



**KNIGHT NEWS – ST. CHARLES COUNCIL 2409**  
**LULING, LA**  
**March 2014**

**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE**



*The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household.*

The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The first four days of March fall during the liturgical season known as **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. The remainder of the month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. For more information on the month of March go to the following web site: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/03.cfm>

To all Happy Lenten Season

**Great Opportunity:** We have begun preparing for our Lenten Fish Fry. Thank you goes to all the cooks and those who have helped in anyway. The dates of the fish fry are March 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. We are asking for donations of desserts and potato salad. Please come out and support us by buying a plate, desserts, or a drink.

**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.

March 29 we will cook at St Gertrude Church in Des Allemands.

The Silver Rose is tentatively set for Oct 18 before the four o'clock Mass.

Nomination for Officers will be taken in April and May with nomination closing and voting on in May.

The Installation of Officers will be held on June 28.

Chicken BBQ will be May 25 at Holy Rosary Church in Hahnville.

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.

**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. Lets especially pray for our State Chaplain, Bishop Ronald Herzog.

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

Your Faithful Brother in Christ  
Melvin Burrell  
Worthy Grand Knight

**INSURANCE UPDATE**

**Insurance Check-Up for 2014**

Where did 2013 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2013. Now, the first quarter of 2014 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it.

It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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### *Culture of Life*

**FACT: The use of "in vitro" fertilization results in the death of several babies each time the procedure is used**

Proponents of the procedure in vitro fertilization (IVF) where a human egg is

fertilized & implanted in the womb of the mother, wonder why the Catholic Church is opposed to the procedure. After all, it brings a new life into the world & assists a couple who is unable to conceive without intervention.

Church teaching is explicit on this issue. IVF is a morally illicit act with no exception, even if the couple uses their own sperm & egg.

From a Culture of Life standpoint there is more to this procedure than the procreative issue. While IVF is often successful and brings a child into the world, what many do not realize is that for every successful IVF procedure between five and thirty embryos will die. This is because when IVF is performed, the medical team fertilizes as many as thirty eggs. Once fertilized, usually three to five are chosen and returned to the mother's uterus where one or more will hopefully implant to the uterine wall. After the procedure, the remaining embryos are frozen or destroyed. With approximately 350,000 IVF babies born each year, it is estimated that 30 – 150 million babies have died as a result of this procedure.

Another important factor to consider is the process referred to as "pregnancy reduction". IVF is a very complicated procedure and often does not work on the first attempt. Fertility clinics will use fertility drugs and when multiple fetuses are implanted to increase their rate of success, many times more fetuses than expected will successfully implant and begin to grow in the uterus.

When this happens, if the couple does not wish to have multiple births, which sometimes can be as high as six, a

doctor will perform the procedure to kill one or more of the fetuses, reducing them down to the desired number. This is accomplished by injecting a poison into the heart of the unwanted fetuses, administered through the abdominal wall of the mother.

Even though the IVF procedure results in the killing of viable human embryos, it is important to realize that the child born from this procedure should never be condemned since they too are persons created in God's image & likeness. For this reason, we must be very careful & use prudence when we discuss this procedure. We must not say anything that may be offensive, just as we would not say anything that might hurt the feelings of a child born "out of wedlock".

In 1985, the Pope Paul VI Institute was founded by Dr. Thomas W. Hilgers, a pioneer in the field of natural fertility regulation & reproductive medicine. Dr. Hilgers method, known as NaPro (Natural Procreative Technology) helps women treat their symptoms of infertility by "cooperating" with their reproductive system rather than trying force fertility by using illicit means such as IVF. Using the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ when a woman's procreative & gynecologic systems function abnormally, the doctor identifies the problems and "cooperates" with the woman's menstrual & fertility cycles in order to correct the condition. The technique is so effective that in many cases NaPro is significantly more successful in achieving pregnancy than IVF.

With techniques available that respect the dignity of human life, why should

one choose to utilize in vitro fertilization, which is responsible for the death of millions of babies?

### 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.

### **Report of the Fourth Degree**



MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will hold its monthly meeting at Wynhoven council 3091 in Westwego, April 14, 2014. A meal will be served at 6:15, meeting at 7.

The assembly will have two fourth degree dress outs over Holy week. On Palm Sunday for the 8:00 AM mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 4401 Seventh Street in Marrero and on Holy Thursday at St. John Bosco, 2114 Oakmere Drive, Harvey.

## 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://knightsofcolumbus.tv/>

## District Deputy Report

A first degree is scheduled for Monday March 24, 2014 at council 3091 in Westewgo. 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](mailto:thib1@cox.net)

## February Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Leon "Duck" Vial with the Knight of the Month certificate

## February Family of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Month certificate to Rennan Duffour

## March Family of the Month



G.K. Melvin Burrell presents Doug Becnel with the Family of the Month certificate

Officers meeting, Wednesday  
April 2, 2014 St. Anthony CA  
Building.

General business meeting,  
Wednesday April 16, 2014 St.  
Anthony CA Building. Meal at  
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.