



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

Jesus offers us words of comfort, compassion, forgiveness, healing and joy, but if this is all we are willing to receive from Jesus we are practicing a lesser form of Christianity. The Word of God is also a word that calls us to responsibility, to love. Yes, God loves us, but He expects us to love each other as well.

Dawn Wiljelm, in "Feasting on the Word" tells of her immigrant grandmother who came to this country from Italy, soon became perplexed by Americans' pursuit of quick happiness, of shallow and temporary "fell goods." Her grandmother commented on all the industrial bakery-made bread, asking, "Why do people eat these things? They have no taste." Wilhelm says that every Saturday night of her childhood was spent with her grandmother making their own bread, their own pizza and their own pasta for the family. Wilhelm can now ask, "Why settle for bread that is not bread, for life that is not life?"

No child reminisces about trip to the grocery, but all of us reminisce about time spent with our grandparents and family. Making bread and fixing meals from scratch every Saturday night was about far more than eating. It was about growing together as a family.

Making bread and fixing dinner from scratch is a lot of work, but it creates a close family with happiness that is enviable. Jesus never promised that being a disciple would be easy, but He did promise that being a disciple would be worth the effort.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights and family members,

Great Opportunity: There will be several great opportunities for you and your family to volunteer this month for example the free throw contest, and C.Y.L.A. luncheon.

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

News of Interest:

Free throw Contest will be held on January 23, 2013, at R.K. Smith School starting at 0900.

CYLA & Altar server appreciation Luncheon will be held on January 27, 2013, at St. Anthony Community Center Building at 12:30.

Mardi Gras February 12, 2013



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

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

March 15th-17th 2013, Louisiana Sportsman Show, please sign up with Jules to work

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.

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 Free throw Contest on January 23, 2013, at R.K. Smith School starting at 0900. Kevin Robicheaux will need some help with scoring, registration and rebounding. Please come out and support your Council.

**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 January, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell
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

After 7 years, serving as a General Agent for Louisiana, Terry Kennedy has retired as of 12-31-2012. The new General Agent for Southeast Louisiana is Eric Ottemann. Eric has been a very successful field agent for the Knights in Texas and has moved his family to the Northshore and is very excited to take over for Terry.

Eric's contact information is:
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Slidell, LA 70458

OFFICE: 985-649-2703
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E-mail: Ottemannagency@mail@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



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Garry Boudreaux the Knight of the Month certificate for December

Congratulations to Doug and Joan Becnel, our January Family of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Month certificate to Doug Becnel

*Congratulations to Joe Bergeron,
our January Knight of the
Month*



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the
Knight of the Month certificate to Joe
Bergeron*

Culture of Life Update

Louisiana Named Most Pro-life State in the U.S.

Americans United for Life Ranks LA #1 because of Pro-Life Laws and Tireless Effort.

Recently this week, Americans United for Life, for the second year in a row, ranked Louisiana as the most pro-life state in the nation! AUL's "Life List"

ranks all 50 states based on the way each deals with a comprehensive list of life issues, ranging from abortion to euthanasia.

Americans United for Life states, "Louisiana tops the list because it has a decades-long history of enacting commonsense limitations on abortion; it also comprehensively protects healthcare freedom of conscience and is one of only a small number of states that has enacted meaningful regulations on biotechnologies such as destructive embryo research."

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, stated, "We are honored to once again be named the most pro-life state, and we are thankful for those that have worked tirelessly over the past 40 years to restore the right to life in our great state."

Louisiana Right to Life led the effort to pass two flagship pieces of legislation in 2012 that cemented the #1 ranking for the second year in a row.

The first law, the **Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**, protects unborn children 20 weeks old (post-fertilization) and older based on the scientific evidence showing that the unborn child can feel pain at 20 weeks.

The second law, the **Hear the Heartbeat Act**, requires abortion facilities to make the unborn child's heartbeat audible for the mother at least 24 hours prior to an abortion.

"While we are thankful for the great honor of being ranked as the most pro-life state in the U.S. for a second year, we must be mindful that everyday in

Louisiana, 22 women still choose abortion. We face new threats to the dignity of life constantly in Louisiana. We must continue our efforts to defend life until all life is protected under law," Clapper finished.





Report of the Fourth Degree



The next meeting of the MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will be on March 11, 2013 at the Wynhoven council in Westwego. A meal will be served at 6:15 followed by the rosary and meeting.

Council 2409 was recognized by the Supreme Council as a Columbian award recipient for the year 2011-2012. The council was recognized for their service in church, youth, community and council activities.

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.



District Deputy Allen Thibodeaux presents the 2011-2012 Columbian Service award to Grand Knight Melvin Burrell.

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.