



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

Chaplain's Message

A scribe asks Jesus to identify “the first of all the commandments” – Mark 12:28, and Jesus replies that one must love God with one’s whole self and one’s neighbor as oneself. When the scribe affirms Jesus words, Jesus tells the scribe that he is “not far from the kingdom of God.”

He is “not far.” It seems, then, that there is more to being included in the Kingdom of God than just knowing that love of God and neighbor is essential. What matters is not KNOWING but DOING. We must live the two most basic commandments; we must actually give time to loving God, which we may suggest means giving time regularly to prayer, both communal and personal prayer. We must actually spend time regularly in loving service of those with whom we live most closely and those who have special needs for our care and concern.

Lord Jesus, help me to act on your great commandments of love.

Fr. John Finn

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



The month of December is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**, which is celebrated on December 8 (the feast has been transferred to December 9 this year). The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. For more information on the month of December go to the following web site:

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/12.cfm>



To all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Great Opportunity: We have also started our Super Bowl Football pool. To purchase a square contact Jerry Walker Jr. at (504) 810-0011. Tickets and squares are going fast get them while you can.

Meetings: The next Officer's Meeting will be on January 8, 2013. The next Business Meeting will be held on January 15, 2014. 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:

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 mediation.

The Council Christmas Party was held on Saturday December 14 at St. Anthony Church following the Memorial Mass. We brought donation of clothing, toys and personal hygiene items to St. Charles Parish Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

The CYLA/Altar Server Appreciation Luncheon will be held on January 26, 2014 at St. Anthony Hall.

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 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 December, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell, Grand Knight

INSURANCE UPDATE

Our guarantees set us apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's what we offer with our every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.

We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.

We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 37 consecutive years. This shows our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. These principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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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.

Report of the Fourth Degree



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will hold its monthly meeting at Wynhoven council 3091 in Westwego, January 13, 2014. A meal will be served at 6:15, meeting at 7.

Culture of Life

Louisiana Life



March South

Louisiana Life March South

2014 January 18, 2014

12:00 to 2:00 PM in Baton Rouge, LA

2014 Theme:

**"Adoption: The Power of
Possibility"**

Sponsored by: Louisiana Right to Life, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, Louisiana Family Forum, the Knights of Columbus, Baton Rouge Right to Life, the Hippocratic Resource, and Louisiana's Concerned Women for America

2013 Christmas Social

Our Christmas Social was, as always a huge success. A festive time was had by all. Thanks to all who helped decorate and prepare the turkeys and hams.

Mission:

Unite the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines, to take a stand for life in our State's Capital, and mobilize them with resources to go make a difference in their community. We believe the Louisiana Life March can lead towards an abortion-free Louisiana.

Schedule:

- 11:00 AM: Begin Gathering at Galvaz Plaza Behind Old State Capitol
- 11:30 AM: Pre-Program
- Noon: March Commences
- 12:45 PM: Program on Steps of Capitol
- 1:45 PM: Program Concludes; Life Ministry Mobilization Tent Opens
- 2:30 PM: Life Ministry Mobilization Closes

KC Net TV

The Louisiana State Council has developed a web based TV for councils and members. Please visit the web site below for full details.

<http://knightsforcolumbus.tv/>







Officers meeting, Wednesday
January 8, 2014 St. Anthony CA
Building.

General business meeting,
Wednesday January 15, 2014
St. Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.