

So many times we are asked: "Who are the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?"

Very Simply, THIS IS WHO WE ARE:

The Knights of Columbus was officially chartered on

MARCH 29, 1882

ST. PETER'S COUNCIL was chartered in 1977.

We are dedicated to **SERVICE** to our **CHURCH**, our **PRIESTS**, & our **COMMUNITY**.

We are a **FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD** of **men** who take our **CATHOLIC FAITH** seriously.

We believe in the **SANCTITY OF LIFE** & the **SACREDNESS** of the **FAMILY**.

We have **GROWN** worldwide from several members in **ONE COUNCIL** to more than 14,000 councils & **1.8 MILLION** members.

Last year we gave more than **\$167 MILLION** to **CHARITY** and volunteered more than **70 MILLION** hours of **SERVICE**.

Knights are **EVERYWHERE** in our parish & work closely with other Church organizations.

WE ARE WHAT **BLESSED JOHN PAUL THE GREAT** CALLED

THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This is what we do.



BOTTOM LINE

What can being a Knight do for me?

- ◆ We all have something to give, even if your time is limited, your time & talents are multiplied.
- ◆ Fraternal Brotherhood with Catholic Gentlemen in your Church Parish, State, nationally & elsewhere.
- ◆ Membership in an acclaimed "2014 World's Most Ethical Company" & exclusive benefit opportunities.
- ◆ Peace of mind in knowing that your Organization is guided by Church teachings.
- ◆ Membership in an Organization that puts family first and includes family/children in many functions
- ◆ Together with your Brother Knights, we make an impact through enduring faith & unfaltering fellowship.
- ◆ A Brotherhood of ardent supporters of our Catholic Church, our Priests, and Vocations.

OUR PRINCIPLES

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

CHARITY - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

UNITY - None of us is as good as all of us. We know that - together - we can accomplish more.

FRATERNITY - The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died. Our top-rated insurance program still does this today.

PATRIOTISM - the Knights of Columbus are patriotic citizens. We are devoted to God and country, and believe in standing up for both, and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical Catholics in union with the Holy See, accept the teachings of the Catholic Church on matters of faith & morals, and aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church.



Chaplain
Fr. Mark Ledoux



Grand Knight
Matthew Arceneaux

Join us!

MEN: It takes very little of your time to get **INVOLVED** in your **Church** and your **community**. *As a Knight, you do what you can.* THIS IS AN **EASY FIRST STEP.**

TO BE A KNIGHT

ASK ONE.

Your Family will Thank You.

St Peter's Council

To join or to learn more:

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ST. PETER'S COUNCIL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 6958

GRAND KNIGHT'S ADDRESS

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My Dear Brothers,

I hope this finds you and your families doing well in this Lenten season, as we reflect on the suffering and passion of our Lord. This is actually my favorite time of the year, because it reminds me of the gold standard to which I should measure my actions, my sacrifices, and my love for others. In this season, I am challenged to take a look at how I am living my life and ask myself if I am truly walking with Christ and being his disciple. Our charity has been at work during these first few weeks of Lent through the 40 cans for Lent program and I have personally counted little over a thousand pounds of food items collected so far. I also know that many of you give tirelessly of yourselves throughout the year, and I truly thank you.

Also at this time, we look back on the past several months of the fraternal year and take inventory of our accomplishments and also set goals for what we want to accomplish in the near future. My brothers, I want to thank you for all of your hard work this year and ask you for that final push in these few months we have left of this fraternal year. You have done a great job, and what better way to celebrate our success than to share it with other Catholic gentlemen and their families.

I'm sure you have noticed that the brand new first page of our council newsletter is now an evangelization tool of sorts. I challenge you to share it with every Catholic man you know via email and/or print and show him what our great Order has to offer him and his family. It is perfect for use as an informational flyer. I have tried to include answers to many of the most common questions that our fellow Catholic gentlemen may have about our Organization and also information about our great Order that makes us stand out amongst others. I hope you find it useful and that it leads to the addition of many new brothers to our Council.

In closing, I would like to wish you and you families a very solemn and reflective Lenten season, and a joyful Easter as we celebrate the coming of our Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

Matt

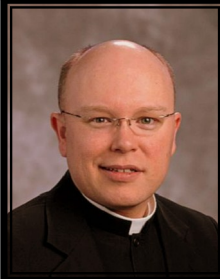


Worthy
Grand
Knight

Matthew J. Arceneaux

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear Brothers:

I pray that each of you and your loved ones are welcoming the invitation from the Lord this Lent to open the doors of your hearts to Jesus' call to be evangelized by renewing our own baptismal commitment to live for Christ and His Church.

Lent is truly a time of Grace! It is a time for us to reflect on our past and our present with renewed sorrow for our sins before our Merciful Father. Making ourselves available to receive His mercy we can then be free to move forward with conviction and direction from His call with renewed faith and determination as the Lord's disciples.

