



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

February 2021

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

Many thanks to everyone who helped out to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

We sold out of our Seminary Mission Fund tickets very quickly. Thanks to everyone for supporting this worthwhile program.

Thanks to all the brother Knights who were able to attend the Memorial Mass for Brother Gifford Toups. Honoring our deceased brothers is an integral part of our duties as a Knight and I know his family greatly appreciated everyone's presence.

A proposal has been submitted to the Council regarding an effort to contact our Brother Knights and widows for prayer requests. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

# Lent



Vivat Jesus!

Terry Allemand  
Grand Knight

### Officers 2020-21

- Grand Knight – Terry Allemand
- Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola
- Deputy Grand Knight – Neil Abbott
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### Chairmen

- Program Director – Neil Abbott
- Membership Director – Wayne Bonvillain
- Community Activities – Eric Kiehlmeier
- Faith Activities – Tim Champagne
- Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux
- Life Activities – Kenny Rivero
- Golf Tournament – Jim Thibodaux

### \*Reminder\*

Council Meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month in the Community Gathering Center. The schedule is as follows: 5:30pm – Officers Planning Meeting; 6:30pm – Rosary; 7:00pm – Council Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, can contact any council member or visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).



### \*\*\*FAMILY OF THE MONTH\*\*\*

**Congratulations to the Rocky & Debbie Bush Family** for being selected Family of the Month for December 2020



**Join Us Today at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)**

Enter "13819" when asked for a council number

### Upcoming Events

- February 4 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma, Council Home 7pm
- February 6 Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification  
State Cornhole Tournament, Metairie
- February 14 **VALENTINE'S DAY**
- February 15 **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- February 16 **MARDI GRAS**
- February 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- February 18 Council Meetings (See above for details)
- February 21 Council Mass (8:30am)

### Affordable Protection for Catholic Families

The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members. Contact Gerald Michel at (985) 856-6562 or [gerald.michel@kofc.org](mailto:gerald.michel@kofc.org) for more information.

## **The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church – February: The Sacrament of Marriage**

*The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life.*

### **Breaking Open the Theme**

The sacrament of marriage is a wondrous divine mystery. As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen liked to remind couples, it takes “three” to get married: husband, wife and God. By virtue of the sacrament of baptism, Christians no longer belong to themselves, but to Jesus Christ. As a result, when a baptized man marries a baptized woman, Christ himself is the one who gives the spouses to each other on their wedding day.

It is Christ who also receives their vows as the Church witnesses their exchange of love and blesses it in Christ’s name. This is why it is important to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is present and also why the Church recommends that Christian marriages take place within a Mass. Christ, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is made present in the love of the spouses. He becomes the source and unshakable guarantor of their unity as a couple. He transforms their love: “Spouses love each other with a love that is greater than themselves, in fact, with the very love that brought them into existence in the first place!”

By virtue of the great sacrament of holy matrimony, human love participates in Christ’s own sacrificial love wherein he gave up his body for sinners on the cross. To receive the graces of this sacrament fully, married couples must enter into the total self-gift of Christ on a daily basis, holding nothing back in their love of each other through prayer and sacrifice for the good of the beloved.

### **Meditations**

*From a homily by St. John Chrysostom on Marriage and Family Life*

How is marriage a mystery? The two have become one. This is not an empty symbol. They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself. ... They come to be made into one body. See the mystery of love! If the two do not become one, they cannot increase; they can increase only by decreasing! How great is the strength of unity!

*From St. Pope John Paul II’s Familiaris Consortio*

The spirit which the Lord pours forth [in the sacrament of marriage] gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. ... Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.

1. Do we think of marriage differently when we remember that Christ is present in the sacrament of marriage? How does this change or challenge our personal views of love?
2. What do we think of St. John Chrysostom’s principle of Christian married love — that spouses and family “increase” by “decreasing”? How does this principle relate to the words that we hear from St. John the Baptist: “He must increase; I must decrease” (Jn 3:30)?
3. Have we loved each family member by sacrificing for them as Christ has done for each of us? In what ways do each of us do this? In what ways could we be better at this?

### **Scripture Reading — Psalm 128**

*A prayer of the happy home that follows the Lord*

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways.

What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper:

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home,

Your children like young olive plants around your table.

Just so will the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see Jerusalem’s prosperity all the days of your life, and live to see your children’s children.

Peace upon Israel!

### **Family Project**

Read the below nuptial prayer from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. Share memories about your wedding day with your family over a nice family meal. At this meal, have each child share one thing they appreciate about their parents’ marriage. Then, each spouse should share one reason why they are grateful for their marriage and how each one sees Christ as present in their marriage.

#### Nuptial Blessing

Holy Father, who formed man in your image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world; O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful. ... May they also sustain, O Lord, by their deeds the home they are forming and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household by raising them in the way of the Gospel. ... Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

