



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

Chaplain's Message

Faith in Scripture.

In the Gospels, Jesus encourages a strong and unwavering faith. He rebukes his apostles for having "little faith" and demonstrates the glorious power of God for those who believe. When a storm arises as they are out at sea, the apostles panic in fear. Jesus says to them: "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith? Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." (Matthew 8:26)

Jesus also links faith to his healing miracles. In Mark's Gospel we meet Bartimaeus, a blind man who has heard about Jesus' miracles and hopes that Jesus might help him recover his eyesight. "And Jesus said to him, Go your way; your faith has made you well. He received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

In his letter to the Hebrews, St. Paul defines faith as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). And with the apostles in Luke's Gospel, today we call out to Jesus. "Increase our faith!" that we might come to know and believe the one, true God.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights and family members, I would like to begin by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. On December 1, 2012, the Council held its Christmas Social. A good time was had by everyone that attended. Many Knights and their families donated toys and clothing to the St. Charles Parish Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Great Opportunity: There will be several great opportunities for Knights to volunteer their time in the New Year with many worthwhile activities.

Meetings: The next Officer's Meeting will be held January 2, 2013, and February 6, 2013. The next Business Meeting will be held January 16, 2013 and February 20, 2013. All meetings are held at St. Anthony's Community Center Building 234, Angus Drive Luling, La. 70070.

News of Interest:
December 25, 2012, Christmas

January 20, 2013, Pancake Breakfast
9:00am – 11:00 am at St. Anthony's
Community Center Building

Mardi Gras February 12, 2013



February 15th & 22nd, 2013, Lenten Fish Fry 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Anthony's Community Center Building

March 1st 8th 15th & 22nd, 2013, Lenten Fish Fry 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Anthony's Community Center Building

CYLA & Altar server appreciation Luncheon coming soon.

We will have a dedication ceremony in the St. Charles Cemetery 1279 Paul Mallard Rd, Luling La. 70070, for our new Pro Life sign soon.

We will have a Quarterly Communion coming soon.

We are still in need of some participants for our Substance Abuse Poster Contest.

State Retreat Jan 18th-20th, 2013

Rosary is said every Monday night at the Luling Living Center by several of our Knights

Bingo is held on Sunday at the Luling Living Center by several of our Knights

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

Help wanted: We will be having the first of many Sunday morning pancake breakfast to help raise funds for the Council. We will need some help with cooking, serving, and cleaning. Please come out and support your Council.

Good of the order:

If you have ideas, comments or suggestions on how to improve the Council please send me an email.

Help others to become a KNIGHT!!!!

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

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 December, 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

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.

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 Garry
Boudreaux our December Knight
of the Month*

*Congratulations to John "Dutch"
and Ernestine Kappel our
December Family of the Month*



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell resents the
Family of the Month certificate to John
"Dutch" Kappel*

Culture of Life Update

The new "Pro Life" billboard is in the final stages of completion. We hope to have a "Pro Life" or "Keep Christ in Christmas" banner up by Christmas. Again, thanks to all the brother knights from council 2409 who spent numerous hour planning, designing and constructing the billboard. The sign is located on the grounds of the St. Charles cemetery in Luling.



*Safety always comes first with us. Kenny
makes sure he stays hydrated while holding
the ladder for Jimmy.*

The councils' billboard at St. John the Baptist church in Paradis has also been updated for Christmas. Special thanks to Harry Zeller Jr. for his efforts in assuring our billboard spreads the word of Christmas and the right to life year round.



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 January 14th 2013 at the Wynhoven council in Westwego. A meal will be served at 6:15 followed by the rosary and meeting.

There is a scheduled Fourth degree Exemplification in Slidell on January 5th, 2013. Please contact Faithful Navigator Allen Thibodeaux for details on this exemplification.

Christmas Social 2012

The Annual council Christmas Social was held on December 1st. We had a great turnout and a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who made the event a success and for the wonderful gifts that were collected for the needy in our area.

Scenes from the social





Gifts collected





Grand Knight Melvin Burrell with RSVP staff



Tina Simoneaux (center) and Naomie Swanson

Our guest speakers at the December general meeting were Naomie Swanson and Tina Simoneaux. Naomie and Tina spoke to the council on the effects to families who become victims of suicides. These incredible women have both experienced the pain of having a child who became a victim of suicide. Their strength and faith during their ordeal is amazing and the council would like to thank Naomie and Tina for sharing their individual stories with us. Please remember them and all victims of suicide in your prayers.

Officers meeting, 6:30 PM
Wednesday January 2nd, St.
Anthony CA Building.

General business meeting,
Wednesday January 16th, St.
Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.