As we reflect on our past and present: Have we been putting some one or some thing before our worship of God? Is some thing or some one the cause of my distance from Jesus and His Church? Have we been the example Christ has called us to be for our wives, our children, our grandchildren, or godchildren, our brother Knights, our fellow parishioners, our neighbor? Have I caused scandal in any way or perpetuated scandal? Have I been an example of one who prays and is not afraid to show my love for Jesus Christ or His Church? Have I gone to Confession recently?

We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. May Jesus' suffering and death be our motivation and the joy of our Hearts as we allow ourselves to be evangelized by Him whom we seek, the Resurrected One!

I ask us all to make a special effort to be present to the Way of the Cross in the remaining Friday's of Lent and to participate at the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

May the Joy of His mercy be with you this Lent!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Mark P. Ledoux
Worthy Chaplain



Worthy
Chaplain

Fr. Mark P. Ledoux



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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Worthy
Deputy
Grand Knight

Matthew Gauthier

It's Lent again; the time for prayer, works, and almsgiving. The great part about being a Knight is that we don't have to wait a whole year to do those things. We should be performing them all year long! We should be examples for our community and witnesses to the Gospels every day of our lives.

What's really awesome, is that after completing our service reports, we see that we ARE doing those things! Our council is doing great things for our community and our Church! But do you know what? We can be better! We can grow in numbers by sharing the principles of our Great Order with other Catholic gentlemen. We can raise more so we can give more. We can pray more with one another as brothers.

Let's continue our Lenten journey throughout this year brothers. Let us become on fire for our Lord! Let us remember, focus, meditate, and pray about what our Lord has done for us, and why he has done it for us. Let us never forget our purpose. Most of all, let us never stop being the men that God has called us to be; Brothers, Sons, Husbands, Fathers, Knights.

Happy Easter my Brothers!

Vivat Jesus!

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Worthy
Chancellor

Bobby Kennerson

My Dear Brother Knights:

I'm writing today, not as Chancellor of this council, but as Cubmaster of BSA Pack 497.

I'm writing to express my sincere appreciation to my Brother Knights for your recent sponsorship of our Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet which was held on 3/29. With your generous donation to our cause we were able to obtain a magician & balloon artist to entertain our boys & their families. The excitement & joy on their faces was priceless.

The banquet serves as a reward to the boys for their hard work throughout the Scouting year. On this special night we recognize the boys' & volunteers' achievements and enjoy fellowship as a Scouting community.

Our pack has doubled in size since last year. We currently have around 40 active Scouts. These boys are some of the most respectful young men I have ever met. The parents of our Pack are very active in volunteering & truly make my life easy. I especially would like to recognize one Brother Knight for his help at this year's banquet. Brother Blake Lazzaro not only allowed us use of his awesome cooking gear, but he also stayed and helped us cook the meal for the event. Blake, I appreciate your selfless deeds & am proud to call you my Brother. If ever Pack 497 can assist the KofC or Squires, do not hesitate to call upon us. Again, thank you & VIVAT JESUS!



Council Officers

Fr. Mark P. Ledoux

Chaplain

Matthew Arceneaux

Grand Knight

Matthew Gauthier

Deputy Grand Knight

Bobby Kennerson

Chancellor

Fred Gaspard

Recorder

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Financial Secretary

Clark Bourgeois

Advocate

Steven Comeaux

Warden

Ronald Brown

Inside Guard

Alfred Palombo

Outside Guard

David Cloteaux

Trustee

Clark Bourgeois

Trustee

Bobby Kennerson

Trustee

Melvin Johnnie

Church Director

Clark Bourgeois

Community Director

Blake Lazzaro

Council Director

Fred Gaspard

Family Director

Chad Melancon

Youth Director

Bobby Kennerson

Membership Director

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COUNCIL NEWS

40 Cans For Lent

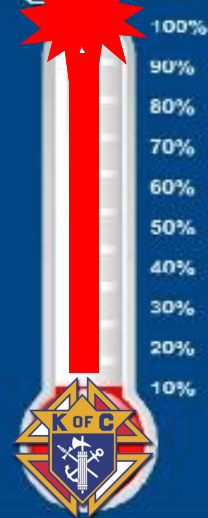


Food Donation Station

*Thank You for Your
Generosity.*

Thanks to the Generosity of Our Parishoners at St. Peter's, we have met our goal of collecting 1000 pounds of food for the needy and donations are still coming in and we have a few weeks left! The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry welcomes all donations in order to prepare for uncertainty. Vivat Jesus!

Target Goal



**Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE**
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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FROM OUR AGENT'S DESK

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. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting 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.

David Chicola
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Insurance Products

Permanent Plans

Do you need life insurance that lasts as long as you live? Our permanent plans are your best option.

Term Plans

Are your life insurance needs temporary? Many people's needs are, indeed, temporary — even though they may be of long duration.

Long Term Care

Are you prepared for the unexpected? Record numbers of people are living into their 80s, 90s... and even past the age of 100.

Annuities

Is your income secured for your retirement? The beauty of our annuity products lies squarely in their simplicity and security.

