



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

**Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA**

**November 2021**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

It has been a couple of months since we have put out a newsletter and it has been a hectic couple of months. My report this month is relatively short:

- We have a new Membership Director. Brother Darryl Barrios has agreed to take on this position in addition to his other responsibilities!!!
- Brother Tony Aex is in the process of relocating and will be resigning his position as Community Director. We are in need of a Brother Knight who is interested in helping us out for the remainder of his term. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of the leadership for our council!!!
- At our October meeting, we discussed taking on a "special" activity to support storm restoration efforts. We are contacting agencies we normally support, to help with any additional needs they may have as a result of Hurricane Ida damage. We also exploring opportunities for by-laws changes to allow for quicker response to major disasters like Hurricane Ida.

Vivat Jesus!

Terry Allemand, Grand Knight

### **Officers 2021-2022**

Grand Knight – Terry Allemand  
 Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola  
 Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Rodrigue  
 Chancellor – Darryl Barrios  
 Financial Secretary – Wayne Bonvillain  
 Treasurer – Jim Thibodaux  
 Recorder – Barry McNamara  
 Advocate – Chris Thibodeaux  
 Lecturer – Doyle Prince  
 Warden – Floyd Ordoyne  
 Outside Guard – John Comeaux  
 Inside Guard – Tim Pennison  
 Three-Year Trustee - Jerry Boudreaux  
 Two-Year Trustee – David Neal  
 One Year Trustee – Lynn Foret  
 Field Agent – VACANT

### **Chairmen**

Program Director – Mike Rodrigue  
 Membership Director – Darryl Barrios  
 Community Activities – Tony Aex  
 Faith Activities – Darryl Barrios  
 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; 6:15pm – Rosary; 7:05pm – Meal; 7:25pm – Lecturer's Reflection; 7:30pm – 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 families of Dr. Dickie & Judy Haydel for being selected for July 2021 and Willie & Penny St. Pierre for being selected for September 2021. There was no selection for August due to Hurricane Ida.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Adoration, Rosary, and Reconciliation Every Wednesday from 5-7pm in the Gathering Center**

1	All Saints' Day	
	Silver Rose Ceremony St. Bernadette	6:00pm
2	All Souls' Day	
4	Assembly 336 Meeting Houma Council Home	7:00pm
7	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
11	Veterans Day	
13	Election Day	
14	State Soccer Challenge Burbank Soccer Complex, Baton Rouge	
18	Council Meeting (See above for details)	
20	Council Sponsored Mass	4:30pm
25	Thanksgiving	
28	First Sunday of Advent	

### **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 Dan Cabirac at (985) 601-2400 or [dan.cabirac@kofc.org](mailto:dan.cabirac@kofc.org) for more information.

## **Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for November 2021**

**“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”** (Gospel for Nov. 7, Mk 12:43-44)

“Give until it hurts” might seem like a tired old cliché, but it has merit nonetheless. It’s fairly easy to give from our excess — what we don’t really need — but real sacrifice begins when we go beyond that. The widow in the parable, in giving what to many people would be a bit of loose change, offered a more meaningful gift than the wealthy who donated far larger sums they would hardly miss. But there’s another layer of meaning here: Unlike the wealthy, the widow gave everything she had to God and put her trust completely in his divine providence. May we recognize that she made the wiser investment.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to review your charitable giving and to pray about whether God is asking you to contribute something more. Second, I challenge you to participate in your council’s Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action program.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

How does God wish you to balance providing for yourself and your family with serving others? Do you find you put your trust in material goods and wealth, rather than in God? What are some specific, concrete ways you might do better at sharing your blessings with the less fortunate?

## **Silver Rose**

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join Knights from the Houma area on November 1 at 6pm at St. Bernadette for this special program.

## **The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church**

### **November Theme: The Communion of Saints**

*By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life.*

### **Breaking Open the Theme**

Like the Church herself, the domestic church is called to be a communion of saints. Our response to the call to holiness is important if we are to become the family God wants us to be. We may think of saints as people who lived long ago or are far removed from our everyday experiences. But the saints are close at hand, and God wants to make each of us a saint. Each member of the family has the task of helping the others to grow in holiness through faith, hope and love.

There are many examples of canonized saints and beatified blessed who can inspire families today. One example of a modern-day saint is Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, who was born in 1971. At the age of 17, she was diagnosed with a serious and painful illness. Faced with this cross, Chiara prayed and found the courage to accept this as part of God’s loving plan for her. During the whole time of her illness, she turned everything into an opportunity to love. As she lay dying at the age of 18, she said to her mother, “Oh Mamma. ... You see I can’t run anymore, but how I would like to pass on to them [young people] the torch [of faith], like in the Olympics! Young people have only one life and it’s worth while to spend it well.”

Becoming a saint is like running a race. The family is the training ground for this race, where the virtues are taught and character is formed. Through the family, God provides what we need to run it well. To become a saint is simply to cooperate with God and allow him to mold us into the person that he had in mind when he created us. It is his plan to bring us fully to life.

### **Meditation**

*From Pope Benedict XVI’s General Audience, April 13, 2011*

Holiness, the fullness of Christian life, does not consist in carrying out extraordinary enterprises but in being united with Christ, in living his mysteries, in making our own his example, his thoughts, his behavior. The measure of holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, in as much as with the power of the Holy spirit, we model our whole life on his. ...

What is the soul of holiness? ... What is the essential? The essential means never leaving a Sunday without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist; This is not an additional burden but is light for the whole week. It means never beginning and never ending a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, on the path of our life it means following the “signposts” that God has communicated to us in the Ten Commandments, interpreted with Christ, which are merely the explanation of what love is in specific situations. ...

We might ask ourselves: can we, with our limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the Liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones, that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road. ...

I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God’s heights.

1. What is holiness?
2. How can we live holiness in the family? How do we love God in the ordinary circumstances of life?
3. How do the saints help us live out holiness?

### **Scripture Reading — Psalm 98:1-6**

*A prayer to welcome God’s rule over the earth*

Sing a new song to the LORD, for he has done marvelous deeds. His right hand and holy arm have won the victory. The LORD has made his victory known; has revealed his triumph in the sight of the nations, He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth; break into song; sing praise. Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song.

### **Family Project**

Select a few saints and learn about their time period and culture and why they are invoked for specific causes or intentions. Include a dish from their culture during one of your meals. Also, consider making a pilgrimage to a sacred place dedicated to a saint.