



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

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



The month of April is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first nineteen days of the month fall during the season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The rest of April falls in the **Easter** season in which white, the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence, is the liturgical color.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/03.cfm>

To all Happy Easter Season

Great Opportunity: We will need some volunteers to help out with Special Olympics on April 26th at Destrehan High School starting at 8:30am.

Meetings: The next Officer's Meeting will be on May 7, 2014. The next Business Meeting will be held on May 21, 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:

April 26, 2014 we will volunteer some time at the Special Olympics Games at Destrehan High School starting at 8:30am.

April 26, 2014 we will cook at St Anthony Church in Luling for their Confirmation.

April 28, 2014 we will cook for Father Joe at St. John the Baptist for their Religious Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

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

May 12, 2014 we will cook for St. Gertrude's Ministry Appreciation.

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

June 22, 2014 will be Father Francis's last Mass.



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 Officers in May.

Council 2409 will hold their Installation on June 28 after 4:00pm Mass.

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

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

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell
Worthy Grand Knight

INSURANCE UPDATE

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join?

Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.475 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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Culture of Life

Amid growing protests led in large part by the Catholic Church, the Colorado Senate on April 16 killed a controversial bill that could have banned all pro-life laws in the state.

"Lift up your hearts in gratitude to God," said Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila in a post on Twitter. "Blessings on everyone who prayed and contacted legislators! Stay involved!"

The legislation had passed committee on a party line vote. While the floor debate and vote were initially scheduled for April 15, they were delayed until the following day after Democratic State Sen. John Kefalas of Fort Collins went home sick. The Democrats control the Senate in the state by a single vote.

On April 16, however, Denver NBC affiliate 9 News reported that Kefalas – after voting in favor of the bill in committee – was saying that he was undecided about whether he would vote for it in the full Senate vote.

The leadership of the Colorado Senate subsequently spiked the legislation – setting it aside until May 8, while the legislative session ends May 7, so that the bill is effectively dead.

Originally introduced March 31, the controversial bill – S.B. 175 – only gained wide publicity last week. It sought to ban all new pro-life laws and regulations, including requirements for pre-abortion ultrasounds and restrictions on the RU-486 abortion drug.

Pro-abortion rights group NARAL Pro-Choice America, which backed the bill, had said that if it became law, it would have been the first of its kind in the country.

The legislation would have created a “fundamental right” to anything defined as “reproductive health care.” It would have barred state agencies and local government from having any policy that “denies or interferes with an individual’s reproductive health care decisions.”

Opponents had argued that the bill was vaguely worded and could have had far-reaching effects. They said it could have affected laws requiring parental involvement or notification for a minor who is seeking an abortion, as well as conscience protection laws and requirements that only licensed physicians can perform abortions.

It could also have prevented abortion regulations aimed at protecting the health and safety of women and children, opponents said. The legislation could have affected government programs and facilities that pay for or promote childbirth without subsidizing abortion, they warned. School health clinic policies and abstinence education policies could also have been impacted.

Archbishop Aquila helped lead opposition to the bill, calling together hundreds of people at a prayer vigil and assembly outside the state capitol on the afternoon of April 15, when the measure was originally scheduled to be debated.

The archbishop defended the need to restrict abortion, calling the bill “extreme and dangerously ambiguous.”

“Coloradans are not against common sense regulations on abortions, and they should have the opportunity to be able to debate and pass those regulations,” he said at the gathering.

Opposition to the bill grew quickly and prompted many Coloradans to call their legislators.

Archbishop Aquila stressed the need for further action, noting the importance of voting and lay involvement in the political process.

“Too many times we have taken a back seat. Catholics, Christians and people of good will can no longer take a back seat. We are called to work for the good and for the true,” he said at the prayer vigil Tuesday.

The Colorado Catholic Conference released a statement on the evening of April 16 thanking everyone who prayed and spoke up about the legislation.

“It was your witness that made it possible to kill this horrible piece of legislation,” the conference said. “It is because of your willingness to engage the public square that we were able to defeat SB 175.”

“Your voices matter and are needed in the public square now more than ever; please remember what we were able to accomplish and continue to be involved and make your voices heard!”

The conference cited the words of Pope Francis, who said last September: “A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern.”

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, May 12, 2014. A meal will be served at 6:15, meeting at 7.

The nominations for the upcoming Columbian Year were opened in April and will again be opened at the May meeting followed by elections.

The officer installation has been set for July 20, 2014. Installation mass will be held at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego followed by the installation banquet at Council 3091 home.

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/>

District Deputy Report

The next two first degrees are scheduled for Monday April 28, 2014 at council 1905 in Gretna and on May 26, 2014 at council 3091 in Westwego. 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

April Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents Harry Zeller with the Knight of the Month certificate

April Family of the Month



Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Month certificate to Joe Beregeron

Council 2409 presented Ms. Theresa Theriot, Chairwoman St. Charles Parish Special Olympics, with a donation at our April meeting.



Special Olympics

On April 26 we will be assisting at the Special Olympic games at Destrehan High School. The event starts at 8:30 AM. Please try to dedicate a few hours to come out and help these special individuals. Contact Grand Knight Melvin Burrell for details.

On June 13, 2014 the regional games will be held at the St. Charles Civic Center in Luling. Detail will follow in upcoming newsletters.

St. Gertrude Appreciation Dinner

On March 29 we prepared a meal for the St. Gertrude Parish Council. The dinner was a parishioner appreciation dinner in recognition of the assistance and time that many individuals donate to the church. To the brothers of council 2409 that are members of St. Gertrude Parish, please contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering for any of their ministries.



Officers meeting, Wednesday
May 7, 2014 St. Anthony CA
Building.

General business meeting,
Wednesday May 21, 2014 St.
Anthony CA Building. Meal at
6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM.

*2409 Jambalaya cooking team getting er
done again*



Ready to serve it up



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