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**Worthy
Grand Knight**

Matthew J. Arceneaux

"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity'. –St. Albert the Great

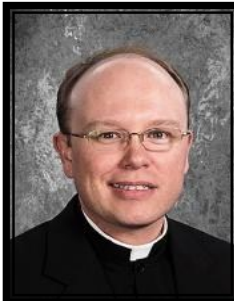
My Brother Knights,

When a Catholic gentleman becomes a Knight, he learns that the founding principle of our first degree is charity. Charity, sounds easy, as today's society would define it, simply means 'to give.' But that's not necessarily all there is to it. Charity as taught by our Lord requires more of us as Christians. The definition of the virtue of Charity is love. Love for thy God, and love for thy neighbor. Not an easy word for a guy to say, much less do, right? But my brothers, I think that in the several decades since the Knights of Columbus has been in existence, many have lost sight of Fr. McGivney's initial intention, that when we are called in the First Degree to exercise the Virtue of Charity, we are called to love. In everything we do as a Knight, in everything we do as a man. Yes, men, the founding principle of this magnificent order of Catholic gentlemen is love. Such a small word for such a sometimes overwhelming and difficult concept for us to live out. To that end, the tenets of our second and third degrees, Unity and Fraternity, are derived from, and build upon the first. To stay true to those tenets of our Order, and reclaim our identity as a faithfully and identifiably Catholic Organization on the local level, our mission must include making our Council a more integral part of our Church Parish. We have definite opportunities for growth in that area.

In formulating our goals for the next 6 months, and for the next fraternal year, I would like to solicit your input on how we as a Council could better serve our Church and our community. We, as examples, should continue to strive to live out our Catholic Faith in our daily lives. We have, in the past, concentrated much of our energy catering events around the parish. While this can be a noble gesture, we as a Council have a duty by our very nature to do more, to evangelize, to truly reach out to those in need, to be the strong right hand of our Church. What else can we help with?

With a total membership of 103 and a maximum of approximately 30 active to semi active members, now is the time to take a long hard look at ourselves and Our Council and ensure that every member of our Council is in full support of our mission. Let us go forth as brothers in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. May Our Lord continue to bless you and your families in this new year. Vivat Jesus!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



**Worthy
Chaplain**

Fr. Mark P. Ledoux

Dear Brother Knights,

I am grateful to our Worthy Grand Knight for the invitation to offer a few words in our first publication of the new St. Peter's Council Newsletter.

Each month I look forward to receiving my 'Columbia' magazine. It contains tremendous stories of men's lives being changed and challenged in faith and charity while building fraternity. The same is happening here today at St. Peter's Council. Efforts by the members of our Council of the past have done the same. We must continue to look at how we can most effectively in the present, build upon their efforts, and adapt to the needs and times of today as given the call by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori. I applaud you in beginning this publication and seeking the most effective methods available to engage, communicate and continue the cause of our Order locally among our members. The timing is appropriate; a new year and new Pope and a renewed call to remember the past and look forward to the future of making Christ Jesus more at the center of our lives and our community.

May the Grace of the Holy Family intercede for our Council and the good of each one of you and your families. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Mark P. Ledoux, Pastor

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Worthy
Deputy
Grand Knight

Matthew Gauthier

I'd like to wish everyone in our council and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's during this time that we are called to contemplate on not only our own lives, but the lives of our family in light of that of our heavenly family, the holy family. It's during this time that we should reflect on how, in this coming year, we can more closely mimic the lives of those who we should strive to be more like. That of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Are we called to be the protecting husband and father, the caring and loving wife and mother, or the obedient and sacrificing son? Where can we improve our lives? What can we as Catholics do in this coming year to better ourselves and those around us? We should also look to the faith of those others in the nativity, that of the wise men, and the shepherd, who followed the star, to find the Light of the World and gave Him gifts and praise. Honestly, it is not one, but all of these that we should look to in this coming year. Let us all reflect, look back, recall our progress, or lack thereof. Let us make a difference in 2014, a difference for ourselves and everyone whose lives we touch. Merry Christmas everyone, and may you all have a happy, holy, and blessed new year.

M E M B E R S H I P



Worthy
Past
Grand Knight

Bobby Kennerson

"Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours." —C.S. Lewis

We learned in our 1st degree that charity was the foundation of our order. Without charity, our works are fruitless. Christ tells us in Matthew's gospel in order for us to truly follow Him, we must deny ourselves and pick up our crosses. (Matt 16:24-26) This could be quite a daunting task if we were to attempt to go at it alone. Thankfully, we have two other degrees as K of C to lean on in our journey, unity & fraternity. Like the legs of a tripod, the three degrees support one another in our mission of serving our church parish.

What better gift can we give to our fellow Catholic gentlemen than the gift of fraternity? Our order cannot grow without us, as Knights, showing true charity and inviting our fellow parishioners to join, in unity, our fantastic organization.

At Mass this Sunday, I challenge you to look around and identify one Catholic man who you think would make a good Knight. Invite him to our next Social, Open Meeting, or Pancake Breakfast. If he has a son, tell him about our Squires Circle. Invite him to visit our website. Tell him about the charitable works we do throughout the year. You will be surprised to find that many men either know very little about K of C or have never been asked to consider membership.

You cannot consider your membership in K of C truly yours until you share it with another Catholic gentleman.

Vivat Jesus!



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C O U N C I L N E W S



Our first ever “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest was a success! Judges selected the posters below from among from several entries. In the 8 to 10 year old age group, the winner was Abigail Spence (L) a fifth grader at Carencro Catholic School. In the 11 to 14 year old age group, the winner was Zoe Barnett (R), also a fifth Grader at Carencro Catholic School. Congratulations to both of these young ladies, Their entries will now move on to the District/Regional level.



Abigail Spence



Zoe Barnett



We humbly
welcome our
newest Brother
Knight
Adam Conque!



Kindly Remember in
Your Prayers

Fr. Ledoux & Fr. Metrejean
Seminarians
David Rozas & Matthew Ardoin
Brothers
Fred Gaspard & Melvin Johnnie,
as well as all expectant mothers,
those in despair,
or those facing uncertainty.



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christ in family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*).
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

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Congratulations

to
Worthy Warden and his wife
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Comeaux
on the birth
of their daughter
Camille Rose



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**The Holy Father's
prayer intentions for
January 2014 are:**

Universal:

That all may promote
authentic economic
development that respects
the dignity of all peoples.

For Evangelization:

That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

JANUARY 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Years Day	2	3	4
5 Solemnity of The Epiphany	6	7	8	9 Regular Business Meeting	10	11 Grand Knights Day
12 Feast Of The Baptism of the Lord	13	14	15	16 Squires Meeting	17	18 La March For Life
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Council Free Throw Deadline	27	28 CYLA Deadline	29	30	31	

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S Q U I R E ' S C O R N E R



Chief
Counselor

Chad Melancon



Chief
Squire

Tre LeBlanc

Dear Brother Knights and Worthy Squires,

We hope this finds you and your families doing well, enjoying each other's company over the holidays, and rejoicing in the coming of Our Lord and Savior.

Here are a few updates from within our Circle:

The Squires have recently lent a helping hand at The Carmelite Monastery where they enjoyed working in the gardens and flowerbeds.

Our Circle has been blessed to have the opportunity to host the Louisiana State Squires Convention here in Carencro at St. Peter's this May.

Our Circle is pleased to announce that we have recruited two new members and looking forward to adding more.

Esto Dignus!