



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

We are witnesses of these things...Acts 5:32

Being a witness in court is not easy. That's why witnesses sometimes contradict each other. One witness says the defendant is speeding; another says she was going the speed limit. One witness says the defendant is an honest man; another says he is a liar and a cheat.

Being a witness to Jesus is not easy either. In fact it is the most challenging thing to do. Every day our faith calls us not simply to say who Jesus is, but to show who Jesus is by the way we live our lives. This means we must regularly ask ourselves: What kind of a Christian witness am I? What do my words say about the life of Jesus? What do my deeds reveal about his teachings? How consistent are my choices with being a follower of Jesus?

Some followers of Jesus gave witness to him by shedding their blood. We might never be called to such a heroic sacrifice, but we are all called to the daily sacrifice of living Jesus, way of loving.

Jesus, help me to witness to your unselfish loving.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. The rest of the article can be found on the following web site: *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm



Great Opportunity: Bring a new prospective member to the October meeting to have dinner with the Council and fill out a membership application.

News of Interest:

Council 2409 web site address is <http://www.knightsofcolumbus2409.com/> The web site has dates, times and locations of upcoming events. The web site also contains the Council's history, newsletter, and flyers for activities.

Council 2409 Facebook address is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Knights-of-Columbus-Council-2409/139626372734987>

Come say the Rosary on Monday nights at the Luling Living Center at 6:00pm, 1125 Paul Maillard 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 meditation.

Area Gumbo Cook Off will be held on November 3, 2013. Start cooking 7:00AM will serve the gumbo after 11:00 AM Mass at St. Anthony Church. It will cost \$5.00 for all you can eat. We will also serve potato salad and drinks

We will have a booth at the Destrehan Fall Festival, Nov 9-10, 2013. At the Festival we will sell red beans and rice sausage, shrimp etouffee, hamburgers, and boudin balls. All brothers are invited to come out and give a hand.

We will hold our annual BBQ on Nov 24, 2013 at Holy Rosary Church in Hahnville. Please see Kenny Gonazles for more information.

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 many events this year. Help the Council recycling program, bring your aluminum cans to St. Anthony Hall during the General Meeting.

Good of the order: I would like to thank all of our brothers, family members, friends and Priest who continually contribute to the success of our Council. Thank you so much for your kind assistance.

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 October, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell, Grand Knight



INSURANCE UPDATE

Raising awareness about life insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. Sixty-eight percent of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life

insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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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

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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.



Report of the Fourth Degree



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will hold its monthly meeting at Wynhoven council 3091 in Westwego, November 11, 2013. A meal will be served at 6:15, meeting at 7. The Assembly has two dress outs scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 9 & 10. On Saturday November 9, a dress out will be conducted at the 4 PM mass at Holy Family church in recognition of their 25 year anniversary. On Sunday November 10 we will hold a dressout for the 11 AM mass at St. John Bosco for the induction of their new pastor.

2013 Soccer Challenge

Congratulations to our 2013 soccer challenge champions.

10 year old – Hayden Petit
11 year old – Alex Serrano
12 year old – Thomas Jones
13 year old – Benjamin Crowley

The winners were presented with the District medals at our monthly meeting on October 16.

These young men will move on to the area competition being held on October 26 in Marrerro.



Hayden, Alex, Thomas and Benjamin received their District medals from soccer Challenge coordinators Pat O'Malley and Kevin Robicheaux.

Culture of Life Update

Brothers, I would like to share a correspondence from our State Culture of Life Chair Couple that I think you will find inspiring.

Please follow the attached link to the *Life News Website* for a very inspiring article. It seems that the biological mother of this year's Auburn University Homecoming Queen was raped two decades ago and became pregnant. A married woman, this mother was given two choices by her husband, divorce or abortion. Though the choice meant the break up of her marriage, with assistance from an organization much like those we support with our Baby Bottle Campaigns, she instead chose to carry the baby full term. She gave birth rather than have an abortion and her child was adopted by a loving family.

Today the child, Miss Molly Anne Dutton and many of her friends are celebrating a victory on campus and making Molly's story known as Pro-Life advocates, through a campaign to raise funding for *Lifeline Children's Services*, an Alabama Christian Adoption organization. This was the same organization that helped Molly's mother some twenty-two years ago.

A subject we often avoid, abortion following rape is thought to be the best choice by the majority; however, studies of women who have had abortions have determined that abortion in the case of rape is not the "best choice" for the mother. Rather than releasing her from the trauma of the rape, in many cases

the abortion acts as a second trauma to a woman who has been sexually assaulted. In contrast, those that give birth do not feel violated twice as some would lead you to believe.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/10/15/auburn-university-homecoming-queens-mom-was-raped-but-spared-her-from-abortion/>

There are several studies and articles that have been written on the subject of rape, incest and abortion. One that we found to be very informative was by David Reardon of the Elliot Institute*. If there is any doubt in your mind that abortion is not the best "choice" even in cases of rape & incest, you may find this article mind changing. You may also be surprised to find out that abortion is actually not chosen by rape victims in a majority of cases (about 75%).

According to the studies, women do not want to undergo another act of violence by having an abortion. * - (NOTE: *The Elliot Institute website is a very good resource for "post abortion issues". Material from the site was featured in some of our articles written for this summer's special program "Culture of Life Top 10" which was provided to Chair Couples at KCLS and included on our resource CD*)

<http://afterabortion.org/2004/rape-incest-and-abortion-searching-beyond-the-myths-3/>

Officers meeting, Wednesday
November 6, 2013 St. Anthony
CA Building.

General business meeting,
Wednesday November 20, 2013
St. Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.