



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

It is a puzzling truth that we can be our own worst enemies. We can be so afraid of not having enough that we cannot appreciate or share what we do have. We can anticipate the worst so often that our possibilities shrink along with our comfort zones. Why is that?

Modern psychological theory might have a great deal to say in answer to that question, but maybe it is very simple. It's just so easy to deceive ourselves. Yes, there is much in our cultural environment that trades on the appeal of the Seven Deadly sins, and the devil himself is steadily trying to turn our heads. But we're the ones who ignore the danger signs, make excuses and tell ourselves we're blameless.

Once we can accept our own responsibility for our faults, we can turn to the Holy Spirit for help. The light of truth together with unbounded mercy can break the most stubborn habit of sin.

Lord, open my eyes and my heart to your.

Fr. John Finn

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



The month of February is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year the entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.



For more information on the month of February go to the following web site: <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/01.cfm>

Great Opportunity: We have begun preparing for our Lenten Fish Fry. Thank you goes to Brian Champagne for getting the fish for our annual fish fry. The dates of the fish fry are March 7, 14, 21, & 28, April 4, & 11, 2014. The Fish Fry will be done in conjunction with St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. The order of the Fish Fry will be KoC on March 7, 21, and April 4, 2014. While St. Anthony will be on March 14, 28, and April 11, 2014. We will need some volunteers to help out. The Girls Scouts will sell cookies on March 14, 2014 at the Fish Fry. We are asking for donations of desserts and potato salad. This is a great opportunity for students to gain service hours. Please come out and support us by buying a plate, desserts, or a drink. Check out our web site for more information.

Meetings: The next Officer's Meeting will be on March 5, 2014. The next Business Meeting will be held on March 19, 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:

We will host a hospitality room in the Double tree hotel at the KC Convention in Kenner May 2, 3, 4 2014.

Congratulation to Garry Boudreaux for winning the Football Super Bowl Pool. Thank you goes to Jerry Walker Jr. for spear heading the event.

Congratulations also goes to Jerry Walker Jr. for bringing in three new members. Keep up the good work.

Have a Happy and safe Mardi Gras.

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 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.

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 help out at your local Church this month.

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.

Let's especially pray for our State Chaplain, Bishop Ronald Herzog.

For all those that have a birthday in February, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell, Grand Knight

INSURANCE UPDATE

Plan for this tax day and into the future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive.

That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

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Culture of Life

During this week of the 41st anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision, we are reminded of our duty as faithful citizens to stand in defense of life whenever the opportunity arises. We have one such opportunity as Congress considers the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, H.R. 7. This important legislation would permanently ban federal funds from being used to pay for abortions.

For more than 30 years, Congress has worked to ensure that taxpayer-funded government health care assistance, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, do not provide funding for abortion. This work, taking the form of bill amendments, has been very successful. The Hyde Amendment, for example, has helped prevent the government from funding 675,000 abortions each year. However, these amendments are not permanent law.

Passage of these amendments requires several annual actions by Congress, and, while these actions have occurred historically, it is not certain that this pattern will continue.

H.R. 7 will create in federal law a permanent and government-wide ban on funding for abortion that will not need to be renewed each year. This is a critical step in protecting the conscience rights of citizens who believe abortion to be morally wrong.

At the 131st Supreme Convention in San Antonio, we resolved to “speak out to our elected representatives about the need to enact legislation ... to protect human life.” We have the opportunity to send a clear message to Congress. [Click here to contact your elected representative.](#)

As always, let us ask Our Lady’s intercession for our prayer that the Holy Spirit enlighten our elected officials to adopt laws that affirm the dignity of the human person from conception until natural death.

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.

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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, March 10, 2014. A meal will be served at 6:15, meeting at 7.

I would like to personally thank Brother Kenny Gonzales for his dedication to the Louisiana Knights of Columbus and Council 2409, as well as the guidance he has offered to me during my tenure as District Deputy as well as to the Grand Knights of council 2409. Kenny will be relocating (work) to the Mississippi gulf coast area in the very near future. Although Kenny will not be available for the day to day happenings of council 2409 as well as Assembly 2053, we look forward to the weekends that he may be able to journey back and join us in activities.

That includes the barbeque chicken dinners Kenny ☺

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/>

Alter server Appreciation

We hosted the annual alter server appreciation lunch on January 26, 2014 at the St. Anthony CA building. Congratulations to Derek Walker, Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) winner for 2013.

District Deputy Report

A first degree is scheduled for Monday February 24, 2014 at council 1905 in Gretna. Candidates should be there for 6:30, degree starts at 7 PM sharp!

Contact DD Allen Thibodeaux for details 985-785-8423, thib1@cox.net





Officers meeting, Wednesday
March 5, 2014 St. Anthony CA
Building.

General business meeting,
Wednesday March 19, 2014 St.
Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.

