



**KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409
LULING, LA
April 2013**

Chaplain's Message

How might we come to know Christ more fully at Mass? Receive love, give it to others.

At the end of every Mass we are challenged to go forth and bring Christ to others through our words and actions. This is evangelization. Every Mass offers the challenge to go be Christ for one another. This is exactly what St. John Chrysostom taught in his homilies about the link between Mass and our behavior.

“Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? What if you were to see Jesus clad in rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget clothing him and were to set up golden columns for him, saying you were honoring him? Let us learn, therefore, to be people of wisdom and honor Christ as he desires.”

After we receive Communion, the church is quiet. In silence we are called to listen to Jesus in our hearts and minds. The sacrament of the holy Eucharist is transformative. An encounter with the person of Jesus Christ is meant to change us, renew our spirit, and deepen our faith.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights and family members,

Great Opportunity: Volunteer some of your time to the May 19, 2013 BBQ at Holy Rosary Church in Hahnville.

Meetings: The next Officer's Meeting will be held May 1, 2013, at 6:00pm. The next Business Meeting will be held on May 15, 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. Fellow Knights you and your family are more than welcome to come join us for the meal and Rosary before our meetings.

News of Interest:

Nomination for next year Officers will be open at the April 17, 2013 meeting and then again at the May 15, 2013 meeting. At the May meeting we will vote and have our famous crawfish boil.

April 26, 2013 KC Convention in Lafayette



We will have a dedication ceremony on May 5, 2013, in the St. Charles Cemetery, for our new Cultural of Life sign. It will follow our 8:00 am quarterly communion at St. Anthony Church. The address is 1279 Paul Mallard Rd, Luling La. 70070. Coffee and donuts will be served after the ceremony at the St. Anthony C.A. building.

May 19, 2013 we will have our BBQ at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, 1 Rectory Lane *Hahnville*, LA 70057.

Come say the Rosary on Monday nights at the Luling Living Center, 1125 Paul Mallard Rd, Luling, LA 70070.

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 sausage gumbo \$20 per container, and catfish 17.50 for a 5 lb package.

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: Please come out and support your Council at our annual BBQ.

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

Our Congratulations are extended to all of the families and Knights of the month. Also 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 April, 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

We stand strong on ethical ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very highly. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said the Supreme Knight. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet,

each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

To learn more about our products, contact me today.

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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
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.

St. Anthony Steak Dinner

The St. Anthony pastoral council is planning a steak dinner fundraiser to be held on June 23, 2013 at the St. Anthony Community Activities building. Cost of the dinner is \$15 per dinner. Please see the St. Anthony weekly mass bulletins for further details.

*Congratulations to Pat O'Malley,
our April Knight of the Month*



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the
Knight of the Month certificate to Brother
Pat O'Malley*

*Congratulations to Jim and Pam
Gassen, our April Family of the
Month*



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the
Family of the Month certificate to Brother
Jim Gassen*

Congratulations to Kevin and Erica Robicheaux, our February 2013 Family of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Month certificate for February 2013 to Brother Kevin Robicheaux and his family

Congratulations to Jules and Melanie Saunee, our January 2013 Family of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Month certificate for January 2013 to Brother Jules Saunee and his family

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.



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 May 13 2013, at Wynhoven council 3091 in Westwego. A meal will be served at 6:15 followed by the rosary and meeting.

A Fourth Degree dress out is scheduled for May 5, 2013 for the 8 AM mass at St. Anthony catholic church in Luling. The dress out is in conjunction with St. Charles council 2409 quarterly communion and their dedication of the new "Culture of Life" billboard which the council erected at the St. Charles cemetery. After a short dedication ceremony at the cemetery, coffee and donuts will be served at the St. Anthony CA building.

Officers meeting, 6:30 PM
Wednesday May 1, St. Anthony
CA Building.

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

