



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

***Chaplain's Message***

One of the most popular and certainly the most loved songs in the Catholic Hymnal is Amazing Grace. This song is used by Christians of all denominations all over the world. It is sung at weddings and funerals as well as on Sundays throughout the year.

“Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found – was blind but now I see.”

The author was a man by the name of John Newton – 1725-1807.

John Newton became a wealthy man. He was a slave trader and the owner of a fleet of ships. He transported slaves from Africa to first the Caribbean and later the United States.

It was on one such journey crossing the Atlantic Ocean that a storm arose – no doubt a hurricane – and the ship was tossed on the waves and about to go under. John Newton prayed to God with such intensity that he promised to give up his slave trade business should the ship reach port.

His prayer was answered and Newton kept his promise. He abandoned his slave trade and returned to England. Later on, he studied, became a minister and composed Amazing Grace.

“Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. This grace has brought me safe this far and Grace will lead me home.”

*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. Sell as many BBQ tickets as you can.

**Meetings:** The next Officer's Meeting will be held June 5, 2013, at 6:00pm. The next Business Meeting will be held on June 19, 2013. All meetings are held at St. Anthony's Community Center Building 234, Angus Drive Luling, La. 70070. We begin our General meetings at 6:15pm 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:**

We will hold our Officer's Installation on June 15, 2013 after the 4:00pm Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Luling.



Congratulations to all of the Knights elected to hold Officers positions for the 2013-2014 year.

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.

**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 May, 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](mailto:chris.dufrenesr@kofc.org)

***Think you are too old for coverage?***

***Maybe not***

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply.

This change came in response to a question I've heard before: "My wife and I are almost 80, do the Knights offer anything to take care of our final expenses?" And it can also help the members who thought they were "too old" to attain our coverage.

This extension of our coverage ages allows me to help members I couldn't help before. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

To learn more about our products, contact Agent Chris Dufrene or 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                      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](http://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 Allen Thibodeaux, our May Knight of the Month*



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the Knight of the Month certificate to Brother Allen Thibodeaux*

*Congratulations to Curtis and  
Linda Dufrene, our May Family  
of the Month*



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the  
Family of the Month certificate to Brother  
Curtis Dufrene*

*Culture of Life Update*

The following is a message from the state culture of life couple.

On August 1, people of faith, family-owned businesses, and charitable institutions will be forced to pay for sterilizations, contraceptives and

abortion-causing drugs in violation of their deeply held religious beliefs and moral convictions. This development comes as a result of a Department of Health and Human Services mandate that requires all of these objectionable interventions be included in every health insurance plan, with very few narrow exceptions.

People of faith must send a clear message to Congress that they support religious freedom and rights of conscience.

Representative Diane Black of Tennessee has introduced the "Health Care Conscience Rights Act," (H.R. 940), which protects individuals and organizations from being forced to violate their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Please act today to [contact your elected representatives](#).

Time is running short for Congress to protect the conscience rights of all Americans. Our representatives will respond if they hear from us that religious freedom is a right. Encourage your fellow parishioners, friends and family to contact Congress. As Knights we should do everything possible to ensure that Americans do not lose their cherished right to religious freedom.

Attached is an amazing color video on human life from conception to birth using the newest 360 degree x-ray scanning technology that won its two inventors the Nobel Peace Prize.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=fKyljukBE70](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=fKyljukBE70)

**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.

donuts were served at the St. Anthony CA building.



### *Report of the Fourth Degree*



The next meeting of the MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will be on June 10 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 was held on May 5, 2013 at the 8 AM mass at St. Anthony catholic church in Luling. The dress out was 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

### *Council Happenings*

On Sunday May 19, Council 2409 are invited to attend Mass celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and to join with Deacon Tim Hedrick and his family in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of Diaconate Ordination at 09:30 am at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. 6500 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie, La.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the 2013-2014 Columbian year.

- Melvin Burrell, Grand knight
- Bob Harrison, Deputy grand Knight
- Jules Saunee, Chancellor
- Jerry walker Jr., Warden
- Harry Zeller Jr., Treasurer
- Charles Oubre III, Financial Secretary
- Kevin Doherty, Recorder
- Bret Robicheaux, Advocate
- Pat O'Malley, Lecturer (appointed)

Bob Voros, Inside Guard  
Garry Boudreaux, Outside Guard  
Allen Thibodeaux, Trustee 3 year  
Rennan Duffour, Trustee 2 year  
Doug Becnel, Trustee 1 year

On May 6, St. Gertrude hosted the religion education teacher banquet for the parishes of St. Gertrude in Des Allemands and St. John the Baptist in Paradis. Members from council 2409 prepared the meal for the event. Thanks to all who participated and for helping make the event a huge success.



Our annual crawfish boil was held on Wednesday May 15. Approximately 320 pounds of the “bugs” were devoured.

The Seafood Pot in Destrehan supplied select crawfish which were pre washed and ready to boil on pick up.



*Jerry with a couple of selects that don't seem to want to get in the pot*



*First one to the handle lives—NOT!!*

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

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