



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

I often see newspaper articles about individuals who were parishioners of a parish where I had been the pastor. Usually these articles are on the obituary page. Often these accounts make me realize I didn't really know these people. I can remember greeting them at church or even working with them on a committee, but we never shared on a deeper level. Some of their outstanding qualities and accomplishments, I didn't know about at all.

There is a limit to how much one can know about another person. But there is another person about whom I need to know as much as possible. That is the Lord Jesus. Daily I want to deepen this relationship in prayer, Scripture reading, meditation and in doing good works in his name. After a lifetime I don't want there to be any doubt that I know Jesus and accept him as my Savior.

Jesus said to him: "have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip." John 14:9.

Fr. John Finn, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights and family members,

On Saturday July 21, 2012, Council 2409 participated in the Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar day. It was held at Dutchtown High School. The seminar was very productive and informative.

On July 24, 2012 many of our brothers had the honor of cooking BBQ chicken and jambalaya for Camp Friendship. Camp Friendship helps children with Spina Bifida in the Greater New Orleans area.

Work continues on our road side sign that will be erected off of Paul Mallard road in the coming months.

Our State Warden Brother Rennan Duffour attended the Supreme Convention, August 7-9, 2012, which was held in Anaheim, California. We look forward to hearing about it.

Upcoming events for the month of September:

There will be the State Horseshoe Tournament in Plaquemine on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

The following weekend on Saturday, September 15, 2012 we help cook lunch and providing scoring for the horseshoe competition at the Special Olympics, which will be held at Monsanto Park.



The State Golf Tournament will be held September 27-29, 2012 in Lafayette & Carencro. For more information please contact Brother Harry Zeller.

Our Council will participate in this year's Alligator Festival on September 28-30 at the St. Charles Parish Westbank Bridge Park. We will cook Bean Gumbo, Crawfish Enchilada, and Boudin Balls. We are asking all brothers to volunteer some time and come help cook and serve. We expect to have plenty of fun and the money will be used to continue our charity work. Point of contact is Brother Jules Saunee and his phone number is (504) 621-6648. You can sign up for a time to work by contacting Brother Jules. There are still plenty of time slots left and much to be done. Any help that you can provide would be deeply appreciated.

The Council's Soccer challenge is coming up again. We are in the process of planning a day, place and time. We will keep you informed when the planning phase is finalized. We will need workers to come help score, register contestants, and set up. Brothers please contact Brother Bret Robicheaux, our Vocation Chairperson, with any information you may have on Church or Vocation functions. His phone number is (504) 330-4413. 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 August, please have a Happy Birthday.

Your Faithful Brother in Christ
Melvin Burrell

Worthy Grand Knight

INSURANCE UPDATE

For all of your insurance needs, please contact Brother Chris Dufrene at 504-689-8032 or at chris.dufrenesr@kofc.org

Four parts of retirement: Phase four

Okay, if you've been following along in my articles, you've read about the first phases that lead to retirement. Protection and accumulation of savings are the first time, followed by de-accumulation of those funds while making them last.

The final phase is care. At some point, at some age (hopefully a very advanced age), you will need to slow down. You will no longer be able to care for yourself. At that point, you will need to have assets available to provide much needed care, either at home or in a care facility.

As you probably know, the cost of care continues to rise. I cannot quote you a number here (I could give you specific details in a face-to-face meeting), but the nationwide average grows by leaps and bounds. How do you plan to cover these costs? Government programs might not be available, or might require you to spend down your assets leaving your family with little.

The best way to handle the cost of care in the future is to plan ahead today. The Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance that can cover at home or facility care costs. And our product is backed by the financial strength of the

Order. It has many benefits and our premiums are competitive with any other company.

The Knights of Columbus – the organization you trust – is in a position to help you with every phase. Life insurance, disability insurance, guaranteed retirement plans that turn into guaranteed income streams when you retire, and long term care. There is no reason to go elsewhere as you prepare for the four phases!

Contact me today to schedule a meeting.

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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.

Listed are just a few of the benefits associated with becoming a Knight of Columbus.

Life Insurance program – Offers member, spouse and children the opportunity to provide for their security and well-being. Rated AAA (Superior) by Standard & Poor's and A++ (Superior) by A.M. Best (for 35 years).

Annuity Program – Enables member and spouse to provide for retirement and build an estate through tax-deferred savings.(3% life time guarantee)

Long Term Care Insurance – Enables members and their spouses to safeguard their assets and afford the care and assistance needed later in life

New Member Annuity plan – Non-Qualified fixed rate annuity offered to new members in their first year after joining the order. Can be started with as little as \$100, and offers a guarantee rate of 3% return.

August Knight of the Month

Brian Champagne



*Grand Knight Melvin Burrell presents
Brian Champagne with the
Knight of the Month certificate*

*August Family of the Month
Harry and Sandra Zeller*



G.K. Melvin Burrell presents the Family of the Month certificate to Harry Zeller Jr.

