



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

Brothers,

I would like to thank you for electing me Grand Knight for our council. I would also like to congratulate all the officers and directors accepting their positions. To Terry Allemand, Thanks you for making our council one of the strongest in the state winning the Louisiana KC State Deputy award.

Brothers our membership is the life blood of the council and we need to make every effort to grow during the coming year.

We have a QR Code for prospects to scan with their mobile phone and a membership form pops up for them to fill out. They can also go to KC.Org to join. Please help out membership director Chris Thibodaux build the council.

Again, thank you for the trust in leading our great council.

**Vivat Jesus**  
**Mike Rodrigue**  
**Grand Knight**

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

**August, 2022**

## Officers 2022-2023

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

## Chairmen

Program Director – TBD  
Membership Director – Chris Thibodaux  
Community Activities – TBD  
Faith Activities – TBD  
Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux  
Life Activities – TBD  
Golf Tournament – Jim Thibodaux

## Upcoming Events

**Mass and Men's Bible Study Every Wednesday at 6:00am in the Gathering Center**

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

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 336 Meeting 7:00pm Houma Council Home
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Transfiguration of the Lord
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Council 13819 Membership Meeting
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Council 13819 Sponsored Mass (8:30AM Sunday)

## \*\*\*FAMILIES OF THE MONTH\*\*\*

Congratulations to the family of **Jim and Susan** Thibodaux for being selected Family of the Month!

## \*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).

## AUGUST 2022 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

**“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”** (Gospel for Aug. 28, Lk 14:11)

An important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one's own needs, worries and desires. If we want to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less often and others more. This reality is seen in the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is Aug. 13. Father McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor. May we imitate his humility in our own lives.

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

This month, I challenge you to pray the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena for the intention to grow in humility. Second, I challenge you to support the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night or Family Week program, including in your efforts devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you find yourself being self-centered at times? What are some ways you can seek to think about yourself less often? What can you learn from the life of Blessed Michael McGivney about humility?

## **The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church August Theme: Hospitality**

*Scripture speaks frequently about the importance of a family's hospitality because of its life-giving love that nourishes weary souls and heals broken hearts.*

### **Breaking Open the Theme:**

Hospitality is necessary for a Christian family as a domestic church. It is part of a Christian's mission (Heb 13:2, Rom 12:13, Mt 10:42, Lk 10:29–37, Gn 18:1–10). But what is hospitality? Christ teaches us through the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29–37) that one dimension of hospitality is “to make a neighbor of a stranger.” Hospitality, as the word itself and the parable of the Good Samaritan suggest, helps to heal others, like a hospital. Yet the concept of Christian hospitality goes even deeper. The Rule of St. Benedict states “all guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’” Christian hospitality, then, is not just merely being kind and welcoming toward the stranger or our own family members; it is welcoming all as Christ. This radical Christian hospitality by families can occur in many simple ways. We can invite people over for a celebration or regular family activities, serve a home-cooked meal, wave hello to neighbors from the porch or even ask others to join for family prayer. The possibilities are endless. The key is that families not just open the door but also open their hearts with love toward others, sharing a love that is warm and life-giving like Christ's.

### **Meditation**

From Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

Led by the spirit, the family circle is not only open to life by generating within itself, but also by going forth and spreading life by caring for others and seeking their happiness. This openness finds particular expression in hospitality, which the word of God eloquently encourages: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware” (Heb 13:2). When a family is welcoming and reaches out to others, especially the poor and the neglected, it is “a symbol, witness and participant in the Church's motherhood.” social love, as a reflection of the Trinity, is what truly unifies the spiritual meaning of the family and its mission to others, for it makes present the kerygma [teachings] in all its communal imperatives. The family lives its spirituality precisely by being at one and the same time a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world. 1. What are some specific ways in which our family practices hospitality within our home? In what ways is hospitality challenging for our family, and in what ways does it help our family grow in grace and happiness? 2. Have we ever thought of hospitality in terms of welcoming the other as Christ?