and bread were served. Desserts and drinks were also available.

Dec 1 Christmas Social

Dec 5 Officer's Meeting

Dec 7-8 State Officers Meeting, Houma

Dec 9 Grand Knights Day, Houma

Dec 19 General Meeting

We will begin having Sunday morning pancake breakfast on January 27, 2013 after the 11:00 a.m. mass to raise money for the Council.

Good Deal: If you know a fellow Knight who has let his membership lapse, encourage him to sign a Form 100, pay a reinstatement fee, and pay pro-rated annual dues. We have to keep them involved.

Good of the order:

Do you have an idea or comment? If you have a good idea or constructive comments on how to improve the council, please send me an email.

Help others to become a KNIGHT!!!!

The Knights of Columbus is an organization worthy of your energy and time. You will meet new people, make many friends, have plenty of opportunity to volunteer, and have plenty of fun.

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 November, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell
Worthy Grand Knight

INSURANCE UPDATE

Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the

most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flat screen television. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never," it's time you speak with me. Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse need it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

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
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 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).

Long Term Care Insurance – Enables members and their spouses to safeguard their assets and afford the care and assistance needed later in life

*Congratulations to Rennan
Duffour our November Knight of
the Month*



*Congratulations to Kenny and
Lisa Gonzales our November
Family of the Month*



Culture of Life Update

The following article appeared in “The Vermillion”, a college newspaper published at the University of Louisiana Lafayette. The article was written by Father Brice Sibley, Pastor of Our Lady Of Wisdom Catholic Church. Also included is one of Father Sibley’s sermons on “Blindness and Abortion”.

“I am a Roman Catholic priest and I am against abortion. However, my opposition to abortion is not based completely on my faith in God or in Christ. This is an important point to make. Too often, those who are pro-life find their arguments dismissed by those who don’t want others to “impose their religious views” upon them. But the fact

is, fundamental arguments against abortion can have little or even no support from belief in God.

From a scientific perspective, what fundamentally constitutes an organism as a certain type of “being” is its genetic structure. Trees have tree DNA. Dogs have canine DNA. And humans have human DNA. Through scientific analysis it is possible to differentiate different types of DNA, and thus different types of organisms.

Humans receive their basic genetic structure at the moment of conception. Written into the single fertilized cell possessing 46 chromosomes is all the information that the human zygote will need to grow towards full development. No other extraneous genetic material will ever be needed. Science tells us, therefore, that from the moment of conception we have a genetically identifiable living human being. This tiny life is in its earliest stages of development, but nevertheless it is substantially a human life.

Over time that single cell will grow, change and develop. The single cell will become an embryo, and then a fetus. At each step of growth, it will remain a human being. When the child is born, it will still be a human being, and it will continue to be a human being as a toddler, as an adolescent and as an adult.

Through all of these stages of development, the individual human will go through many secondary biological and physical changes - its organs will develop, its appearance will change, it will gain the ability to reason and to choose, etc. But through each stage the individual will remain substantially a human being. It will not wake up one day a giant dung beetle, or a platypus or a tree-shimmying goat. This fact should be self-evident to most reasonable people.

So to say that an embryo is not human is to make a biological and logical fallacy. The embryo born of the union of two human gametes is genetically human. If it is not genetically human, then what is it? This can only be a rhetorical question, for the embryo is nothing other than a human being in the embryonic stage of development. It cannot grow to become something other than the same human being fully developed.

Therefore, based on the truth that embryonic life is human life at its earliest stage of development, abortion appears as the intentional taking of innocent human life. My Christian faith tells me that it is inherently immoral to take innocent human life, but it is not only my faith that tells me this. I can reach the same conclusion by reason. For example, I can use my reason to judge that human beings are different than other creatures in their ability to reason and choose. By reason I can see that

human beings have the ability to be self-aware and to transcend their surroundings. By reason I can conclude that these capacities instill in human beings a certain dignity, and therefore they should be treated as ends in and of themselves. This means that human life is to be respected and protected; it is not to be taken capriciously, especially from the innocent. Even most atheists can agree to this basic idea.

But let's say that my Christian belief is the sole grounding for my opposition to abortion. Would this be so bad? Would I be "imposing" my beliefs on others to say that abortion is immoral? Think throughout the history of America - many if not most of those who opposed slavery and championed human rights were Christian believers who allowed their faith to guide their opposition to evil. Think of Harriet Beecher Stowe, William Lloyd Garrison, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Should their opposition to moral evil have been dismissed because of their **religious** beliefs? Of course not. Even among secularists who are pro-choice and criticize **religious** pro-lifers, these believing men and women are seen as heroes."

<http://ourladyofwisdom.org/category/homilies/>

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.

Report of the Fourth Degree



The next meeting of the MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will be on December 10th at the Wynhoven council in Westwego. A meal will be served at 6:15 followed by the rosary and meeting.

Area Gumbo Cook Off

On November 4th the area Knights of Columbus Gumbo cook off was held at Our Lady of Angels in Waggaman. The cook off was hosted by Council 13349. Twelve teams participated in the event. We would like to thank Grand Knight David Prusak for a job well done.



Curtis, Jerry, Bret, Kenny, Doug, Melvin, and Thib. Guys, as Catholics we live by the Lords words, "The first will be last, and the last will be first." But I don't think the Lord meant COOKING GUMBO!!!!!! Better luck next year.

Fall Chicken Dinner

We held our fall barbeque chicken dinner on Sunday November 18th at Holy Rosary in Hahnville. As always the dinner was a huge success with between 400 and 500 dinners sold. Proceeds from the dinner help a number of organizations involved with the Knights of Columbus MDF drive (Mentally Disabled Fund).



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell and Deah Mitchell manned the sweets table. Proceeds from the sweet/dessert table were double from what it has been in the past. Go figure, thanks Deah ☺



Dinner coordinator Kenny G. ready to "delegate" duties to Kevin, Curtis, and Steve.



Bob, Harry and Steve – bean helper, bean counter and bean dish washer. Always remember, spray those roasters!!!



Making sure it's done right



Not sure what everyone is looking at in that sink, and were not sure we want to know ☺

Officers meeting, 6:30 PM
Wednesday December 5th, St.
Anthony CA Building.

General business meeting,
Wednesday December 19th, St.
Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.

Melissa Matey, Public Relations Director, State Police Troop C was our guest speaker at the November regular business meeting. Officer Matey spoke on concealed weapons permitting, texting and driving, contra flow and a number of other topics.



Officer Melissa Matey