



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

*Chaplain's Message*

“Keep your eyes on the road!” Most of us can remember being told this, in an emphatic manner, by our instructor or parent as we learned to drive a car. Keeping our eyes on the road is essential when driving: we insure our safety and that of others by staying focused.

Learning to navigate the journey of faith as disciples and stewards, we become watchful of signs on our way as well: Stop to pray, participate in the sacraments, and listen to the words of sacred Scripture, teachings of the Church and promptings of our heart. Choose caution when choosing actions or responding to the actions of others. Approach crossroads prayerfully, considering the needs of others, listening to and sharing with them.

Doing this helps us to discern and do God's will. In all of the important moments of his life on earth, Jesus stopped to pray. He conformed his life to the Father's loving will and teaches us to do the same; to love and do God's will by giving of ourselves, as Jesus gave – completely, with no holding back. We simply need to keep our eyes on the road, focus on Christ and make the right decisions in life.

*Fr. John Finn, Chaplain*

*GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE*

Brother Knights and family members,

**Great Opportunity:** KC Council 2409 celebrated their Officer's Installation on June 15, 2013 at St. Anthony Church. It began with a Mass at 4:00pm, then social time was from 5:00pm to 6:00pm inside St. Anthony Hall, and the Installation started at 6:10pm. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed an exceptional four course meal prepared by Brother Blaine Guillot . Brother Blaine is not only a member of council 2409 but head chef of the St. Charles Parish Hospital. The food was awesome especially the banana foster cheese cake that he fixed in front of everyone. Mrs. Kacy Kernan, Director of Community Impact at the St. Charles Parish United Way was the Guest Speaker. We were very fortunate to have someone so talented and professional address the guest on the Mission of the United Way. Her speech was very interesting and informative. From the feedback I received the Installation was a great success. I would like to thank everyone involved in making this Installation a great success.



**Meetings:** The next Officer's Meeting will be cancel because it falls on July 3, 2013 and the council will be cooking Jambalaya for St. Anthony's Youth Group at the Westbank Bridge Park. The next Business Meeting will be held on July 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 6:15pm 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:**

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.

St. Anthony Church will hold a Steak Dinner Fundraiser on June 23, 2013 from 12pm-3pm, tickets are \$15.00 please get them in advance.

The Council is selling chicken sausage gumbo \$20 per container, and catfish \$17.50 for a 5 lb package.

KCLS will take place in Prairieville on July 21, 2013.

Father Michael McGivney birthday will be observed with a Mass on August 11, 2013.

On August 12, 2013, Council 2409 will host the monthly meeting of the Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053.

The State Horseshoe Tournament will take place in Plaquemine on September 8, 2013.

The State Golf Tournament will take place in Lafayette & Carencro Sept 28-30, 2013.

The Council will hold its annual Soccer Challenge in September.

**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 volunteer some of your time to one of the Council's events this year.

**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 June, 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)

#### ***Only having “through work” insurance doesn’t work***

Do you know anyone whose life or career has been drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage will likely cause a shortfall at the insured’s death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. It will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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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](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.



## *Culture of Life Update*

### **.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.

### *Supreme Knight Announces New Marian Prayer Program*

Continuing a decades-long tradition, the Knights of Columbus will launch their fifteenth international prayer program this August.

The new program, centering on the Immaculate Conception, was announced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven, Conn.

Since the first prayer program began in 1979, more than 16 million faithful have participated in the Knights' sponsored holy hours.

This year's program marks the second time the Order will hold a program consecrated to the Immaculate Conception. The first program was held from 1981-1982.

The Order will commission nearly 100 icons of the Immaculate Conception using an image from Notre-Dame de Quebec, in Quebec City at their international convention in San Antonio this August. The icons will travel throughout the world, under the organization of local Knights' councils who will present prayer programs with the icon for their parishes and communities.

The current program, dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, will conclude this August. It has been the most successful prayer program in the Order's history, Anderson said.

### *Report of the Fourth Degree*



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will hold its annual officer installation on July 14, 2013. Installation of officers will take place after the 11 AM mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego, 146 Fourth Street. A banquet and awards ceremony will follow at Council 3091, 465 Avenue B, Westwego. Please try to make plans to attend.



Incoming officers for 2013-2014 are –

Faithful Friar, Fr. Ed Grice  
Faithful Navigator, Allen Thibodeaux  
Faithful Captain, Kenny Gonzales  
Faithful Pilot, Myron Romero  
Faithful Comptroller, Al Schexnaidre  
Faithful Purser, Melvin Burrell  
Faithful Scribe, John Lee  
Outer Sentinel, Billy Sanders  
Inner Sentinel, Danny Thibodeaux  
Faithful Admiral, Warren Deemer  
3 Year trustee, Joey Plaisance  
2 Year Trustee, Rennan Duffour  
1 Year trustee, Ted Cain

Congratulations to all incoming officers.



*Lloyd Alexander presents Father Anton with a framed photo of the adoration chapel in Ama*

*Farwell and good luck Father Anton*

On Sunday, June 2, St. Anthony hosted a farewell celebration for Father Anton. Father has been serving St. Anthony and St. Mark in Ama for the past few years. Council 2409 would like to wish Father good luck in his future assignments.



*Father David Rabe and Master of Ceremonies Garry Boudreaux present Father Anton with a token of appreciation for his service to St. Anthony and St. Mark.*



*Great turnout for a farewell*



*G.K. Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Year award to Jules and Melanie Suanee. Jules is the incoming Chancellor and Melanie is the Director of Religious Education for St. Anthony.*

### *2013-14 Council Officer Installation*

Saturday night, June 15, the council held its 91<sup>st</sup> annual officer installation. Thanks go out to Grand Knight Melvin Burrell for planning a splendid event. We had the pleasure of being served up roasted chicken and potatoes, zucchini, corn soup, salad and banana foster. All was prepared by our own Blaine Guillot. Awards were also presented for service years, Knight of the Year, and Family of the Year. Thanks to all who made the event a huge success.



*G.K. Melvin Burrell presents the Knight of the Year award to Joe Bergeron Jr. Besides being a life long member of 2409 and a holder of practically ever office in the council, Joe is the councils go to guy for scheduling events at St. Anthony as well as our resident drainage and sump expert ☺*





*Guest speaker Kacy Kernan of St. Charles Parish United Way gives the council an update on the agencies activities and programs.*



*District Deputy Allen Thibodeaux gives the oath of office to G.K. Melvin Burrell.*



*Council Chaplin Father John Finn leads the prayer and blessing of officers.*



*Brother (chef) Blaine Guillot and Master of Ceremonies Charles Wilson.*



*2013-2014 officers ready for installment*





*Chef Blaine serving up banana foster. Is that the Worthy State Secretary cutting line! Never do that to Luling women Vernon!!!!*



*Oh what a little dessert can do to cheer up the State Retreat Director, Don Ducote and the District Warden Danny Thibodaux. Conney and Lita are the ones who needed cheering up to put up with these guys !!!*

### *Random Shots*



*WOW, that is a serious group, speaker probably cutting in on banana foster time 😊*





Officers meeting, cancelled, 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July holiday



General business meeting,  
Wednesday June 17, St. Anthony  
CA Building. Meal at 6:15 PM,  
meeting at 7 PM.

