



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

How have you come to know Jesus “in the breaking of bread?”

A HOLY MEAL. Active participation in the liturgy is central to our Catholic faith. It is here that we are formed in the Christian life.

“In the Eucharist,” says Pope Benedict XVI, “the faith of the Church is proclaimed, celebrated and strengthened. All of the faithful are invited to participate in the Eucharist actively, fruitfully and with awareness, in order to be authentic witnesses of the Lord.”

We believe that the risen Christ is really and truly present in four ways in the liturgy. In the Eucharist, we experience his real presence – body, blood, soul and divinity. Christ is also present, albeit in a different way in the presider, in the Word as read from the sacred Scriptures, and the community gathered together.

Today's liturgy stresses the importance of gathering all believers around the table of the Lord to be nourished by Christ himself. We participate in the Eucharist sacrifice with reverence and prayer and “each has his own part to play in the Liturgical action.”

As we receive Holy communion, we are transformed into the living body of Christ in the world.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights and family members,

Meetings: The next Officer's Meeting will be held April 3, 2013, at 6:00pm. The next Business Meeting will be held on April 17, 2013. All meetings are held at St. Anthony's Community Center Building 234, Angus Drive Luling, La. 70070. We begin our General meetings at 6:15 with an awesome meal by great cooks, terrific fellowship, the Rosary and then on to business of the General meeting. You are more than welcome to come join us at our meetings.

News of Interest:

Nomination for next year Officers will be open at the April meeting and then again at the May meeting. At the May meeting we will vote and have our famous crawfish boil.

We will have a dedication ceremony in the St. Charles Cemetery, for our new Cultural of Life sign. It will follow our next quarterly communion. The address is 1279 Paul Mallard Rd, Luling La. 70070. Coffee and donuts will be served after the ceremony.



May 19, 2013 we will have out BBQ at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Hahnville.

Come say the Rosary on Monday nights at the Luling Living Center.

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

Visit the Chapel in Ama by St. Mark's Church spend some time there in quiet mediation.

The Council is selling chicken and sausage gumbo for \$20 for a 3 quart container.

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.

Good of the order:

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

Congratulations and prayers go out to Pope Francis 1st.

**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 March, 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

Ask eligible men to join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members

come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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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 Melvin Burrell at 337-353-6239.

Sponsored Seminarian

For the last few years the council has been sponsoring seminarian Tim Hendricks. We were honored to have Tim join us at our March meeting for dinner. Tim will be ordained on May 18 of this year.



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents seminarian Tim Hendricks with the sponsor donation.

Congratulations to Kevin Doherty, our March Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Brother Kevin Doherty with the Knight of the Month certificate

Congratulations to Allen and Cherie Thibodeaux, our March Family of the Month



Council 2409 recently sponsored the annual altar server and Catholic Youth Leadership Awards lunch at St. Anthony church in Luling. Congratulations to our 2012 recipients, Kacey Cazenave and Ryan Baudouin



Culture of Life Update

The new Pro – Life billboard sponsored by the council located in the St. Charles cemetery is complete. The council thanks all brothers who helped with the construction and installation of the billboard. A special thanks goes out to Brother Jim Gassen for his generosity and tireless efforts in seeing that the billboard was constructed properly and safely.



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.

Newest Eagle Scout

Council 2409 would like to congratulate Seth Champagne for making Eagle Scout. Seth is the son of Brother Brian Champagne.



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.

Report of the Fourth Degree



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

General business meeting,
Wednesday March 20th, St.
Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.

The next meeting of the MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will be on April 8, 2013, location to be determined. A meal will be served at 6:15 followed by the rosary and meeting.

Congratulations go out to Timmy Stahel representing MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053. Timmy is the winner of the Patriotic Essay contest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, South Shore.



Patriotic Chairman Al Shexnaydre presents the Patriotic Essay award to Timmy Stahel. With Timmy is his mother Kim, father Greg and brother Johnny.