Culture of Life Update

Four Pieces of Life-Saving Legislation Now in Effect

Unborn children 20 weeks and older now saved from the pain of abortion

The ***Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act***, Louisiana Right to Life's flagship piece of legislation, protects unborn children 20 weeks old (post-fertilization) and older based on the scientific evidence showing that the unborn child can feel pain at 20 weeks.

Another primary piece of legislation for Louisiana Right to Life, the ***Hear the Heartbeat Act***, requires abortion facilities to make the unborn child's heartbeat audible for the mother at least 24 hours prior to an abortion (unless she requests and signs an opt-out form). In addition, SB 708 improves the "Ultrasound Before Abortion" law by requiring abortion facilities to place the ultrasound screen in view of the woman (the woman then has the choice whether to view the ultrasound images of the unborn child).

In addition to these new laws, the ***Criminal Abortion Dismemberment Act*** creates a specific crime for performing an abortion in the state of Louisiana if the abortionist is not licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana. Finally, the ***Additional Protections Against Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Act*** better protects the disabled and ill from euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, said the following upon these pieces of legislation going into effect,

"Thanks to the Hear the Heartbeat Act, unborn children are now given a voice because their heartbeats will be heard and their ultrasound image will be more easily viewed. Women will be empowered with these critically important aspects of their pregnancy, even in the midst of an abortion facility that has a financial interest in the woman choosing abortion."

"Because of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, unborn children are

now spared from the pain of abortion. We believe through a conservative estimate that 150 unborn children will be now given the gift of life."

"Louisiana is ranked as the top pro-life state in the nation, and I commend our Senators and Representatives, our Governor, and the great citizens of Louisiana for their support in enacting these new pro-life laws." Clapper finished.

Report of the Fourth Degree



The next meeting of the MSGR Paul J. Richard Assembly 2053 will be on September 10 at the Wynhoven council in Westwego.

A fourth degree dress out has been requested for the 9 AM Mass in Bridge City on September 16th 2012. Please make an effort to attend. If any 4th degree member does not have full regalia, social baldric is acceptable to participate in the dress out.

The exemplification schedule for 2012 is as follows –

August 25th Slidell

Spina Bifida 2012

On July 24th, council 2409 prepared the annual lunch for "Camp Friendship". The camp is sponsored by the Spina Bifida Association of Greater New Orleans. All campers, sponsors, volunteers as well as our brother knights enjoyed the day as well as each others' company. As always we would like to thank fellow knight Jim Shalley for getting us involved with the camp. What a special group of children and young adults.



Brother Jim Shalley



Just a few of the volunteers

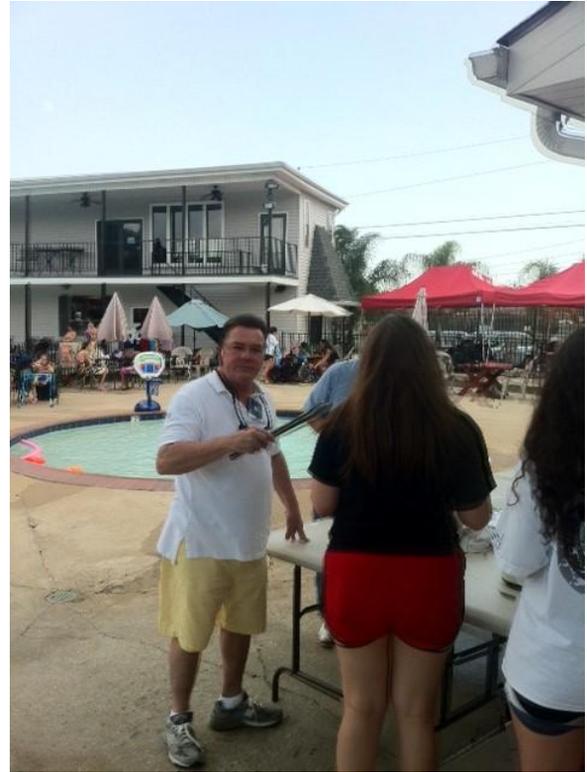


Wonderful smiles ☺





Obviously these guys need something to do



A couple more events and yes Steve, we may get you an apron!



The serving crew



Handle your business



Happy campers and cooks



Installed

*Another handicap ramp
completed*

Thanks to our "ramp building" chairman, Harry Zeller for overseeing the construction and installation of the ramp at the home of Hilda Hurtel in Ama.

Monthly Officers meeting
Wednesday, September 5th,
6:30 P.M.
St. Anthony CA Building



Construction

Monthly General Business
Meeting
Wednesday, September 19th,
St. Anthony CA Building
Meal served at 06:15 P.M.
Meeting at 07:00 P.M.