Disability Income

Protects your most important asset — your income — in the event of a disability.

*Kindly Remember in
Your Prayers*



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



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COUNCIL NEWS



Everyone had a wonderful time at the Council Christmas Party held at Fezzo's on January 4th

Congratulations
to
Worthy Chancellor
Bobby Kennerson
And his Wife
Jerilyn
on the birth of
their son
Wyatt Thomas

Congratulations to
Worthy
Deputy Grand Knight
Matthew Gauthier
& his Wife Amber
on both making their
Cursillo Weekend recently.



Eighty-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four

Joint Resolution

To amend the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to codify and emphasize existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America", approved June 22, 1942, as amended (36 U. S. C., sec. 172), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. The following is designated as the pledge of allegiance to the flag: 'I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all'. Such pledge should be rendered by standing with the right hand over the heart. However, civilians will always show full respect to the flag when the pledge is given by merely standing at attention, men removing the headress. Persons in uniform shall render the military salute."

Joseph W. Martin
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Walter D. Bunker
Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate pro Tempore

APPROVED
JUN 14 1954

Walter D. Bunker

Did You Know?



The Knights of Columbus
was instrumental in the placement of
"One Nation under God"
in
Our Pledge of Allegiance ?

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SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

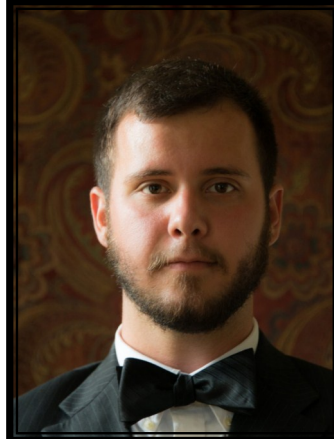
Our Council is an active supporter of vocations.



Sir Knight
David Rozas
Seminarian

Fratres,
Tempus fugit! I give thanks to God that it has already been two and a half years since I entered seminary. It is dang hard in some ways, but it seems to be just where God is calling me. I feel such at peace and I have such joy that I can't express it. It has been a gift to learn about how God loves each of us personally and without any conditions! Please pray for us in this last month and a half of the semester: papers are due, stress is high, tensions are up. Please pray for our perseverance and patience with each other. I pray for a fruitful Lent for you, one of Joy and Hope.

Vivat Iesus!
David Rozas
Your brother and servant.



Mr. Matthew Ardoin
Seminarian

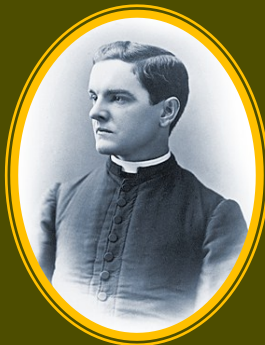
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in
Jesus name
Amen.



VENERABLE
MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
FOUNDER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 Christian 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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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

April

•**Ecology and Justice.** That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

•**Hope for the Sick.** That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

May

•**Media.** That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

•**Mary's Guidance.** That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

June

•**Unemployed.** That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.

•**Faith in Europe.** That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

FR. ROY D. EDWARDS CIRCLE

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

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SQUIRES' S



CORNER



CIRCLE NEWS



I am so proud of all of our Squires and all they've accomplished in 2013. We have many exciting events in progress for 2014 including the Louisiana State Squires Convention being hosted by our Circle here at St. Peter's. If you'd like to know more, ask one of our Squires about joining and deepening your faith while having tons of fun!

Esto Dignus!
Mr. Chad



Chief
Counselor

Chad Melancon



Deputy
Chief
Counselor

Blake Lazzaro

SQUIRES APPRECIATION BANQUET



Knights of Columbus
SQUIRES
Youth Organization

We are humbled to have been chosen to host the State Squires Convention at St. Peter's this year. All Knights who can help any way are encouraged to pitch in and are greatly appreciated!

2014 State Convention

Carencro, Louisiana
May 30th - June 2nd
2014



Chief
Squire
Tre
LeBlanc

Welcome
to Our Newest Squires!!
Taylon Benoit & Charlie Spence



SQUIRES
TRAVEL TO MARCH
FOR LIFE

ST. PETER'S COUNCIL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 CAMP JOSHUA	5
6	7	8	9	10 BUSINESS MEETING	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 SQUIRES MEETING	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 HOLY SATURDAY
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21	22	23	24	25	26 2ND/3RD DEGREE ABBEVILLE
27	28	29	30			

MAY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 KC CONVENTION	3 KC CONVENTION
4 KC CONVENTION	5	6	7	8 COUNCIL ELECTIONS BEGIN	9	10
11 MOTHERS DAY	12	13	14	15 SQUIRES MEETING	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 SQUIRES CONVENTION	31 SQUIRES CONVENTION

JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SQUIRES CONVENTION	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 COUNCIL ELECTIONS END	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 SQUIRES MEETING	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 FRATERNAL YEAR END					