



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819

Houma, LA

August-September 2018

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

KCLS was held earlier this month, and there was a lot of information covered, as well as some big changes to scoring and how some of our programs are going to be handled in the future. I would like to thank Brothers David Neal and Scott Anthony for standing in as Financial Secretary and Membership Director respectively, and Brother Terry Allemond and his Wife Cecile for attending as our Culture of Life Chair Couple.

I would like to thank brothers Lynn Foret, Floyd Ordoyne, Norris Guidroz, and Kenny Gautreaux, for representing our council in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Knight of Columbus Bowling Tournament. I heard they had a great time.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux  
Grand Knight



### Officers 2018-19

- Grand Knight – Chris Thibodeaux
- Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola
- Deputy Grand Knight – Darryl Barrios
- Chancellor – Floyd Ordoyne
- Financial Secretary – Jerry Boudreaux
- Treasurer – Jim Thibodaux
- Recorder – Randy Viteaux
- Advocate – Mike Pontiff
- Lecturer – Doyle Prince
- Warden – Clark Hebert
- Outside Guard – John Comeaux
- Inside Guard – Tim Pennison
- Three-Year Trustee - David Neal
- Two-Year Trustee – Lynn Foret
- One Year Trustee – Rocky Bush
- Field Agent – Shane Duplantis

### Chairmen

- Program Director – Darryl Barrios
- Membership Director – Barry McNamara
- Community Activities – Neil Abbott
- Faith Activities – Scott Anthony
- Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux
- Life Activities – Terry Allemond
- 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: 6:00pm – Officers Meeting; 6:30pm – Rosary; 6:45pm – Meal; 7:00pm – Business Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, should contact any council member.

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

Starting this new fraternal year Councils can choose their Family of the Month from ANY parish family, not just members of the Knights, and July is the first month of the fraternal year.

**Congratulations** to Guy, Holly, Madison, & Peyton Carter for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for July 2018!

### Upcoming Events

- August 20 Patriotic Degree Area Meeting, Houma Council Home
- August 28 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- September 3 **LABOR DAY**
- September 6 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- September 8 State Horseshoe Tournament, Plaquemine
- September 9 State Cornhole Tournament, Plaquemine
- September 17-18 International Buy a Priest a Beer Day (Yes, Seriously!)
- September 20 Council Soccer Challenge
- September 22 Council Business Meeting (See Above)
- September 25 Council Sponsored Mass (4:30pm)
- September 26 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- September 29 Diocesan Meeting, Lockport Council Home
- Formation & Knighthood Degree, Lafayette

### Family Adoration

Join us every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm for Family Adoration! The evening starts with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a scriptural rosary. Following the rosary the Blessed Sacrament remains exposed for Adoration and Fr. Joey is available for confessions.

## **Prayer and Worship Opportunities for the Men of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux**

- The Maria Immacolata Men's Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday morning beginning with Mass at 6:00 am followed by Bible Study from 6:30 – 7:30 am. If your schedule allows, please come join with us.
- On the first Saturday of each month Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs hosts a Mass for the men of the diocese at 7:30am at his home at 107 Albany Drive in Houma. Sign up for his newsletter at <http://www.spiritaflame.org> to receive updates.
- On the first Sunday of each month join with other men of the diocese for an hour of adoration and prayer beginning at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales.
- E:SIX (which stands for Ephesians 6) is a Catholic Men's Ministry which helps to form the masculine heart and an authentic spirituality by the celebration of the Holy Mass followed by coffee and donuts every week. This ministry was formed to help men to put on the "full armor of Christ", giving them the tools to grow in holiness, and to be the spiritual servant leaders of their families they have been called to be by God! This ministry helps men to build fraternity with other men and creates a Band of Brothers from all parts of the Diocese! The schedule of locations is as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month – St. Thomas Aquinas, Thibodaux
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month – St. Lucy, Houma
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month – St. Hilary, Mathews
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month – Maria Immacolata
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month (If Applicable) – Lumen Christi

## **Building the Domestic Church – September Theme: Charity**

*We learn of God's love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). The Scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy.*

### **Meditation (From Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*)**

A married couple who experience the power of love know that this love is called to bind the wounds of the outcast, to foster a culture of encounter and to fight for justice. God has given the family the job of "domesticating" the world and helping each person to see fellow human beings as brothers and sisters...For their part, open and caring families find a place for the poor and build friendships with those less fortunate than themselves. In their efforts to live according to the Gospel, they are mindful of Jesus' words: "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). In a very real way, their lives express what is asked of us all: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. but when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed" (Lk 14:12-14). You will be blessed! Here is the secret to a happy family.

By their witness as well as their words, families speak to others of Jesus. They pass on the faith, they arouse a desire for God and they reflect the beauty of the Gospel and its way of life...Their fruitfulness expands and in countless ways makes God's love present in society.

1. How do we live out charity in our family towards others?
2. Why does charity enrich family life and expand its fruitfulness? Do we think people can actually encounter Christ by helping those who are in need? Why or why not?
3. How can our family learn to know God better through love in our own family and love toward those we don't know?

### **Scripture Reading — Psalm 86:1-7, 11-12**

*A prayer for God's protection of the poor*

Incline your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, LORD; to you I call all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant; to you, LORD, I lift up my soul.

LORD, you are good and forgiving, most merciful to all who call on you.

LORD, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

On the day of my distress I call to you, for you will answer me.

Teach me, LORD, your way that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name.

I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, LORD my God.

### **Family Project**

Volunteer as a family with your parish, local Knights of Columbus council or other local Catholic ministry. If there are no nearby Catholic charities, then consider volunteering at a nearby soup kitchen or similar local charity.

## **Don't Assume You're Covered**

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

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